

Four political objectives

- * Stability of the State, community peace and tranquillity, prevalence of law and order
- * National reconsolidation
- * Emergence of a new enduring State Constitution
- * Building of a new modern developed nation in accord with the new State Constitution

Four economic objectives

- * Development of agriculture as the base and all-round development of other sectors of the economy as well
- * Proper evolution of the market-oriented economic system
- * Development of the economy inviting participation in terms of technical know-how and investments from sources inside the country and abroad
- * The initiative to shape the national economy must be kept in the hands of the State and the national peoples

Four social objectives

- * Uplift of the morale and morality of the entire nation
- * Uplift of national prestige and integrity and preservation and safeguarding of cultural heritage and national character
- * Uplift of dynamism of patriotic spirit
- * Uplift of health, fitness and education standards of the entire nation

Lt-Gen Maung Bo presents prizes to five distinction winning students in matriculation examination for 2007

Taninthayi Division to participate in building modern and developed nation through education

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Aug — Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Maung Bo of the Ministry of Defence, together with Chairman of Taninthayi Division PDC Commander of Coastal Region Command Maj-Gen Thet Naing Win and officials, met departmental personnel and members of social organizations at the city

hall in Dawei on 7 August afternoon.

They also attended the prize presentation ceremony for outstanding students of Dawei District.

Speaking on the occasion, Lt-Gen Maung Bo said that the government is striving for development of political, economic and social sectors of the nation through

the strengths of the people including teachers. The government have opened post-primary schools, affiliated schools and school branches across the nation for enabling the rural children to pursue education and for contributing to uplift of rural education standard. Teachers are to nurture the students to become intellectuals and intelli-

gentsia and to enhance their efficiency.

He continued to say that the 45.10 per cent pass rate of matriculation examination in Taninthayi Division for 2007 exceeded the 27.17 per cent pass rate of the whole nation as well as the 27.02 per cent of No 1 Basic Education Department. In the examination, Mon State stood first with 48.38 per cent and Taninthayi Division second with 45.10 per cent in the entire nation. The division secured the third position with 28.96 per cent in the previous year. Among those who passed the examination, there were 578 outstanding students this year. (See page 7)



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INSIDE

Development and prosperity in Gandayawady



Internal and external destructive elements are sowing seeds of discord and dissension among national brethren with ulterior motives and the intention of undermining the already-achieved national solidarity in Kayah State.

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YADANASI SAYADAW (LOILEM)

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

PERSPECTIVES

Friday, 10 August, 2007

Participate in Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions

Myanmar people possess noble traditions and high level of culture. National prestige and characters have been put on record from the earliest times of Myanmar history.

Every citizen has to preserve Myanmar cultural customs and traditions and national characters and to enhance Myanmar vision, social norms and ethics.

Holding the Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions annually is an important effort for preservation of Myanmar traditional culture. The performing arts competitions not only bring about uplift of national prestige and integrity but also preserve genuine Myanmar music, dance and fine arts.

The 15th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions will be held in Nay Pyi Taw soon. In addition to the regular events as in the previous competitions, three events— play, the event for narration of religious or historical stories and the event for lyrical ode on seasons and love will be added to the competitions. Contestants from various states and divisions are now making preparations for the competitions.

The contestants are to make efforts for giving fine performances in their own style and tune.

Therefore, we believe that the 15th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions will successfully be held on a grand scale in accord with the experiences and procedures of the previous competitions, and through endeavours of the contestants, judges, delegates of states and divisions and various committees.



Dr Cho Nwe Zin and family of Kyimyindine Township recently donated K 100,000 to Hninzigon Home for the Aged through Joint Treasurer U Maung Maung Gyi of the home recently.—H

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

MWAF's Organizing Dept offers Waso robes to monks

YANGON, 9 Aug — A Waso robes offering ceremony of the Organizing Department of Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation was held at the Mingalar Market Dhammayon in Bahan Township this morning, attended by Secretary of Bahan Township Sangha Nayaka Committee Sayadaw Saddhamma Jotikadhaja Bhaddanta Vayama of Thudhamma Monastery and members of the Sangha, the heads of the departments of MWAF, leaders of the working group and members, the chairperson of Yangon Division WAO and members.

Head of the Organizing Department Dr Daw



Dr Daw Nyunt Nyunt Oo of MWAF and members offer Waso robes and provisions to Sayadaws.— MNA

Nyunt Nyunt Oo, heads of the departments of MWAF and members offered Waso robes and provisions

to the Sayadaw and members of the Sangha and shared the merits gained. After the ceremony,

they offered 'soon' (day meal) to the Sayadaw and members of the Sangha. MNA

Sarpay Beikman Manuscript Award winning books in circulation

YANGON, 9 Aug — Printing and Publishing Enterprise under the Ministry of Information recently published Sarpay Beikman Manuscript Award winning books written by Htan Hlaing, Reporter Thaung Nyunt (Pyapon), Than Aung (Anyamyay), Zin Min (Thameinhtaw), Dr Myint Hlaing, Win Lwin (Letpadan), Thein Zaw (Shweli Oo) and Chit Nyunt Kyaw.

These books are available at the book stall of Sarpay Beikman at Thabyegon Market, the Sarpay Beikman bookshop on Merchant Street in Yangon, the Sarpay Beikman bookstall on the second floor of Yadanabon Market in Mandalay and book agents in Yangon and countryside. — MNA

Covers of Sarpay Beikman Manuscript Award winning books.— MNA



Villageman loses foot in mine blast

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Aug — U Win Htay, 42, son of U Tin Aung of Min Latpan Village in Myawady Township lost his left foot and his right foot was injured as he stepped on an insurgent-planted mine while on his way to the woods to collect fruit at about 7.30 am on 5 August.

He is now undergoing medical treatment at Myawady People's Hospital and necessary assistance has been provided for him by local authorities. Officials concerned in cooperation with the local people are in hot pursuit of the insurgents. — MNA

All this needs to be known

- * Do not be frightened whenever intimidated
- * Do not be bolstered whenever flattered
- * Do not be softened whenever appeased

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Leaders of divided Koreas to hold August summit

SEOUL, 8 Aug—The leaders of the two Koreas will meet in Pyongyang on 28-30 August, only the second summit between two countries that are still technically at war, media on both sides of the divided peninsula said on Wednesday.

South Korean reports of the summit, which were confirmed by the North's official news agency, follows this year's agreement by Pyongyang with regional powers to

move towards ending its nuclear weapons programme in return for massive aid.

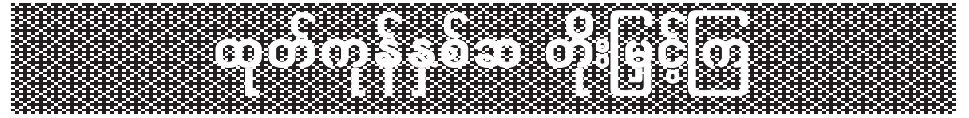
The first summit between then South Korean president Kim Dae-jung and current North Korean leader Kim Jong-il, in 2000, led to decreased tension and unprecedented cooperation between the two states.

That summit, also in Pyongyang, earned Kim Dae-jung the Nobel Peace

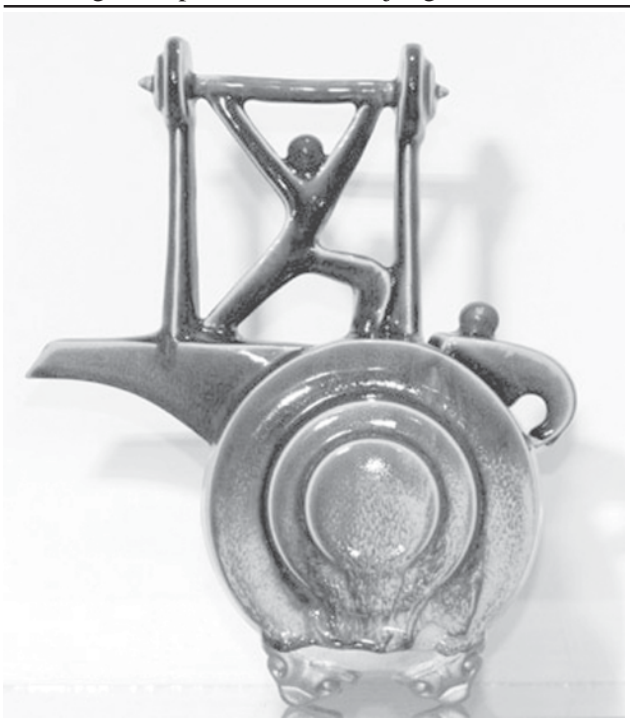
Prize.

In Seoul, chief presidential National Security Adviser Baek Jong-chun told reporters this month's summit would "expand and develop the South-North ties to a higher level".

Analysts have said that South Korean President Roh Moo-hyun has long been pressing for such a summit to secure his legacy as his largely unpopular term nears its end.—MNA/Reuters



A central government delegation led by Chinese Vice-President Zeng Qinghong (M), also member of the Standing Committee of the Political Bureau of the CPC Central Committee, arrives in Hohhot, capital of Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region, to attend the ceremony celebrating the 60th anniversary of the founding of the Region, on 8 Aug, 2007. —XINHUA



A ceramic teapot featuring a weight-lifting design is on display in Yuzhou, Central China's Henan Province, on 7 Aug, 2007.—INTERNET

Over 10,000 Bangladeshis fell victim to diarrhoea in one week

DHAKA, 8 Aug—About 11,331 people fell victim to diarrhoea in Bangladesh since 30 July with 2,524 admitted to hospitals in 24 hours by Monday morning, said Health Directorate under the Health Ministry.

Hospitals in the capital Dhaka are struggling to cope with the steep rise in number of patients suffering from diarrhoea and other water-borne diseases in last few days.

Diarrhoea situation in other flood-affected areas is also alarming, local

newspaper *The Daily Star* reported Tuesday, quoting doctors.

The number of diarrhoea patients admitted to the International Centre for Diarrhoea Disease and Research, Bangladesh (ICDDR,B), Dhaka was 615 in 24 hours by Sunday midnight while another 315 patients were admitted by Monday noon.

MNA/Xinhua

British troop death in Iraq, 2nd in two days

LONDON, 8 Aug—A British serviceman was killed on Tuesday during a "small arms fire attack" in the southern Iraqi city of Basra, the Defence Ministry announced on Wednesday.

The serviceman—from 1 Squadron, RAF Regiment—died Tuesday night during an operation in the city's Karmat Ali district.

This follows a death on Monday night in another Basra neighbourhood of a British soldier from 2nd Battalion The Royal Welsh. This too occurred during a small arms fire attack.

The number of British troop deaths in the Iraq war stands at 166.

Internet

Strong earthquake hits West Java of Indonesia

JAKARTA, 9 Aug—A strong earthquake with a magnitude of 7.0 rocked western part of Java Island of Indonesia early Thursday, Meteorology and Geophysics Agency said here.

The US Geological Survey reported in its Web site that the quake's magnitude was 7.4.

The quake struck just after midnight at 00:04 Jakarta time (1704 GMT Wednesday) with epicentre at 75 kilometres northwest Indramayu of West Java province and at a depth of 286 kilometres under sea bed, an official of the agency said.

The Pacific Tsunami Warning Centre said the quake could not generate a tsunami in the Indian Ocean as it was located too deep inside the earth.

The epicentre was about 100

kilometres east of Indonesia's capital Jakarta. It could be felt by the people in the capital. Many came out of their houses or apartment buildings in hurry in the city after the quake struck.

"I am scared that the building could break down and hit us," Ana who lives in an apartment building in the capital of Jakarta told *Xinhua*.

However there were no immediate reports of casualties or damage from the quake.

Indonesia is laid on a vulnerable quake hit-zone so called the Pacific Ring of Fire, where two continental plates meet that cause frequent seismic and volcanic movements.

Over 170,000 people were killed in the December 2004 tsunami triggered by a strong quake in Indonesia.—Internet

French firm wins tender to build Chernobyl shelter

KIEV, 8 Aug—French firm Novarka has won a tender to build a new shelter to encase the shattered fourth reactor at Ukraine's Chernobyl power station, site of the world's worst nuclear accident, the EBRD said on Tuesday.

The European Bank for Reconstruction and

Development has coordinated efforts to construct a "sarcophagus" to replace the leaking structure hurriedly erected by workers and troops in the months following the April 1986 explosion and fire at the site. It has been seeking a contractor since 2004.

"The tender has been

completed and Novarka has been declared the winner," a bank spokesman said by telephone. "But no final contract has been signed for now."

A bank statement said the agreement would provide for further funding of more than 364 million euros (498 million US dollars). —MNA/Reuters



The space shuttle Endeavour lifts off from its launch pad at the Kennedy Space Centre in Cape Canaveral, Florida, on 8 Aug, 2007. —XINHUA



Photo taken on 5 Aug, 2007 shows dinosaur sculptures along the Dinosaur Avenue of Erenhot, north China's Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region. —XINHUA

Rescuers work to find trapped Utah coal miners

HUNTINGTON (Utah), 8 Aug— Rescue crews worked through the predawn darkness on Tuesday on ways to find six miners trapped 1,500 feet (450 metres) underground after a coal mine collapsed in central Utah.

Dangerous conditions, including falling rock, ended the first drilling effort to save the workers at Crandall Canyon Mine on Monday night.

“Every initial effort at rescue has failed,” said Robert Murray, president of Murray Energy, which owns the mine operator.

The mine caved early Monday with such force that US geologists are investigating whether it

accounted for an earthquake registered nearby around the same time.

There has been no sign of life from the workers since the collapse more than 24 hours ago.

Rescue teams spent the night clearing a road outside the mine to allow a large drilling rig to get through on Tuesday, local television reported.

MNA/Reuters



Children blow Lusheng (a reed-type wind instrument) and dance in celebrating the Lusheng Festival, in Guangzhong Village, Gaozhai Town, Kaiyang County of Guiyang, capital of southwest China's Guizhou Province, on 6 Aug, 2007. XINHUA

Study: diet foods may lead to child obesity



Diet sodas and other noncalorie and low-calorie foods may lead to overeating and obesity among children. —INTERNET

BEIJING, 9 Aug—Diet sodas and other noncalorie and low-calorie foods may lead to overeating and obesity among children, media reported Thursday.

The research, pub-

lished in the *Obesity*, involved young rats, not children, but researchers found that children who consume low-calorie foods may develop distorted connections between taste and calorie

content, leading them to overeat as they grow up.

Juvenile rats in the study fed sweet or salty low-calorie foods over time later overate when fed similar tasting calorie-dense foods, suggesting that the low-calorie foods disrupted the body's ability to recognize calories and regulate energy intake.

This was especially true among young rats genetically predisposed to become obese, the research said.

W David Pierce, a sociologist from University of Alberta and lead author of the paper, acknowledged that extrapolating the findings to

human children is a big leap.

“Based on what we've learned, it is better for children to eat healthy, well-balanced diets with sufficient calories for their daily activities rather than low-calorie snacks or meals,” said Pierce.

“Parents and health professionals should be made aware of this and know that the old-fashioned ways to keep children fit and healthy—insuring they eat well-balanced meals and exercise regularly are the best ways,” he said. “Diet foods are probably not a good idea for growing youngsters.”

Internet

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Chinese Premier congratulates ASEAN on 40th anniversary

BEIJING, 8 Aug — Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao sent a congratulatory letter to Singapore, the country currently chairing the ASEAN (the Association of South-East Asian Nations), on Wednesday to celebrate the bloc's 40th anniversary.

In his letter to Singaporean Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong, Premier Wen congratulated ASEAN nations on behalf of the Chinese Government and people, on the occasion of the 40th anniversary of the organization's founding.

In the past forty years,

ASEAN has been making concerted efforts to promote economic, social and cultural development among its member states, protect regional peace and stability and push for regional cooperation, and in all these fields it has made great achievements, said Wen.

China has confidence in ASEAN, and hopes the bloc can fulfil its commitment to creating a community with economy, security and society as its three pillars by the

year 2015, Wen added.

As ASEAN's good neighbour, good partner and good friend, China will always stand beside ASEAN countries, promote neighbourly friendship, deepen regional cooperation, support ASEAN's integration process, work with the bloc to broaden comprehensive cooperation between the two sides, and jointly contribute to build a better Asia, the Chinese Premier pledged.

MNA/Xinhua

Three US soldiers killed in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 8 Aug — Three American soldiers were killed in a roadside bomb explosion near Baghdad, the US military said on Tuesday.

Three Task Force Marne soldiers were killed on Saturday when the bomb explosion hit their convoy in south of Baghdad, a military statement said.

The latest deaths bring the number of US soldiers who have been killed in Iraq to about 3,680 since the Iraq war broke out in March 2003, according to media count based on Pentagon figures. — MNA/Xinhua



A woman of Yi ethnic group performs at the Torch Festival in Xichang, capital of the Yi Autonomous Prefecture of Liangshan in the southern part of southwest China's Sichuan Province, on 6 Aug, 2007. Liangshan inaugurated the weekend torch festival on Monday. The Torch Festival, which falls on 24 June every year according to the Lunar Calendar, is the traditional holiday of Yi ethnic group. —XINHUA

ECONOMIC NEWS

Uganda, Malaysia agree on joint oil venture

KAMPALA, 8 Aug—Uganda and Malaysia have agreed to enter a joint venture in the production and refinery of oil, bringing more hope for the early fuel production in the East African country.

According to a statement from the State House quoted by state-owned *New Vision* on Tuesday, the agreement was reached at a meeting on Monday afternoon in Malaysia between Ugandan President Yoweri Museveni and Malaysian Prime Minister Sein Abdullah Ahmed Badawi.

Under the arrangement, Badawi is to send a team

of oil exploration experts to Uganda soon to carry out a feasibility study on the project.

Accepting Museveni's invitation to attend the Commonwealth Heads of Government meeting in Kampala in November, Badawi pledged to travel to Uganda with a team of experts and potential investors to carry out a feasibility study in various areas of interest.

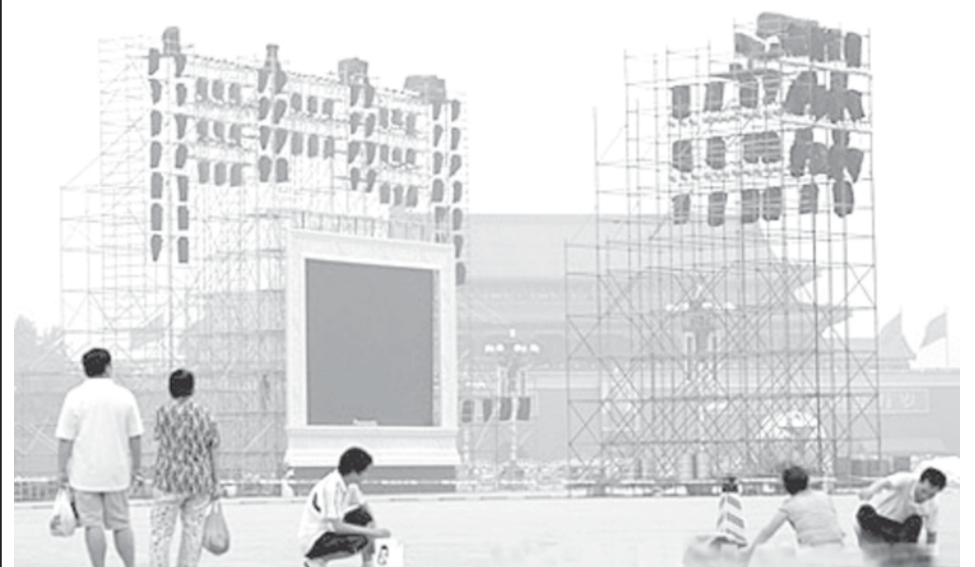
The two leaders agreed to cooperate on the development of the railway network in Uganda, agro-processing, value addition to Ugandan products as well as the

promotion of trade, especially the importation of Uganda's organic food products by Malaysia.

At the Langkawi dialogue forum, Museveni allayed fears that the African continent cannot develop without foreign intervention. He pointed out that it took Europe 300 years to develop and progress.

He said that Uganda was on the right track following successes in the human resource management and health. Emphasis was now on the improvement of household income.

MNA/Xinhua



A grand gala will be held on the Tian'anmen square on Wednesday celebrating one-year countdown to the 2008 Beijing Olympic Games. The picture taken on 5 Aug, 2007 shows the Tian'anmen square prepared for the gala. —XINHUA

Venezuela, Argentina sign five-year energy agreement

BUENOS AIRES, 8 Aug—The presidents of Argentina and Venezuela — Nestor Kirchner and Hugo Chavez respectively — have signed a five-

year Energy Security Agreement, local media said on Tuesday.

The treaty, signed Monday night at a meeting in Argentine seat of government the Casa Rosada, created Petrosuramerica a joint-venture between their nations' state-run oil companies. The new company will deal with crude oil, natural gas, refining, petrochemicals, transport, distribution, electricity, alternative energy and shipping.

Its first job will be to certify the reserves in Venezuela's Orinoco Petroliferous Strip.

The two presidents also agreed that Petroleos de Venezuela should explore in the San Jorge Gulf off Argentina's Patagonia coast.

Petrosuramerica plans a flagship project of 275 service stations with under the PDVSur

banner, and will commission two 47,000-ton tankers.

The two nations will also work together in programme to provide natural gas for vehicles. They will create a joint-venture company to build natural-gas-powered motors, and buy equipment, conversion devices and mobile pipelines: trucks which carry lengths of broad flexible tubes used to improvise gas connections.

Also on the new company's shopping list are power transformers, electricity meters and hydraulic lifts. The document also outlines plans to supply 60 megawatts of power.

Chavez visited Argentina for one day to discuss Venezuela's bid to join the Southern Common Market (MERCOSUR).

MNA/Xinhua

China spending \$1b on food, drug safety

BEIJING, 8 Aug—China will spend more than one billion US dollars improving food and drug safety by 2010 and the regulator will be given stronger oversight powers, an official said on Wednesday as fears persist over Chinese products.

China has been struggling to convince the world its produce is safe following a series of scandals over tainted pet food, toys, tyres, toothpaste, medicine and fish.

According to a new poll, US consumers are extremely wary of products made in China, and nearly two-thirds said they would support a boycott of Chinese goods.

China's State Food and Drug Administration spokeswoman, Yan Jiangying, said the government had earmarked 8.8 billion yuan (1.16 billion US dollars) for food and drug safety over the current Five Year Plan, which runs to 2010.

Part of this would be spent on a large, new laboratory, she said, adding this was the first time the spending figure had been made public. Yan did not provide a comparison for previous years.—MNA/Reuters



Chinese models from the New Silk Road Company give a preview performance in the Mexico City Theatre in Mexico, on 2 Aug, 2007. They will give a show of traditional Chinese costumes in the city on 3 Aug as a part of cultural exchange activities to introduce China to Mexicans.—XINHUA



Vietnam enters global e-bidding system

HANOI, 8 Aug—Vietnam joined dgMarket, the world's largest and most successful e-procurement information system, opening the way for local firms to

participate in international bidding, local newspaper *Vietnam News* reported Wednesday.

The portal, at dgmarketvietnam.org.vn, was launched Tuesday by the Vietnam Sustainable Development Centre and the Vietnam Chamber of Commerce and Industry (VCCI). With access to the global dgMarket, dgMarket Vietnam provides integrated

information on public procurement tenders such as tender notices, contract awards and bidding documents in over 150 countries.

According to the VCCI, the global dgMarket benefits more than 150 countries, with 150,000 visitors per day, 300 billion US dollars per annum in total tenders and 50,000 active tender notices per day.

MNA/Xinhua

South Korean actresses promote their music drama during the fringe festival in Edinburgh, UK, on 6 Aug, 2007.—XINHUA



Performers dance and sing during the first rehearsal of Tibetan original drama "The Pursuit of Happiness" in Lhasa, capital of southwest China's Autonomous Region, on 7 Aug, 2007. All the actors and actresses who take part in the Tibetan original drama are farmers and herdsmen from Nagqu and Xigaze. The drama, focused on the religion and daily lives of Tibet farmers, would be staged around the nation.—XINHUA

UN sees health crisis risk from South Asia floods

GENEVA, 8 Aug—Millions of people could fall ill with malaria, dengue fever and other diseases if emergency aid does not reach those stranded by floodwaters in South Asia within days, the United Nations warned on Tuesday.

The UN Children's Fund UNICEF said stagnant waters left behind after intense monsoons in India, Bangladesh and Nepal were "a lethal breeding ground" for diarrhoeal and water-borne diseases such as malaria and dengue fever.

"Entire villages are days away from a health crisis if people are not reached in the coming days," UNICEF's health chief for

India, Marzio Babilie, said in a statement.

World Health Organization (WHO) spokeswoman Fadela Chaib said acute respiratory and skin infections, food-borne ailments and snake bites were also threatening the 30 million people affected by flash flooding in the region.

Many people in affected areas are relying on dirty surface water for their basic

needs, with water sources contaminated or still submerged in the wake of the floods. "The main problem is access to clean water and sanitation," Chaib told a news briefing, noting that UN agencies, other aid groups and governments were working to ensure water, rehydration salts and other medical supplies reached those in need.

MNA/Reuters

Japan announces military cooperation with Cambodia

PHNOM PENH, 8 Aug—Japan's Defence Ministry will deepen bilateral ties with Cambodia's Defence Ministry in attempt to strengthen security in the region and the world, local newspapers reported Tuesday.

Japanese Deputy Defence Minister Takahide Kimura announced a plan during a meeting with Cambodian Prime Minister Hun Sen on Monday in Phnom Penh, the *Koh Santepheap* newspaper said.

The military collaboration is a result of a deal struck between the two countries during Hun Sen's visit to Japan in June, Takahide Kimura was quoted as saying.

Eang Sophalleth, adviser to the Premier, said Hun Sen welcomed the cooperation and asked the Japanese side to train the Royal Cambodian Armed Forces in engineering so that they can construct roads in rural areas and assist people during national emergencies, the *Rasmei Kampuchea* newspaper said. — MNA/Xinhua



A polar bear Tonki holds a block of ice containing watermelon at the Everland Amusement Park in Yongin, south of Seoul, on Thursday, 2 Aug, 2007. XINHUA

Iraqi PM discusses energy, security in Turkey

ANKARA, 8 Aug—Turkey said on Tuesday it had agreed to expand energy cooperation with neighbouring Iraq and urged visiting Prime Minister Nuri al-Maliki to crack down on Kurdish separatist guerillas operating out of his country.

But Turkish officials acknowledged Maliki's ability to deliver on agreements is limited by Iraq's dire security situation and by fresh turmoil in his crumbling government.

"Turkey and Iraq will build thermal power stations.

Their number will be decided after bilateral talks but I can say one will be in Iraq and one will be in Turkey," Turkish Energy Minister Hilmi Guler told reporters.

The deal also includes enlarging and renovating electricity transmission lines and cooperation on oil exploration, he said.

Turkey is keen to invest in Iraq's lucrative energy

sector. Turkish construction and transport companies are also actively operating in the war-shattered Arab country.

But bilateral relations have been badly strained by the continued presence of Kurdistan Workers Party (PKK) rebels in mainly Kurdish northern Iraq.

NATO member Turkey has repeatedly urged US occupying forces and Iraqi Government troops to tackle the rebels or risk a major Turkish incursion into northern Iraq.

Maliki and Turkey's Prime Minister Tayyip Erdogan were due to give a joint news conference later on Tuesday.

MNA/Reuters

Cambodia's Ratanakiri severely flooded, Mekong may burst banks

PHNOM PENH, 8 Aug—Heavy rains have forced the evacuation of thousands of families in Cambodia's Ratanakiri Province, rendering all roads into the northeastern province impassable and prompting a nationwide flood warning, local media reported Tuesday.

Muong Poy, the governor of Ratanakiri, told the *Cambodia Daily* that about 2,000 families from Lumphat and Kon Mon districts have been evacuated from homes submerged by the flood.

He said that thousands of hectares of paddy land in the two districts, which both straddle the Srae Pov River, have also been destroyed, adding that Provincial officials have plans in place to help the flood victims, writes *Rasmei Kampuchea*.

Chai Vuth, the deputy governor of Stung Treng Province, said that the heavy rains have flooded the road to Ratanakiri, making it impossible for vehicles to enter, adds the newspaper.

The Ministry of Water Resources and Meteorology has issued a statement warning all riverbank residents in the country, particularly those living alongside the Mekong, to be prepared for

serious flooding in the next two or three days, reports *Rasmei Kampuchea*.

Lim Kean Hour, the chief of the ministry, told the newspaper that the heavy rains have already caused a great deal of destruction in Preah Vihear Province and that the Mekong River is rising dangerously.

Figures from the ministry's Department of Hydrology and River Works show that in Stung Treng Province the Mekong River on Monday had risen by 1.28 metres to 7.68 metres in one day, while in Kratie the water level has risen by 1.70 centimetres to 16.58 metres.

Mao Hak, the director of the Hydrology department said that floodwaters flowing downstream will raise the water level of the Mekong in Kampong Cham and other provinces on its route, adding that Phnom Penh is not in danger of flooding, reports the *Cambodia Daily*. — MNA/Xinhua



Dancers from the Victor Ullate ballet company wait for the start of a dress rehearsal of the "Coppelia" in Madrid on 7 Aug, 2007.—XINHUA

Lt-Gen Maung Bo presents prizes to five distinction...

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Hence, teachers are to make concerted efforts for gaining the greater success in the matriculation exam in 2008 and nurture many six-distinction winners and officials are also to try hard to enable Taninthayi Division to participate in building the modern and developed nation through education.

The commander reported on pass rates of basic education schools in the division in the matriculation examination 2007.

Lt-Gen Maung Bo and officials presented prizes to outstanding teachers from Dawei, Yebyu, Launglon and Thayetchaung townships. Next, Lt-Gen Maung Bo gave prizes to Maung Aung Thurein Tun and Ma Yadana Pyae of Dawei BEHS No 1 who won five distinctions in the exam.

The commander, Commander of Division Police Force Police Col Myint Soe and Assistant Division Education Officer (Admin) U Khin Aung gave prizes to other distinction winning students.

Later, Lt-Gen Maung Bo handed a mosquito spray worth K 800,000 to officials of Dawei District Health Department. — MNA



Lt-Gen Maung Bo presents awards to a teacher. — MNA

Minister U Nyan Win being welcomed by Ambassador of Singapore Mr Robert Chua at reception to mark 42nd Anniversary of the National Day of Singapore on 9 August.

MNA



Forestry Minister inspects Shwe Thabyay wood-based product factory

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Aug — Minister for Forestry Brig-Gen Thein Aung inspected production process of doors made of plywood, chairs and tables made of lesser used wood at Shwe Thabyay wood based industries, here, yesterday.

After hearing reports on production of furniture made of lesser used wood with the use of advanced technology presented by the managing director of the factory, the minister urged them to conduct research for durability of products and quality control. — MNA



Minister Brig-Gen Thein Aung visits Shwe Thabyay Wood-based Factory. — FORESTRY

Progress of Kengtawng hydropower project under inspection

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Aug — Minister for Electric Power No 1 Col Zaw Min, accompanied by Director-General U Aung Koe Shwe of Hydroelectric Power Implementation Department, Managing Director U Kyi Tha of Hydropower Generation Enterprise and officials concerned went on an inspection tour of Kengtawng hydropower project on 5 August.

At the briefing hall of the project, Project Director U San Wai briefed the minister and party on accomplishment of the project tasks and the remaining tasks to be carried out, stockpile of the construction materials and arrival of imported items with audio visual aids.

After hearing the reports, the minister attended to the needs, gave instructions regarding the remaining tasks and inspected construction tasks round the project.

So far, 76.3 per cent of construction of the whole project has been covered. Upon completion, the project installed with three 18 megawatt generators will distribute 472 kilowatt/hours every year. — MNA

Minister Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung delivers an address at meeting on pilgrimage tours to India and Nepal. — MNA

Coordination meeting on pilgrimage tours to India and Nepal discussed

NAY PYI TAW, 8 Aug — The Ministry of Religious Affairs held a coordination meeting on pilgrimage tours to India and Nepal at the ministry here today.

Also present at the meeting were Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung, Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Thura Aung Ko, the directors-general and the deputy directors-general of the departments under the ministry and officials of the sub-committees.

First, Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung delivered an opening address and the deputy minister gave a supplementary report.

Director-General Dr Myo Myint of Department for Promotion

and Propagation of the Sasana and the officials of the respective sub-committees reported on their respective tasks.

The meeting ended with concluding remarks by the minister. — MNA



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Development and prosperity in Gandayawady

Yadanasi Sayadaw (Loilem)

In the periods of ancient Myanmar kings Kayah region was known as Gandayawady or Ngwedaungpyi (the land of silver mountain). Later it became Kayah State and progress had not been made much due to various reasons.

In the colonial period, the British-dominated Mawchi Mining Co, Macarica Timber Co and Bombay Burma Timber Co monopolized and exploited the resources of Kayah State such as minerals and timber. They sent back their profits to their motherland without spending any pennies on the development of Kayah State.

After regaining the independence Kayah State was about to be integrated into Kayin State due to the weak points of

the then State constitution. The confusion aroused suspicion and harmed unity among the national races.

According to the amendment (62) of the constitution in 1951, the term Kayinni was renamed Kayah that local people liked. The successive governments were incapable of bringing about development in education, health, transport and economic sectors. Another reason was armed insurgency in Kayah State.

In fact, Kayah means a human being or an able person. Development in Kayah State had not been made until 1988 and therefore it was unable to show off.

Reviewing the true situations that occurred up to 1988, we look forward to a brighter future of the state. Kayah State is on the develop-

ment track under the Tatmadaw government that can shape the better future.

After the Tatmadaw government had taken up the State duties, it opened its peace door magnanimously to armed groups. There prevails peace and tranquillity in Kayah State. It is vividly seen that development has been made in agricultural, transport, electrical power, education and health sectors.

There was no local food sufficiency until 1988. Therefore, another 186,114 acres of cultivable lands were reclaimed and 86,408 acres of double cropping also emerged. Dawtacha Dam was inaugurated in Bawlake Township in 1997 and Loinanphray Dam in Dimawhso Township in

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2002. Agricultural sector in Kayah State has much improved due to river water pumping projects, underground water tapping projects and dam projects. Food sufficiency reached 134%.

In the transport sector, local people can travel easily as the 106.62-mile Aungban-Loikaw railroad linking Shan and Kayah States was opened on 27 March 1993. There are 25

stations on the railroad.

The national race passengers win friends on the train and have been able to discuss their business and gain profits.

Roads were expanded and upgraded in the state. There are 185 miles of roads including 157 miles of tarred roads. Loikaw-Ponchaung-Shardaw Road, Toungoo-Mawchi-Loikaw Road, Bawlake-Ywathit-Sutpaing Road,

Phasaung-Maisanan-Maise-Nanmann Road are being upgraded. The reinforced concrete Tesekha Bridge and Htoo Creek, each 300 feet long, are being built.

In the power sector, power consumption in the state was 4.405 million units up to 1988 and it increases to 20.07 million units, five times of that in the previous years.

In the health sector, one 200-bed hospital and one traditional medicine hospital were opened in Kayah State where there was no such facility in the past. The strength of Physicians and specialists has been increased to two times and that of nurses to three times. More health care services are being provided to patients with the opening of the nursing training school and the midwifery school.

In the education sector, one arts and science university, one technological university and one university of computer science have been opened. And local national race youths are able to pursue higher education within their reach.

The main building of Loikaw University of the Higher Education
(See page 9)



The opening ceremony of the main building of Loikaw University in progress in Loikaw of Kayah State on 5 August.

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Department (Upper Myanmar) under the Ministry of Education was opened on 5-8-2007. Chairman of Myanmar Education Committee Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein attended the opening ceremony and unveiled the bronze inscription of the university. This highlights the genuine goodwill of the government towards Kayah State.

The main building is a three-storey splendid facility, 400 feet long, 283 feet wide and 64 feet high. Altogether 532 students including undergraduate and post-graduate students majoring in 12 subjects are attending the university, and 2,125 UDE students are pursuing education at the higher institution. The university has already produced 256 graduates from the regular courses and 2,278 graduates from the distant education.

The opening ceremony was also attended by member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Kyaw Win, Commander of Eastern Command Maj-Gen Thaug Aye, ministers, deputy ministers, Chairman of Kayah State Peace and Development Council Col Nyunt Tin, senior military officers, officials of the State Peace and Development Council Office, national



The photo shows the building of Loikaw Railway Station.

race leaders of the special regions in Kayah State and local people. Speaking on the occasion, Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein said that the government has laid down and is implementing projects for regional development to bring about equitable and harmonious development throughout the nation; that in an effort to bring about better transport, economic and social infrastructures, priority is being given to development of the education sector; that in this regard, the Tatmadaw government upholding Our Three Main National Causes has laid down and is implementing projects for development of border areas and national races,

the 24 special development zones and the five rural development tasks; and that as a result, remarkable progress has been made all over the nation including Kayah State, and the socio-economic life of local people is markedly improving as peace and tranquillity prevailed in the region.

In the 1980s, I had been to Loikaw, Kayah State when I was residing in Taunggyi. At that time, there was only Taunggyi-Hopon-Hsihseng-Loilinlay-Loikaw road in Kayah State. There was a series of armed robberies along the road. As there used to be armed robbery and insurgency along the road, travelers had to take

off their valuables and entrusted them to drivers who hid them under the seat of the car. Such heinous incidents had taken place along the road for months and years.

The Aungban-Pinlaung-Moby-Loikaw road was insecure in the past. And even Loikaw was not entirely peaceful and tranquil. There used to be a tight security in strategic sites of Loikaw.

Due to armed insurgency in Kayah in the past, local people had to earn their living in a constant fear and often lost their lives and property. At the same time, children were unable to pursue education with peace of mind and had to suffer much.

This is a brief account of Kayah State in the past. Nowadays...

“There now exist peace and development and national unity in Kayah State except some far-flung areas. With the prevalence of peace and tranquillity progress has been made in businesses such as agriculture and livestock breeding in the state.”

Secure transport has

been ensured in the state thanks to prevailing peace. Extended cultivation and utilization of advanced agricultural technology contribute to the promotion of trade in the region. Progress can be witnessed in human resource development and providing health care services. With a view to developing border areas and national races, the government has designated a special development region in Kayah State and spent K 2,293.57 million on transport, agriculture, education, health and other sectors of special development regions.

While the Tatmadaw government is actively striving for all-round development of the nation, some persons are holding negative views.

“Kayah State cannot fully develop as there remains a handful of insurgents in the state. Hence, all the local people are to understand that continued efforts are to be exerted for Kayah State to fully develop.

“Internal and external destructive elements are

sowing seeds of discord and dissension among national brethren with ulterior motives and the intention of undermining the already-achieved national solidarity in Kayah State.”

It is the prevailing situation in Kayah State.

“Local national people are urged to make relentless efforts for building basic foundations on peace and tranquillity and development of the whole Kayah State.”

The speech highlighted responsibilities of the government and the people in development tasks. Therefore, the local national people are to actively participate in the respective sectors for ensuring peace and stability of the whole Kayah State.

Furthermore, all the national people are to make concerted efforts with diligence and perseverance for achieving greater progress in all sectors of the entire Kayah State.

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Meetings of delegate groups of National Convention...

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Deputy Director U Nay Win of No-6 working group of National Convention Convening Work Committee Office acted as MC and Assistant Director Daw Myint Sein as co MC.

The meeting chairman declared the start

basic principles and detailed basic principles. After that, the alternate chairman made suggestions concerning the proposal and gave the concluding remarks.

Delegate group of Workers

The meeting of delegate group of workers

Deputy Director U Zaw Win of No 7 working group of National Convention Convening Work Committee Office acted as MC and Assistant Director U Aung Win as co MC.

The meeting chairman declared the start of the meeting valid as



Alternate Chairman Duwa Zoak Dong of Shan State (North) delivers an address at meeting of Delegate Group of National Races. — MNA



Alternate Chairman U Kyi Tint of Delegate Group of Peasants gives speech at the group meeting. — MNA

of the meeting valid as there accounted for 94.51 per cent attendance.

Next, U Kyi Tint made an opening speech on the occasion. Afterwards, U Than Shwe of Bago Division read out

was held at the meeting hall No 5 at 9 am today. U Kyaw Win Tun of Mandalay Division presided over the meeting as alternate chairman together with U Khin Maung Aye of Sagaing

there accounted for hundred per cent attendance.

Next, U Kyaw Win Tun made an opening speech on the occasion. Afterwards, U Lone of Bago Division and U

regarding amendments, additions and repeals of basic principles and detailed basic principles. After that, the alternate chairman made suggestions concerning the proposal and gave the concluding remarks.

Delegate group of Intellectuals and Intelligentsia

The meeting of delegate group of intellectuals and intelligentsia was held at

chairman declared the start of the meeting valid as there accounted for 78.50 per cent attendance.

Next, U Khin Zaw made an opening speech on the occasion. Afterwards, Daw Khin Mar Yi read out the proposal of the delegate group of intellectuals and intelligentsia regarding amendments, additions and repeals of basic principles and detailed basic principles. After

Tue Ja and U Sai Aung Tun as members of panel of chairmen.

Deputy Director U Aung Kyi of National Convention Convening Work Committee Office acted as MC and Assistant Director U Win Myint as co MC.

The meeting chairman declared the start of the meeting valid as there accounted for 94.32 per cent attendance.

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Alternate Chairman U Kyaw Win Tun speaks at meeting of Delegate Group of Workers. — MNA



Alternate Chairman U Khin Zaw makes speech at the meeting of Delegate Group of Intellectuals and Intelligentsia. — MNA

the proposal of the delegate group of peasants regarding amendments, additions and repeals of

Division and U Bo Thein of Shan State (East) as members of panel of chairmen.

Aung Nay Than of Magway Division read out the proposal of the delegate group of workers

the meeting hall No 6 at 9 am today. U Khin Zaw presided over the meeting as a alternate chairman together with Dr U Thein Oo Po Saw and U Hla Myint as members of panel of chairmen.

Deputy Director U Than Win of No 8 working group of National Convention Convening Work Committee Office acted as MC and Assistant Director U Nyein Myint as co MC.

The meeting

that, the alternate chairman made suggestions concerning the proposal and concluding remarks and the meeting concluded.

Delegate group of Other Invited Persons

The meeting of delegate group of other invited persons was held at the meeting hall No- 8 at 9 am today. U Aung Kham Hti presided over the meeting as a alternate chairman together with U Paw Lite Kham, Dr Manan

Kham Hti made an opening speech on the occasion. Afterwards, Dr Daw Tin Lin Myint read out the proposal of the delegate group of other invited persons regarding amendments, additions and repeals of basic principles and detailed basic principles. After that, the alternate chairman made suggestions concerning the proposal and gave the concluding remarks.

MNA

Plan under way to prevent against floods of Ayeyawady river

NAY PYI TAW, 9 Aug — Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo together with officials concerned held a meeting with departmental officials, members of Union Solidarity and Development Association of Nyaungdon, Maubin and Pantanaw Townships in Nyaungdon Township, Ayeyawady Division on 5 August.

During the meeting, the minister discussed regional development, health, education and social matters with giving instructions

on preventive measures against the floods of Ayeyawady river.

Next, Director U Tin Hsan of Irrigation Department and Assistant Director U Hla Thein of Directorate of Water Resources and Improvement of River Systems briefed the minister on undertakings for maintenance of river bank and water course.

Afterwards, the minister met with townsenders and gave instructions on tasks to be carried out and attended to the needs.

MNA



Alternate Chairman U Aung Kham Hti speaking at the meeting of Delegate Group of Other Invited Persons. — MNA

UN suspends staff in Congo for contract violations

UNITED NATIONS, 9 Aug — Five UN staff members have been suspended in the Democratic Republic of the Congo over allegations that they steered contracts to particular vendors, the United Nations said on Tuesday.

All five are civilian UN staff members and were suspended after investigations conducted by the United Nations Office of Internal Oversight Services, the UN watchdog, a UN statement said.

A UN official said they were accused of “improper collusion with vendors”, by awarding contracts to certain suppliers in violation of UN regulations.

The official, who

spoke on condition of anonymity, did not give further details.

The action follows accusations that peacekeepers and other UN staff in the Congo, beginning in 2005, had sex with women and girls in exchange for food.

More recently, the UN investigated allegations that peacekeepers traded food and even military intelligence with Rwandan Hutu rebels in return for gold.

Punishment of peacekeepers found to have committed crimes while serving with the United Nations is left to the discretion of their home countries. But the United Nations can discipline its own civilian staff, which includes procurement officials.

Congo is currently the largest UN peacekeeping mission, with more than 17,000 troops in the vast Central African country.

MNA/Reuters



A British Airways plane flies over residential rooftops as it comes in to land at Heathrow Airport in London, in this 1 Aug, 2007 file photo. British Airways PLC said on Friday first-quarter profit rose 75 percent during a week when the airline was hit with a record fine for price-fixing. The carrier said net profit for the three months to 30 June rose to 269 million pounds (\$548 million), from 154 million pounds a year earlier. Revenue fell to 2.19 billion pounds (\$4.46 billion) from 2.25 billion pounds.—INTERNET



Two juvenile kangaroos dance around each other as they fight in Namagi National Park near Australia's capital city Canberra in this 15 April, 2004 file photo. Australia's military is planning to relocate hundreds of kangaroos at risk of starvation on drought-hit defence bases in the national capital after a public outcry about shooting the animals.—INTERNET

Apple unveils redesigned iMac desktop computers

CUPERTINO, (California), 9 Aug — Apple Inc unveiled a line of slimmer desktop computers on Tuesday in a long-expected update of its iMac brand, positioning it for the back-to-school and holiday shopping seasons.

The new iMacs, which will sport thinner aluminium casings, have displays measuring 20 inches and 24 inches and will cost 1,199 US dollars to 1,799, US dollars depending on their configurations, said Apple Chief Executive Steve Jobs at a media event at Apple's headquarters in Cupertino, California.

The cost of the 24-inch iMac has been dropped by 200 US

dollars, and Apple has eliminated the 17-inch iMac computer, Jobs said.

The last update to the iMac line was in September 2006, when Apple introduced a model with a 24-inch screen — its largest — and said the entire model line would be powered by Intel chips instead of ones from International Business Machines Corp.

Apple recently launched the iPhone mobile device in a bid to build a third major product line alongside its Macintosh computers and iPod media players, but desktop and laptop sales still account for the bulk of its revenue.

MNA/Reuters

Flooding in Bangladesh claims 192 lives

DHAKA, 9 August — A total of 192 people have died as terrible monsoon flooding continued to play havoc in Bangladesh, claiming 28 more lives Wednesday morning, rescue officials said.

A statistics of the Food and Disaster Management Ministry said some 9.6 million people of more than two million families were affected by the ongoing flood keeping half the country under floodwaters since late July.

So far, the flood has caused damages to 748,000 houses, standing crops on about 587,000 hectares, 20,000 kilometres roads, over 6,500 kilometres embankments and over 5000 educational institutions, either completely or partially.

Flood forecasting officials said although most major rivers started receding, but the rivers

were still flowing above their respective red marks.

The officials said small rivers surrounding capital Dhaka and its adjacent industrial town Narayanganj observed both rise and fall in last 24 hours. All the five

rivers surrounding Dhaka and Narayanganj are expected to fall in next few days.

Some 3,73,939 people have taken shelter in 1,601 flood shelter centres where dearth of food, pure water and

medicines was reported by local media.

A UNICEF official here said it is a big task to bring the succor to the badly hit 100,000 people in remote places due to bad communications.

MNA/Xinhua

Brazil develops its first genetically modified plant

RIO DE JANEIRO, 9 Aug — The Brazilian Enterprise of Agropecuary Research (Embrapa) said on Tuesday that it had developed Brazil's first genetically modified soybean for commercial purposes with the world's largest chemical company

BASF.

The transgenic soybean contains a gene of the plant Thale Cress, scientifically known as *Arabidopsis thaliana*, a member of the watercress and mustard family that is commonly grown in the lab. The gene provides the soybean with resistance

to imidazolinone herbicide.

Imidazolinone competes in the international herbicide market with glyphosate which is the main ingredient of herbicide Roundup developed by the US Monsanto Company, Germany-based BASF's main competitor.

The partnership between the two companies started in 1997, with BASF providing the gene patent and Embrapa developing the genetic modification technology.

According to Embrapa, several bio-security tests are being carried out to check the plant's impact on the environment and human feeding. The results will be sent to the National Bio-security Technical Committee in charge of authorizing the project.

MNA/Xinhua



South Africans on holiday on the Inhaca Island, Mozambique. Stretches of pristine beaches wind around Mozambique's coast, a slice of paradise where trouble is brewing as foreigners cash in at the expense of locals from a boom in tourism.—INTERNET

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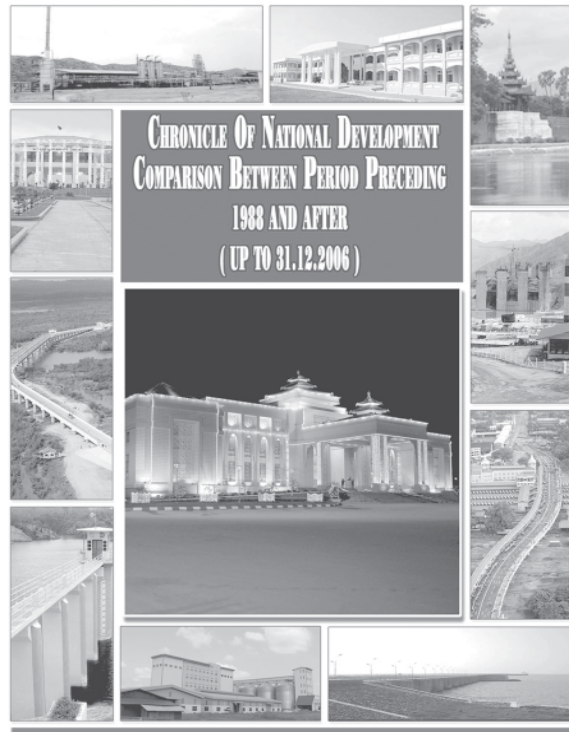
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IMF urged to better reflect weight of developing countries

PARIS, 8 Aug—France attaches great importance to reforms within the International Monetary Fund (IMF) in order to “better reflect the weight of emerging and developing countries in the world economy”, French Foreign Ministry spokesman Hugues Moret affirmed here on Tuesday.

“The issue of increasing the role of emerging and developing countries in the governance of IMF goes beyond reforms in terms of share allocations: it also concerns other aspects such as the diversity of personnel within the institution, the method of decision-taking by consensus and trustworthy relations with the member states,” Moret said. A two-phase reform was undertaken since the IMF annual meeting in Singapore last September, and several countries have already benefited from increased share allocations. This development will be followed shortly by a reform of share allocation formula and new share allocations by 2008, according to the spokesman.—MNA/Xinhua

Delay a baby and win a second honeymoon in India

MUMBAI, 8 Aug— Authorities in western India are offering to pay for a second honeymoon for couples who delay the birth of their first child by two years in an attempt to control birth rates, a newspaper report said on Tuesday.

The offer, called the “Honeymoon Package”, is being made by authorities in Satara District in the state of Maharashtra, the *Times of India* said.

Couples delaying the birth of their first child by two years would get a honeymoon package worth 5,000 rupees (125 US dollars) and around 7,500 rupees (190 US dollars) if they can hold

off for three years, it said. “The money is sufficient for a couple to enjoy a second honeymoon for two or three days at a favourite destination,” district health officer VH Mohite was quoted as saying by the newspaper.

Satara has a population of about three million. A recent survey found that the district registered about 25,000 marriages every year and 87 per cent of the newly weds had a child in the first year of marriage. Authorities hope that if 20 per cent of couples take up the offer, the birth of more than 4,000 babies could be delayed every year.

MNA/Reuters

EU suspends marketing authorization for anti-HIV drug Viracept

BRUSSELS, 8 Aug—The European Commission has decided to suspend the marketing authorization for Roche's antiretroviral medicinal product Viracept, a medicine used in combination with other antiviral medicines to treat HIV infection, the commission said on Tuesday.

The suspension follows the recall of the product from the European Union (EU) market in June after the contamination of

certain batches of Viracept with ethyl mesilate, a genotoxic substance.

The decision was based on scientific conclusions of the European Medicines Agency (EMA), and follows consultation with member states, said the commission, the executive body of the EU.

The suspension can only be lifted by a further decision by the commission, after an assessment by the EMA of new

data. A marketing authorization for Viracept was granted to Roche by the European Commission in 1998, following a scientific assessment by the agency. But all products were recalled from the EU market in June 2007 after the marketing authorization holder found that certain batches of Viracept had been contaminated during the manufacturing process with ethyl mesilate.—MNA/Xinhua

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Green tea holds promise as new treatment for inflammatory skin

WASHINGTON, 7 Aug— US researchers reported Tuesday that the properties of green tea might offer a new treatment for skin disorders such as psoriasis and dandruff.

In skin diseases like psoriasis, skin cells multiply out of control, causing the skin to be thicker and to flake off. Immune cells in the body are also activated, causing inflammation to set in.

In a study published on the latest issue of Experimental Dermatology, researchers from Medical College of Georgia studied an animal model for inflammatory skin diseases, and those treated with green tea



Green tea

showed slower growth of skin cells and the presence of a gene that regulates the cells' life cycles.

Animal models treated with green tea also showed reduced levels of proliferating cell nuclear antigen (PCNA), a gene expressed when skin cells multiply. In psoriasis, the gene is over-expressed

and speeds production of skin cells.

Dr Stephen Hsu, lead investigator on the study, said that the traditional treatment of ultraviolet light and medication can control the lesions of the skin, but may cause squamous cell carcinoma — the second most common form of skin

cancer, after long-term use.

Green tea, which is plant-derived, may be an alternative, he says. But researchers must work to overcome some barriers with the treatment and further study is needed to determine the full effects.

The chemicals in green tea are so active that they are oxidized too quickly when mixed with other ingredients.

They also dissolve in water, which cannot penetrate the skin's barrier.

Researchers are looking for a balanced formula that can dissolve in fats, which can permeate the skin, Dr Hsu said.

Internet



A model displays a creation by South African designer Craig Jacobs during the opening session of the Cape Town Fashion Week on 8 Aug, 2007. —XINHUA

Picasso's stolen works recovered in France

BEIJING, 8 Aug— French officials have found two Picasso paintings that were stolen from the home of the Spanish artist's granddaughter in February, according to media reports Wednesday.

The two paintings, identified as "Maya a la poupee" (Maya with doll) from 1938 and "Portrait de femme, Jacqueline" from 1961, are worth more than 30 million US dollars.

They were stolen from the luxurious Left Bank apartment of Diana Widmaier-Picasso, Maya Picasso's daughter, while she and a friend were



Pablo Picasso's "Maya with Doll." French officials have found two Picasso paintings that were stolen from the home of the Spanish artist's granddaughter in February. —INTERNET

sleeping. Investigators on Tuesday also found a drawing by Picasso that

had been stolen in February.

Police took three people into custody. The thieves, who were known to police for previous cases of art theft, had taken the paintings from their frames and rolled them up.

"The paintings are coming back to the Picasso family," said Widmaier Picasso's lawyer.

Picasso, who spent much of his life in France, died in 1973. His works are rated among the world's most expensive.

Internet

Britain upgrades status of dinosaur sculptures

LONDON, 8 Aug— Victorian dinosaur sculptures in a London park have joined Buckingham Palace as a Grade I listed monument, Britain's Department of Culture, Media and Sport said on Monday.

The sculptures — built of brick and artificial stone on a framework of iron rods — were built in Crystal Palace Park in south London in the 1850s after being moved from the Great Exhibition in

Hyde Park.

The dinosaurs had been given a Grade II listing in 1973. The upgrade now puts the sculptures in the same preservation category that Buckingham Palace and the Royal Albert Hall enjoy.

"They're believed to be unique and are clearly of exceptional historic interest in a national and probably international context," Culture Minister Margaret Hodge said.

According to English Heritage the sculptures are the "first attempt to accurately reconstruct the three dinosaur species known to the scientific world in the 1850s within their geological environment".

As well as the sculptures, geological strata and a lead mine that are part of Crystal Palace Park's "Dinosaur Court" have also received the Grade I listing.

MNA/Reuters

Israeli archaeologists discover sixth-century mosaic floor

JERUSALEM, 8 Aug— A mosaic floor dating back to the sixth Century has been uncovered at the Yavneh-Yam archaeological site near the Israeli city of Tel Aviv, local daily Ha'aretz reported on Tuesday.

The floor depicting trees and fruit baskets was discovered during excavations by Tel Aviv University's Institute of Archaeology, the daily said, adding that it was used to decorate the dining room of a Byzantine villa.

The Yavneh-Yam site, about 15 kilometres south of Tel Aviv, served as a seaport from the middle of the second millennium BC until the ancient Islamic period, Ha'aretz said. — MNA/Xinhua

Heavy rainstorm causes morning commute delays in NYC

NEW YORK, 8 Aug— A heavy rainstorm with tornado-like winds ripped the roofs off several houses in Brooklyn and flooded subway tracks Wednesday morning, leading to massive mass transit delays during the rush hour.

The storm damaged two houses and downed several trees in Brooklyn's Bay Ridge area.

Power outages were reported on Staten Island as a result of flooding.

Flooding also caused



Passengers crowd in the Grand Central Terminal subway station in New York, the United States, on 8 Aug, 2007. INTERNET

many traffic and transit chaos around the New York City area.

Most subway lines in the city were experiencing

delays or diversions, with customers advised to use bus services when possible.

But bus services in Manhattan were limited and many buses were also being rerouted. Large crowds were stranded on the streets.

As of 7:30 am (1130 GMT), Metro North reported no service into or out of Grand Central Terminal on the Hudson, Harlem or New Haven lines because of flooding between the Mott Haven

and Melrose sections of the Bronx.

There were delays of up to an hour and a half at John F Kennedy International Airport and about an hour at LaGuardia, said Alan Hicks, spokesman for the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey.

There was also some flooding on the roads leading to LaGuardia, traffic delays getting to the terminals.

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Lazio's Cristian Ledesma and Panathinaikos' Georgios Karagounis (R) fight for the ball during their friendly soccer match at the Flaminio stadium in Rome on 8 Aug, 2007. — INTERNET

UEFA appeals body confirms Partizan expulsion

BERNE (Switzerland), 8 Aug — UEFA's appeals body has confirmed the expulsion of Partizan Belgrade from this year's UEFA Cup competition following rioting by the club's supporters.

The Serbian side were thrown out of the competition last month after 36 people were injured during Partizan's first qualifying round first-leg match against Bosnian side Zrinjski Mostar.

Partizan were granted a temporary deferral of the punishment pending their appeal against the verdict and went on to win the tie 11-1 on aggregate.

Tuesday's decision means Zrinjski will now take Partizan's place in the second qualifying round against Macedonian side FK Rabotnicki.

The appeals body also upheld the original fine of 50,000 Swiss francs (41,980 US dollars) handed down by UEFA's disciplinary body. — MNA/Reuters

Giovani strikes again as Barca win in Japan

YOKOHAMA (Japan), 8 Aug — Mexican teenager Giovani dos Santos struck again to give fatigued Barcelona a 1-0 win over Japan's Yokohama F-Marininos on their Asian tour on Tuesday.

Giovani broke the deadlock in the 75th minute, taking a superb through ball from Ronaldinho and calmly beating Yokohama goalkeeper Tetsuya Enomoto. Barcelona had started with recent signing Thierry Henry alongside Ronaldinho and Samuel Eto'o in a fearsome front line for the first time since Henry's arrival in June.

However, the Spanish side lacked a cutting edge on a humid evening in Yokohama until Giovani's clinical strike.

"Henry, Eto'o and Ronaldinho playing to-

gether is going to work," coach Frank Rijkaard told reporters. "They're great players."

The Dutchman added: "It's very promising. We have a lot of wonderful players — I almost forgot about (Lionel) Messi!"

MNA/Reuters



Jiang Qiuyan from China clinched the first gold medal of the 24th Universiade on Thursday in women's 20km walk. Jiang defended her title with a time of 1:35:22 in Ayutthaya Province, Bangkok. — INTERNET

Saviola, Rodriguez return for Argentina

BUENOS AIRES, 8 Aug — Argentina forward Javier Saviola and midfielder Maximiliano Rodriguez, who both missed the Copa America, were named in the squad on Tuesday for this month's friendly in Norway.

Playmaker Juan Roman Riquelme and defender Gabriel Heinze, whose futures remain uncertain, were left out as was Carlos Tevez, who is set to join English Premier League champions Manchester United after a prolonged transfer saga.

Saviola, who recently joined Real Madrid, missed the Copa America after an unhappy season with Barcelona, where he struggled to get into the team.

MNA/Reuters

Ronaldinho, Kaka recalled by Brazil

RIO DE JANEIRO, 8 Aug — Ronaldinho and Kaka were recalled by Brazil on Tuesday for this month's friendly against Algeria, despite declining to take part in last month's Copa America.

However, coach Dunga said the pair had squandered a chance to add another title to their respective careers after Brazil won the tournament in Venezuela, beating

arch-rivals Argentina 3-0 in the final.

"They missed out on winning a title and each player who wins a championship with the Brazil gets more recognition," said Dunga.

"They missed their chance, now we are starting again and it's up to them."

The match on August 22 in Montpellier, France, is the first since the Copa

America.

Kaka and Ronaldinho asked to skip the Copa because they said they were tired after a long season in Europe.

Their request, heavily criticized in Brazil, apparently went against the philosophy of the coach, who has demanded total dedication from his players since taking over last year.

However, Dunga said: "I'm not angry with anyone. The coach of Brazil has to think for the good of the Brazilian team... we take the best decisions for the team."

The pair were among a 22-man squad named for the match, the first against the North Africans since the 1986 World Cup when Brazil won 1-0.

Ronaldo, yet to be selected by Dunga, was again left out.

MNA/Reuters



The Sports Delegation of China parade into the Rajamangala National Stadium at the opening ceremony of the 24th Universiade Bangkok 2007 in Bangkok, capital of Thailand, on 8 Aug, 2007. —INTERNET

Rangers ease into Champions League third qualifying round

PARIS, 8 Aug — Scottish runners-up Glasgow Rangers eased into the Champions League qualifying third round with a 1-0 away win against Montenegro's Zeta on Tuesday.

Rangers, who had won the first leg 2-0 last week at Ibrox Park, advanced with a 3-0 aggregate win courtesy of a DaMarcus

Beasley late goal.

The American international, who joined the Rangers from PSV Eindhoven during the close season, struck nine minutes from time for his first goal in his new colours.

Beasley, who had missed the best chance in an uneventful first half when he fired just wide of

the far post from a good position in the 11th minute, drove in a crisp shot from 16 metres to put the contest behind dispute.

Rangers next face either Red Star Belgrade or Estonian side Levadia Tallinn, the Serbian champions holding a 1-0 advantage from the first leg.

Beitar Jerusalem hopes of progressing were dashed when Marcus Allback, who had already netted in FC Copenhagen's 1-0 first leg win, levelled to 1-1 for the Danish side seven minutes into extra time.

Copenhagen advanced on the away goals rule.

Dinamo Zagreb will be up against Werder Bremen after Brazilian midfielder Sammir inspired them to a 3-1 second leg win over Domzale that handed them a 5-2 aggregate victory against the Slovenian team.

The 19-year old set up the first two goals for Dinamo and scored the third after a brilliant solo run past four defenders.

Tampere United reached the third round of Europe's premium competition for the first time when a Jari Niemi first-half goal earned them a 1-0 away win at Levski Sofia. —MNA/Reuters

Lysenko's future in limbo amid doping controversy

MOSCOW, 8 Aug — Women's hammer world record holder Tatyana Lysenko is certain to miss this month's world cham-

pionships amid a doping controversy and accusations of wrongdoing that has rocked Russian athletics.

"The worlds are out of the question," said president of the Russian Athletics Federation (RAF) Valentin Balakhnichyov in reference to Lysenko, who is facing a ban after failing a drugs test for a hormone blocker in May.

The 23-year-old Russian would have been an overwhelming favourite to win her first global title in Osaka, Japan after smashing her own world record with a throw of 78.61 metres on May 26 in Sochi.

MNA/Reuters

Heinze seeks arbitration panel to resolve United row

LONDON, 8 Aug — An arbitration panel will meet next week to decide if Argentina defender Gabriel Heinze can leave champions Manchester United for Liverpool, the Premier League said on Tuesday.

Heinze, whose move to Merseyside is being blocked by United, had requested a three-man panel to settle the dispute between the two northwest rivals, a league spokesman said.

Heinze returned to United on Monday, having helped Argentina reach the Copa America final in Venezuela last month. The 29-year-old left-back, who joined United in 2004 from Paris St. Germain for 6.9 million pounds (13.99 million US dollars), has been losing out to France's Patrice Evra for a first team place. —MNA/Reuters

“ASEAN mode” key to regional development, stability

BEIJING, 9 Aug — The Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN) turned 40 on Wednesday and since its establishment the group has contributed much to regional development and stability by adopting the “ASEAN mode”, said a signed article in the *People’s Daily*.

Consultation, harmony and cooperation lie at the heart of the mode’s core values, which have helped the bloc transform itself from a regional lightweight in the early years to an organization wielding significant regional influence in politics, economy and culture, the article said.

The need to adopt consultation within ASEAN is based on the fact that there are huge differences among members. The only effective way to promote

integration in such a region is through consultation rather than compulsion, the article said.

As for harmony, with a view to establishing a peaceful and stable alliance among nations, ASEAN always upholds its fundamental principles of respecting every member’s independence, sovereignty and equality, non-interference in other members’ internal affairs, a peaceful settlement of disputes and restraint from the use of force, it said.

These principles

safeguard the organization’s solidarity and harmony, which in turn guarantee progressive development of the region, it said.

Cooperation, the third characteristic of the mode, has also played an indispensable part in promoting regional development and stability, it added.

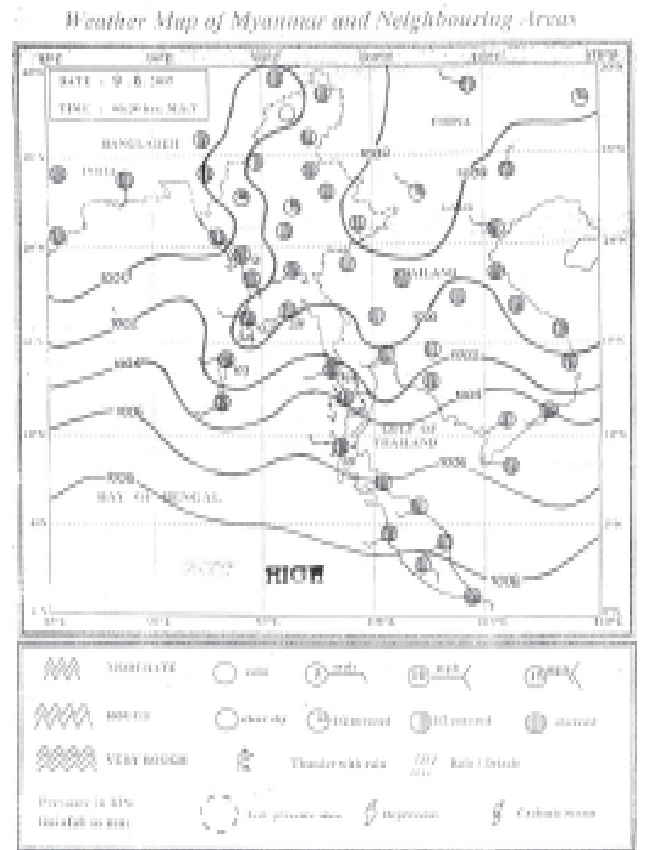
The ASEAN mode has exerted a significantly positive influence in establishing a rational order within the bloc as well as the international arena. Without resorting to force when settling disputes, as

some Western countries often do, ASEAN employs a “soft hand” in dealing with differences and disputes, the article said.

By providing a platform where all members are equally engaged in dialogue, ASEAN contributes immensely to maintaining regional stability and keeping a balance among regional powers, it said.

This role is best manifested in the establishment of the ASEAN Regional Forum, which brings together ASEAN members and East Asian countries, as well as India, Russia, the United States and the European Union to open dialogue on building trust, conducting preventive diplomacy and seeking a dispute-settling mechanism.

MNA/Xinhua



WEATHER

Thursday, 9 August, 2007

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Sagaing and Magway Divisions, rain or thunder-showers have been isolated in Kachin, Shan States and Mandalay Division, scattered in Chin, Rakhine, Kayin and Kayah States, fairly widespread in Bago Division and widespread in the remaining areas with locally heavyfall in Mon State and Taninthayi Division and isolated heavyfall in Yangon Division. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Longlon (10.55) inches, Mudon (9.02) inches, Dawei (6.53) inches, Ye (5.98) inches, Co Co Island (4.84) inches, Mawlamyine (3.19) inches and Myeik (2.32) inches.

Maximum temperature on 8-8-2007 was 82°F. Minimum temperature on 9-8-2007 was 74°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hours MST on 9-8-2007 was 96%. Total sunshine hours on 8-8-2007 was (Nil).

Rainfall on 9-8-2007 was (0.71) inch at Mingaladon, (1.10) inches at Kaba-Aye and (1.02) inches at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2007 was (87.87) inches at Mingaladon, (89.76) inches at Kaba-Aye and (91.06) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (14) mph from West at (11:20) hours MST on 8-8-2007.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 10-8-2007: Rain will be isolated in lower Sagaing, Mandalay and Magway Divisions, scattered in Chin, Shan, Kayah States and upper Sagaing Division, fairly widespread in Kachin and Rakhine States, Bago and Ayeyawady Divisions and widespread in the remaining areas with likelihood of isolated heavyfall in Mon State and Taninthayi Division. Degree of certainty is (80%).

State of the sea: Squalls with rough sea are likely at times Deltaic, Gulf of Mottama, off and along Mon-Taninthayi Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (40) to (45) mph. Seas will be moderate elsewhere in Myanmar waters.

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


Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring areas for 10-8-2007: Likelihood of isolated rain. Degree of certainty is (60%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring areas for 10-8-2007: Some rain. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring areas for 10-8-2007: Likelihood of isolated rain. Degree of certainty is (60%).



Boys rest during a break from a sumo-wrestling competition in Tokyo on 4 Aug, 2007. About 300 participants attended the competition to earn promotion to a higher rank. — INTERNET



Friday, 10 August
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. လှုပ်ရှားပုံပြင်စိတ်ပျော်ရွှင်

8:05 am
6. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ

8:15 am
7. The mirror images of the musical oldies

8:30 am
8. International news

8:45 am
9. English for Everyday Use

4:00 pm
1. Martial song

4:15 pm
2. Song to uphold National Spirit

4:30 pm
3. Demonstration Exercises for Correct Pronunciation

4:45 pm
4. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ

4:55 pm
5. အဝေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ် ပညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြား သင်ခန်းစာ -ဒုတိယနှစ် (ဥပဒေပညာအထူးပြု) (ဥပဒေပညာ)

5:10 pm
6. Song of national races

5:25 pm
7. မြန်မာစာ မြန်မာစကား

5:35 pm
8. “လှေကားသုံးထစ် ဆင်းတဲ့အခါ”(အပိုင်း-၈၊ မင်းသူ၊ အေးသီတာ)
ဒါရိုက်တာ-သိန်းဟန်(ဖိုးနွယ်)

5:45 pm
9. Songs of yesteryears

6:00 pm
10. Evening news

6:30 pm
11. Weather report

6:35 pm
12. သုတစုံလင်ရွှေညွှန်ရှင်

7:05 pm
13. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “ဒုတိယအရွယ်၏ ချစ်မေတ္တာ”(အပိုင်း-၁၁)

8:00 pm
14. News

8:05 pm
15. International news

8:10 pm
16. Weather report

8:15 pm
17. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “ချစ်စိတ်ကူးလေး တစ်လည်လည်”(အပိုင်း-၆)

8:20 pm
18. The next day’s programme



Friday, 10 August
Tune in today

8:30 am Brief news

8:35 am Music:
-Barbie girl

8:40 am Perspectives

8:45 am Music:
-Sunshine

8:50 am National news/
Slogan

9:00 am Music:
-The one I love

9:05 am International news

9:10 am Music:
-Celebrate our love

1:30 pm News / Slogan

1:40 pm Lunch time music:
-Let’s get it on
-Just the way you are
-Feel the need in me

9:00 pm WOM

9:15 pm Article

9:25 pm Music at your request
-I wanna love you
-From this moment on
-Wherever you go

9:45 pm News / Slogan

10:00 pm PEL

Meetings of delegate groups of National Convention continue

YANGON, 9 Aug —The meetings of delegate groups of political parties, representatives-elect, national races, peasants, workers, intellectuals and intelligentsia and other invited persons were held at Nyaungnabin Camp in Hmawby Township today.

Delegate group of political parties

The meeting of the delegate group of political parties was held at the hall No 1 at 9 am today. U Li Kwe Chin presided over the meeting as an alternate chairman together with U Tun Yin Law and U Saw Phillip (a) U Phillip Sam as members of the panel of chairmen.

Deputy Director U Khin Maung Phyu of National Convention Convening Work Committee Office acted as MC and Assistant Director Daw Htay Htay Win as co-MC. The meeting chairman declared the start of the meeting valid counting for 96.55 per cent attendance.

Next, U Li Kwe Chin made an opening speech and U Tun Yi, U Aung Khin, U Khaung



U Li Kwe Chin of delivers an address at group meeting of delegate group of political parties.—MNA

Kwam and U Kyar Har She as members of the panel of the chairmen.

Deputy Director U Khin Sein of National Convention Convening Work Committee Office acted as MC and Assistant Director Daw Mi Mi

cluding remarks.

Delegate group of national races

The meeting of the delegate group of national races was held at Pyidaungsu Hall at 9 am today.

Duwa Zoak Dong of Shan State (North) presided over the meeting together with U Kyaw Din (a) U Htay Ye of Kayah State, U Maung Hla (a) U Hla Myint of Taninthayi Division and U Aung Zan Wai of Rakhine State as members of the panel of chairmen.

Deputy Director U Tin Maung Oo of NCCWC Office acted as MC and Assistant Director U Ye Lwin as co-MC.

The meeting chairman declared the start of the meeting valid as there accounted for 90.95 per cent attendance.

Next, Duwa Zoak Dong made an opening speech and U Than Oo of Kayin State and Daw Nang Khin Hmwe of Shan State (North) read out the proposal of the delegate group of national races regarding clarification made by the chairman of the NCC Work Committee for already-adopted basic principles, amendments, additions and repeals of basic principles and detailed basic principles.

Afterwards, the alternate chairman gave concluding remarks.

Delegate group of Peasants

The meeting of delegate group of peasants was held at the hall No 4 at 9 am today. U Kyi Tint of Ayeyawady Division presided over the meeting as an alternate chairman together with U Mya Aye of Yangon Division and U Sai Tint Aung of Shan State (North) as members of the panel of chairmen.

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U Mahn Tin Maung (a) U Mahn Myo Nyunt delivers an address at group meeting of delegate group of representatives-elect. — MNA

Daing, U Sein Tun, U Kyar Shi, U Saw San Shwe, U Yan Kyint Kan and U Nyi Pa Loke read out the proposal of the delegate group of political parties regarding already-adopted basic principles, amendments, additions and repeals of basic principles and detailed basic principles.

Afterwards, the alternate chairman made concluding remarks.

Delegate group of Representatives-elect

The meeting of the delegate group of representatives-elect was held at the hall No 2 at 10 am today. U Mahn Tin Maung (a) U Mahn Myo Nyunt presided over the meeting together with U Law Hsin

Shein as co-MC.

The meeting chairman declared the start of the meeting valid as there accounted for 100 per cent attendance.

Next, U Mahn Tin Maung (a) U Mahn Myo Nyunt made an opening speech and U Thet Wai, U Thein Tun, U San Tha Aung, U Aung Thein, U Hla Soe and U Thein Kyi read out the proposal of the delegate group of representatives-elect regarding already-adopted basic principles, amendments, additions and repeals of basic principles and detailed basic principles.

Afterwards, the alternate chairman made con-

Weather forecast for 10-8-2007

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NLD relying on big foreign nation commits destructive acts to harm State and people

Eight members of Hlinethaya, Kyimyindine, Dagon Myothit (South) NLD quit

YANGON, 9 Aug — Eight members including U Khin Maung Wai and U Tin Aye of Hlinethaya Township National League for Democracy, Daw Chit Tin of Kyimyindine Township NLD, and U Tin Htay and Daw Tin Yi of Dagon Myothit (South) Township NLD resigned from the party of their own volition, sending their resignation letters to NLD Headquarters and the local authorities on 9 July.

In their resignation letters sent to Hlinethaya,

Kyimyindine and Dagon Myothit (South) Township Multi-party Democracy General Election Subcommissions, they said that they no longer wished to stand as members in the NLD because the party relying on big foreign nation was committing destructive acts to harm the interests of the State and the people. That was why they resigned from the party of their own volition, they said.

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