Senior General Than Shwe felicitates Venezuelan President

NAY PYI TAW, 5 July—Senior General Than Shwe, Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr. Hugo Chavez Frias, President of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela on the occasion of the Independence Day of the Bolivarian Republic of Venezuela, which falls on 5th July 2009.—MNA

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Mr Ban Ki-moon

Senior General Than Shwe receives UNSG for two times

NAY PYI TAW, 4 July—Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Senior General Than Shwe received and held discussions with UN Secretary-General Mr Ban Ki-moon and party at Bayintnaung Yeiktha here two times – on 3 July from 2 pm to 3.50 pm and on 4 July from 9.30 am to 10 am. Also present at the calls were Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Vice-Senior General Maung Aye, SPDC member General Thura Shwe Mann, Prime Minister General Thein Sein, SPDC Secretary-General Thita Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo, Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win, Permanent Representative to the UN Ambassador U Than Swe, Director-General Col Kyaw Kyaw.Win of SPDC Office and Director-General U Kyaw Kyaw of the Protocol Department. The UNSG was accompanied by Senior Adviser Mr B Lynn Pascoe, Senior Adviser Mr Ibrahim Gambari, Senior Adviser Mr Kim Won-soo, Senior Adviser Ms Catherine Bragg and UN Resident Representative Mr Bishow B Parajuli.
First, Senior General Than Shwe said he cordially welcomed the second visit of the UN Secretary-General. As a UN member, Myanmar is making the best cooperation with the United Nations, he added. In his discussion, Mr Ban Ki-moon said he was very glad to be in Myanmar for the second time. Before visiting (See page 8)

Myanmar’s Concentration
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* Laying foundations for the next government to be formed according to the election results.

Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Senior General Than Shwe receives UN Secretary-General Mr Ban Ki-moon at Bayintnaung Yeiktha in Nay Pyi Taw.—MNA
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All members of the federation therefore have to continue to do their bit in serving the interest of the nation and the people, promoting the Myanmar society, and nurturing the youth of the nation.

Control of new influenza pandemic

NAY PYI TAW, 4 July — A meeting on control of new influenza pandemic was held at the disease control division of the Health Department, here, this morning.

Director-General (Treatment) Dr Kyee Myint of Health Department made a speech.

The meeting on control of new influenza pandemic being held at disease control division of the health department in Nay Pyi Taw.—MNA

F&R Ministry holds work coordination meeting

NAY PYI TAW, 4 July — The work coordination meeting of the Ministry of Finance and Revenue was held at the State Hall of Sittway on 25 June.

The commander also attended the prize presentation of painting, cartoon and poster contest to mark the International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking and delivered an address at the ceremony. The commander presented prizes to the winners in the contest and viewed around the booths.

I&P Ministry plants monsoon trees

NAY PYI TAW, 4 July — The Ministry of Immigration and Population held the second collective monsoon trees planting ceremony at the Ministry in Nay Pyi Taw.—MNA

Immigration and Population Ministry holds collective monsoon trees planting ceremony at the Ministry in Nay Pyi Taw.—MNA

The commander viewed the national museum in Sittway and inspected medical care for students and learning of students at Yupa (South) BEPS and Yupa (North) No. 3 BEPS.—MNA

Next, the work coordination meeting of the committee for development of Information and Communication Technology followed. The minister heard reports on works being carried out and future programme presented by official and attended to the needs.

The meeting came to an end with concluding remarks by the minister.—MNA

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Director-General (Disease Control) Dr Saw Lwin, Deputy Director (School Health) Dr Aung Tun and Deputy Director (Infection) Dr Than Hein Win discussed infection of influenza and control system, requirements of township education officers and school heads for control of influenza at schools and surveillance of student health.

Officials replied to the queries raised by school heads. The discussions focused on surveillance of suspected students with infection of influenza virus.—MNA

Immigration and Population Ministry holds collective monsoon trees planting ceremony at the Ministry in Nay Pyi Taw.—MNA

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Russian-US relations to step forward
if US drops missile shield plan

MOSCOW, 4 July—Russian Prime Minister Vladimir Putin said on Friday that relations with the United States will move forward if the latter refrains from stationing missile defence elements in central Europe, local media reported.

“If we see that our American partners abstain from deploying missile defence facilities in Europe, or, for example, refrain from stationing defence facilities in central Europe, local media reported.

wealthy, more educated and less likely to be disabled than teetotalers, which explains some, but not all, of the association between moderate alcohol consumption and longer life, according to a new study.

Having one drink a day halved a person’s risk of dying over the next four years, Dr Sei J Lee of San Francisco VA Medical Center and colleagues found. After accounting for several factors that could influence alcohol use and mortality, the effect was weakened, but moderate drinkers were still 28% less likely to die than non-drinkers.

Palestinians detain rivals to strengthen grip

RAMALLAH, 4 July—Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas’ security forces have significantly widened a crackdown on Hamas in the West Bank in the past month. They have doubled the number of detainees and are increasingly targeting the wives of activists, school teachers and others on the fringes of the Islamic militant group, Hamas officials say.

In the same period, police in Hamas-ruled Gaza have picked up dozens of Abbas loyalists, said officials in Abbas’ Fatah movement.

The bitter rivals accuse each other of using the sweeps for political leverage, as they try to negotiate an elusive power-sharing deal and the terms of general elections in January.

A Palestinian unity government is seen as crucial to US efforts to restart Israeli-Palestinian peace talks, since Israel says it can’t make concessions to the divided Palestinians.

Tit-for-tat detentions have been carried out over the two years since Hamas overran Gaza,ousting the forces loyal to Abbas, who was left with just the West Bank. Since then, each side has been trying to assert more control and wipe out the rival’s power base, amid persistent allegations of mistreatment of detainees.

Six people, including baby, die in London blaze

LONDON, 4 July—A three-week-old baby and two children were among six people killed when a fire tore through a 12-storey block of flats in southeast London on Friday, emergency services said.

The blaze broke out on the fourth floor of the flats on the Sceaux Gardens Estate in Camberwell and rapidly spread, the London Fire Brigade said.

Eighteen fire engines were sent to the scene and more than 100 firefighters tackled the fire.

A brigade spokesman said the blaze swept up to the 11th floor and 30 people had to be rescued. Police said the baby, a seven-year-old child and a woman died in hospital.

A child, aged about six, a woman and another adult died at the flats.

Two US troops killed in Afghanistan blast, four wounded

KABUL, 4 July—A blast in eastern Afghanistancollided two American troops and wounded four others Saturday, a US military spokeswoman said.

The troops were attacked in eastern Paktika province, but there were no immediate details about the incident, said Lt Cmdr Christine Sidenstricker.

The deaths come as thousands of Marines in southern Afghanistan are involved in the biggest US military operation here since the American-led invasion of 2001, trying to cut insurgent supply lines and win over local elders.

US troops continued looking for an American soldier believed captured by militants in Paktika province, Navy Chief Petty Officer Brian Narango said Friday. The soldier and three Afghans with him went missing on Tuesday. There was no immediate public claim of responsibility from any militants group.

The Taleban, who have made a violent comeback following their initial defeat in the 2001 US invasion, have stepped up attacks in former stronghold of eastern and southern Afghanistan.

Russian Prime Minister Vladimir Putin chairs a meeting in the town of Pikalyovo, in Leningrad region, about 270 kilometres from Russia’s northern city of St.Petersburg, on 4 June, 2009.

An Iraqi shop owner surveys the damage in a popular market in the centre of the northern city of Kirkuk, 225 kms from Baghdad. Bombings in the lead-up to the pullback of US forces from Iraq’s towns and cities, resulted in the bloodiest death toll seen in the conflict-hit nation in 11 months, official figures showed Wednesday.

An Indian worker at the construction site of a Commonwealth Games stadium in New Delhi in May 2009. India is racing against time to complete its stadiums for the Commonwealth Games to be held in the capital next year.
Some US cities cancel Independence Day fireworks displays due to economic downturn

WASHINGTON, 4 July—As the economic downturn squeezed municipal budgets across the country, many US cities canceled the annual fireworks displays on the Independence Day, which falls on 4 July, US media reported Friday.

Flint, Michigan, will go without its traditional July Fourth fireworks display this year, because the city couldn’t afford the costs of 40,000 US dollars, according to local TV station WJRT.

In Florida, Miami-Dade County canceled one of its two shows to save about 40,000 dollars, according to WPLG TV.

Monterey, California, also nixed its show and an accompanying party to save about 150,000 dollars.

In Illinois, WLS-TV reported that the cities of Harvey, Berwyn, Elgin, Gurnee and North Riverside canceled the Independence Day fireworks display.

Blue Springs, Missouri, canceled the pyrotechnics to give the city “some immediate budget relief,” according to KCTV.

Key Nabucco gas pipeline deal to be signed 13 July

SOFIA, 4 July—EU nations and Turkey said Friday they will sign a key intergovernmental agreement in Ankara on 13 July on Europe’s flagship Nabucco gas pipeline project, but key issues still need to be resolved.

Turkish officials said that invitations had been sent to the relevant parties and one official in Ankara told AFP on condition of anonymity that Turkish Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan would host the signing ceremony.

Foreign Minister Ahmet Davutoglu said on a visit to Romania that Nabucco, which is planned to reduce Europe’s dependency on Russian gas imports, was a “priority” and a “very important, strategic project” for his country.

He added that it would “ensure cooperation between the participating states and will solve the general energy problem that faces mankind.”

The European Commission, which is not a signatory to the agreement but has been a key proponent of the pipeline and could sign up as an observer once legal details are ironed out, confirmed that it had been invited.

Suau, 4 July—Three African countries on Friday signed an accord to build a 10-billion-dollar trans-Saharan gas pipeline linking vast reserves in Nigeria to Europe.

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The head of Nigeria’s state oil company, Mohammed Barkindo, said the agreement “gives this project the official stamp of approval from the three governments, directing the national companies of these three countries to begin in earnest the definitive phase of this project.”

Petroleum and Energy ministers Rilwan Lukman of Nigeria, Chakib Khelil of Algeria and Mohammed Abdulahi of Niger signed the agreement in Abuja.

The first delivery of gas is scheduled in 2015.

Ukrainian PM meets senior Chinese official on bilateral ties

KYIV, 4 July—Ukrainian Prime Minister Yulia Tymoshenko on Thursday met and discussed bilateral ties with Wang Gang, member of the Communist Party of China (CPC) Central Committee Political Bureau, a Chinese official said Friday.

During the meeting, Tymoshenko said Ukraine-China ties have developed smoothly in recent years.

Ukraine is willing to further boost cooperation with China in trade and economy, especially in agriculture, infrastructure, aviation and space industries, in a bid to continuously enhance Ukraine-China ties.

Wang, also vice-chairman of the National Committee of the Chinese People’s Political Consultative Conference, China’s top advisory body, conveyed to Tymoshenko Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao’s greetings.

Wang said China-Ukraine ties have maintained a good momentum for sound and steady further development. The two countries have had frequent high-level exchanges, deepened their political mutual trust, and enabled their bilateral cooperation in various fields to yield fruitful results.

He said China appreciated the Ukrainian government’s taking the development of its ties with China as a high priority in its foreign policy, and China has all along considered Ukraine its sincere and reliable partner.

Nigeria, Algeria, Niger seal $10 bln gas pipeline deal

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China calls for more emerging countries’ involvement in WHO decisions

Cancun, 4 July—Chinese Health Minister Chen Zhu on Friday called on the World Health Organization to involve emerging nations more in order to take better and more transparent decisions.

“I suggest that decision making mechanisms need to be improved by inviting experts from emerging market nations to participate in the emergency committee, to improve decision making and make it more transparent,” Zhu told the Lessons Learned and Suggestions session of the first global meeting on the deadly new A/H1N1 flu virus in Cancun, a resort town in Caribbean coast state Quintana Roo. “The international reporting system could be improved beyond encouraging and facilitating member states to strengthen solidarity and cooperation based on mutual respect,” he said.

He also called for the restructuring of pandemic reporting system to make it more global and more up to date, and asked the WHO to review the scientific definition of flu and develop strategies to prevent its mutation. The WHO should also ask its members to exercise more domestic control, he added. —Xinhua

Northern Mexico hit by 6.0-magnitude earthquake

Mexico City, 4 July—Northernmost Mexico’s Sea of Cortez region was rocked by an earthquake measuring 6.0 on the Richter scale at around 5 am local time (1100 GMT) on Friday.

By press time, there have been no reports of injuries or property damage. This was partly because the epicenter was out at sea, said the National Seismology Service, which is a unit of the National Autonomous University of Mexico. Cities in the region, Baja California Sur capital La Paz and tourist town Los Cabos, felt a moderate tremor.

Local authorities reported that emergency service agencies had not received any calls for help. —Xinhua

Another quake rocks Indonesia’s Papua

Jakarta, 4 July —A moderate earthquake measuring 5.1 on the Richter scale jolted easternmost of Indonesia on Friday evening, but there was no report of damage or casualties, the Indonesian Meteorological and Geophysics Agency said.

The quake jolted at 21:27 Jakarta time (1427 GMT) with epicenter at 119 kms southwest Jayapura of Papua and 59 kms in depth, the agency said. —Xinhua

First test flight of 2nd China-made ARJ 21-700 jet

Beijing, 4 July—The blue-and-white small passenger plane took off at 11:21 am on Wednesday and made a successful landing after a 62-minute flight. It maintained a height of 3,000 meters with a speed of about 335 km/h.

After landing, the pilot said the test flight was a success adding that all technical problems during the first test flight in November were solved. —Xinhua

Brazilian Air Force denies mistakes in Air France Flight 447 case

Rio de Janeiro, 4 July—Brazil’s Air Force released a statement on Friday in which it denies any errors in the Air France Flight 447 case, and said it warned the Senegalese air traffic control that the Air France’s Flight 447 was heading to Dakar.

Brazil Air Force also released an audio record of communication with the doomed Air France plane on the day to avoid the blame from French investigation report that Brazil’s slowness to notice the lost of Flight 447 delayed the searching efforts.

The statement said, Flight 447 made the last contact with Brazil at 10:33 pm local time on 31 May (0133 GMT, June 1), and informed the estimated time to pass the next checkpoint. The Brazilian air traffic control, then informed Dakar of the plane’s position, and Dakar confirmed the receipt of the information. Brazil Air Force also mentioned an agreement with Senegalese air traffic control departments which says if a plane enters Senegalese airspace in time, it is not necessary to inform the Brazilian authorities to formalize the control transference. —Xinhua

Serbia, IAEA sign additional protocol on non-proliferation of nuclear weapons

Belgrade, 4 July—Serbia and the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) signed here on Friday an additional protocol to the Agency (IAEA) signed by Serbian Deputy Prime Minister Bozidar Djelic and IAEA Director-general Mohamed El Baradei.

Addressing a press conference after the signing ceremony, Djelic said that once the Serbian parliament ratifies the protocol, the IAEA would carry out detailed inspections across Serbia, similar to the ones that were made at Vinca Institute of Nuclear Sciences, which was founded in 1948 and lies some 17 km southeast of Belgrade.

“Serbia is willing for the inspections to be carried out at any point in time anywhere in the country so that it is verified that it has no nuclear proliferation plans,” said Djelic, adding that developing nuclear weapons was neither a policy of the former Yugoslavia nor of Serbia. —Xinhua

Chinese Health Minister Chen Zhu (3rd L) speaks during an international meeting of the World Health Organization (WHO) in Cancum, Mexico, on 2 July, 2009. Mexico started hosting a two-day international meeting on Influenza A/H1N1 on Thursday. —Xinhua

Recuers return after searching for the missing Yemenia Airbus 310-300 airplane, that crashed in Mitsamiouli, 30 km north of Comoros’ capital Moroni on 1 July, 2009. —Xinhua

A mother comforts her son as a doctor performs a circumcision in 2007. Thirty-one teenage boys have died from complications after botched traditional circumcision rites in South Africa’s rural Eastern Cape region. —Xinhua

All items from Xinhua News Agency
Russia to allow US arms shipments to Afghanistan

MOSCOW, 4 July—Russia said Friday it will allow the United States to ship weapons across its territory to Afghanistan, a long-sought move that bolsters US military operations but potentially gives the Kremlin leverage over critical American supplies.

The announcement by a top Kremlin aide came ahead of President Barack Obama’s visit to Moscow next week, when the deal is expected to be signed during a summit aimed at improving the nations’ strained relations.

Russia’s concession on arms shipments also came as the Obama administration is shifting the US military’s focus from Iraq to Afghanistan, where a massive American force can offensively is currently under way in Taliban-controlled areas of Helmand Province.

Russia has been allowing the United States to ship non-lethal supplies across its territory for operations in Afghanistan, and Kremlin officials had suggested further cooperation was likely.

Antarctica melting faster than expected

WELLINGTON, 4 July—New Zealand scientists have warned that Antarctica is melting faster than expected.

Professor Peter Barrett of Victoria University’s Antarctic Research Center told the annual Antarctic Conference, held on 1-3 July in Auckland, that the rate of ice loss was up 75 percent since 1996, and was increasing quickly.

The loss of glaciers at the edges of Antarctica was causing a sea-level rise of 0.4 mm a year, he added.

With the global ice loss from Greenland, Antarctica and other glaciers suggested sea levels would rise between 80 cm and 2 m by 2100, Barrett said. Research center director Professor Tim Naish led a team of researchers who drilled deep into the Antarctic rock and discovered ancient records from the last time atmospheric CO2 reached the level it was now approaching.

They found that 3 million to 5 million years ago, seas were warm enough to melt a large chunk of Antarctica’s ice when atmospheric CO2 was only slightly higher than today.

Naish said west Antarctica’s ice would melt before the larger east Antarctic ice sheet because it sat below sea level and was warmed with the ocean.

However, he said the research raised unresolved questions about how much atmospheric CO2 would need to rise to increase temperatures by 2degC or more.

CO2 concentration in the atmosphere is now around 387 parts per million, up from about 280 ppm at the start of the Industrial Revolution.

Rainstorms wreak havoc in south China; Beijing issues hot weather alert

BEIJING, 4 July—Rainstorms since early the week have swept a wide swathe of south China, leaving dozens people dead or missing and forcing hundreds of thousands to evacuate.

In Jiangxi Province, two people were killed, three more were missing and more than 100,000 have been evacuated following the heaviest rain this summer, local flood control authorities said.

The rain damaged 178,000 hectares of crops, caused 8,231 houses to collapse, and incurred a direct economic loss of 1.31 billion yuan (191.7 million US dollars).

By 3 pm Friday, average rainfall in the province was 97.4 millimeters, while the maximum topped 540.8 millimeters in Niedu town of Chongyi County. The province, for the first time in history, issued the highest level of rainstorm alarm on Friday.

British senior officer killed in Afghanistan

LONDON, 4 July—The British Ministry of Defence said that an army officer killed in an explosion was the most senior one to have died in Afghanistan since operations began in 2001.

Lieutenant Colonel Rupert Thorneloe, commanding officer of the 1st Battalion Welsh Guards, was killed in Helmand Province, southern Afghanistan on Wednesday when an explosive device was detonated under the vehicle he was traveling in, the ministry said on Thursday.

Prince Charles, reported to have known Lt Col Thorneloe well, was “deeply saddened”, a Clarence House spokesman said.

A total of 171 British soldiers have died in Afghanistan since 2001.

German court upholds ban on words with Nazi link

Germany’s highest court has upheld a ban on three words appearing in sequence because of their link to a former anthem of the Nazi party.

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Health Tip: Controlling asthma

Medication used to control asthma may be used every day, without the fear of becoming addicted, the American Academy of Family Physicians says.

So-called controller medications help prevent inflammation, so users feel better and breathe easier. The academy says the following people may be candidates for a daily controller medication:

* People who have chest tightness, wheezing or bouts of coughing more than once per week.
* People whose asthma wakes them up or keeps them up at night.
* People who have frequent asthma attacks.
* People who need a quick-relief medication daily to stop asthma attacks.

Dog-eaten passport cancels Wis boy’s trip to Peru

A Wisconsin teenager using a classic excuse for evading schoolwork missed a class trip to Peru despite his tale being true: The dog ate his passport.

Officials at Chicago’s O’Hare airport told 17-year-old Jon Meier the checked-on document was false, but authorities in Miami rejected it and wouldn’t let him board the southbound aircraft.

Socialist tendencies, it said.
YANGON, 4 July—Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Win Myint and Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin inspected tasks for proper flow of water in Yangon West District here today.

The commander and the mayor viewed the tasks carried out for the proper flow of water in Khayan Creek in Ward-3 of Mayangon Township and construction of Thamine Bridge of broad crest type on Baho Road in Hline Township.

Next, the commander and the mayor also inspected the dredging of drains of Myahtayon Kyaungtaik and Mingalar Thukha streets and proper flow of water of Hanthawady riverside route in Kamayut Township and fulfilled their needs.

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GIFTS FOR STUDENTS OF COASTAL REGION COMMAND

NAY PYI TAW, 4 July—Coastal Region Command held the ceremony to present exercise books and stationery for 2009-2010 academic year at its hall on 27 June.

Chairman of Taninthayi Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Coastal Region Command Maj-Gen Khin Zaw Oo made a speech.

The commander and officials presented exercise books and stationery to the students.

MNA

MINISTRY OF LABOUR HOLDS MONSOON TREES PLANTING CEREMONY

NAY PYI TAW, 4 July—The Ministry of Labour held monsoon trees planting ceremony at the ministry here today. Ministry for Labour U Aung Kyi attended the ceremony and planted the Gangaw tree.

The minister viewed the collective planting of staff at the ceremony. The ministry planted over 600 trees this year.— MNA

MINISTRY OF INFORMATION HOLDS TREE PLANTING CEREMONY FOR FIFTH WEEK

NAY PYI TAW, 4 July—The fifth week rainy season tree planting ceremony 2009 of the Ministry of Information took place at the minister’s office in Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar Radio and Television, Nay Pyi Taw Press House of Printing and Publishing Enterprise and Nay Pyi Taw Daily of News and Periodicals Enterprise in Nay Pyi Taw Tatkon this morning.

Service personnel collectively planted the saplings. A total of 1000 saplings – 300 saplings in the minister’s office, 250 in MRTV, 200 in Nay Pyi Taw Press House of PPE and 250 in Nay Pyi Taw Daily of NPE – were grown at the ceremony.

Staff of the Information Ministry plant saplings at the fifth week monsoon trees planting ceremony of the Ministry.— MNA

SPORTS TECHNICAL OFFICER COURSE OPENS

YANGON, 4 July—Chairman of Myanmar Olympic Committee Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint yesterday attended the opening ceremony of Sports Technical Officer Course No. 1/2009 at the hall of Sports and Physical Education Institute at Kyaikkasan Grounds, here.

Altogether 135 trainees are attending the course.

The minister also attended the rainy season tree planting ceremony of the Ministry of Sports for 2009 at Kyaikkasan Grounds.

The ministers, departmental heads and staff participated in the tree planting ceremony.

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COMMANDER-IN-CHIEF (AIR)’S SHIELD FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP COMMENCES

NAY PYI TAW, 4 July—The Commander-in-Chief (Air)’s Shield Football Championship 2009 was opened in Meiktila on 29 June afternoon.

On behalf of the Commander-in-Chief (Air), the commander of Ground Training Base made a speech and opened it.

It was also attended by the commander of Flying Training Base and officers and other ranks of Flying Training Base and Ground Training Base and family members.

In the debut, Mingaladon Air Base played a goalless draw with Toungoo Air Base.

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Myanmar, he had extensive discussions with UN member countries, five permanent UN Security Council member countries, Japan and ASEAN nations. All those countries supported his visit to Myanmar and wished to see progress in Myanmar’s democratic transition and seven-step Road Map. Last year, he visited Myanmar and coordinated necessary measures for humanitarian aids for the rehabilitation of cyclone Nargis-affected regions, said Mr Ban Ki-moon. When he was in the country for the second time, he was delighted to see some buildings damaged due to the storm while going to Yangon from Yangon International Airport have been reconstructed. When he visited the storm-affected delta areas the following day, he would know the arrangements made and work done by Myanmar and continued assistance to be provided by the UN and the international community, UNSG added. He recognized the activities of Tripartite Core Group in humanitarian aids as an ideal. Regarding humanitarian aids, the international community will continue to give necessary assistance.

Mr Ban Ki-moon said he would like to discuss political affairs. The UN supports Myanmar’s seven-step Road Map. It is found that the fifth step of the road map is beginning to be implemented. When meeting the Senior General the previous year, he said the State would like to build a consolidated, peaceful democratic nation and leave it to the next generation as a legacy. And this is the nice vision of the Senior General. Mr Ban Ki-moon continued to say that when he met the political parties and armed groups that had made peace with the State, he would urge them to participate in nation-building tasks as partners with a constructive attitude under the leadership of the Head of State and in the election with a constructive attitude. The next year’s election will go down in the annals of Myanmar’s history and is the very important matter. The international community wishes to see that election next year to be one that is held democratically. He said he believes that the election will be open, free and fair and win international recognition and it will ensure all-inclusiveness. If necessary, the UN would like to render assistance to the election. It also would like the government to arrange for all politicians to take part in the process of transition to democracy to be able to participate in it. He added he knows how Myanmar is affected by economic sanctions. He will discuss this matter when meeting the leaders of western nations. Mr Ban Ki-moon said he wished to see Daw Aung San Suu Kyi during his visit. He knows that she is facing a trial at the moment.

Senior General Than Shwe thanked the Secretary-General for his explanation at length on functions of the United Nations. The Senior General said that he thanks the UNSG for the discussions; that it is important to set timeframe for necessary laws to other countries; that he wants to give help to Myanmar; that it is important to set timeframe for necessary laws and commissions for the election; and that he would like Myanmar officials to consider to arrange a meeting between him and Daw Aung San Suu Kyi. In response, Senior General Than Shwe said that he thanks the UNSG for the discussions; that he would like to arrange a meeting between the UNSG and Daw Aung San Suu Kyi; that he would like to arrange a meeting between the UNSG and Daw Aung San Suu Kyi, but she is now on trial with US citizen Mr John William Yettaw; that the case is being heard freely and fairly, so they have no right to arrange a meeting between the UNSG and Daw Aung San Suu Kyi. The meeting concluded at 10 am.

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It is also learnt that after the meeting Mr Ban Ki-moon invited representatives of National League for Democracy to his bedroom at the hotel and separately met them for 20 minutes.

Afterwards, the Secretary-General met leaders of Kachin State Special Region (1) NDAK Group, Shan State (North) Special Region (5) KDA Group, Shan State (South) Special Region (6) PNO Group, Kayah State Special Region (2) Ka La La Ta Group, Haungtharaw Special Region Peace Group, Phayagon Special Region Peace Group and Democratic Kayin Buddhist Association-DKBA at 5.50 pm at the same venue.

At the meeting, Mr Ban Ki-moon said that he was pleased to see armed groups struggling in the past are now trying their best in harness for forging peace; and that he knew all the national race groups have been striving for ensuring the best interest of the nation. It is also learnt from the peace groups who attended the meeting that the peace groups said that tasks for regional peace and stability and development could be carried out only in the time of the Tatmadaw government; and that to be able to maintain this situation, the groups will accept the government’s plan to form their groups as frontier forces and people’s militia.—MNA

UN Secretary-General and party leave Yangon

NAV PYI TAW, 4 July—Secretary-General of the United Nations Mr Ban Ki-moon and party called on Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar Senior General Than Shwe for the second time at Bayintnaung Yeiktha, here, at 9.30 am today.

The UN Secretary-General and party left Nay Pyi Taw by special aircraft at 10.50 am and arrived in Yangon at 11.45 am.

They left Yangon at 12.15 pm for Kyondah Village of Dedaye Township in Ayeyawady Division by helicopter and visited the village. At 2.15 pm, they arrived back in Yangon. At 6 pm, they met with ambassadors of foreign embassies to the Union of Myanmar, Charges d’Affaires ai, diplomats and responsible persons of UN agencies, representatives of non-governmental organizations at home and abroad, member correspondents of Myanmar Foreign Correspondents Club and editorial staff of local journals and magazines at the meeting hall of Drug Elimination Museum at the corner of Hanthawady and Kyundaw Streets in Kamayut Township.

In the evening, the UN Secretary-General and party left Yangon.

Mr Ban Ki-moon and party visit Kyondah Village in Dedaye Township.—MNA

International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking observed in Mawlamyine

Revising basic manual book for engineering works coordinated

YANGON, 4 July—Deputy Minister for Construction U Tint Swe attended the basic manual book for engineering work revising coordination meeting at the Yangon Division superintendent engineer office on Shwedagon Pagoda Road here yesterday.

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Home Affairs Ministry holds tree planting ceremony

Myanmar stands third in women’s 800-m race

NAV PYI TAW, 4 July—Minister Maj-Gen Maung Oo and Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Phone Swe planted teak saplings at the designated places. Next, the minister and party viewed the collective growing of trees by departmental personnel.

A total of 1176 saplings – 326 saplings at the minister’s office and 850 at the office of the Chief of Myanmar Police Force – were grown at the ceremony.—MNA

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Exercise integrated farming extensively

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A thriving chicken run of the integrated farm of U Kya Mawt.

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A lychee plant is in fruit in the integrated farm of U Kya Mawt.

I had a plan to drop in the integrated farm of U Kya Mawt near Yanhla Village, Katpha Village-tract when I made a tour of Kengtung.

After arriving at Kengtung, we, accompanied by Secretary U Aung Kyaw Moe of Township Peace and Development Council, took a lift given by Assistant Engineer U Nyan Kyi Oo of the Irrigation Department to the integrated farm. Those two persons took an active role in the programme to introduce integrated farming to Kengtung.

In the compound of the integrated farm of U Kya Mawt, U Aung Kyaw Moe made clarification to mixed farming, saying, "We launched the integrated farming in compliance with the directives of those in-charge of the region. Integrated farming is a mixed form of agricultural farming and livestock breeding."

The 12-acre farm was found completely covered with a paddy field, fish ponds, chicken runs, pigsties, cow shed, vegetable patches and perennial crops plants.

Conducting us round the farm, U Aung Kyaw Moe told us, "The farm has three acres of a paddy field, four acres of perennial crops, five fish ponds, two chicken runs, two pigsties, and a cow shed."

He said that the farm bred about 18,000 fishes of species of tilapia, Hamilton’s carp and Shewelah Hamilton’s carp, 3500 chicken, 10 cows and 21 pigs; and that fish ponds were harvested once a year.

We noticed that the pigsties were over the fishponds. It is because the feedstuff that spills into the ponds from the feed-boxes in the pigsties becomes the feedstuff for fish. And pig droppings into the ponds dissolve into the water. Then, the water is used to make the plants further grow. We also noticed about an acre of thriving rubber plants near the fish pond.

Macadamia plants were in rows on the embankments of fish ponds. Lychee, Nagamauk and mango trees were found in fruit, the fruits were appetizing.

In the farm, mushroom is grown in rows. He said that wasted paddy stalks, dry leaves and weeds were mixed with EM to make organic fertilizer. They also made worm-cast humus on a large scale, breeding worm in a tank, he said.

We gained a lot of knowledge of the mixed farming during the visit, so the integrated farm of U Kya Mawt was really worth a visit for us.

In the integrated farming, none of the by-products and animal droppings is wasted, and agricultural farming and livestock farming are benefiting each other. So, it costs less, but profit is greater. So, rural farmers should practise integrated farming on a wider scale in the interest of their regions and the nation.

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Oil falls below $66 after bleak US jobs data

London, 4 July—Oil dropped a dollar to below 66 US dollars a barrel on Friday after employment data hardened views economic weakness would sap energy demand and that last month’s rally was overdone.

In the latest sign the economy of the world’s top consumer was still struggling, data on Thursday showed US employers cut 467,000 jobs in June and the jobless rate rose to a 26-year high. Euro zone unemployment climbed to a 10-year high.

“All the data was bad yesterday,” said Rob Montefusco, a trader at Sucden Financial. “Technically, it looks pretty weak at the moment.” US crude fell by 1.22 US dollars to 65.51 US dollars a barrel by 1718 GMT, extending the previous session’s nearly 4-per-cent drop. London Brent crude fell 1.35 US dollars to 65.30 US dollars.

Russia’s State Duma approves Russia-China oil coop agreement

Moscow, 4 July—Russia’s State Duma, the Lower House of Parliament, approved on Friday a Russia-China intergovernmental agreement on oil cooperation, the ITAR-TASS news agency reported.

The agreement, which envisions a pipeline from Russia’s Siberian city of Skovorodino to China’s northeastern city of Daqing as its terminal via China’s border city of Mohe. The pipeline, with an annual capacity of 15 million tons of crude to China within 20 years, is expected to go into operation in October 2010.

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A scientist prepares a DNA test for the A(H1N1) virus. Canada has reported four new swine flu deaths, bringing to 31 the country’s toll from the A(H1N1) virus.—INTERNET

European A/H1N1 flu infections exceed 10,000

Stockholm, 4 July—A European health agency said on Friday that 641 new A/H1N1 flu cases were reported in European countries within the last 24 hours. Of the new cases, 518 were confirmed in Britain, 20 in Spain, seven in France and Switzerland, 35 in Germany, 25 in Cyprus, six in Denmark, five each in Portugal and Romania, three in Slovenia, two each in Sweden, Luxembourg and Ireland, and one each in Austria, Portugal, the Netherlands and Poland.

Like the wool sweater that emerges from the dryer a size too small, global warming seems to be shrinking sheep.—INTERNET
India, Japan agree to cooperate on climate change, disarmament

Tokyo, 4 July—Cementing their strategic ties, India and Japan on Friday agreed to co-operate on pressing global issues of climate change, disarmament and non-proliferation while moving ahead in negotiations to stitch a comprehensive economic partnership pact.

India’s External Affairs Minister S M Krishna, who is here on a four-day visit, held wide-ranging discussions with the Japanese side on the entire gamut of bilateral relations and co-chaired with his counterpart Hirofumi Nakasone.

“We are making progress in our negotiations on a Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement. Foreign Minister Nakasone and I agreed on the necessity of concluding a high quality and mutually beneficial agreement,” he said at a joint Press conference with Nakasone. The two countries will hold further talks here later this month on the matter.

Krishna and Nakasone also discussed the issues of disarmament and non-proliferation and agreed to cooperate so that negotiations for a Fissile Material Cut-off Treaty could start as soon as possible, Nakasone was quoted as saying by Kyodo News agency.

China opposes US imposing more duties on its vehicle tyres

BEIJING, 4 July—China’s Commerce Ministry said here Friday that Chinese Government strongly opposes the United States’ proposed duties on Chinese tyres, as such a move could be a sign of trade protectionism.

China is “highly concerned” about the tariff remedy plan on Chinese tyres recommended by the US International Trade Commission (ITC), said the ministry in a statement on its website, citing unnamed sources with Bureau of Fair Trade for Imports and Exports under the ministry.

Members of ITC suggested Monday that the US should impose 35 to 55 per cent duties in the next three years on certain Chinese passenger vehicles and light truck tyres as the imports of such products would cause or threaten to cause market disruption to the domestic producers of like or competitive products.

The recommendation has been “unreasonable and lacks of objective evidences”, said the statement, adding that such action would baffle trade between China and the US, and in turn harm the interests of American tyre consumers. The statement says that Chinese-made tyres did not cause direct competition with the US products. Restriction on Chinese imports cannot fix the structural problem in the US, it said.

Over 650 Chinese die in fire accidents in past six months

BEIJING, 4 July — More than 650 Chinese died in about 7,4000 fires in the past six months, according to the Ministry of Public Security Friday. Nearly 300 people were injured in the fires and the direct economic loss was put at 660 million yuan (about 96.6 million US dollars).

The blaze at the new China Central Television headquarters was not included in the figure as the final report has yet to be published, the ministry said.

Improper installation of electrical devices and carelessness in using fire facilities led to most of the fires, accounting for 26.8 and 21.8 percent of the total, it said. Smoking, inappropriate operation of production and manufacturing facilities, and natural fires were the other causes that led to economic losses, according to the ministry.

China says Yemen Airways could face blacklist

PARIS, 4 July—France’s Transport Minister Dominique Bussereau warned on Friday that Yemenia Airways could be on the blacklist of banned airlines in the United States if it does not take “very big efforts”. “If it does not want to go on the blacklist, Yemenia Airways will have to make big efforts, very big efforts,” Bussereau told RTL radio, adding that the company was under strict observation.

A Yemenia Airbus A310 crashed into the Indian Ocean off the Comoros on Tuesday, killing 152 people. The plane was banned in France after one inspection found numerous faults in the plane in 2007. Yemen’s Transport Ministry on Thursday rejected “unfair” European criticism of Yemenia’s safety standards.

Two foreign aid workers kidnapped in Sudan’s Darfur

KHARTOUM, 4 July—Two female aid workers, one from Ireland and the other from Uganda, were kidnapped on Friday in the restive western Sudanese region of Darfur, a UN source said.

The two aid workers, with the Irish aid organization GOAL, were abducted by unknown armed men in their quarters in northern Darfur, the source said on condition of anonymity.

A Sudanese guard was also taken but later released, the source added.

This is the third kidnapping of foreign aid workers since Marchin Sudan.

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Old gene mutations may cause cancer today

BEEFSHEBA, 4 July—Gene mutations that once helped humans evolve and survive could increase the risk of cancer and other diseases today, researchers in Israel said.

The mutations were found in the genome of the mitochondria, the part of cells responsible for energy production that is passed from mother to child, scientists at Ben-Gurion University of the Negev said.

“Although mitochondria’s role in the emergence of new species has been investigated recently, the idea that they are responsible for our susceptibility to illness startlingly many,” Dr Dan Mishmar, a molecular biologist at the university, said in a release Friday.

Australia welcomes its first new-born elephant

SYDNEY, 4 July—Australia has welcomed the first elephant ever born in the country with the arrival of a 100-kilogram (220.4-pound) male calf at a Sydney zoo, according to keepers.

The calf, yet to be named, was born at the harbourside Taronga Zoo just after 3am (1700 GMT) to a 12-year-old Asian elephant named Thong Dee, the zoo’s director Guy Cooper said.

“This is the first time a baby elephant has been investigated biological and other diseases today, and survival could in the early hours of the morning. The male calf is the first to be born in Australia and was delivered after a three hour labour.

Almost 4 percent of pig valves fail

ST LOUIS, 4 July—Four out of 106 heart replacement valves from pig hearts failed, US researchers found.

The report, published in the Journal of Thoracic and Cardiovascular Surgery, said the pig valves failed after three, 14, 19 and 44 months, respectively. All four patients were age 70 or older and each received a cow heart tissue replacement.

“A four percent failure rate may not sound like a lot, but we would not expect that many of the valves to fail in such a short period of time,” lead author Dr Jennifer Lawton of Washington University School of Medicine in St Louis said in a statement.

The researchers said the cause of early valve failure remains unclear. The failed pig heart valves’ leaflets showed thickening — making them stiffer and more likely to interfere with blood leaving the heart through the aorta. Also, they were covered with numerous bumps, but the exact nature of these growths couldn’t be determined, the researchers said. Lawton advises more frequent exams be conducted if symptoms such as shortness of breath, chest pain or lightheadedness occur. “If patients have had a pig valve implanted, I would tell them that most likely they will be fine, but if they have symptoms they need to see their cardiologist and get an echocardiogram,” Lawton said.

Older forests store more carbon

CORVALLIS, 4 July—Letting Pacific Northwest forests age longer would increase carbon storage and help mitigate greenhouse gas emissions, researchers in Oregon said.

If, for example, the region’s forests were allowed to increase in age by 50 years, their potential to store atmospheric carbon would increase by 15 percent, researchers at Oregon State University, Corvallis, said.

That would significantly offset the nation’s carbon budget since the Pacific Northwest accounts for 14 percent of the live biomass in the United States, said Beverly Law, a professor of forest science at the university.

Law’s team analyzed two decades worth of information from 15,000 forest plots in the North American Carbon Program.

The team concluded carbon storage could be increased with reduced timber harvests and better forest management, a release from the university said Friday.

“Increasing carbon storage in this region might be one contribution to what clearly is a much larger global issue, something that policy makers could consider,” Law said.

Canada’s A/H1N1 flu death toll rises to 33

OTTAWA, 4 July—The total of people who died of A/H1N1 flu in Canada has reached 33, health officials said on Friday.

The province of Ontario reported its 12th death Friday. The victim is a 37-year-old man from Toronto man who had underlying medical conditions.

Neighbouring Quebec province reported its 14th death Friday. Other deaths occurred in Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta. Across Canada, there have been nearly 8,000 cases of H1N1 since the outbreak began, and most have been mild.

The common flu sends about 20,000 Canadians to hospital each year. The Public Health Agency’s website says between 4,000 and 8,000 Canadians can die of influenza and its complications annually, depending on the severity of the season.

New Zealand confirms influenza A/H1N1-related death

WELLINGTON, 4 July—New Zealand’s first influenza A/H1N1-related death was confirmed on Saturday with the Ministry of Health reported three deaths linked to the virus.

Indonesia records 12 new A/H1N1 cases

JAKARTA, 4 July—Indonesia reported 12 new cases of people positively infected by A/H1N1 flu, putting the total cases to 20, two of them were infected in Jakarta, indicating human transmission had occurred in the country, the Health Ministry announced here Saturday.

Four of the 12 people, aged from 10 months to 50 years, were foreign visitors and the rest were Indonesian citizens, the health ministry’s director general of disease control and environmental health Prof Dr Tandra Yogyo Aditama said.

“We have got 12 positive cases of swine flu. Two of them, Indonesian citizens, have been infected in Jakarta,” he told a press conference at his office.

It means that the influenza virus A/H1N1 has been transmitted among community in Indonesia.

But he declined to elaborate further from whom the two got infected. The director said that the 12 people had been traveled to Singapore, Canada, Malaysia and Australia, before entering Indonesia.

Now they were treated at hospital in Jakarta and Bali Island, he said. The country has taken precautionary measures to prevent spread of the virus, including ordering those from infected countries to wear mask since arriving in the country for three days.

Australia has pledged 52 million dollars ($42 million) to improve water quality on the Great Barrier Reef, which is coming under increasing threat from toxic chemicals and climate change.
Owen joins Manchester United

LONDON, 4 July—Michael Owen joined English champions Manchester United on a two-year contract Friday. Owen, 29, was a free agent after his contract expired, received phone call from Manchester United manager Alex Ferguson on Wednesday.

“I never thought it in my wildest dreams really - when I got the call from the manager to come and meet him it was a shock,” Owen said. “I know there will be a few people saying the manager shouldn’t have bought me.”

“Michael is a world class forward with a proven goalscoring record at the highest level,” Ferguson said. “That has never been in question.”

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LONDON, 4 July—Roger Federer reached a record 20th Grand Slam final, and a seventh straight Wimbledon title match Friday, while Andy Roddick ended Andy Murray’s bid to become the first British champion here since 1936.

Five-time champion Federer coasted to a 7-6 (7/3), 7-5, 6-3 win over German veteran Tommy Haas and will be chasing a record 15th Grand Slam crown on Sunday when he tackles old rival Roddick.

The American sixth seed put an end to the hype and hysteria in Britain with a 6-4, 4-6, 7-6 (9/7), 7-6 (7/5) win over third seed Murray who had been hoping be the first British men’s champion since Fred Perry 73 years ago.—INTERNET

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The head coach for the US National Soccer team Bob Bradley (3rd right) speaks to his team during a practice session in Bloemfontein, South Africa, on 23 June. —INTERNET
Three African countries agree to build gas pipeline

LAGOS, 4 July—Nigeria on Friday in Abuja signed an Inter-Governmental Agreement (IGA) with Algeria and Niger Republic to promote the Trans-Sahara Gas Pipeline (TSGP) project, the News Agency of Nigeria reported.

The agreement was signed by Nigeria’s Minister of Petroleum Resources, Rilwan Lukman, Algerian Minister of Mines and Energy, Chakib Khelil, and Malam Mohammed Abdoulahi, Niger’s Minister of Mines and Energy.

Lukman said the signing of the agreement is a significant stride in the actualization of a gas market in the transit countries and limited economic framework for regional development has obtain comprehensive feasibility studies to establish huge natural gas resources.

The minister said the project, designed about 30 years ago, had been delayed because of the need to obtain comprehensive feasibility studies to establish its techno-economic viability. “A lack of a socio-economic framework for regional development has also contributed to the delay,” he added.

According to him, other factors were the absence of a gas market in the transit countries and limited market opportunities for the TSGP in Europe.

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The bereaved family

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**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

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**Prime Minister General Thein Sein hosts dinner to UNSG and party**

NAI PYI TAW, 4 July—Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar General Thein Sein hosted a dinner to Secretary-General of the United Nations Mr Ban Ki-moon and party at Myat Tawwin Hotel in Nay Pyi Taw Hotel Zone yesterday evening.

Also present at the dinner were Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha, Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win, Minister for Labour U Aung Kyi, Minister for Culture Maj-Gen Khin Aung Myint, Deputy Minister for Hotels and Tourism Brig-Gen Aye Myint Kyu and departmental heads.

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Representatives of Parties

Groups accept government’s plan to form frontier forces and people’s militia

Peace Groups

UNSG meets leaders of officially registered political parties; peace groups who have returned to legal fold


At the meeting Mr Ban Ki-moon said that he has witnessed efforts being made for more development in Myanmar; that at his call on Senior General Than Shwe, he called for the elections to be held in 2010 should be the ones accepted and trusted by majority of the people; and that Senior General Than Shwe also pledged him that the elections to be held in 2010 to be fair. It is learnt from the political parties that representatives of the parties said that they are endeavouring for building more confidence among their political parties and ensuring national development; that they will oppose any acts that will delay the process of the elections to be held smoothly; that they believe and accept the fact that elections to be held in 2010 will be the future of the nation and political parties and it is the best arrangement of the State.

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