Seinbudaw and Hngetmyatnardaw hoisted atop Hsuhtoopan Thitsar Mandaing Lawkamarazein Pagoda in Pyawbwe

NAY PYI TAW, 20 July — Seinbudaw and Hngetmyatnardaw hoisting ceremony of Hsuhtoopan Thitsar Mandaing Lawkamarazein Pagoda was held in the precincts of the pagoda in Pyawbwe Township this morning. The 108-cubit pagoda was built on Maha Mingala Zeya Theikdhi hill near Thayagon Village, Hsartaung Village Tract in Pyawbwe Township, Yamethin District, Mandalay Division by Kaba Shweyinaye Sayadaw Abhidhaja Agga Maha Saddhammajotika Bhaddanta Vijjabala.

Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Tin Aye of the Ministry of Defence attended the ceremony and hoisted the Seinbudaw atop the pagoda.

Also present were members of the Sangha led by State Ovadacariya Sayadaws Hsinkyon Tawya Sayadaw of Yamethin Abhidhaja Agga Maha Saddhammajotika Bhaddanta Kossalla, Presiding Nayaka Sayadaw of Yele Pali Tekkatho in Pyawbwe Abhidhaja Agga Maha Saddhammajotika Bhaddanta Kovida, Minister for Rail Transportation Maj-Gen Aung Min and wife Daw Wai Wai Tha.

Weather Forecast for (21-7-2008)

Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area:
Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Yangon and neighbouring area:
One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Mandalay and neighbouring area:
Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

Reconstruction and rehabilitation tasks at full stretch (1)

No government will ignore the people in distress. Particularly, our government used to pay more attention to the affairs of people in distress since the government and the people of the country deal with one another like parents and offspring.
PERSPECTIVES

Monday, 21 July, 2008

Strive for more progress of storm-ravaged areas

The government is making efforts for rapid development of storm-hit areas in Yangon and Ayeyawady Divisions spending a large amount of money and with unity and the use of machinery. As a result, achievements have been made in no time.

National entrepreneurs and wellwishers are providing necessary assistance to the construction of houses, libraries and dispensaries in the model villages and farm implements and fishing gear to the farmers and fishermen.

Village roads and houses have been built in the Ayeyawady Division and vegetable and fruit producers and exporters donate seeds to families living in the newly-built houses. Arrangements have been made for supply of safe and clean water in the regions and for enabling local people to resume their businesses.

Now, conditions of the villages in the storm-affected areas are far more better than in the past due to the arrangements of the government, assistance of the wellwishers and cooperation of the people.

Much progress will be made in economic, education, health and transport and communication sectors of the regions as the national entrepreneurs including the people hand in hand with the government are carrying out reconstruction and rehabilitation tasks.

Deputy Minister Col Nyan Tun Aung and wife Daw Wai Wai present K 500,000 to a medical university student in Natogyi Township.—TRANSPORT

Minister for Information attends fifth week tree planting ceremony

NAY PYI TAW, 20 July — Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan attended the rainy season tree planting ceremony for the fifth week of 2008 in the environs of the Ministry of Information, here, this morning.

The minister planted a Gangaw (Mesus ferrea) sapling.

Managing Director U Soe Win of News and Periodicals Enterprise grew a star-flower sapling, Managing Director U Aung Nyein of PPE, a gum-kino sapling and General Manager U Zaw Min Oo of NPE a gold mohur sapling.

Next, the minister attended the tree planting ceremony and flow of water into the dams and breeding of fish.

In the fifth week ceremony, the Ministry of Information planted 449 perennial saplings in the ministry’s environs in Nay Pyi Taw, 2,344 saplings at Myanmar Radio and Television in Nay Pyi Taw Tatkon, 812 saplings at Nay Pyi Taw Newspaper House in Nay Pyi Taw Tatkon and 525 saplings at Nay Pyi Taw Printing Press in Nay Pyi Taw Tatkon, totaling 4,130.

The ministry will weekly grow the trees in vacant and virgin lands for greening. The plan is under way to grow the remaining trees at the designated places in July. — MNA

USDA CEC member awards outstanding students in Natogyi Township

Nay Pyi Taw, 20 July — Union Solidarity and Development Association CEC member Deputy Minister for Transport Col Nyan Tun Aung and wife Daw Wai Wai present K 500,000 to a medical university student in Natogyi Township. — TRANSPORT

Quarterfinals of ISD U-19 Football Tournament continue

YANGON, 20 July — The quarterfinal matches of the 9th Sports Minister’s Cup Inter-State/Division U-19 Men’s Novice Football Tournament continued at Shan State Sports Ground in Taunggyi this afternoon.

In the match Kayin State edged out Kayah State 1-0 and sailed to the semifinal.

Tomorrow, Ayeyawady Division will compete against Sagaing Division. — MNA

All this needs to be known

* Do not be frightened whenever intimidated
* Do not be bolstered whenever flattered
* Do not be softened whenever appeared

* 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
Iran rules out enrichment freeze at nuclear talks

GENEVA, 20 July — International talks on Iran’s nuclear issue ended in deadlock on Saturday. Iranian diplomats reiterated before the talks that they considered the issue—stop enriching uranium—nonnegotiable.

Iranian officials ruled out any freeze in uranium enrichment at the start of talks over Tehran’s nuclear program attended for the first time by a senior US diplomat. “Any kind of suspension or freeze is out of the question,” an Iranian official told Reuters, rejecting the main condition set by the United Nations and other major powers for formal negotiations to end the long-running dispute.

Iran’s ambassador to Switzerland said Iran would not accept a freeze. “It’s not in Iran’s agenda to discuss this issue,” Keyvan Imani told reporters.

“As our supreme leader (Ayatollah Ali Khameini) clearly said, our path is very clear: We are not going to abandon our rights.”

Khameini said on Wednesday Iran was ready to negotiate, but showed no sign of backing down on the Islamic Republic’s refusal to halt atomic activities.

Chavez demands respect from US, EU

MANAGUA, 20 July — Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez has a message for future US and European leaders: Treat Latin America with respect.

Chavez says Washington and the European Union “must respect the sovereignty of the Latin American people.”

Chavez also says a widely criticized new EU rule on illegal immigration will be a central part of his agenda during an upcoming European tour. He repeated previous warnings that Venezuela could expel investors from countries that apply the new rules.

Chavez spoke Saturday at a 29th anniversary celebration of the Sandinista revolution in Nicaragua. Nicaraguan President Daniel Ortega, Honduras’ Manuel Zelaya and Paraguay’s President-elect Fernando Lugo also attended the festivities.

Ancient Egyptian boat to be excavated, reassembled

CAIRO, 20 July — Archaeologists will excavate hundreds of fragments of an ancient Egyptian wooden boat entombed in an underground chamber next to Giza’s Great Pyramid and try to reassemble the craft. Egyptologists announced Saturday.

The 4,500-year-old vessel is the sister ship of a similar boat removed in pieces from another pit in 1954 and painstakingly reconstructed. Experts believe the boats were meant to ferry the pharaoh who built the Great Pyramid in the afterlife.

Starting Saturday, tourists were allowed to view images of the inside of the second boat pit from a camera inserted through a hole in the chamber’s limestone ceiling. The video image, transmitted onto a small TV monitor at the site, showed layers of crisscrossing beams and planks on the floor of the dark pit.

“People can now see the past,” said Zahi Hawass, director of Egypt’s Supreme Council of Antiquities. The discovery of the boat pits more than 50 years ago by workmen clearing a large mound of wind-blown debris from the south side of the Great Pyramid is considered one of the most significant finds on the plateau.

They are the oldest vessels to have survived from antiquity.

The reconstructed ship is on display in a museum built above the pit where it was discovered. It is a narrow vessel measuring 142 feet with a rectangular deckhouse and long, interlocking oars that soar overhead.

Dog rescues woman from Kangaroo

MUDGEE (Australia), 20 July — A woman has been savaged by a kangaroo on her farm in Australia but was saved by her son’s dog, Rosemary Neal, 65, from New South Wales.

Neal was crossing a field to check her horses when the 60-6’ animal, weighing 15-and-a-half stone, knocked her to the ground.

“The kangaroo has just jumped up and launched straight at her,” said her son Darren.

“He hit her once and she just dropped and rolled.”

“My dog heard her screaming and bolted down and chased him off. If it wasn’t for the dog she’d probably be dead.”

Her face has been ripped apart, her hand has been mauled and she’s got scratches all over her back and concussion.”

Mr Neal said the area, near the town of Mudgee, had been overrun by kangaroos in recent years.

“The whole town has been complaining about these kangaroos,” he explained.

“You can’t drive down the street without swerving to miss them.”

Coalition forces ‘bombs Afghan police’

KABUL, 20 July — Nine Afghan policemen have been killed in a air strike after an apparently mistaken clash with international-led coalition forces, local officials say.

The deputy governor of Farah Province, Younus Rasuli, said the foreign troops did not inform police they were coming and were mistaken for enemy fighters.

The two sides fought from midnight until about 4am, until the troops called in the airstrike, he said.

NATO and US coalition officials are investigating the reports.
Iraqi leader says US should leave as soon as possible

Iraq’s Prime Minister Nouri Al-Maliki speaks while Parliament Speaker Mahmud Al-Mashahdani (R) listens during a press conference held after the opening ceremony of the national reconciliation conference in Baghdad, March 2008. — Internet

IRAQI Prime Minister Nouri Al-Maliki says US troops should leave Iraq “as soon as possible,” according to a magazine report, and he called presidential candidate Barack Obama’s suggestion of 16 months “the right timeframe for a withdrawal.”

In Baghdad, however, the chief spokesman for al-Maliki said the prime minister’s comments were “not conveyed accurately” by Germany’s Der Spiegel magazine. 

Spokesman Ali al-Dabbagh said al-Maliki did not endorse a specific timetable but instead discussed a “an Iraq vision” of US troop withdrawals based on negotiations with Washington and “and in the light of the continuing positive developments on the ground.” 

The Der Spiegel article, released Saturday, quoted al-Maliki as giving apparent backing to the withdrawal plans discussed by Obama — the Illinois senator and likely Democratic nominee has pledged to withdraw combat troops from Iraq within 16 months if he is elected.

“That, we think, would be the right timeframe for a withdrawal, with the possibility of slight changes,” al-Maliki was quoted as saying. “Those who operate on the premise of short time periods in Iraq today are being more realistic. Artificially prolonging the tenure of US troops in Iraq would cause problems.”

Asked when US forces would leave Iraq, he responded, “As soon as possible, as far a we’re concerned.”

In the interview, al-Maliki said he was not seeking to endorse Obama.

Sadig al-Rikabi, an adviser to al-Maliki, said later that Iraqi officials do not intend to be “part of the electoral campaign in the United States.”

“We will deal with any administration that comes to power,” he said. — Internet

British hostage in Iraq is dead

LONDON, 20 July — A Shiite militia that claimed responsibility for the kidnapping of five Britons in Iraq more than a year ago said one of its hostages committed suicide, a British newspaper reported.

The Sunday Times of London published what it said was a statement in a video it obtained from the group through an intermediary in Iraq.

The video, available on the Times Web site late Saturday night, shows an Arabic-language statement claiming that one of the hostages — identified only as Jason — killed himself on 25 May. A photograph, apparently of Jason, is affixed to the top left corner of the statement.

The newspaper said the statement blamed the British government for ignoring previous statements that the kidnappers and the captives have made. In the past, the militia has demanded that all British forces be withdrawn from Iraq and that Iraqis held by US-led forces be freed.

“This procrastination and foot-dragging and lack of seriousness on the part of the British government has prolonged their psychological deterioration, pushing one of them, Jason, to commit suicide on 25/5/2008,” the Times quoted the statement as saying. — Internet

Human blood vessels grown in mice

Harvard, 20 July— Scientists have used human cells to grow new blood vessels in a mouse for the first time, a US journal reports. It could eventually help patients who had suffered heart attacks, they said.

A mixture of “progenitor” cells, taken from blood and bone marrow, made cells lining the vessels, and also those surrounding the lining.

A UK expert said that the Harvard research was “promising”, and could eventually help lab-grown organs to be implanted successfully.

The ability to develop swiftly a new network of tiny blood vessels — known as capillaries — would be a prize for scientists.

There are dozens of potential applications in medicine, particularly in the treatment of conditions which involve damage to a tissue’s blood supply, such as that to the heart muscle following a heart attack. However, the complex structure of these vessels has slowed progress. — Internet

Afghan civilian killed, 4 others wounded by NATO’s accidental fire

KABUL, 20 July — The NATO-led International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) Saturday night “accidentally” killed four civilians and wounded four others in the eastern Afghan province of Paktika, said an ISAF statement released here on Sunday.

The accident occurred in the Barmal district of Paktika when an ISAF unit fired two mortar rounds, which landed nearly one kilometre away from the intended target, the statement said.

“Further three death was feared but unconfirmed at the moment,” it said.

Shortly afterwards wounded civilians presented themselves for treatment at an ISAF base, and a helicopter medical evacuation mission was immediately launched to assist, it said. — Internet

Cern lab goes ‘colder than space’

GENEVA, 20 July — A vast physics experiment built in a tunnel below the French-Swiss border is fast becoming one of the coolest places in the Universe.

The Large Hadron Collider is entering the final stages of being lowered to a temperature of 1.9 Kelvin (−271°C; −456°F)—cooler than deep space.

The LHC has thousands of magnets which will be maintained in this frigid condition using liquid helium.

The magnets are arranged in a ring that runs for 27km through the giant tunnel. Once the LHC is operational, two particle beams usually consisting of protons —accelerated to high energies — will be fired down pipes running through the magnets.

These beams will then travel in opposite directions around the main ring at close to the speed of light. At allotted points along the tunnel, the beams will cross paths, smashing into one another with cataclysmic force. Scientists hope to see new particles in the debris of these collisions, revealing fundamental new insights into the nature of the cosmos and how it came into being.

The most powerful physics experiment ever built, the LHC will recreate the conditions just after the Big Bang.

Currently, six out of the LHC’s eight sectors are between 4.5 and 1.9 Kelvin, though all sectors of the machine have been down to 1.9 Kelvin at some stage over the last few months.— Internet

Thousands protest US warship deployment in Japan

Tokyo, 20 July — Over 10,000 local residents rallied on Saturday in protesting against the deployment of a nuclear-powered US warship at the US navy base near Tokyo.

The protesters called for the Japanese government to stop the deployment of the aircraft carrier USS George Washington in Yokosuka, 45 km southwest of Tokyo. — Internet
Brazilians official’s Nazi reference rocks WTO talks

GENEVA, 20 July — Some pre-negotiation jabbing turned into a potentially damaging diplomatic incident Saturday when Brazil’s foreign minister said rich countries’ deception in trade talks reminded him of tactics used by Nazi propaganda chief Joseph Goebbels.

His comments drew a sharp rebuke from the United States, whose chief trade negotiator, Susan Schwab, is the daughter of Jewish Holocaust survivors. Her spokesman described the reference to Goebbels as “incredibly wrong.” The controversy threatens to overshadow next week’s last-ditch effort to save seven years of frustrating talks on a new global trade pact toward alleviating poverty around the world.

The so-called Doha trade round is already teetering on the brink of collapse. President Bush has made a Doha deal a key part of his trade agenda. Brazilian Foreign Minister Celso Amorim said the US, Europe and other wealthy economies have so frequently misrepresented the talks launched in Qatar’s capital in 2001 that public perception has become totally warped.

“Goebbels used to say if you repeat a lie several times it becomes a truth,” Amorim told reporters at the World Trade Organization, where top negotiators from over two dozen countries are expected Monday for the official start of the talks.

Hundreds of dead penguins wash up on Brazil beaches

A penguin, rescued off the coast of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, 20 July — Hundreds of baby penguins swept from the icy shores of Antarctica and Patagonia are washing up dead on Rio de Janeiro’s tropical beaches, rescuers and penguin experts said Friday.

The man arrested was 30-year-old Brazilian artist stolen Picasso’s work was some of the 20th Century’s most famous.

BRAZIL (Brazil), 20 July — Police in Brazil have recovered an engraving by Pablo Picasso that was stolen from a museum in Sao Paulo. The painter and the Model was taken in a daylight robbery in June from the state-owned Estacio Pirecota museum. Police said an arrested suspect had led them to the engraving, wrapped in a plastic bag and hidden in an attic, apparently in perfect condition. Another Picasso and two paintings by Brazilian artists stolen in the same robbery have not yet been recovered.

Three killed in Thai south after “ceasefire”

BANGKOK, 20 July — Militants fired on an army outpost and killed three villagers in separate attacks in Thailand’s south, police said on Sunday, days after an unknown rebel group declared a ceasefire.

One soldier was wounded when a grenade exploded at the outpost late on Saturday in Pattani, one of three southernmost provinces where more than 3,000 people have been killed in separatist attacks since 2004. Also in Pattani, three villagers were shot dead by suspected militants, police said.

One of the chargers concerned has the code marking DE62347066. Others have no code and are called Travel Charger.

A specific warning has already been issued about chargers for Nintendo DS and DS Lite machines, but which could also be used to charge Gameboy machines.

Unsafe chargers are about a third of the cost of safe alternatives.

Police have primarily found unsafe chargers for use with games consoles, although others are available to use with music devices and mobile phones. Wires become detached after being used for a while leading to a risk of electric shocks.

The pins do not fit properly into UK sockets causing overheating. Concerns were raised about the safety of chargers 18 months ago following the death of British boy Connor Dean O’Keeffe.

The seven-year-old was found dead by his mother on the floor of an apartment in Thailand during a holiday after using his games console charger.
Iraqi PM backs Obama troop exit plan

Berlin, 20 July—

Iraqi Prime Minister Nuri al-Maliki told a German magazine he supported prospective US Democratic presidential candidate Barack Obama’s proposal that US troops should leave Iraq within 16 months.

In an interview with Der Spiegel released on Saturday, Maliki said he wanted US troops to withdraw from Iraq as soon as possible.

“US presidential candidate Barack Obama talks about 16 months. That, we think, would be the right timeframe for a withdrawal, with the possibility of slight changes.”

It is the first time he has backed the withdrawal timetable put forward by Obama, who is visiting Afghanistan and us set to go to Iraq as part of a tour of Europe and the Middle East. Obama has called for a shift away from a “single-minded” focus on Iraq and wants to pull out troops within 16 months, instead adding US soldiers to Afghanistan.

**Cuba grants additional land to farmers**

HAVANA, 20 July—

Cuban President Raul Castro, looking to increase food production in his socialist country, has approved the lending of small amounts of additional state land to private farmers and cooperatives according to a decree published here.

Private farmers who have shown themselves to be productive can get up to 99 acres (40 hectares) of land for an initial period of 10 years that can be renewed, said the decree published in Communist Party newspaper Granma.

- Under land reforms put in place after the 1959 revolution, Cubans have been able to own small amounts of land. Cooperatives can also get up to 99 acres (40 hectares) for 25 years, with the possibility of renewing, according to the new law.

The decree, which has been promised for some time by Castro, is the latest of several small reforms he has made to make Cuba’s state-run economy more productive since formally replacing ailing brother Fidel Castro as president in February.

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A spokesman for Brown said this week that the Prime Minister wanted to focus on the “economic element” during the trip and encourage investment in oil-rich Basra, the transit point for most of Iraq’s crude exports.

He said he did not expect Brown to make any announcement on the level of British troops in the country, which remains at around 4,000 after plans to reduce them further were delayed.

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It was attended by Presiding Nayaka of the monastery Maha Ganthavâçaka Pandita Bhaddanta Neminda and officials donated provisions to 16 monasteries and one nunnery in Hlinethaya, Kamayut Township. Deputy Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Kyaw Kyaw Tun, Vice-Mayor Col Maung Pa and officials donated robes and alms to members of the Sangha, Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan, Director-General U Khin Maung Huay of Myanmar Radio and Television and wife, Director-General U Chat Naing of Information and Public Relations Department, Managing Director U Soe Win of News and Periodicals Enterprise and wife, Managing Director U Aung Nyien of Printing and Publishing Enterprise and wife, departmental officials, staff and their families.

Today’s donations to monasteries and nunnery in Hlinethaya Township amounted to 442 bags of rice, 489 viss of edible oil, 294 viss of iodized salt, 429 packets of chilli powder, 400 bottles of traditional medicine and K 13,297,000.

A similar ceremony took place at Thuseiktayon Township this afternoon for four monasteries of the township. The deputy commander, the vice-mayor and wellwishers offered robes and alms to members of the Sangha and nuns.

The water level of Ayeyawady River at Hinthada (1342) cm during the next two days.

The water level of Sittoung River at Madauk has exceeded 24 cm (about 0.8 foot) above its danger level. The water level is falling by 0.5 cm/hr at present and it is forecast to fall below the danger level of Hinthada (1342) cm during the next two days.

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Today’s donations to monasteries and nunnery in Hlinethaya Township amounted to 442 bags of rice, 489 viss of edible oil, 294 viss of iodized salt, 356 viss of gram, 1,782 packets of chilli powder, 586 bottles of toothpaste, 586 bottles of traditional medicine, 58 viss of gram, 1,000 packets of chilli powder and K 4,507,000. — MNA

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2. Uplift of the morale and morality of the entire nation
3. Keeping genuine patriotism based on national solidarity alive and dynamic
4. Turning out younger generation who will continue to safeguard the national culture and character


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Kyaw Ye Min

Referring to the saying that goes “Close friends are like relatives, desired dishes are like delicious ones”, it is safe to say that the people in the whole delta are like my relatives. Indeed, I have made friends and acquaintances with them. I enjoyed many lovely meals local people served me with generosity. Therefore, I am grateful to them for their generous donations.

I used to be in service at a department in Hainggyikyun for two times: from 1993 to 1994, and from 2002 to 2006. During those periods, I visited all parts of the delta. I don’t think even any native has ever visited the places in the delta as many as I have done, and any native knows about the delta as much as I do. In particular, I had to visit coastal regions, the coast, the mouth to the sea and the mouths of creeks in the delta so many times. In that regard, sometimes I took: the small ship of our department, sometimes a large ship, sometimes a motorized boat or a ferry, sometimes a small ship with salt on board, a small ship with ice on board, and sometimes a traveler to travel along the rivers and creeks and canals in the delta.

I used to travel from Hainggyikyun not only to large towns and cities but also to large and small villages. I have visited almost all the places in the delta. Wherever I was, I made friends with everyone I had to deal with. I enjoyed a peaceful life, staying, going somewhere, and having meals together with small villages. I have visited almost all the places in the delta.

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Reconstruction and rehabilitation tasks at full stretch (1)

Kyaw Ye Min

Rice provided to storm-hit regions (4-5-2008 to 14-7-2008)

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- The donations were 55.7 per cent by the government from reserve rice, 34.4 per cent by companies and well-wishers, and 9.9 per cent by WFP.
- The government is providing rice to storm victims from the remaining stock of 254,677 bags of rice (12,733.85 tons) and will continue to do so to a certain extent.
- If the donations do not meet the demand, the government will have to continue supplying the storm victims from its reserve rice.

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To enable them to restore their businesses, tractor stations have been opened. Local farmers are now ploughing fields with the use of power-tillers. Previously, the majority of the farmers had to rely on cattle to plough their fields. Now, power-tillers, diesel, paddies seeds, fertilizers and pesticides are being distributed under bill payment system to farmers. Moreover, small loans are being given acresswise under the system. Now, Ayeyawady dwellers are working hard in their agricultural businesses. I am sure there will soon be green paddies that stretch out as far as one can see.

Fishermen are now resuming their livelihood after salvaging their sunken boats and repairing them with the help of the authorities concerned. At the same time, off-shore fishing has returned to normal as they were fulfilled with fishing boats, fishing nets, fuel and other necessities. One in some storm-hit regions can earn his living if he has a boat and a fishing net. In such situation, I didn’t need to worry about my relatives in those regions. Likewise, those who are engaged in salt industry and prawn breeding will soon be able to do their business with peace of mind.

Meanwhile, schools, hospitals, monasteries and government offices are being reconstructed. Those buildings are being designed and reconstructed as cyclone shelters so that they can withstand the impact of possible disasters. It is also learnt that the five main roads project in coastal regions will be implemented up to the status of earth roads in the rainy season. The road sections close to villages will be built up to the height from 20 to 30 feet, and they will be used as shelters in the event of disasters. Work is under way for preservation of mangroves capable of alleviating the impact of disasters. As the government is taking systematic measures for prevention against possible disasters, we no longer need to worry about our relatives who reside in coastal regions.

As a matter of fact, the government has to spend billions of kyats plus the generous contributions of well-wishers, international donors and neighboring countries as well as INGOs and NGOs to provide the storm-hit regions with over 400,000 bags of rice within two months. The need of rice for the storm victims will rise in future as there are only 250,000 bags of rice left. If the donations do not meet the demand, the government will have to continue supplying its reserve rice. No government will ignore the people in distress. Particularly, our government used to pay more attention to the affairs of people in distress since the government and the people of the country deal with one another like parents and offspring. This being so, we should realize the gratitude of the government.

The donations for storm victims included instant food such as biscuit, dried noodles, canned fishes and soft drinks. But only the figures of rice donated are emphasized as rice is our staple food. I will continue presenting the figures of donated farm equipment, fisheries items and construction materials. To sum up, the delta region is the granary of Myanmar. The entire people including me have to rely on rice produced by those from Ayeyawady Division. But we are now in a position to provide them with rice. It is an opportunity for us to repay their gratitude. Therefore, it is necessary for us to continue giving a helping hand to them. The quantity of rice donated only reveals the need for more donations.

The storm survivors have now been able to regenerate their original livelihood such as agriculture, fisheries and salt industries. And they will soon be able to live a more prosperous life than ever. The unforgettable events in the past put me in the mind of the future prosperity of those from Ayeyawady Division. We feel pleased and honoured to see their relentless efforts being exerted with unyielding spirit. If the government, private companies and well-wishers continue providing the division with necessary assistance it is sure that it will be more prosperous than ever. Hence, all are urged to contribute their shares in that regard.
Seinbudaw and Hngetmyatnardaw hoisted atop Hsuhtoopan Thitsar...

(from page 1)

Maj-Gen Tin Soe of the Ministry of Defence and wife, Brig-Gen Hla Myint of regional battalion and senior military officers, local authorities, members of the pagoda board of trustees, members of the Union Solidarity and Development Association, social organizations, townsmen and local people.

The congregation received the Nine Precepts from Sayadaw Abbidhaja Agga Maha Saddhammajotika Bhaddanta Kosalla. Next, disciples presented paritta flowers, water, sand and thread to the members of the Sangha.

Members of the Sangha recited Metta Sutta and parittas. Next, Lt-Gen Tin Aye presented the Seinbudaw to Hsinkyon Tin Aye and party hoisted the Shwekyar robe and sprinkled scented water on them. Lt-Gen Tin Aye and party hoisted the Seinbudaw, Hngetmyatnardaw and Shwekyar robes atop the pagoda and sprinkled scented water on them.

After the ceremony, Lt-Gen Tin Aye and party visited around the Buddha Images in the Gandakuti of the pagoda. Next, members of the Sangha conveyed the pagoda and local people.

Maj-Gen Ko Ko attends Seinbudaw and...

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Wise one protects non-intoxication as supreme treasure

Fools, men of little intelligence, betake themselves to intoxication. The wise one protects non-intoxication as a supreme treasure.

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Level O Cricket Coaching Course opened

Yangon, 20 July — The Asian Cricket Council and the Myanmar Cricket Federation jointly opened the Level O Cricket Coaching Course at the hall of the federation at Aung San Stadium, here, this morning.

President of the federation U Nyunt Win delivered a speech, and ACC Cricket Development officer Mr Aminul Islam extended greetings. Altogether 30 trainees are attending the course that will last from 20 to 23 July.

ACC Cricket Development Officer Mr Aminul Islam speaks at the opening of cricket coaching course. — MCF

Construction Ministry holds work coord meeting

Nay Pyi Taw, 20 July — Ministry of Construction held its work coordination meeting at the ministry here today.

It was attended by Minister for Construction Maj-Gen Saw Tun, Deputy Ministers U Tin Swe and Brig-Gen Myint Thein, the heads of departments, chief engineers and engineers.

At the meeting, Minister Maj-Gen Saw Tun delivered an address. Next, the chief engineers from States and Divisions reported to the minister on their respective tasks. The meeting ended with concluding remarks by the minister.—MNA

The best time to plant a tree was 20 years ago.

The second best time is now.
Reconstruction and rehabilitation gaining momentum in Pyinsalu

Article: Myo Nyunt  
Photos: Thant Zin Tun (Kyemon)

On 1st July, our news team arrived at Pyinsalu of Labutta Township for the second time. From the jetty, we saw progress of rehabilitation and reconstruction works in Pyinsalu. Along the Strand road, houses for the people were under construction by Max Myanmar Company in the places of tarpaulin tents that we had witnessed during our first trip.

The houses were systematically allotted in wards. We saw participation of construction workers of Max Myanmar Company together with local people, members of State/Division Union Solidarity and Development Associations and Tatmadawmen in Ministry of Defence and 19 Tatmadawmen of No.1 Recruitment and Resettlement Unit, totaling 100 were taking part in the house construction project being implemented by Max Myanmar Company.

We also witnessed officers and other ranks of the Defence Services (Navy) who were carrying construction materials from the port of Pyinsalu. They were 50 naval servicemen from Ayeyawady Naval Region Command Headquarters. Lt-Cmdr Maung Maung Myint of No.1 Tatmadawmen from No.1 Tatmadawmen of Directorate of Resettlement of the Ministry of Defence explained that they were stationed in Pyinsalu joining hands with the local people in undertaking the removal of debris, construction of housing estates, cleaning of farmlands and lakes, reclamation of farmlands and ploughing task in Layyinkwin, Ywathaaye, Nanthagon, Kongyi, Wabsagon and Kyarchaung villages of Pyinsalu.

Actually, USDA members of States and Divisions, who were based in Pyinsalu, made field trips to surrounding villages of Pyinsalu and participated in rehabilitation and reconstruction tasks. Moreover, they daily undertook sanitation at the environs of houses, fumigation, dredging of lakes, maintenance of roads for smooth transport and assembling of power-tillers for agricultural purpose in cooperation with the workers of Agricultural Mechanization Department. We saw the USDA members fumigating both sides of roads in Pyinsalu.

In an interview, Monywa District USDA executive U Phyo Maung Maung said that their group comprised 49 USDA members from Sagaing Division, Yangon Division, Chin State and Ayeyawady Division. In the region, they observed the requirements of the region and provided necessary assistance for the region, he said. He added that the USDA members were divided into three groups in assisting the local people. He continued to say that six-member teams of the group-2 participated in fumigating two times daily in the morning and in the evening and construction of houses. The group-1 and the group-3 maintained the roads in Waboegon Village, while the medical team provided health care services to the people in Layyinkwin Village, he added. He explained that the local people welcomed their voluntary works. In addition, he said that the local people hand in hand with the USDA members carried out development tasks. As a result, the villages were kept clean and pleasant day after day and the farmlands were ready for cultivation, he said.

We viewed ploughing at farmlands near Ward of Pyinsalu. Myannya Agriculture Service has supplied paddy strains to the local farmers. Likewise, Agricultural Mechanization Department has distributed 76 power-tillers to them. Up to now, a total of 700 acres of farmlands have been ploughed.

To cover the news on progress of rehabilitation works, we had an interview with Project Director U Aung Myo Myint of Max Myanmar Company. He said, “Max Myanmar Company gave priority to construction of hospitals, clinics and schools for the first phase, building of houses for the second phase and cultivation of 5,000 acres of paddy for the third phase. In addition, aluminum zinc sheets have been roofed on the houses.”

After greeting the departmental personnel and responsible persons from various associations, we left for Labutta by boat.

Translation: TTA
Kyemon: 14-7-2008
Claims Day Notice
MV Xiang Feng VOY No (8033)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV XIANG FENG VOY NO (8033) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 21.7.2008 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of A.W.P.T where it will be at the consignee’s risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

Damaged cargo will be surveyed directly from 8 a.m. to 11.20 a.m. and 12 noon to 4 p.m. up to Claims Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the vessel.

No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

Shipping Agency Department
Myanmar Port Authority
Agent for: Min China
Shipping (Malaysia) Agency Sdn Bhd

Former ADB chief dies at 74

MANILA, 20 July — Tadao Chino, former president of the Manila-based Asian Development Bank (ADB), has passed away at the age of 74, the regional lender announced Friday.

Chino, who served as the ADB chief from 1999 to 2005, died of liver failure in Tokyo, Japan on Thursday. He left behind his wife and two daughters.

“Mr. Chino will be sorely missed by this institution and the people who have known and worked with him,” said ADB President Haruhiko Kuroda.

Soon after Chino assumed the top post, ADB approved its poverty reduction strategy, declaring poverty reduction its overarching goal, ADB said.

Abducted five-year-old girl found safe in New Zealand

Wellington, 20 July — The abducted five-year-old girl was found safe in Auckland on Friday, police said.

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Zimbabwe introduces 100-billion-dollar note

Harare, 20 July — Zimbabwe, grappling with a record 2.2 million percent inflation, has introduced a new 100-billion-dollar bank note in a bid to tackle rampant cash shortages, the central bank said Saturday.

The new note will go into circulation on Monday, the bank said in a statement cited by state media, joining the new 100-billion-dollar bank note in a bid to tackle rampant cash shortages.

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Raphael, a shih tzu owned by Patty Suplee of Houston, jumps a hurdle during an agility competition on the second day of the Reliant Park World Series of Dog Shows on 18 July, 2008, in Houston. — internett

Strong quake jolts sea area in Santa Cruz Islands

HONG KONG, 20 July — A strong earthquake measuring 6.7 on the Richter Scale struck sea area in Santa Cruz Islands region in the south Pacific Ocean at 0937 GMT Saturday, the Hong Kong Observatory said in a bulletin released here Saturday afternoon.

The epicentre was initially determined by the Hong Kong Observatory at 11 degrees south latitude and 164.5 degrees east longitude, about 530 kilometres east-southeast of Honiara, Solomon Islands.

Mom’s diabetes tied to early diabetes in offspring

New York, 20 July — Babies who are exposed to mom’s diabetes and obesity while in the womb are at increased risk of developing type 2 diabetes in adolescence, according to new research.

To prevent “youth-onset” type 2 diabetes, “we may need to take a life-course approach, targeting, in addition to childhood obesity, the increasing number of women with pregnancies complicated by obesity and diabetes,” researchers conclude. Dr Dana Dabelea at the University of Colorado Denver and co-investigators studied 79 youths who were diagnosed with type 2 diabetes before their 20th birthday and 190 non-diabetic control youth.

They found that far more diabetic youth than non-diabetic youth were exposed to mom’s diabetes in the womb (roughly 30 per cent versus 6 per cent). The same was true for overweight obesity, with 57 per cent of diabetic youth versus 27 per cent of non-diabetic youth being exposed to maternal overweight obesity.

Internet
Number of poor people reaches 7.9 mln in France in 2006

Paris, 20 July— The number of poor people in metropolitan France in 2006 was estimated at 7.9 million, which is equal to about 13.2 per cent of the total population, France’s National Institute for Statistics and Economic Studies (INSEE) has reported. According to a report published Friday by the state-run premier statistics body, the rate of poverty in the country has stabilized at almost the same level since 2002 after falling consistently over the previous years. “Poor people accounted for 13.2 per cent of the population in 2006,” said the report, which noted that the standard of living for this category of people was “less than 880 euros (about 1,364 US dollars) per month,” in a country where the median income is 1,470 euros per month. By comparison, the minimum insertion income ceiling for a single person was 433 euros per month as of January 1, 2006. In total, the number of poor people living below the poverty line in France in 2006 was 7.9 million, according to the report.

Miss England winner Laura Coleman is flanked by first runner-up Chloe Marshall, left, and second runner-up Vanessa Lansom as Coleman, Miss Derby, is crowned Miss England during the Miss England 2008 final in London on 18 July, 2008. The 22-year-old, blue-eyed blonde will represent England in the Miss World competition to be held in Kiev, Ukraine.—INTERNET

Chile to build volcano monitoring centers

SANTIAGO, 20 July — Chile plans to invest 31 million US dollars in building three monitoring centers to closely watch volcanic activities, the country’s National Geology Service said Saturday. The new centers will be put into operation within five years and employ 40 experts, Mining Minister Santiago Gonzalez said. Chile has the second largest volcanic chain in the world following Indonesia. The country has 122 active volcanoes, but only eight of them have been closely watched, according to the National Geology Service. At the beginning of this month, topalart was issued around the Llaima volcano in south Chile days after it spewed new lava.

Small plane crashes in northeast Texas; three killed

Kear (Texas), 20 July — A single-engine plane crashed shortly after takeoff Saturday, killing all three people aboard and sparking a fire that burned two rural acres, authorities said. It was not immediately known what caused the accident, which left the plane charred to nearly a skeleton in the middle of a scorched field about 40 miles southeast of Dallas. No one else besides the three killed were on board, Kaufman County Sheriff’s spokesman Bryan Francis said. Names of the victims were not immediately released.

Singers perform during a dress rehearsal of Giacomo Puccini’s “Tosca” on a giant floating stage on Lake Constance in Bregenz, Austria on 18 July, 2008. The annual Bregenz festival will open on 23 July.

New York, 20 July — Giving newborns a small dose of a sucrose (sugar) solution seems to ease pain associated with having blood taken (venipuncture) for the standard newborn screening test but it does little to curb pain associated with intramuscular injections or heel lances, results of a study suggest. Oral sucrose is widely used to manage pain associated with certain standard procedures performed in healthy term newborns, “even replacing established analgesics such as opioids and local anesthetics”, the study team notes in a report in the Canadian Medical Association Journal. In their study, Dr. Anna Taddio at the University of Toronto in Ontario and colleagues randomly assigned 120 newborns to sucrose and 120 to placebo given two minutes before various painful procedures. Pain was assessed largely by infant’s facial expressions and behaviour and changes in heart rate and oxygen intake. “Sucrose reduced overall pain in newborns when administered before painful medical procedures during the first two days after birth,” they report. However, “unexpectedly,” they note, the sugar solution did not seem to curb pain during either intramuscular injection of vitamin K or during repeated heel-lancing for blood sugar monitoring in newborns of diabetic mothers. Based on their findings, the investigators say sucrose “may be a relatively weak analgesic that is more effective at calming infants during the recovery period after a painful procedure than during the actual procedure when pain is at its peak”.

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Milan rule out Kaka sale
Serico A giants issue ‘hands-off’ warning

Wenger expects Adebayor stay
Gunners boss not expect Togo ace to leave

Gerrard suffers injury blow
Reds skipper returns home after groin setback

Answers to yesterday’s Crosswords Puzzle

Fergie hits back at Levy
Report threats “embarrassing”

Norman dares to dream
Aussie holds two-shot lead over defending champion Harrington and Choi

Phil Mickelson of the US plays a shot from the rough on the 16th hole during third round play at the 2008 British Open Golf Championship at Royal Birkdale, Southport, northern England, on 19 July, 2008.—Internet
Beijing opens new subway lines for Olympics

Beijing, 20 July—Beijing opened two new subway lines on Saturday, delayed from a planned late-June start but just in time to carry passengers banned from their cars as the capital tries to clean up its skies before next month’s Olympics.

Passenger service has yet to start, however, on a third line that will serve the Olympic Green and was the site of an opening ceremony and test ride for the media on Saturday morning.

An official with the Beijing subway operating company said it was not clear when the line would begin regular service.

Three Indonesians, including mother, son convicted for murder

Jakarta, 20 July—Indonesia has executed three people convicted for murder, including a mother and a son, an official said on Saturday, the latest in a series of recent executions in the country.

Jakarta has defended the death penalty as a necessary deterrent. Three militants on death row for the 2002 Bali bombings are likely to be executed soon after the Supreme Court rejected their final appeal, but no date has been announced.

The 59-year-old mother, Sumiarsih, and her 43-year-old son, Sugeng, faced a firing squad in Surabaya city in East Java province around midnight. Abdul Hakim Ritonga, deputy attorney general for general crimes, said.

Both were sentenced to death for murder, including a mother and a son, an official said on Saturday, the latest in a string of recent executions in the country.

Tsunami warning lifted in N-E Japan

Tokyo, 20 July—Japan’s Meteorological Agency lifted the tsunami warning it issued for northeastern Japan on Saturday after an earthquake struck off the coast of Honshu.

There were no initial reports of damage from the quake.

The biggest tsunami measured was 20 centimetres (7.9 inches) along the coasts of Fukushima and Miyagi prefectures, the agency said.

The US Geological Survey said the 7.0 magnitude tremor struck beneath the north Pacific Ocean, 77 miles (123 kilometres) east northeast of Iwaki, Japan at 0239 GMT at a depth of 25 miles (40 kilometres).

The warning was lifted for the city of Sendai after Einstein, a light tremor, was reported on the coast.

WEATHER

Sunday, 20 July, 2008

Summary of observations recorded at 09:00 hr MST: During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Magway Division, rain or thundershowers have been scattered in Kayah Chin, Rakhine States and Mandalay Division, fairly widespread in Shan and Mon States, lower Sagain, Bago and Yangon Divisions and widespread in the remaining areas with isolated heavyfall in Bago Division. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Nyanuguphin (4.72) inches, Maungdaw (2.72) inches, Shweegyin (2.68) inches, Patao (2.56) inches, Myeik (2.12) inches, Kawthong (2.40) inches, Yangon (Mingaladon), Dawei and Falam (1.89) inches each, Zaungu (1.81) inches, Hakamit (1.26) inches, Kyaukpyu (1.22) inches, Bago (1.19) inches, Yangon (Central) and Khayen (1.14) inches each.

Maximum temperature on 19-7-2008 was 89°F. Minimum temperature on 20-7-2008 was 72°F. Relative humidity at (09:00) hours MST on 20-7-2008 was 100%.

Total sunshine hours on 19-7-2008 was (1.6) hours (approx). Rainfall on 20-7-2008 was (1.89) inches at Mingaladon, (0.59) inch at Kaba-Aye and (1.14) inches at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2008 was (53.82) inches at Mingaladon, (61.46) inches at Kaba-Aye and (75.31) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (4) mph from Southwest at (00:00) hours MST on 20-7-2008.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 21-7-2008: Rain or thundershowers will be isolated in Kayah State and Magway Division, scattered in Chin State and Mandalay Division, fairly widespread in Rakhine and Shan States, lower Sagain, Bago, Yangon and Ayeyawady Divisions and widespread in the remaining States and Divisions. Degree of certainty is (80%).

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

Outlook for subsequent two days: Moderate monsoon.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 21-7-2008: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (90%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 21-7-2008: One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 21-7-2008: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

Runners in leather trousers and Dirndl — a type of traditional dress worn in southern Germany and Austria — participate in a fun competition in traditional dresses through downtown Munich, southern Germany on 19 July, 2008 on occasion of a Town Foundation Festival. In 2008 Munich is celebrating its 850th birthday.—INTERNET

INTERNET
Make donations to the storm victims

- Everybody may make donations freely.
- Everybody may make donations to any person or any area.

However, wellwishers are urged to avoid unsystematic donations and acts that may tarnish the image of the nation and its people.

☆ Skyful liars attempting to destroy nation
☆ BBC lying
☆ VOA deceiving
☆ RFA setting up hostilities
☆ Beware! Don’t be bought by those ill-wishers

Witness may inform about misappropriation of internal and international relief funds and supplies

Anyone may dial the following phone numbers of the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement if he witnesses or knows that the cash assistance and relief supplies donated from abroad and at home to the storm victims are kept for self-interest, traded, used for particular persons and organizations, or misappropriated for other purposes.

Head of Office Ph: 067 404021 and 067 404022
Deputy Head of Office Ph: 09 860 1002

Maj-Gen Ko Ko attends Seinbudaw and Hngetmyatnardaw Hoisting Ceremony of Maha Makutayanthi Hsandawshin Myatmawtin Pagoda

NAY PYI TAW, 20 July – A ceremony to hoist Seinbudaw (diamond orb) and Hngetmyatnardaw (pennant vane) to Maha Makutayanthi Hsandawshin Myatmawtin Pagoda, Datpaungsu Pagoda, PhaungdawU Pagoda, Paungtawseik Pagoda and encircling pagodas was held in conjunction with consecration ceremony at the pavilion on the platform of the Pagoda in Hainggyikyun region of Ayeyawady Division on 17 July. Maj-Gen Ko Ko of the Ministry of Defence attended the ceremony and hoisted the Seinbudaw and Hngetmyatnardaw atop the pagoda.

It was attended by Presiding Nayaka Sayadaw of Yadana Okyaung Monastery in Pathein (See page 10)

Specialists provide health care in Mawlamyinegyun Township

YANGON, 20 July — Under the arrangement of the Health Department of the Ministry of Health, a medical team comprising Paediatrician Dr Aung Myo Tun, Psychiatrist Dr Swe Swe Win, Eye Specialist Dr Myo Aung Kyaw and Dental Surgeon Dr Zaw Win led by Professor Dr Kyaw Lwin Oo provided medical treatment and psychological support to 823 children, 332 patients with eye complaints, 269 patients with dental disease, 270 patients suffering from mental illness and 2,555 general patients of 29 storm-hit villages in Mawlamyinegyun Township on board vessel “Teinkho” from 5 to 19 July.