

Four political objectives

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

Four economic objectives

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

Four social objectives

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

Course No 6 of Nationalities Youth Resource Development Degree College (Yangon) concludes

Separate development plans and other particular programmes for under-developed regions implemented

Strenuous efforts to be made for narrowing development gap among under-developed regions



YANGON, 30 June — The closing ceremony of course No 6 of Nationalities Youth Resource Development Degree College (Yangon) was held at the convocation hall of the college of Education and Training Department of the Ministry of Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs in Dagon Myothit (Seikkan) Township this morning, with an address by Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein.

Also present were Lt-Gen Myint

Swe of the Ministry of Defence, the ministers, the Yangon Mayor, the deputy ministers, members of Work Committee for Development of Border Areas and National Races, heads of departments, the principal, teachers, students and guests.

In his address, the Secretary-1 said the Nationalities Youth Resource Development Degree College (Yangon) was established with the aims of turning out human resources needed in border areas and producing highly-qualified intellectuals and intelligentsia who can

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Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein addresses concluding of course No 6 of Nationalities Youth Resource Development Degree College (Yangon). — MNA

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

PERSPECTIVES

Sunday, 1 July, 2007

Entire women to participate in nation-building tasks actively

More than half of Myanmar's population are women. The Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation was formed on 20 December 2003 to ensure social well-being of Myanmar women.

The federation is expediting the tasks across the country from state and division level to ward and village-tract level for development of women, protecting and nurturing them, and raising the standard of living women in all sectors.

Myanmar women have enjoyed equal rights together with their male counterparts in the fields of legal affairs, culture and customs throughout successive periods. And they have a fine tradition of taking part in anti-colonialist struggles, national liberation movements in the interests of the nation and the people.

Today, organizing measures are being taken to mobilize harmonious participation of the mass of Myanmar women in nation-building tasks in various sectors.

Myanmar women are gentle according to the custom and tradition and are role models in preserving and promoting national culture. Their cherishing of own lineage reveals their dignity, strength and value. So, they have to continue to preserve their attributes.

The entire Myanmar women have been making all-out efforts to serve the interests of the nation and the people and enhancing the image of Myanmar people. They are also to continue to play an active role as a strong force in nation-building tasks.

Shwe Naing-ngan Journal published

YANGON, 29 June — No 3, Volume 6 of Shwe Naing-ngan Journal came out today.

It contains articles of writers Dr Khin Maung Nyo, Myat Khaing and Hsat Naung. It also contains local news about undertakings for completion of Bagan Golden Palace ahead of schedule, China-Myanmar Friendship Kyukok-Wangtein Bridge, manufacturing of various kinds of jeeps and paddy husk-fired power generators at Kalay Industrial Zone, Buywa dam project and Kyeoohn-Kyeewa multi-purpose dam project, inauguration of Paingkyon Bridge, Ngamoeyeik Bridge (Kamakyi) for smooth transportation and water supply, construction of one more natural pozolan plant in Popa and other interesting foreign news.

It is available at the book shops of Tun Oo (Mandalay), Hsin Taunggyi, Tin Soe, Wah Moe Aung, Sarpay Beikman, Manila, News and Periodicals Enterprise.

Manuscripts can be sent to Chief Editor, Shwe Naing-ngan Journal, No 228, Printing and Publishing Enterprise on Theinbyu Road, Botahtaung Township, Yangon (Tel: 382070).

MNA

People's Desire

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

Ministers, businessmen seek ways for effective carrying out of economic development



Minister for Finance and Revenue Maj-Gen Hla Tun make a speech in meeting with entrepreneurs.—F&R

NAY PYI TAW, 30 June — In order to carry out the tasks for economic development of the State effectively, ministers and officials met businessmen at the Ministry of Finance and Revenue, here, yesterday afternoon.

Present on the occasion were Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha, Minister for Transport Maj-Gen Thein Swe, Minister for Finance and Revenue Maj-Gen Hla Tun, the Deputy Minister for Commerce, the Deputy Minister for Finance and Revenue and departmental officials.

In his speech, Minister Maj-Gen Hla Tun explained matters on measures being effectively taken for international trade and services of entrepreneurs who were playing an important role in economic development of the State, applying advanced information and communication technology and special privileges in doing business and invited suggestions from

businessmen.

Afterwards, Minister U Soe Tha made clarifications on economic development of the State in the respective fiscal years and future plans.

Minister Maj-Gen Thein Swe also clarified measures being taken for swift flow of commodities, efforts being made for improvement of air and waterway transport, and tasks being carried out for swift clearance of containers at jetties.

Next, the Governor of the Central Bank of Myanmar, the Managing Director of Myanma Investment and Commercial Bank, the Director-General of Internal Revenue Department made clarifications on their respective fields.

Later, businessmen presented suggestions, and the ministers and officials reviewed their suggestions.

The meeting ended with concluding remarks by Minister Maj-Gen Hla Tun.

MNA

Archery competition to mark Int'l Olympic Day

YANGON, 30 June — To mark the International Olympic Day 2007, the archery competition was held at Kyaikkasan Grounds, here, yesterday. Among the spectators were Chairman of Myanmar Olympic Committee Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint, Honourary President of Myanmar Archery Federation Dr Khin Shwe, Secretary U Kyaw Oo and officials.

Archers took part in the men's compound and recurve events, the women's compound and the novice men's and women's recurve events.

After the competition, the prize presentation ceremony was held. Minister Brig-Gen Thura Aye

Myint, Dr Khin Shwe and officials presented prizes and rewards to outstanding archers.

NLM

Seinlè Shwepyi Journal in circulation

YANGON, 29 June — Seinlè Shwepyi Journal No 14 Volume 4 came out today. The journal features a wide range of local and foreign news stories.

Copies of the journal are available at Sarpay Beikman, Wah Moe Aung, Hsin Taunggyi, Manila, NPE and Pan Shwe Pyi (Theinbyu Road) bookstores. Manuscripts may be sent to the chief editor, Seinlè Shwepyi Journal at 228, Theinbyu Road, Yangon, (Tel: 382070).—MNA



Minister Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint presents prize to a winner.—NLM

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

NTSB says faulty component led to plane touching down without landing gear

WASHINGTON, 30 June —The National Transportation Safety Board says a regional jet briefly touched down at Boston's Logan Airport last week without its landing gear extended. It has traced the problem to a faulty electronic component and the manufacturer has alerted operators.

The pilots of American Eagle Flight 4539 from Toronto told NTSB investigators that as they prepared to land at 8:29 am on June 20, the three landing gear indicator lights were all green, in-

dicating the gear was down and locked. But they said that shortly before touchdown they noticed a "landing gear lever disagree" message on the plane's flight computer console.

A Massachusetts Port Authority employee saw sparks at the rear of the

aircraft as it landed and alerted air traffic controllers, who ordered it back into the air. The pilots then extended the gear using emergency procedures, flew by the tower twice to check that the gear was down and landed safely.

Internet

Five US soldiers killed in roadside bomb attack and ambush in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 30 June — Five American soldiers were killed when insurgents blew up a huge bomb bur-

ied deep beneath the road as American armored Humvees passed, and then attacked the soldiers with

rocket-propelled grenades and rifles, military officials said Friday.

The attack Thursday in the violent southern Baghdad neighborhood of Dora, the scene of some of the most intense insurgent activity in the capital, also wounded seven American soldiers.

"It was a very violent attack, and we thought it did show a level of sophistication that we have not often seen so far in this campaign," Major General Joseph Fil Jr, commander of American troops in Baghdad, said. He said the attack was so intense that soldiers initially believed it was from several car bombs.

Deeply buried bombs, which are usually artillery shells, fertilizer bombs or other forms of powerful explosives, have become a common tactic in Dora and other areas dominated by Sunni extremists. Harder to detect than roadside bombs

hidden in trash or vegetation, they can focus enough explosive power to destroy even the largest American vehicles.

Internet

A woman in traditional Belarussian costume welcomes Venezuela's President Hugo Chavez after his arrival in Minsk on 29 June, 2007.

INTERNET

Police defuse suspected explosive device in London, launch terrorism probe

LONDON, 29 June — Police launched a terrorism investigation into the suspected explosive device defused in downtown London early Friday. The "potentially viable explosive device" was found attached to a vehicle parked in the Haymarket near Piccadilly Circus shortly before 2:00 am (0100 GMT) in downtown London, police said.

A man crashed the vehicle into bins near a nightclub in central

London's Regent Street shopping area about 2:00 am early Friday morning and then ran off, Sky news reported.

The vehicle, a silver Mercedes, was believed to have contained two propane gas canisters and a large number of nails that served as a car bomb.

The area has been cordoned off and the Counter Terrorism section of the Metropolitan Police have started their investigations into who

could be possibly behind the incident as the suspect car is being removed from the scene.

The vehicle was examined by bomb-squad officers. "They discovered what appeared to be a potentially viable explosive device," police said in a statement.

The authorities are warning of major a traffic disruption in the area, with several roads shut along with the Piccadilly Tube station. — Xinhua



A British police forensics officer takes photographs in the area where police defused a bomb in central London, on 29 June, 2007. — XINHUA

US actress and singer Barbra Streisand poses after she was awarded the Chevalier de la Legion d'Honneur at the Elysee Palace in Paris on 28 June, 2007.

XINHUA



German caught drunk driving twice in one day

BERLIN, 29 June — A German man making a routine trip to the police station to reclaim his stolen car ended up being busted for drunk driving twice in the same day, police said on Wednesday.

In order to claim the recovered car, the 45-year-old had driven to the station in another vehicle, police in the western city of Marburg said.

After officers noticed alcohol on his breath, a test showed he was over the legal limit and his driving licence and keys were confiscated.

"Officers could not quite believe it when they came across the same man driving his car four hours later," police said.

"He had been drinking in the meantime and a fresh test showed he was even more over the limit," they said. They called the man's partner to come and pick him up and made sure she drove him home. — MNA/Reuters

Bird flu spreads to northern Bangladesh

DHAKA, 29 June — Bird flu has spread to another district in Bangladesh forcing health and veterinary workers to cull 5,000 chickens, officials said on

Wednesday. The latest case was reported from a village in Thakurgaon District, 500 kilometres (310 miles) northwest of the capital, Dhaka, said Abdul Motalib, a senior officer of the Fisheries and Livestock Ministry. The H5N1 strain of bird flu was first detected near the capital Dhaka, in central Bangladesh, in March and has since spread to northern districts. Sixteen out of Bangladesh's 64 districts have been affected by the virus, but there have been no reported cases of human infection. MNA/Reuters

Thai Southern insurgents kill policeman

BANGKOK, 29 June — Thai southern insurgents shot dead a policeman in Songkhla Province while he was driving home on Thursday morning, police said.

The 51-year-old community police was killed on a roadside in Saba Yoi District. His motorcycle fell down next to his body. Police said he was attacked after returning home from safeguarding a village.

Two of his guns were also snatched away by the insurgents, local media reported.

Thailand's three southernmost provinces — Yala, Narathiwat and Pattani have been troubled with insurgency-related violence which has claimed more than 2,300 lives since it resumed in early 2004. MNA/Xinhua

Artists paint benches as part of an art project called "Bench of the World" organised by the State Tretyakov gallery in Moscow on 29 June , 2007. — INTERNET



New York man arrested after police find explosive chemicals at home

NEW YORK, 29 June— A man who allegedly stored nearly 1,500 pounds of potassium nitrate and other chemicals in his Staten Island home and a nearby storage facility was charged with reckless endangerment Friday, according to the New York City Police

Department. Police said Miguel Serrano, 57, had purchased the chemicals in bulk from an Ohio-based dealer and was intending to resell the chemicals in smaller quantities on the Internet. It was the dealer who tipped off the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives after Ser-rano had allegedly ordered 5,000 pounds of potassium nitrate, according to an NYPD police report.— Internet

S Korea readies for troop pullout from Iraq

SEOUL, 29 June— South Korea's Defence Ministry submitted a plan to Parliament on Thurs-day for the complete pullout of its troops from Iraq, ending what once had been the third-largest deployment of foreign troops in that country. The ministry said in a statement it expected to make a decision by September on when to withdraw its soldiers. South Korea had earlier said it planned to end its troop deployment in Iraq when Parliament's approval expires at the end of the year. Some lawmakers cited by local media said the pullout might be complete early next year. South Korea, which had about 3,600 troops in Iraq at the start the mission in 2004, has been rolling back its presence to a target of about 1,200 this year. MNA/Reuters

Visitors look at antique vehicles during the Classic Car Show in Jakarta, on 29 June , 2007. Around 170 vehicles belonging to collectors are presented in the show. — INTERNET



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Chinese President Hu Jintao (front L) speaks to journalists upon his arrival at Hong Kong International Airport on 29 June , 2007. Hu jintao says : "The 10th anniversary of Hong Kong's return to China is a happy event for Hong Kong, and for the motherland as well." — XINHUA

Bomb kills three British soldiers in Iraq

BAGHDAD,29 June— A roadside bomb killed three British soldiers and wounded another in the southern Iraqi city of Basra on Thursday, the British military said. Spokesman Major David Gell said the blast occurred in southeastern Basra in the early hours of Thursday while the soldiers were on foot. MNA/Reuters

US soldier killed in bomb attack in Baghdad

BAGHDAD, 29 June— An American soldier was killed and four others injured in a roadside bomb attack in the capital, the US military said on Thursday. The attack took place Wednesday when the victims' unit was combat operation in eastern Baghdad, a military statement said. MNA/Xinhua

Suicide bombing kills two foreigners in Kabul

KABUL,29 June— A suicide car bombing attacked a foreign convoy on Thursday morning in eastern Kabul, the Afghan capital, killing two foreigners and injured five others, officials said. "Two foreign security personnel working for a security company Global were killed in the explosion," Ali Shah Paktiawal, Kabul deputy police chief told reporters at the site. "Three foreigners and two Afghan civilians were injured." He did not tell the foreigners' nationalities. — MNA/Xinhua

Three persons die in Pakistan tribal region explosion

ISLAMABAD, 29 June — At least three persons died when an explosive device they were planting along road to target an Army convoy exploded in Pakistan's tribal region, local media reported Thursday. The incident took place on Wednesday at Datta Khel, some 25 kilometres from Miranshah, the centre of North Waziristan tribal region, the private News Network International news agency reported. No one from the Army was hurt in the explosion. Other unconfirmed reports that those died were five. MNA/Xinhua

ECONOMIC NEWS

US economy growth slows down at 0.7% in first quarter

WASHINGTON, 29 June — The US economy grew at an annual rate of 0.7 per cent in the first quarter of 2007, much slower than the 2.5 per cent pace in the final quarter of last year, marking the weakest showing in more than four years, the Commerce Department reported Thursday.

The growth rate in real

gross domestic product — the output of goods and services produced by labour and property located in the United States — was slightly higher than the 0.6-per-cent pace previously estimated.

The final reading disappointed economists who had been expecting a 0.8-per-cent growth pace

for the first three months.

The deceleration in real GDP growth in the first quarter primarily reflected an upturn in imports, a deceleration in exports, a downturn in federal government spending, and a deceleration in personal consumption expenditures for non-durable goods, the report said.

MNA/Xinhua



A girl extends her hand to touch a spotted eagle ray, whose image is projected from Sony's ultra-high resolution digital movie (4,096 x 2,160-pixel) projector 4K SRX during a press preview at the company's showroom in Tokyo recently. — INTERNET

UAE bank introduces biometric-enabled ATMs

ABU DHABI, 29 June — Barclays Bank in the United Arab Emirates (UAE) has introduced biometric-enabled automated teller machines (ATMs) in this Middle East country for the first time in a bid to counter financial fraud, local newspaper *Khaleej Times* reported on Thursday.

The new ATMs at Barclays will be equipped with biometrics technology provided by the US-based technology firm NCR Corporation, which enables customers to be authenticated via fingerprint scanning, said the report.

Biometrics is a secure form of authentication, a form of identification that cannot be lost, stolen or forgotten, minimizing the risk of fraud.

The Britain-based

Barclays, one of the world's largest financial services companies, currently operates in over 60 countries in Europe, the United States, Middle East, Latin America, Australia, Asia and Africa.

MNA/Xinhua

Indian firm launches mobile service in Channel Islands

NEW DELHI, 29 June — India's leading mobile service provider Bharti Airtel has joined hands with British telecom major Vodafone to launch mobile phone service in the English Channel Islands of Jersey and Guernsey, *Indo-Asian News Service* (IANS) reported here Thursday.

"We are committed to

bringing world-class services to customers and adding value to communities and businesses on the Island," Sunil Bharti Mittal, chairman of Bharti, as quoted as saying. Jersey Airtel, a subsidiary of the Bharti group, will also offer a range of innovative new products and services such as voice mail services, missed call

alert service, e-bill service which gives up-to-date billing information and a host of other value-added services. — MNA/Xinhua

Indonesia, China step up efforts to boost tourist arrivals

JAKARTA, 29 June — Indonesia and China have been making serious efforts to boost tourist arrivals between the two countries and will do more to boost cooperation in tourism and culture, an Indonesian official said Wednesday.

"We have been working to boost arrivals between the two countries by giving 'visa on arrival' service and increasing

flights from China to Indonesia and vice versa to 16 times a week," said Minister of Culture and Tourism Jero Wacik.

He made the remarks after hosting a meeting with his Chinese counterpart Sun Jiazheng here. — MNA/Xinhua

Men carry a model of US architect Frank Williams' Mercury City Tower in an office in Moscow on 25 June, 2007. It took a New York architect to design the first environmentally friendly building in the capital of Russia, a country swamped with energy resources and the world's third-largest polluter. Williams is building the 70-storey Mercury Tower as part of Moscow's most ambitious construction project — the new business complex Moskva City. — INTERNET



A toy model called Anpanman welcomes visitors at the International Tokyo Toy Show held in Tokyo Big Sight in Tokyo, capital of Japan, on 28 June, 2007. The 4-day International Tokyo Toy Show was opened on Thursday, attracted about 140 toy companies from Japan and abroad. — XINHUA

IBM leads server market in Malaysia

KUALA LUMPUR, 29 June — IBM was Malaysia's leading vendor in the server market by revenue share for the first quarter of this year, according to IDC's Asia/Pacific Quarterly Enterprise Server Tracker.

It took the spot with a 48.6 percent revenue share, growing by 65.9 percent year-on-year, and outpacing the market

growth by more than three times, IBM Malaysia said in a statement today.

It also grabbed the first position in the Non-x86 Unix Servers with a 46 percent revenue share in the quarter reviewed.

IBM made its mark in the overall Linux server space, where IBM's revenue grew 266.6 percent year-on-year enabling it to capture 48.3 percent mar-

ket share.

"These numbers reflect how customers today are choosing their solutions. IBM system builds upon our existing strategy and is a direct result from talking to customers and examining their needs," its system technology group, general manager Robert Lye said.

It has an all-encompassing commitment to open standards, delivering solutions and technology innovation, simplification and maximum business productivity to enable companies to achieve business breakthroughs.

Internet



A drag queen tries to walk through a street packed with revellers during Europride celebrations in the quarter of Chueca in Madrid on 28 June, 2007.—XINHUA

Malaysia to have nuclear research reactor by 2020

KUALA LUMPUR, 29 June — Malaysia will have a nuclear research reactor by 2020 or earlier, according to the *New Straits Times* on Friday.

“The 20-megawatt multipurpose reactor will be used for manpower training and for research and development purposes,” the newspaper quoted Daud Mohamad, the director-general of the Malaysian Nuclear Agency, as saying. He made the remarks in Bangi on Thursday, Selangor State, Malaysia. According to the newspaper, the existing power plants will be able to meet electricity demand up to 2014. Malaysia would think about nuclear energy as an alternative power source, said Datuk Kong Cho Ha, deputy minister of Science, Technology and Innovation.

Xinhua

A large scale model of an Apple iPhone stands in the window of the Apple store on New York’s 5th Avenue on 28 June, 2007.— INTERNET



UN Secretary-General pays surprise visit to Afghanistan

KABUL, 29 June — UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon is paying a surprise visit to Afghanistan to show his support to this war-torn country and UN staff here on Friday, a UN press officer told *Xinhua*.

“This is a low-profile one-day visit, during which Ban would hold a talk with Afghan President Hamid Karzai,” Dan McNorton said, adding the UN Secretary-General would like to find reality on the ground here by himself.

Ban and Karzai were also expected to discuss bilateral cooperation and the upcoming Afghanistan reconstruction conference, which is to be held in Italian capital Rome on 2-3 July, the press officer said. Ban would also meet with Tom Koenigs, special representative of the UN

Secretary-General in Afghanistan, and other UN staff working here to show his support to them, he added.

UN staff in Afghanistan have been attacked by militants from time to time, and Ban has expressed his condolences and encouragement.

This is Ban’s first visit to Afghanistan since he took office.

Xinhua

UAE National Airline to charge extra fee for paper ticket

ABU DHABI, 29 June — Etihad Airways, the national airline of the United Arab Emirates (UAE), will charge an extra fee for a paper travel ticket from Thursday, local newspaper *Khaleej Times* reported. In a bid to encourage customers to choose electronic tickets, Etihad will set a minimum additional charge of 92 dihamms (25 US dollars) for those insisting on travelling with paper tickets at airports where electronic ticketing system

is available.

“Etihad’s drive to have our customers use electronic tickets is a move towards stress-free travel. There are no tickets to lose and there’s no need for last-minute queues for tickets on departure,” the airline’s executive vice-president Geert Boven was quoted as saying.

Switching from the traditional paper tickets to electronic tickets will save the aviation industry three billion dollars annually, according to the International Air Transport Association (IATA). Currently IATA processes 300 million paper tickets a year. Electronic tickets give air travellers a flight itinerary which contains a file confirmation number. The traveller presents the itinerary and number at the airport check-in counter and gets an aircraft boarding pass.

MNA/Xinhua

Two killed in mortar barrage in Baghdad’s rampant violence

BAGHDAD, 29 June — Mortar barrage struck the main commercial area of Shorja in downtown Baghdad on Thursday, killing two people and wounding 12 others, a well-informed police source said.

“Several mortar rounds slammed into the Shorja area in the morning killed two people and wounded 12 others,” the source told *Xinhua* on condition of anonymity.

Several building, shops and civilian cars were damaged in the attack, he said.

The attack came shortly after the powerful car bomb explosion in the main parking lot of Baiyaa District in southern Baghdad where at least 25 people killed and some 40 others, the police said.

The powerful blast charred and destroyed about 40 vehicles at the parking lot where dozens of minibuses carry passengers from southern Baghdad to different neighbourhoods of the capital.

Daily bombing, gunfire and sectarian killings continued in the capital despite the US and Iraqi security offensive, which has not achieved substantial progress in reducing violence in the war-torn country.

MNA/Xinhua

Five IDF soldiers wounded in West Bank clash

JERUSALEM, 29 June — Five Israel Defence Forces (IDF) soldiers were wounded in clashes with Palestinian militants in the West Bank city of Nablus early Thursday.

Several explosive devices were hurled at the IDF forces by Palestinian militants as the troops entered Nablus for an operation, an IDF spokeswoman told *Xinhua*.

All the five soldiers have been evacuated to hospitals for treatment,

she said.

Meanwhile, the IDF arrested eight wanted Palestinian activists in the West Bank on Thursday morning. Four of them were obtained in Ramallah, two in Hebron, one in Bethlehem, and a Fatah operative was arrested in Nablus.

On Wednesday, at least 12 Palestinians were killed and two IDF soldiers lightly wounded in two separate IDF operations in the Gaza Strip.

MNA/Xinhua

A woman runs past British military vehicles from the NATO-led coalition force at the Kandahar Air Field, Afghanistan, on 29 June, 2007.— INTERNET



Myanmar women’s might to be mobilized to achieve national goal

Eint Darli Mon

Mothers gave birth to worldwide famous religious leaders, wise men, emperors, State leaders, generals and businessmen. So, there came out a saying “The hand that rocks the cradle rules the world”.

In general, the majority of men are strong and stout, while the majority of women are weaker and smaller than men.

Women and men share the household duties. Some peoples and religions practise gender discrimination. However, it is undeniable that women and men are harmonious in carrying out the duties for a better future of the world.

The Tatmadaws (armed forces) around the world consist of man soldiers and woman soldiers. In the sports events, women athletes, like their man counterparts, win medals. In the technological field, the number of woman experts and professors is on the increase. Women are playing an important role in the economic, political and social fields. In the health field, the number of woman medical doctors, physicians and nurses is higher than that of their male counterparts.

Valentina Tereshkova is the first-ever woman cosmonaut. Now, there are several woman astronauts in the US.

In olden days, Queen Shin Saw Pu ruled Myanmar. There have emerged many queens in western countries. Woman writers, journalists, singers, artists, actresses and film directors are playing their roles in the art field.

In Myanmar, many woman heroines showed their bravery and brilliant performances in the anti-colonialist struggles. The documentary record “Wet Hti Kan Battle” compiled by British army officers

praised Shan national women on horseback who bravely repulsed the attacks of British colonialists.

The brilliant performances of Myanmar women in the independence struggles launched by Young Men’s Buddhist Association (YMBA), General Council of Burmese Associations (GCBA) (Wunthanu) and Doh Bamar Asiayon, Oil Field Workers’ Uprising, and Anti-Fascist Resistance went down into the annals of Myanmar history.

Myanmar women have kept abreast of their man counterparts in protecting and safeguarding sovereignty and independence, the Union built harmoniously by various national races, national solidarity with which the people managed to drive out the colonialists and Fascists and to regain independence, and the motherland blessed with natural resources.

Today, Myanmar women are playing an active role in the building of peaceful, modern and developed democratic nation with flourishing discipline while safeguarding sovereignty and the Union. The Myanmar Women’s Affairs Federation is made up of women of various national races of different ages who are striving for social well-being of the mass of women.

That is depicted in the association’s membership badge featuring women at old age, at middle age and young age.

Aspired by nationalistic spirit, the mass of Myanmar women are joining the MWAF with the aim of promoting the life of the women and protecting them against violence, while doing their bit in the drive for building a peaceful modern and developed democratic nation.

All Myanmar women have enjoyed the rights of the citizens equally with their male counterparts. In the western democracies, women had to fight till the 20th Century for the right to vote, the right to stand for election, and the right of equal access to education. Till today, women have to fight for fundamental rights including racial and other discrimination.

Myanmar women also stand shoulder to shoulder with men in the agricultural, handicraft and industrial production processes. Men have been performing religious duties as monks, novices and lay men, and women as nuns and lay women for flourishing of Buddhism in which the majority of Myanmar citizens believe in the course of Myanmar history.

Many garment factories that offered job opportunities for thousands of Myanmar women once emerged in Myanmar. And the garments made by Myanmar women gained a foothold in the international market. However, expatriate axe-handle national traitors who hated to see that condition had staged protests against the export of the garments from Myanmar. With their ears burning due to the protests, the companies that purchased Myanmar garments decided not to impart Myanmar garments any longer. In consequence, thousands of Myanmar women workers lost their jobs. Nonetheless, axe-handles, Myanmar women expatriates and Myanmar women serving the interests of the foreign media under the influence of the colonialists were very pleased with the evil consequences faced by Myanmar women at home. Indeed, they are the ones who are desirous of undermining patriotic spirit and Union Spirit of Myanmar women. In this way, they destroyed the life of Myanmar women workers and their family members.

Myanmar women do not need to pay heed to such destructive activities and have to continue to carry out nation-building tasks and bounden duties steadfastly. Moreover, they are to ensure the successful implementation of national goal—emergence of a democratic nation, while crushing various forms of dangers through the might of unity of Myanmar women of various national races of all ages.

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bring about regional development under the guidance of Head of State Senior General Than Shwe. It was the sixth convocation of the college (Yangon).

He said the students who obtained degrees or diplomas would go to their native border areas and discharge regional development tasks. Outstanding students will have to continue their higher learning and they will serve the duties one day after the completion of their studies, he said.

He spoke of the need for the graduates to make efforts for realization of the noble and lofty aims of the college and the State in the respective

developed regions were implemented and strenuous efforts are to be made for narrowing development gaps among them.

Evil consequences such as inequality and the gap between rich and poor were rooted in the border areas because of the lack of infrastructures on transport, education and health and other economic sectors in successive periods. As a result, there has been discord and dissension sowed by aliens and minions among the national races.

Therefore, in the time of the Tatmadaw Government projects for development of border areas and national races have been laid down and

ment the length and breadth of the nation tasks for development of border areas and national races were meeting with success, thereby contributing to strengthening national solidarity.

In accord with the guidance of the Head of State steps are being taken for creating education opportunity for children in border areas as part of projects for development of border areas. This is done with the aim of enabling local people to have easy access to education and of widening their scope of knowledge.

Hence, **the government has spent over K 108,300 million on projects for development of border areas**

At a time when efforts are being made for creating education opportunity for local youths two nationalities youths resource development degree colleges were opened in Yangon and Mandalay to produce intellectuals and technocrats capable of maintaining the momentum of the already-achieved development.

At present, altogether 574 graduate national races are serving national interest as service personnel at development and administrative bodies of their own regions and some youths are studying for MSc and MA degrees.

In 2006-2007 academic year 71 graduated from Yangon Degree College along with 18 AGTI diplomas, 112 graduated from Mandalay Degree College along with 18 AGTI diplomas; altogether 209 were produced.

At present, it is crucial for new generation youths to be able to apply modern science and technology to keep pace with changes and developments. At such a time, the government is nurturing national races youths to become intellectuals and intelligentsia. The plan covers projects for development of border areas and national races.

He quoted the address of Head of State Senior General Than Shwe at the Central Committee's Meeting 1/2002 as saying that the widening of scope of knowledge of national races and bringing harmonious development to border areas has led to cementing Union Spirit among national brethren; that work will be undertaken for improvement of education and health standards of national races with the extended opening of schools and hospitals.

At present, the entire national people are engaged in nation-building endeavours hand in hand with the government. As a result, there



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein presents an outstanding award in engineering to Mon National Maung Htay Lwin Oo.— MNA

prevailed peace and tranquillity across the nation including border areas. In the meantime, economic and social foundations of the State are improving year after year and the people are enjoying the fruits of such development all the more.

At such a time, the graduates who will discharge duties in development and administrative bodies of the regions to which they are assigned need to strive together with national brethren in the interest of the State, the people and the regions.

In conclusion, he stressed the need for the graduates to make relentless efforts for development of the regions to which they are assigned and improvement of education, health, economic and social standards of local people, while engaged in bringing about equitable development throughout the nation and perpetuation of the Union.

Secretary-1 Lt-Gen

Thein Sein presented medals and certificates of honour to Maung Salaing Thant Zin Myo Myint of Paletwa Township in Chin State who won the best performance award in arts subject, Maung Waiyan Lin of Moebye, Phekhn Township in Shan State (South) who won the best performance award in science subject and Maung Htay Lwin Oo of Thanbyuzayat Township in Mon State who won the best performance award in engineering.

After the ceremony, the Secretary-1 greeted the principal, teachers, students and their parents. Next, he posed for a documentary photo together with the newly-graduated students.

Those who graduated from Nationalities Youth Resource Development Degree College for 2006-2007 were 29 BA degree holders, 42 BSc degree holders, and 18 AGTI diploma holders totalling 89.

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Mon National Maung Htay Lwin Oo, winner of outstanding award in Engineering.



Kayan National Maung Wai Yan Lin, winner of outstanding award in Science.



Chin National Maung Salaing Thant Zin Myo Myint, winner of outstanding award in Arts.

regions while performing their regional development and administrative duties.

He said the government has laid down national development projects systematically and is implementing them for narrowing the development gap in the regions.

It is difficult for all regions of the Union to develop equally due to the climate and geographical conditions, natural resources and different human resources. However, separate development plans and other particular programmes for under-

are being implemented, while work is under way for further fostering national solidarity.

He quoted the address of the Chairman of Central Committee for Development of Border Areas and National Races Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council at the Central Committee's Meeting 1/2007 held in March as saying that priority was being given to construction work to narrow development gap between border areas and plain regions; that as efforts were being made with the noble aim of bringing about equitable develop-

and national races and over K 8,500 million on development of the education sector in border areas.

Under the project as many as 852 primary schools, 90 middle schools and 92 high schools were opened in border areas, and with UNDP cooperation altogether 507 schools were opened and 598 schools renovated in Kachin, Chin, Kayin, Mon and Rakhine States.

Moreover, 27 national race youths development training schools were opened for children in border areas to have access to free education.

At present, it is crucial for new generation youths to be able to apply modern science and technology to keep pace with changes and developments.



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Cash and kind provided to strong wind victims of Dagon Myothit (South), Hlinethaya townships

YANGON, 30 June — Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Hla Htay Win attended the ceremonies to provide cash and kind for strong wind victims of Dagon Myothit (South) and Hlinethaya Townships today.

At the ceremony to provide cash and kind for strong wind victims of Dagon Myothit (South) took place at No 3 Basic Education High School in the township. Chairman of Yangon East District PDC U Than Aung and Chairman of Township PDC U Ko Ko Hlaing reported on matters related to damages in the strong wind.

The commander accepted K 2 million donated by Yangon East District PDC;

construction materials, rice, edible oil and bottles of purified drinking water worth K 25 million by World Vision Myanmar; K 1 million and 75 bags of rice by Tipitakadhara Dhammabhandagarika Sayadaw Bhaddanta Silakkhanda Bhivamsa; K 100,000 each by Dagon Myothit (South) Women's Affairs Organization and Maternal and Child Welfare Association; and K 2.6 million by Zone-3 of Dagon Myothit (South) Industrial Zone.

Next, the commander handed over cash and kind to strong wind victims and comforted them.

The commander and officials viewed participation of Tatmadawmen, social organizations and local people in clearing damages of buildings,

broken branches of trees, lamp-posts and cables in Shwelinban Village of Hlinethaya Township.

At No 6 Post-Primary School in Shwelinban Village, the commander inspected the dispensary for the strong wind victims.

At the ceremony to provide cash and kind for strong wind victims in Hlinethaya Township, Chairman of Township PDC UKhin Thein Maung reported on damages of the strong wind.

The commander accepted K 2.5 million and 50 bags of rice donated by Yangon Division PDC; construction materials, rice, edible oil and purified drinking water worth K 15 million by World Vision Myanmar; and 100 bags of rice by U Kyaw Kyaw Oo of Hlinethaya Township.

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Commander Maj-Gen Hla Htay Win accepts cash donations from wellwishers for strong wind victims. — MNA

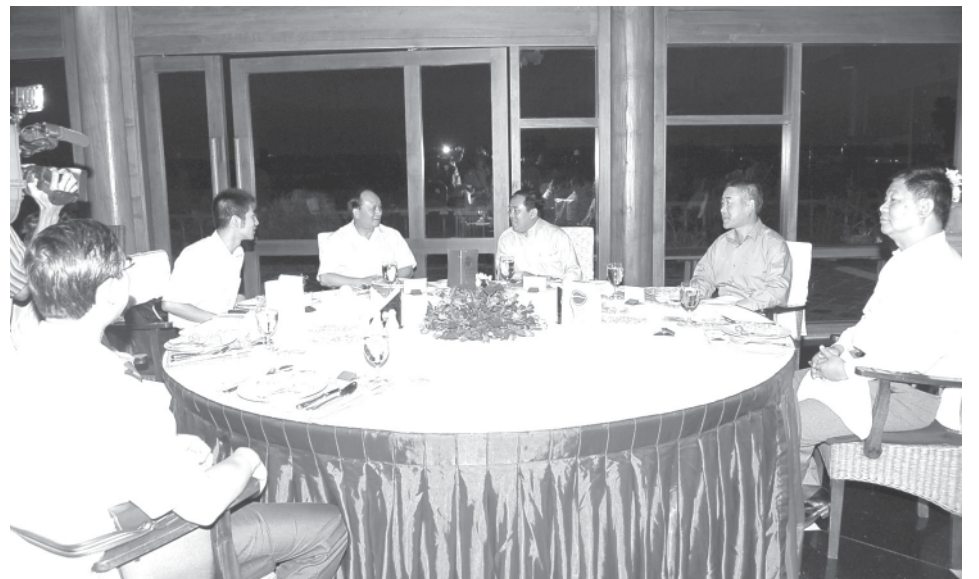
Nineteen quit Mawlamyinegyun Township NLD as they lost faith and trust in party and its leaders

YANGON, 30 June — Nineteen members of Mawlamyinegyun Township Natoinal League for Democracy including U Soe Myint, U Tin Myint and U Kan Myint resigned from the party of their own volition sending their resignation letters to NLD Headquarters and authorities concerned on 22 June.

The letters sent to Mawlamyinegyun Township Multi-party Democracy General Election Subcommission says they quit the NLD of their own accord as they had lost faith and trust in the party's activities and its leaders.

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Dinner hosted in honour of Chinese goodwill delegation



Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Maj-Gen Wai Lwin hosts dinner in honour of Deputy Commander of Yunnan Provincial Command Major-General Lin Tinggui and party. — MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 30 June — Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Maj-Gen Wai Lwin hosted a dinner in honour of the visiting goodwill delegation led by Deputy Commander of Yunnan Provincial Command Major-General Lin Tinggui at Shwe Nan Taw Hotel in Nay Pyi Taw Hotel Zone yesterday evening.

Also present at the

dinner were Vice Adjutant-General Maj-Gen Hla Shwe, Vice-Quartermaster-General Maj-Gen Khin Maung Tun of the Ministry of Defence, senior military officers of Nay Pyi Taw Command and Chinese military attaché to the Union of Myanmar Senior Colonel Fan Lianfeng.

After the dinner, Commander Maj-Gen

Wai Lwin and Deputy Commander Major-General Lin Tinggui exchanged gifts.

The Chinese delegation visited Nay Pyi Taw this morning and then they left here for Yangon.

The delegation was seen off at Nay Pyi Taw Airport by Lt-Col Kyaw Soe of Nay Pyi Taw Command and officials.

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Relief given to strong wind victims

YANGON, 30 June — The ceremonies to give relief items to the strong wind victims of Dagon Myothit (South) and Hlinethaya Townships were held at the respective townships this afternoon.

Firstly, Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe

comforted the victims at No 3 Basic Education High School in Dagon Myothit (South) Township and gave relief items to them.

The director-general of Relief and Resettlement Department donated K 100,000 for a person who died in the strong wind and K 221,550 for the victims.

Next, President of

Myanmar Red Cross Society Dr Tha Hla Shwe and wellwishers presented K 200,000 and relief to victims.

Similarly, the minister, the president of MRCS and officials comforted the strong wind victims of Hlinethaya Township and gave relief to them. — MNA



Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe presents relief aid to a strong wind victim of Hlinethaya Township. — FSD

Academic and management tasks of schools, universities supervised

YANGON, 30 June — Minister for Education Dr Chan Nyein met faculty members at the hall of Dagon University today.

Pro-Rector U Hsan reported on academic and management matters, security and greening tasks of the university.

The minister instructed them to try hard to become efficient and make efforts to attend the doctorate courses.

At Yangon Institute of Economics (Ywathagyi), the minister met with faculty members and gave necessary instructions. He inspected the library, computer training centre and language lab.

Yesterday, he inspected classrooms and computer rooms at No 2 Basic Education Primary School in Kamayut Township.

The minister also inspected Kamayut BEHS No 5 and Lanmadaw BEHS No 2 and conversed with students. — MNA



Minister for Education Dr Chan Nyein inspects classroom of Kamayut BEHS No 5. — MNA

Ceremony to mark International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking 2007 observed



Commander Maj-Gen Ko Ko delivers an address at competitions, talks and exhibition to mark International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking 2007 of Bago Division. — MNA

YANGON, 30 June — Patron of Bago Division Committee for Drug Abuse Control Chairman of Bago Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Southern Command Maj-Gen Ko Ko delivered an address at the prize presentation ceremony of competition, talks and exhibition in commemoration of the International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking 2007 at Khabaung Hall in Toungoo on 26 June.

Chairman of Bago Division CDAC Commander of Bago Division Police Force Police Col Aung Daing read the message sent by CCDAC Chairman Minister for Home Affairs Maj-Gen Maung Oo.

The commander and wife Daw Sao

Nang Khun Hsam presented prizes to winners in the central level computer art, computer poster, poster, short story, article and painting contests.

The wife of Deputy Commander Brig-Gen Win Myint awarded prizes to winners in the divisional level competitions.

The commander unveiled the drugs educative exhibition and visited it together with officials. Next, the talks on danger of drugs followed.

Afterwards, Commander Maj-Gen Ko Ko and wife Patron of Bago Division Women's Affairs Organization Daw Sao Nang Khun Hsam viewed participation of Bago Division WAO members in the blood donation ceremony at Toungoo General Hospital. — MNA

STX POS Ship Management Co opens Yangon Office (Branch)

YANGON, 30 June — The opening ceremony of Yangon Office (Branch) of STX POS Ship Management Co took place at the Traders Hotel this morning.

It was attended by officials of Myanmar Five Star Line, Myanmar Maritime University and Institute of Marine Technology, responsible persons of the company, guests and mediamen.

Firstly, General Manager Mr Son Jang You explained the functions of the company. Next, Vice-Chairman Mr Lee

Qweon Heui spoke words of thanks.

STX POS Ship Management Co, one of the world's largest shipping companies, manages the employment of sailors for the company and other companies. The company will open courses to upgrade the efficiency of Myanmar sailors.

The Yangon Office (branch) of the company is open on the third floor of Bo Myat Tun Office Tower on Bo Myat Tun Road in Botahtaung Township (Ph: 203012). —MNA

Work for restoring damaged power lines inspected

YANGON, 30 June — Minister for Electric Power No 2 Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint, accompanied by Chairman of Yangon City Electric Power Supplying Board Col Khin Maung Soe and officials inspected work for restoring damaged power lines caused by the strong wind in Dagon Myothit (South) Town-

ship yesterday.

In the briefing hall of the township sub-power station, Yangon East District Officer Lt-Col San Htay reported on damaged power lines of YESB and repair of the damaged ones to the minister. Chief Engineer U Aung Khine gave a supplementary report.

In response to the re-

ports, the minister stressed the need for making efforts to supply electric power as soon as possible, for the durability of the facilities being restored and for the safety of electric power.

Later, the minister inspected the work site and gave instructions to the officials.—MNA



General Manager Mr Son Jang You explains functions of STX POS Ship Management Co. — MNA

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The first match at Paunglaung Sports Ground was held at 7.30 am. In the match, Ministry of Mines whitewashed CSSTB 11-2. The second match took place at the same venue at 4 pm. Ministry of Foreign Affairs crashed Ministry of PBANRDA 7-1.

At Lewe Township Sports Ground this afternoon, Ministry of Finance and Revenue beat Ministry of Home Affairs 5-3.

At Paunglaung Sports Ground, Ministry of Health will play against Ministry of Electric Power No 1 at 7.30 am and Ministry of Hotels and Tourism will meet with Ministry of Defence at 4 pm.

Likewise, Ministry of Religious Affairs will compete against Ministry of Energy. —MNA



Beijing Mayor Wang Qishan (2nd R) and First Deputy Mayor of Moscow Lyudmila Shevtsova (1st L) visit the model of National Olympic Stadium in Beijing in an exhibition on the Beijing Olympics held in Moscow, capital of Russia, on 28 June, 2007. — INTERNET

Dhaka is world's fastest growing big city

DHAKA, 30 June — Bangladesh's capital Dhaka is the world's fastest growing major city, drawing 300,000 to 400,000 mostly poor migrants annually, a World Bank study said.

These migrants provide critical manpower for the city's industries and services, but also put pressure on the city's infrastructure, public services, and habitable land, said the report which was distributed on Friday.

The study entitled "Dhaka: Improving living conditions for the urban poor", said urgent measures were required to address the vital needs of the rapidly growing urban poor.

Access to shelter, basic services, and a living wage are major challenges for the poor. Some 70 per cent of slum dwellers do not have access to piped water, 90 per cent do not have access to sewage lines, the study said.

Crime in Dhaka is particularly affecting the poor. Some 93 per cent of slum dwellers have experienced crime, according to slum victimization survey. — MNA/Reuters

CDC reports gay men spreading syphilis in US

BEIJING, 29 June — Symptomatic early neurosyphilis, an especially serious form of the sexually transmitted bacterial disease, has been detected in gay and bisexual US men infected with the AIDS virus, US federal health officials reported on Thursday.

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention tracked 49 HIV-infected gay and bisexual men who had the disease from January 2002 to June 2004 in four cities — Los Angeles, San Diego, Chicago, New York.

The findings also indicate these men are engaging in the same risky, unprotected sex that can spread the human immunodeficiency virus,

which causes AIDS.

"These are primarily infections that people are probably getting because they're not using condoms," said Dr Thomas Peterman of the CDC's Division of STD Prevention, an author of the report.

The CDC cited the report as further evidence that gay and bisexual men, many also infected with HIV, are the driving force behind increases in US syphilis cases this decade.

Since dropping to the lowest level on record in 2000, the US rate of syphilis has risen steadily. Gay and bisexual men accounted for 7 percent of syphilis cases in 2000, but more than 60 percent in 2005, CDC officials have said. — Internet



Samang, right, of Thailand, helps children from the Smithsonian Summer Camp to use shadow puppets at the 41st annual Smithsonian Folklife Festival on the National Mall in Washington on 27 June, 2007. — INTERNET

Air passengers should exercise legs

BEIJING, 29 June — Air passengers on long flights should exercise their legs and resist taking sleeping pills to reduce the risk of potentially fatal blood clots, media reported on Friday.

Although the danger of developing deep vein thrombosis—normally in the form of a blood clot in the calves — is small, it increases if people are immobile for long periods in cramped conditions, the World Health Organization said in a report. Some people are also predisposed to the condition for genetic or lifestyle reasons.

WHO said studies showed the risk of developing blood clots during any form of travel longer than four hours was 1 in 6,000 among the general population.

Emma Christofferson, 28, died from a pulmonary embolism, which occurs when a blood clot in the

extremities breaks away and travels to the lungs. The condition can be treated if detected in time.

"The risk to an individual stepping on a plane is tiny," said Patrick Kesteven, a British doctor involved in the research, "The problem is, vast

numbers of people step on planes, and so it's a tiny risk multiplied by a huge denominator, so that in terms of a public health issue it's a highly significant problem."

The Geneva-based International Air Transport Associ-

ations spokesman Anthony Council said many airlines inform passengers of the risk of blood clots. "The advice that we give to passengers is that if you're in one of those at-risk groups you should speak to your physician before traveling." — Internet

Belarus deems US missile defence system in E Europe unnecessary

MOSCOW, 30 June — There is no need for the United States to deploy components of its missile defence system in East Europe, Belarussian Foreign Minister Sergei Martynov said in Minsk on Thursday.

"We believe that there is no objective need for advanced deployment of missile defence components in East Europe," Martynov was quoted by the Interfax news agency as saying, after talks with his Russian counterpart Sergei Lavrov.

"Belarus believes that reorganization of missile defence elements in Europe would be unnecessary," he said.

"We hope those who

have been promoting this plan will assume a reasonable position and will not take destabilizing steps," he added.

Russia remains Belarus' "most important, strategic partner", Martynov said.

"Europe does not need these facilities whether in terms of

geography or geometry," Lavrov said.

The United States plans to deploy missile interceptors in Poland and radar units in the Czech Republic as part of a project to extend the missile defence system in Europe. Russia has voiced strong opposition to the plan. — MNA/Xinhua

Eleven killed in Texas flooding

WASHINGTON, 30 June — At least 11 people have been killed in flooding in Texas, a state in the US southwest, US media reported on Thursday.

Rain has been falling in Texas for over a week, causing flood in some parts

of the state and claiming the lives of 11 people in the last 11 days.

Massive evacuations were ordered, and dozens of people were stranded on rooftops, cars and in trees. Hundreds of homes and businesses were damaged in the flooding.

Troops of the Texas National Guard have been dispatched to areas hit by storms, and rescue operations were still underway when the National Weather Service forecast more rain in parts of the state on Thursday.

MNA/Xinhua



The 22-year-old "Pirates of the Caribbean" actress Keira Knightly shoots new photos for Vogue. — INTERNET

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Companies from Beijing, Moscow seek cooperation at trade fair

Moscow, 29 June — Entrepreneurs from the Chinese capital of Beijing and Russia's Moscow crowded into a trade fair which started here Thursday to seek out business opportunities and partnerships in Russia.

A total of 19 Chinese companies and about 70 Russian firms took part in the trade event and were expected to sign contracts on petrochemicals, construction materials, security equipment, garments and tea products.

The trade fair, as well as a tourism promotion exhibition, was part of the "Week of Beijing" in Moscow, a reciprocal theme event to last year's "Week of Moscow" in Beijing.

"Those events will help Russians, especially Muscovites, to learn more

about Chinese history and culture, promote cooperation between the business circles and serve to the development of relations between we two cities and two countries," Beijing Mayor Wang Qishan said at the opening ceremony of the event.

Trade between Beijing and Russia surged from 3.4 billion US dollars in 2001 to 8.6 billion dollars last year. Russian tourists visiting Beijing also nearly tripled from 2002 to hit 150,014 people in 2006, Beijing municipal figures show.— MNA/Xinhua

Russia successfully tests newest nuclear missile

Moscow, 29 June — Russia successfully tested its newest Bulava intercontinental ballistic missile on Thursday, sending it thousands of kilometres (miles) away

from the White Sea to the Kamchatka Peninsula in the Far East, Russian agencies said.

"It all went off without a glitch at all stages of the launch," the agencies

quoted Russian Navy spokesman Igor Dygalo as saying.

The rocket, which flew almost the length of the giant country, was launched from the Dmitry Donskoy nuclear submarine.

"The dummy warhead of the missile hit its target at a testing site ... Russian Navy chief, Admiral Vladimir Masorin, thanked ... the submarine's commander and its crew for professionalism and high level of training."

Bulava's successful launch is uplifting news for the Russian military after several earlier launches failed.

MNA/Reuters

early election, which is widely expected to be called before April 2008.

Petronas paid dividends of 16 billion ringgit (4.6 billion US dollars) to the government in 2006/07. It is the single-biggest contributor to the state and said it contributed about a third of total government revenue, including taxes and royalties.

MNA/Reuters

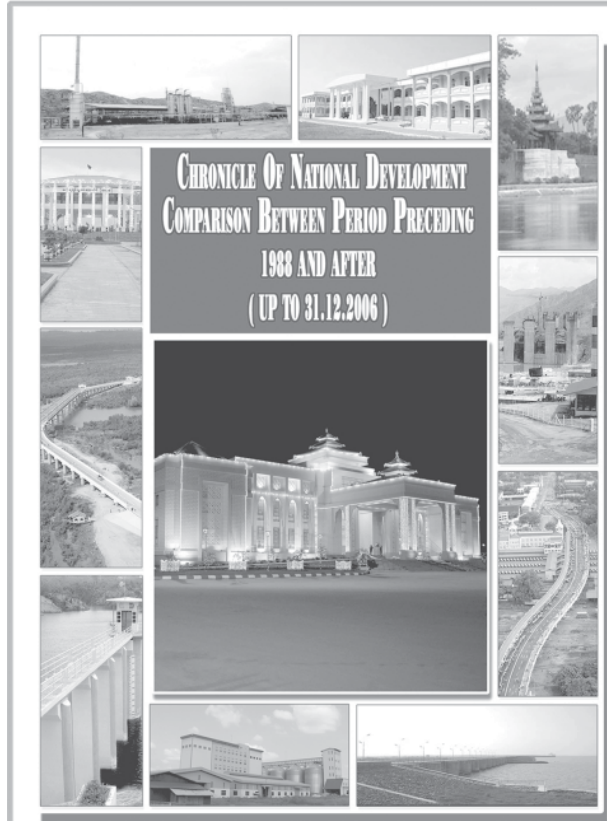
Malaysia's Petronas racks up another record profit

KUALA LUMPUR, 29 June — Malaysian state oil firm Petroliaam Nasional Bhd (Petronas) notched up another record profit on Thursday and paid a whopping dividend to a government expected to call a general election within months.

Malaysia's biggest company posted net earnings of 12.9 billion US dollars for the year ended

March 31 from a revised 11.4 billion US dollars in 2005/06, after the price of Malaysia's benchmark Tapis crude rose roughly 11 per cent in the financial year.

The three-year boom in crude oil prices has doubled Petronas profits, bolstering government coffers and the wider economy as the nation prepares for a possible



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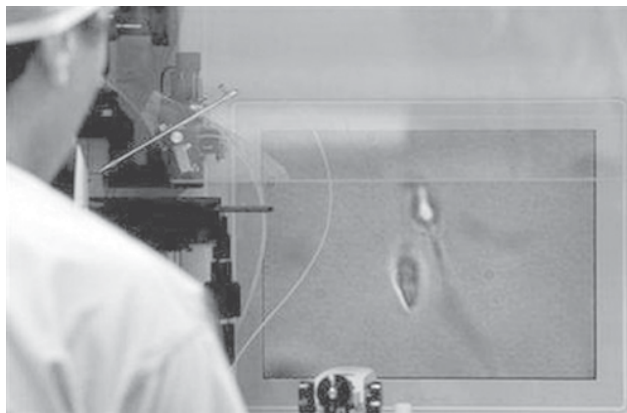
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Lupus drug may cause sperm damage

BEIJING, 29 June — Researchers found sperm damage linked to infertility is common in men with lupus and appears to be related to a commonly used treatment for the disease, media reported on Friday.

Researchers at the University of Sao Paulo in Brazil compared sperm count, shape, and function in 35 men



File photo shows a doctor examines human sperm.— INTERNET

with lupus to a group of healthy men. The results showed men with lupus had lower average sperm counts and sperm motility. They also had a lower sperm volume and a lower percentage of normally formed sperm.

In addition, researchers examined the men's sexual organs including the testes, which produce sperm, and found men with lupus had smaller testicular volumes in both testes than the healthy men.

Their analysis showed men with lupus who had more treatments of intravenous cyclophosphamide (also known as Cytoxan) were much more likely to have permanent sperm damage tied to infertility than men who had received the treatment less often.

They said it's not possible to predict which men with lupus will become infertile as a result of this treatment. But this study suggests that about five years of treatment with Cytoxan is associated with severe sperm damage and reinforces the need to discuss storing sperm prior to treatment.— Internet

Number of US prisoners biggest rise in six years

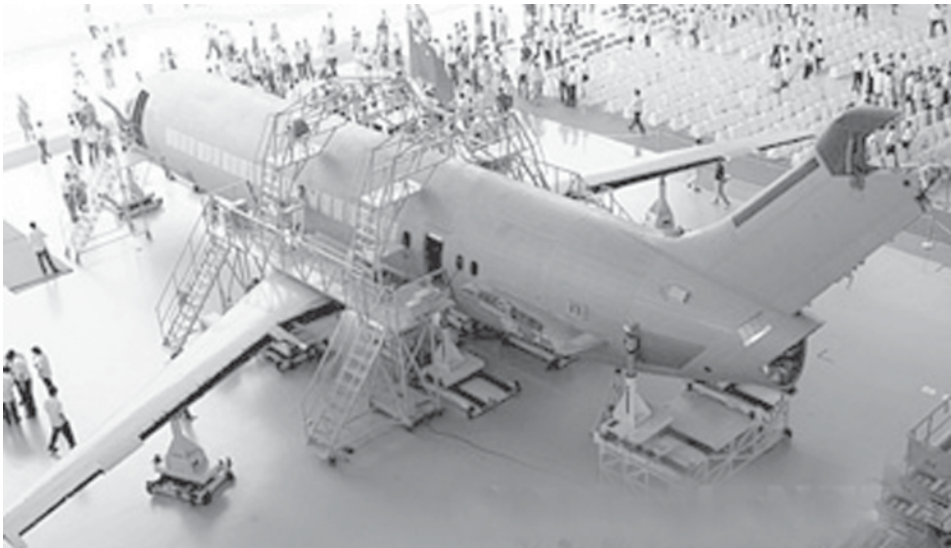
WASHINGTON, 29 June — The United States, which has the most prisoners of any country in the world, last year recorded the largest increase in the number of people in prisons and jails since 2000, the Justice Department reported on Wednesday. It said the nation's prison and jail populations increased by more than 62,000 inmates, or 2.8 per cent, to about 2,245,000 inmates in the 12-month period that ended on June 30, 2006. It was the biggest jump in numbers and percentage change in six years.

Criminal justice experts have attributed the record US prison population to

tough sentencing laws, record numbers of drug offenders and high crimes rates. State or federal prisons held two-thirds of the nation's incarcerated population while local jails held the rest, according to the report by the department's Bureau of Justice Statistics.

The number of inmates in state prisons rose by 3 per cent, the report said. That growth mainly reflected rising prison admissions, which have been going up faster than the number of released prisoners. Also, more parole violators have returned to prison, the report said.— MNA/Reuters

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Different sections of the ARJ21 are assembled in Shanghai Aircraft Manufacturing Factory, Shanghai, east China, on 28 June, 2007. China's first domestically-developed regional jet ARJ21, powered by a turbofan engine, can carry 70 to 110 passengers. It is expected to go into commercial operation in September 2009. — XINHUA

Homegrown regional jet takes shape

BEIJING, 29 June — The main body of China's first domestically designed and manufactured commercial aircraft was completed in Shanghai yesterday.

The Advanced Regional Jet 21 — a small feeder plane — is estimated to cost its maker, China Aviation Industry Corporation I, five billion yuan (US\$657 million) and will be finished by the end of the year, officials said yesterday.

The jet stands 8.4

meters tall and is 33.5 meters long. It can seat up to 90 passengers.

At yesterday's ceremony, the front, middle and tail sections of the plane were put together, marking the completion of the plane's exterior design.

Engineers at the Baoshan District workshop of the Shanghai Aircraft Manufacturing Factory, where the aircraft is being assembled, still need to complete the plane's interior. The factory is affiliated with AVIC 1.

The first test flight has

been scheduled for March next year, and AVIC 1 plans to deliver the planes to customers by September 2009. It has received 71 domestic orders for the ARJ21-700 series so far but hopes to secure international orders by the end of the year.

A prototype of the ARJ21 is on show at the Shanghai International Aerospace Technology and Equipment Exhibition, from 5 to 7 July at the Shanghai Exhibition Center.

Internet

Russia interested in Japan bullet train technology

TOKYO, 29 June — Russia has expressed an interest in Japan's bullet train service and officials will meet next week to discuss sharing the high-speed train technology, an official said on Thursday.

If the two nations reach an agreement at the talks in Russia they could set up a working group as early as this fall to consider extending the technology to Russia, Kyodo news agency said.

An official from Japan's Trade Ministry confirmed that talks were planned but said the topic was general and no specific decisions have been made.

"Russia wants to introduce bullet trains as part of its overall railroad system, but we still don't know what sort of co-operation we'll be able to

provide," he said, adding that any sort of high-speed service would likely cover a relatively limited area.

"We're not talking about a high-speed service all along the Siberian railway," he added.

Two Japanese consortia built a bullet train service in Taiwan that opened in January, and media reports in February said China had approached Japanese firms on know-how for a high-speed passenger train system between two northern cities.

MNA/Reuters

Potter star voted "Britain's Greatest Female Ambassador"

BEIJING, 29 June — Harry Potter star Emma Watson is the one most Brits believe is their country's "Greatest Female Ambassador."

The 17-year-old, who plays the muggle-born witch Hermione Granger in the hit movie adaptations of the Harry Potter novels, has beat out the likes of older, and more well known faces such as Kate Moss, Keira Knightley and Victoria Beckham.

The poll was conducted by Top of the Pops magazine, and editor Peter Hart said that it was Watson's combination of beauty and brains that were the qualities that sealed the deal.

"A good ambassador

needs brains and beauty, not just bags of cash," The Sun quoted him, as saying.

Coming in close on Hermione's heels in second place was Oscar nominee Keira Knightley, followed by singer Lily Allen in third spot. Fourth place on the list went to pregnant singer Charlotte Church.

Rounding off the top five was another pregnant beauty, former glamour model Jordan.

And, while Victoria Beckham aka Posh Spice only managed eighth place, Kate Moss and Girls Aloud's Sarah Harding found themselves at the bottom of the poll.

Internet



Harry Potter star Emma Watson . — INTERNET



Programme manager George Bustioloz of iRobot presents the iRobot Warrior X700 at the National Press Club in Washington on 6 June, 2007. iRobot was awarded a \$14 million delivery order from the US Navy to build additional bomb-disposal robots for shipment to military forces overseas. — XINHUA

Armed-robot may come to reality

BEIJING, 29 June — iRobot adds Tasers, electric stun guns, to robots it already makes for the military and hopes to give soldiers and law enforcement a defensive, non-lethal tool, which trigger off the dispute that the armed robot would become killing machine, media reported on Friday.

Jone Pike, director of GlobalSecurity.org, an

Alexandria, Va.-based military research organization, envisions police SWAT teams and prison guards using Taser-equipped robots to deal with hostage situations and unruly inmates. He also expects they could supplement — or even replace — human guards patrolling property.

"I could see rent-a-cop companies wanting to buy it, I can see corrections departments wanting to

buy it, because it might be seen as a cost-effective alternative to having a human guard patrolling a perimeter," Pike said.

For iRobot, its Taser-equipped system will be the first robot capable of using force to disable a person, rather than a bomb. But some observers fear such developments could ultimately lead to robots capable of deciding on their own when to shoot and kill. — Internet

SPORTS

Jankovic survives
Safarova challenge

LONDON, 30 June — Third seed Jelena Jankovic had to work very hard on Friday to quell the challenge of Czech Lucie Safarova 5-7, 7-6, 6-2 and reach the fourth round at Wimbledon.

The in-form Serb had dropped only four games in her two previous matches but she was caught out by the superior attacking tactics of Safarova for almost two sets.

The 20-year-old Czech trailed 3-1 in the first set before finding her range and she stunned Jankovic with a series of pin-point drive volleys.

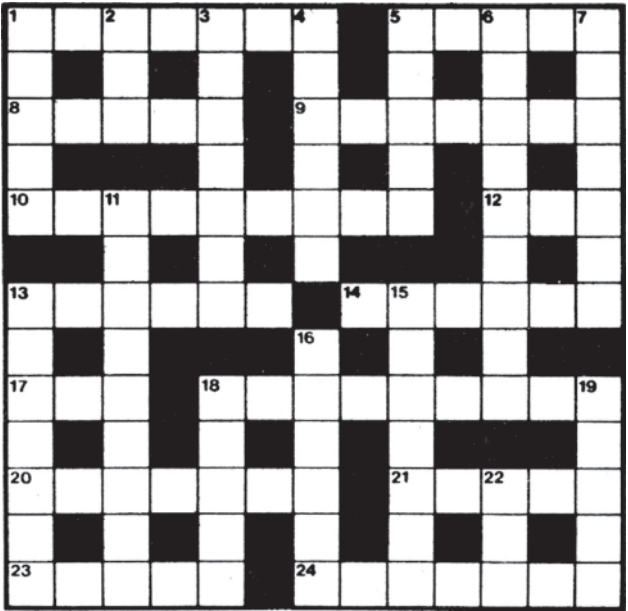
After winning the first set on a double fault, Safarova kept up the pace in the second but Jankovic hung on to take it 7-4 in the tiebreak.

A 30-minute rain delay appeared to have come in the nick of time for Jankovic, who was struggling with a thigh strain and on resumption she ran away with the decider. An erring backhand from Safarova settled the high-quality contest.—MNA/Reuters



Serbia's Jelena Jankovic plays a return to Lucie Safarova of the Czech Republic at the Wimbledon tennis championships in London on 29 June, 2007. INTERNET

CROSSWORD PUZZLE



ACROSS

- 1 Small drawing-room
- 5 Intended
- 8 Eve of holy day
- 9 A Balearic island
- 10 Cheat
- 12 Mine
- 13 Occupant
- 14 Slayer
- 17 Hill
- 18 In ghastly fashion
- 20 Figure
- 21 Lazed about
- 23 Girl's name
- 24 Pertaining to fingers

DOWN

- 1 On which things turn
- 2 Students' lark
- 3 Seaman's waterproof
- 4 Distant
- 5 Military rank
- 6 Greek citadel
- 7 Betrayer
- 11 A know-nothing
- 13 Lockjaw
- 15 Pressing
- 16 Bad, muddled
- 18 Tall wading-bird
- 19 Tyrolean call
- 22 Destiny



America's Cup defender Alinghi of Switzerland sails upwind during Race 5 against challenger Emirates Team New Zealand at the 32nd America's Cup in Valencia on 29 June, 2007. —INTERNET

South Korea warm up for Asian Cup
with 3-0 win over Iraq

SEOUL, 30 June — South Korea beat Iraq 3-0 in a friendly international on Friday which both teams used as part of their preparations for next month's Asian Cup.

South Korea, one of the favourites to win the tournament, went ahead shortly after half-time in

the match on Jeju Island when midfielder Yeom Ki-hun scored from close range through goalkeeper Noor Sabri's legs.

Defender Oh Beom-Seok, who provided the pass for that goal also had a hand in the second when he crossed for Lee Chun-soo to head home to make

it 2-0. South Korea made it 3-0 when second-half substitute Lee Keun-ho scored after some clever approach play by Lee Chun-soo.

MNA/Reuters

Henin powers past Russian
into 4th round

LONDON, 30 June — Justine Henin used her formidable backhand and clever angles to beat Russian Elena Vesnina 6-1, 6-3 in the third round at Wimbledon on Friday. The world number one, seeking her first Wimbledon crown to complete her Grand Slam collection, has had an easy ride into the second week at the All England Club and has spent less than three hours on court to get there.

She will face more of a challenge in the next round where she will take on 15th seed Patty Schnyder of Switzerland.

"It's going to be a long weekend now, but I'm glad I'm in the fourth round," Henin told a news conference.

"I could do very good things during my first three matches. Especially today I'm very happy the way I played, very aggressive, very consistent." —MNA/Reuters

Football overshadows problems
at Copa America

PUERTO LA CRUZ (Venezuela), 30 June — The Copa America took a breather on Friday after an opening three days which produced shock results, attacking football and the impressive tally of 24 goals in six games.

With all 12 teams having made their debuts, there have been almost no refereeing controversies and a refreshing absence of injury-feigning and gamesmanship.

The main problems have been off the pitch where the organizers' ambitious plans to spread the tournament around nine venues — including three brand new stadiums — appeared to backfire.

On Monday, the South Ameri-

can Football Confederation (CSF), ordered the first semifinal on July 10 to be switched from Caracas to Maracaibo, at two weeks' notice, on security grounds.

Brazil, Ecuador, Chile and Mexico were unable to train at the Camachay Stadium in Puerto Ordaz on the eve of Wednesday's Group B games because the finishing touches were still being put to the arena.

Meanwhile, the Anzoategui Stadium in Puerto La Cruz, due to host two Group B games next Wednesday, is surrounded by a sea of mud, with two cranes still in place and building materials scattered around.— MNA/Reuters

Fifth seed
Gonzalez falls
to Tipsarevic

LONDON, 30 June — Fifth seed Fernando Gonzalez of Chile became the biggest casualty of this year's Wimbledon when he lost 6-3, 3-6, 6-3, 4-6, 8-6 in the third round to Serb Janko Tipsarevic on Friday.

The rain-interrupted match on Centre Court finally finished after three hours 35 minutes with a Tipsarevic ace.

Australian Open finalist Gonzalez had his chances. He served for the match at 5-3 in fifth only to be broken and had a match point on Tipsarevic's serve at 6-5 but sent a backhand into the net.— MNA/Reuters

Sorenstam sneaks up on
Park at US Women's Open

SOUTHERN PINES (North Carolina), 30 June — Eighteen-year-old Brazilian Angela Park held on to her overnight lead but defending champion Annika Sorenstam made her presence felt with a 70 as the storm-hit first round of the US Women's Open finally ended on Friday.

Park led with a three-under-par 68 which she completed before lightning brought a premature end to proceedings at the Pine Needles course on Thursday.

She led by two shots in the clubhouse when she went to bed on Thursday night but she ended up just one ahead of South Korea's Park In-bee, another 18-year-old rookie, and 30-year-old Shiho Oyama, the top player in Japan last year.

Sorenstam, three times winner of this event including a victory on this course in 1996, had five holes to complete in the morning and made a birdie at the 15th to join a group of only 10 sub-par scores.

MNA/Reuters



Jee Young Lee of South Korea watches her tee shot on the first hole during second round of the US Women's Open at Pine Needles Golf Club in Southern Pines on 29 June, 2007.— INTERNET

Arabs doubt Blair can succeed in Middle East

CAIRO, 30 June — ArabssaidonThursdaythey doubted former British prime minister Tony Blair could succeed as Middle East peace envoy because

of his unpopularity and because he is too close to Israel and the United States.

They said Blair had little credibility in the

Middle East because he took part in the invasion of Iraq, opposed a ceasefire in Lebanon last year and failed to follow up on many promises to tackle the Israeli-Palestinian conflict.

The scepticism about Blair's mission as envoy for the international Quartet extended from opposition Islamists to former and current officials of conservative Arab governments nominally friendly towards the United States and Britain.

One exception was the Fatah movement of Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas, which is dependent on US and Israeli help in its conflict with the Islamists of Hamas.

The Quartet the United States, the European Union, Russia and the United Nations — appointed Blair on Wednesday, the day he stepped down after 10 years

as British prime minister.

The choice of Blair was seen in the Middle East as a present from US President George W. Bush for his years of support for Bush's policies in Iraq and elsewhere in the Middle East.

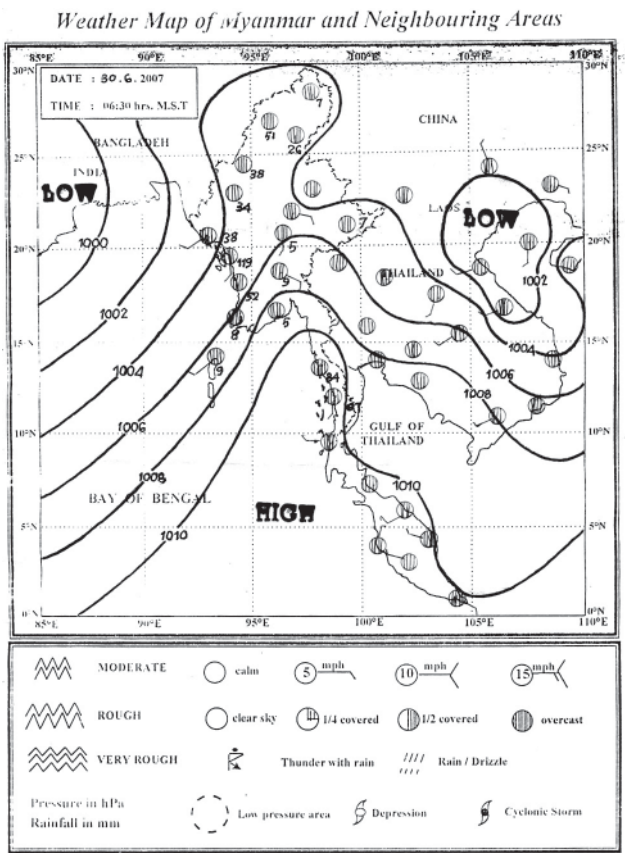
Former Egyptian foreign minister Ahmed Maher said the choice was a mistake because of the perception that Blair is biased, arising from his closeness to the US Administration.

"This was a way for the Americans to honour his friendship but I think they should have found a better way to honour him, a way where he would have a chance of success, and I honestly don't believe he has any chance of success," he told Reuters.

MNA/Reuters



A bellydancer performs at an oriental dance festival in Cairo on 28 June, 2007. — INTERNET



WEATHER

Saturday, 30 June, 2007

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, weather has been pralty cloudy in lower Sagaing Division and rain have been scattered in Kayah State, Mandalay and Magway Divisions, fairly widespread in Chin and Shan States, Taninthayi Division and widespread in the remaining areas with locally heavyfall in Rakhine State and isolated heavyfalls in the remaining areas with locally in Rakhine State and isolated heavyfalls in Mon State and Taninthayi Division. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Tannggoke (6.30) inches, Kyaukpyu (5.51) inches, Yay (5.12) inches, Thandwe (4.33) inches, Kyauktaw (3.82) inches, Dawei (3.43) inches, Myeik (2.79) inches and Maungtaw (2.37) inches.

Maximum temperature on 29-6-2007 was 82°F. Minimum temperature on 30-6-2007 was 73°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hours MST on 30-6-2007 was 89%. Total sunshine hours on 29-6-2007 was (Nil).

Rainfall on 29-6-2007 was (0.12) inch at Mingaladon, (0.20) inch at Kaba-Aye, (0.24) inch at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2007 was (50.00) inches at Mingaladon, (54.96) inches at Kaba-Aye and (52.05) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (12) mph from Southwest at (17:30) hours MST on 29-6-2007.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 1-7-2007: Rain will be scattered in Kayah State, lower Sagaing, Mandalay and Magway Divisions, fairly widespread in Kachin and Shan States, Taninthayi Division and widespread in the remaining areas with likelihood of isolated heavyfall in Rakhine State. Degree of certainty is (80%).

State of the sea: Squalls with moderate to rough sea will be experienced at times off and along Deltaic and Rakhine Coast, Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (40) mph. Seas will be moderate elsewhere in Myanmar Waters.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Strong monsoon. **Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring areas for 1-7-2007:** One or two rain. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring areas for 1-7-2007: Some rain. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring areas for 1-7-2007: One or two rain. Degree of certainty is (80%).



Sunday, 1 July
Tune in today

- 8:30 am Brief news
- 8:35 am Music:
-The best of me (Bryan Adams)
- 8:40 am Perspectives
- 8:45 am Music:
-Super fanatics (Mr.Big)
- 8:50 am National news
- 9:00 am Music:
-Ironie (Alanis Morissette)
- 9:10 am International news
- 9:15 am Music:
-That's Myanmar
- 9:20 am Music:
-Spiders (No Daibt)
- 1:30 pm News / Slogan
- 1:40pm Story for children
-Po Tablu & The fisherman
- 1:50 pm Songs for children
- 9:00pm Weekly news review
- 9:10 pm Article
- 9:20 pm Music/LIETS
-One sweet day (Mariah Carey)
-I can love you like that (All 4 one)
-You are not alone (Michael Jackson)
- 9:45 pm News /Slogan
- 10:00 pm PEL



Sunday, 1 July
View on today

7:00 am

- ကျေးဇူးရှင်မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော် ဘုရားကြီး၊ နိုင်တော်သံဃာ မဟာနာယကအဖွဲ့အကျိုးတော်ဆောင်ချုပ်၊ အဘိဓမ္မဟာရဌဂုရု၊ အဘိဓမ္မအဂ္ဂမဟာသဒ္ဓမ္မဇောတိက၊ တိပိဋကဓရ၊ ဓမ္မဘဏ္ဍာဂါရိက၊ ဆရာတော် ဘဒ္ဒန္တဝိစိတ္တသာရာဘိဝံသ၏ ပရိတ်တရားတော်
- တိပိဋကဓရ၊ဓမ္မဘဏ္ဍာဂါရိက၊ အဂ္ဂမဟာပဏ္ဍိတ၊ ဘဒ္ဒန္တသိန္နထိတ်သ(ယောဆရာတော်) ဟောကြားတော်မူအပ်သော ဥပ္ပါတသန္တိပါဠိတော်

7:25 am

- To be healthy exercise

7:30 am

- Morning news

7:40 am

- Nice and sweet song

7:50 am

- ယဉ်ကျေးလိမ္မာ (၃၈)ဖြာမင်္ဂလာ

8:00 am

- အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ

8:10 am

- တံတားအလှပန်းလောင်

8:10 am

- အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ

8:20 am

- မြန်မာအမျိုးသမီးများနေ့၊ ဂုဏ်ပြုအစီအစဉ်

8:30 am

- International news

8:45 am

- Say it in English

11:00 am

- Martial song

11:10 am

- Musical programme

11:35 am

- Round up of the week's international news

11:40 am

- Yan Can Cook

11:55 pm

- "မီးရထားစီး ခရီးသွားကြသူများ" (နေအောင်၊ မေသဉ္ဇာဦး၊ ဇင်ဇင်ဇော်မြင့်၊သဇင်၊ နန်းဆုရတီစိုး) (ဒါရိုက်တာ- စင်ရော်မောင်မောင်)

1:40 pm

- အရေးပြိုင်ပွဲ

1:50 pm

- ဆက်သွယ်ဆင့်ပွား အိပ်မက်တံတား

2:00 pm

- Musical programme

2:15 pm

- အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ

2:30 pm

- ဆွာချောင်းရေလှောင်တစ်

2:45 pm

- International news

4:00 pm

- Martial song

4:15 pm

- Song to uphold National Spirit

4:30 pm

- English for everyday use

4:45 pm

- အဝေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ် ပညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြား သင်ခန်းစာ -တတိယနှစ် (သတ္တဗေဒအထူးပြု) (သတ္တဗေဒ)

5:00 pm

- Song of national races

5:15 pm

- Sing and enjoy

6:00 pm

- Evening news

6:30 pm

- Weather report

6:35 pm

- သိရီဂေဟာ

6:30 pm

- မြန်မာအမျိုးသမီးများနေ့၊ ဂုဏ်ပြုအစီအစဉ်

7:15 pm

- နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "သမားတော်"(အပိုင်း-၃၉)

8:00 pm

- News

13: International news

14: Weather report

15: နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "မေတ္တာနောင်ကြိုး" (အပိုင်း-၂)

16: The next day's programme

Lt-Gen Myint Swe attends Waso robes offering ceremony

YANGON, 30 June — A Waso robes offering ceremony of Tipitaka Maha Gandhayon Monastery took place at Thiri Mingalar Anandagonay five-storey building yesterday morning. Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence attended the ceremony.

Compiler of Anguttro Treatise Tipitakadhara Selection Examination Ovadacariya Sayadaw Agga Maha Pandita Bhaddanta Pañissara Bhivamsa, Pali Kari Sayadaw Bhaddanta Ingisa, Maha Theikpan

Sayadaw Bhaddanta Siri Dhamma, Yangon Division Sangha Nayaka Committee Chairman Bhaddanta Jotika and members of the Sangha and wellwishers.

The ceremony was opened with three times recitation of Namo Tassa and Lt-Gen Myint Swe and the congregation received the Five Precepts

from Sayadaw Bhaddanta Pañissara Bhivamsa. Next, Lt-Gen Myint Swe and wellwishers offered Waso robes and provisions to the Sayadaws and members of the Sangha, who recited paritas. Later, the ceremony came to a close with three times recitation of Buddha Sasanam Ciramtitthatu.

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Lt-Gen Myint Swe offers alms to a Sayadaw.

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Commander unveils Road Safety billboard in Pyinmana District



Commander Maj-Gen Wai Lwin cuts the ribbon to open road safety billboard.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 30 June — Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Maj-Gen Wai Lwin attended the ceremony to put up the billboard on Road Safety held in front of the Bawga Thiri bus terminal this morning.

Firstly, the commander unveiled the billboard and

greeted those present.

Next, the commander heard reports on matters related to hired vehicles of

Tawwin Transportation Service and its services presented by an official and inspected them.

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Ministry of Mines team playing against CSSTB team.

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1st Nay Pyi Taw Inter-Ministry Football Tournament continues for sixth day

NAY PYI TAW, 30 June — Jointly organized by the Ministry of Sports and Myanmar Football Federation, the 1st Nay Pyi Taw Inter-Ministry Football Tournament continued its matches of the first round at Paunglaung Sports Ground in Pyinmana and Lewu Township Sports Ground today.

Among the spectators were Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win, Deputy Minister for Finance and Revenue Col Hla Thein Swe, Deputy Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Col Tin Ngwe, member of Civil Service Selection and Training Board U Soe Oo, Governor of Central Bank of Myanmar U Than Nyein, department heads, responsible persons of Myanmar Olympic Committee and Myanmar Football Federation, service personnel and families.

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