New universities and colleges built and existing ones upgraded under the national education promotion programme

Secretary-1 attends opening of main building of Yadanabon University

YANGON, 8 July — The Government has been implementing human resource development programmes with the objective of promoting national education in basic and higher education sectors with greater momentum. A magnificent main building of Mandalay Yadanabon University has been opened.

The opening ceremony was held at the building on 7 July, attended by Chairman of Myanmar Education Development Council Lt-Gen Ye Myint, Chairman of Mandalay Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Central Command Maj-Gen Ye Myint, the ministers, the chairman of Civil Service Selection and Training Board, the deputy ministers, the Mandalay mayor, officials of the State Peace and Development Council Office, heads of departments, the directors-general of departments under the Ministry of Education, Rector U Win Maung, Pro-rector, professors and associate professors, lecturers, assistant lecturers, tutors, demonstrators, staff, students, social organizations and guests. Fourteen outstanding students formally unveiled the signboard of the university. They also unveiled stone inscription of “Our Vision”.

Maung Nay Win Naing, first year M.Sc Chemistry major student, and Ma Aye Mon Mon Aung , first year MA Myanmar major student, formally opened the main building of Yadanabon University.

The Secretary-1 and party planted Gangaw trees to mark the opening of the main building. Next, the Secretary-1 formally unveiled the bronze plaque and sprayed scented water on it.

The Secretary-1 and party viewed books on 30-year long-term project, theses for MA degree, books on respective subjects, research papers, reference books, literary works of Sayadaw Ashin Janakabhivamsa, literature on poets of Amarapura period, annual magazines, rare newspapers, magazines and journals published in Myanmar at the book fair in commemoration of the opening of the main building. (See page 11)

Daw Suu Kyi, the NLD party and Our Ray of Hope — 5

Because of our specchifying a crowd had soon blocked the road at both ends and two or more passenger buses and freight trucks were held up. This was when we heard a handsome man of 50 years old say deliberately in our hearing, “See…Bogyoke Aung San talked about the drying of chopped tobacco stalks out on the road, misusing the meaning of independence. But now the daughter puts a bench in the middle of the road and blocks it in the name of democracy to make a political speech. It’s too bad.”

We could do nothing beyond giving him sidelong glances. But then it was really Auntie Suu who was in the wrong.

Emergence of the State Constitution is the duty of all citizens of Myanmar Naing-Ngan.
Glimpses of endeavours for socio-economic development

WEST YANGON UNIVERSITY UNDER CONSTRUCTION: The West Yangon University which is being built in Hnudabin Township, Yangon North District, Yangon Division. Nowadays, new universities and colleges are emerging all over the country and the existing ones are upgraded in order to nurture youths to become highly qualified intellectuals and intelligentsia for the future of the nation. Indeed, human resource development is essential for the national development of every country in the world. — MNA

MAUBIN GOVERNMENT TECHNOLOGICAL COLLEGE: The Maubin Government Technological College which was opened on 28-6-2003. It will produce engineers who will bring about development of Maubin region and Ayeyawady Division in the near future. The opening of such a college means providing an opportunity for students to pursue higher learning in the region. Emergence of better foundations for producing highly qualified human resources in the division. — MNA

LAWKANANDA RIVER WATER PUMPING PROJECT: The Lawkananda river water pumping project in NyaungU Township, Mandalay Division. The project is designed to irrigate 11,000 acres of land in the western part of NyaungU Township. At present, the project is irrigating 2,800 acres of farmland. Lawkananda project is under construction phase by phase to benefit 11,000 acres of farmland — MNA

ZWEBAT SLUICE GATE PROJECT: The construction site of the Zwebat sluice gate project in Bago Division. Dams and reservoirs are built as priority is given to construction of irrigation facilities for agricultural development of the nation. It is encouraging to see that irrigated acreage has been increased remarkably due to emergence of agricultural infrastructures in various States and Divisions. — MNA
**Chinese President on flood control in east China**

BEIJING, 8 July — Chinese President Hu Jintao has called for efforts to ensure safety of the Huaihe River, one of the country’s major rivers, will not be breached as the water level has been rising rapidly due to continuous rainfall.

Speaking by telephone to Vice-Premier Hu Liangyong on Saturday, Hu also General Secretary of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China (CPC), urged the country’s top flood control official to give top priority to the protection of people’s lives during the ongoing fight against floodwaters.

The Vice-Premier was inspecting flood control work on the dyke of the river in Anhui Province, where water levels have been rising due to heavy rain since late June.

Hu called for every effort to efficiently arrange the fort to efficiently arrange the dyke of a lake to breach, including using emergency measures to pre-control authorities to take minimum.

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**White House says Iraq uranium claim an error**

WASHINGTON, 8 July — The Bush Administration has acknowledged for the first time that President George W Bush’s claim in his State of the Union address in January that Iraq had sought to buy uranium from Africa was an error, the **The Washington Post** reported on Tuesday.

“Knowing all that we know now, the reference to Iraq’s attempt to acquire uranium from Africa should not have been included in the State of the Union speech,” a senior Bush Administration official said in a statement authorized by the White House, the newspaper reported.

The report said the administration official’s statement came in response to questions about a British parliamentary commission report that raised questions about the reliability of British intelligence cited by Bush in his January 28 speech.

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**Support wanes in Britain for Iraq war**

LONDON, 8 July — Public support in Britain for the Iraq war has fallen sharply, with 45 percent now believing that military action was wrong, a poll for The Times newspaper suggested.

Whereas 64 percent in April and 58 percent in May thought military action was “the right thing to do,” 47 percent felt the same way when quizzed last Friday through Sunday, the poll indicated.

Eight percent replied “don’t know.” The poll, by the Populus organization, was conducted after a month of allegations — denied by Prime Minister Tony Blair and his government — that Downing Street doctor intelligence data to beef up the case for war.

A report from the House of Commons foreign affairs committee Monday, after two weeks of hearings, criticized Blair for the way he presented the case for joining the US-led war that began March 20. But it also concluded that his government did not mislead the nation over the threat posed by the now-deposed Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein and weapons of mass destruction.

The poll, involving a random sample of 1,000 adults quizzed by telephone all over Britain, also followed the killing in an Iraq town of six British soldiers — the first to die since major combat was declared over on May 1.

Asked if Blair had the “leadership qualities needed in a prime minister,” 56 percent replied yes — compared to 25 percent for the opposition Conservative leader Iain Duncan Smith. But 38 percent believed Blair did not, and 54 percent agreed when asked: “I wouldn’t trust him further than I could throw him.”

**Doctors tease apart brains of Iranian twins**

SINGAPORE, 8 July — Neurosurgeons trying to separate Iranian twins joined at the head teased apart tightly packed brain tissue and blood vessels on Tuesday as the life-threatening operation moved into its third day.

Soothing classical music played in the operating theatre as the team of 28 doctors and about 100 assistants at a Singapore hospital battled unstable blood circulation amid an array of lines that feed the twins’ elderly parents await food and massage breaks through the night.

As well as music to soothe them in their work, the doctors have been taking food and massage breaks through the night.

After cutting open the 29-year-old pair’s joint skull in the hours after the surgery began on Sunday, five neurosurgeons were prying apart the brains millimetre by millimetre, said Dr Prem Kumar Nair, a spokesman for Singapore’s Raffles Hospital.

“In the process of separating, you cannot just tear them apart. They have to be teased apart very slowly, cut, teased apart, cut, teased apart,” he told reporters.

“They are both the brains are distinctly separate, because they have been fused for the last 29 years they are very adherent to each other.”

Another official said this part of the surgery had taken much longer than the expected 10 hours.

“Part of the brain has been dissected, but they haven’t reached the base yet,” the official said.

“It has been 16 hours since they started this part of the operation and the separation has taken much longer than expected.”

German doctors turned away the twins in 1996, saying splitting them could prove fatal. But the Bijanis were determined to lead separate lives and persuaded Singapore doctors to operate despite the risks.

Nair said doctors had completed a key part of the operation, using a leg vein extracted from Ladan’s right thigh to replace for her a shared major vein that drained blood from the brains.

But after the bypass, blood circulation between the twins became unstable.

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The operation has drawn worldwide attention as the twins’ elderly parents await the outcome in Iran. Supporters in Singapore are holding a prayer vigil at the hospital.

On Monday, Iranian President Mohammad Khatami pledged to cover the medical fees for the twins, estimated at around $300,000 US dollars. 

A US soldier frisks an Iraqi father while his son waits for his turn at a mobile check-point in Kadhamiya north of the capital Baghdad, Iraq on July, 2003 where hours earlier a US convoy came under attack and a US soldier was killed. —INTERNET

A woman holds her daughter in the pediatric ward of the ‘Women and Children’s Hospital’ (formerly Saddam Hospital) at Nassiriya on 6 July, 2003. MNA/Reuters

**S Korean President arrives in Beijing**

BEIJING, 8 July — South Korean President Roh Moo-hyun arrived in Beijing Monday for a four-day state visit to China as guest of Chinese President Hu Jintao.

Hu and Roh will hold talks later Monday to exchange views on bilateral ties, international and regional issues of common concern.

This will be the first meeting between Hu and Roh since they assumed office.

MNA/Xinhua

**UK soldier wounded by sniper in Basra, Iraq**

LONDON, 8 July — A British soldier has been shot and wounded in a sniper attack on troops in souther, the Ministry of Defence in London said on Tuesday.

The man was taking part in a patrol on Sunday when it came under fire, a spokesman said.

“A British Army patrol was fired upon by two Iraqi gunmen while on routine operations on the northern outskirts of Basra,” she said. “One sustained a gunshot wound to the leg and is a stable condition in a British Army field hospital.”

Six Royal Military Policemen were killed last month during a confrontation with an Iraqi mob in Majar al-Kabir, 100 miles north of Basra. — Internet
Iraq resistance clouds US postwar plan

WASHINGTON, 8 July — Americans are dying almost daily in Iraq more than two months after President Bush declared that major combat had ended, and many people believe the anti-occupation violence will persist — or even grow — as long as Iraqis think Saddam Hussein might return.

The resistance, which one US general said Monday has become more sophisticated, has been so persistent that plans for sending US troops home have been thrown in doubt.

US officials have responded not only by putting more US troops on the offensive in pursuit of former Baath Party leaders and other Saddam loyalists, but also by escalating the psychological battle for the hearts and minds of ordinary Iraqis whom think Saddam might re-emerge.

In Saddam’s hometown of Tikrit, someone recently wrote graffiti on a wall of one of his former palaces offering praise for the former president, and no Iraqi has been bold enough to erase it.

Emad Dhia, an Iraqi-American who returned to his homeland after the war to advise the occupation administration, told reporters at the Pentagon on Monday that attacks on Americans will not stop “as long as Saddam’s remnants exist.” He added: “They will stop at nothing to regain their power.”

It will inflict more fear in some of the Iraqi people’s hearts and minds,” Dhia said. Michael O’Hanlon, a defense analyst at the Brookings Institution, believes that questions about the fate of Saddam are not the main problem facing the US-led occupation forces.

“The most important issue is simply that there are a lot of former Baath Party people who have no interest in cooperating with a new Iraqi government — whether Saddam is around or not, he said.

“The administration failed to create any clear plans for conflict-resolu- tion” and underestimated the level of resistance once Saddam was toppled, he said.

US military authorities say they have no good evidence that Saddam was killed in the war, but they also doubt he is orchestrating the wave of attacks on Americans.

Since Bush declared on May 1 that major combat in Iraq was over, some 28 Americans have been killed by hostile fire and 43 others have died in accidents and other non-hostile circumstances, a total of 71. The Pentagon on Monday was unable to provide an exact count of hostile deaths.

In the approximately three weeks of fighting before Baghdad fell to US troops on April 9, 102 Americans died, including 87 killed by hostile fire.

Maj Gen Carl Stroop, deputy director of operations for the US occupation authority, said in a video teleconference from Baghdad that although it is not clear who is directing the attacks, they are becoming more sophisticated. “I think what’s really happening here is that after the cessation of hostilities, the enemy has had a little bit of time to regroup, so we’re seeing more deliberate types of attacks,” he told reporters at the Penta- gon. — Internet

Deputies report on claims Britain exaggerated Iraq intelligence

LONDON, 8 July — A British parliamentary committee was due to give its verdict on whether the government of Prime Minister Tony Blair exaggerated the case for invading Iraq, amid an escalating war of words between Downing Street and the BBC over the issue.

The public broadcaster has accused Blair’s office of embellishing the threat posed to Britain by Iraq in an intelligence dossier published in September, drawing a furious response from the prime minister.

Downing Street has been particularly incensed by the claim that Blair’s director of communications insisted on including a passage in the dossier which said Saddam Hussein could deploy chemical or biological weapons within 45 minutes, despite the reservations of Britain’s intelligence services.

After two weeks of hearings, the House of Commons foreign affairs committee is expected to largely exonerate Blair and his close aide and media adviser Alastair Campbell of any wrongdoing in embellishing the September dossier.

This would leave the BBC in an awkward position, after its hearder of governors Sunday said they were standing by its report, and demanded Campbell retract an allegation of BBC bias in its reporting of the Iraq war. — Internet

Iraq weapons intelligence ‘limited’

LONDON, 8 July — The UK and US had not known whether Saddam Hussein’s commanders would be able to deploy weapons of mass destruction against coalition troops, the Ministry of Defence has said.

The two countries had only limited intelligence about Iraqi forces in the run up to the conflict, the MoD said in its first official assessment of the Iraq campaign.

It was judged that the regime might use theatre ballistic missiles and possibly weapons of mass destruction if it could make the capabilities available for operational use and secure the obedience of subordinate commanders.

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As a result, those affected by leishmaniasis are often stigmatized, particularly women and children, according to the spokesman.

“While there are not firm country-wide figures available, it is believed that Afghanistan probably has the largest single outbreak of the disease in the world,” he said.

There are some 200,000 cases of leishmaniasis in Kabul alone, he said, adding that the disease is also epidemic in Badakhshan due to local people’s low level of resistance.

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Pakistani PM calls upon people to combat menace of terrorism

ISLAMABAD, 8 July — Pakistani Prime Minister Zafarullah Jamali here Sun- day called upon the people to stand united to combat the menace of terrorism and to rid the country of the scourge.

Addressing the parlia- mentary party meeting of the ruling Pakistan Muslim League (Quaid) and its al- lies in the evening, Jamali said that terrorism would not be tolerated whatever its forms are and wherever it occurs, according to News Network International. He expressed the firm deter- mination to stamp out ter- rorism from the country and asked the people to extend their wholehearted support to the government in this regard. Earlier, Jamali told reporters that the possibil- ity of foreign hand behind the Quetta killing cannot be ruled out. “The setting up of Indian consoles in (Afghanistan’s) Kanda-har, Hirat and Zidan cannot be overlooked. The incidents could be a fallout of these developments.” — MNA/Xinhua

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COLOMBO, 8 July — At least four people were killed and five others including a foreigner were injured when a tourist coach collided with a van in Mawanella, some 90 kilometres northeast of Sri Lankan capital Colombo, on Sunday, police said.

Two of the injured were a Dutch national, police added. — MNA/Xinhua

Tourists adventure on the Mengdong River in the Xiangxi Autonomous Prefecture of the Miao and Tu Ethnic Minorities, central China’s Hunan Province on 28 June, 2003. Tourism in western Hunan begins to flourish in the wake of SARS. — XINHUA PHOTO

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Attackers in Baghdad using cover of crowds, buildings

Baghdad, 8 July — As attacks on occupation forces in Iraq escalate, assailants in Baghdad have used the capital’s bustling crowds, tall buildings and busy streets as avenues for surprise strikes and easy escapes — elements of urban warfare that US troops managed to avoid during the military campaign to topple the government of Saddam Hussein.

On Sunday, a US soldier was fatally shot in the neck outside a packed cafeteria at Baghdad University by a man who disappeared into a throng of students. On Thursday night, a soldier poking out of the hatch of an armoured vehicle was killed by a sniper perched in an eight-storey building across the street. And 10 days ago, a civil affairs soldier walking along a sidewalk was gunned down by an assailant who had appeared from — and then disappeared back into — a swarm of shoppers.

“When you’re in the middle of a city, it’s impossible to tell friend from foe,” said Sgt. Lawrence Adams of the 1st Armoured Division, whose field artillery unit has been attacked seven times since it arrived in Baghdad in early May to patrol a two-square-mile sector along the Tigris River. The incidents included mortar fire from a nearby neighbourhood, a drive-by shooting, a rocket-propelled grenade launched from a bus stop and hand grenades tossed at soldiers’ Humvees as they drove through a congested market.

The daily volley of attacks that use the urban landscape for concealment and flight have frustrated and frightened US forces in Baghdad, many of whom have to drive through the city in open-sided Humvees, stand in front of government buildings and walk through public places every day.

“There’s not much we can do about those guys who are determined to try to kill us,” one US military commander had hoped to avoid urban combat in the earliest days of the war and relied on airstrikes and a strategy of drawing the Iraqi army outside this sprawling city of 5 million people. But since Hussein’s government collapsed and the war was declared over, unpredictable guerrilla-style attacks against US troops have escalated.

Flood havoc continues in Assam state

New Delhi, 8 July — Flood waters of the Brahmaputra River and its tributaries Sunday continued the devastation in east India’s Assam State, affecting nearly one million people. Local officials said that 19 districts of the state are reeling under the impact of the floods which have so far claimed nine lives and damaged nearly 35,000 hectares of crop.

In the worst-affected Dhemaji District, the situation remains critical with more than 60,000 people in villages affected by the swirling waters of Gau and headwaters rivers, the Press Trust of India said.

Road and rail communication in the district remains disrupted and there is acute shortage in the supply of essential commodities.

Reconstruction official says sabotage rising

Washington, 8 July — Sabotage against Iraq’s oil and electric power grids is increasing, an official of the US-led reconstruction effort there said on Monday and be appealed to Iraqi citizens to turn in saboteurs.

“I’m certainly not expecting the ordinary Iraqi housewife or worker to go out there and fight off a saboteur,” Andrew Bearpark told Pentagon reporters in a teleconference from Baghdad.

But “ordinary people can certainly pass on information,” he added, noting that rewards had been offered for such reports as part of an effort to bring security to troubled Iraq, where US and British troops are being killed in violent attacks.

Bearpark, who is British and serves as director of regional services in a reconstruction and stabilization effort headed by US administrator Paul Bremer, said that while sabotage was increasing he sensed that most Iraqis were against it.

“We do see increasing sabotage over the last few weeks. I haven’t seen any increase over the last few days,” he told reporters.

Bearpark stressed that it was simply impossible for US and allied troops to keep watch over the whole infrastructure along with a large number of Iraqi police and other local security forces to help.

Vietnam’s mobile phone market warming up

HANOI, 8 July — The fact that Vietnam has the third mobile phone network or the first using Code Division Multiple Access (CDMA) technology this month makes its market to warm up, according to a report of Vietnam News on Monday.

The Sfone network, owned by domestic Saigon Post and Telecommunication Joint Stock Company (SPT) and South Korean consortium SDL Telecom, became operational on July 1 with an investment of 230 million US dollars. It competes with two existing networks using the Global System for Mobile Communications (GSM) run by two affiliates of the state-owned Vietnam Post and Telecommunication Corporation.

SPT and its partners in the Sfone business cooperation contract hope to sign up 100,000 subscribers by the end of this year and 300,000 next year.

But, market watchers said it would take some time for the new player to obtain substantial share of the local market. The two GSM operators, Vietnam Mobile Telecom Service Company (VMS) with Mobifone network and Vietnam Telecom Service Company (GPC) with Vinaphone network, have gained strong foothold in the market.

US to return freed Turkish soldiers to north Iraq

ANKARA, 8 July — Eleven Turkish soldiers detained by US forces in Iraq late last week were to return to the north on Monday after the United States freed them in Baghdad, averting an escalation in the crisis between the NATO allies.

The Turkish special forces were released late on Friday and spent the night in a guest house in Baghdad because of security concerns in the northern Iraqi city of Sulaimanyar, Turkey’s state-run Anatolian news agency said.

The release came after US Vice-President Dick Cheney spoke with Turkish Prime Minister Tayyip Erdogan by telephone on Sunday to calm the row between allies who fell out over the US invasion of Iraq in March.

A few thousand Turkish troops remain in northern Iraq in pursuit of Turkish Kurdish separatists, despite US concerns their presence could destabilize the largely Kurdish enclave. Officials said Foreign Minister Abdullah Gul still planned to fly to Washington later in July, seen as an effort to mend frayed ties.

Erdogan’s office said in a statement on Sunday a joint commission would be set up to investigate last week’s incident.

Private news channel NTV later quoted the Prime Minister as saying the commission’s mandate could be broadened to ensure better cooperation in the future between US and Turkish forces operating in the north.

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

The second best time is now.

An American soldier aims his pistol at a pushing car as he secures the street at the entrance to Baghdad University in Baghdad, Iraq on 6 July, 2003 following an attack on a US soldier inside the campus. — Internet
CANNES, 8 July—Australian Prime Minister John Howard defended himself against accusations on Monday that he had claimed Iraq was developing nuclear weapons to justify going to war, despite being told by Washington the allegation was dubious.

In a speech to Parliament in February, Howard echoed US Central Intelligence Agency (CIA) reports on Saddam Hussein’s nuclear ambitions as a reason for Australia to join the United States in invading Iraq.

“What I said on that issue was accurate,” Howard told local reporters on Monday.

But Greg Tiellmann, a former official with the US State Department, told The Age newspaper Australia would have known about concerns raised months before by both the US State Department and Department of Energy over the information.

“If the Prime Minister was reaching the conclusion that Iraq had recommitted its nuclear weapons pro-
grame, which in our office was one of the biggest issues of all — well, we did not know,” Tiellmann said.

Controversy is raging in the United States, Britain and Australia over claims of feeding intelligence about weapons of mass destruction to justify the war. No evi-
dence of such weapons has been found by US forces.

Australia’s conservative Prime Minister said he was right to send a 2,000-strong force to the Gulf.

Howard also found uncovering more mass graves is a demonstration that there’s a huge humanitarian and moral dividend out of what took place and that it was right,” Howard said.

Opposition parties in Australia are holding a parliamentary inquiry into Howard’s use of pre-war intelligence on Iraq’s alleged chemical and biological arsenal.

The United States and Britain have also been criticized by ex-US Ambas-
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INTERNET

Cooking oil used in Afghanistan

to retain teachers in school

KARAIL, 8 July—Thousands of Afghan teachers in this capital city and two

neighbouring provinces on Sunday received 10 litres of cooking oil each under a

project to make teaching a more attractive job.

It is part of a joint effort by the United Nations Children’s Fund Programme (WFP) and the

Afghan Education Ministry to encourage students and teachers’ attendance at school

through providing food assistance, officials said. WFP’s Food for Education project in

Afghanistan will cost 97 million US dollars in a two-year period until March 2005, ac-

cording to Shakila Tani, a WFP programme

officer. “For the coming year, 100,000 teach-

ers will be targeted all over the country who will receive 10 litres of cooking oil as a

supplement to their salary,” she said.

“Our purpose is to encourage teachers’ eagerness to teach at school,” she said, “those who

attend at school for less than 22 days a month could not receive such an assistance.”

MNA/Xinhua

Public support for Iraqi war tumbles sharply in Britain

LONDON, 8 July — Public support for the Iraq war has slipped sharply in Britain, with 45 per cent not believing that military action was right, according to the latest Populus poll published by The Times newspaper on Tuesday.

The poll, taken over the weekend, highlighted the damage to British Minister Tony Blair’s image caused by the row over govern-

ment intelligence dossiers on Iraq in the run-up to the war, and by disillu-

sionment over public services.

Where as 64 per cent in April and 58 per cent in May thought a war against Iraq was “the right thing to do”, only 47 per cent of the polled now felt the same way and 8

per cent replied “don’t know”, the poll showed.

The number thinking it “was the wrong thing” had risen from 24 per cent in April to 34 per cent last month and 45 per cent in support for the war has dropped sharply among women and older people.

Blair took a lead over Conservatives leader Iain Duncan Smith when the polled were asked which of the two they would prefer to see as prime minister after the next election.

Blair was preferred by 42 per cent and the Tory leader 37 per cent.

Blair failed particularly the trust and honesty ques-
tions, and 54 per cent of the polled would not trust him “for further than I could throw him”. Off the polled, 63 per cent did not believe Blair was more honest than most politicians.

MNA/Xinhua

Engines find

“smoking gun” in shuttle tragedy

SAN ANTONIO (Texas), 8 July—Engineers on Monday found what they called the “smoking gun” in the de-

struction of the space shuttle, a foam chunk that struck the shuttle’s left wing when it lifted off in January.

Scott Hubbard, a mem-

ber of the Columbia Acci-

dent Investigation Board, said a test carried out at the Southwest Research Institute in San Antonio “demon-

strates that this is in fact the most probable cause creat-

ing the breach that led to the loss of Columbia.” In the

test, witnessed by reporters, a cinder block-sized piece of foam weighing less than two pounds was fired by a giant nitrogen-powered gun at about 530 miles per hour in a test that simulated what had happened 80 seconds after the Colum-

bia began lift-off on 16 Janu-

ary. It was fired at a wing panel from a large antenna, which had flown on 27 flights, about as many as Columbia had completed before the disaster.

“Omy God!” one spec-
tator exclaimed when the foam blew an almost square

hole about 16 inches by 16

inches in the wing. “We have

found the smoking gun,” said

Hubbard, director of NASA’s Ames Research Centre in California.

The Columbia broke apart on re-entry on 1 Febru-

ary killing all seven crew on board and scattering debris across Louisiana and Texas. Investigators had previously established that superheated gases rushed into the shuttle as it entered the atmosphere, leading to its disintegration.

Previous foam strikes have been felt on the orbiter caused serious, but far less dramatic, dam-

age to the wing. Hubbard said the Columbia had not have been able to see the damage from their

cab, and the hole was just small enough to have es-

pected the notice of NASA’s ground-based cameras.

MNA/Reuters

US study says

doctor’s support boosts

breast-feeding

CHICAGO, 8 July — New mothers who return to work or get depressed are prone to stopping breast-feeding, but a doctor’s encouragement and workplace changes can extend the healthy practice, US researchers said on Mon-

day.

Many mothers stop breast-feeding in the first four weeks after birth of a child and only 29 per cent are still doing so at six months, with the reasons for stopping changing over time.

According to a study of 1,163 woman-baby pairs conducted by researchers at Harvard University and the University of California, San Francisco, the most common reason for stopping breast-

feeding within 12 weeks of birth was inconvenience or lack of privacy after the mother’s return to work or

school. While 87 per cent of the mothers initiated breast-

feeding, the reasons for giving up were within the first few weeks included the mother’s perception that her

infant was still hungry or she was not expressing enough milk, the baby was having sucking problems, and breast pain or soreness.

Quitting breast-feeding was also closely associated with depression, a condition that can affect nearly one in ten children, author Elsie Taveras of Harvard wrote in the report in this month’s issue of the journal Pediatrics.

But women who said their health care providers encour-

aged them to breast-feed were about half as likely to stop, compared to those who were not encouraged, the study found. — MNA/Reuters

Britain to publish report into “doctored”

Iraq dossier

LONDON, 8 July—A bitter row between Tony Blair and the BBC that has tested the British Prime Minister’s credibil-

ity comes to a head on Monday with a report into

the so-called “sexed-up” government dossier into Iraq’s weapons.

Blair has vigorously denied a BBC report that his top aide Alastair Campbell doctored a September dossier into Iraq’s armament by adding a claim that its lethal weapons could be deployed within 45 minutes, thereby exaggerating the case for war. The Prime Minister told a Sunday news-
paper that the claim Campbell “sexed up” the dossier was “about as serious an attack on my integrity as there could possibly be.” Equally steadfast, the public broadcaster’s governors are standing by their journalists.

Parliament’s Foreign Affairs Committee, a majority of whom are from Blair’s ruling Labour Party, are expected largely to exoneration Campbell over claims he doctored the September dossier when they issue their report.

However, the former House of Commons leader Robin Cook has accused Campbell of using the ongoing BBC row to divert attention from the failure to find any weapons of mass destruction — Blair’s justification for war. “He has managed to convince half the media that the foreign affairs inquiry is in the origins of his war with Andrew Gilligan (BBC journalist), not in to the war with Iraq,” Cook, who quit the Cabinet on the eve of the war, told the Guardian newspaper on Monday. “The serious allegation is that it got wrong, and they should not be allowed to get off answering that issue because Alastair has sapped up this controversy.” Cook said there was no evidence of the equipment or work force required to make such weapons in Iraq. Blair himself will make a separate parliamentary committee on Tues-

day when he is expected to be grilled about the September dossier and second Iraq dossier, published in February. — MNA/Reuters

MNA/Reuters
Lootings on Iraq’s archaeological sites continue

AMMAN, 8 July— Two months after the major combat concluded in Iraq, the country’s vast array of archaeological sites continued to endure looting, the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) was quoted by the Jordan Times as complaining on Monday.

According to UNESCO Assistant Director General Munir Bouchenaki, antiquity experts are facing problems in protecting over 10,000 registered culture sites in Iraq due to lack of efforts from coalition forces.

Some of the historical sites have been repeatedly plagued by civilian opportunists, who randomly dig about searching for treasures.

The lack of protection from coalition forces has created additional difficulties for experts to salvage the country’s natural identity, Bouchenaki noted.

He hoped the provisional authority in Iraq would follow through on a promise to post protective forces at the 40 main sites.

Meanwhile, the damage to Iraq’s cultural heritage had extended into the southern city of Basra, Bouchenaki noted, adding that the archaeological museum in the city “no longer existed”. UN experts were in Iraq on a second professional mission, aiming to help establish a concrete plan of action for cultural restoration. — MNA/Xinhua

CIA says voice on audiotape “most likely” Saddam’s

WASHINGTON, 8 July— CIA officials said on Monday they believe Saddam Hussein’s voice was on the recently released audiotape that warned of more bloodshed in Iraq and urged Iraqis to support resistance to US forces.

CIA spokesman Bill Harlow said the quality of the audiotape aired on July 4 by Arabic television channel al Jazeera was poor, so it cannot be determined with absolute certainty that it is Saddam’s voice.

“...But the CIA’s assessment, after a technical analysis of the tape, is that it is most likely his voice,” he said, adding that the exact date of the recording could not be determined.

Saddam has not been seen in public since he was ousted from power on April 9 in the US-led war on Iraq.

Addressing the Iraqi people, the voice on the tape said: “I urge you to protect the heroic resistance fighters and not to give to the infidel invaders or their aides any information or help.”

-US intelligence official said the rhetoric, style and substance of the message on the tape was consistent with previous messages by Saddam. — MNA/Reuters

Florida guardsman killed in Iraq

GAINESVILLE, 8 July— A 22-year-old Florida National Guard soldier was killed today in an attack in Baghdad. Family friends of Specialist Jeffrey Wershof of Gainesville say he was shot by an unidentified gunman on the campus of Baghdad University.

The 22-year-old soldier was assigned to the Army’s 3rd Infantry Division. Alachua County Commissioner Cynthia Chesnutt is a friend of Wershof’s family. She says she has known Jeffrey since he was a baby and that he always wanted to be a soldier.

There have now been 30 American soldiers killed in Iraq since May First. That’s when the President declared the end of major combat operations. Three have been killed in the last two days.

Wershof was the second Florida National Guard soldier killed in Iraq since the war began. In April Florida National Guardman Travis Rivero was killed in a Humvee accident while on a combat mission in western Iraq. Rivero grew up in Gainesville. —Internet

Jilin Province on flood alert

CHANGCHUN, 8 July — Jilin Province in northeast China is on flood alert after heavy rains were forecast for the next week.

Zhu Qiwen, deputy director of the Jilin Meteorological Bureau, said that since the flood season started, torrential rains have hit the province several times, alleviating the drought that has lasted for four consecutive years, but also posing a danger of floods.

As the rainfall was not evenly spread across the province, rain and hailstorms have occurred in some areas and a lot of land is close to saturated. If more heavy rain comes, Zhu says, some reservoirs or dykes under construction or maintenance, as well as rivers with poor embankments, will pose a risk.

The province’s water resources department has set up 165 flood-control panels made up of 928 senior technicians responsible for the organization and management of flood-control activities.

-Zhang Dexiong, director of the Jilin Water Resources Bureau, said reinforcement programmes had started on 38 large and medium-sized reservoirs and flood-control materials worth 90 million yuan (10.84 million US dollars), including gunny bags, iron wire, steel bar and wooden stakes, have been put into the storerooms above county level.

Special rescue equipment, such as life vests, life boats, and emergency power supply equipment, have also been prepared.

The province has established a cable network and a computer system through which hydrological information can be shared instantly among its 41 flood-prone cities.

MNA/Xinhua

Thai jasmine rice becomes more popular in Hungary

BANGKOK, 8 July — Thai jasmine or Hom Mali rice appears to have a brighter prospect in the Hungarian market, where the Thai rice is becoming more popular among local consumers.

Thailand’s trade promotion office in the Hungarian capital of Budapest said in a report released to Thai News Agency (TNA) Monday that Hungarian consumers were now more interested in having Thai jasmine rice due to its good taste, good smell, and high quality.

The results were found in a recent survey conducted by Food Express Kft., the largest Hungarian rice trading company offering lunch packages to households and business firms in Budapest.

Thai exporters, therefore, have room to expand their rice trade to the Hungarian market, emphasizing the high-quality rice, said the report.

The report conceded that low prices in the Eastern European market could hinder efforts of local exporters to expand their trade to Budapest.

Until 1999, Thai rice has a large proportion of market share in the Hungarian market. The sound opportunity has been shadowed by a move of Hungarian rice trade to introduce lower quality of rice with cheaper prices to local consumers whose income bases are considered moderate. — MNA/Xinhua

Australian man sets blood donation record

SYDNEY, 8 July — Record-setting Australian man James Harrison could be forgiven for feeling a little light-headed on Monday.

His name has been added to the Guinness Book of World Records for the most blood donated by a single person — 480 litres in 904 visits to the Australian Red Cross Blood Bank. That is roughly enough to fill the tank of a small car about 10 times.

Harrison said he first gave blood as an 18-year-old in 1955, three years after he received a life-saving blood transfusion, and now wants to go on to reach 1,000 donations.

“I go to the blood bank to meet the girls and while I’m there I donate blood,” Harrison joked at a ceremony on Monday to recognize his achievement.

Harrison was handed a bottle of wine in recognition of his record by Jason McCartney, who was injured and light-headed on Monday.

MNA/Xinhua

Two girl pupils paddle in the water in the street of Xi’an, capital of northwest China’s Shaanxi Province on 7 July, 2003. A strong rainstorm hit the city Monday. —Xinhua/Peters

In the flood-stricken Jilin Province, 165 flood-control panels have been established. That is roughly enough to fill the tank of a small car about 10 times.
Under cover of Daw Suu Kyi’s trip, local party remnants attempt to create a mob. (Near Meza bridge in Indaw Township on 10-5-2003)

Maung Yin Hmaing

Estimate Versus Yield
May 8.

After a session of speeches made from the upstairs of the house of KhinU Township NLD Chairperson Dr Win Aung, Auntie Suu and group made preparations to continue the journey and left KhinU at about 4.30 pm.

After passing through a number of villages along the road, our convoy took a short rest at a place near Mile Post 37 in Kanbalu Township. Granduncle U Tin Oo was trying to tune in on his radio. As it was past 9 p.m he was probably listening to the Myanmar programme of the VOA.

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It was nearly ten when we left the place. As it was almost pitch dark as we travelled we could not see much of the country-side. Most of the passengers in the cars were drowsy in the side. Most of the passengers in the cars were drowsy. But I was not, because a series of thoughts were flashing through my mind one after another, which made me sigh quietly quite often.

We entered Kanbalu when it past 11 pm. The house where we would make a short stopover was U Soe Myint’s house located on U Aung Zeya Street, in Ward 5. U Soe Myint was someone who had officially quit the party. There were only a few people present as it was now rather dark, so there was not much time to find out whether the party members on hand numbered only five. It seemed that Auntie Suu had not been pleased at the situation. She seemed to be dissatisfied at the small number of people present and what she took to be a lack of enthusiasm in the welcome. On the spur of the moment she started to make a speech. She began to make a speech. She began:

... (continued)
The name or definition of the word Pan Sagar (The interpretation of a flower) is still distinctive in my memory. It is the name of a movie I had seen when I was young. I think the main character may remember the movie in the movie, the main actor loves a girl whose status is much higher than his. As a token of showing his love, he presents a flower to the girl he loves, and says “Sometimes man never expresses his feelings in words, but with presenting a flower.”

The movie gives the audience a message that the girl is a gentle flower, a bouquet or a wreath represents many words the sender would like to express.

I remember a friend of mine who won the love of a girl after watching the movie. He came to the school early morning, took a Nwe-ni Thakii flower, and secretly put it in the desk of the girl he loved. In this way, he won her love.

One day, while the two were strolling on Inya Road, the girl said that she wanted to wear a Gangaw flower. My friend immediately took off one of his slippers and shot down a Gangaw flower from the tree. In no time, he threw his slipper at the flowers three or four times; it hit the flower in that way, and at last, she left.

In reality, giving a flower, a garland, a flower basket, a bouquet or a wreath represents many words the sender would like to express.

Recently, a ceremony commemorating the independence day of a big country was held at a grand hotel in downtown Yangon. The gifts presented at the ceremony by the guests were flower baskets and bouquet bearing the messages of felicitations. But there were also artificial flowers of lower quality.

But when the ceremony ended, the hosts found it difficult to keep all the flowers. Some embassies kept the flowers for one or two days more together with other displays at the mission. But some discarded them soon after the end of the ceremony.

Now, I would like to tell the readers about the new disposal system of the embassy of the big country that had received a large number of flowers as gifts at a ceremony. Instead of disposing the flowers and paying disposal fee to the Municipality and as a show, the embassy presented all the flowers to a hospital. It was the way the embassy got rid of the flowers.

The commercial councillor of the embassy and a Myanmar woman staff of the mission instead of putting the flowers into a dustbin, presented them to the Muslim Free Hospital on Maha Bandoola Park Street in Kayankitada Township. A doctor couple accepted the gifts and distributed them to the indoor patients.

In connection with the matter, I would like to write the following news report and send it to the radio stations, BBC, VOA and RFA, which are fond of yelling at others.

“A big democracy nation is launching a war in Iraq to drive the innocent Muslim citizens of the nation out of their shelters to become refugees. The embassy of the big nation instead of putting the bouquets it received at an independence day ceremony of the nation, presented the flowers for the indoor patients of the Muslim Free Hospital in downtown Yangon. The commercial councillor of the mission himself presented the flowers with no name card attached to them. The big democracy nation’s intention of doing so was to get the international acknowledgment on its degree of sympathy and love for the people of the Islamic faith.

I cannot say for sure whether the radio stations will broadcast the news report or not.

Fortunately, nothing happened. Although the bouquets were carried by a car with diplomatic licence plate, the sender’s name was not mentioned. And besides, nobody at the hospital checked the bouquets before accepting them. When we study the tactics of the international terrorists we can find that they usually use bouquets in sending various kinds of time bombs.

The last thing I would like to say is: “With whatever intention the embassy had in sending the bouquets to the hospital, superficially, there was nothing to criticize. But there were doubts concerning the matter. What was the embassy’s intention? Did it send the used bouquets with the view that the hospital deserved only the used flowers? Or did it send the bouquets to the hospital for necessary use, as it would have nothing to do with the flowers rather than discarding them? But the fact that it was an act of degradation, and that the embassy had low opinion of the hospital was obvious. Besides, from both the religious and social points of view, it was an improper act.

Please let us hear the real intention of those sending bouquets.”

(Translation: TMT)

The interpretation of a flower

Kappiya Kangaung

YANGON, 8 July — A concluding ceremony of the Printing Management Course No 1/2003, organized by Printing and Publishing under the Ministry of Information was held at the GTC Press Hall, Insein Township this morning, with an address by Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan.

Present on the occasion were Deputy Ministers U Thein Sein and Brig-Gen Aung Thein, Director-General of MRTV U Khin Maung Hay, Director-General of the IPRO U Chi Naing, Managing Director U Tin Kha of the NFE, Managing Director U Myint Thein of the PPE, Managing Director U Bo Kyi of the MMPE, Advisers at the ministry, officials and trainees.

Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan delivered an address. He said that the trainees who attended the course learned lectures on press management, statistics, store certificates to Maj Ko Ko Win of the Ministry of Defence, Deputy Chief Editor U Wai Lin of Magway Subprinting Press and Overseer U Tin Haing of Myintkyina Subprinting Press on behalf of the trainees.

Daw Suu Kyi...

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Because of our specifying a crowd had soon blocked the road at both ends and two or more passenger buses and freight trucks were held up. This occurred when we happened to be the person who was driving. There was a man named San talked about the drying of chopped tobacco stalls out on the road, missing the turn from the highway to the town center. But now the daughter puts a bench in the middle of the road and blocks it in the manner of a police barricade. “This is not making a political speech. It’s too bad.” We could do nothing and given us side-long glances. But then it was really Auntie Suu who was in the wrong.

Our group again went on its way when she had finished talking and passed Nanthe village in the evening. Because of the advanced propaganda by the cars ahead some villagers were waiting us. Unfortunately, the place where the villagers were waiting was near a pavement erected to the local populace actually holding negative views.

“Why do we happen to be the person who was driving? I cannot say whether it was an improper act. And the embassy had low opinion of the hospital was obvious. Besides, from both the religious and social points of view, it was an improper act. Please let us hear the real intention of those sending bouquets.”

Printing Management Course concludes

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After the ceremony, the minister inspected printing of school textbooks in GTC Press and gave necessary instructions to the officials. Later, the minister inspected the sites chosen to build shops for staff welfare in front of the GTC Press. — AOA

Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan delivers an address at the closing ceremony of the course. — MNA

...should arise then what course of action are we going to choose? — Should we let the traffic wait till the end of her speech? — Should we imme-

 sage the traffic and make way for the traffic? — Or should we go into the field and freely continue to do what we wish there?

We shall have to think and decide for ourselves which of the three courses of action is democratic. But for the present we happened to be the person impeding traffic on a public thoroughfare.

After her speech from the tent at Nanthe village, we were again on our way and arrived at Insein after 9 pm. The place where we were going to stay overnight was the house of U Saw Hanz at Aung Chuntha Ward in the town centre. The lights of the house were rather dim.

On our entry into Indaw, we met with an unexpected welcome. It was a green banner bearing the white words “Oppose those relying on external ele-

ments, acting as stooges, holding negative views”. We were not stranglers to the slogan. We see it on TV, hear it on radio and read it in the news dailies every day. But to see members of the local populace actually holding up the banner bearing the slogan and waiting us at a roadside... suddenly realization was brought home to me. How could we hope to have sup-

ports everywhere? (To be continued) — TMT
Building a modern and developed nation through infrastructural development

Maung Maung Kyaw

It is known to all that Anyar (upper Myanmar) region is a wide, barren plain and often affected by drought. The Anyar region was scorching and not like other regions in the past. The region has undergone a great change.

The situation of Anyar region is now in stark contrast to that of the past. The region where there was water scarce is now with thriving blessed paddy and other crops. In other words, the arid region has now been turned into greening farmlands.

Similarly, the wetlands in lower Myanmar can now be used as farmlands. This was due to the emergence of dams and reservoirs, sluice gates and river water pumping projects. These irrigation facilities are slated for future generations.

The government has been striving together with the people for harmonious development across the nation. Accordingly, it has been building basic infrastructures for development of regional economy.

As a result, altogether 148 dams and reservoirs have emerged, along with 80 high-level bridges. At the same time, 155 180-foot and above bridges have been built in the states and divisions. These are the latest positive developments in the country.

Efforts are being made with the strength of the entire national people for the nation to catch up with the world nations and stand with dignity and for perpetuity of sovereignty while striving in all sectors for rapid progress of the Union.

For example, South Nawin Dam in Punjabhaung Township, Pyay District, was constructed with the aim of irrigating farmlands in Pyay, Punjabhaung and Thegon Townships. Likewise, Nyaungkaing Dam near Padaung Township was constructed to benefit farmlands of villages in the environs of Padaung whereas Khawa Creek Dam being built near Chaywaygyi Village in Padaung Township is slated for irrigating the gifts for rural people presented by the government.

The government, envisaging the strength of the entire national people, is making efforts day in, day out for uplifting the socioeconomic life of the national people and for the emergence of a peaceful, modern and developed nation. It is carrying out the nation-building endeavours with own strength and own resources. Now, progress has been made in all sectors, thereby contributing to enabling the nation to stand tall among the world community.

Efficient use of electricity

- Use daylight as the main source of light.
- Use the least possible amount of electricity only if there is not enough natural light.
- Use the least possible amount of electricity required in production and service enterprises.
- Preventing waste of electricity benefits the user and others.

Efficient use of fuel

- Saving one gallon of fuel per car per month will save the nation one US dollar.
- Thus, a total of 455,822 cars in Myanmar can save US$ 5.5 million in a year.
- The amount, US $ 5.5 million, can build a major bridge across Ayeyawady River.

No-honking zones extended

YANGON, 8 July — Six townships in Yangon have been designated as no-honking zones as of 22-4-2003 and educative and enforcement works were carried out.

Mayangon, Dagon and Bahan Townships are designated as no-honking zones with educative period from 1 to 7 July. After 7-7-2003, action will be taken against the violators. Seikkan, Ahlon, Kyimyindine, Sangyoung, Kamaryut, Hline, Mingala Taungnyunt, Tamway and Yankin Townships will be designated as no-honking zones with educative period from 5 to 31 July. After 31-7-2003, action will be taken against the motorists who sound their horns in these townships. The Traffic Rules Enforcement Committee has warned motorists to be careful to avoid accidents and not to sound their horns for any reason. — MNA.

Ministry of Immigration

World Population Day

(11 July 2003)

UNFPA

1 billion adolescents: the right to health, information and service

Ayyewady Bridge (Magway) linking Magway and Minbu opened on 24-11-2002 ensures better transport in the region. — 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.

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Do not be bolstered whenever flattered.
New universities and colleges... build and existing ones...

(from page 1)

The Secretary-1 and party observed new computer related technology software and hardware of IT companies displayed at the Exhibition on ICT.

The Secretary-1 and party also observed literature, social and cultural items, historic photos and records on research of Myanmar Department, History Department, Archaeology Department, Anthropology Department, Chemistry Department and Botany Department.

Minister for Education U Than Aung made a speech. He said the Ministry of Education opened new universities and colleges and upgraded the degree colleges under the national education promotion programme. In 1988 there were 27 universities, degree colleges and colleges and now there are 64. There are altogether 154 universities and colleges. There were altogether 134,325 students in higher education in 1988. Now there are 777,174 students learning higher education. Opportunities to learn are available. In 1988 the universities conferred 59 kinds of degrees and diplomas on graduates and now they conferred 150 degrees and diplomas on graduates.

MSc courses and PhD courses were conducted with the aim of promoting education of high human resources to international level and the university produced PhD graduates.

He said the State Peace and Development Council has been making efforts for promotion of education in Myanmar for peace and tranquillity, strong national economic life, raising the living standards of the people and standing tall among the nations of the world.

He said Yadanabon College was upgraded to Yadanabon University, which is situated near Taungthaman in Amarapura Township. There are 22,986 day students and 54,283 University of Distance Education students in 2003 academic year. The first convocation of the Yadanabon University was held in January 2003. The university conferred degrees on 4,148 graduates.

Moreover, e-Education Centres and four language labs were opened. VSAT, e-mail and Internet are used. Arrangements are being made for use of online education and virtual university in information communication technology age.

He said Head of State Senior General Than Shwe inspected construction of the university two times and the Secretary-1 inspected the construction of the university nine times in three years. He thanked Lt-Gen Ye Myint and Commander Maj-Gen Ye Myint.

In conclusion, Minister U Than Aung urged the teachers to nurture the students to become scholars who will serve the interest of the nation and its people for emergence of highly qualified human resources development. Ma Thanda Aung, second year MA Myanmar major student, spoke words of thanks.

Next, Chairman of Shwenanthit Construction Co Ltd Architect U Myint Han presented K 30 million for the university to the Secretary-1. Architect U Myint Han and Rector U Win Maung presented commemorative gifts to the Secretary-1.

Do not be frightened whenever intimidated.
INVITATION FOR QUOTATION

MV GILIN VOY NO (309)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV GILIN Voy No. (309) which will be arrived on 8-7-03 are hereby notified that their cargo will be discharged into the premises of A.W.PT where it will lie at the consignee’s risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the port of Yangon.

Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11.20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm 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.

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INVITATION FOR QUOTATION

1. For and on behalf of the Ministry of Construction of the Government of the Union of Myanmar sealed Quotations with deferred payment for three and five years as well as L/C at sight proposals are invited by the Project Management Unit, Public Works, Yangon, Myanmar for the detailed design (including the execution procedure), fabrication, supply of materials, erection equipment, and supervision of steel erection for Pathein Suspension Bridge across Ngawwww River.

2. The particulars of the Pathein Suspension Bridge may be obtained for USD 3000 by request in writing or in person at the following address.

Project Management Unit
Public Works
No 60, Shwedagon Pagoda Road.
11191 Yangon, Myanmar.

3. The Quotation should be submitted to the above address not later than 16:30 hours on 15th August, 2003 or earlier.

4. When this Quotation is accepted, the Contract will be made in the name of Public Works, Yangon, Myanmar. Managing Director

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One metre of Italian beaches lost to erosion a year

ROOM, 8 July — An average of one metre of beach is lost to erosion in Italy a year and the phenomenon is particularly serious in the southern region of Calabria, according to the latest report released by an Italian environmental group.

In its “Mare Nostrum” report, the Italian environmental protection group Legambiente explained that erosion was caused by a series of factors, almost all of them the responsibility of man.

Problems related to erosion are also hurting economic revenue, the environmental group Legambiente added.

Last year it cost the island of Ischia the equivalent of 75 million euro while income loss for the nearby island of Procida was around 13 million euro.

The best remedy to erosion is dredging and bringing the sand back to the beaches, Legambiente said.

According to the report, 46 per cent of the coastline now is at risk in the region of Calabria. After Calabria, the other Italian region hardest hit by the phenomenon of erosion were Campania and Basilicata, both in the south of Italy.

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Report says German, US leaders to meet formally

BERLIN, 8 July — A formal meeting is to be held between German Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder and US President George W. Bush, a German report said recently.

The meeting, to take place in the United States, will be the first between the two leaders since bilateral relations have been chilled due to their strong disputes over the Iraq war, the German-language Frankfurter Zeitung newspaper said, citing information from the Chancellery and the Foreign Ministry.

It is still unclear if the meeting will be held in the White House or during the autumn conference of the United Nations in New York, the report said.

It also said that Vice-Chancellor and Foreign Min-

ister Joschka Fischer is already scheduled to visit Washington in the middle of July and will be received as "vice-chancellor".

He visited Washington last October but received only a "short programme", the report said.

Preparations for the meetings are under way, according to the paper.

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Junior Leader to improve your English.

Secretary-1 attends...

Basic Education High School in Aungmyethazan Township and No 15 BEHS in Chanayethazan Township, Mandalay, took place at re- spective schools yesterday, attended by Chairman of the commit- tee Secretary-1 General Khin Nyunt. Also present on the occasion were Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Ye Myint, Commander Maj- Gen Ye Myint, ministers, the mayor of Mandalay, officials of the State Peace and Development Council, and officials from Mandalay, Daw Than Sein (Tin Maung Photo Studio) and Daw Hla Hwa Win (Shwe Hla Win Restaurant) in Sagaing, Ko Hmu Ma Zin Maw of Dweitay Ward in Sagaing, Ko Lwin Maung Ma Yee Myint of Maungmyethazan Village, Amarapura, U Maung Maung-Daw Aye (Si Thaung Tea) in Wadan, Mandalay, U Phyu Tin-Daw Sein Hmi in Tagaung, and U Hla Tun-Daw Hla Myint (Myat Nanda Vessel) in Tagaung, K 100,000 each to the Secretaries-1 and party posed for the respective photographs.

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Do not be softened whenever appealed.

Secretary-1 General Khin Nyunt presents teaching aids for Chanayethazan Township BEHS No 15 to Headmistress Daw Tin Tin Tee. — MNA

Lt-Gen Aung Htwe attends 92nd birthday ceremony of Chairman of Shwekyin Nikaya

YANGON, 8 July — The 92nd birthday ceremony of Maha Nayaka State Ovada Sayadaw Abhidhaja Maha Rattha Guru Abhidhaja Agga Maha Suddhamma Jotika Bhaddanta Vimalabhivamsa, the Chair- man of Shwekyin Nikaya, was held at Kangyi Pariyatti Sarthitkhin in Nyaungshwe today.

Present on the occasion were members of the State Peace and Development Council, Deputy Com- mander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife Daw Mya Mya San and daughter Ma Nanda Aye.

Lt-Gen Aung Htwe presented the offertories to Sayadaw Bhaddanta Vimalabhivamsa.

Next, Lt-Gen Aung Htwe presented the offertories to Sayadaw Abhidhaja Agga Maha Suddhamma Jotika Bhaddanta Vimalabhivamsa.

The commander and party presented offertories to Sayadaw Bhaddanta Vimalabhivamsa. Maj-Tin Htut and Maj-Khin Maung Myint also pre- sented offertories. Afterwards, the congregation shared the merits gained.

Sayadaw Bhaddanta Vimalabhivamsa gave away cash and kind donated by wellwishers to nuns and elders persons through state district/township authority.

On the occasion of his 92nd birthday, the Sayadaw do- nated cash and kind to nuns and elders persons above 75 years old. K 200,000 to Ho Win’s Hospital, and K 50,000 each to clinic and education fund of Kangyi Pariyatti Monas- tery.

Maj-Khin Maung Htun and Shan State Peace and Development Council contributed K 1,255,700 for extension of building in the monastery, and U Than Shein and Daw Tin Tin Win also donated 95 pairs of robe. — MNA
Lt-Gen Thura Shwe Mann, Secretary-2 tour ...

Government, the Ayeyawady River was overcome by the use of land and water resources available within the country. Nowadays, there are now 4.7 million acres of farmlands including 3.6 million acres of irrigated farmlands in the Ayeyawady Division. This is a remarkable development in these strategic regions.

Furthermore, dams and river-water pumping projects also help develop the agricultural sector. In the education sector also, success can be witnessed. These are the fruits of harmonious cooperation between the Government and the people.

It is therefore necessary for local administrative bodies to have clear understanding of their vital roles in participatory implementation of the noble aims set by the Government. They must be prepared to perform their roles with the sense of duty for the national stability and development.

Well intention and correct procedure, he added, were required in carrying the tasks, for wrong procedures, however well the intention was, could have a domino effect. Collective endeavours were to be exerted on development programmes for agriculture and livestock breeding sectors in line with the Head of State for the establishment of the peaceful, modern, developed nation.

Later, Lt-Gen Thura Shwe Mann and party cordially met with those present on the occasion.

Secretary-2 Lt-Gen Soe Win speaks at meeting with Tatmadawmen, departmental officials, staff, teachers, students and local authorities at City Hall in Pathein. The Daka Bridge is the 39th of its kind opened in the Ayeyawady Division.

Commander Maj-Gen Htay Oo reported on development of agriculture, livestock breeding, education, health and transport sectors in the division.

Next, Secretary-2 Lt-Gen Soe Win made a speech. He said that Yangon-Pathein Highway has emerged as a result of Pathway Bridge, Kyaungon Bridge, Kyaunkanau Bridge, Bawdi Bridge, Metzali Bridge and Bo Myat Tun Bridge. He added that at the same time a network of motor roads linking with Yangon and Pathein have also emerged.

The Government opened universities and colleges in Ayeyawady Division for human resources development and for enhancing health and education sectors while striving for ensuring better transport, he noted.

The government has been sanctioning dams and reservoirs and river water pumping projects for boosting the agriculture sector and allowed the national entrepreneurs to engage in agriculture and livestock breeding in the division. That is why a significant progress in agriculture and livestock breeding has been made in the division. There were over three million acres of farmlands in the past and there are now 4.7 million acres of farmlands including acreage of monsoon paddy and summer paddy.

To put it in a nutshell, progress in economy in the division has been made due to combined efforts of the government and local people, he pointed out.

Nowadays, more progress will be made in paddy cultivation in the division since free trading of paddy was introduced and it would result in meeting the target of producing 1.2 million tons of paddy in the division.

Both administrative bodies and departmental organizations are to implement the policies laid down by the government. The objectives and policies of the State should not be harmed due to the activities of lower level bodies, he stressed. Therefore, officials at different levels are to coordinate.

In addition, the regional administrative bodies are to supervise and implement the objectives, work programmes and projects of the government. Coordination, supervision and guiding are to be made among service personnel. The local authorities are to avoid the acts that put a burden on the people and the acts that amount to wielding power on the people.

The Government is making efforts for raising the living standard of the rural people, for bringing about equitable development across the nation and for enhancing the socio-economic life of the people. In the process, supervision is needed to ensure that the problems do not occur owing to the activities of lower level bodies.

Efforts are being made for fulfilling the needs of the regions that lagged behind in development and for future generations. Thus, all are to strive for successful implementation of national objectives.

Next, Lt-Gen Thura Shwe Mann made a speech. He said that he was there to attend the opening of Daka Bridge, to implement the guidance of the Head of State for development of Ayeyawady Division and to fulfill the needs. The government has been striving for bringing about harmonious development nationwide, for enhancing the living standard of national people and for the national unity, he added.

Priority is being given to development of economic, education, health and transport sectors of Pathein, Hinthada and Maubin which are the strategic regions of the division. The Daka Bridge is the 39th of its kind opened in the division.

Arrangements are being made for construction of Ngawun River Crossing Bridge.

With the proper leadership of the Head of State, the effective implementation of the government and the active participation of the people, progress has been made with momentum in the region where there is fewer development and in the region that lag behind in development in the Union. It is our nation to develop we would have to make concerted efforts with diligence. At the same time, we would have to strive to accord with rules and regulations under the leadership of the State. But it is needed to realize that the fruitful results of those efforts could not be achieved urgently and it would take a certain time. So time, capital and labour are to be invested.

Thus, the departmental officials and the people are to make efforts in unity for national and regional development. Strenuous efforts are to be made with the concept that development of Ayeyawady Division will contribute much to development of the State.

Based on achievement already realized by self-reliant efforts with financial constraints, efforts are to be made in the interests of the State and the people.

Next, Lt-Gen Thura Shwe Mann greeted those present.

Afterwards, Lt-Gen Thura Shwe Mann and party inspected the library in the Town Hall.

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SARS prevention

* There is no outbreak of SARS in Myanmar.
* Preventive measures are being taken against the spread of SARS from other countries.
* The people are urged to participate in the project.
Forestry Minister meets timber entrepreneurs

YANGON, 8 July — Minister for Forestry U Aung Phone met with department heads of the ministry, personnel of Forest Products Joint Venture Ltd and Myanmar Timber Entrepreneurs Association, private finished products entrepreneurs and timber traders at the Myanmar Timber Trade Centre (MTTC) here this morning. They discussed matters on extending export of finished timber products.

The Ministry will give necessary assistance to timber entrepreneurs in boosting export of finished timber products to prevent illegal trafficking of teak. — MNA

U Maung Nyo appointed as Ambassador to Pakistan

YANGON, 9 July — The Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar has appointed U Maung Nyo, as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Union of Myanmar to the Islamic Republic of Pakistan. — MNA

ICT professional course concludes

YANGON, 8 July — The ICT professional training course No 2, jointly sponsored by the Myanmar Computer Federation and the Myanmar Economic & Management Institute (MEMI), concluded with ceremony at the MICT Park in Hlone Township, Yangon on 8-7-2003 morning.

MCF President U Thein Oo, Vice-President U Tin Win Aung and Professor Daw Ju Nu Yin of Managed Science Department of Yangon Economics University presented certificates to the trainees. — MNA

U Soe Win appointed as Ambassador to Australia

YANGON, 9 July — The Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar has appointed U Soe Win, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Union of Myanmar to the Islamic Republic of Pakistan. — MNA

Appointment of Ambassador agreed on

YANGON, 9 July — The Government of the Union of Myanmar has agreed to the appointment of Mr Wyoso Prodgowarisasto as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Republic of Indonesia to the Union of Myanmar.

Born on 17-7-1944, he obtained his Bachelor’s Degree from Faculty of Economy, University of Indonesia. He joined the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in 1974 and served in various capacities at the Ministry and the Permanent Missions of the Republic of Indonesia in Geneva and New York. He has been serving as deputy Chief of Mission at the Indonesian Embassy in Bangkok since 1999. — MNA

Professor Daw Ju Nu Yin of Management Science Department of Yangon Economics University presents certificate to a trainee at the closing ceremony of the course. — MNA

Nursery Market Festival continues

YANGON, 8 July — The Nursery Market Festival continued at Myayhya Padetha Park in Bahan Township here today with the aim of providing necessary assistance to growers and attracting the public to be interested in agriculture, horticulture, livestock breeding and vegetable farming.

Kitchen crops, fruits and saplings of herbal plants are being shown at the festival. Poultry farming and fish breeding are also exhibited there. — MNA

WEATHER

Tuesday, July 8, 2003

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours

MST: During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Magway and Bago Divisions, rain or thunder showers have been widespread in Kachin and Mon States. Yangon and Tanintharyi Divisions, scattered in Shan and Rakhine States and isolated in the remaining areas.

The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Machanbaw (2.64 inches), Yi (1.61 inches), Dawes (1.30 inches) and Mawlamyine (1.18 inches). Maximum temperature on 7-7-2003 was 31.5°C (88°F). Minimum temperature on 8-7-2003 was 21.0°C (70°F). Relative humidity at 9:30 hrs MST on 7-8-2003 was 92%.

Total sunshine hours on 7-7-2003 was 1.7 hours approx. Rainfall on 8-7-2003 was 4 mm at Yangon Airport, 28 mm at Kaba-Aye and 4 mm at central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2003 was 1071 mm (42.17 inches) at Yangon Airport, 1161 mm (46.50 inches) at Kaba-Aye and 1192 mm (46.93 inches) at central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was 12 mph from West at 17:30 hours MST on 7-7-2003.

Bay inference: Monsoon is generally moderate in the Bay of Bengal. Forecast valid until evening of 9-7-2003: Rain or thunder showers will be widespread in Kachin, Chin and Mon States, upper Sagaing, Ayeyawady, Yangon and Tanintharyi Divisions and scattered in Shan, Kayin and Rakhine States and isolated in the remaining areas with likelihood of isolated heavy fall in Kachin State and upper Sagaing Division. Degree of certainty is 80%. State of the sea: Seas will be moderate in Myanmar waters.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Increase of rain are likely in the northern Myanmar areas. Forecast for Ygn & neighbouring area for 9-7-2003: Some rain or thunder showers. Degree of certainty is 80%.

Flood Bulletin (Issued at 11:00 hr MST on 7-8-2003)

According to the 06:30 hour MST observation today, the water level of Chindwin River at Monywa is 950 cm. It is expected to rise and reach its dangerous level of 1000 cm during the next 48 hours commencing noon today.

According to the 06:30 MST observation today, the water level of Chindwin River at Htamaung, Homa B Tiny and Kalewa stations are 1509 cm, 2990 cm and 1566 cm respectively. It may remain above their respective danger levels of 1300 cm, 2000 cm and 1550 cm during the next 72 hours commencing noon today.

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Secretary-1 attends cash donation presentation for Shwepyiha Dhamma Beikman and Thaya Shwepyi ordination hall in Mandalay

Yangon, 8 July — The cash donation presenting ceremony for Shwepyiha Dhamma Beikman under construction and Thaya Shwepyi three-storey ordination hall to be constructed for Nyeinchan Shwepyi Monastery of Tagandaing Tamarand Monu Thitseint Taik in Pyigyidagun Township, Mandalay, was held at the monastery yesterday morning.

It was attended by Sagaing Thitazanwaydachaung Sayadaw Tipttaka Ovadacarya Agga Maha Pandita Bhaddanta Sizznabivamsa and members of the Sangha, Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council General Khin Nyunt and party, Chairman of Mandalay Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Central Command Maj-Gen Ye Myint, members of Sagaing Division Peace and Development Council, social organizations and Upataka religious association and wellwishers, Sayadaw Bhaddanta Sizznabivamsa administered the Nine Precepts.

U Thein Han of Mandalay Shwepyiha Co and Daw Than Than Nwe presented K 30 million for Shwepyiha Dhamma Beikman to the Secretary-1.

Next, U Myo Myint Than-Daw Nyein Nyein (Great Burma Motel) in Mandalay, Ko Than Win-Ma Nu Nu Lwin (Yadana Win Industry) in Kymymindine, Yangon, U Kyaw Min-Daw San San Wai (Thahtaymin Rice Mill 3) in Mandalay, and U Zaw Win-Daw Sein Sein (Zaw Win Car Workshop) in Mandalay presented K 300,000 each for construction of Thayashwepyi three-storey ordination hall; U Chit Swe-Daw Khin Ohn Myint (Lemhektan, Mandalay), U Moe Zaw-Daw Nwe Nwe San (Batik Tainggyi) in Mandalay, and U Min Oo-Daw Aye Saw Sanda Myint and family, K 150,000 each; U Hla Shwe-Daw Than Tin (Shwe Wah Tun Saw Mill) and U Chit Swe-Daw Wai Wai (Ananda Myitta Trading), U Than Huy-Daw Khin Than (Kyeelachan Family) in Monywa.

Lt-Gen Thura Shwe Mann, Secretary-2 Lt-Gen Soe Win tour Hinthada, Pathein in Ayeyawady Division

Yangon, 8 July — Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thura Shwe Mann and Secretary-2 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Soe Win met with local authorities, departmental officials, responsible personnel of social organizations, and townselders in Hinthada and Pathein and gave necessary instructions.

At the town hall of Hinthada on 4 July afternoon, a ceremony to meet with local authorities, departmental personnel was held. It was attended by member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than, Ayeyawady Division Peace and Development Council Chairman South-West Command Commander Maj-Gen Hlay Oo, the ministers, the deputy ministers, the Chief-of-Staff (Navy), senior military officers of the Ministry of Defence, officials of the State Peace and Development Council Office, departmental heads, division-level departmental officials, district/township-level local authorities, officials from social organizations, and townselders.

On the occasion, Chairman of Hinthada District Peace and Development Council Lt-Col Maung Pyone reported on efforts to ensure prevalence of law and order in the district, agricultural work of the district, sectorwise implementation of projects, tasks for development of rural areas, and endeavours for regional development.

After hearing the reports, Commander Maj-Gen Hlay Oo said that Ayeyawady Division is one of the divisions that help accelerate the growth of the national economy. As the people of the region have made effective use of land and water resources, the region is now developing. Hinthada District being endowed with favourable conditions, arrangements are under way to make it more developed.

Secretary-2 Lt-Gen Soe Win also said that Yangon is located at a distance of over 90 miles away. Although Yangon is not far from Hinthada, valuable times were spent due to being difficult of access. At the time of the State Peace and Development Council