

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

Senior General Than Shwe sends message of felicitations to Brunei

NAY PYI TAW, 15 July— On the occasion of the 61st Birthday of His Majesty the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam which falls on 15 July 2007, Senior General Than Shwe, Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkiah Muizzaddin Waddaulah the Sultan and Yang Di-Pertuan of Brunei Darussalam. — MNA

True patriotism

- * It is very important for everyone of the nation regardless of the place he lives to have strong Union Spirit.
- * Only Union Spirit is the true patriotism all the nationalities will have to safeguard.

2nd Plenary Meeting of Sixth 47-member State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee concludes



The second-day session of 2nd Plenary Meeting of Sixth 47-member State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee in progress.—MNA

YANGON, 14 July — The second-day session of the 2nd Plenary Meeting of Sixth 47-member State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee was held at State

Pariyatti Sasana University (Yangon) on Kaba Aye Hill, here, this morning and the meeting came to an end successfully in the evening.

It was attended by the members of the Sangha led by Chairman of SSMNC Magway Maha (See page 7)

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**People
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NLD to review and realize its mistakes resulting from its extremist ideologies and make amends. It is likely that the way out for NLD will be to cooperate unconditionally with the National Convention that is convened in accordance with the wishes of the people.

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CHIN GYAR (MAUBIN)

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

PERSPECTIVES

Sunday, 15 July, 2007

Keep schools and school compounds green and clean

School and Environs Greening Day falls today (15 July 2007).

The government is taking steps for keeping basic education schools clean and tidy such as construction of new schools buildings, opening new schools, and encouraging the growing of trees, flowery plants and fruit trees.

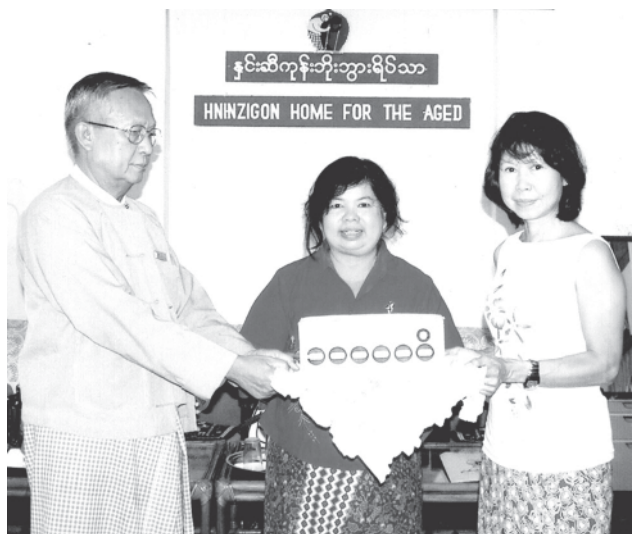
Trees provide shade for the people. Lush and green vegetation can refresh the beholders in mind. A variety of flowery plants fill the surroundings with sweet and pleasant smell. By growing vegetables and fruit trees in the compound, a school can earn income.

Growing trees and landscaping plants in the school compounds and environs can create a healthy atmosphere. And an area greening with trees and flowers can make the beholders relaxed.

In addition to the works for greening the school compounds and environs, it is needed to create a healthy environment with clean water, fresh air, hygienic snacks and clean toilets in the schools for the well-being of the students.

Now, the four “Frees” plan is being implemented—rubbish free, tobacco free, drug free, and mosquito and fly free. Only when the school and surrounding areas are clean and tidy, will the students be able to refresh themselves with pleasant conditions.

So, the teachers and students of the schools across the nation have to take part in the programmes for sprucing up the school compounds and environs to keep the areas clean and pleasant for ever.



Mr Hans Georg Lenz and Daw Phyu Phyu Thin of Switzerland recently donate K 100,000 to Hninzigon Home for the Aged through a responsible person of the Home.—H

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

Indian Armed Forces delegation concludes visit

YANGON, 14 July — The visiting Indian delegation led by General Officer Commanding-in-Chief Lieutenant General KS Jamwal, AVSM, VSM, of Eastern Command (Kolkata) of Indian Armed Forces, accompanied by officials, arrived at Htaukkyant War Cemetery, in Mingaladon Township this morning, and saluted and laid a wreath for soldiers who had fallen in the Second World War. The delegation members visited the cemetery.

Next, Lieutenant General KS Jamwal, AVSM, VSM, signed in the visitors' book at the cemetery.

The Indian delegation led by Lieutenant Gen-



Commander Maj-Gen Hla Htay Win sees off General Officer Commanding-in-Chief Lieutenant General KS Jamwal AVSM, VSM, of Eastern Command (Kolkata).—MNA

eral KS Jamwal, AVSM, VSM, left here by air this morning. They were seen off at Yangon International Airport by Chair-

man of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Hla Htay Win and wife

Daw Mar Mar Wai, senior military officers, Indian Defence Attaché Col Manoj Mukund Narvane and wife and officials. — MNA

Trust fund set up for Magway Nursing and Midwifery Training School

NAY PYI TAW, 14 July—A trust funds was set up for the Nursing and Midwifery Training School in Magway on 7 July.

Union Solidarity and Development Association Secretary-General U Htay Oo delivered a speech, and presented cash donations to the officials concerned.

The Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation, Magway Division PDC, Magway Division Maternal and Child Welfare Association, Magway Division Women's Affairs Organization, Magway Division USDA, and Myanmar Kitchen Crops Producers Association presented cash donations to the trust funds through Principal Daw Nwe Nwe Cho of the school.

After the ceremony, the secretary-general cordially greeted the attendees.

Also present at the ceremony was Chairman



USDA Secretary-General U Htay Oo donates cash to Nursing and Midwifery Training School in Magway.

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of Magway Division Peace and Development Council Col Phone Maw Shwe.— MNA

Abhidhamma course in English on schedule

YANGON, 13 July — International Theravada Buddhist Missionary University under the Ministry of Religious Affairs will open an Abhidhamma course in English during the Buddhist Lent from August to October 2007 on every Saturday and Sunday. Those wishing to attend the course may enlist at Registration Department.

For further information, anybody may dial Tel: 650712, 651609 and 650716 during office hours.— MNA

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Dengue fever claims 57 lives in Malaysia

KUALA LUMPUR, 13 July — The outbreak of dengue fever has claimed 57 lives so far in Malaysia, local media reported on Thursday.

The Health Ministry has spent more than 10 million ringgit (2.94 million US dollars) since 2004 on dengue fever preventive and control measures, *The Star* newspaper reported.

Most of the money was spent on chemicals including pesticides and larvicides, fogging machines, personal protection apparatus, educational tools and on conducting training programmes, said Auk Lee Kah Choon, parliamentary secretary of the Health Ministry.

“The ministry is aware of the increase in dengue

fever as a result of floods,” he said on Wednesday.

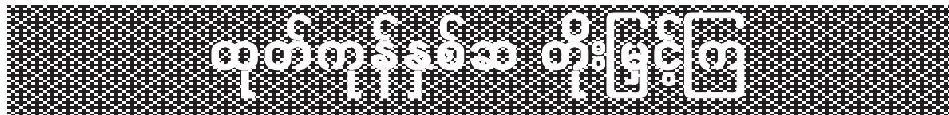
However, Lee said the increase in dengue cases in the capital occurred even before the 10 June flash floods.

“The dengue fever situation is still under control and the ministry will continue to take steps to weed out the problem,” he said.

MNA/Xinhua



In this photograph taken on 16 June, 2007, members of the Sri Lankan turtle conservation project fix a satellite data transmitter to a turtle on the beach in Rekawa, about 225 kilometres (141 miles) south of Capital Colombo, Sri Lanka. — INTERNET



An official at a seismology centre points to earthquake readings. A moderate 4.4-magnitude earthquake rocked the central Philippines on 13 July, 2007, but there were no reports of damage or casualties. — INTERNET

Ethiopia site yields hominid fossil fragments

BEIJING, 12 July—It’s known as the “cradle of humanity” and Ethiopian scientists on Tuesday reported they have uncovered hominid fossil fragments dating from between 3.5 million and 3.8 millions years ago in the Afar desert near where the famous fossil skeleton known as Lucy was found in 1974.

Ethiopian archaeologist Yohannes Haile Selassie said the find at the Woranso-Mille site included several

computer jaws and one partial skeleton.

“This is a major finding that could fill a gap in human evolution,” he told a news conference in Addis Ababa.

“The fossil hominids from the Woranso-Mille area sample a time period that is poorly known in human evolutionary study”.—*Internet*



An helicopter flies over a forest fire on the Greek island of Skiathos, central Greece on 12 July, 2007. Fire damaged several houses and forced the evacuation of hundreds of tourists but caused no injuries, fire authorities said. — INTERNET

Greek island fire rages unchecked, tourists flee

ATHENS, 13 July — A forest fire raged unchecked on the Greek Aegean island of Skiathos on Thursday, threatening villages and forcing the evacuation of small hotels, the fire brigade said.

More than 40 firemen, seven vehicles, seven aircraft and three helicopters were involved in battling the blaze, which was fanned by strong winds.

“There are no reports so far of burnt buildings. The fire is threatening houses and small tourist hotels at the villages of Aghia Paraskevi and Troulos,” a fire department official said.

As the flames neared populated areas, hoteliers protectively evacuated tourists, he added.

“Firemen are making every effort to put it out but things are very difficult because of the strong winds which do not allow boats to reach the island and transfer more personnel,” the official said.

A forest fire that destroyed more than half of a national park near Athens last month.—*MNA/Reuters*

Thousands apply for 520-day journey to nowhere

LONDON, 13 July — More than four-and-a-half thousand people have applied to take part in a joint Russian-European venture in which six people will be locked inside a mock spacecraft for 520 days to simulate an expedition to Mars.

Russia’s space agency

is sifting through piles of applications from would-be astronauts, including Britons, prepared to suffer extreme privation to test endurance levels for a Mars odyssey.

Successful candidates will be locked inside a cramped barrel-shaped spacecraft in central Moscow for a year and a

half: 250 days to Mars, followed by a month on the surface, and 240 days to get back. The craft comprises tiny modules - a claustrophobic 550 cubic metres in total that aims to replicate the psychological pressures of an arduous long-distance space voyage.

Mark Belakovsky, head

of the Mars 500 project, said yesterday: “We want applicants who are healthy and professional. They have to be intellectually tough.”

Dr Belakovsky, of the Institute of Biomedical Problems, said male and female applicants had to be aged 25 to 50. Doctors would be preferred, he said. “We’ve had applicants from Britain,” he added. “If British firms would like to supply us with books, films, or food we would be happy to hear from them.”

The institute and the European Space Agency (ESA) are separately considering applications for the mock voyage as well as two experiments in November and early 2008, also with crews of six.—*Internet*



A man inspects a hatch on one of the modules of the ‘spaceship’ in which six volunteers will spend a 520-day simulated trip to Mars.

Experts say pilgrims destroying Himalayas

SRINAGAR, 13 July— Hundreds of thousands of Hindu pilgrims flocking to holy sites in the Himalayas are fouling fragile mountain eco-systems with rubbish, human waste, air pollution and the deforestation that comes with development. Hindus believe the

Himalayas are the abode of Lord Shiva, the god of destruction and regeneration, and devotees trek through treacherous mountain passes every year to seek Shiva’s blessings at various holy shrines. But a rise in pilgrimages to these once

pristine areas have made the region a dumping ground for hundreds of tons of garbage and human waste which is contaminating nearby rivers, environmentalists say. “Increased pilgrims to these areas is definitely taking its toll on these

once beautiful and clean areas,” said Shruti Shukla from WWF India. “Plastic rubbish is found littered everywhere, nearby rivers are filled with human waste and roads have been built bringing in daily buses packed with pilgrims which is contaminating the air.”

The Himalayan mountain range stretches across India, Bhutan, China, Nepal, Pakistan and Afghanistan and is often referred to as the “Roof of the World”. There are several popular Himalayan pilgrimage sites — including Amarnath in India’s Kashmir Region, Gangotri, Kedarnath and Badrinath in the northern state of Uttarakhand, as well as Mount Kailash and Lake Mansarovar in western Tibet.

MNA/Reuters



A truck that was flipped over by strong winds is seen in Naha, on Japan’s southern island of Okinawa, on 13 July, 2007.— INTERNET

Powerful typhoon “Man-yi” strikes Japan’s Okinawa

TOKYO, 13 July— A powerful typhoon struck the southern Japanese islands of Okinawa on Friday, pounding them with torrential rains and high winds before it heads north towards the nation’s main islands. Up to 500 millimetres (20 inches) of rain was expected to fall on some parts of Japan’s southernmost main island of Kyushu by Saturday

morning, further battering areas already hit by heavy rains and flooding earlier this week. Hundreds of flights were cancelled and some 60,000 people left without electricity as Typhoon Man-yi bore down on the tropical Okinawa Island chain some 1,600 kilometres (1,000 miles) southwest of Tokyo. Seven people were injured, though none

seriously. Man-yi passed close to the Okinawan city of Naha and was around 40 kilometres west of the city of Nago as of noon (0300 GMT) and moving north at 20 kilometres an hour, Japan’s Meteorological Agency said. It had winds at its centre of 180 kilometres an hour and gusts of up to 252 kilometres an hour.

MNA/Reuters

Study says overweight kids suffer early stigma

BEIJING, 13 July — Youngsters suffer from teasing, rejection, bullying and other types of abuse because of their overweight, a new research in US said in media reports on Friday. Researchers said overweight children are two to three times more likely to report suicidal thoughts as well as to suffer from other health issues such as high blood pressure and eating

disorders.”The stigmatization directed at obese children by their peers, parents, educators and others is pervasive and often unrelenting,” researchers with Yale University and the University of Hawaii at Manoa said in the July issue of Psychological Bulletin. The obesity rate in the United States has increased at an alarming rate over the past three decades. If nothing is

done, obesity will soon become the leading preventable cause of death in the United States, researchers warned. But while programmes to prevent childhood obesity are growing, more efforts are needed to protect overweight children from abuse, emphasized the lead author Rebecca M Puhl of Yale’s Rudd Centre for Food Policy and Obesity.

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Tourists climb the Angkor Wat temple in Siem Reap Province, some 314 kms northwest of Phnom Penh in March 2007 file photo. Cambodia’s Angkor Wat temple received a welcome publicity boost from a contest to choose seven “new” world wonders, despite not winning a spot on the list, tourism minister Thong Khon said on 10 July, 2007. — INTERNET

US soldier dies from non-battle related causes

BAGHDAD, 13 July — An American soldier died from non-battle related cause in the Iraqi capital, the US military said on Thursday. The incident took place on Wednesday and was under investigation, the military said in a statement, without disclosing where or how the soldier died. The name of the soldier is being withheld pending notification of next of kin, it added. The latest death brings the number of US soldiers killed in Iraq to about 3,610 since the Iraq war broke out in March 2003, according to media count based on Pentagon figures. — MNA/Xinhua

China baby survives eight-storey plunge

SHANGHAI, 13 July— A 10-month-old girl survived an eight-storey plunge after her drunk father apparently threw her out a window during an argument with his mother-in-law, the Shanghai Daily said on Friday. The child suffered only a broken leg when her fall was slowed by branches of a tree and she landed in a flower bed, the newspaper said. She was in hospital but out of danger. Her father, a 26-year security guard, was in detention, the newspaper said. In an interview on a Shanghai TV station, the father said the fall was an accident. — MNA/Reuters



A Swiss Army helicopter lands in the village of Lauterbrunnen after six Swiss soldiers died in an avalanche at the Jungfrau mountain near the Rottal glacier on 12 July, 2007. — INTERNET

ECONOMIC NEWS

Sino-Russian finance dialogue to enlarge eco cooperation

Moscow, 13 July— The Sino-Russian finance ministers' dialogue mechanism will help the enlargement of economic cooperation between the two countries, the ministers said in a statement on Wednesday.

The dialogue mechanism, which was forged during Russian President Viadimir Putin's visit to China last year, deepens financial cooperation and promotes the dynamic development of Russian-Chinese relations, the statement said.

China will host the third Finance Ministers' Dialogue Conference in Beijing next year, the statement said.

Chinese Finance Minister Jin Renqing and his Russian counterpart Alexei Kudrin discussed each country's economic development strategy, micro-economy and policy, financial reform, taxation policy and cooperation on the world arena at their meetings. — MNA/Xinhua



An employee at the Korea Exchange looks at a screen showing the stock price index at the Korea Exchange in Seoul on 13 July, 2007. Seoul shares surged 2.8 percent on Friday to a record close after Samsung Electronics jumped on a media report it may be targeted in a hostile takeover bid, while POSCO gained on optimism about second-quarter results.— INTERNET



A view of the international terminal at Ankara airport. A consortium led by India's GMR Infrastructure won a 2.7-billion-dollar (1.93 billion euro) deal to manage the second airport in Turkey's biggest city Istanbul. INTERNET

UAE telecom giants net profits surge 33% in first half of 2007

ABU DHABI, 13 July — Etisalat, the telecom giant of the United Arab Emirates (UAE), announced a surge of 33 per cent in its net profits in the first half of 2007, local newspaper Gulf News reported on Thursday.

The company's net profits reached 3.73

billion dirhams (1.02 billion US dollars) in the first half of 2007, a 33-per-cent surge over the same period in the previous year, according to the report.

Etisalat's consolidated profit for the period stood at 10 billion dirhams, an increase of 2.3 billion

dirhams, growing about 30 per cent over 2006 figures.

"We achieved financial results exceeding expectations and continue to achieve strong results supporting our continued leadership in the region's telecommunications industry," the company's chairman Mohammad Hassan Omran was quoted as saying.

"This is a direct

outcome of the company's strategy and commitment to provide the highest quality and most user-friendly services and telecommunication solutions" Omran added.

MNA/Xinhua

young Cubans about mining and geo-sciences.

The ministers also agreed to extend their existing shared projects in Mali and Rwanda to other African nations.

They further discussed the issues concerning Iraq, Afghanistan, Lebanon, Iranian nuclear energy, Latin America, Africa and the Middle East.

Pahad spoke about the achievements of the Non-Aligned Nations Movement under Cuba's current leadership, rejected the economic blockade imposed by the United States on the Caribbean island nation since 1962 and expressed his thanks for Cuba's support to resolve conflicts on the African continent.

MNA/Xinhua

Vietnam's "IT" trade up in 2006

HANOI, 13 July— Vietnam earned over 1.2 billion US dollars from exporting information technology (IT) products and spent 1.4 billion dollars on importing them in 2006, up 18.3 per cent and 13.9 per cent against 2005, respectively, a local industry association told Xinhua on Thursday.

Of the 1.4 billion dollars, over 800 million dollars were spent on

importing components for producing export goods, and the rest on importing items to serve the domestic market, said the Ho Chi Minh City Computer Association.

Last year, Singapore was the biggest IT exporter for Vietnam with revenues of 471 million dollars, followed by Japan with 399 million dollars, Hong Kong with 135 million dollars,

Chinese Mainland with 121 million dollars, and Taiwan with 104 million dollars.

Vietnam spent 30 million dollars on importing software in 2006, up from 18 million dollars in 2005, the association said, predicting that the country's software import turnover will surge in the coming years.

MNA/Xinhua

Dancers from the Melbourne, Australia based company called "Strange Fruit" perform on 4-metre-high flexible poles during a free lunchtime performance in New York recently. XINHUA





A Canadian doctor on Thursday warned in a report in the New England Journal of Medicine that using a portable music player such as an Apple Inc iPod outdoors when lightning threatens can be dangerous. — INTERNET

Using portable music player in lightning is dangerous

B EIJING, 13 July — A Canadian doctor on Thursday warned in a report in the *New England Journal of Medicine* that using a portable music player such as an Apple Inc iPod outdoors when lightning threatens can be dangerous.

“Most people hit by lightning get away with minor burns,” said Dr Eric Heffernan at Vancouver General Hospital in Vancouver, British Columbia, who is also the lead author of the report, which looks at instances of people who are struck by lightning while attached to electronic devices.

“It’s because skin is highly resistant and stops electricity from entering the

body. It’s called the flashover effect—although it can stop your heart and kill you.” Being plugged into earbuds — a style of tiny headphone — or other electronic devices can change the physics of flashovers.

Contrary to some urban legends and media reports, electronic devices don’t attract lightning the way a tall tree or a lightning rod does. “It’s going to hit where

it’s going to hit, but once it contacts metal, the metal conducts the electricity,” said Dr Mary Ann Cooper of the American College of Emergency Physicians and an ER doctor at University of Illinois Medical Center at Chicago.

When lightning jumps from a nearby object to a person, it often flashes over the skin. But metal in electronic devices — or metal jewelry or coins in a pocket — can cause contact burns and exacerbate the damage. The report tells of an incident where a 35-year-old jogger was caught in a thunderstorm in a Burnaby, BC, park in June 2005. He was hit by lightning, which is bad enough, as he stood under a

tree listening to music from his iPod.

The doctors didn’t blame the iPod for attracting the lightning, they did say it contributed to his injuries. “Although the use of a device such as an iPod may not increase the chances of being struck by lightning, in this case, the combination of sweat and metal earphones directed the current to, and through, the patient’s head,” they claimed.

In addition, they emphasized that it’s not just iPods people have to be concerned about — anything similar that requires headphones or even cell-phones being held to the ear during the storm could result in similar injuries. — *Internet*

A veterinary worker prepares to cull poultry on a poultry farm in Kosorin, 160km (99 miles) east of Prague, east Bohemia area, Czech Republic, on 12 July, 2007. Two new outbreaks of H5N1 bird flu virus strain were confirmed on two poultry farms in east Bohemia area, the State Veterinary Authority (SVS) said. XINHUA



Japan’s No 1 mobile carrier testing faster network

B EIJING, 13 July — NTT DoCoMo, Japan’s largest mobile phone carrier, said on Friday in a press release that it had started testing equipment it thinks will yield download speeds of up to 300 megabits per second — nearly 100 times faster than its current cellular network. Completion of the new network is scheduled by 2009.

Competition in

Japan’s saturated mobile communications market has been driving down margins for voice services, and DoCoMo and its rival carriers are trying to capture more business by turning to data-based services, which require more bandwidth.

DoCoMo also said it would restart sales of a mobile handset made by Sony Ericsson that it had

stopped because of software problems.

The company said sales would restart Saturday in Tokyo and many other parts of Japan. Users who already own the phones will be able to receive software updates to correct the problems. DoCoMo temporarily halted sales of the phone July 4 because of the glitch that could erase stored phone

numbers and other data. DoCoMo said it had received 147 complaints and sold 27,000 units of the phone. — *Internet*

Researchers identify changes in gene activity

L OS ANGELES, 12 July — Researchers at the US John Wayne Cancer Institute have identified changes in gene activity that take place when healthy colorectal tissue changes into abnormal tissue, and eventual progresses into cancer.

The changes — possibly due to environmental influences — were identified using new approaches at the ultra-microscopic level, and are now being validated in collaboration with a larger investigation of colorectal cancer by a

Dutch group, according to a spokeswoman for the institute, which is located at Saint John’s Health Center in Santa Monica, Southern California.

The two studies combined could have important implications for helping early identification of the benign tissue changes that develop into colorectal cancer, as well as for prevention and identifying targets for treatment, according to Dave SB Hoon, an investigator for the Santa Monica study. Hoon also is a principal investigator for the Dutch study collaboration, the results of which may be released as soon as this year, according to the John Wayne Cancer Institute.

Xinhua



A general view of Ghana Customs Excise & Prevention headquarters, in Accra. Two 16-year-old girls from London have been arrested in Ghana after being discovered with 300,000 pounds worth (443,000 euros, 610,000 dollars) of cocaine, customs officials here said on 12 July, 2007. — INTERNET

Two British teenagers arrested for drugs in Ghana

ACCRA, 13 July — Two British teenage girls face possible jail sentences in Ghana after they were arrested at Accra airport allegedly carrying 300,000 pounds (609,500 US dollars) worth of cocaine in laptop bags, officials said on Thursday.

The two 16-year-olds, whose names were not immediately released, were detained by Ghanaian Narcotic Control Board officers on 2 July. “They were carrying drugs from

Ghana to Britain. It was in laptop bags. The laptops had been re-moved. They put 3 kilos in each bag,” Mark Ewunpomah, the board’s deputy executive secretary, told *Reuters*. The girls were expected to be formally charged by a Ghanaian juvenile court. “The charges are possessing narcotic drugs and attempting to export drugs. The minimum sentence is 10 years,” Ewunpomah said.

Gordon Wetherell, British High Commissioner in Accra, told *Sky News*: “Given their age, I don’t want to go into any details about them. I don’t think it would be right to go into details of their circumstances.” The arresting officers were part of Operation Westbridge, a project set up by Britain and Ghana to tackle drug smugglers using Accra airport as a gateway to Britain and the European mainland. — *MNA/Reuters*

Minister for Information addresses 37th Anniversary of Myanmar Motion Picture Enterprise

MMPE to make earnest efforts to achieve success in realization of seven-step Road Map through media



Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan making a speech at 37th Anniversary of Myanmar Motion Picture Enterprise.—MNA

YANGON, 14 July — The 37th Anniversary of Myanmar Motion Picture Enterprise was held in conjunction with the prize presentation ceremony at the Feature Film (Studio) of MMPE (Head Office) in Bahan Township this morning.

On the occasion, Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan delivered an address. He said that the Ministry of Information is carrying out media task for the State and the people. In addition to duties of providing entertainment, education and information to the people, the ministry is successfully performing the tasks to rebut the slanderous accusations from abroad through media, broadcast authentic news and information to the people in time and strive for enabling the Myanmar media to keep abreast of international media circle. The accomplishments of these tasks came out from the utmost efforts and cooperation of officials from Myanmar Writers and Journalists Association, Myanmar Motion Picture Asiayon, Myanmar Music Asiayon, Motion Picture Censorship Board, Video Censorship Board and Scrutinizing and Supervisory Committee for Video Industry. Furthermore, the achievement of the min-

istry were realized through harmonious participation of film and video producers and technicians, he said.

The minister continued to say that the Ministry of Information holds anniversary ceremonies of departments and enterprises with two purposes.

He said that MMPE was able to undertake nine tasks of the previous year's aim successfully. After reviewing weak points of the previous year's tasks, all the service personnel are to harmoniously strive for achieving greater success in implementing the tasks to be assigned in 2007-08.

He added that MMPE is to carry out 10 points of task for 2007-08. These are: to make earnest efforts to achieve success in realization of the seven-step Road Map through media; to raise more income of the enterprise; to strive for development of Myanmar film and video circle; to seek market for enabling Myanmar film and video features to penetrate into the foreign film circle; to cooperate with authorities for covering local media; to scrutinize local and foreign film and video features in accord with Myanmar culture and customs; to supervise maintenance of State-owned cinemas that are

being rented on long-term contracts; emphasize on welfare of service personnel; to upgrade standards of film equipment of the enterprise; and to practise thrifty method.

The minister urged prize winning division, branches and sections of the enterprise and personnel to gain more prizes in coming years and those who have not won prizes this year to try their best for securing prizes in coming years. Next year, arrangements are to be made for active participation of the personnel in carrying out their tasks through competitive ways and means.

In conclusion, the minister stressed the need for the service personnel to discharge respective duties conscientiously with the concept that the development of the nation will reflect the lives of the personnel. Furthermore, all the service personnel are to harmoniously participate in development of the nation, the enterprise, and Myanmar film and video circles.

The minister presented prize to a staff of MMPE who won the Good Service Medal awarded by the State Peace and Development Council for 2006.

The minister also gave prizes for 56 persons from

Myanmar Motion Picture Outstanding Award Scrutinizing Committee for 2006, the Motion Picture Censorship Board and the Video Censorship Board through Managing Director U Aung Myo Myint of MMPE.

Managing Director U Aung Myo Myint presented prizes to outstanding divisions and branches of the enterprise. He also handed uniforms for staff of MMPE (Head Office), Feature Film, Documentary Film, Yangon Branch, Lower Myanmar Branch and Upper Myanmar Branch through Deputy Director (Accounts) U Myint Wai, Deputy Director U Hla Swe and Deputy Director U Than Win.

Next, staff enjoyed the lucky draw programme.

2nd Plenary Meeting ...

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Withotayama Taikthit Monastery Sayadaw Abhidhaja Maha Rattha Guru Abhidhaja Agga Maha Saddhammajotika Bhaddanta Kumara, Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung, Advisor U Arnt Maung, Director-General U Myo Kyaw of Religious Affairs Department, Director-General Dr Myo Myint of Department for Promotion and Propagation of Sasana and officials.

The chairman of the SSMNC presided over the meeting and Joint-Secretary Sayadaw Agga Maha Pandita Bhaddanta Manita Siribhivamsa of Maha Withokdayon Monastery of Mandalay Division acted as MC.

First, the MC Sayadaw announced the start of the meeting.

Next, Members of SSMNC took part in discussions on the report of SSMNC (Second Branch). Sayadaw Agga Maha Pandita Bhaddanta Vijjodhaya of Shwebontha Monastery of Meiktila, Mandalay Division reviewed the report of Vinicchaya affairs, Sayadaw Agga Maha Pandita Bhaddanta Thudhammarcaya of Mogaung Monastery of Hinthada Township in Ayeyawady Division, religious affairs and Sayadaw Dhammacayira Bhaddanta Vayama of Mingalar KanU Monastery of Natalin, Bago Division (West), education sector.

At the afternoon session, Members of SSMNC made decisions on Vinicchaya affairs, religious affairs and education sector.

The Joint-Secretary Sayadaw of SSMNC explained assignment of SSMNC (Second Branch) and received the approval of the meeting.

Later, Members of SSMNC discussed selection of State Vinaya Sayadaw for second four-monthly and approved the matters.

After that, those present decided the matters on general matters and the meeting successfully concluded.

Wellwisher U Soe Myint and wife Daw Khin Mar Yi offered a day meal to the members of the Sangha. — MNA

Also present on the occasion were directors-general and managing directors of departments and enterprises under the ministry, advisers, CEC members of MWJA, chairmen and responsible persons of Myanmar Motion Picture Asiayon and Myanmar Music Asiayon and de-

partmental officials.

After the ceremony, the minister inspected the optical recorder and its accessories and gave necessary instructions to technicians. Later, the minister viewed thriving vegetable plantations of the enterprise for staff welfare. — MNA



Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan presents prizes for outstanding staff through Managing Director U Aung Myo Myint of MMPE.—MNA

People may leave them behind

Chin Gyar (Maubin)

The ultimate goal of the Union of Myanmar is a new discipline-flourishing democratic state. However, the political party that won the 1990 election has been aimed only at grabbing power, while ignoring the nation's ultimate goal. Therefore, the government has to lay down the seven-step Road Map to pave the way for realizing the goal. The first step of the Road Map covers the task of reconvening the temporarily adjourned National Convention. Soon, the National Convention will be successfully concluded.

The NLD had participated in the preliminary meetings held before the start of the National Convention in 1992 and in the National Convention from 1993 to 1995 during which the delegates discussed and adopted the 104 basic principles. Later, the NLD delegates left the National Convention under the instigation of some foreign nations and by order of Daw Suu Kyi. She conspired to jeopardize national peace and stability with intent to forcibly convene the Hluttaw to grab power through shortcut and stir up unrest with party organization campaigns as a pretext.

Although the National Convention was adjourned because of the perpetration of internal and external destructionists, the government has continued to make all-round efforts to build a modern and developed discipline-flourishing democratic state, the ultimate goal of the nation. It has established 24 special development zones covering the entire nation including border areas where national races live and striven harmoniously for rural development in accord with the guidance of the Head of State. On the other hand, the NLD has been insisting on realizing the 1990 election results and applying various perpetrations to ignite the armed conflict that had almost ended, laying down the method of political defiance to incite disturbances and persuading the international community to impose sanctions on Myanmar. NLD's insistence on transferring power to it based on the election results is not appropriate according to the historical experience of Myanmar. The events in 1960 stand witness to the fact.

The Tatmadaw assumed State duties as the Caretaker Government on 28 October 1958 and held the parliamentary general election on 6 February 1960. Except in the states, candidates of the AFPFL

(Clean) won a large majority of constituencies in the whole nation. The number of parliamentary seats candidates of AFPFL (Stable) won was only one fourth of that of the AFPFL (Clean). Pa-ma-nya-ta did not win any seat.

At the third Pyithu Hluttaw Conference convened on 1 April 1960, 159 MPs of Pyidaungsu party which was the former AFPFL (Clean), 41 MPs of AFPFL (Stable), six MPs of Ya-ta-nya, three MPs of Mon People's United Front, 23 Shan MPs and two Kayah MPs totaling 234 took the oath. The political situation in Myanmar after the election was quite different compared with the period before the Caretaker Government assumed State power during which the AFPFL was split into different factions.

If we study in detail why the AFPFL (Clean) won the election, we can find a lot of cloak-and-dagger activities behind the scene. Both the main rival political parties — AFPFL (Clean) and AFPFL (Stable) spent a lot of money during the election campaign while criticizing each other to the degree beyond imagination in their canvassing and through the periodicals under their influence.

However, the leader of AFPFL (Clean) was a wizard in the canvassing work, who knew well about human nature, was skilled in political strategy and an eloquent speaker. He put all the blame on the AFPFL (Stable) for all the errors and weaknesses occurred before the split. Those who were resettled at new towns from slum areas during the time of the Caretaker Government were not able to appreciate the future benefits. So they misunderstood the Tatmadaw. Taking the situation as an advantage, the AFPFL (Clean) organized the public with the slogan "Which system you are going to choose — democracy or fascist?" As most of the people during that time were weak and poor in political consciousness, they liked politicians who tried to cajole them rather than politics beneficial to them. Only the demagogues won support and gained advantage in multiparty political system.

At the Clean-sponsored national conference held in September 1959, the party raised the issue of proclaiming Buddhism as the State religion. Although there were directives prohibiting the use of the issue of proclaiming Buddhism as the State religion, the Cleans were using it (the issue) as a magnet for votes. The Cleans violated the codes of secularism to win votes

from the Buddhists who are the majority of Myanmar people.

In accord with the 1960 election results, the Tatmadaw government handed over the State power to the Clean or Pyidaungsu party (Pa-hta-sa). As power was transferred to the Pa-hta-sa party with the election results as the only reason, the Union faced near disintegration. Had not the Tatmadaw controlled the situation as the Revolutionary Council the Union would have broken up into pieces and would have fallen victim to the two big rival groups of the Cold War.

The Tatmadaw government announced that it would hold multi-party election in 1990 to realize the national goal of building a discipline-flourishing democratic nation. Before the election, the government announced that it would hand over power only after a new State constitution was framed. At the time, some elements at home and abroad criticized that they did not think the election to be held under the leadership of the Tatmadaw government would be a fair one. In reality, they made such an unreasonable comment, turning a blind eye to the fact that the Tatmadaw held free and fair parliamentary elections in 1960.

In the 1990 election, NLD took advantage of the 1988 unrest to win the election. NLD members who canvassed the people for the votes for their party entered the polling stations to organize the electorate, and some members even made threats, thereby violating the rules and regulations promulgated by the Election Commission. A principle said that in the exercise of the multi-party system, service personnel had to be free from party politics. However, some responsible personnel from polling stations persuaded the voters to vote for the NLD.

In reviewing the 1990 election results, the people voted for the NLD representatives only regardless of moral conduct, political experiences, educational qualification and code of ethics of the candidates.

The issue following the 1990 multi-party democracy election was to hand over power to the winning party. The 1947 constitution and 1974 constitution were no longer in conformity with the prevailing conditions and the national goal. Deducing from the following situations, the Tatmadaw government considered that if it handed over power without drawing a State constitution, the future of the nation would be worse than that experienced by the Pa-Hta-Sa government that came to power according to the 1960 election results.

Among the representatives of the wining parties,

- some were religious extremists who could afford to buy the seats of MPs,
- some parties with racist views were hatching schemes to secede from the Union, and had a plan to join the armed groups and launch armed struggle line unless their plans were brought to fruition,
- members of the political parties with the hope of coming to power set up close relations with the embassies of certain western countries, and representatives of West Bloc and they came to rely much on the West Bloc,

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The NLD has been persistently exercising the lines calling for defiance of all orders, confrontation, utter devastation, four blockages and reliance on the external powers. It is doing so dancing to the tune of their mentors outside the nation and following the instructions of Daw Suu Kyi. NLD and internal and external destructive elements have been sending out make-up reports in an attempt to get external organizations and the United Nations take action by imposing sanctions on Myanmar and wreck the goal of the state.

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- although doing activities to the liking of the West Bloc, the parties under the influence of the leftists were attempting to inject the policies of the Burma Communist Party,
- in order to make sure that the Tatmadaw could not stage a coup, they were hatching conspiracies to shift the War Office to Inn-daing, divide the armed forces into Army, Navy and Air force separately, remove military officers with the rank of lieutenant colonel and above and court martial some of them with the intention of breaking up the Tatmadaw.

Had not the Tatmadaw paid any heed to such evil schemes, the nation would have suffered a situation that was much worse than that in which power was handed over to the Pa-Hta-Sa government according to the 1960 election results. So, the emergence of a new State constitution that could grant perpetual existence of the Union for building a democratic nation became the national requisite that deserved the first priority in the post-election period.

The Tatmadaw firmly believed that a new State constitution was a must and so did 31 political parties. Forty-four parties were believed to have the concept that a new State constitution was necessary for the nation, while 11 parties did not express any specific stance regarding the plan to draw a new State constitution.

Some parties said that they agreed to the plan to write a new State constitution, but they would draw a State constitution in three months after handing over power. If a State constitution was drawn based on the stance of a single party or some political parties, there would not be an enduring State constitution. There would be an enduring State constitution that could ensure perpetuation of the Union only if the basic principles were adopted through thorough discussions at the National Convention by representatives of the people from all strata of life, along with representatives of the national race armed groups that had returned to the legal fold.

In convening the National Convention, the Tatmadaw let national race armed groups attend it to achieve national reconsolidation. It showed its benevolent attitude to the armed groups to lay foundations for peace to regain national solidarity

by suspending all its offensives commencing from 28 April 1992. Moreover, the preliminary meetings for convening the National Convention held in 1992 reflected peace negotiation talks for national unity.

As a result of the Tatmadaw's brilliant performances to achieve reconsolidation of national races, 17 national race armed groups and other small groups returned to the legal fold, and they are now representing their groups at the National Convention.

The State Peace and Development Council built development infrastructures for transition to a peaceful, modern and developed democratic nation with flourishing discipline, as aspired by the people. Then, it laid down the State's seven-step Road Map. It made arrangements to reconvene the NC that was the first step of the Road Map on 17 May 2004. So far, the National Convention has been reconvened for four times.

The first NC convened from 17 May to 9 July 2004, and the second from 17 February to 31 March 2005 laid down detailed basic principles for sharing of legislative power for the Chapter "Legislation" to be included in the State constitution.

The third session of the National Convention was convened from 5 December 2005 to 31 January 2006 and detailed basic principles on power sharing in the executive and judicial affairs had been laid down.

The fourth session of the National Convention convened from 10 October 2006 to 29 December 2006 adopted the detailed basic principles on the legislative matters of the Union Hluttaw and Region/State Hluttaws plus that on the Tatmadaw, and Citizenship, Fundamental Rights and Duties of the Citizens.

Moreover, the panel of chairmen is reported to have compiled the recommendations and suggestions of the delegate groups on the clarification of the Work Committee Chairman in connection with the remaining chapters, namely, the election, political parties, provisions on state of emergency, commendment of the constitution, State flag, State seal, national anthem, and the capital, transitory provisions and general provisions; and it is ready to present them to the delegates and seek their approval.

The final session of the National Convention is scheduled to be convened on 18 July. It will adopt the detailed basic principles on the seven remaining chapters. Moreover, amendments, additions and omissions are to be made as necessary.

Foundation for peace is created with benevolent attitude

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Upon completion of the NC, the new constitution is to be formulated based on the basic principles and detailed basic principles adopted.

Afterwards, a referendum is to be held to seek the approval of the constitution by the mass of the people. This will be followed by the election. Finally, the Tatmadaw government will hand over the State power to the civilian government.

At the National Convention that has been reconvened, national race armed groups that have returned to the legal fold are attending it together with the eight delegate groups and participating in the discussions.

NLD member delegates, on the other hand, failed to attend it although the NC Convening Commission invited them officially to do so. As they turned their back on the NC they missed a good opportunity.

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Today, the goal of the National

Convention is within reach and success will be achieved in the near future. In the meantime, the NLD is making repeated demands for a dialogue following the course of making demands and confrontation. It does not support the NC now in session, opposes the basic principles and detailed basic principles discussed and adopted at the NC. It is demanding for cooperation with it saying that it would be fair and full of political essence only if it is granted the power to dictate or manipulate. It's demand lacks dignity and the people are fed up with it.

It is not yet late for NLD to review and realize its mistakes resulting from its extremist ideologies and mend its ways. It is likely that the way out for NLD will be to cooperate unconditionally with the National Convention that is convened in accordance with the wishes of the people. Otherwise, NLD will be left behind at the old bus-stop of the 1990 election results when the mass of the people are moving ahead to the peaceful, prosperous, modern and developing democratic new State in rapid pace.

Walk on till reaching the goal,
Perpetrators and
obstructionists
Will be regarded as national
foes

And left behind by the people.

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Secretary-1 meets export ...

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agricultural, industrial and service sectors improved, he said.

Production of paddy increased two times, that of beans and pulses 11 times, that of oil crops three and half times and that of fish and meat four times, compared with 1988. Such progress has been made due to building of economic infrastructures annually and participation of the private sector, he pointed out.

The volume of export and import services has increased year after year owing to boosting production of agricultural produce and industrial products. Beginning 2002-2003, the volume of foreign trade was over US \$ 5.3 billion and there was a surplus of income.

From that year, the balance of statement on foreign trade was in surplus yearly. In 2006-2007 the volume of foreign trade reached over US \$ 8 billion and there was a surplus of over US\$ two billion.

The exports of agricultural, marine, mining, forest and manufactured goods and other products are increasing year after year. Likewise, permits for the imports of machinery, raw

materials and consumer goods are being granted to entrepreneurs. The government on its part is encouraging the development of Myanmar's trade sector with a view to promoting the skills of national entrepreneurs in trading in order that Myanmar's goods can penetrate the foreign markets.

As documents necessary for applying for import / export licenses have been reduced by half of those in the past, there are no longer delays in issuing the licenses. In the past, permits were granted for the imports of 80 percent of priority goods and 20 percent of optional goods. But now up to 100 percent of optional goods can be imported.

In addition, for the sake of both exporters and importers, account transfers are allowed for the earnings of national entrepreneurs. One stop service is provided and computers are used for speeding up office work. In border regions, the system of both border trade and normal trade have been adopted. More markets are being created by establishing trade zones and brokerages. Moreover, encouragement is being given for the opening of branches of national

entrepreneurs' companies in foreign countries. With the booming export sector in the nation, national entrepreneurs are permitted to engage in constructing mortar roads and establishing their own seaports and airports so as to develop transport. Although 40,000 companies were registered in the country, the number of companies that are really operating is just 4,000. Most of the companies have small capital and few foreign markets. Aside from Yangon and Mandalay, the cities of other states and divisions have only one or two companies that have international contacts. Therefore, the State is ready to render assistance to increase the number of companies that can do business globally.

It is necessary for entrepreneurs to establish individually-owned companies, and if they cannot afford, they are to try to establish public companies like in other developing nations. The State is taking measures for adoption of a system of one business one product. The system is being launched down to districts and townships. All business and enterprises are to make innovations in their respective businesses under the leadership of UMFCCL. As they serve

as bridge organizations between the State and the private sector, they are required to try to keep abreast of the international community.

It is found that some entrepreneurs are doing their business illegally. Similarly, some are making sales contracts inappropriately and import their goods together with illegal goods in collusion with corrupt service personnel. This, therefore, must be stopped by the cooperative efforts of the organizations. Open complaints can be made if there are any irregularities of service personnel as the government is training departmental personnel to improve their morale and work efficiency.

The import of fuel and edible palm oil has cost the nation tens of million of dollars. Thrifty needs to be practised as the price of fuel and edible palm oil in the world has increased. Hence, relentless efforts are being made for extended cultivation of physic nut plants from which bio-diesel can be extracted and edible oil crops.

As fuel and edible palm oil is indispensable for the public all the merchants need to give a helping hand in solving

the problems instead of manipulating market prices at every opportunity. Moreover, the exporters are to export quality items to get a higher price and maintain export markets. And the importers also need to avoid importing sub-standard medicines, foodstuff, low-quality household and consumer goods.

In the past, there were incidents that the cultivation and production has been on the decrease in gram market, for manipulation of the prices of gram and fruits, domestic price is much higher than that of foreign price and a wider gap between wholesale price and retail price due to smuggling, he disclosed.

As the country includes in such international organizations as ASEAN, GMS, BIMSTEC and ACMECS and has reached agreements with them on year-wise implementation efforts are to be made to keep pace with them.

That is why all the entrepreneurs are to keep in the fore the national interest rather than that of individuals, he noted.

He stressed the need for merchants and

entrepreneurs to export and import only quality goods and for the quality inspection team to inspect goods strictly and properly. Only then, will the image of companies and the country not be tarnished.

In some cases, sub-standard items being exported have been sent back and destroyed. And this tarnished the image of the companies and the country.

Keeping a good balance between the national interest and their own the companies and entrepreneurs are to pay tax regularly as there are some that are evading tax in various means and ways.

In conclusion, he disclosed that the National Convention will soon be completed. And all the people including merchants and entrepreneurs are to participate in the drive by doing their bit for the emergence of a modern, developed and discipline-flourishing democratic nation. At the same time, all the merchants and entrepreneurs are to strive together with the government for successful realization of the task, while accelerating the momentum of the national economy.—MNA



Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win being welcomed at the reception to mark the National Day of French Republic by Ambassador Mr Jean-Pierre Lafosse Saturday.—MNA

National Convention delegates from Shan State (South), Kachin State arrive

YANGON, 14 July — The National Convention delegates from Shan State (South) and Kachin State arrived here by air today.

They were welcomed at the airport by Vice-Chairman of the National Convention Management Committee

Deputy Minister for Hotels and Tourism Brig-Gen Aye Myint Kyu, Chairman of Invitation and Accommodation Sub-Committee Col Htein Lin and officials.

They were taken to Nyaunghnapin Camp in Hmawby Township.

MNA

NLD in collusion with internal and external destructive elements commits itself to undermining the State in various means

40 quit Gyobingauk Tsp NLD

YANGON, 14 July — A total of 40 members including U Than Nwe of Thandaygon village, U Nay Win of Rakhine Pu village, U Sein Win of Kyunnetgon village of Gyobingauk Township National League for Democracy of Bago Division (West) resigned from NLD of their own accord on 28 June.

They sent their resignation letters to NLD Headquarters and local authorities concerned.

They said in the letters sent to Gyobingauk Township Multi-party Democracy General Election Subcommittee, that NLD in collusion with internal and external destructive elements was committing itself to undermining the State in various means. Without paying attention to development drives of the nation, the NLD was sticking to putting the nation into foreign subjugation. Therefore, they quit the NLD of their own volition, they said.—MNA



NC delegates from Shan State (South) being welcomed by officials at Yangon International Airport.—MNA

Indonesia, Philippines to expand security ties

JAKARTA, 14 July — Indonesia and the Philippines have agreed to expand intelligence sharing and patrols on their porous borders to keep up pressure on Islamic militants, Jakarta’s Foreign Minister said on Friday.

“As neighbours with long sea borders stretching between the two countries, Indonesia and the Philippines have agreed to maintain and increase anti-terrorism cooperation,” Foreign Minister Hassan Wirajuda told a news conference.

Philippine Foreign Minister Alberto Romulo said intelligence

cooperation was already helping in the search for two fugitive militant suspects, Dulmatin and Umar Patek, on the run in the southern Philippines where a number of rebel Muslim groups operate.

The two Indonesians are key suspects in the deadly 2002 bombings on the Indonesian resort island of Bali that killed

202 people, mostly foreign tourists.

“We are actively pursuing Dulmatin and Umar Patek.... We continue to track them. Because of the improved intelligence information sharing with Indonesia and other countries, I think we will get them,” Romulo told reporters.

MNA/Reuters



An elderly man walks out of a temporary shelter as other flood victims look on in Xinyang, China’s central Hubei Province, on 13 July, 2007. Nearly half a million people have been evacuated from a potentially deadly flood zone surrounding central China’s swollen Huai River, state media reported Thursday. — INTERNET

280 killed in flood in Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, 14 July — At least 280 people were killed in the flood in the provinces of Sindh and Baluchistan and 186 people are still missing, said a Pakistani official Friday.

Chairman of National Disaster Management Authority Lieutenant-General (RED)) Farooq Ahmed Khan told a news conference here that 160 deaths in the southwestern province of Baluchistan and 120 in the southern province of Sindh had been confirmed.

Besides, he said, 5,000 villages in Baluchistan and 1,400 in Sindh have been affected by flood whereas two million people in Baluchistan and 200,000 in Sindh have been affected. — MNA/Xinhua

RMAF chopper with 6 aboard missing

KUALA LUMPUR, 14 July — A Royal Malaysia Air Force (RMAF) helicopter with six people aboard went missing on Friday on its way to the east coast of the Malaysia Peninsular, local media reported.

The helicopter left the RMAF base here lost radio contact with the base about ten minutes after it took off around 9:30 am, Malaysia’s national news agency Bernama said.

The helicopter went missing when it headed for the city of Kuantan in the Pahang State. The RMAF had set up a search and rescue team to locate the helicopter and the passengers.

Local English language newspaper *The Star* said the possibility that the chopper made an emergency landing somewhere could not be ruled out.

MNA/Xinhua



A Siberian tiger climbs a tree to catch chicken at a Siberian tiger breeding area in Mudanjiang, northeast China’s Helongjiang Province, on 12 July, 2007. The area has given wild nature training to over 100 artificial propagated tigers since 1998. Three of them could climb tree one year ago. — XINHUA

That cell phone in your hand is a tracking device

BEIJING, 13 July — Cell phone signals are being used by law enforcement officials to find missing people in

remote areas, to track terrorists and fugitives, and to place suspects near crime scenes, experts say.

“The average citizen is not aware that they are carrying a location-tracking device in their pocket,” said Kevin Bankston, a lawyer for the Electronic Frontier Foundation, a San Francisco-based group that works to preserve privacy rights.

When turned on, cell phones constantly emit locator signals called pings so their companies know to which towers to route phone calls, Bankston said.

Investigators can obtain logs from wireless companies containing such

data to track people’s movements, he said. In urban settings with many towers, the location can be narrowed down greatly - to within blocks. In more rural settings with fewer towers, a more general location can be established.

Most new phones also contain Global Positioning System chips that communicate with satellites, allowing authorities to pinpoint a precise location of the handset. The chips are one way companies can comply with federal rules designed to give emergency dispatchers more information on the location of cell phone callers. — Internet

Tom Cruise to receive career honor

BEIJING, 13 July — Tom Cruise is set to be honored at New York City’s Museum of the Moving Image (MOMI) in November.



The *Minority Report* star, 45, follows in the footsteps of former honorees Sidney Lumet, Robert De Niro, Richard Gere, Al Pacino, Sidney Poitier, Julia Roberts and James Stewart. — Internet



Emergency workers examine a school bus involved in a road traffic accident in Hartlepool, northern England on 11 July, 2007. Two children are thought to have been critically injured when a school bus was in a crash with two other vehicles, hurting a further 19 children when the bus carrying collided with a minibus and car on Teesside, local media reported. — INTERNET

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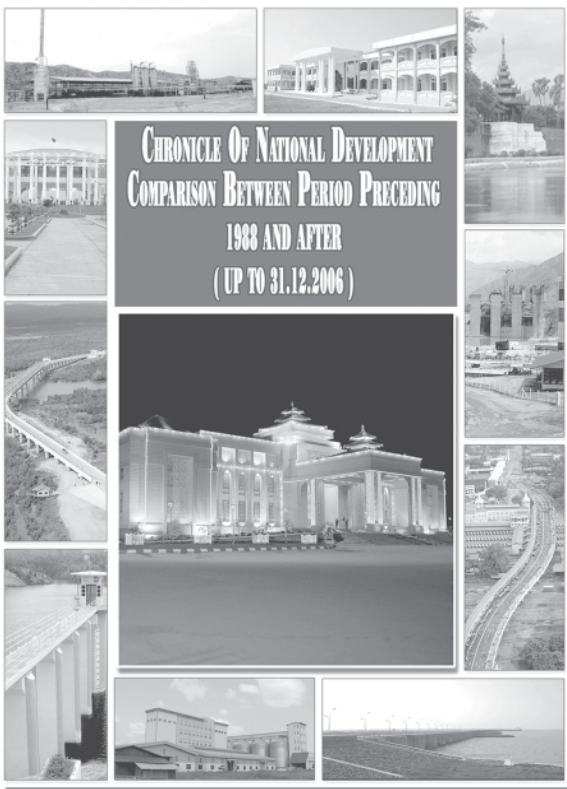
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AA flight diverted to NY after crew concern

WASHINGTON, 13 July — An American Airlines flight was diverted to New York early on Thursday after the crew reported a suspicious passenger in what the US Homeland Security chief later said may have been a misunderstanding.

The Transportation Security Administration said American Flight 136 from Los Angeles to London made an emergency landing at JFK Airport around 4 am (0800 GMT).

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Fire breaks out at unused Miami airport tower

MIAMI,13 July—A fire broke out on Wednesday in a tower under construction at Miami International Airport, but was quickly brought under control, officials said.

Greg Chin, a spokesman for the airport, said the unused building was a “gate assignment tower”.

The tower is at the massive new North Terminal, part of a 6.2 billion-US-dollar expansion project under way for over a decade and bedevilled by cost overruns, scandals and delays.

“There was a tar kettle on fire,” a spokeswoman



Firefighters check the tower that was under construction at the Miami airport, on 11 July, 2007. Fire broke out at a private control tower under construction at Miami International Airport, injuring one worker. — INTERNET

for Miami-Dade County fire and rescue said.

“But apparently everything seems to be under control now.” Television

images showed flames and heavy, black smoke billowing from the tower as fire engines gathered below. “It’s not the real

tower, no,” said a spokeswoman for the Federal Aviation Administration, the US agency that oversees air safety and runs air traffic control towers. Chin said there were no reports of injuries and the fire was not terrorism-related.

Construction of a North Terminal at Miami’s airport was initially authorized 14 years ago at a cost of 500 million US dollars.

But it is still only half-complete and now projected to ultimately cost 2.66 billion US dollars. — MNA/Reuters

“New York Time” reporter killed in Baghdad

BAGHDAD, 14 July — An Iraqi reporter working for *The New York Times* was shot dead on his way to work in Baghdad on Friday, the newspaper said.

The killing of Khalid Hassan, 23, came a day after a photographer and driver working for *Reuters* were killed in the city in what witnesses said was a US helicopter attack but which the military described as a firefight with insurgents.

Hassan was shot dead in the Saidiya District of the capital, the *Times* said

in a statement. The circumstances of the attack were unclear, it said.

"Khalid ... was a resourceful and brave member of our news team, who met the many professional and personal challenges of his four years on our staff with enduring good humour and optimism," said John Burns, the paper's Baghdad bureau chief.

Iraqi police have blamed American military action for the deaths of *Reuters* photographer Namir Noor-Eldeen, 22 and driver Saeed Chmagh, 40.

The US military said the pair died after a clash between its troops and insurgents on Thursday. The incident was under investigation, it has said.

Iraq is the world's most dangerous place to report.

At least 149 journalists and media assistants have been killed in the country doing their jobs since the 2003 US-led invasion, according to a count kept by New York advocacy group the Committee to Protect Journalists.

The vast majority have been Iraqis.

MNA/Reuters

Study shows older women should avoid hormone therapy

CHICAGO, 13 July — Women long past menopause should not use hormones to prevent heart disease, researchers said on Wednesday.

But mounting evidence suggests hormone therapy may be useful for women early in menopause looking for short-term relief from hot flashes and other menopausal symptoms, another researcher said.

The international study on older women, published in the *British Medical Journal*, confirms recent findings that suggest hormone replace-

ment therapy or HRT poses risks for women in their 60s just starting to take it.

“For long-term prevention of chronic diseases, hormone therapy would really not be advisable,” said Dr JoAnn Manson, chief of the division of preventive medicine at Harvard Medical School’s Brigham & Women’s Hospital in Boston.

Manson, who was not involved in the *British Medical Journal* study, spoke separately at a news briefing on the latest thinking about hormone

replacement therapy.

For many years, doctors had thought hormone therapy could protect women from chronic diseases and especially from heart disease.

But a 2002 study called the Women’s Health Initiative or WHI raised alarms about heart attack and stroke risks associated with the therapy, leading millions of women to abandon HRT.

Now growing evidence suggests these risks are most pronounced for women who start taking hormones later.

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CNG-run shallow pump with low cost invented in Bangladesh

DHAKA, 13 July — Bangladesh Council of Scientific and Industrial Research (BCSIR) has invented a shallow pump run by compressed natural gas (CNG), the first of its kind in the country, with a view to reducing the irrigation cost of the farmers. Four engineers of BCSIR invented the new technology after nine-month efforts, local daily *The Daily Star* reported Thursday.

Raihan, the team leader, said they converted the existing diesel-run shallow pump into CNG-run one which can also be run by

both gas and diesel.

In that case, 70 per cent CNG and 30 per cent diesel will be needed to run the pump, he added.

Raihan said the CNG-run shallow pump can save about 70 per cent of the cost. Around 12,000 to 15,000 taka (about 171 US dollars to 214 US dollars) is needed to make a CNG-run pump, which can run at least 30 hours with gas worth only 100 taka (about 1.43 US dollars), he added.

Rupesh Chnadra Roy, a member of the research team, said if a farmer wants to convert his diesel-run pump into CNG one, it

would cost 7,000 taka (100 US dollars).

The CNG-run shallow pump is easy to carry as it contains a cylinder of 40 litres, he said, adding that there is no hassle while filling the cylinder with gas as the cylinder can easily be separated from the machine. Inaugurating the pump, BCSIR Chairman Dr Chowdhury Mahmud Hasan said the invention could reduce the irrigation cost significantly.

MNA/Xinhua



Thick plumes of ash is spewed from Mount Gamkonora on Halmahera Island, in North Maluku, on 9 July, 2007. Magma is rising inside a volcano smouldering in Indonesia's northeast, a geologist warned on Friday, as thousands of people evacuated from its slopes remained sheltered in safe zones. — INTERNET

Indonesia ranks 4th in terms of diabetes suffers

JAKARTA, 13 July — The World Health Organization (WHO) has estimated that Indonesia ranks fourth in terms of diabetes sufferers in the world, an Indonesian diabetes expert said here Thursday.

"In 2000, 8.4 million Indonesians suffered from diabetes, the figure is expected to increase to 21.3 million in 2030," said Professor Sidartawan Soegondo, metabolic endocrine and diabetes consultant at University of Indonesia's medical faculty.

Indonesia, with a population of more than

230 million, had the fourth biggest number of diabetes sufferers after China, India and the United States.

The number of prediabetes cases in Indonesia was also high, reaching 12.9 million in 2003, the fifth biggest in the world. The figure was expected to increase to 20.9 million in 2025, he said.

Ironically, only about 50 per cent of diabetes sufferers in Indonesia realized they had the disease and 30 per cent of sufferers have regular checkups, Soegondo said.

MNA/Xinhua

Spain seizes US treasure boat near Gibraltar

GIBRALTAR, 13 July — Spanish police forcefully boarded a boat operated by a US treasure hunting company on Thursday after it left the British possession of Gibraltar, a witness aboard the boat

said. Spain says the company, Odyssey Marine Exploration, has treasure that Madrid believes could have been retrieved from Spanish waters or from a Spanish galleon which sank in the

Atlantic during the colonial period.

The *Ocean Alert* sailed from Gibraltar, on Spain's southern tip, on Thursday morning and was shadowed by a Spanish Guardia civil patrol boat

for five kilometres (three miles) before it left Gibraltar waters and was forcefully boarded by four officers. *Ocean Alert* had a Spanish lawyer on board and the boat's captain agreed to be escorted to the port of Algeciras.

The *Ocean Alert* is one of three vessels belonging to Odyssey which are subject to a search warrant issued by a Spanish court last month. Odyssey Marine Exploration, a Florida-based treasure-hunting company, has said it legally recovered gold and silver coins worth an estimated 500 million US dollars from a colonial-era wreck code-named Black Swan at a location in the Atlantic Ocean that it refuses to disclose.

MNA/Reuters



Members of Spain civil guard stand next to the Ocean Alert, a ship belonging to the company Odyssey Marine Exploration, in Algecira's Port, southern Spain, on 12 July, 2007. Spanish police boarded the boat operated by a US treasure hunting company on Thursday after it left the British colony Gibraltar, a witness aboard the boat said. — INTERNET

Chinese scientist says Tianshan glaciers shrinking fast

BEIJING, 13 July — Glaciers in the Tianshan Mountains of Xinjiang, near China's western border, are shrinking at "alarming speeds", the *Xinhua* news agency said on Thursday, citing a local scientist. The No1 glacier in the Tianshan Mountains has lost 20 million cubic metres of ice in the past four decades, and split in half in 1993.

The eastern and western sections are

receding by 3.5 metres and 5.9 metres every year, said Wang Feiteng, an assistant researcher with the Tianshan Mountain glacier monitoring station under the Chinese Academy of Sciences (CAS).

"Like the hard drive of a computer, glaciers record how the environment has changed. Warm weather has been the major cause of the glacier's retreat," *Xinhua* cited Wang as saying. China has about

46,000 glaciers, totalling 60,000 square kilometres, primarily in Tibet and Xinjiang.

The total glacier area in Xinjiang, home to two-fifths of China's glaciers, has shrunk by 20 per cent and snow lines have receded about 60 metres since 1964. CAS statistics show the internal temperature of the glaciers has risen by 10 per cent in the last two decades, *Xinhua* said.

MNA/Reuters



Vehicles move along a damaged Mumbai-Khandala highway near Vataman village, about 75 km (47 miles) west from the western Indian city of Ahmedabad on 13 July, 2007. At least 187 people have died and 7 million have been affected by flooding caused by the annual June-September monsoon rains across eastern, western and southern parts of the country. — INTERNET

SPORTS

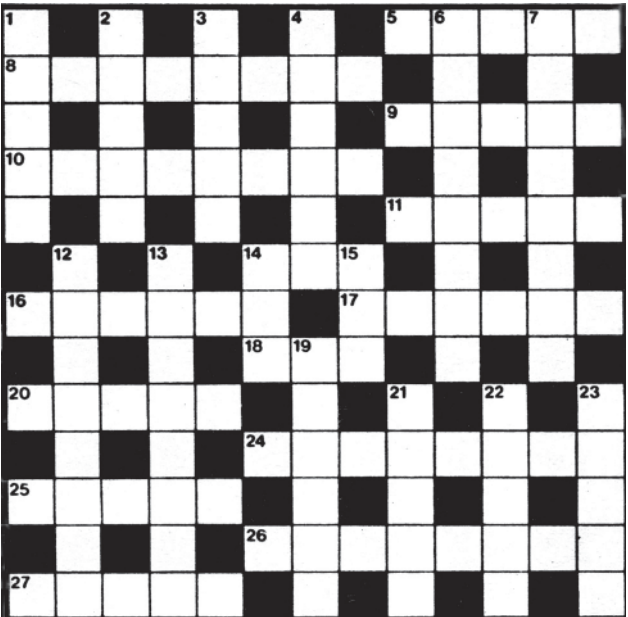


China's Zhou Yuanguo competes during the 10th round of RS:X Men's in ISAF Sailing World Championships in Cascais, city of Portugal, on 12 July, 2007. Zhou took the 9th place with 79 points. XINHUA

Dunga says Argentina favourites

MARACAIBO (Venezuela), 14 July — Brazil coach Dunga on Friday declared Argentina as favourites to win the Copa America final against his team on Sunday. “From what Argentina have done so far, they are the favourites,” he told reporters. “We’ve done our part by reaching the final, now we have to surpass that.” “But I always want to win, this is a final and anything can happen,” he added. “We have conviction in our work, we knew it would not be easy, that there would be innumerable difficulties on the way.” Argentina have scored 16 goals and won all five games in reaching the final. Brazil, on the other hand, lost to Mexico in the early rounds and needed penalties to beat Uruguay in their semifinal. Brazil are also without Ronaldinho and Kaka, who asked to be rested from the tournament, while Argentina are at full strength.— MNA/Reuters

CROSSWORD PUZZLE



- ACROSS
- 5 German enemy (sl.)

8 Three balls, three wickets (3-5)

9 Keen

10 Watchful

11 Diminutive of Harold

14 Tanturm

16 Furnace feeder

17 Wild revels

18 Evergreen tree

20 Eastern couch

24 Transgressor

25 Poison

26 To pain

27 Ermine
- DOWN
- 1 Oniony herb

2 Storey

3 Fish

4 Candlestick

6 Swop

7 Backward

12 Of harsh tone

13 U.S. state

14 Be nosey

15 A bell-rope

19 Likeness

21 Uncanny

22 Farewell

23 Fish basket

Japan back on track with easy win over UAE

HANOI, 14 July — Japan got their bid for a third successive Asian Cup title firmly back on course with a convincing 3-1 victory over United Arab Emirates on Friday. Striker Naohiro Takahara scored twice as Japan rebounded from a disappointing 1-1 draw with Qatar in their opener to go top of Group B on goal difference above co-hosts Vietnam. Takahara, who played despite suffering from a fever he picked up on the evening of the game, put Japan in front after 22 minutes with a powerful header. The former Boca Juniors forward who now plays for Eintracht Frankfurt doubled Japan’s lead five minutes later, volleying home from 20

metres for his third goal of the tournament. Celtic midfielder Shunsuke Nakamura added a third goal from the penalty spot four minutes before halftime to kill off a game played in sweltering conditions in Hanoi. UAE’s plight went from bad to worse when Basheer Saeed was sent off for a nasty foul on Keita Suzuki eight minutes into the second half. The Gulf Cup holders managed a

Japanese Seiichiro Maki(C) vies for a header with UAE’s Mohammad Al Balooshi(L) and Haidar Mohamed during their Asian Football Cup group B match in Hanoi, Vietnam. Japan won 3-1.—INTERNET

consolation goal in the 66th minute through Saeed Al Kaas but it came too late to prevent them becoming the first team eliminated from the Asian Cup. — MNA/Reuters



Iraq stun lethargic Australia

BANGKOK, 14 July — Iraq pulled off a stunning 3-1 upset win over Australia at the Asian Cup on Friday to leave the tournament favourites in danger of an embarrassing early exit. Nashat Akram scored from a free kick in the first half after a terrible mistake from goalkeeper Mark Schwarzer and Hawar Mulla Mohammad and Karrar Jassim Mohammad capitalized on further defensive errors to find the net after the interval. The Socceroos briefly drew level when their captain Mark Viduka scored just after halftime, but were otherwise outplayed by a team who had to train and play qualifiers in neutral Jordan because of the war in their homeland. The Australians can still reach the quarterfinals if they win their last pool match against co-hosts Thailand on Monday. Iraq and Thailand lead the Group A standings, while Australia and Oman each have a solitary point from the first two rounds. Australia will be without West Ham

defender Lucas Neill against Thailand after he was sent off in stoppage time for a second yellow card, but Arnold said he was already planning to wield the axe on some of the team’s higher-profile players.—MNA/Reuters



Australia's forward Harry Kewell(R) and Iraq's midfielder Mahdi Ajeel fight for ball during their Group A match in the Asian Cup 2007 football tournament at the Ratchamangla Stadium in Bangkok. Australia were booed off the field with their Asian Cup hopes in tatters after a disastrous 3-1 defeat to Iraq.—INTERNET

Blatter takes swipe at extra time

MARACAIBO (Venezuela), 14 July — FIFA president Sepp Blatter said on Friday he liked the idea of drawn matches going straight to penalties without extra time being played. Blatter’s comment came during the Copa America, a tournament where there is no extra period. “One thing I like about the Copa America is that you don’t go to extra time. This is a very, very good decision you have taken,” Blatter told directors of the South American Football Confederation (CSF) sitting alongside him. “It’s better to go straight to penalties. There has been no point in playing extra time since the golden goal rule was abandoned.”—MNA/Reuters

Beckham finally on board as Galaxy player



Britain's David Beckham (R) and his wife Victoria (L) arrive at Los Angeles International airport in Los Angeles, California, on 12 July, 2007. — XINHUA

CARSON (California), 14 July — David Beckham, ready to start his much trumpeted American adventure, was formally introduced as a Los Angeles Galaxy player at the Major League Soccer (MLS) team’s home stadium on Friday. The England midfielder was paraded in front of an audience of Galaxy season-ticket holders and sponsors’ guests at the Home Depot Centre before being presented with his number 23 shirt. Beckham, who arrived in Los Angeles on Thursday night with his pop star wife Victoria and their three sons, told the crowd he was ready to embrace one of the biggest challenges of his career. “To move to a different country on the other side of the world is something I’m looking forward to,” the 32-year-old said after being introduced amidst a burst of gold, blue and white confetti. “I think potentially in the States soccer could be as big as it is everywhere in the world and I’m very proud to be part of that for the next five years, and maybe after that.”— MNA/Reuters

Real Betis to unveil Cuper as new coach

MADRID, 14 July — Former Inter Milan and Valencia manager Hector Cuper will be the new coach of Real Betis, the Primera Liga club confirmed on Friday. The 51-year-old Argentine, who was formerly coach at Real Mallorca, will be presented at 1900 GMT on Monday, the club said in a statement on their website (www.realbetisbalompie.es). Betis had a forgettable campaign last season. They started out under Javier Irureta, who threw in the towel in December to be replaced by Luis Fernandez.—MNA/Reuters

Death toll from Philippine sunken ferry rises to 15

MANILA, 14 July — Philippine military officials said on Friday the death toll from Thursday's sunken ferry rose to 15, as rescue teams recovered



A TV grab shows the close up of a ferry after it capsized off San Francisco town in Quezon province, about 150 km (93 miles) south of Manila, on 12 July, 2007. — XINHUA

the bodies of two more people from the wreckage.

"Divers attempted to go inside the ship, they saw many dead bodies inside," Lieutenant-Colonel Rhoderick Parayno, military spokesman for Southern Luzon Command told reporters.

The military also expected the death toll to rise with their discovery inside the vessel, he said.

The ill-fated M/V Blue Water Princess lays on its side some 500 metres away from the shore, according to Parayno.

"New recoveries for today are three dead. Total since yesterday is 15 dead," Parayno said, quoting field reports from the military's task force for search and rescue operations.

Parayno said rescuers could not start recovery due to strong waves. The

road to the site has become muddy because of the rains, he added.

The spokesman said that at least 126 survivors have been saved from the sea so far.

The inter-island ferry left the Dalahican Port in Lucena City of Quezon Province on Wednesday and was supposed to arrive at Masbate Island on Thursday.

The 483-ton vessel reportedly ran aground near the Bondoc Peninsula, some 400 kilometres southeast of Manila, causing it to tilt to its side.

MNA/Xinhua

Ahmed Esoaq Dawoodjee (86 yrs)

Son of late Mr Esoaq Ismail Dawoodjee and Rasult Bi Bi, Residence of No (82), Bo Aung Kyaw Street, Mr Ahmed Esoaq Dawoodjee passed away at 7:30 pm on 13th July 2007. Janaza prayer at Surti Sunni Masjidid, on Shwe Bontha Street at 1:00 pm.

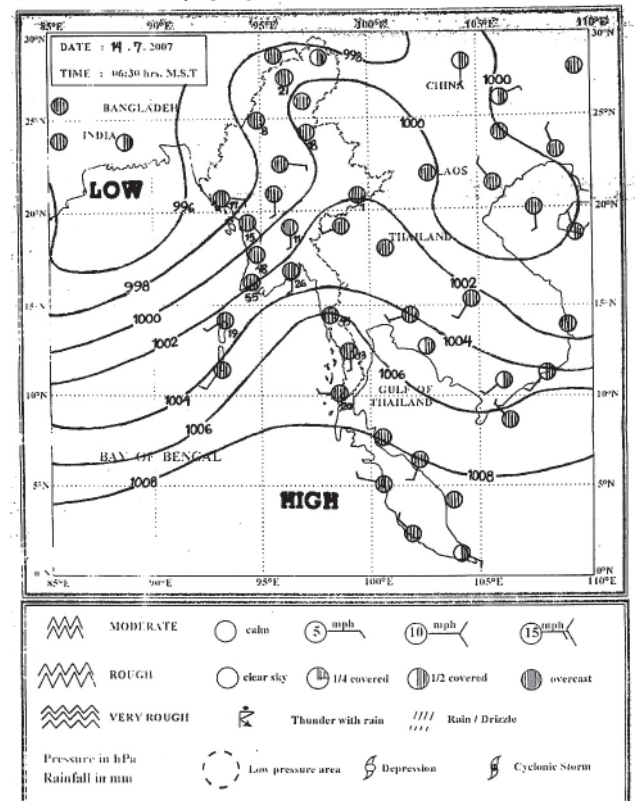
Bereaved family

Radio Myanmar

**Sunday, 15 July
Tune in today**

- 8:30 am** Brief news
8:35 am Music:
 -World filled with love (Craig David)
8:40 am Perspectives
8:45 am Music:
 -One & one (Myles)
8:50 am National news
9:00 am Music:
 -Pump up the jar (The Saqual)
9:10 am International news
9:15 am Cultural images of Myanmar
9:20 am Music:
1:30 pm News / Slogan
1:40pm Story for children
 -Siper virus
1:50 pm Songs for children
9:00pm Weekly news review
9:10pm Article
9:20pm Music
 -Someday we'll be together (Jimmy Somerville)
 -Didn't have the heart (Dibbie Gibson)
 -Moments (Westlife)
9:45 pm News /Slogan
10:00 pm PEL

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Saturday, 14 July, 2007

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours

MST: During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in lower Sagaing Division, rain have been isolated in Kayah State, Mandalay and Magway Divisions, fairly widespread in Kachin State and Bago Division and widespread in the remaining areas with locally heavyfalls in Mon and Kayin States and isolated heavyfall in Rakhine State. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Nay Pyi Taw (0.08) inches, Thaton (5.79) inches, Hpa-an (4.14) inches, Gwa (4.09) inches, Ye (3.90) inches, Kawkayeik (3.86) inches, Yangon (Central) (2.71) inches, Kayan (2.64) inches, Thandwe (2.49) inches, Patheingyi and Hinthada (2.17) inches each, Dawei (2.05) inches, Thawawady (2.01) inches and Yangon (Kaba-Aye) (1.07) inches.

Maximum temperature on 13-7-2007 was 84°F. Minimum temperature on 14-7-2007 was 73°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hours MST on 14-7-2007 was 96%. Total sunshine hours on 13-7-2007 was (0.8) hour approx.

Rainfall on 14-7-2007 was (1.03) inches at Mingaladon, (1.07) inches at Kaba-Aye, (2.71) inches at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2007 was (71.54) inches at Mingaladon, (75.83) inches at Kaba-Aye and (75.43) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (10) mph from West at (15:30) hours MST on 13-7-2007.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 15-7-2007: Rain will be isolated in Kayah State, lower Sagaing, Mandalay and Magway Divisions, fairly widespread in Kachin and Shan States, Bago Division and widespread in the remaining areas with isolated heavyfalls are likely in Rakhine, Mon and Kayin States, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi Divisions. Degree of certainty is (80%).

State of the sea: Squalls with rough seas will be experienced at times off and along Myanmar Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (40-45) mph.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Strong Monsoon.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring areas for 15-7-2007: Likelihood of isolated rain. Degree of certainty is (60%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring areas for 15-7-2007: Some rain. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring areas for 15-7-2007: Likelihood of isolated rain. Degree of certainty is (60%).



**Sunday, 15 July
View on today**

- 7:00 am**
 1. ကျေးဇူးရှင်မင်းကုန်းဆရာတော် ဘုရားကြီး၊ နိုင်တော်သံဃာ မဟာနာယကအဖွဲ့အကျိုးတော်ဆောင်ရွက်၊ အဘိဓမ္မဟာရဌဂုရု၊ အဘိဓမ္မအဂ္ဂမဟာသဒ္ဓမ္မဇောတိက၊ တိပိဋကဓရ၊ ဓမ္မဘဏ္ဍာဂါရိက၊ ဆရာတော် ဘဒ္ဒန္တဝိစိတ္တသာရာဘိဝံသ၏ ပရိတ်တရားတော်
- 7:25 am**
 2. To be healthy exercise
- 7:30 am**
 3. Morning news
- 7:40 am**
 4. Nice and sweet song
- 7:55 am**
 5. ယဉ်ကျေးလိမ္မာ (၃၈) ဖြာမင်္ဂလာ
- 8:05 am**
 6. အကပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 8:15 am**
 7. ဒေသဖွံ့ဖြိုးတိုးတက်စေမည့် ဒုဌာန
- 8:20 am**
 8. Musical programme
- 8:30 am**
 9. International news
- 8:45 am**
 10. Say it in English
- 11:00 am**
 1. Martial song
- 11:10 am**
 2. Musical programme
- 11:25 am**
 3. Round up of the week's international news
- 11:40 am**
 4. Yan Can Cook
- 11:55 pm**
 5. Myanmar video feature:
 “ကမ္ဘာကြီးကို ကျေးဇူးတင်သည်” (ထူးလွင်း၊ ဇော်ဝမ်း၊ ပပဝင်းခင်၊ ဆုယမင်းထက်၊ နိုင်စာ) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-နေလ)
- 1:50 pm**
 6. စကျီအလင်းအောင်ပွဲဆင် တောင်သာမြို့တစ်ခွင်ပီတိခွင်
- 2:05 pm**
 7. Musical programme
- 2:15 pm**
 8. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 2:30 pm**
 9. “ညောင်မယ်မျိုး” (ခန့်စည်သူ၊ ငှက်ပျောကြော်၊ မိုးပြည့်ပြည့်မောင်၊ တက္ကသိုလ်ဂွမ်းပုံ) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-ဘုန်းမြင့်အောင်)
- 2:45 pm**
 10. International news
- 4:00 pm**
 1. Martial song
- 4:15 pm**
 2. Song to uphold National Spirit
- 4:30 pm**
 3. English for everyday use
- 4:40 pm**
 4. သာယာချိုအေး (၃၈) ဖြာမင်္ဂလာတေး
- 4:50 pm**
 5. အဝေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ် ပညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြား သင်ခန်းစာ -ပထမနှစ် (မြန်မာစာအထူးပြု) (မြန်မာစာ)
- 5:05 pm**
 6. Song of national races
- 5:20 pm**
 7. Sing and enjoy
- 6:00 pm**
 8. Evening news
- 6:30 pm**
 9. Weather report
- 6:35 pm**
 10. သီရိဗေသာ
- 7:00 pm**
 11. အလှတွင်အယဉ်ဆင့် အသွင်တင့်နေသည့် မိတ္တီလာကန်
- 7:10 pm**
 12. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “သမားတော်” (အပိုင်း-၄၃)
- 8:00 pm**
 13. News
- 8:05 pm**
 14. International news
- 8:10 pm**
 15. Weather report
- 8:15 pm**
 16. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “မေတ္တာနောင်ကြီး” (အပိုင်း-၆)
- 8:20 pm**
 17. The next day's programme

Secretary-1 meets export and import supervisory committee, merchants

All companies are to make innovations in their respective fields

NAY PYI TAW, 14 July — A meeting of the export and import supervisory committee and merchants and entrepreneurs was held at the Ministry of Commerce here this afternoon, with an address by Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein.

Also present were members of the export and import supervisory committee Minister for Trans-

port Maj-Gen Thein Swe, Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Tin Naing Thein, Minister for Finance and Revenue Maj-Gen Hla Tun, Minister for Livestock and Fisheries Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein, ministers, deputy ministers, the director-general of the State Peace and Development Council Office, heads of departments, the President of the Union of Myanmar

Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry, chairmen and officials of merchant associations, exporters and importers and merchants from border areas.

In his address, Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein said the meeting was held with the aim of developing all sectors of the State, realizing of the government's efforts, ensuring cooperation of the mer-



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein delivers an address at a meeting with export and import supervisory committee, merchants and entrepreneurs.—MNA

Production of paddy increased two times, that of beans and pulses 11th times, that of oil crops three and half times and that of fish and meat four times, compared with 1988. Such progress has been made due to building of economic infrastructures annually and participation of the private sectors.

chants and entrepreneurs for realization of economic objectives through proper ways and finding out solutions to the difficulties encountered

through the meeting of associations, merchants, entrepreneurs and ministers on economy.

He said the government has laid down short-

term five-year plans and is implementing them for economic progress and this year is the second year of the fourth five-year plan.

In 2006-2007 fiscal year, the first year of the five-year plan, GDP of the State increased up to over 12 per cent. Similarly, (See page 10)

Cleft lip and palate patients given surgeries in Nay Pyi Taw

NAY PYI TAW, 14 July — Under the arrangement of Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare

Association, Nay Pyi Taw Maternal and Child Welfare Supervisory Committee and 300-bed General Hospital in Nay Pyi Taw held the first cash donations ceremony for the cleft lip and palate patients in Pyinmana District at the hospital this morning.

It was attended by Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Maj-Gen Wai Lwin and wife, Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint and Deputy Ministers Dr Mya Oo and Dr Paing Soe, President of MMCWA Daw Khin Khin Win, Vice-Presidents Dr Daw Tin Lin

Myint and Daw Aye Aye, the CEC members of the association, departmental heads of the Ministry of Health and the chairman and members of Pyinmana District PDC, members of Pyinmana District/Township Women's Affairs Organizations, MCWAs and MCWSCs.

First, the specialist teams of the Mandalay General Hospital and Nay Pyi Taw General Hospital carried out surgeries on the handicapped.

Next, the commander presented K 350,000 and medicines

worth K 650, 000 donated by the Nay Pyi Taw Command, Vice-President Daw Aye Aye K 770, 000, Vice-President Daw Tin Lin Myint K 896, 000 donated by MMCWA to the officials.

Later, CEC member Daw Htwe Htwe Nyunt and Daw Swe Swe Oo, wife of the commander, presented gifts to the specialist teams.

Today's donation amounted to K 4, 166,000. Altogether 53 patients were given surgeries and the surgical operations continue tomorrow.

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President of MMCWA Daw Khin Khin Win and members comfort handicapped patients at Nay Pyi Taw General Hospital (300-bed).—MNA