

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

Lt-Gen Ye Myint explains regional development in Mohnyin, Hopin, Mogaung



Lt-Gen Ye Myint visits paddy fields in Mayangon Village on Shwebo-Myitkyina Road as farmers broadcast fertilizer into the fields. — MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 21 July — Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Ye Myint of the Ministry of Defence, accompanied by Commander of Northern Command Maj-Gen Ohn Myint, met servicemen and family members at the local battalion in Mohnyin on 17 July morning.

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Lt-Gen Kyaw Win inspects development of Mongphyat, Tachilek, meets local entrepreneurs

Entrepreneurs urged to grow rubber and physic nut in addition to doing business



Lt-Gen Kyaw Win of Ministry of Defence presents gift to an outstanding exporter. — MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 21 July — Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Kyaw Win of the Ministry of Defence, accompanied by Chairman of Shan State (East) PDC Commander of Triangle Region Command Maj-Gen Min Aung Hlaing left Kengtung for Mongphyat on 19 July.

Lt-Gen Kyaw Win and party inspected thriving monsoon paddy plantations and development of Mongphyat.

In the evening,

they arrived in Tachilek. Win inspected physic nut On 20 July, Lt-Gen Kyaw Win inspected physic nut (See page 10)

Collection of suggestions of NC delegates on Provisions on State of Emergency to be published

YANGON, 21 July — The collection of the suggestions made by NC delegates on laying down detailed basic principles for the chapter on “Provisions on State of Emergency” to be included in drafting the State Constitution at the plenary session of the National Convention at the Nyaungnapin Camp in Hmawby Township, Yangon Division, yesterday, will be published in dailies.

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

PERSPECTIVES

Sunday, 22 July, 2007

Dunban Bridge contributing regional development

Kachin State, located in the far north of Myanmar, is rich in natural resources. Kachin State lagged behind in economic, social, education, health and transport sectors in the past, since there was no peace and tranquillity then.

With peace and stability in the region new roads have been constructed, the old ones renovated and Myitkyina-Mandalay Railroad upgraded. Moreover, Myitkyina, Bhamo and Putao Airports were also upgraded. As a result, transport and communication services have improved much.

The 216-foot Dunban Bridge on Myitkyina-Tanai-Panhsaung-Ledo Road was inaugurated the other day.

The bridge was built at a cost of K 285.5 million and it is an important bridge on Myitkyina-Namti-Tanai-Panhsaung-Ledo Road.

Beginning 1988, the Ministry of Construction built altogether 207 bridges which are 180 feet and above nationwide.

For the effective use of the bridges, the entire people are to help maintain them and make the most beneficial use of the facilities for regional and national development.

Six members quit Kyimyindine, Insein NLDs Political activities of NLD deviating from their beliefs

YANGON, 21 July — Member Daw Chit Tin of Kyimyindine Township National League for Democracy and members U Khin Maung Myint, U Tun Tun Naing, U Kyaw Moe Win, U Soe Win and Daw Myint Myint of Insein Township NLD on 11 July resigned from the NLD of their own volition, and sent letters of resignation to the NLD Headquarters and local authorities.

In the letters of resignation sent to Kyimyindine and Insein Township Multi-party Democracy General Election Subcommissions, they said that although they joined the NLD with the convince to carry out party politics only and serve the interest of the local people, the political activities of the NLD are deviating from their beliefs. That is why they resigned from the party of their own accord, they said.

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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

Minister for Livestock and Fisheries offers Waso robes

NAY PYI TAW, 21 July—Under the auspices of Minister for Livestock and Fisheries Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein and wife Daw Myint Myint Aye, staff families of the Ministry held the 2nd Wasorobes offering ceremony at the ministry here yesterday.

Member of the State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Pali Tekkatho Mingalazeyon Monastery Bhaddanta Vimalabuddhi invested the congregations with the Five Precepts.

Next, the Sayadaws recited the Parittas. Minister Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein and



Minister Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein and wife donate Waso robes and offertories to a Sayadaw. — MNA

wife Daw Myint Myint Aye, Directors-General, Managing Directors do-

nated Waso robes and alms to the Sayadaw and members of the Sangha. After

the ceremony, they offered 'soon' to members of the Sangha.—MNA

PPE holds Waso robes offering ceremony

NAY PYI TAW, 21 July — Under the patronage of Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan and wife Daw Kyi Kyi Win, families of Printing and Publishing Enterprise held a Waso robes offering ceremony at Gainghtauk Monastery in Ywakauk Village in Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana this morning.

It was attended by State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee member Presiding Sayadaw of Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana Pali Takkatho Sarthintaik Maha Ganthavacaka Pandita Bhaddana Vimala Buddhi, Presiding Sayadaw of Gainghtauk Monastery Bhaddanta Uttama and invited members of the Sangha, Managing Director of Printing and Publishing Enterprise U Aung Nyein, Managing Director of News and Periodicals Enterprise U Soe Win and officials.

Sayadaw Bhaddana Vimalavuddhi administered the Five Precepts to the congregations and members of the Sangha recited Parittas. Later, Managing Director U Aung Nyein and officials donated Waso robes and provisions to the Sayadaws and monks.

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MRTV, IPRD (Yangon Div Office) offer Waso robes

YANGON, 21 July— Under the auspices of Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan and wife Daw Kyi Kyi Win, Myanmar Radio and Television and the Information and Public Relations Department (Yangon Division Office) held the 10th Waso robes offering ceremony at NanU (Parahita) Monastery in Ward 5 of Mayangon Township here this morning.

Also present on the occasion were Director-General U Khin Maung Htay of MRTV, Managing Director U Aung Myo Myint of Myanmar Motion Picture Enterprise and departmental officials.

NanU (Parahita) Monastery Maha Saddhamma Jotikadhaja Bhaddanta Dhammasetha administered the Nine Precepts. Members of the Sangha recited the Parittas.

Director-General U Khin Maung Htay and the congregations donated Waso robes and alms to the Sayadaws.

Sayadaw Bhaddanta Vannissara of the monastery delivered a sermon, and the congregations gained merit. — MNA



Waso robes offering ceremony of Printing and Publishing Enterprise in progress. — MNA

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Peres calls for peace talks with Syria

JERUSALEM, 20 July — Israeli President Shimon Peres called on Thursday for Syrian and Israeli leaders to meet and resume long-stalled peace talks between the two countries.

He told a visiting Chinese envoy that “if Syria wants real peace, there is no alternative to

holding direct negotiations with Israel,” a statement from the President's office said.

Peres, who pledged to campaign for Middle East peace when he was sworn in as head of state on Sunday, said the leaders of Israel and Syria should meet to “symbolize mutual recognition as an

opening stage” to negotiations.

The presidency is a largely ceremonial post in Israel. While politically influential, Israeli presidents have no authority to set government policy.

Talks between Syria and Israel collapsed in 2000 without resolving the fate of the Golan Heights, a plateau occupied by Israel in the 1967 Arab-Israeli War, and annexed in 1981 in a move not recognized internationally.

Both sides have signalled a readiness to resume talks in recent months, largely in messages passed through envoys, though each has set conditions the other has balked at meeting.

MNA/Reuters

Lu Mengdie, a disabled youth of Northwest China's Ningxia Hui Autonomous Region does paper cutting in her home on 19 July, 2007. Lu spent a year cutting 2008 paper butterflies to give best wishes to the Beijing Olympics. — XINHUA



Two US soldiers charged with murder in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 20 July — Two US soldiers have been charged with murdering an Iraqi last month near the northern oil city of Kirkuk, the military said on Thursday.

Sergeant 1st Class Trey Corrales, from San Antonio, Texas, and Specialist Christopher Shore, from Winder, Georgia, were each charged with one count of premeditated murder, the military said in a statement. The offence was alleged to have taken place on or around 23 June near Kirkuk. The men were assigned to the 3rd Brigade, 25th Infantry Division.

In addition, their battalion commander, Lieutenant-Colonel Michael Browder, while not a suspect in the case, was relieved

of his duties because of a lack of confidence in his ability to command effectively, the military said.

The charges are the latest brought against US forces in Iraq. On Wednesday, a military jury in California found a US Marine guilty of conspiring to kidnap and kill an Iraqi grandfather, who was shot dead last year.

MNA/Reuters

Two cars are left stranded after torrential rain caused flash flooding on a road in Wallington, South London, on 20 July, 2007. A band of severe weather hit southern and central England and Wales and severe weather warnings are still in place for north west England and north Wales.—INTERNET



UN says poor countries need technology to prosper

GENEVA, 21 July — The world's poorest countries need technology and know-how to prosper and donors should shift aid towards science and research, the UN Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) said on Thursday.

It said international donors needed to boost contributions towards technology and training to help economically weak nations move away from raw commodities and low-skill manufacturing.

In its *Least Developed Countries Report 2007*, the agency said agricultural techniques to boost crop yields and quality were vital in poor countries in Africa, Latin America and Asia, where

increasing numbers of farm workers were moving to urban areas.

Less than four per cent of the World Bank's overall lending has gone to science and technology projects in the last 25 years, UNCTAD said.

“There is a lack of balance between the governance and social issues and technological issues,” UNCTAD Secretary-General Supachai Panitchpakdi told a news conference.

He said while poor countries in Asia, such as Bangladesh, Laos, Nepal and Cambodia, were beginning to shift towards more technologically-focused development projects, many African nations had lagged.

MNA/Reuters

Surprise: Elderly drive better than teens

NEW YORK, 20 July—It's official: Teens are the worst drivers, new research shows.

Drivers 65 and older are just one-third as likely as drivers 18 to 25 to cause auto accidents, and not much more likely than drivers 26 to 64 to cause accidents, according to a RAND Corp study issued this week.

“While driving ability declines with age for most people, those seniors who continue to drive appear to be safer drivers than the general public might think,” said David Loughran, a RAND senior economist and professor at the Pardee RAND Graduate School, in a news release. “By far, it is the youngest drivers who pose the greatest risk to traffic safety.”

Researchers found that in 2001, people 65 and older accounted for about 15 percent of all licensed drivers but caused only about 7 percent of all accidents in the United States. By contrast, people ages 18 to 25 accounted for just 13 percent of all licensed drivers, but caused 43 percent of all accidents.—Internet

Clinton criticizes Bush on Iraq

WASHINGTON, 20 July — Former president Bill Clinton on Thursday criticized President George W Bush’s Administration for failing in Iraq, saying their was no evidence of much-needed political or diplomatic progress.

“The point is, that there is no military victory here,” he said in an interview on ABC’s Good Morning America.

Clinton’s wife Hillary is running for the Democratic nomination for president and she has been calling on Bush to pull troops out of Iraq.

“There is no evidence that, whether we have a good day in a particular community or region in Iraq, that we have either the political reconciliation process within the country working or any diplomatic process that’s got a chance

to help with the neighbours,” the former Democratic president said. Washington has been urging Iraq for months to pass important laws aimed at reconciling majority Shiites and minority Sunni Arabs. So far only one of the draft laws aimed at drawing Sunnis more firmly into the political process has reached the Iraqi Parliament.

Bush, who has been under pressure to change the course of the increasingly unpopular

war, has said he is waiting for a September progress report from his US commander in Iraq, General David Petraeus.

“I believe that General Petraeus is a very able man and I don’t have any doubts that they’ll win some battles,” Clinton said. “I hope this works. I think every American hopes this works. But it can’t work beyond winning a few battles. It has to be accompanied by ... progress on the political front.”—MNA/Reuters

Brazil vows to act after air crash

LONDON, 20 July — Brazil’s president has promised to take all measures needed to prevent further air disasters after the crash in Sao Paulo that killed nearly 200 people.

Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva was making his first

public comments since the Tam Airlines jet crashed in flames after landing at Congonhas on Tuesday.

He said air traffic would be reduced at the airport, and that a new one would be built to ease the pressure. There has been intense speculation but no

confirmation on the crash’s cause.

Tam Airlines said on Friday that one of the two thrust reversers on the Airbus 320 - which help jets slow down on landing - had been deactivated on the plane during maintenance checks. —Internet

Officials of the South Korean Embassy wave Lebanese and South Korean nationals flags upon the arrival of South Korean UN peacekeepers to Beirut International Airport on 19 July, 2007.

INTERNET

UK troop reserves ‘almost gone’

LONDON, 20 July—The head of the Army has warned that British troops are so stretched that the nation’s military reserves are “almost non-existent”.

In the memo, leaked to the Daily Telegraph, General Sir Richard Dannatt said the Army was undermanned because of operations in Afghanistan and Iraq.

He also said vital equipment was being used “at the edge of sustainability”.

A spokesman for the Ministry of Defence said the forces were working hard but the current situation was “manageable”.

General Dannatt also said the Army has “almost no capability to react to the unexpected”.

He said: “It is difficult to predict the long-term effect of this level of pressure on people. It is critical that we improve manning as quickly as we can.”

There is reportedly just one battalion of 500 troops, called the Spearhead Lead Element, available to be used in an emergency, such as a major domestic terrorist attack or a rapid deployment overseas.

The MoD conceded that if “operations continue at this pace, we will have to revisit our planning assumptions”.—Internet

Massive steam explosion hits Manhattan

NEW YORK, 19 July—A steam pipe exploded in central Manhattan in New York on Wednesday, sending plumes of steam roaring into the sky and throwing debris nearby. Mayor Michael Bloomberg attributed the blast to a “failure of infrastructure”.

One woman died of heart attack in the aftermath of the explosion and about two dozens were injured, some seriously, Bloomberg told a news conference amid wailing sirens.

Blocks near the site were evacuated and several subway lines diverted as a result of the blast, which struck shortly before six o’clock in the afternoon.

People are advised to stay away from the site of the rush-hour blast as tests are conducted about the possible presence of asbestos.

Bloomberg said a steam pipe, 24 inches in diameter, ruptured, possibly caused by cold water, from raining or otherwise. The pipe was

installed in 1924, he added.

The underground steam pipes, which heat and cool buildings in New York, have been turned off, and a gapping crater could be seen in the middle of the street. A red pickup truck sat in the crater.

Some described the spewing steam and debris as “tornado rising from the ground”. Some windows were blown out in buildings adjacent to the site of the explosion. Fire trucks and emergency crew are working at and

near the site, which is located near 41st Street between 3rd and Lexington Avenue.

MNA/Xinhua

Damaged vehicles are seen at the site of a bomb blast at Hub area in the outskirts of Karachi on 19 July, 2007. Two bombs exploded in Pakistan on Thursday, one in the south and the other in the northwest, most of victims were police.

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A steam pipe exploded in central Manhattan in New York on 18 July, 2007, sending plumes of steam roaring into the sky and throwing debris nearby. XINHUA



ECONOMIC NEWS

China warns US against “smear attacks” on imports

WASHINGTON, 20 July — China warned the United States on Thursday against “groundless smear attacks” against Chinese products and said it was working responsibly to address concerns over a spate of recent food safety scares.

“The Chinese Government has not turned a blind eye or tried to cover up. We have taken this matter very seriously, acted responsibly and

immediately adopted forceful measures,” said a statement by China’s Embassy in Washington.

“Blowing up, complicating or politicizing a problem are irresponsible actions and do not help in its solution,” the Chinese mission said in a rare policy pronouncement.

“It is even more unacceptable for some to launch groundless smear attacks on China at the

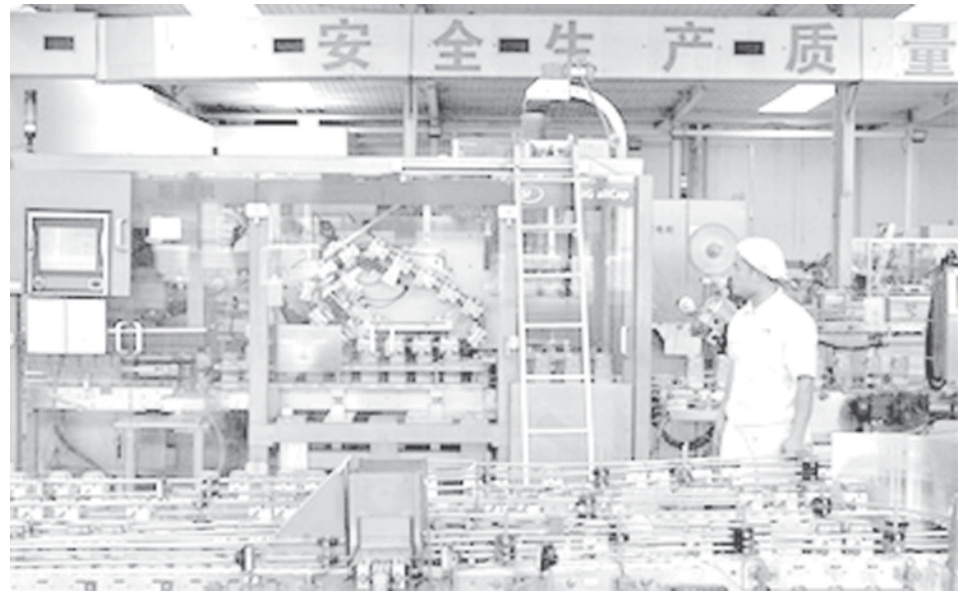
excuse of food and drug safety problems,” it said.

Echoing the Beijing Government’s complaints about US media reports, the embassy said food safety concerns were not unique to China, 99.2 per cent of whose food exports to the United States in 2006 met quality standards.

Problematic US imports from China — including toxic ingredients mixed into pet food and recalls of toy trains and toothpaste — were isolated cases and “hardly avoidable” amid huge and rapidly growing bilateral trade, the statement said.

“It is unfair and irresponsible for the US media to single China out, play up China’s food safety problems and mislead the US consumer,” it added.

MNA/Reuters



Under a slogan reading ‘Safety Production Quality and Quantity,’ A Chinese supervises the production line at the Beijing Huiyuan Beverage & Food Group Co processing plant in Beijing on 18 July, 2007. — INTERNET

EU to hit some digital cameras with import duty

BRUSSELS, 19 July—Some top-end digital cameras entering the European Union could become more expensive after trade experts decided their advanced video functions meant they should be classed as video recorders, which attract import duties.

Digital cameras are

imported into the 27-nation EU tariff-free but video recorders are subject to duties starting at 4.9 per cent. The Tokyo-based Camera & Imaging Products Association (CIPA), whose members include Nikon Corp, Canon Inc, and Sony Corp, has previously said it was concerned about a pos-

sible EU Customs duty on digital cameras.

In 2006, shipments of Japanese digital cameras to Europe were worth about five billion US dollars. An EU official said on Tuesday the change was unlikely to affect cameras sold to ordinary consumers as it related to the more expensive models that have very good video recording capability.—MNA/Reuters

Macao’s light rail project to create 3,000 jobs

MACAO, 20 July—Construction of the first phase of the Macao Light Rail Transit (LRT) System will create over 3,000 job opportunities, according to an official Press release issued Thursday.

The release from the Information Bureau quoted Lau Si Io, secretary for Transport and Public Works, as saying that the government estimated that construction of the proposed first phase of the system might cost 4.2 billion patacas (525 million US dollars).

The scope of the first phase would cover communities of about 200,000 people, serving more people than other transport routes, the official were cited. The city has a population of 500,000. —MNA/Xinhua



Many Russian students are coming to China to sharpen their Chinese language skills for better jobs back home. — INTERNET

Airports host record number of passengers in 2006

GENEVA, 20 July — The number of passengers passing through airports worldwide reached a record of 4.4 billion in 2006, up 4.8 per cent over the year before, the airports body ACI said on Wednesday.

ACI, the Geneva-based Airports Council International, said the 1,640 airports operated by its members in 178 countries also processed 85.6 million tons of cargo last year — up 3.6 per cent on 2005.

Atlanta in the United States remained the world’s busiest passenger hub with nearly 85 million travellers passing through, followed by Chicago O’Hare with 77 million and London’s Heathrow with 67.4 million.

“The statistics tell a great story — growth and stability,” ACI Director-General Robert J Aaranson said in a statement issued with the figures. “Three-quarters of airports worldwide reported positive passenger growth.” Earlier this year, the global airlines body IATA reported that passengers on international flights rose by 5.9 per cent year-on-year in 2005, with freight traffic growing at 4.6 per cent.

The ACI figures offer a broader reflection of the state of the air travel and cargo industries since they cover hundreds of smaller airports handling purely domestic traffic as well as the big international hubs.

MNA/Reuters

Brazil’s Petrobras spends over \$100m on gas compressors

RIO DE JANEIRO, 19 July—Brazil’s state energy company Petrobras is to purchase 17 compression system units for a total of 75 million euros (about 103 million US dollars) to be used in Brazil’s gas facilities, said a statement from the company on Tuesday.

Petrobras is to buy the system from German company Siemens, which will also install and sustain the system.

Six units will go to Cacimbas in the country’s southeastern state of Espirito Santo, which processes fuel from offshore platforms.

The remaining 11 units will go to the Gasene Transport System in northeastern Brazil. Gasene will be made up of three gas pipelines, which are currently under construction and will begin operations in 2009.—MNA/Xinhua



The first Airbus A380 for Singapore Airlines is watched by Airbus employees as it rolls out for take off from the Airbus plant in Hamburg on 19 July, 2007. The aircraft will receive its last finish at the Airbus plant in French city of Toulouse before it will be delivered to Singapore Airlines in October 2007. — INTERNET

Collection of facts explained by the Work Committee Chairman are appropriate for long-term existence of political parties and to become a national force serving the interest of the nation and the people

YANGON, 21 July — *The following is the collection of suggestions made by NC delegates on "Political Parties" submitted to the Plenary Session of the National Convention held at the Pyidaungsu Hall of Nyaungnapin Camp in Hmawby Township yesterday.*

Political Parties

National Convention delegates,

At the plenary session of the National Convention held on 30 October 2006, the National Convention Convening Work Committee Chairman said, "Concerning political parties, a detailed basic principle "the State shall enact necessary law for systematic formation of political parties for flourishing of genuine multiparty democracy system" has already been adopted. In accord with the adopted detailed basic principle there should be a law to systematically establish political parties for flourishing of discipline-flourishing genuine multiparty democracy system and emergence of political parties that will correctly lead the citizens. Only if the Constitution has the provisions, that are in accord with the political, security, economic and social conditions and traditions and customs of the nation, for political parties, can the respective laws that are enacted as necessary be observed. It is necessary for the National Convention to lay down detailed basic principles in connection with political parties to be prescribed in the Constitution."

The Work Committee Chairman then said: A collection of detailed basic principles concerning the Chapter "Political Parties" will be presented as follows:

1. **Political parties set the objective — non-disintegration of the Union, non-disintegration of national solidarity and perpetuation of sovereignty.**
2. **A political party shall:**

- (a) **accept and practise discipline-flourishing genuine multiparty democracy.**
- (b) **abide by the Constitution and the existing laws.**
- (c) **be legally registered as a political party.**

3. **In accord with the law, a political party shall have the right to:**

- (a) **organize freely;**
- (b) **to stand for the elections.**

4. **The continued existence of a political party shall not be permitted if —**

- (a) **it has been declared as an unlawful organization in accord with the existing law;**
- (b) **it makes connections with or provides support and assistance to insurgent groups waging an armed rebellion against the State, organizations or persons the State has announced as the ones committing terrorist acts or organizations the State has declared unlawful;**
- (c) **it directly or indirectly receives financial, material and other assistance from the government or a religious organization, or any other organization or an individual person of a foreign country;**
- (d) **it abuses religion for political purpose.**

5. **If the body having the authority to register political parties finds that a political party is connected with any one of the points stated in the above-mentioned para (4) and subparagraphs (a), (b), (c) or (d), the party's registration shall be revoked.**

6. **The Pyidaungsu Hluttaw shall enact necessary laws concerning the political parties.**

National Convention delegates,

The NUP finds that a collection of facts

concerning the chapter explained by the Work Committee Chairman are appropriate for the long-term existence of parties and to become a national force serving the interest of the nation and the people.

The NUP finds the para (6) "The Pyidaungsu Hluttaw shall enact necessary laws concerning the political parties" appropriate. **But we would like to suggest that serious consideration should be made to the inclusion of the proper rights of political parties in enacting the laws concerning their rulers.**

In building a modern and developed democratic state through multiparty democracy system, the continued existence of political parties has connections with the task of serving the interest of the people and the nation. Hence, the members of the parties should be the qualified ones.

As the parties are formed with the aim of realizing the public wishes and desires, they should have the right to correctly exercise democratic practices and truly represent the people. Base on the past experiences, the present multiparty democracy system should be a prestigious one. The parties play an important part in serving the interest of the nation and the people.

Hence, the state should recognize the parties and render assistance to them for the parties to play their part significantly.

Union Pa-O National Organization agreed to the adoption of the six points of the Chapter "Political Parties" as detailed basic principles.

Shan State Kokang Democratic Party in its suggestion said, the Work Committee Chairman said that as all citizens should keep in the fore Our Three Main National Causes with conviction so do the political parties. Hence, the para 1 — Political parties set the objective — non-disintegration of the Union, non-disintegration of national solidarity and perpetuation of sovereignty — should be adopted.

The para 2 and subparas (a), (b) and (c) concerning rules and regulations for parties, para 3 and subparas (a) and (b) in connection with the organization and the permission to stand for election, para 4 and subparas (a), (b), (c) and (d) concerning the continued existence of a political party and the para 5 should be adopted as detailed basic principles.

Mro or Khami National Solidarity Organization said that as the six points explained by the Work Committee Chairman are appropriate and comprehensive, they should be adopted as detailed basic principles.

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U Maung Gyi of Delegate Group of Representatives-elect reads out Collections on the chapter "Political Parties". — MNA

Lahu National Development Party agreed to the adoption of the six points explained by the Work Committee Chairman.

Union Kayin League expressed belief that the points explained by the Work Committee Chairman will surely lead to flourishing of multiparty democracy system, emergence of parties that will correctly lead the people, systematic formation of parties in accord with the political, economic, security and social situation and traditions and customs and emergence of an all-round developed nation. Hence the six points should be adopted.

Kokang Democracy and Unity party said the clarification saying that parties should be the ones able to strive for the flourishing of genuine discipline-flourishing multiparty democracy in the whole Union and in all Regions and States in accord with political, security, economic and social situations and traditions and customs is appropriate and in accord with the nation's prevailing situation. They are also in accord with the party's stance. The points also state that administrative system of the future state and existence of parties. They should be adopted.

Wa National Development Party agreed to adopt all the six points. It also presented a separate suggestion, saying, "We would like to present a suggestion concerning the chapter "Political Parties". Political parties should be the organizations capable of heading towards flourishing of discipline-flourishing genuine multiparty democracy in the entire Union in accord with the nation's political, security, economic and social conditions and traditions and customs. And it is a must. The parties will have to launch organizational campaigns to strengthen themselves in all aspects. But the parties will face a problem and obstacles if there is a prescription saying that all matters and functions should be free from politics. Such prescription is also against the objective — flourishing of genuine multiparty democracy system — of the six objectives of the National Convention. We would like to suggest that there should be no such prescription in our nation that will practise multiparty democracy in the future."

National Convention delegates,

Of the four papers presented by representatives-elect group, the papers presented by the representative of NUP and the representative of Mro or Khami National Solidarity Organization are the same as the papers presented by the respective parties.

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Collection of facts explained by the Work Committee...

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Independent representatives-elect Dr Hmu Htan of Thantlang Township Constituency in Chin State, U Aung Thein of Ywangan Township Constituency in Shan State (South) and U Tun Kyaw of Namhsan Township Constituency in Shan State (North) in their suggestions said they are in support of the clarifications made by the Work Committee Chairman concerning the chapter “Political Parties”.

As a separate suggestion they said, “Myanmar has already witnessed the weaknesses and loopholes of the parliamentary democracy when she practised the system after regaining Independence. A study of those weaknesses and loopholes shows that they were the results of the lack of democracy experiences in history, the single party governance in real terms in the name of parliamentary democracy, the public intellectual progress that had not reached the level of defining and exercising the rights and duties of democracy with correct conviction, the political parties’ insufficient ability to train, educate and lead the people to exercise democracy rights with a sense of duty, and the lack of development in infrastructure that would help realize the essence of democracy more fully, the declining situation of democracy in the parties, and the growing centralized system. It is found that it is required to lay down detailed basic principles concerning the qualifications of political parties as necessary, after taking the experiences Myanmar had faced as lessons, for the flourishing of genuine multiparty democracy in the nation”.

“To ensure that there will be no disputes in the future, we would like to suggest that the point **“The Union Hluttaw shall designate and prescribe the qualifications of political parties” should be added to the points already explained by the Work Committee Chairman.**”

The parties should serve as a bridge between the government and the people for the emergence of a multiparty system benefiting the people. They should be the organizations that are able to lay down policies in conformity with the nation’s political, security, economic situations, customs and public interest. They should have the directives, fundamental policies and practices. There may be parties representing the whole nation for emergence of discipline-flourishing democracy as well as regional political parties representing the respective national races.

“Hence we would like to give a separate suggestion saying that the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw in

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enacting laws concerning the political parties should consider permitting the establishment of political parties representing the whole Union as well as the respective regions.

“I will now discuss the matter “no right to exist” of a political party. The body having the authority to register political parties before revoking the registration of a party should make an accusation against the party only after presenting firm evidence. The party concerned should have the right to defend and appeal. The officials concerned should revoke the registration only after hearing the case thoroughly. We believe that there should be no lopsided charges against political parties. We would like to present a separate suggestion saying that the Pyidaungsu Hluttaw should enact laws and bylaws to observe the right of defence and the right of appeal of the political parties”.

“The political parties have the duty to resolutely serve the interest of the nation and the people. The parties should have the capability to lead towards flourishing of genuine and disciplined democracy in the entire nation. The leaders of the parties should be the ones who are sincere and upright. As they also are human beings they may make mistakes in certain matters. The problems of the parties should be solved within the parties. Action should not be taken against any party leader or member for his mistakes directly by the authorities concerned. The authorities should make consultations with the steering groups of the party concerned and action should be taken against the leader or member for his error in accord with the rules and regulations of the party. The matter should be put into consideration when laws and bylaws concerning the parties are drafted.

“Independent representatives-elect U Tin Win of Kyaiklat Township Constituency-2, U Thein Kyi of Taundwingyi Township Constituency-1, U Hla Soe of Minbu Township Constituency-2, U Mya Hlaing of Twantay Township Constituency-2, U Kyi Win of Mingaladon Township Constituency-1 and U Tin Tun Maung of Mingaladon Township Constituency-2 discussed in support of the clarifications made by the Work Committee chairman in connection with the chapter “Political Parties”.

The delegate group of national races agreed to the adoption of the six points explained by the Work Committee Chairman. It also gave the following separate suggestion:

- “The para 2 of the chapter states as follows:
2. A political party shall:
 - (a) accept and practise discipline-flourishing genuine multiparty democracy.
 - (b) abide by the Constitution and the existing laws.
 - (c) be legally registered as a political party.

We would like to add another para which will be para **“(d) A political party shall have the duty to be loyal to the State.”** to the given detailed basic principle.

We present the suggestion as the emergence of firm and qualified political parties that will steer the nation towards the flourishing of multiparty democracy and the citizen’s loyalty to the State are essential requirements.”

The Delegate Group of Peasants agreed to the adoption of all the six points concerning the chapter — Political Parties.

It gave a separate suggestion, saying, “More or less, the weak points and advantages of the registration law can have impact on the political parties. If a large number of small parties stand for the election, people will find difficulties in choosing the candidates, and the formation of a majority government in the parliament will not be easy. And there cannot be a stable government. Hence, there are limitations in the number of parties as there should be a few numbers of large and strong political parties.

“The political parties should be the



U Maung Hla (a) U Hla Myint of Delegate Group of National Races reads out Collection of suggestions on the chapter “Political Parties”. — MNA

organizations that give priority more to the interest of the nation and the people than self-interest. They should be the parties that can cooperate with the opposition for the benefit of the state and the people whether they win in the election or not. The ruling party should stay away from bullying the opposition parties and conducting dictator-like acts. Hence we will have to draw a constitution that is in conformity with the future nation, while taking the past events as lessons.

National Convention delegates,

The Delegate Group of Workers presented a suggestion saying that the six points explained by the Work Committee Chairman concerning the chapter — Political Parties — should be adopted.

The Delegate Group of Intellectuals and Intelligentsia discussed in support of the six points.

The Delegate Group of State Service Personnel said, “The principles that are going to be adopted are the principles the world nations are practicing at present. We thank the Work Committee Chairman for presenting the principles in an objective way after studying international practices and Myanmar’s past lessons. The six points explained by the Work Committee Chairman should be adopted.”

The Delegate Group of Other Invited Persons said that the Work Committee Chairman’s clarifications are realistic. Moreover they are in accord with the six objectives of the National Convention to safeguard Our Three Main National Causes for peace, stability and progress of the future nation.

The group discussed in support of the 14 points concerning the Election, six points of the Political Parties and 23 points of the Emergency Provisions. It also presented a separate suggestion as follows:

“The forthcoming State constitution will have to demonstrate genuine multi-party democracy system with flourishing discipline. So, it is required to take lessons through the historic events to prescribe necessary provisions in order to avert such bitter experiences in which the nation and the people stood for the evil consequences from the weak points of the political parties.

“Political parties are responsible for serving the interests of the nation and the people steadfastly. However, by nature, a party may face internal or external disputes. So, it is needed to control and tackle such disputes in a democratic way under the law. Members of a political party should uphold the democratic ethics. At the same time, there should be effective measures to safeguard the nation and the people from any forms of dangers. Therefore, I would like to suggest that **political parties should not create a situation that brings disunity and disputes into the party or the parties which poses dangers to the political affairs, security and economy of the nation.**”

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It is not too late to mend (2)

Wunna Min Khaung

This time I am not referring to and any person in particular. But I am referring to groups made up of internal and external destructive elements opposing the government.

As regards politics, scholars and political leaders of different periods defined it variously. Of them, the definition I like best is that politics doesn't depend not only on the wish and resolution of a leader but also on his efficiency in formulating the policy and implementing it.

Nowadays, there is internal and external instigation, drawing conclusions from different angles and putting blame on the government in connection with democracy transition. I would not like to say much about them but I would like to discuss the acts of those longing for saviors and pushing the nation into abyss.

Whatever government comes to power or whatever system is practised in whatever nation there can always be those who are against and those who are in favour of the government or the system. It is not strange.

With regard to the process of transition to democracy in Myanmar those who do not clearly know the tactics and global strategies of big nations are trying to attach the nation's destiny to their tail. I view such acts to be totally senseless.

The so-called opposition politicians will be in no position to understand those tactics and strategies of the big nations. The so-called experts and

analysts are expressing views and comments through foreign radios but theirs carry no substance.

Every government has its own strategy and tactics to response to the changing trend in the world. Gathering intelligence between one country and another is for this purpose.

The government of each and every nation is always keeping an eye on tendency of the world and applies diplomacy concerning the major conflicts of the world. Here I would present some salient points of US diplomacy I have studied.

If we study the address of the US Secretary of State made at George Town University on 18 January 2006 ulterior motives of the US can vividly be seen. Let's study the salient points of US diplomacy named transformational diplomacy in the address of the US Secretary of State.

- Diplomacy of today has changed a lot. It is time to bravely ponder how to change the world and how to seek ways and means for that rather than presenting facts on what is happening in the world in a conventional way.
- Our (Americans') procedures are not paternalism (as criticized by international community) but are partnership.
- We would have to transform the line of diplomacy. Our diplomats are to open the American presence posts in different parts in order to give the thoughts and value of democracy rather than living in the environs of the cities

they are assigned to and consulates. In that regard, we are to establish an Internet.

- A reconstruction and stabilization centre under the US State Department is to be opened, and civil service such as police officers, medical staff, lawyers, engineers, bank employees, education staff and those in charge of elections are to be recruited for the centre. And arrangements are to be made for them to cooperate with the US servicemen in time of emergency.
- Those from the centre would have to cooperate with the US servicemen in time of emergency in whatever places of the world. The US military alone is incapable of handling such emergency cases.

Only after we have observed the address of the US Secretary of State we realize the answers as to why some officials from the US Embassy in Myanmar frequently visit the NLD Headquarters and how they meet with those related to the NLD members. Furthermore, it can be calculated as to how dangerous it is to sovereignty of the nation concerned provided that such schemes are launched under the pretext of diplomacy.

Another statement that should be studied is the one made by the US Representative to the United Nations, and it is:

- Even though ten storeys of the UN building are demolished it does not matter. The only permanent member (USA) should be in the UN Security Council. The role the United Nations plays in the security of the US is insignificant. As a matter of fact, there should be no such law as the International Law. The US government would not be bound by the International Law. It was his happiest day when the US revoked as signatory to the International Court of Justice. When the need arises the US does not require the approval of the UN Security Council.

When some anti-government groups heard about such remarks, they clapped their hands with joy thinking that as if the celestial king himself would be coming down for the cause of Myanmar's democracy.

However, true political experts studying the international affairs have revealed publicly that the

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US sought only its self-interest, always attempting to dominate the entire globe.

Most of actual events conform to the assessments of those political experts. The glaring examples are that the US and some big powers are taking control of international economic organizations such as WTO, IMF and WB.

Using these organizations, America forced other nations, especially developing ones, to conduct reforms to help serve its interest. Shouting free market, it forced the markets open. Yet, it sets up barriers in its market making US's trade with others lopsided. World Bank loans may be obtained only after meeting the

conditions set by the US, and if a nation got loans, the projects to be implemented with the use of these loans would have to be under control of economic corporations owned by West bloc including the US. Consequently, they became richer and richer but other developing countries became poorer and poorer, unable to get out of a whirl of debts. The actions the US usually takes against the weak nations when they do not accept its political and economic models are applying various kinds of pressure, aiding and abetting national traitors, imposing economic sanctions, making public misunderstanding with the ruling governments on the pretext of

democracy and human rights, helping topple the ruling governments and initiating military interventions.

The US military interventions in the name of democracy and human rights do not discriminate between military and civilian targets. The innocent people are the ones who suffer a lot. Just look at the situation in Iraq. The Iraqis who disliked the rule of Saddam regarded the US as a saviour first when it invaded their country. But now all can witness their sufferings. May all have the ability to distinguish between globalization and Americanization.

Therefore, those from inside and outside the country opposing the government in

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connection with democracy transition don't need to rely on alien forces if they really wish to serve the interest of the State and the people. I believe that there is no better way than the way in which the internal problems of Myanmar should be solved in our own country.

There, however, is one thing to be considered. Myanmar's political transformation should not be reviewed in comparison with the situation of 1988. It is important to realize the root causes of the conflicts that occurred in the post-independence period. There are some persons in the internal and external anti-government groups who have directly or indirectly involved in

the long-lasting conflicts of the country. We should be aware that those persons have their own views and opinions about the impacts and results of those conflicts.

Such persons may also have their one-sided views on the conflicts and problems that they themselves created in order to protect their present stand and status. So, their views and opinions will always be self-supporting for them as they are living in support of their operational activities and circles. However, these are contrary to the objective conditions in the country.

If they (anti-government groups) want to overcome the present impasse, they

should not ignore the public opinion and at the same time they will have to cooperate with authorities concerned.

All in all, for the sake of national reconsolidation, the time has come for such anti-government groups to reconsider whether they will stick to the adversarial way with negative view on the ruling government and whether they, reviewing their acts, will participate in national development tasks by doing their bit instead of putting the nation's destiny as a pawn on the chessboard by siding with global strategies and tactics of big powers.

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Lt-Gen Ye Myint explains...

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They viewed thriving rubber plantations of private entrepreneurs along Mohnyin-Myitkyina-Shwebo Road. Mohnyin Township grew 1,215 acres of land under rubber in 2006-07, and has put 1,407 acres under rubber against 1,897 acres in 2007-08.

At Government Technological College (Mohnyin), they were welcomed by Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs Brig-Gen Thein Zaw and officials.

After greeting faculty members, Lt-Gen Ye Myint presented K 200,000, clothes and gifts to the faculty members and K 350,000 to be used in purchasing furniture to Acting Principal Dr Roh Zan and officials. A total of 439 students are pursuing education at the college. Since its establishment, the college has turned out 164 AGTI diploma holders and 87 BST Certificate holders.

At Seinle Yadana Hall in Mohnyin, they met departmental officials, social organization members and local people and explained regional development. The commander and the minister clarified development of the township and facilities for better communications.

In his speech, Lt-Gen Ye Myint said that local people in Mohnyin region relied on the railroad alone in the past. At present, they enjoy fruits of road

transports through Mandalay-Sagaing-Shwebo-Myitkyina Road, Mandalay-Thabeikkyin-Tagoung-Shwegu-Sinkham-Bhamo-Myitkyina Road and the No 3 village-to-village road. Thanks to construction of the roads, development of economic, education, health and social sectors will contribute to the narrowing of the gap between urban and rural areas. Next, he instructed officials to grow rubber, mango, sugarcane and physic nut to meet the targets.

The Organizer of Township Union Solidarity and Development Association presented 2,332 membership applications to Secretary of Township USDA U Sein Win Tun. Lt-Gen Ye Myint presented medicines to Dr San San of District Hospital and exercise books to District Education Officer Daw Khin Nge.

The commander and Secretariat Member of USDA Minister Brig-Gen Thein Zaw gave foodstuff and uniforms to social organizations and USDA members. Next, they presented prizes to outstanding students of the township.

After inspecting Mohnyin District Hospital, Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party met with faculty members at Mohnyin Degree College and gave necessary instructions. A total of 83 faculty members of Mohnyin Degree College are teaching 995 undergraduate and postgraduate students and 2,333 students of distance education.

Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party viewed a model paddy

plot in Mayangon Village near Shwebo-Myitkyina Road.

At Hopin General Administration Department, Lt-Gen Ye Myint explained regional development to local people and heard reports on progress of the town of the officials. While in Hopin, they inspected installation of equipment at the operation theatre and the X-ray room at Hopin Hospital. They also viewed thriving monsoon paddy plantation in Kyagyikwin Village. Hopin has grown 22,613 acres of monsoon paddy against the target of 33,323 acres in 2007-08.

After looking into monsoon paddy plantation between Taungni and Kanyinmyaing villages in Mogaung Township, they attended the physic nut planting ceremony of the local battalion near Kanyinmyaing Village. They viewed thriving monsoon paddy and rubber plantations along Shwebo-Myitkyina Road and the two-year old rubber saplings at the local battalion.

At the hall in Mogaung, Lt-Gen Ye Myint met with departmental officials and local people and explained regional development matters.

On 18 July, they met with servicemen and family members at Mogaung Station Hall and instructed them to carry out rural development tasks and agricultural and livestock breeding tasks on a manageable scale.

In Dunban Village, they visited the Women's Vocational Training School.— MNA

Lt-Gen Kyaw Win inspects ...

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plantations of Customs Department and Tachilek Township Police Force.

Later, they attended a ceremony to grow physic nut plants at Mayphalar Field. Lt-Gen Kyaw Win presented physic nut seedlings to members of social organizations and he put physic nut seeds into the bags.

Lt-Gen Kyaw Win and the commander took part in physic nut growing ceremony and viewed cultivation of physic nut by local residents.

In Tachilek, a total of 7,726.15 acres of physic nut plant have been cultivated in 2006-2007 and 838.01 acres of physic nut plant in 2007-2008. Altogether 3,792.13 acres of physic nut have been sown.

Next, Lt-Gen Kyaw Win and party met with entrepreneurs, departmental staff, members of social organizations and local residents at Aung Myat Hall in Tachilek. Lt-Gen Kyaw Win heard reports on trade and seven kinds of export goods from Myanmar

by in charge of Border Trade Camp Deputy Director U Win Tint and the commander gave supplementary reports to him.

He said the entrepreneurs are to redouble efforts for manufacturing home-made items and for growing rubber and physic nut in addition to doing business.

There are three ways to import and export goods. The first way is to transport China-made items to another country through Mongla-Tachilek, the second is to export goods to another country through Tachilek, the third is to



Lt-Gen Kyaw Win of Ministry of Defence plants a graft of physic nut at a ceremony to grow physic nut in Tachilek. — MNA

export rubber and other agricultural goods, which are in great demand at present to another country.

In addition, departments concerned are to fulfill requirements of local entrepreneurs to seek wider market. Entrepreneurs, on their part, are striving for boosting more export of

rubber and other goods, he added.

Next, Lt-Gen Kyaw Win presented prizes to import/export companies that exported goods most in the 2006-2007 fiscal year. The commander presented prizes to the companies that imported goods the largest.

Chairman U Kyi Myint of Tachilek Entrepreneurs Association spoke words of thanks.

After that, Lt-Gen Kyaw Win cordially greeted local entrepreneurs and residents. He also met with Tatmadawmen of Tachilek Station and provided assistance for them.—MNA

Waso robes offered to the Sangha

YANGON, 21 July — Under the aegis of Attorney-General U Aye Maung and wife Daw Khin Mya Mya, the Buddha Sasana Nugga Association organized the 20th Waso robe offering ceremony at the Dhammayon of the Attorney-General's Office at the corner of Kaba Aye Pagoda Road and Bahan 2nd Street, here, this morning.

Present on the occasion were Attorney-General U Aye Maung, Deputy Attorneys-General Dr Tun Shin and U Tun Tun Oo, officials and staff.

They offered Waso robes to Sayadaw Bhaddanta Dhammapiya of Maha Razikayon Monastery of Sangyoung Township and members of the Sangha. Later, they shared merits gained.

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Minister Brig-Gen Thein Aung attends FREDA annual meeting

YANGON, 21 July— 10th annual meeting of Forest Reserve Environment Development and Conservation Association (FREDA) was held at International Bessiness Center today with an adderss by Minister for Forestry Brig-Gen Thein Aung.

President U Sein Maung Wint gave an opening speech, CEC members submitted annual report and finicial statement. On behalf of the FERDA General Secretary U Nay Min Tun presented cash for Environment Development activities to persident U Sein Maung Wint. The meeting came to an end with the concluding remarks by the president. — MNA

Minister Brig-Gen Thein Aung delivers an address at 10th meeting of Forest Reserve and Environment DevelopmentandConservationAssociation. —FORESTRY



Lt-Gen Myint Swe donates Waso robes and offertories to Magway Sayadaw Bhaddanta Kumara. — MNA

Lt-Gen Myint Swe attends 11th Waso robes offering...

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First, Lt-Gen Myint Swe and party received the Five Precepts from the chairman Sayadaw and members of the Sangha recited parittas.

Next, the Secretary of the board of trustees of the monastery explained the missionary task of the Sayadaw Bhaddanta

Paññajota.

Later, Lt-Gen Myint Swe offered Waso robes and provisions to the Magway Sayadaw Bhaddanta Kumara.

After that U Hla Myint Oo, senior military officers, officials and wellwishers offered Waso robes and provisions to the member Sayadaws of the committee and members

of the Sangha.

Wellwishers provided offertories to the members of the Sangha and nuns through Sayadaw Pañña Tiloka.

Later, the chairman Sayadaw delivered a sermon and Lt-Gen Myint Swe and party shared the merits gained.

After the ceremony, Lt-Gen Myint Swe and party offered day meal to the members of the Sangha. — MNA

Ayeyawady Bridge (Magway), Magway Airport inspected

NAY PYI TAW, 21 July — Minister for Transport Maj-Gen Thein Swe, accompanied by Chairman of Magway Division Peace and Development Council Col Phone Maw Shwe and departmental officials, inspected maintenance of the bank of Ayeyawady Bridge (Magway) on 19 July.

The minister viewed thriving physic nut plantation of Department of Marine Administration in Magway. At Magway Airport, the minister inspected the airport building, the runway and the compound of the airport.

At the office of Directorate of

Water Resources and Improvement of River Systems, the minister met with departmental personnel under the ministry and heard reports on progress of departments concerned. He instructed them to practise thrifty by minimizing loss and wastage in tasks, and emphasize on education, health and social affairs of the staff families.

While in Magway Township, the minister proceeded to Myinkin River Water Pumping Project in Magway, and looked into maintenance of the water way and running of pumps, and left necessary instructions.

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Minister for Transport Maj-Gen Thein Swe inspects runway at Magway Airport. — TRANSPORT

Lt-Gen Maung Bo participates in tree planting ceremony...

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After the meeting, Lt-Gen Maung Bo and party went to Kyaikmaraw Township in Mon State and attended the ceremony to broadcast fertilizer and to release fingerlings to paddy fields.

First, they visited the ceremony to broadcast fertilizer in the 80-acre paddy fields. Afterwards, Lt-Gen Maung Bo and party released fingerlings into the fields.

Out of 1,008,830 acres of monsoon paddy in Mon State, 612,312 acres have been put under rain-fed paddy this season, said an official of the Myanmar Agriculture Service in his report to Lt-Gen Maung Bo. He also praised Mon State for its success in cultivation of double-

crops last year. Although Mon State has enjoyed surplus of food, the state is to grow more rain-fed paddy to supply rice to other states where food is not sufficient for their needs, he added.

He also urged farmers to use farming machinery instead of conventional methods in farming and to grow physic nuts plants in vacant land to extract bio-diesel from physic nut seeds.

He also called for using quality strains and growing mixed cropping to extend edible oil crops cultivation in Mon State so that the state can enjoy edible oil sufficiency.

During his tour of Mon State, Lt-Gen Maung Bo also visited University of Computer Science

(Mawlamyine) and presented cash assistance to faculty members of the university.

Afterwards, Lt-Gen Maung Bo and party proceeded to Mawlamyine Industrial Zone in Kyaikmaraw Township and met with industrialists.

At the meeting, he urged local authorities to make efforts for development of the industrial zone. The government established 18 industrial zones across the country and provided assistance to the zones for development of the industrial sector. Industrialists are to participate in the drive for the development of the State, he said.

After the meeting, Lt-Gen Maung Bo and party visited private-owned vehicle assembly workshops and foundry workshops in the zone. — MNA

Buddha images, artifacts handed over



Director-General U San Win accepts Buddha images unearthed in Nay Pyi Taw Pynmana. — MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 21 July — A ceremony to hand over Buddha images and artifacts uncovered at

the Tharawham village in Kyidaung village-tract, Nay Pyi Taw Pynmana to the Ministry of Culture through Nay Pyi Taw Command was held at the Ministry of Culture, Office No 35, here, this afternoon.

Chairman of Nay Pyi Taw Pynmana District Peace and Development Council U Khin Maung Zaw and officials handed over Buddha images and artifacts to Director-General U San Win of Department of Archaeology, National Museum and Library.

Ko Kyaw Thet

Khaing and Ko Than Tun of Tharawham village handed over a gold image and a silver image, YwaU Kyaung Sayadaw U Indacakka of Sibintha village, a bronze image and a Shin Siwali image, Shwetaungalay Zedi Kyaung Sayadaw U Tikkha, a silver tray, a gourd-shaped silver pot and silver fractures and Ko Kyaw Nyunt of Tharawham village, a string of multicoloured marble bead to officials.

Those duty-conscious persons will be presented cash awards.

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Police warn Filipinos against bomb jokes on buses

MANILA, 20 July — Filipino commuters face jail and large fines if they crack jokes about bombs on buses after a spate of deadly attacks, the police warned on Thursday.

Andres Caro, a regional police chief, said they would start enforcing a law banning bomb gags on public transport after two men on a bus caused panicked earlier this week when they joked about carrying a bomb in their luggage.

"I wanted to remind everyone that we have a bomb joke law since the 1970s," Caro told reporters. "We only have to enforce the law strictly in the interest of public safety." "We have to be serious about this."

Seven commuter buses have been bombed on the troubled southern island of Mindanao since April,

killing nearly 15 people and wounding close to 50.

Most of the attacks, including Wednesday's, were related to extortion activities but suspected Islamic militants were blamed for an attack on a bus in June that killed 10 people.

Caro said people convicted of cracking bomb jokes face a five-

year jail term and fine of 40,000 pesos (880 US dollars). The offence is a non-bailable crime.

The Philippines already strictly enforces the bomb joke law in airports, arresting foreign tourists and local movie stars after their ill-advised quips caused flight delays and even cancellations.

MNA/Reuters

37 dead, 14 missing in rainstorms in S-W China

BEIJING, 20 July — Thirty-seven people have been killed and 14 are missing following fierce rainstorms that hit southwest China's Chongqing Municipality, the Ministry of Civil Affairs reported on Thursday.

More than 6.13 million people were

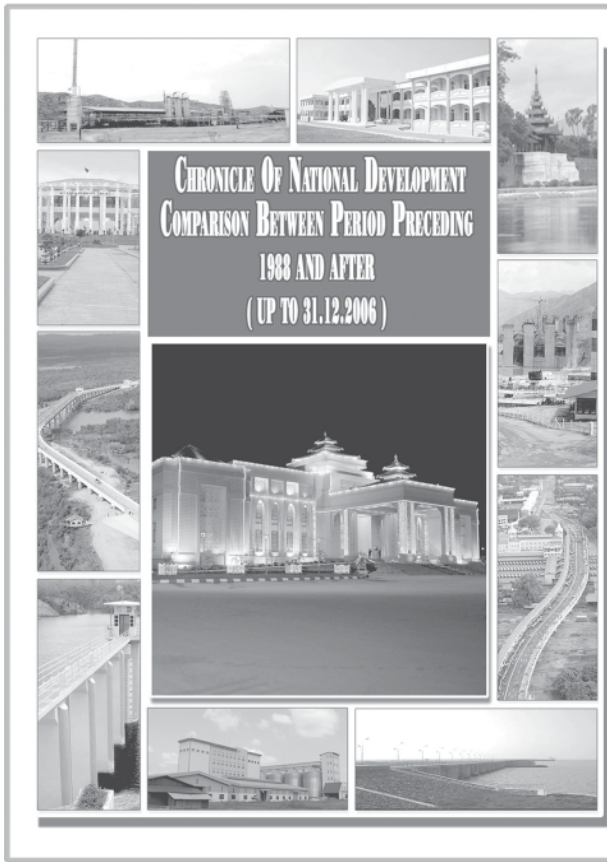
affected by the rainstorms, and 28,620 people were evacuated, according to the ministry.

More than 29,500 houses were destroyed, and 183,000 hectares of crops were damaged, with direct economic losses exceeding 2.4 billion yuan (315 million US dollars), said the ministry.

The rainfall in Chongqing has began to ease and the municipal government has allocated 10 million yuan (1.31 million US dollars) to disaster relief efforts.

By Wednesday, the rain had triggered landslides in 29 counties and districts in Chongqing.

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Two-thirds think crime rising in British

LONDON, 20 July — Two-thirds of people feel that crime has risen across the country over the last two years, despite official figures showing the number of offences is slightly down, the government said on Thursday.

It pledged to address public fears about crime, give every neighbourhood its own police team and

tackle the drug and alcohol abuse that lead to offending.

Home Secretary Jacqui Smith said the moves would help ease public concerns, while the Conservatives accused the government of "failing on crime". Although crime has fallen by a third since Labour came to power in 1997, Smith said the public still thinks crime levels are high.

"One of the biggest challenges we face is that public perceptions of crime levels remain high," she said. "We realize that anti-social behaviour is a major concern for many communities and I want to reassure people that we are taking the issue seriously."

Overall crime was stable in the year to March, although vandalism was up 10 per cent and violent crime rose by 5 per cent, according to the annual

British Crime Survey (BCS), based on interviews with more than 40,000 people.

Burglaries and car thefts were down slightly, while the risk of becoming a victim of crime rose by one per cent.

Conservative Shadow Home Secretary David Davis said the government had released "fiddled

figures" based on flawed data.

"For 10 years, the government has been trying to claim that crime is coming down," he said. "Unfortunately for the government, the public obstinately insists on believing their own experience ... and simply know that crime is going up." — MNA/Reuters



A view of Tokyo Electric Power Co's Kashiwazaki-Kariwa nuclear power plant, on 18 July, 2007.

Japan on Friday asked businesses to save on energy during peak hours this summer after a powerful earthquake led to the closure of the country's largest nuclear power plant, officials said. — INTERNET

Four US soldiers killed in Baghdad bomb blast

BAGHDAD, 20 July — Four US soldiers and their Iraqi interpreter were killed by a roadside bomb in Baghdad on Wednesday, the military said on Thursday.

The attack on their patrol happened in the east of the capital, the military said in a statement.

US commanders have launched a major security clampdown in and around the capital targeting militants and have warned that casualties could rise as troops fan out into riskier neighbourhoods.

Since the US-led invasion of Iraq in 2003, a total of 3,626 US military personnel have been killed, including 47 so far this month. The previous three months was the bloodiest quarter for American forces since the start of the war. — MNA/Reuters

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Armed men rob 33 kilos of gold from mine in Mexico

MEXICO CITY, 20 July — Four armed men robbed 33 kilogrammes of gold from a mine in northeastern Mexico early Wednesday morning, the mining company Granmin told reporters on Thursday.

The men, wearing camouflage clothing and with their faces covered,

seized the manager of the mine and a technician. Using them as hostages, they managed to tie up workers and security guards before forcing the manager to open the safe.

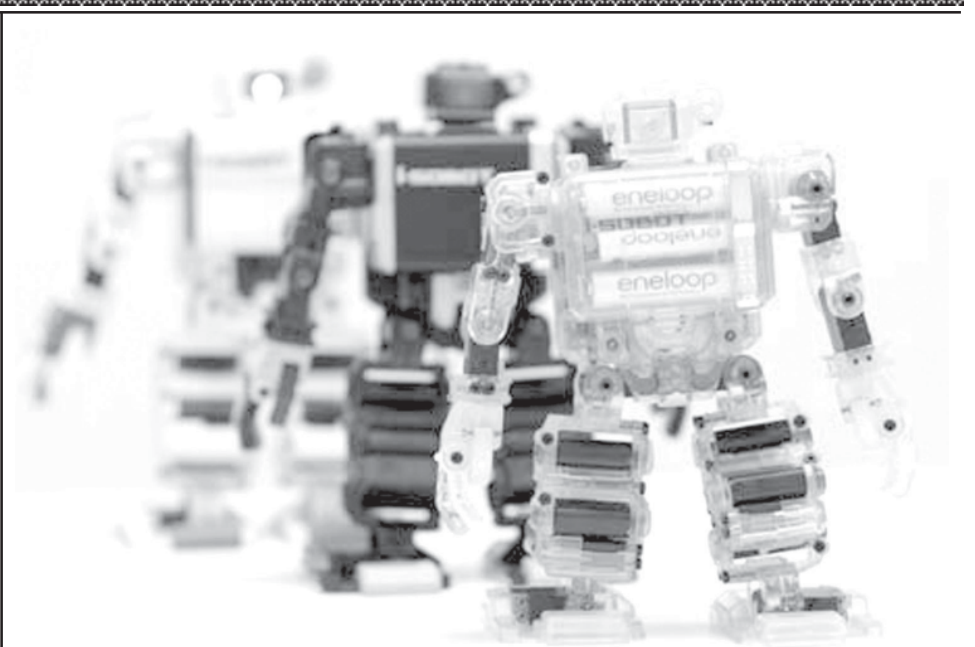
They fled, taking one hostage with them whom they freed around two kilometres from the mine.

This was the second

robbery in 41 days at the mine in Trincheras, a town in the northeastern Mexico state of Sonora. A total of 54 kilogrammes of gold worth 1.7 million US dollars has been lost in the attacks.

Mine spokesman Miguel Angel Marin Payan said that the mine had reinforced security after the first robbery, but it had been proved insufficient. Granmin, a Canadian Mexican company, condemned the attack and called on the authorities to speed up investigations and catch those responsible.

MNA/Xinhua



Japanese toymaker Tomy Company's 'Omnibot17u i-SOBOT', listed by the Guinness Book of Records as the world's smallest humanoid robot in production, are displayed during a news conference in Tokyo on 20 July, 2007. The 16.5 cm (6.496 inches)-tall robot, powered by Sanyo Electric's eneloop nickel-metal hydride rechargeable batteries, is able to talk about 180 vocabularies and has about 200 different types of action patterns. The robot will go on sale in Japan for a price of 29,800 yen (about \$243), the company said. — XINHUA

Old Stone Age artifacts found in UAE

ABU DHABI, 19 July — Some stone artifacts from the Old Stone Age, the first period in the human development, were found in the western province of Abu Dhabi, the largest emirate of the United Arab Emirates (UAE), local newspaper *Gulf News* reported Wednesday.

The discovery, which was identified by a team from Abu Dhabi Authority for Culture and Heritage (ACH) and two visiting scholars, included stone artifacts made of the Levallois technique, which was known during the Old Stone Age.

A number of flint cores and flakes of Levallois technique were collected from the site, Dr Walid Yasin, manager of the archaeology division of the ACH, was quoted as saying. "The significance of this major discovery lies in the fact that it alters our understanding of the beginning of first human activities in Abu Dhabi which seem to go back to the Old Stone Age, as opposed to the New Stone Age, some 7,500 years

ago," Yasin said.

The dating of Abu Dhabi artifact is estimated to fall in the Middle Paleolithic (150,000-35,000 years ago), said Dr Ganim Wahida from Cambridge University, who specializes in this period.

Artifacts made of this technique were first discovered in the 19th Century at the archaeological site of Levallois near Paris.

MNA/Xinhua

An archaeologist looks at one of the sister beds in Zigui County, central China's Hubei Province, on 17 July, 2007. — XINHUA



Memory loss linked to sleep ills in aged women

BEIJING, 19 July — A US study finds older women with memory loss are more likely to have problems falling asleep and staying asleep than those without cognitive decline, according to media reports on Wednesday.

The study included almost 2,500 women, average age 69, with no signs of memory problems

at the start of the study. They underwent cognitive tests over 15 years and were assessed for sleep problems at the end of the study in the journal *Neurology*.

The study found the nearly 25 percent of women who experienced cognitive decline were twice as likely as women without memory problems to experience sleep disturbances.

"For women who declined on either cognitive test, they were nearly twice as likely to have difficulty staying asleep and one-and-a-half times as likely to have problems falling asleep and being awake for more than 90 minutes during their sleep cycle," said study author Dr Kristine Yaffe, of the University of California, San Francisco. "Women who declined on one of the tests were also nearly twice as likely to nap more than two hours a day," Yaffe added.

There was no association between cognitive decline and total sleep time, said the study.

Internet

Man steals car from showroom in Malaysia

KUALALUMPUR, 20 July — A smartly-dressed man sped off in a Mercedes Benz E200 worth 500,000 ringgit (147,059 US dollars) from the Naza World showroom located in Petaling Jaya, Kuala Lumpur, local media reported on Friday.

The man got into the car after a salesman had moved it out of the showroom, leaving the key in the ignition, the *New Straits Times* said.

The thief then drove

away.

Several security guards tried to stop him but he sped off and missed hitting the guards by centimetres in the incident happened on Thursday.

The showroom did not have closed-circuit television cameras, said district police chief ACP Mazlan Mansor, adding that police were investigating whether the theft could have been an inside job.

MNA/Xinhua



South Korean actress Song Hye Kyo, holding a "Miss Song Bag" named after herself, poses at a haute couture fashion show in Hong Kong on 19 July, 2007. — XINHUA

SPORTS



Mexico's players thank the crowds at the Maracana stadium after beating the US team during a Pan American Games women's soccer match in Rio de Janeiro, on 20 July, 2007. — INTERNET

Al Ahli win steers closer to semifinals

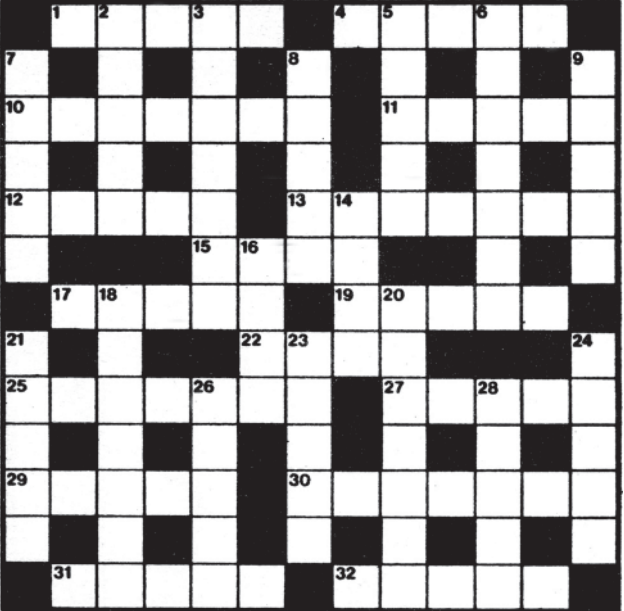
CAIRO, 21 July — Holders Al Ahli maintained their 100-per-cent record in the group phase of the African Champions League when they beat Tunisia's Esperance 3-0 in Cairo on Friday. Goals from Mohamed Aboutrika, Flavio and Osama Hosni took the Egyptian side to nine points in Group B, six ahead of second-placed Al Hilal, who have a game in hand.

Aboutrika's strike in the 14th minute set the Egyptians on their way to their third win of the campaign.

The Egyptian international cleverly chipped the ball over Esperance goalkeeper Hamdi Kasraoui after a fortunate deflection off the legs of defender Zied Derbali.

Angolan striker Flavio doubled the lead 12 minutes from time, rising first to head home an in-swinging free kick from his compatriot Gilberto, whose runs down the left flank tormented the Tunisian visitors.—MNA/Reuters

CROSSWORD PUZZLE



ACROSS

- 1 Fireplace
- 4 Condescend
- 10 Essay
- 11 Beneath
- 12 Shut
- 13 Reindeer country
- 15 Pace
- 17 Banal
- 19 Girl's name
- 22 Light blue
- 25 Allows
- 27 Scope
- 29 Press and TV
- 30 Even-tempered
- 31 Remains
- 32 God of marriage

DOWN

- 2 Proportion
- 3 Storm
- 5 Furish
- 6 Freshwater duck
- 7 Lucifer
- 8 Fashion
- 9 Commerce
- 14 Summit
- 16 Trial
- 18 Altar-screen
- 20 Quicksilver
- 21 Foam
- 23 Awry
- 24 Insurgent
- 26 Idol
- 28 Illustrious

Manchester United beat FC Seoul 4-0

SEOUL, 21 July — Manchester United were convincing 4-0 winners against FC Seoul in a friendly on Friday on the second leg of their promotional tour of Asia.

A sell-out home crowd, many of them were clad in United's colours, saw Cristiano Ronaldo, Wayne Rooney, Chris Eagles, and Patrice Evra score a goal apiece for the Premier League champions.

But the loudest cheers were reserved for injured South Korean player Park Ji-sung, the noise levels rising every time his image flashed across the big screens as he sat on the United bench.

Ronaldo made an early breakthrough for the visitors, scoring on six minutes with a low, powerful shot from outside the penalty box.

Eagles made it 2-0 in the 18th minute after receiving a pass from Ronaldo and firing in from the edge of the box.



Manchester United's Wayne Rooney (L) shoots the ball as FC Seoul's Lee Jung-young challenges him during their friendly soccer match at the World Cup Stadium in Seoul on 20 July, 2007.— INTERNET

United's third goal came just three minutes later courtesy of Rooney, as the England forward went past a Seoul defender and shot in off the hands of the goalkeeper.

The home side failed to test Edwin van der Sar in the first period but stepped up a gear after the break, coming close when a header by Kwak Tae-hwi, from a free kick, went narrowly wide.

But it was United who struck again on the hour when second-half substitute Ryan Giggs advanced into the Seoul penalty box to set up Evra for an easy finish.

United manager Alex Ferguson declared himself "delighted" at the reception the club has received and even appeared willing to give North Korea a shot.—MNA/Reuters



Andreas Seppi of Italy hits a return against Gilles Muller of Luxembourg during their Davis Cup tennis match in Alghero, on the Italian island of Sardinia, on 20 July, 2007. — INTERNET

Woods in positive mood despite sliding

CARNOUSTIE (Scotland), 21 July — Tiger Woods was in positive mood despite sliding to a three-over 74 in the British Open second round on Friday. "I could easily have shot myself right out of the tournament but I kept myself in there," the world number one told reporters after finishing one-over on 143.

"With the bad weather coming I need to get organized because tomorrow will probably be a pretty tough day," he added after trailing leader Sergio Garcia of Spain by seven strokes at the halfway stage of the third major of the year.

The 12-times major champion made the worst possible start when he double-bogeyed the par-four first after duck-hooking his drive into the water. "It was such a poor shot because the commitment wasn't there," said Woods.

The 31-year-old American birdied the second before limping to the turn in 39 after bogeys at the fifth and eighth.—MNA/Reuters

Mickelson, Senon, Montgomerie miss halfway cut

CARNOUSTIE (Scotland), 21 July — World number two Phil Mickelson was the most high-profile casualty of the halfway cut at the British Open on Friday. The 37-year-old American slumped to a double-bogey six at the infamous closing hole at Carnoustie to finish with a six-over 77 and 148, six over par.

Mickelson also lost a shot under penalty at the second hole after a wild swipe into the dunes.

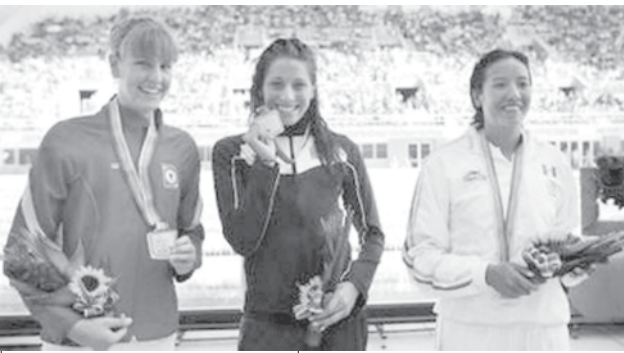
The triple major champion attempted to get a free drop because his ball was plugged but was denied relief.

"It was an embedded ball and this is the only week of the year that it has got to be in a closely-mown area to get relief," Mickelson told reporters.—MNA/Reuters

Dudek says chance to play for Real too good to miss

MADRID, 21 July — Former Liverpool goalkeeper Jerzy Dudek said the chance to play for Spanish champions Real Madrid was an opportunity he could not let pass, as he was presented as their new player on Friday.

"When I left Liverpool I thought I would never get the chance to play for a big team again. First I was surprised when Real approached me, but then I thought I'll do it because they might need an experienced goalkeeper to compete with Iker Casillas," Dudek told a news conference. "Everyone told me you can't say no to Real Madrid."—MNA/Reuters



Caroline Burckle (C) of the US, Patricia Castaneda (R) of Mexico and Sanvannah King of Canada stand with their medals after the women's 800m free-style swimming race at the Pan American Games in Rio de Janeiro, on 20 July, 2007. Burckle won the gold medal, Castaneda the silver medal and King the bronze medal. — INTERNET



Tiger Woods of the US hits from a bunker on the 8th hole during second round play at the 2007 British Open Golf Championship tournament in Carnoustie, Scotland, on 20 July, 2007. — INTERNET

Guangzhou to become China's cartoon town

BEIJING, 20 July — Guangzhou is seeking global cooperation to boost its cartoon industry and become a major animation and comic industrial production base in the country.

A new cartoon industrial park has been established in the city's Panyu District, where many cartoon companies already operate.

The capital of Guangdong Province

expects more foreign cartoon companies to set up production facilities in the park in upcoming years.

Covering an area of more than 20 hectares, Panyu State Cartoon and Cyber Games Industrial

Park is also expected to become home to many famous cartoon experts and comic artists from around the world in the years ahead, according to Xu Zhibiao, Guangzhou's vice-mayor.

More than 500

million yuan has so far been invested in the park in the district's Donghuan Street. It is the largest cartoon industrial park on the mainland.

"The park will become a new international cartoon production, sales base and demonstration center, playing an important role in Guangzhou's industrial development," Xu said.

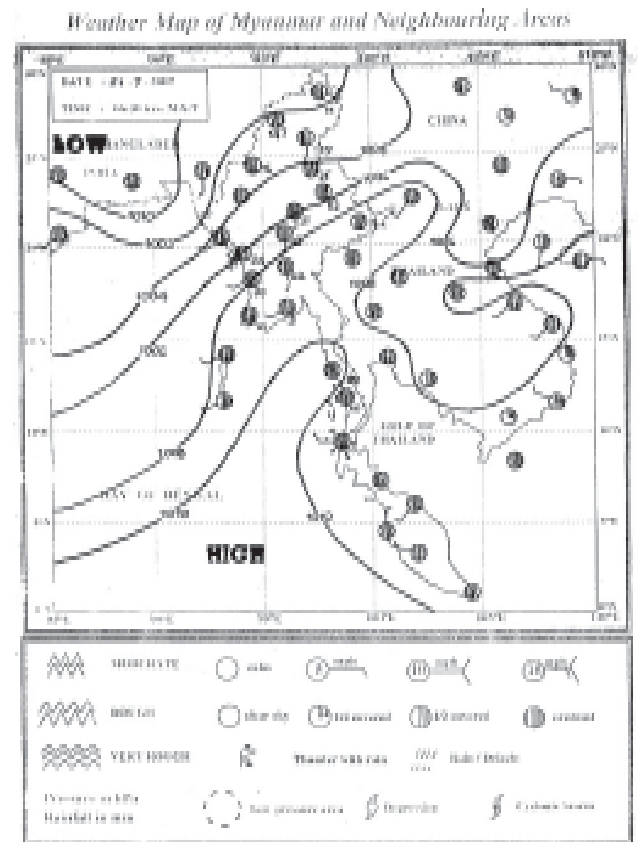
The park is expected to be a major training center for special cartoon personnel as well.

Xu is hoping more foreign companies will set up their China headquarters and research and development centers in the park in the near future.

Although Guangzhou's cartoon industry got off to a late start in late 1980s, its development has been rapid in the past few years. — Internet



Space shuttle Endeavour crew (L - R) pilot Charles Hobaugh, mission specialist Rick Mastracchio, commander Scott Kelly, mission specialist's Tracy Caldwell, Barbara Morgan and Canadian Space Agency astronaut Dave Williams walk out of crew quarters during a launch dress rehearsal at Kennedy Space Center in Cape Canaveral, Florida on 19 July, 2007. — XINHUA



WEATHER

Saturday, 21 July, 2007

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hour MST: During the past 24 hours, rain have been scattered in Chin State, fairly widespread in upper Sagaing, Magway and Yangon Divisions and widespread in the remaining areas with locally heavy falls in Rakhine State and isolated heavy falls in upper Sagaing, Mandalay, Bago and Taninthayi Divisions. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Nay Pyi Taw (0.78) inch, Kyauktaw (7.36) inches, Hkamti (6.77) inches, Mrauk U (5.71) inches, Mogok (4.02) inches, Gwa (3.78) inches, Taungoo (3.19) inches, Dawei (3.15) inches, Ye (2.80) inches, Sittway (2.64) inches and Maungtaw (2.36) inches.

Maximum temperature on 20-7-2007 was 84°F. Minimum temperature on 21-7-2007 was 73°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hours MST on 21-7-2007 was 100%. Total sunshine hours on 20-7-2007 was (0.5) hour approx.

Rainfall on 21-7-2007 was (0.08) inch at Mingaladon, (0.16) inch at Kaba-Aye and (0.32) inch at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2007 was (75.04) inches at Mingaladon, (80.28) inches at Kaba-Aye and (81.22) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (8) mph from Southwest at (03:20) hour MST on 20-7-2007.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 22-7-2007: Rain will be widespread in Kachin, Chin, Rakhine States and upper Sagaing Division, fairly widespread in Shan, Mon, Kayin States, Mandalay, Bago, Ayeyawady, Yangon and Taninthayi Divisions and scattered in the remaining areas with likelihood of isolated heavy falls in Kachin, Rakhine States and upper Sagaing Divisions. Degree of certainty is (100%).

State of the sea: Squalls with moderate to rough sea are likely at time off and along Myanmar Coast. Surface wind speed in squall may reach (35-40) mph.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Continuation of increase of rain in Northern Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring areas for 22-7-2007: One or two rain. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring areas for 22-7-2007: One or two rain. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring areas for 22-7-2007: One or two rain. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Flood Bulletin

(Issued at 12:00 hr MST on 21-7-2007)

According to the (06:30) hr MST observation today, the water level of Chindwin River at Hkamti is (1399) cm. It may remain above its danger level (1360) cm during the next (48) hrs commencing noon today.



Sunday, 22 July
View on today

- 7:00 am**
1. Recitation of parittas by missionary Sayadaw U Ottamathara
- 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) ဖြစ်လာ
- 8:10 am**
6. အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 8:20 am**
7. လက်ဆင့်ကမ်းပေးဂီတတေး
- 8:30 am**
8. International news
- 8:45 am**
9. Grammar made easy
- 11:00 am**
1. Martial song
- 11:10 am**
2. Musical programme
- 11:25 am**
3. Round up of the week's international news

11:35 am

4. Myanmar movie:
“ရင်ကိုအေးမြစေသော”
(ကောလိပ်ဂျင်နေဝင်း၊
ကျော်ဟိန်း၊ စံရှားတင်၊
ခင်သီတာထွန်း၊ ဆွေစင်ထိုက်)
(ဒါရိုက်တာ-အောင်မြင့်မြတ်)

1:25 pm

5. အကပြိုင်ပွဲ

1:35 pm

6. ပျော်ရွှင်ဆင်နွှဲသီချင်းပန်းခွေးပွဲ

1:50 pm

7. Musical programme

2:05 pm

8. ကူးလူးဆက်သွယ်
ချစ်ကြွေးနွယ် (ကရင်၊ မွန်)

2:20 pm

9. အရေးပြိုင်ပွဲ

2:30 pm

10. “ရေမြင့်- - -ကြာတင့်”
(ခန့်စည်သူ၊ ဇရာ၊
ငှက်ပျောကြော်၊ ထင်ပေါ်၊
မိုးပြည့်ပြည့်မောင်၊
တက္ကသိုလ်ဂွမ်းပုံ၊ မျိုးမျိုးခိုင်)
(ဒါရိုက်တာ-ဖုန်းမြင့်အောင်)

2:45 pm

11. International news

4:00 pm

1. Martial song

4:15 pm

2. Song to uphold
National Spirit

4:30 pm

3. အဝေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ်
ပညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြား
သင်ခန်းစာ -ဒုတိယနှစ်
(အထူးပြုအားလုံး)
(အင်္ဂလိပ်စာ)

4:45 pm

4. Dance of national
races

5:00 pm

5. အာဆီယံနိုင်ငံများအချင်းချင်း
ပေါင်းစပ်ဆောင်ရွက်ခြင်း
(မြန်မာနိုင်ငံနှင့်
လူကုန်ကူးမှုပြဿနာ)

5:25 pm

6. Sing and enjoy

6:00 pm

7. Evening news/

6:30 pm

8. Weather report

6:35 pm

9. သီရိဇေယာ

7:00 pm

10. စိုက်ပျိုးလုံ့လသုံးပွင့်ကာ အောင်မြင်
ခြံစည်းရိုးကြက်ဆူပင်
(အနောက်မြောက်တိုင်း
စစ်ဌာနချုပ်၊ မုံရွာ)

7:10 pm

11. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ
“သမားတော်”(အပိုင်း-၄၅)

8:00 pm

12. News

13. International news

14. Weather report

15. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ

“မေတ္တာနှောင်ကြီး”
(အပိုင်း-၈)

16. မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော်ဘုရားကြီး

ဦးပိစိတ္တသာရာဘိဝံသ၏အရပ်
ဆယ်မျက်နှာမေတ္တာဘာဝနာပွား

17. The next day's

programme



Sunday, 22 July
Tune in today

- 8:30 am** Brief news
- 8:35 am** Music:
-Lady Marmalado
(All Saints)
- 8:40 am** Perspectives
- 8:45 am** Music:
-Don't rush me
(Taylor Dayne)
- 8:50 am** National news /
Slogan
- 9:00 am** Music:
-Just a little (Sugar
Ray)
- 9:05 am** International news
- 9:10 am** Cultural images of
Myanmar
-Pickled tea the
best among leaves
- 9:20 am** Music:
-The cup of the life
(Ricky Martin)
- 1:30 pm** News / Slogan
- 1:40pm** Story for children
-A friend in need is
a friend indeed
Songs for children
- 1:45pm** Weekly news
review
- 9:00pm** Article
- 9:10pm** Music:
-Blue shadow
(The Shadow)
- 9:30pm** Music:
-No one but you
(Queen)
-Love light
(ABBA)
- 9:45 pm** News /Slogan
- 10:00 pm** PEL

Lt-Gen Maung Bo participates in tree planting ceremony in Hpa-an, releases fingerlings into fields in Mon State

NAY PYI TAW, 21 July — Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Maung Bo of the Ministry of Defence participated in the tree planting ceremony at Hpa-an University in Kayin State on 17 July.

Members of Kayin State Union Solidarity and Development Association, Maternal and Child Welfare Supervisory Committee, Women's Affairs Organization, War Veterans Organization, Hpa-an District Fire Brigade and Red Cross Society, staff of Hpa-an Township Peace and Development Council, departmental officials and local people took part in the tree planting ceremony and Lt-Gen Maung Bo, Commander of South-East Command Maj-Gen Thet Naing Win and Chairman of Kayin State Peace and Development Council Col Zaw Min distributed trees to participants of the tree planting ceremony.

About 1,000 shad trees were planted on the university campus during the ceremony.

After the ceremony, Lt-Gen Maung Bo met with faculty members of Hpa-an University and Hpa-an College at the university. At the meeting, Lt-Gen Maung Bo said the government is building a modern and discipline-flourishing democratic nation with the participation of intellectuals and intelligentsia.

Faculty members are to teach students so that they can become intellectuals and intelligentsia. Development of students could lead to the emergence of



Lt-Gen Maung Bo of the Ministry of Defence plants a tree at Tree Planting Ceremony in Hpa-an. — MNA

a new modern democratic nation. Faculty members are to teach students to preserve national prestige and integrity.

Lt-Gen Maung Bo, accompanied by Com-

mander Maj-Gen Thet Naing Win and Col Zaw Min, met with senior military officers of Hpa-an Station and gave instructions to them.

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Lt-Gen Myint Swe attends 11th Waso robes offering ceremony of Bangladesh Monastery

YANGON, 21 July — Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence attended the 11th Waso robes offering ceremony of Bangladesh Monastery at Maha Zeya Mingalar Thein Kyaung of the monastery in Natchaung ward, Tamway Township this morning.

It was also attended by member Sayadaws of the State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee led by Chairman of the committee Magway Sayadaw

Abhidhaja Maha Rattha Guru Abhidhaja Agga Maha Saddhammajotika Bhaddanta Kumara, Presiding Nayaka Sayadaw of the monastery Maha Saddhamma Jotikadhaja Bhaddanta Paññajota and members of the Sangha, member of Civil Service Selection and Training Board U Hla Myint Oo, senior military officers, officials and wellwishers.

(See page 11)

Weather Forecast for (22-7-2007)

Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring areas

One or two rain. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Yangon and neighbouring areas

One or two rain. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Mandalay and neighbouring areas

One or two rain. Degree of certainty is (80%).

INSIDE

It is not too late to mend (2)

The US military interventions in the name of democracy and human rights do not discriminate between military and civilian targets. The innocent people are the ones who suffer a lot. Just look at the situation in Iraq. The Iraqis who disliked the rule of Saddam regarded the US as a saviour first when it invaded their country. But now all can witness their sufferings. May all have the ability to distinguish between globalization and Americanization.

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