

Senior General Than Shwe sends message of felicitations to Peru

NAY PYI TAW, 28 July— 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 Excellency Mr Alan Garcia Perez, President of the Republic of Peru on the occasion of the Independence Day of the Republic of Peru which falls on 28th July 2007. — MNA

Lt-Gen Kyaw Win inspects Bio-diesel Factory of Eastern Command

Boosting production, use of physic nut briquettes, research on bio-diesel, by-products stressed

NAY PYI TAW, 27 July — Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Kyaw Win of the Ministry of Defence, accompanied by Chairman of Shan State PDC Commander of Eastern Command Maj-Gen Thaung Aye and senior military officers, inspected Heho-Shwenyaung-Taunggyi road, bridges along it and thriving paddy, rubber and perennial crop plantations along the road by car on 25 July.

On arrival at the physic nut plantation of Shwenyaung Station, Lt-Gen Kyaw Win heard a report presented by Lt-Col Tun Thein Kyi of the Station on cultivation of physic nut plants and work done.

In his instructions, Lt-Gen Kyaw Win stressed the need to make efforts for production of physic nut exceeding the target, extending cultivation of physic nut plants on a commercial scale for meeting the targeted acres, putting record on per acre

yield of physic nut seeds and organizing the local people to participate in growing of physic nut plants.

Lt-Gen Kyaw Win and party proceeded to the Bio-diesel Factory of the Command and inspected production process of the factory. He heard reports on production of the factory by In-charge of the factory Major Nyunt Nwe and gave instructions there. The commander gave a supplementary report.

After hearing the reports, Lt-Gen Kyaw Win instructed them to perform the systematic test for extended production and use of briquettes made of physic nut and to conduct the systematic research on raising the quality of bio-diesel and the use of its by-products.

Later, beans and pulses plantations and thriving monsoon paddy, sugarcane, maize and physic nut plantations along Taunggyi-Hopong-Hsihseng road were inspected by Lt-Gen Kyaw Win and party. — MNA

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

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Want to see border areas of Kayin State achieve peace, stability putting end to IDPs and refugees?

The root cause of the KNU armed struggle line is the instigation of the colonialist government. The colonialists not only equipped Kayin nationals with anti-Bamar sentiment but also armed them. So, in the pre-independence period, Kayin armed forces were very strong. Moreover, when it was reinforced with another Kayin national force—KNDO, the KNU became very proud of its strength, and made a demand for designating nearly the entire lower Myanmar as Kayin state. That is why I say the KNU's armed strife is largely due to direct and indirect instigation of the colonialist government.

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SOE MYA KYAW

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

PERSPECTIVES

Saturday, 28 July, 2007

Serve the interest of State and people

In an effort to modernize the nation, community peace and tranquillity and prevalence of law and order is indispensable. Thanks to goodwill of the State and efforts of the national races leaders, armed conflict met its end throughout the nation and local people are now enjoying the fruits of peace.

Shan State Nationalities People's Liberation Organization (SSNPLO) returned to the legal fold in 1994 and joined hands with the government for national development. But they continued to carry arms.

As many as 137 members of SSNPLO led by Chairman U Chit Maung, who had returned to the legal fold, unconditionally exchanged arms for peace on 26 July.

A ceremony to hand over arms by members of SSNPLO led by Chairman U Chit Maung was held at the sports ground in Banyin Model Village, Hsiseng Township, Shan State (South). And departmental officials, social organizations and local people accorded a rousing welcome to the armed group members.

The unconditional exchange of arms for peace by SSNPLO, who had followed the armed struggle line based on racism and suspicion, amounts to making the hearts of people cheerful and peaceful.

With the already-achieved peace and development all the national race groups are to make peace and only then, will they be able to serve the national interest fully.

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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

Foreign Minister felicitates Peruvian counterpart

NAY PYI TAW, 28 July— U Nyan Win, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr Jose Garcia Belaunde, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Peru on the occasion of the Independence Day of the Republic of Peru which falls on 28th July 2007. — MNA

Outstanding students honoured

NAY PYI TAW, 27 July — A ceremony to honour the students of the staff families of the Ministry of Forestry was held in conjunction with the stipend presentation ceremony, here, yesterday.

Minister for Forestry Brig-Gen Thein Aung delivered an address on the occasion and presented prizes to the outstanding students who passed the matriculation exam for 2007 with flying colours.

The directors-general and the managing directors and officials of the ministry presented certificates of honour and prizes to the outstanding students.

Next, the minister granted stipend to the students of the staff families and on behalf of the students, Ma Wint Wah Myint, who passed the matriculation exam for 2007 with six distinctions expressed her thanks.—MNA



Minister Brig-Gen Thein Aung presents prize to an outstanding student.—FORESTRY

35 members of Ayadaw Township NLD quit

YANGON, 27 July — Thirty-five members of National League for Democracy Party resigned from the party of their own accord and sent their letters of resignation to NLD (Headquarters) and authorities concerned on 16 July.

Twenty-two members including UKyaw Tun, U Aung Hsan and U Thein Shwe of Magyisauk Village, Ayadaw Township, and 13 members including U Than Lwin, Daw San Aye and U Shwe Wai of Kai Village, Ayadaw Township, resigned from the party and sent their resignation letter to NLD (Headquarters) and Ayadaw Township Multi-party Democracy General Election Subcommission. In the letter, they said they no longer had faith and trust in the party and interest in activities of the party. That is the reason why they quit the party, they said. — MNA

MYANMAR GAZETTE

NAY PYI TAW, 27 July — The State Peace and Development Council has transferred Director-General U Hla Myint of Training, Research and Foreign Languages Department under the Ministry of Foreign Affairs to International Organizations and Economic Department under the same ministry on probation from the date he assumes charge of his duties.

The State Peace and Development Council has appointed the following persons as heads of service organizations shown against each on probation from the date they assume charge of their duties.

Name	Appointment
(a) U Myint Htay	Managing Director
Director (Offshore Oil Exploration)	Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise
Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise	Ministry of Energy
Ministry of Energy	
(b) U Mya Thein	Director-General
Director	Supreme Court (Mandalay)
Criminal Proceeding Department	
Supreme Court (Yangon)	

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Education Minister inspects BEHSs in Nay Pyi Taw

YANGON, 27 July — Minister for Education Dr Chan Nyein accompanied by Director-General U Aye Lwin of Department of Basic Education No-2 and officials inspected the Basic Education High Schools in Nay Pyi Taw yesterday.

At Nay Pyi Taw No-5 BEHS, Headmaster Dr Aung Kyaw Hlaing reported on school enrollment and attendance of students to the minister. After hearing reports on progress of experiment on science subject conducted by teachers, the minister attended to the needs.

Next, the minister inspected academic matters of the school and gave necessary instructions.

The minister also inspected administration, management and teaching matters at Nay Pyi Taw No-6, 7 and 11 BEHSs. He gave instructions on matters related to teaching aids and fulfilled the requirements.

MNA

Member of the Board of Patrons of MAWFA Daw Myint Myint Soe accepts cash donation from Daw Aye Aye Nyunt of KSS Co Ltd.

NLM (news reported)

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Venezuelan FM accuses Bush of ordering attack on Chavez

CARACAS, 26 July—Venezuelan Foreign Minister Nicolas Maduro on Wednesday accused US President George W Bush of giving orders to attack his Venezuela counterpart Hugo Chavez.

"We know from very good sources, direct sources, that Bush has already given orders to go for President Chavez, and against Venezuelan citizens' peace," Maduro said

after a ceremony at the historic Bolivar Palace marking the 440th anniversary of the founding of Caracas.

Maduro called on Venezuelans to "analyze things very carefully and follow the behaviour of the oligarchy and the conduct of international players". Chavez was right in saying there were threats against his life, which were ever more

dangerous, he said.

He called on government supporters to remain vigilant and preserve stability, peace and democracy in the country.

"Our call is for struggle, conscience and loyalty," Maduro said. He said Venezuelans should not fear the establishment of socialism, which he said was Chavez's plan for a more just distribution of wealth.—MNA/Xinhua



The carcass of a giant two-metre squid which washed up the previous night on the shores of Tasmania's Ocean Beach, near Strahan, is seen in this 10 July, 2007 handout photo.
XINHUA

11 injured in billboard collapse in Thailand

BANGKOK, 26 July —Advertising boards collapsed and injured 11 people in two accidents during a storm in Bangkok, capital of Thailand, on Wednesday, according to the *Thai News Agency*.

A 4x24 metre board in front of Sukhumvit Soi 105 fell down during the storm, injuring 10 passers-by, and two of them in serious condition, the agency said, adding that another passer-by was seriously injured when a billboard collapsed.

Governor Apirak said the collapsed billboards were not among the 28 to be demolished within this month in accordance with the order of the Bangkok Metropolitan Administration (BMA).

The BMA surveyed big billboards in Bangkok and blacklisted 28 of them after a giant one fell down in the June 27 storm, killing a woman.—MNA/Xinhua

Three charged in probe of Pentagon Iraq, contracts

WASHINGTON, 26 July—A US Army major accused of accepting millions of dollars in bribes from contractors doing business with the Pentagon in Iraq and Kuwait, his wife and

sister, have been charged in Texas, the US Justice Department said.

Carolyn Blake, 44, was arrested on Tuesday night in Dallas, two days after federal agents arrested her brother, Major John Cockerham, 41, and his wife Melissa Cockerham, 40, in San Antonio, the Justice Department said on Wednesday.

Cockerham, was charged with bribery, money laundering and conspiracy stemming from his service as an Army contracting officer in Kuwait in 2004 and 2005.

Both his wife and his sister were charged with conspiracy to defraud the government and conspiracy to commit money laundering, the Justice Department said.

Federal prosecutors say Cockerham in 2005 began accepting millions of dollars in bribes from businesses who had contracts in Iraq and Kuwait that he either awarded or controlled himself.

Records indicated Cockerham may have received up to 9.6 million US dollars in bribe payments from at least eight contractors and he anticipated receiving as much as 5.4 million US dollars more, the Justice Department said.

Prosecutors also allege that under Cockerham's direction, his wife and sister received millions of dollars from the contractors and deposited the money in bank accounts and safe deposit boxes in

Kuwait and Dubai. All three face up to 20 years in prison and 500,000-US-dollar fines, if convicted.

MNA/Reuters

President; Deputy Minister of Public Security Trương Hoa Binh as head of the Supreme People's Court; and Tran Quoc Vuong as head of the Supreme People's Procuracy.

The NA will approve the Prime Minister's proposal on appointing deputy prime ministers, ministers and other Cabinet members on 2 August. The number of ministries and state agencies equivalent to ministries is expected to be cut to 22 from current 26. During the first session of the 12th NA from 19 July to 6 August, lawmakers are also to centre their discussions on issues, including shortening the term of the 12th NA to four years from the current five years, and passing a bill on amendment to some articles of the Anti-Corruption Law.

MNA/Xinhua

Vietnam's Prime Minister Nguyen Tan Dung, second from right, is greeted by President Nguyen Minh Triet, left, Communist Party chief Nong Duc Manh, second from left and National Assembly chairman Nguyen Phu Trong, right, in Hanoi, on 25 July, 2007.

INTERNET



Nguyen Tan Dung reelected Vietnamese PM

HANOI, 26 July—The National Assembly (NA) of Vietnam, the country's top legislature, reelected Nguyen Tan Dung as Prime Minister on Wednesday.

Up to 96.96 per cent of all NA deputies at the ongoing first session of the 12th NA voted for Dung, member of the Political Bureau under the Communist Party of Vietnam Central Committee (CPVCC).

Dung, born in 1949 in southern Ca Mau Province, holds Bachelor's degrees on law and on high-level political theory

from the Ho Chi Minh National Political Academy.

Dung is considered as a representative of the younger generation of Vietnamese leaders, who support economic reform, attach importance to developing economy, together with ensuring political and social stability, enhancing international relations and intensifying anti-corruption fight.

Also on Wednesday morning, the NA deputies elected Nguyen Thi Doan, a woman economics professor, as Vice-State



A woman holds a newspaper to protect a baby from the sun during an extreme hot day in Bucharest, Romania, on 24 July, 2007. — INTERNET

US researchers unveil computerized prosthesis

PROVIDENCE, 25 July — US researchers on Monday unveiled a computerized prosthetic ankle and foot that could change the lives of a growing number of amputees returning from battle in Iraq and Afghanistan.

The prosthesis has a built-in power source and multiple springs to mimic a real human ankle, giving amputees more propulsion when walking, while reducing the limping and back pain commonly associated with existing prosthetic devices.

Garth Stewart, a 24-year-old US soldier who lost his left leg below the knee in a roadside explosion in Iraq in April 2003, demonstrated the device at the Veterans Affairs Medical Centre in Providence, Rhode Island, and showed almost no sign of a limp.

“Once you get used to

it,” he said, “it feels like you have your leg back.”

Improvised explosive devices, or IEDs, and other bombs have caused a surge in limb-loss injuries among US troops in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Hugh Herr, a professor at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology who led the research, said the apparatus produces a sensation like that of a moving airport walkway.

“It’s a smoother ride, if you will,” said Herr, whose legs were amputated below the knee due to a mountain climbing accident when he was 17.

The ankle-foot prosthetic

has been tested on eight amputees so far, he added.

The new device can generate its own momentum, meaning the user can put less effort into the act of walking.

The prototype also has sensors and a microprocessor that measures walking speed, terrain and the body’s position and adjusts the amount of power supplied accordingly.

The product is expected to be made available commercially by iWalk, a Cambridge, Massachusetts-based company that Herr co-founded.

MNA/Reuters

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A man tries to put out a fire at Peschici, southern Italy, on 24 July, 2007. Thousands of tourists were trapped on Tuesday on beaches in southern Italy’s Puglia region by a fast-moving brush fire that killed two people, local authorities said. — XINHUA

Govt confirms militant leader’s death in S-W Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, 25 July— Militant leader Abdullah Mehsud blew himself up to avoid arrest when law

enforcement officials raided a house in southwestern Pakistan Tuesday, the country’s

Interior Ministry said.

Federal Interior Ministry spokesman Javed Iqbal Cheema Tuesday confirmed Mehsud’s death.

Federal Minister for Interior Aftab Ahmad Khan Sherpao said that Mehsud was wanted by the government in several cases of attacks on the Army, the FC armed police and police.

He was also wanted for the kidnapping and the killing of two foreign engineers working on a hydroelectric dam project in the troubled tribal region of South Waziristan in 2004.— MNA/Xinhua

China expels Japanese for killing wild butterflies

URUMQI, 25 July — A Japanese national has been ordered to leave China for poaching wild butterflies in violation of Chinese laws, Chinese police said on Tuesday.

Kosima Kawa, 68, was detained on 13 July while illegally catching butterflies in Yanchi Township, Yiwu County, Hami Prefecture, northwest China’s Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region, said Yu Jingxin, head of the forest police in the prefecture.

Police confiscated 354 wild butterflies and seven butterfly nets, Yu said.

Kawa confessed during questioning on 17 July that he entered China on 25 May as a tourist and the butterflies were caught in Sichuan Province and Tibet Autonomous Region in the country’s southwest, and Qinghai Province and Xinjiang in the country’s northwest, Yu said.

He allegedly said he had collected butterflies for more than 50 years and he had been acting on his own in China.

Kawa acknowledged that he had broken Chinese law on wildlife protection and offered an apology to China, said Yu.

Local police ordered Kawa, who is in the regional capital of Urumqi, to leave the country within 10 days, Yu said.

MNA/Xinhua



Villagers walk in front of their damaged houses after a landslide in Binturu village in the South Sulawesi Province on 26 July, 2007. Fresh flooding and landslides on Indonesia’s Sulawesi Island hampered efforts to send food and aid on Thursday to some 20,000 people displaced from their homes, rescue official said. — INTERNET

Around 60 feared dead after Indonesian floods

JAKARTA, 25 July — Rescue teams struggled on Tuesday to reach parts of Indonesia’s Sulawesi Island where around 60 people were feared dead and 20,000 displaced by landslides and floods caused by days of torrential rains.

Days of heavy downpour have caused landslides and floods up to three metres (10 feet) high, submerging hundreds of homes in 11 villages in the Central Sulawesi Province, which lie about 1,700 kilometres (1,056 miles) northeast of the capital, officials said.

As rescue efforts

continued, the picture on the ground in the remote area remained confusing.

“Based on our latest data, 57 bodies have been retrieved, while 23 are still missing,” Frets Abast, coordinator of provincial rescue teams, told Reuters by telephone.

Rustam Pakaya, head of the health crisis centre in Jakarta, said that according to his tally 13 bodies had been retrieved and some 36 were still missing.

He said, however, there were reports of another 10 bodies being found.

Bad weather and

difficult access was hampering rescue efforts in the region, where six villages had been cut off by the floods, he added.

“About 20,000 have been evacuated, but many thousands are still in the area and need to be moved,” said Setio Sutarmo, an official with the country’s national coordinating body for disaster management.

“Yesterday we only had 60 rescuers from the local search and rescue unit and the police.

Back-up is on the way, but it takes time to reach the area.”

MNA/Reuters



A walrus looks into a face of a woman during a media preview of “Fureai Lagoon,” where visitors can interact with living marine creatures, at Hakkejima Sea Paradise in Yokohama, south of Tokyo, on 24 July, 2007. The new attraction opens to the public on 27 July. — XINHUA

ECONOMIC NEWS



A photographer takes a picture of two Galapagos giant tortoises before their traditional weighting at Riga Zoo in Latvia on 26 July, 2007. — INTERNET

Abu Dhabi's non-oil foreign trade grows 40% in first half

ABU DHABI, 27 July — The volume of non-oil foreign trade of Abu Dhabi, the largest emirate of the United Arab Emirates (UAE), grew by 40 per cent to 36.34 billion dirhams (9.90 billion US dollars) in the first half of 2007, *Emirates News Agency* reported on Wednesday.

Abu Dhabi's non-oil imports during the first half of 2007 reached around 30.68 billion dirhams, up 45 per cent compared with 21.23 billion dirhams in the same period of 2006, Saeed Al Muhairi, Deputy Director-General of the emirate's Customs Department, was quoted as saying.

"Abu Dhabi's non-oil exports in the first six months of the current year

amounted to 2.71 billion dirhams compared with 2.28 billion dirhams for the same corresponding period in 2006," he added.

Meanwhile, the emirate's reexports increased to around 2.94 billion dirhams, up from 1.57 billion dirhams in the same period last year.

According to statistics

by the emirate's Customs Department, audio and video recording devices ranked first on the Abu Dhabi's list of imports with 10.75 billion dirhams.

Saudi Arabia topped Abu Dhabi's imports list with 4.63 billion dirhams followed by Germany and the United States.

MNA/Xinhua



The first Airbus A380 for Singapore Airlines takes off from the Airbus plant in Hamburg in this 19 July, 2007 file photo. — INTERNET

Microsoft, Digg reach advertising deal

BEIJING, 26 July — Microsoft replaces Google to become the exclusive online advertising partner of Digg, a popular user-recommendation news website, according to media reports on Tuesday. Under the three-year agreement, Microsoft will deliver ads — mostly small, contextually relevant text links — on Digg.com.

The agreement would go into effect in the coming weeks. Financial terms were not disclosed.

Digg, which said it has more than 17 million visitors monthly, challenges the long-held journalistic assumption that editors know best what people want to read and allows readers to vote a favorite story onto a list of top news.

Digg's CEO Jay Adelson said his company also considered partnerships with Google and Yahoo, but chose Microsoft because of the level of customization the software maker offered with

its advertising platform.

"We at Digg couldn't think of a better partner to get to where we need to go," said Adelson.

"They're a young ad service, they're innovative, they're willing to work with us on the cutting edge." Digg is the first high-profile customer for Microsoft's adCenter platform since the company signed up Facebook, a popular Web 2.0 property, social-networking site, last summer.

Xinhua

China begins import of Japanese rice

BEIJING, 27 July — China has started import of Japan's rice and meanwhile Japan resumed its import of China's straws, sources with the General Administration of Quality Supervision, Inspection and Quarantine (AQSIQ) said.

The quality watchdog said two famous brands of Japanese rice will be available in the supermarkets of some big cities in China in the next few days, primarily targeting high-income consumers.

Meanwhile China's straws for feeding which was banned in 2005, will

be permitted to export to Japan again.

Li Changjiang, director of the AQSIQ, met with Japan's Farm Minister Norihiko Akagi on Wednesday and talked about the issues in details.

Li said that China has always attached importance to the issue of food safety, adding that the nation has worked out an effective mechanism to guaranteed the safety of food exports.

Statistics recently released by the Japanese Government showed that the 99.42 per cent of the Chinese food products

examined by Japanese quality authorities conform to standards.

This is against 98.69 per cent for food imports from US, and 99.38 per cent for those from EU.

Li said that these figures prove that China's food products are safe and trustworthy. Japanese Farm Minister Norihiko Akagi said China's import of Japanese rice is an important achievement in building a mutually beneficial relationship between the two countries and help promote the development of a healthy relationship.

MNA/Xinhua

Apple Inc sets record for 3rd-quarter profit

BEIJING, 26 July — Sparked by demand for Macintosh computers and iPod media players, Apple Inc's third-quarter profit set a record by surging upward more than 73 percent.

"We're thrilled to

report the highest June quarter revenue and profit in Apple's history, along with the highest quarterly Mac sales ever," said Steve Jobs, Apple's chief executive.

"iPhone is off to a great start — we hope to sell one-millionth iPhone by the end of its first full quarter of sales — and our new product pipeline is very strong."

The company also said Wednesday it sold 270,000 iPhones in the first two days on the market, though the multimedia handset had little impact on the quarter's results because the company plans to account for its sales as

subscription revenue over two years.

Apple shares jumped more than 8 percent in extended-session trading Wednesday even as the company issued a conservative outlook that fell short of Wall Street's expectations.

For the quarter ended on 30 June, Apple's profit rose to 818 million US dollars, or 92 US cents per share, up from 472 million dollars, or 54 cents a share in the year-ago quarter.

Sales grew to 5.41 billion dollars from 4.37 billion dollars last year.

Apple's established products were the money makers.

Internet



A girl cools off in a fountain as temperatures reached 40 degrees Celsius (104 degrees Fahrenheit) in Romania on 25 July, 2007. — XINHUA

Delegate groups of National Convention...

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member delegates, read the proposal of the Delegate Group of Representatives-elect on the clarification of the Chairman of the NCC Work Committee concerning the suggestions of some delegate groups on the detailed basic principles for the Chapters "Election", "Political Parties", "Provisions on State of Emergency", "Amendment of the Constitution", "State Flag, State Seal, National Anthem and the Capital", "Transitory Provisions", and "General Provisions" to be included in drawing the State Constitution.

The Alternate Chairman sought the approval from the delegates, and gave concluding remarks.

Delegate Group of National Races

Alternate Chairman U Mahn Ohn Maung of Kayin State presided over the group meeting together with members of the Panel of Chairmen U Kyaw Din (a) U Htay Yei of Kayah State, Duwa Zok Dong of Shan State (North), U Maung Hla (a) U Hla Myint of Taninthayi Division and U Aung Zan Wai of Rakhine State at Pyidaungsu Hall.

Deputy Director U Tin Maung Oo and Assistant Director U Ye Lwin of the NCC Work Committee acted as MCs.



Alternate Chairman U Law Hsin Kwam of Kokang Democracy and Unity Party delivers an address.—MNA



Alternate Chairman U Tin Maung Kyaw of Magway Division of the Delegate Group of Peasants addresses the meeting of the group.—MNA

The Alternate Chairman made a speech. Next, U Li Ye Ja of Kachin State, Daw Nang Mo Kham of Shan State and U Myo Tint of Mandalay Division, on behalf of member delegates, read the proposal of the Delegate Group of National Races on the clarification of the Chairman of the NCC Work Committee concerning the suggestions of some delegate groups on the detailed basic principles for the Chapters "Election", "Political Parties", "Provisions on State of Emergency", "Amendment of the Constitution", "State

Flag, State Seal, National Anthem and the Capital", "Transitory Provisions", and "General Provisions" to be included in drawing the State Constitution.

After seeking the approval from the delegates, the Alternate Chairman delivered concluding remarks.

Delegate Group of Peasants

At the hall-4, the delegate group was presided over by Alternate Chairman U Tin Maung Kyaw of Magway Division together with members of the Panel of Chairmen U Kyi Tint of Ayeyawady Division and

U Mya Aye of Yangon Division. Deputy Director U Nay Win and Assistant Director Daw Myint Sein acted as MCs.

Alternate Chairman U Tin Maung Kyaw delivered a speech.

U Mya Aye of Yangon Division and U Kyi Tint of Ayeyawady Division explained the clarification of the Chairman of the NCC Work Committee concerning the suggestions of some delegate groups on the detailed basic principles for the Chapters "Election", "Political Parties", "Provisions on State of Emergency", "Amend-

ment of the Constitution", "State Flag, State Seal, National Anthem and the Capital", "Transitory Provisions", and "General Provisions" to be included in drawing the State Constitution.

Member of the Panel of Chairmen U Kan Nyunt of Sagaing Division read the proposal of the Delegate Group of Peasants concerning the provisions of the chapters for laying down the detailed basic principles.

Alternate Chairman U Tin Maung Kyaw of Magway Division approved the proposal of the delegate group and gave

concluding remarks.

Delegate Group of Workers

The group meeting took place at the hall-5 at 9 am. U Kyaw Myo Win of Bago Division (West) presided over the meeting together with members of the Panel of Chairmen U Khin Maung Aye of Sagaing Division and Dr Myo Thant Tin of Yangon Division. Deputy Director U Zaw Win and Assistant Director U Aung Win acted as MCs.

The Alternate Chairman made a speech. On behalf of the Panel of Chairmen, U Than Myint of Dagon Myothit (South) Township of Yangon Division read the proposal of the Delegate Group of Workers on the clarification of the Chairman of the NCC Work Committee concerning the suggestions of some delegate groups on the detailed basic principles for the Chapters "Election", "Political Parties", "Provisions on State of Emergency", "Amendment of the Constitution", "State Flag, State Seal, National Anthem and the Capital",
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Alternate Chairman U Kyaw Myo Win of Bago Division (West) making a speech.—MNA



Lt-Gen Kyaw Win looks into cultivation of monsoon paddy in Hopong Township, physic nut farm of Hopong Station

NAY PYI TAW, 27 July — Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Kyaw Win of the Ministry of Defence, together with Chairman of Shan State PDC Commander of Eastern Command Maj-Gen Thaung Aye, Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Tin Naing Thein, Deputy Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Brig-Gen Kyaw Myint and senior military officers, viewed maintenance of Banyin-Hopong-Taunggyi Road and bridges along it and thriving monsoon and maize plantation by car yesterday morning.

In the afternoon, they arrived at the briefing hall near monsoon paddy plantation of farmer U Paw from Kaungngin Village of Hopong Township. Chairman of Township PDC U Khin Zaw reported on cultivation of paddy. The commander gave a supplementary report.

In his instructions, Lt-Gen Kyaw Win urged officials to carry out tasks for water supply for agricultural purpose, boosting production of paddy and growing of quality strains of paddy for meeting the target production. He stressed the need to ensure local food sufficiency in

the region.

After viewing the paddy transplanting of local women, Lt-Gen Kyaw Win presented cash assistance to them.

Lt-Gen Kyaw Win inspected thriving 1,500 acres of physic nut farm of Hopong Station and heard report on progress in cultivation of physic nut plants at regiments and units in Hopong Station.

After viewing development of Hopong by car, they proceeded to Taunggyi. — MNA

Delegate groups of National Convention...

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“Transitory Provisions”, and “General Provisions” to be included in drawing the State Constitution.

After seeking the approval from the delegates, the Alternate Chairman approved the proposal and gave a concluding speech.

Delegate Group of State Service Personnel

At meeting hall-7, Maj-Gen Win Than of the Ministry of Defence presided over the meeting of the delegate group together with members of the Panel of Chairmen U Tin Kha of the Ministry of Defence and U Hla Tin of the Ministry of Commerce.



Alternate Chairman Maj-Gen Win Than of Ministry of Defence addresses group meeting of Delegate Group of State Service Personnel. — MNA

Deputy Director U Htay Win and Assistant Director U Htein Min acted as MCs. The Alternate Chairman delivered an address. Dr Daw Myat Myat Ohn Khin of the Ministry of Health and U Arnt

Maung of the Ministry of Religious Affairs explained the clarification of the Chairman of the NCC Work Committee concerning the detailed basic principles for the Chapters “Election”, “Political Parties”, “Provi-

sions on State of Emergency”, “Amendment of the Constitution”, “State Flag, State Seal, National Anthem and the Capital”, “Transitory Provisions”, and “General Provisions” to be included in drawing

the State Constitution.

U Hla Thaung Myint of the Ministry of Rail Transportation read out the suggestions of the delegate group concerning the clarification of the NCC Work Committee Chairman. Al-

ternate Chairman Maj-Gen Win Than of the Ministry of Defence approved the proposal of the delegate group after seeking the approval. Next, the Alternate Chairman made concluding remarks. —MNA

Some regions flooded

NAY PYI TAW, 27 July—Owing to swelling Ayeyawady river some wards of Shwegu and villages of Shwegu Township in Kachin State were flooded and residents from the region were evacuated while authorities concerned had to close down some schools. Meanwhile some sections of motor roads were temporarily closed to traffic.

As the flood waters subsided on 25 July there was a regular traffic and people were able to go from one place to another.

Some villages in Hsenwi Township and Muse Township were inundated due to heavy rains in Shan State (North). But the flood waters subsided on 26 July.

As there were downpours in Sagaing Division the waters of Chindwin river in Khamti, Homalin and Mawlaik were above the danger level, that of Myittha river in Kalay above the danger level, that of Chindwin

river in Monywa near the danger level, that of Ayeyawady river in Katha above the danger level and that of Ayeyawady river in Sagaing and Myinmu near the danger level.

People from some wards and villages in Mawlaik, Phaungpyin and Katha Townships were evacuated to safety.

As the flood waters of Bago river subsided on 26 July, the evacuated back to their homes and schools were reopened today. Some farmlands in Bago Division (West) were inundated.

MaraukU, Kyauktaw and Minbya Townships in Rakhine State were also flooded.

Flood victims in some townships of Ayeyawady Division were evacuated to safety with the aid of officials concerned who are rendering all the necessary assistance.—MNA

Work Proficiency Course No 31 of Internal Revenue Dept concludes

NAY PYI TAW, 27 July —The conclusion ceremony of work proficiency course No 31 for the heads of office of Township Internal Revenue Departments under the Internal Revenue Department was held at the meeting hall of the Ministry of Finance and Revenue, here, this morning, with an address by Minister for Finance and Revenue Maj-Gen Hla Tun.

It was also attended by Deputy Minister Col Hla Thein Swe, Director-General U San Tun of Internal Revenue Department, the directors-general and managing directors under the ministry, departmental officials and trainees.

In his saying, the minister said the trainees are to perform their duties in conformity with the rules and law, directives, instructions and procedures and collect tax and revenues systematically. He urged them to strive for the collection of tax during the fiscal year in order to exceed the target and to discharge the State’s duties with goodwill.

Next, the minister presented awards to outstanding trainees and conclusion certificates for the trainees to a trainee.

A total of 50 trainees attended the four-week course. — MNA

Minister Maj-Gen Hla Tun addresses conclusion of work proficiency course No 31 for heads of township Internal Revenue Department. — FINANCE AND REVENUE



Want to see border areas of Kayin State achieve peace, stability putting end to IDPs and refugees?

Soe Mya Kyaw

It was a wet Sunday morning. As the weather was cool, I was thinking of staying in bed to have a cosy feeling. I closed my eyes and tried to sleep again. “How comfortable it is to stay in bed while keeping myself warm under the blanket. What a pleasure”. I said to myself.

But my enjoyment and comfort did not last long. Even amidst the sound of wind and rain, the loud voice of a radio from the house next door disturbed me. Actually, it was not the radio that disturbed me, but the slanders the VOA was broadcasting, which were like ominous screeches for me. VOA is the champion of the smearing campaign. It had been long since I hadn’t listened to BBC, VOA, RFA and DVB, as I have no wish at all to listen to baseless lies. Those radio stations were lying through their teeth, broadcasting shams and sneering at the nation and her people. For us, their voices are even more distasteful than ominous

Because of the disturbing voice, I was thinking deeply about those radio stations. But I began to concentrate my mind as soon as I heard a surprising but non-special news report. See, how dare the radio stations are? VOA was saying that the number of people leaving their homes was increasing due to the offensive of the Myanmar Tatmadaw. It was like the thief shouting “Thief!” What the radio station said was that because of internal strife the number of refugees fleeing the country was still increasing; that the majority of refugees were Kayins; more and more people were leaving their homes resulting from the current military offensives of the Tatmadaw; that a group to help people without homeland had to open one more temporary refugee camp on Thanlwin River bank in Myanmar territory at Thai-Myanmar border; that together with the group to help people without homeland in Kayin State, foreign NGOs and individual persons are providing food, clothing and

unending story.

I rose from my bed after the end of VOA’s smears, as I could not sleep anymore. While brushing my teeth, wasching my face and having breakfast, I thought of refuting its slanders. It is the duty of every citizen to rebut the plots and slanders, with the truth as the proof.

Readers, please guess the persons I will have to remember in this situation. They are no other persons than my beloved Bagyi Soe and Kyee Kyee Mya. It has been long since I last visited their home. Bagyi Soe, a retired professor who is well-informed with wide political vision, and Kyee Kyee Mya, a retired headmistress who loves the truth and whose patriotism is strong, are an invaluable treasure trove of knowledge for me.

As it was a weekend holiday, I was able to see Bayi Soe, who was at home on leave from the National Convention, and Kyee Kyee Mya.

Bagyi Soe: Come, Maung Kyaw. We haven’t met for long.

Soe Mya Kyaw: Yes Bagyi. I accept responsibility for my failure to visit you only at the time I have something to ask. How are you Bagyi and Kyee Kyee?

Kyee Kyee Mya: We both are fine, thank you. We also remember you. Your Bagyi was asking about you last week.

Bagyi Soe: Nothing special. I asked about you, just because I remembered you. That’s all. But as I am getting older and have no children, I long for someone to talk with.

Soe Mya Kyaw: Good! I will come to you often for company. Having the opportunity to learn experiences and knowledge from you is a valuable reward for me.

Kyee Kyee Mya: Enough of pleasantries Maung Kyaw. Let’s go to the point. You have already told us that you arrive to our home only when you have something to ask. As it is a holiday, I have cooked a good meal. You can ask a lot. But please go home only after joining us for lunch.

Soe Mya Kyaw: What a good plan! So, I will have enough time to have a useful conversation with you.

Bagyi Soe: You are like our son. You are always welcome. So, what are your questions?

Soe Mya Kyaw: VOA in its morning programme aired about the so-called Kayin refugee camps, saying that local people have to flee their homes due to the Tatmadaw’s military offensive. Did you hear the said news report?

Kyee Kyee Mya: Of course we did. I discussed with your Bagyi about the matter.

Soe Mya Kyaw: I am disappointed and angry at its act which is like thief shouting “Thief”.

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screeches and also resentful and insulting to the national interest.

In the past, we used to listen to those radio stations thinking that what they said might be true. Later, we came to realize that those radio stations were run by certain foreign countries in their own interest without considering others’ at all. We also came to understand that those radio stations were just launching media offensive against us in collusion with national traitors inside the country. From that time on, we have never ever switched on them. There are many people around us who have never listened to those radio stations after understanding about them well. All the people of Myanmar know that they will lose sleep if they pay attention to every dog’s bark. The mountain will never move however the dog barks.

shelter for people without homeland; and that most of the ethnic refugees fled to Thailand. There are persons creating smears and others that are airing them vigorously. They are on the same wave length working in harmony.

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Bagyi Soe: You are right. Actually, the so-called refugee camps are the base camps of KNU hiding at the border. The whole country knows that most of the so-called refugees are KNU terrorist insurgents and their families and relatives who are also the KNU hard-cores. The so-called KNU camps are the result of the conspiracy of internal and external elements.

Kyee Kyee Mya: That is not all. Today's KNU is indeed just a dollar-earning puppet dancing to the tune of its alien masters. Its members are just a handful of insurgents, and they always commit various forms of atrocities such as terrorist acts, bloody massacre of innocent civilians including Kayin nationals, rapes, trafficking in persons, and forced conscription of child soldiers. We all know that the broadcasting of this made-up news story is due to its incitement. And now KNU is not in a position to launch offensives and is committing forced relocation of local national people. As a matter of fact, their so-called refugee camps are just designed for political gains.

So Mya Kyaw: I have somewhat learnt about that. But, tell me more about KNU that has done nothing beneficial to the people throughout its history.

Kyee Kyee Mya: I would also like to know about that, Ko Soe. I think there are a lot of their clandestine schemes I have not learnt yet.

Bagyi Soe: In reality, the KNU is just a local armed insurgency that came into existence when it was based on the British colonialists divide-and-rule policy and the privileges it bestowed on the KNU, and when it started to use racism and warlord policy together. The British tried their best to organize honest and loyal Kayin nationals so that Kayins became a national race that supported and favoured them. Then, the colonialists equipped Kayin people with arms and formed more Kayin Rifles and Kayin paramilitary police forces.

Kyee Kyee Mya: You are right, Ko Soe. I have learnt that the British favoured Kayin nationals very much.

Bagyi Soe: Yes, there were said to be many Kayin national leader sycophants who got involved in the Anti-Fascist Resistance and who were in favour of the British. Saw Ba Oo Gyi, for instance, once made a demand for forming an independent Kayin state and for being a part of the British empire for ever.

Soe Mya Kyaw: Oh, is that so? It is news to me.

Bagyi Soe: A Kayin national conference was held in Yangon in February 1946, and formed Karen Central Organization (KCO) with the intention of setting up an independent Kayin State. Leaders of the organization were military officers of Kayin armed forces and Kayin Christian religious leaders including Saw Ba Oo Gyi. The KCO sent a Kayin goodwill delegate to London in 1946 and demanded for an independent Kayin state under the British empire. But, the then British Prime Minister Attlee did not make any specific responses.

Kyee Kyee Mya: No way, Ko Soe. That was not their concern. Kayin state was, in fact, a stranger to them. They dealt with Kayin state just for their own interests and to stir up problems in the nation for political gains, didn't they?

Bagyi Soe: Sure. In short, KCO turned down Aung San-Attlee Treaty in 1947 and formed Karen National Union (KNU) in cooperation with Kayin youths groups on 6 April. Ten days later, it formed KNDO as its armed wing. KNU boycotted the elections held in April 1947. On 23 April, an emergency meeting was held and Saw Ba Oo Gyi became the KNU chairman. From that time on, the KNU has been committing destructive acts.

Soe Mya Kyaw: KNU is an organization that concentrates just on racism.

Bagyi Soe: Yes, Maung Kyaw. The root cause of the KNU armed struggle line is the instigation of the colonialist government. The colonialists not only equipped Kayin nationals with anti-Bamar sentiment but also armed them. So, in the pre-independence period, Kayin armed forces were very strong. Moreover, when it was reinforced with another Kayin national force—KNDO, the KNU became very proud of its strength, and made a demand for designating nearly the entire lower Myanmar as Kayin state. That is why I say the KNU's armed strife is largely due to direct and indirect instigation of the colonialist government.

Kyee Kyee Mya: All the evil legacies Myanmar is still suffering are the things the colonialists left deliberately.

Bagyi Soe: Another cause is that KNU's innate nature and initial policy were not good. When independence was regained, all people were happy with it. However, the next day on 5 January, KNU announced Kayin was an independent national race with a threat to secede from the Union. Although the right had been vested in accordance with the 1947 constitution to form Kayin State with Kayin State government and Kayin State Council, they made an unreasonable demand for formation of an independent state. Then, KNU went underground one group after another and followed the armed struggle line.

Soe Mya Kyaw: You mean KNU went underground in 1948, then?

Bagyi Soe: It was in 1949 it publicly rose against the government. But, Kayin paramilitary police forces and KNDO have launched their armed revolt since 1948. The Kayin battalions in the Tatmadaw extended assistance to them considerably. In the early 1949, KNU revolted publicly and occupied Htantabin, Toungoo, Pyu, Ottwin, and as far as I remember, Insein, DaikU, Yamethin, Pyawbye, Meiktila and Maymyo. At that time, the administrative machinery of the ruling AFPFL government did not cover the entire nation. So, foreign newspapers branded Myanmar Yangon government.

Soe Mya Kyaw: Oh, our nation was on the verge of collapse at the time.

Bagyi Soe: However, it was just a short period. In 1948-49, KNU occupied major cities and gained a dominant position. But, after the end of 1949, they were defeated and they withdrew from the areas they had occupied due to the attacks of the Tatmadaw. Saw Ba Oo Gyi fell in Htawtcocoe in August 1950 on his withdrawal from Thandaung to Kawkareik. British man captain Vivian, who issued arms to Galon U Saw, was captured dead together with Saw Ba Oo Gyi. It was a historic event the colonialists could not deny. Just after the fall of Saw Ba Oo Gyi, KNU was completely downhearted and its revolution met its end.

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Soe Mya Kyaw: In reality, KNU suffered a lot due to the incitement of the colonialists and its racism.

Bagyi Soe: That is right. Their programme itself is based on racial hatred and militarism. Furthermore, they waited in earnest the arrival of military aid from the West. As the aid was not forthcoming, they laid down the left-leaning policy and became followers of the BCP (Burma Communist Party).

Kyee Kyee Mya: This would not work because BCP has been a notorious group.

Bagyi Soe: What your aunt has said is right. Ideological influence of BCP and racial influence of KNU did not go along well. So, KNU had got one more master without gaining any benefit. In fact, KNU suffered even losses. Around 1960, BCP took refuge in the Bago Yoma mountain range and KNU did the same in the Delta bullying the local people for their survival.

Kyee Kyee Mya: Please tell Maung Kyaw about the inhuman atrocities committed by KNU so that the younger generation would be aware of them.

Bagyi Soe: Of course, I will. Right from the outset or even long time ago, KNU did not represent the Kayin people. KNU men burnt down the whole town or village and committed murders, robberies, rapes and all types of sabotage against the people including Kayin populace. Well, there have been most disgusting acts of atrocities in large numbers committed by KNU. According to newspaper reports, KNU committed 110 murders, 35 robberies and 13 raids against treasuries in 1948-49 alone. In 1949, they torched the entire Maletto Village in Maubin Township and massacred all the villagers. They also burnt down the whole towns of Insein, Penwagon, Nattalin, etc. During their occupation of PyinOoLwin (formerly known as Maymyo), they killed 1946 residents for no reason. Similarly in Pyu, they torched the market and houses of the town and killed men, women and children indiscriminately. As a result, about 400 houses were burnt down with 351 bodies left. Moreover, over 2000 townspeople of Pyu were taken to Zeyawady where they were massacred. These are black marks in history that cannot be obliterated. Their atrocities were similar to acts of genocide committed by the Nazis.

Kyee Kyee Mya: How about the girl students who were kidnapped and sold to the KMT?

Bagyi Soe: Well, I'll continue. On 15 November 1954, the KNU raided the Sittoung-Moktama train and seized over 40 university girl students who were on their way home on holidays and 15 girls. The KNU sold those girls and some young women seized from Mon villages to Maj-Gen Lau Li of KMT in exchange for arms and ammunition. On 15 January 1955 also, KNU blasted the Mawlamyine-Yangon passenger train about 30 miles from the Hninpale Railway Station; 35 passengers were killed in the blast. They looted the property and took away about 40 girls and raped them *en masse*. Finally, they sold the girls at the border. Inhuman acts, really, Maung Kyaw.

Soe Mya Kyaw: Most disappointing to hear that, Bagyi.

Bagyi Soe: Not only that, in 1967 KNU torched and destroyed Shwepyitha Village of over 800 homes in Labutta Township, Ayeyawady Division. They also burnt down the onion field and Gyogon village in Thabaung Township. In 1985, KNU exploded the Yangon-Mandalay Up-train near the mile post 127 between Kywebwe and Nyaungchedauk stations killing 76 passengers including monks and injuring 122. Their brutal acts were many and varied, Maung Kyaw. At first they massacred the people due to racial hatred but they did so with neither racial nor political reasons. They then massacred people because they were blood thirsty. KNU military leaders acted like warlords. They became notorious criminals indulged themselves in war, women and wine.

Soe Mya Kyaw: These days, their Western mentors and the stooges, the radio stations under their influence and expatriates have been baselessly accusing the Tatmadaw of committing acts of genocide and massacre. But actually these are the acts of KNU, aren't they, Bagyi? And KNU are the ones who brutally kill people.

Kyee Kyee Mya: Well, it will take you very long if you go on talking about the brutalities of KNU. Please take a break and drink a cup of coffee each.

Bagyi Soe: That's a good idea. Let's take a break.

Soe Mya Kyaw: Yes, Bagyi.

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Appointment of Bangladeshi Ambassador to Union of Myanmar agreed on

NAY PYI TAW, 28 July — The Government of the Union of Myanmar has agreed to the appointment of Major General Abu Roshde Rokonuddawla as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the People's Republic of Bangladesh to the Union of Myanmar in succession to Mr Mohammed Khairuzzaman.

Major General Abu Roshde Rokonuddawla was born in 1954 and obtained a Master Degree in Defence Studies. He graduated from National Defence College and Defence Services Command and staff College. He was commissioned on 11 January 1975. He was promoted to the rank of Brigadier General in 1995 and Major General in 2002. He was awarded four medals in service. He served as Defence Attaché of Bangladesh to the People's Republic of China for four years in Beijing. He has recently served as Quarter Master General of Bangladesh Army till 13 May, 2007. Major General Abu Roshde Rokonuddawla is married with one son and one daughter. — MNA

One dissolved MDC ...

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However, if they think that their ward or region is harmed or stability and security of their ward or region come under threat, they protect and defend their ward or region with a sense of duty.

According to the fine traditions of Myanmar people, they handed them over to the responsible persons in order to prevent them from entering their wards for disrupting the stability and peace.

Htin Kyaw (a) Kyaw Htin can face punishments under Section (147) of Criminal Law for joining an unlawful association and getting involved in gathering a crowd, Section 124 (A) of Criminal Law for creating public outrage by holding placards to make the people hate and disregard the government, and to destroy people's admiration for the government, Section 17/20 of 1962 Printers and Publishers Registration Law for distributing anti-government flyers to the people in staging a demonstration, and Section 31/46 of 1945 Police Act for illegally staging a protest that is not in conformity with the procedures. And action can be taken against Aye Naing, Saw Kyaw Kyaw Min, Aye Lwin and Thant Zin Myo under Section 5 (Nya) of 1950 Emergency Management Act for organizing some people interested in politics by holding prayer services in collusion with NLD members of many township NLDs in the name of religion, Section 147 of Criminal Act for gathering a crowd, and Section 31/46 of 1945 Police Act for illegally staging a protest that is not in conformity with the procedures. Nevertheless, the government expressed its magnanimity towards the five and educated and let them go home.

Some people learning that the government showing benevolence to and educated and let the five go home instead of taking action against them are expressing their personal views that the five who had tried to gather a crowd are the ones who did not have enough reasoning power with negative views, who are destabilizing the State in the hope of obtaining various forms of assistance from local and external destructive elements, who are persuading with selfishness the people leading a peaceful life to join them; that they should realize the kindness of the government and should mend their ways; and that if they go on so without considering possible evil consequences they will surely face punitive punishment given by the people desirous of peace and stability.—MNA

Electric Power No 2 Minister meets Malaysian guests

NAY PYI TAW, 27 July — Minister for Electric Power No 2 Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint received Executive Director Mr Jeffrey

Young of Enerbensa Sdn Bhd and party from Malaysia at the minister's office, here, yesterday.

Also present were Director-General Dr

Thein Tun of Department of Electric Power, Managing Director U Tin Aung of Electric Power Supply Enterprise and officials. — MNA

Work coordination meeting on prevention of DHF organized

NAY PYI TAW, 27 July — A work coordination meeting on prevention of Dengue Haemorrhagic Fever was held at the meeting hall of the Ministry of Health this morning with an address by Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint.

Also present on the occasion were Deputy Ministers Dr Mya Oo and Dr Paing Soe, heads of departments under the ministry, heads of state and division health departments, medical superintendents, directors, deputy

directors and officials.

In his address, Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint said that the meeting is to discuss how to use human resources for effective prevention and treatment of DHF; that efforts need to be made out of sympathy in prevention and treatment of DHF; and that means and ways are to be sought in that regard.

Next, Deputy Ministers Dr Mya Oo and Dr Paing Soe made speeches.

Afterwards, Acting Director-General Dr San Win Shwe reported

on measures taken for prevention of DHF and Deputy Directors on programmes for control of DHF.

Later, heads of state and division health departments and medical superintendents reported on outbreak of DHF in their regions and measures taken for prevention and treatment of it.

This was followed by a general round of discussions.

The meeting ended with the concluding remarks by Deputy Minister Dr Mya Oo.

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DAD donates cash for day meal

YANGON, 27 July — Under the aegis of Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Col Thein Nyunt and wife Daw Kyin Khaing, a ceremony to donate cash for a day meal by the families of employee of the Development Affairs Department was held at the Mogoke refectory in Kaba-Aye Hill this

morning.

It was attended by members of the Sangha led by Rector Sayadaw Agga Maha Pandita Agga Maha Ganthavasaca Pandita Bhaddanta Vannita.

Firstly, the congregation received the Five Precepts from the Sayadaw Bhaddanta Vannita. Next, those present offered provisions to the members of the Sangha and Deputy

Director-General U Kyaw of DAD donated K 250,000 for a day meal to State Pariyatti Sasana University (Yangon) through Deputy Director U San Thin Hlaing of Department for Promotion and Propagation of the Sasana.

Later, the Sayadaw delivered a sermon and the congregation shared the merits gained.

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Livestock and Fisheries beat PBANRDA 2-0

NAY PYI TAW, 27 July — Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries Team beat Ministry of Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs 2-0 in the second round of the First Nay Pyi Taw Football Tournament 2007 at Paunglaung Sports Ground in Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana this afternoon.

Myo Min Tun and Wunna Aung scored two

goals each for Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries.

Referee U Tun Shin steered the match together with assistant referees U Khin Maung Myint and U Myo Myint Than.

Among the spectators were officials of Ministry of PBANRDA, Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries, Myanmar Olympic Committee, Myanmar

Football Federation, Service Personnel and family members.

Ministry of Commerce will play against Ministry of Cooperatives at the same venue tomorrow. Ministry of Forestry will meet with Ministry of Finance and Revenue on 30 July and Ministry of Information will play against Ministry of Culture on 31 July.

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Members of social organizations in Kachin State present provisions to Myitkyina Prison through an officer of the prison. — MNA

Health care services provided for inmates in Myitkyina Jail

NAY PYI TAW, 27 July — Members of social organizations in Kachin State provided soaps, bread, potatoes, onions,

dried fishes, cereals and candies worth K 738,850 for the inmates in Myitkyina Jail, gave treatment to and consoled

them on 16 July. In addition, food and clothes were provided for the offspring of the inmates.

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US House passes bill barring permanent bases in Iraq

WASHINGTON, 26 July — The US House voted 399-24 on Wednesday to pass a bill that would prevent the establishment of permanent US military bases in Iraq and bar US control of Iraqi oil.

The bill was introduced by Democratic Representative Barbara Lee of California, and was supported by all but 24 Republicans in the 435-member chamber.

"Putting Congress on record with this clear statement helps take the targets off our troops' backs and it supports our goals of handing over responsibility for security and public safety to Iraqi forces," she said on the House floor.

Lee said Congress "must soundly reject the vision of an open-ended occupation as bad policy

that undermines the safety of our troops and recognize it for what it is: another recruiting poster for terrorists".

"We may disagree on many things about Iraq, but I hope we can agree that an endless occupation is not the answer," said the lawmaker, who first introduced legislation to bar permanent US bases in Iraq in June 2005, and has led several efforts to attach base-related amendments to spending and authorization bills.

Democratic Representative Tom Lantos, chairman of the House

Foreign Affairs Committee, said the Bush Administration "has drawn a parallel between our proposed sustained presence in Iraq and the US obligation to South Korea after the Korean War".

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UN soldier dies in demining accident in Lebanon

TYRE (Lebanon), 26 July—A UN peace-keeping soldier died in a demining accident in south Lebanon on Wednesday, the UN Interim Force in Lebanon said. Lebanese security sources said the soldier was French. UNIFIL deputy spokesperson Yasmina Bouziane could not confirm the nationality.

A UNIFIL engineering team was clearing unexploded ordnance in the village of Shamaa, south of the port city of Tyre, when an explosion killed the peacekeeper, Bouziane said.

UNIFIL, a 13,000-strong force, was expanded as part of a UN Security Council resolution which ended a war between Hizbollah and Israel last year.

MNA/Reuters

US criticized over prisoner rendition

LONDON, 26 July—A parliamentary committee criticized the United States on Wednesday for its "lack of regard for UK concerns" about the transfer to Guantanamo Bay of two British residents.

"In fighting international terrorism it is clear that the US will take whatever action it deems is necessary, within US law, to protect its national security," the Intelligence and Security Committee said.

Looking into possible British involvement in the controversial US programme of "rendition" of prisoners to foreign jails where they may be tortured, it said there was no evidence of any British agency being directly involved.

But it said the security service was "indirectly and inadvertently" involved in one case of

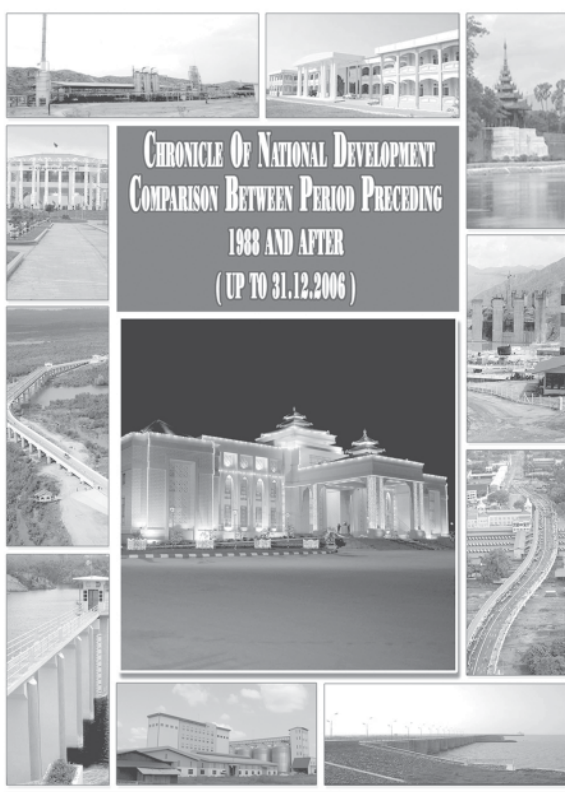
rendition of two British residents, arrested in Gambia in 2002.

Iraqi citizen Bisher al-Rawi and his business partner, Jordanian Jamil el-Banna, were taken to Guantanamo Bay despite the British secret service specifically prohibiting any action being taken against the pair after it shared routine background intelligence with the US.

The committee said it was satisfied that the service did not intend for the men to be arrested or transferred.

Indeed, they used caveats specifically prohibiting any action being taken.

"The security service did not foresee that the US authorities would disregard the caveats, given that they had honoured the caveat system for the past 20 years," the committee said.— MNA/Reuters



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Oxford residents evacuated as flood waters rise

LONDON, 26 July—Emergency services evacuated hundreds of homes in the university city of Oxford on Wednesday as the River Thames broke its banks and Britain grappled with its worst floods in 60 years.

Water levels rose steadily overnight and police said they had

cleared up to 250 homes and gave people shelter in Oxford City's soccer stadium. Some power was cut but the defences of the local electricity substation were not breached.

Along the Thames, residents in other towns were warned that the river could go on rising throu-

ghout the day.

In Gloucestershire, the western English county worst hit by the deluge, up to 350,000 people could be without running water for the next two weeks — but the flood waters have started to recede along the River Severn.

The government has

promised 10 million pounds in aid for the stricken areas — in addition to the 14 million pounds initially pledged by Prime Minister Gordon Brown.

"We are looking at 21st Century extreme weather conditions," Brown told BBC Television on Tuesday after a tense day monitoring how emergency services coped with the flooding that deluged huge swathes of central and western England.

MNA/Reuters

US aid reduction not to affect military modernization programme

MANILA, 26 July—Acting Philippine Defence Secretary Norberto Gonzales Wednesday said the reported reduction of US military aid to the Philippines would have no impact on the military's modernization programme.

"Whatever happens, we (defence department) will proceed with the upgrading programme of the Armed Forces," said Gonzales, who is also the National Security Adviser for the military modernization programme.

Local media reports said the United States would reduce its military aid for the Philippines next year by almost two thirds from the current 30 million US dollars to 11 million US dollars.

Gonzales clarified that

the modernization programme is not funded through international assistance. The country's military modernization law was passed in 1995 but the military began acquiring new hardware a few years ago only. "There is no money coming from international, we will use our own because it is something that we need to do," said Gonzales.

Defence officials have said the entire modernization programme package costs 210 billion pesos (4.66 billion US dollars).

Reports quoting US State Department officials said Washington reduced military aid to the Philippines because of "shifting of priorities" in the distribution of its 26-billion-US-dollar assistance to foreign countries

and following allegations that Philippine security forces are involved in extra-judicial killings.

MNA/Xinhua

Chinese Air Force recruits over 1,400 pilot students in 2007

BEIJING, 26 July—The Air Force of the People's Liberation Army (PLA) recruited more than 1,400 pilot students in 2007, according to the Air Force's Pilot Cadet Enrolment Work Bureau on Tuesday.

"More than 1,300 middle-school graduates and 100 sophomores and universities graduates have been selected from 70,000 candidates after they passed required exams, and physical and psychological tests," said Colonel Sui Guosheng, director of the bureau.

The selection process took place in November last year and was open to graduates of more than 7,000 senior middle schools and also to second-year science and engineering students in 200 civilian universities, and graduates of 200 civilian and 48 military universities nationwide, Sui said. Upon graduation, middle school graduates will receive a bachelor's degree in military science, and sophomores and university graduates will receive their bachelor's degrees both in military science and in their original major, Sui said.—MNA/Xinhua

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US medical students graduate debt-free in Cuba

HAVANA, 26 July— Eight Americans graduated on Tuesday from a Cuban medical school after six years of studies fully funded by Fidel Castro's government.

They plan to return home, take board exams for licences to practise and provide cheap health care in poor neighbourhoods.

"Cuba offered us full scholarships to study medicine here. In exchange, we commit ourselves to go back to our communities to provide health care to underserved people," said Carmen

Landau, 30, of Oakland, California.

The programme is part of Castro's pet project to send thousands of Cuban doctors abroad to tend to the poor in developing countries, such as Venezuela and Bolivia, and train tens of thousands of medical students from developing countries in Cuba.

Officials in Cuba's Communist Government relish the idea of training doctors for the United States, its arch-enemy since Castro took power in a leftist revolution in

1959. The ailing Cuban leader, 80, did not attend the graduation for 850 students from 25 countries at Havana's Karl Marx theatre. He has not appeared in public since intestinal surgery forced him to hand over power to his brother Raul Castro a year ago.

There are 88 Americans studying medicine in Cuba. The first to graduate two years ago was Cedric Edwards, who is now working at Montefiore Hospital in New York City's Bronx borough.

The US students praised Cuba's universal, free

health-care system, which is community based and focuses on preventing illness before it becomes more serious and costly, in contrast to the US health industry indicted for being profit-based in Michael Moore's recent film "SICKO". "We have studied medicine with a humanist approach" said Kenya Bingham, 29, of Alameda California.—MNA/Reuters



Space shuttle Endeavour sits on launch pad 39A after rolling out of the Vehicle Assembly Building on 11 July, 2007. A panel has found that astronauts were allowed to fly on at least two occasions despite warnings they were so drunk they posed a flight risk, Aviation Week reported on Thursday on its Web site.—INTERNET

Japanese women's lifespan remains world No 1 in 2006

TOKYO, 26 July — Statistics released by the Japanese Health, Labour and Welfare Ministry on Thursday showed that the average life expectancy of

Japanese women stood at 85.81 years in 2006, remaining the longest in the world for the 22nd year in a row. Japanese men's average lifespan was

79.00 years in the year, returning to the second spot in the world. It dropped to the fourth in 2005. As a whole, Japanese people's lifespans improved in 2006 following a dip in 2005, with that of women's and men's rising 0.29 and 0.44 year respectively.

According to the health ministry, cancer, heart disease and stroke are the top three killers in Japan. If the three diseases were overcome, the lifespan of male Japanese would increase by 8.31 to 87.31 years, while that of female would rise by 7.20 to 93.01 years, the ministry said.

Japanese people's average life expectancy is expected to further rise for years to come, Kyodo News quoted ministry official as telling.

Xinhua

Octopus finds ancient Korean porcelain trove



An excavation team worker recreates how an octopus helped lead archaeologists to a major find of ancient porcelain buried under the sea for centuries in this undated handout released by the National Maritime Museum in Mokpo, South Korea. — INTERNET

SEOUL, 26 July—An octopus clutching a finely glazed plate helped lead South Korean archaeologists to a major cache of ancient porcelain buried under the sea for centuries.

Archaeologists and divers are currently removing high-quality green and blue-green porcelain from what appears to be a 12th Century shipwreck.

"These are the highest quality artefacts ever discovered in our seas," said Yun Yong-i, a Korean art history professor at Myongji University. So far, 542 pieces have been recovered. Another 2,000 have been seen in the wreck and officials said there could well be more as divers continue to search the ship.—MNA/Reuters

Matt Damon gets star on Hollywood Walk of Fame



"Ocean's 13" cast members Brad Pitt (L) and George Clooney (2nd L), producer Jerry Weintraub (2nd R) and cast member Matt Damon hold plaques before getting their hand and footprints in cement in front of Grauman's Chinese Theatre in Los Angeles, on 5 June, 2007 file photo. — XINHUA

BEIJING, 26 July — Hollywood actor Matt Damon received his star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame on Wednesday.

"The Bourne Ultimatum" star became the 2,343rd celebrity honored

with a star in the popular tourist district on Hollywood Boulevard.

Speaking at a ceremony to mark the occasion, Damon recalled his days with close friend Ben Affleck when they were

struggling to be actors.

"Ben and I lived in a really, really crappy apartment about five blocks away from here."

"We used to walk up and down here, and look at these stars and ... I hoped, I dreamed that this would happen but I ... thank you, thanks a lot."

Damon, 36, won a screenwriting Oscar with Affleck in 1998 for "Good Will Hunting," in which he portrayed a troubled university janitor who is a mathematics genius. He has also starred in "The Departed," "The Good Shepherd" and the "Ocean's Eleven" franchise. He stars as the amnesiac assassin Jason Bourne in "The Bourne Identity" and its two sequels.—Internet

Peanut allergen treatment developed in US

BEIJING, 26 July — Researchers at North Carolina Agricultural and Technical State University have developed a treatment that removes the allergens from peanuts, according to media reports on Thursday.

Dr Mohamed Ahmedna, the lead inventor of the new process, has spent six years to inactivate the peanut allergens. The recent tests with human serum from allergic individuals show that the developed process is successful. It is claimed the unclear biological process done after the peanut is harvested does not significantly affect the taste or quality of the nut.

The process will still have to undergo FDA approval. Ahmedna is looking to optimize this process and extend it to beyond peanuts to other varieties of nuts.

US agricultural Officials are hopeful this will open the door to removing allergens from other foods.

Internet



Firemen stand on the spot where the TAM airlines Airbus A320 crashed after skidding off a rain-slicked runway last week at Sao Paulo's Congonhas Airport, on 26 July, 2007. — INTERNET

SPORTS



Ai Miyazato of Japan hits an approach shot on the first hole, during the Evian Masters women's golf tournament in Evian, eastern France, on 26 July, 2007. — INTERNET

Dancevic ends Canadian ATP wait

INDIANAPOLIS, 26 July — Frank Dancevic became the first Canadian in six years to reach an ATP Tour quarterfinal on Wednesday.

Dancevic rebounded to beat Juan Martin Del Potro

of Argentina 3-6, 7-6, 6-4 in a second-round match at the Indianapolis Championships.

The 109th-ranked Dancevic only learned on Friday that he would make it into the main draw.

The last Canadian to achieve at least a quarterfinal berth at an ATP tournament was Sebastian Lareau, who reached the semifinals of the 2001 Memphis tournament.

Kunitsyn had an easy passage to the quarterfinals when fourth-seeded American Mardy Fish retired with a knee injury when the Russian was leading 6-4.

MNA/Reuters

Roddick eases into Indianapolis quarters

INDIANAPOLIS, 26 July — Top seed and two-times champion Andy Roddick moved into the last eight of the Indianapolis Championships with a 6-3, 6-2 win over Russia's Evgeny Korolev on Wednesday.

The fifth-ranked American, who now has an 18-2 record in Indianapolis, continued his good form at the event that has seen him reach at least the quarterfinals in the last five years.

He won the title in 2003 and 2004, was a quarterfinalist in 2005 and a finalist last year.

Roddick was not happy with his serve during the match — his first serve percentage was a low 53 per cent — but he was happy that his baseline game made up for the weakness of his biggest weapon.

The 80th-ranked Korolev hung with Roddick through the first seven games of the match before losing his serve in the eighth game of the first set.

MNA/Reuters



Russia's Igor Andreev returns the ball to Spain's Tommy Robredo during their third round match at the ATP Austrian Open tennis tournament in Kitzbuehel, Austria, on 26 July, 2007. — INTERNET

Two-goal Tyvar keeps Zilina's head above water

LONDON, 26 July — Striker Peter Styvar scored twice as MSK Zilina beat Dudelange 5-4 on Wednesday for a place in the second qualifying round of the Champions League. The Slovakian champions, who won the first qualifying round tie 7-5 on aggregate, now meet Slavia Prague from the neighbouring Czech Republic. Zilina, having won the first leg 2-1 in Luxembourg, looked to be cruising after going 3-0 up in the opening half hour. But two goals from forward Joris Di Gregorio, Dudelange's scorer in the home leg, either side of the interval put the visitors back into the match and the tie remained in the balance until the end of an exciting five-goal second half.

Zilina were joined in the next round by Ventspils, who were grateful for the two away goals scored by Latvian Euro 2004 striker Vits Rimkus in Wales last week to separate them from The New Saints.

MNA/Reuters

Serena, Ivanovic pull out of San Diego event

STANFORD (California), 26 July — Serena Williams and Ana Ivanovic have become the latest leading players to withdraw from next week's tournament in San Diego, the WTA Tour announced on Wednesday.

It was the fourth successive pullout for world number eight Williams, who injured her left thumb in the fourth-round victory over Daniela Hantuchova at Wimbledon earlier this month.

The American fell in the quarterfinals to top-ranked Justine Henin of Belgium, who withdrew

from the San Diego Classic last week with a wrist injury.

Since Wimbledon, the eight-times Grand Slam champion Williams has pulled out of the Fed Cup semifinal against Russia and tournaments in Cincinnati, Stanford and now San Diego.

The fifth ranked Ivanovic, who reached final of the French Open and semifinals of Wimbledon, is struggling with a left knee injury. The Serbian also pulled out of this week's Stanford Classic in California.

MNA/Reuters

Henry scores on Barcelona debut at Dundee United

DUNDEE, 27 July — Thierry Henry scored the winner on his Barcelona debut on Thursday when the Spanish side beat Dundee United 1-0 in a pre-season friendly at Tannadice.

The French international had a last minute penalty parried by United's Polish keeper Grzegorz Szamotulski, but slammed in the rebound.

Henry replaced Samuel Eto'o for the second period and just 25 seconds into the half he fired a 16-metre shot narrowly beyond the right post.

Barca came close to a first half opener with a 25-metre free kick from Ronaldinho which slammed high against the far post in the 18th minute.

MNA/REUTERS



Mi Hyun Kim of the South Korea studies the ball during the first round of the Evian Masters women's golf tournament in Evian, eastern France, on 26 July, 2007. — INTERNET

Iraq seek fairytale ending after nightmare start

BANGKOK, 27 July — Iraq's beleaguered soccer team are pinning their hopes on a fairytale ending to their Asian Cup story after logistical blunders and slapdash preparations plunged their campaign into disarray even before a ball had been kicked.

Against all odds, the unfancied Iraqis beat twice-champions South Korea 4-3 in a dramatic penalty shootout on Wednesday to reach their first Asian Cup final, bringing some rare cheer to the war-scarred Iraqi people.

The team's Brazilian coach Jorvan Vieira, who has worked with 26 clubs and five national teams, says his short-term job with Iraq has been the toughest of his career.

"Everything has gone wrong — hotels, food, equipment, players, training, logistics. You cannot imagine what we have been through," Vieira told Reuters in a telephone in-

terview on Thursday.

"Because of this, no one expected us to be where we are. What we have done has totally shocked people."

MNA/Reuters

Troicki Stuns top seed Djokovic at Croatia Open

UMAG (Croatia), 26 July — Serbia's Viktor Troicki caused the latest upset at the Croatian Open when he rallied from a set down to overcome top seeded compatriot Novak Djokovic 2-6, 6-4, 7-5 on Wednesday, clinching a spot in the quarterfinals.

The 21-year-old qualifier belied his world ranking of 176 to overpower Djokovic in a match lasting more than two hours and will next face Argentina's Carlos Berlocq, who ousted Romania's Victor Hanesu 6-7, 6-4, 6-2.

Troicki's victory left the tournament without the top three seeds after Djokovic joined Russia's Nikolay Davydenko and Croat Ivan Ljubicic on the sidelines, the second and third seed having lost first round matches earlier in the week.

MNA/Reuters



English soccer legend Bobby Charlton (R) offers a soccer ball to a Cambodia school child at Roka Poeung primary school at Ratanak Moudol district in Battambang province, 350 km (217 miles) northeast of Phnom Penh, on 25 July, 2007.— INTERNET

Flood Bulletin

(Issued at 12:30 hr MST on 27-7-2007)

According to the (06:30) hr MST observation today, the water levels of Chindwin River at Hkamti, Mawlaik and Kalaywa are (1514) cm, (1334) cm and (1571) cm respectively. The water levels may remain above their respective danger levels of Hkamti (1360) cm, Mawlaik (1230) cm and Kalewa (1550) cm during the next (48) hrs commencing noon today.

Flood Warning

(Issued at 12:30 hr MST on 27-7-2007)

According to the (06:30) hr MST observation today, the water levels of Ayeyawady River at Bhamo, Mandalay and Sagaing are (1137) cm, (1222) cm and (1105) cm respectively. The water levels may exceed above the danger level of Bhamo (1150) cm during the next (24) hrs and reach their respective danger levels of Mandalay (1260) cm and Sagaing (1150) cm during the next (36) hrs commencing noon today.

According to the (06:30) hr MST observation today, the water levels of Chindwin River at Monywa is (975) cm. It may reach its danger level (1000) cm during the next (36) hrs commencing noon today.

According to the (06:30) hr MST observation today, the water levels of Dokehtawady River at Myitnge is (826) cm. It may reach its danger level (870) cm during the next (36) hrs commencing noon today.

Five crew members missing as ship sinks in Bay of Bengal

DHAKA, 27 July—Five crew members were missing and ten others were rescued as a cargo ship sank in the channel of Sandwip in the Bay of Bengal on Wednesday, Bangladesh's official news agency BSS reported.

The cargo ship MV Thiram carrying clinker sank in the rough sea near southeastern Chittagong port city, some 215

kilometres southeast of capital Dhaka, as the sea was very angry following a depression that has developed into the sea.

The ship has gone down into the sea but the nationality of the ship could not be known yet, the agency said.

Bangladesh Navy has launched a search for the missing crew members of the ship. — MNA/Xinhua

Kidnapped German reporter, translator freed in Afghanistan

KABUL, 27 July — A German journalist and his Afghan translator kidnapped late Tuesday have been freed after a day of captivity, an Afghan governor said Wednesday.

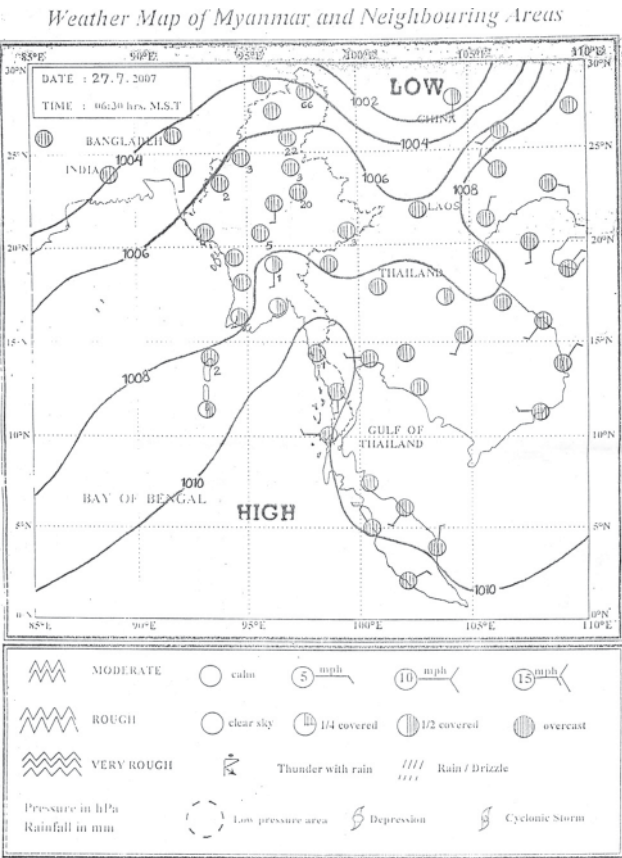
The reporter travelled to the eastern Kunar Province's Saangar District to cover a NATO-led airstrike about two weeks ago, where he was kidnapped from a house late on Tuesday night with his translator, Kunar's governor Shalizi Deedar said.

The Taleban claimed that it took the German journalist.

According to Deedar, no ransom was paid for the hostages' release. Local tribal elders helped to negotiate the release.

Two other Germans were kidnapped in the south of the country last Wednesday.

MNA/Xinhua



WEATHER

Friday, 27 July, 2007

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hour MST: During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been widespread in Kachin and Shan States, upper Sagaing Division, fairly widespread in lower Sagaing and Mandalay Divisions, scattered in Bago and Taninthayi Divisions, isolated in Chin, Rakhine and Mon States and Yangon Division and weather has been partly cloudy in the remaining areas with isolated heavyfalls in Mandalay Division. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were PyinOoLwin (6.97) inches, Putao (2.60) inches, Pinlaung (1.26) inches and Namhsan (1.22) inches.

Maximum temperature on 26-7-2007 was 92°F. Minimum temperature on 27-7-2007 was 76°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hours MST on 27-7-2007 was 85%. Total sunshine hours on 26-7-2007 was (5.00) hour approx.

Rainfall on 27-7-2007 was (Nil) inches at Mingaladon, (Nil) at Kaba-Aye and (Nil) at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2007 was (77.56) inches at Mingaladon, (81.34) inches at Kaba-Aye and (82.24) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (4) mph from Southwest at (18:30) hours MST on 26-7-2007.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 28-7-2007: Rain or thundershowers will be isolated in Kayah State, Magway and Ayeyawady Divisions, scattered in Rakhine, Mon and Kayin States, Bago, Taninthayi and Yangon Divisions, fairly widespread in Chin State, lower Sagaing and Mandalay Divisions and widespread in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (80%).

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

Outlook for subsequent two days: Weak monsoon. **Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring areas for 28-7-2007:** Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring areas for 28-7-2007: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring areas for 28-7-2007: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Weather outlook for first weekend of August 2007: During the coming weekend, isolated rain or thundershowers in Nay Pyi Taw, Yangon and Mandalay Divisions.

New Rainfall Record

(Issued at 12:00 hr MST on 27-7-2007)

The amount of rainfall (177) mm (6.97 inches) observed at (09:30) hour MST on 27th July 2007 in Pyin Oo Lwin is the (24) hours new maximum rainfall record at the station for the month of July during last (24) years. The former record was (143 mm) (5.63 inches) on 24th July 2003.



Saturday, 28 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. မဟာဝံသမြတ်ဗုဒ္ဓ (ဒုတိယပိုင်း) (တရားဦးရတနာဓမ္မစကြာနှင့် ဓမ္မဒုတမိန့်ခွန်းတော်) (ဣန္ဒာဆွေစီစဉ်ရေးဖွဲ့ပူဇော်သည်)
- 8:00 am**
5. Nice and sweet song
- 8:15 am**
6. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 8:30 am**
7. International news
- 8:45 am**
8. Grammar made easy
- 11:00 am**
1. Martial song

- 11:15 am**
2. Musical programme
- 11:30 am**
3. News
- 11:40 am**
4. Games for children
- 12:10 am**
5. Round up of the week's TV local news
- 12:45 am**
6. မြတ်ဗုဒ္ဓ၏မဟာဗုဒ္ဓဝင်
- 2:00 pm**
7. Dance of national races
- 2:15 pm**
8. ဝါဆိုလတေးများ
- 2:30 am**
9. နမ္မတီးတံတား (ကံလှ)
- 2:45 am**
10. Internatinal news
- 4:00 pm**
1. Martial song
- 4:15 pm**
2. Song for uphold national spirit
- 4:30 pm**
3. ရန်ကုန်တိုင်းအမှတ် (၃) အခြေခံပညာဦးစီးဌာန၊ ဆဌမအကြိမ်ဓမ္မစကြာ ဝတ်ရွတ်ပူဇော်ပွဲ (ပထမဆု) (အထက-၁၊ သန်လျင်) (အမျိုးသားဝတ်ရွတ်အဖွဲ့)

- 4:50 pm**
4. အဆေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ် ပညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြား သင်ခန်းစာ -ပထမနှစ် (အထူးပြုအားလုံး) (မြန်မာစာ)
- 5:05 pm**
5. Game for children
- 5:30 pm**
6. ရသပေါ်လွင် သရုပ်ဆောင်လွင်ပြင်
- 6:00 pm**
7. Evening news
- 6:30 pm**
8. Weather report
- 6:35 pm**
9. အလှရှာမယ်လှကမ္ဘာဝယ်
- 6:55 pm**
10. ဘင်း(မ်)စတတ် (BIMSTEC) အကြောင်းသိကောင်းစရာ
- 7:10 pm**
11. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “သမားတော်”(အပိုင်း-၄၆)
- 8:00 pm**
12. News
- 8:30 pm**
13. International news
- 8:45 pm**
14. Weather report
- 9:00 pm**
15. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “ဓမ္မဇာနည်ကြီး” (အပိုင်း-၉)
- 9:15 pm**
17. The next day's programme



- Saturday, 28 July**
- Tune in today**
- 8:30 am** Brief news
- 8:35 am** Music:
-Stay with me (Erasure)
- 8:40 am** Perspectives
- 8:45 am** Music:
-He's on the phone (St Etien)
- 8:50 am** National news / Slogan
- 9:00 am** Music:
-A girl like you (Edwyn Collin)
- 9:05 am** International news
- 9:10 am** Music:
-Mamaloo (Cartoons)
- 1:30 pm** News / Slogan
- 1:40 pm** Music at your music request
-I'm getting used to you (Selena)
-In the blink of an eye (A' Teen)
- 9:00 pm** ASEAN news
Exchange news from ASEAN membercountries
- 9:20 pm** Myanma Culture ... Dr Khin Maung Nyut
-The month of Waso (2)
- 9:30pm** Souvenirs Walk-ing my b a b y back home (Nat King Cole Cole)
- 9:45 pm** News /Slogan
- 10:00 pm** PEL

Acting Prime Minister Lt-Gen Thein Sein sends message of felicitations to Peru

NAY PYI TAW, 28 July— Lt-Gen Thein Sein, Acting Prime Minister of the Government of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr Jorge Del Castillo Galvez, Prime Minister of the Republic of Peru on the occasion of the Independence Day of the Republic of Peru which falls on 28th July 2007. —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.

Delegate groups of National Convention meet in group discussions



Alternate Chairman U Mahn Ohn Maung addresses group meeting of Delegate Group of National Races. — MNA

YANGON, 27 July — Delegate groups of Representatives-elect, National Races, Peasants, Workers and State Service Personnel organized the group meetings at the designated places of Nyaunghnapin Camp in Hmawby Township this morning.

Before the meetings, members of the panel of chairmen and delegates of the National Convention from respective delegate groups signed in the attendance books.

Delegate Group of Representatives-elect

The group meeting of the Delegate Group of Representatives-elect was held at the hall-1 this morning.

Alternate Chairman U Law Hsin Kwam of Kokang Democracy and Unity Party presided over the meeting together with U Mahn Tin Maung (a) U Mahn Myo Nyunt of Union Kayin League and U Kyar Har She of Lahu National Development Party.

Deputy Director U Khin Sein and Assistant Director Daw Mie Mie Shein of the National Convention Convening Work Committee acted as MC.

Alternate Chairman U Law Hsin Kwam of Kokang Democracy and Unity Party delivered an address, and U San Tha Aung of Mro (or) Khami National Solidarity Organization and U Aung Thein of Ywangan Township Constituency, on behalf of

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One dissolved MDC member, four NLD members inciting mass protest to cause unrest on religious pretext released after being educated

NAY PYI TAW, 27 July — One member of the dissolved Myanmar Development Committee (MDC) and four NLD members who were seized and handed over by the people wishing to live in peace to authorities concerned for their incitement to cause public unrest on the religious pretext were released today after they had been educated.

They were abolished MDC leader Htin Kyaw (a) Kyaw Htin of Ward-E in North Oakkalapa Township, Secretary Aye Naing of Dagon Myothit (South) Township NLD, Secretary Thant Zin Myo of Hlinethaya Township NLD and youth team in charge Saw Kyaw Kyaw Min and member Aye Lwin of Insein Township NLD.

On 22 April this year at 9.20 am, Htin Kyaw (a) Kyaw Htin together with six dissolved MDC members

including Thein Aung Myint holding placards demanding the protection of women and elimination of illegal tax collection in front of Sanpya Market in Ngamoeyek Ward, Thingangyun Township incited people to cause unrest. However, the ward dwellers arrested and handed over the instigators to the authorities concerned.

On 15 May at 10.30 am, Aye Naing, Saw Kyaw Kyaw Min and Aye Lwin instigated civil unrest with an excuse for attending the prayer service at Kyauktawgyi Pagoda. Consequently, they were captured and handed over by some public members to the authorities concerned near a bus terminal on Station Road in Nanthagon Ward, Insein Township.

Likewise, as Hlinethaya Township NLD Secretary Thant Zin Myo along with 10 other members

wearing T-shirts featuring the portrait of Daw Suu Kyi incited unrest by holding a prayer service at Shwedagon Pagoda for the release of Daw Suu Kyi, they were arrested near Tadabyu bus-stop in Hlinethaya Township and handed over to the local authorities concerned by some dwellers of Ward-6 of the township on 15 May at 8.20 am.

When it comes to serving the interests of their own communities, Myanmar national people are always ready and willing to contribute to the well-being of their own regions as they have had a fine tradition of cherishing their own regions and country. Moreover, without being asked or urged, they would actively participate in social welfare tasks of their own communities. And traditionally, they are peace-loving people.

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