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Senior General Than Shwe sends felicitations to Kingdom of Morocco

NAY PYI TAW, 30 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 Majesty King Mohamed VI of the Kingdom of Morocco, on the occasion of the National Day of the Kingdom of Morocco which falls on 30 July 2007. — *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

Lt-Gen Myint Swe and wife Daw Khin Thet Htay donate Waso robes and alms offered by Senior General Than Shwe, wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing and family to Presiding Nayaka Sayadaw of Pitakat Thonbon Nikaya Monastery

Lt-Gen Myint Swe of Ministry of Defence and wife Daw Khin Thet Htay offer Waso robes and provisions donated by Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing to a Sayadaw.— MNA

YANGON, 29 July — Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence and wife Daw Khin Thet Htay presented Waso robes and provisions offered by Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe, wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing and family to the Presiding Nayaka Sayadaw of Pitakat Thonbon Nikaya Monastery at the ceremony to donate Waso robes, honour three monks who had passed the Tipitakadhara Tipitakakovida Selection Examination and present certificates of honour to 10 religious title holder laypersons at the monastery in Dagon Myothit (South) Township this morning.

The ceremony was also attended by Presiding Nayaka Sayadaw Golden Jubilee Tipitakadhara Tipitakakovida Bhaddanta Silakkhandhabhivamsa and members of the Sangha, Chairman of Yangon Division PDC Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Hla Htay Win and wife Daw Mar Mar Wai, Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin and wife Dr Daw Khin Hsan Nwe, senior military officers, departmental officials and wellwishers. Sayadaw Bhaddanta Silakkhandhabhivamsa administered the Nine Precepts. Members of the Sangha recited Metta Sutta.

Sayadaw Bhaddanta Paññinda read the brief biographies of three monks who had passed the exam.

Next, Lt-Gen Myint Swe and wife Daw Khin Thet Htay offered Waso robes and provisions donated by Senior General Than Shwe, wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing and family to the Presiding Nayaka Sayadaw.

The commander and wife, the mayor and wife and senior military officers also donated Waso robes and alms to members of the Sangha.

Lt-Gen Myint Swe also presented certificates and alms to Ubhato Vibhangakovida Ashin Jotissaralankara and Ubhato Vibhangadhara Ashin Paññasiri and Ashin Silananda.

The commander and the mayor gave certificates of honour to the Sasana Nuggaha title holder laypersons.

The Presiding Nayaka Sayadaw delivered a sermon, and the congregation shared merits gained.

After the ceremony, Lt-Gen Myint Swe and wife and party offered Waso robes to members of the Sangha.

Lt-Gen Myint Swe and wife also attended the 26th Waso robes offering ceremony at Pali Takkatho Nyaungdon Monastery of Bahan Township and donated Waso robes and alms to the Presiding Nayaka Sayadaw.

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Wellwishers offer Waso robes to monks

YANGON, 29 July — The 2nd Waso robes offering ceremony of Phaungtaw U Monastery was held at the monastery in Bahan Township today.

The congregation took the Five Precepts from Presiding Sayadaw Bhaddanta Suzana and members of the Sangha recited parittas.

Next, Chairman of the Monastery Board of Committee Lt-Col Ba Than (Retd), committee members and wellwishers presented Waso robes and provisions to the Sayadaw and members of the Sangha. The congregation shared merits gained.— *MNA*

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

PERSPECTIVES

Monday, 30 July, 2007

Strive for national development making better use of already-achieved peace and progress

The National Convention, a prerequisite for shaping the future of the State and the people, is being convened at Nyaunghnapin Camp, Hmawby Township, Yangon Division.

Upholding the interests of the State and the people, over 1,000 delegates to the National Convention are holding discussions for the emergence of an enduring State constitution which plays an important role in building a modern, developed and discipline-flourishing democratic nation.

At a time when the NC is being held the Shan State Nationalities People's Liberation Organization (SSNPLO) led by Chairman U Chit Maung, that had returned to the legal fold, unconditionally exchanged arms for peace in support of the NC.

To bring about peace and stability in the nation the entire national people need to be united. In this regard, the State, the people and the Tatmadaw are making concerted efforts together with the leaders of national races. As a result, the whole country including far-flung border areas is now enjoying the fruits of development. Furthermore, there are fruits of peace that could lead to successful realization of democracy.

Realizing that it would be better to march to democracy without carrying arms, (SSNPLO) led by Chairman U Chit Maung that had returned to the legal fold unconditionally surrendered arms for peace.

This being so, all the national brethren who have returned to the legal fold are to strive together with local people for national development, making better use of the already-achieved peace and development.

Myanmar delegation leaves for PRC

NAY PYI TAW, 29 July—A Myanmar delegation led by Minister for Education Dr Chan Nyein left here by air for the People's Republic of China yesterday afternoon to attend UNESCO regional conference on global literacy to be held in China.

The delegation was seen off at Nay Pyi Taw Airport by Minister for Transport Maj-Gen Thein Swe, Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint, Deputy Minister for Education Brig-Gen Aung Myo Min and officials.

The minister was accompanied by Director-General U Ohn Myint of Myanmar Education Research Bureau.— *MNA*

***Minister Dr Chan Nyein being seen off by Minister Maj-Gen Thein Swe, Minister Dr Kyaw Myint and Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Aung Myo Min at Nay Pyi Taw Airport.*—MNA**

People's Desire

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

Buddhist association of courts offers Waso robes

YANGON, 29 July— Under the patronage of Chief Justice U Aung Toe and wife Daw Aye Kyi, members of the Buddhist association of courts offered Waso robes to the monks at the association in Bahan Township today.

***Congregation led by Chief Justice U Aung Toe share merits gained at Waso robes offering ceremony.*— MNA**

The congregation received the Eight Precepts from Presiding Sayadaw Bhaddanta Zanita of the Suga Pariyatti Monastery.

Chief Justice U Aung Toe, Deputy Chief Justice U Soe Thein and law officers donated Waso robes and offertories to members of the Sangha and they shared merits gained.

After donation ceremony, they offered alms food to members of the Sangha. — *MNA*

***Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha and wife Daw Kyu Kyu Win present Waso robes and provisions to a Sayadaw at first Waso robes offering ceremony of the ministry on 29 July.*— MNA**

Finance and Revenue Minister meets district level departmental officials

YANGON, 29 July— Minister for Finance and Revenue Maj-Gen Hla Tun met with the district level and above departmental officials under the Ministry of Finance and Revenue at the meeting hall of the Central Bank of Myanmar here this morning.

At the meeting, the district level departmental officials reported on progress of work and future tasks.

Next, Minister for Finance and Revenue Maj-Gen Hla Tun made a speech. He said that the management level departmental officials are to make relentless efforts with a sense of duty for successful realization of the objectives of the State and the tasks of the department, thoroughly understanding them; and stressed the need for the officials to try their best to be capable, polished, dutiful and loyal as they are to deal with the public.

The minister went on to say that all measures need to be taken in line with the law, rules and regulations and procedures in boosting work efficiency, making the best of the advanced science and technology; and spoke of the need for officials at different levels to try their utmost to be exemplary in supervising their subordinates.—*MNA*

Waso robes offered

YANGON, 29 July— The 11th Waso robes offering ceremony of Pantapwinttaung Tawra Sasana region was held at Pantapwinttaung Sasana region in Taikkyi Township, Yangon North District, today.

Wellwishers presented Waso robes to members of the Sangha. Pantapwinttaung Sayadaw Saddhamma Jotica Dhaja Bhaddanta Paññasara presented certificates of honour to wellwishers who donated cash for Nagayon pagoda and Koetaungpyay pagoda.

Afterwards, the Sayadaw and members of the Pagoda Board of Trustees presented cash awards to six students who passed the matriculation examination for 2007 academic year.

The wellwishers donated Waso robes and provisions to the Sayadaw and shared merits gained.

MNA

Donate blood

INTERNATIONAL NEWS

WHO says environmental hazards kill four mln children a year

GENEVA, 28 July — Four million children under the age of five die every year due to environmental hazards including polluted air or water, or exposure to chemicals, the World Health Organization (WHO) said on Friday.

Poisonings, acute respiratory infections, diarrhoeal diseases and malaria carried by mosquitoes which thrive in dirty water account for most of the toll, the United Nations agency said in a technical report.

"This is something that intuitively we have always recognized, but we never put a number to it," WHO expert Jenny Pronczuk told a news briefing.

Some 30 per cent of illnesses and deaths in children due to disease can be attributed to environmental factors, according to the report.

But chemicals have different effects as children grow, and often the effects of exposure to toxins while in the womb only emerge later in adolescence, the WHO said in the report drawn up by 24 scientific experts.

"For example if you look at lead exposure, the effect will be different if the child was exposed in utero because the lead of the mother goes into the bones of the child," Pronczuk said.

MNA/Reuters

British policeman charged with murdering barrister's clerk

LONDON, 28 July — A policeman has been charged with the murder of a barrister's clerk in a packed City of London bar.

Adam Lowe, 26, from Hertfordshire, a serving officer with the City police, was charged over the death of Lee Cook, 21, who died last week after an attack at the Alibi bar in Shoe Lane, off Fleet Street.

"We are deeply disappointed that one of our officers has been charged in connection with this investigation," City of London Police Commander Patrick Rice said in a statement.

"He has been suspended from duty and justice must now take its course.

"The community can rest assured that we will continue to carry out a robust and thorough inquiry to ensure those responsible for Lee Cook's death are brought to justice."

Administrator Lloyd Moore, 26, and Rick Maynard, a 27-year-old product designer, both from Essex, have also been charged with murder.

Lowe and Moore are due to appear before City of London magistrates later on Friday. Maynard was remanded in custody to 1 November.

MNA/Reuters

Indian villagers use a raft made of banana plants to navigate through floodwaters near the village of Bordoloni in Dhemaji district, some 500 km from Guwahati recently. At least 27 people have died and nearly dozens of people have been killed and nearly three million hit by floods triggered by torrential monsoon rains in India and Nepal. — INTERNET

Mysterious illness kills eight in Indonesia

JAKARTA, 28 July — A mysterious illness has claimed eight people's lives and forced 23 others in hospital in the Indonesian town of Magelang, while doctors have still yet known the name of the disease, local Press reported Friday.

A health official has confirmed the mysterious outbreak was neither SARS nor bird flu, English daily *The Jakarta Post* said.Officials first suspected of poisoning, but assessment of food and water in the scene in the Central Java town did not find any toxic substances.

In the past three days, 31 people in the remote Kanigoro Village in Magelang have been hospitalized with similar symptoms — severe nausea and seizures.

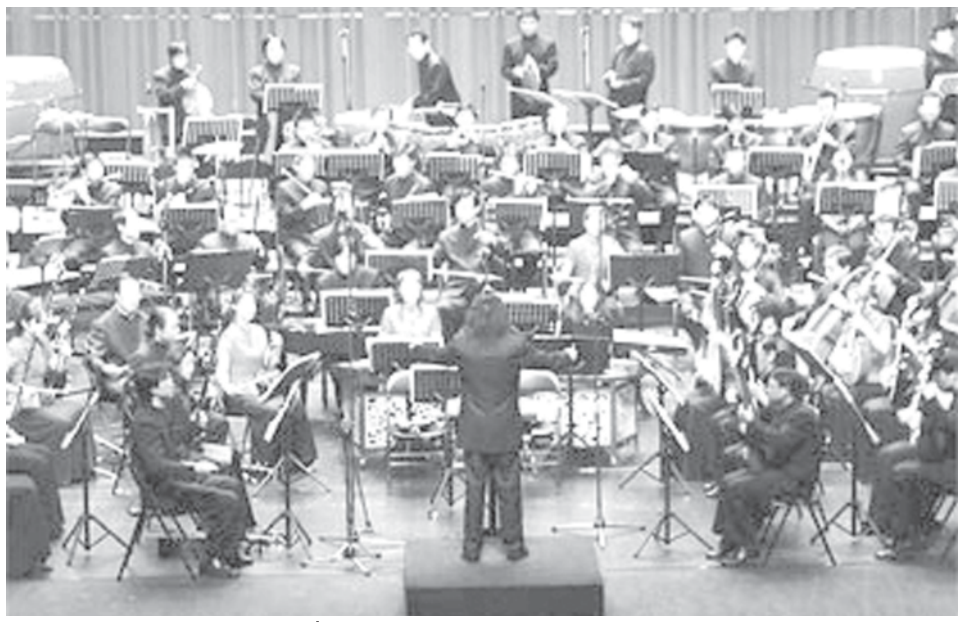
But the first eight people with the symptoms died because of delayed treatment, Marwan Nusri of the Health Ministry was quoted as saying.

The ministry is currently looking at the possibility of a virus or bacteria that targets a specific internal organ, but declined to give details. The illness had quickly spread through the village but did not appear to have any obvious infection pattern.

Tissue samples from the victims would be sent to Jakarta this week for further examination.

MNA/Xinhua

CULTURAL NEWS



The Macao Chinese Orchestra . The Cultural Affairs Bureau of the Macau SAR Government will hold the 21st Macau International Music Festival (MIMF) from 5 to 31 October . — INTERNET

Three ISAF soldiers killed in Afghanistan

KABUL, 28 July — Three soldiers of the NATO-led International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) were killed on Friday in Afghanistan, an ISAF statement said.

Two ISAF soldiers and one Afghan soldier were killed during fighting in eastern Afghanistan, the statement said, adding 13 ISAF soldiers were injured.

Meanwhile, an ISAF soldier was killed during an engagement with enemy fighters in southern Afghanistan. In accordance with NATO policy, ISAF does not release a casualty's nationality prior to the relevant national authority doing so.

The statement also did not say in which provinces the incidents occurred.

Due to rising Taleban violence, over 110 foreign soldiers have been killed in Afghanistan so far this year.— *MNA/Xinhua*

A Macedonian helicopter extinguishes a forest fire near the village of Kopance, 25 km (15 miles) from Skopje on 27 July , 2007. — INTERNET

RM4.3m for Indian youths undergo skills programmes

KUALA LUMPUR, 29 July — The government has approved a RM4.3 million allocation for Indian youths to undergo skills training programmes at public vocational institutes until end of 2007.

MIC president Datuk Seri S Samy Vellu said that of the total, RM1.16 million was for 200 Indian youths, who failed in last year's Sijil Pelajaran Malaysia (SPM) examinations, to undergo six-month skills training at four institutes to be determined later.

"The government will also provide a special loan fund totalling RM3 million through Yayasan Tekun for 500 Indian youths to obtain micro business loans," he told reporters after opening the Malaysian Indian Youth Council's 14th general assembly here today.

Samy Vellu, who is Works Minister, said the loan would be given to Indian youths who had completed their six-month skills training courses at Pusat Giat Mara, Industrial Training Institute (ITI) and National Youth Training Institute (NYTI).

"Each trainee can apply for between RM500 and RM10,000," he said.

A special grant of RM140,600 would be provided as allowances for 60 to 80 Indian youths at six Pusat Giat Mara to pay for their hostel accommodation and meals.

Samy Vellu said the government, through the National Entrepreneur Institute, had allocated RM150,000 to train 600 Indian youths in micro businesses at Pusat Giat Mara and ITI.

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A boy pulls his donkey after fetching drinking water in Jhal Magsi, 550 km (343 miles) north of Karachi, on 28 July, 2007, which was previously hit by a flood. — INTERNET

Sunshine 'protective' against MS

LONDON, 28 July—People who spend more time in the sun as children subsequently have a lower risk of developing multiple sclerosis (MS), a US study shows.

The University of Southern California team suggest UV rays offer protection by altering the cell immune responses or by boosting vitamin D levels.

An earlier study found women who took vitamin D supplements were 40% less likely to develop MS.

The latest research is published in the journal *Neurology*.

MS is among the most common neurological diseases affecting around two million people worldwide.

For the study, researchers surveyed 79 pairs of identical twins who had the same genetic risk of MS.

In each pair, one of the twins had MS.

Internet

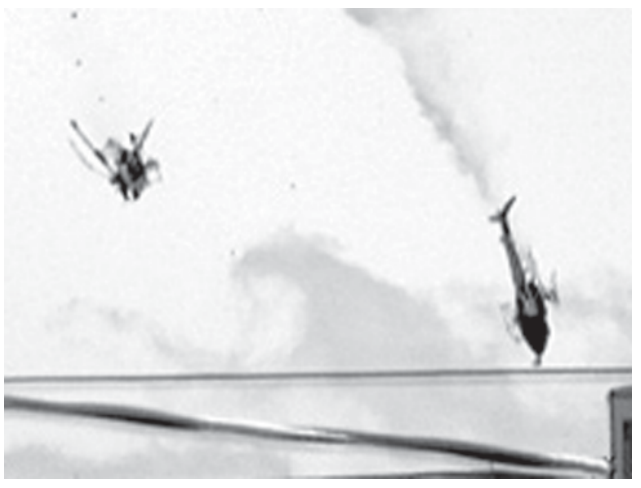
Deaths in US TV helicopter crash

LONDON, 28 July —Four people have died after two helicopters, owned by rival US television channels, collided in mid-air while covering a car chase.

Both helicopters went down in Steele Indian School Park in Phoenix, Arizona, and caught fire as they were covering the police pursuit of a pick-up truck.

Everyone on board the two craft was killed. No-one on the ground was hurt.

Within moments of the collision, other TV news helicopters were broadcasting pictures of the burning wreckage. —*Internet*



Viewers did not witness the crash during the coverage of the chase.—INTERNET

WWII flying bomb found in London

LONDON, 29 July— Police closed streets near London's Canary Wharf financial district on Saturday after an unexploded German flying bomb from World War II was found on a construction site.

WWII bombs are unearthed across Europe, often during building excavations, such as this one in France.

Bomb disposal experts were called in to make the V1 missile safe after it was unearthed close to the east London complex that houses 80,000 office workers during the working week, police said. At weekends the area is busy with shoppers and visitors.

Police closed several roads around the site in Millharbour, a road in the former docklands.

"Ambulance, fire and police are there and the building site has been evacuated," a London police spokesman said. The area was cordoned off, he said. Thousands of V1s, nicknamed "Doodlebugs", were fired at the capital during the war, with the docks a prime target.

Hundreds of unexploded bombs from the war are buried across the country, according to government figures. They are unearthed from time to time, often during building excavations.

Internet

WWII bombs are unearthed across Europe, often during building excavations, such as this one in France.—INTERNET

Vietnam jails six for trafficking 126 women

HANOI, 28 July — A Vietnamese court has jailed six people, including a Chinese national, for up to 12 years for trafficking 126 women to Malaysia.

The gang, led by a 35-year-old Vietnamese woman and her Chinese husband, had defrauded the women by offering them marriage brokering services and then sold them to Malaysian men for about 2,000 US dollars each.

The Ho Chi Minh City People's Court on Thursday sentenced Tran Thi My Phuong and her husband Tsai I Hsein to 12 years and 10 years in jail respectively, the court said in a statement.

MNA/Reuters

ECONOMIC NEWS

Indonesia, Australia to conduct feasibility study for free trade

JAKARTA, 28 July — Indonesia and Australia agreed on Friday to conduct a joint feasibility study on the benefits of their plan to conclude a bilateral agreement on free trade, a release from the Trade Ministry said here.

Indonesian President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono and Australian Prime Minister John Howard gave their approval on the plan during their meeting in Bali Island, said the release.

The study would begin next month and be expected to give recommendations at the mid of next year, said the release.

The plan would evaluate the benefit that can be obtained by both countries in dealing with the implementation of free trade by considering the impacts of the agreement on trade, foreign policies and other strategic issues, it said.

The study would also evaluate how the Free Trade Agreement among Australia, ASEAN (Association of South-East Asian Nations) and New Zealand, which now is under negotiation, could become a basis, said the release.— *MNA/Xinhua*

Soldiers march in front of the financial district during a rehearsal for the National Day Parade in Singapore on 28 July, 2007. Singapore celebrates it's National Day on 9 August. — INTERNET

India's State Bank profit jumps 78% on loan growth

MUMBAI, 29 July— India's largest bank, the State Bank of India, said Saturday its net profit climbed 78.5 percent in the first quarter thanks to strong loan growth.

The bank reported net profit for the three months to June of 14.25 billion rupees (353 million dollars), on total income of 122.29 million rupees, up 27 percent on the same period last year.

Operating profit for the quarter rose 31 percent to 23.61 million rupees.

The bank last month said it may sell shares at the end of 2007 as part of a plan to dilute the government's stake to 51 percent from the current 64.8 percent and raise capital to expand in order to counter competition.

Over the past decade State Bank has lost market share, faced with stiff competition from private sector rivals such as ICICI Bank.

Internet

A family collects Shapla (Water lilies), the national flower of Bangladesh, growing in flood waters to sell at Madartake on the outskirts of Dhaka on 28 July , 2007.— INTERNET

A spent fuel pool is seen inside the No 3 reactor of TEPCO's Kashiwazaki-Kariwa nuclear power plant in Kashiwazaki, Japan on 28 July, 2007. — INTERNET

Lenovo to increase new manufacturing plants in India, Mexico

NEW DELHI, 28 July — Global PC maker Lenovo said here on Thursday that it would invest 31 million US dollars to set up two newmanufacturing plants in India and Mexico, in order to meet the growing demand in those regions.

Lenovo said the new plant in India will be opened in Baddi, a city in India's northern state of Himachal Pradesh, and expected to be operational in the third fiscal quarter of 2007, with an approximate annual production capacity of two million PCs.

Meanwhile, the new plant in Mexico will be set up in Monterrey, a city in the north of Mexico, and is anticipated to carry out production by mid-2008, with a planned annual manufacturing capacity of five million PCs.

Baddi manufacturing facility is Lenovo's second plant in India. "India is an integral part of Lenovo's global manufacturing strategy. With our second plant in India, we expect to improve our supply chain efficiently and better serve our growing base of customers in this region," said Jeff Gallinat, vice-president of Lenovo's global manufacturing.

MNA/Xinhua

A TAM Airlines Airbus A320 lands on the secondary runway at Sao Paulo's Congonhas Airport. The main runway in Sao Paulo's Congonhas Airport was reopened on Friday 10 days after TAM Airlines' Airbus 320 landing accident killed some 200 people.
XINHUA

China's Baidu says net profit more than double in Q2

BEIJING, 28 July — Baidu.com, China's leading Chinese language Internet search engine, said its net profit surged 142.7 percent year on year to 141.9 million yuan (18.6 million US dollars) in the second quarter of 2007.The company's total revenue rose 109.4 percent over the corresponding period in 2006 to 401.3 million yuan (52.7 million US dollars), the *Guangzhou Daily* quoted the company's quarterly report as saying.

Li Yanhong, Chairman and CEO of Baidu, attributes the leap in profit to the successful implementation of strategic improvement made over the last two quarters.

"During the second quarter, we saw robust revenue growth and a healthy increase in online marketing customers," Li said.

The company's share price rose sharply on Friday to 216.8 US dollars per share, representing a 18.32 percent increase.

Baidu also expects its total revenue to reach between 492 million yuan (64.6 million US dollars) to 506 million yuan (66.5 US dollars) in the third quarter, up 106 percent to 111 percent year on year.

Baidu continued to be No. 1 in China's search engine market in the first half of this year with a 57.6 percent share of the market, up 10.2 percentage points from the year-earlier period, according to the latest report by the Beijing-based research firm Analysys International.

Internet

Australian PM to launch eye hospital in Indonesia

JAKARTA, 28 July — Australian Prime Minister John Howard visited Bali, Indonesia, Friday to inaugurate an eye hospital dedicated to the victims of the October 2002 bombings on the resort island, and to hold talks with the Indonesian leader.

Howard said the hospital in the Bali capital of Denpasar would facilitate free eye surgeries for the poor.

He said the Australia Bali Memorial Hospital symbolizes friendship between Australia and Indonesia which holds stronger after the bombings that killed 202 people, including 88 Australian citizens.

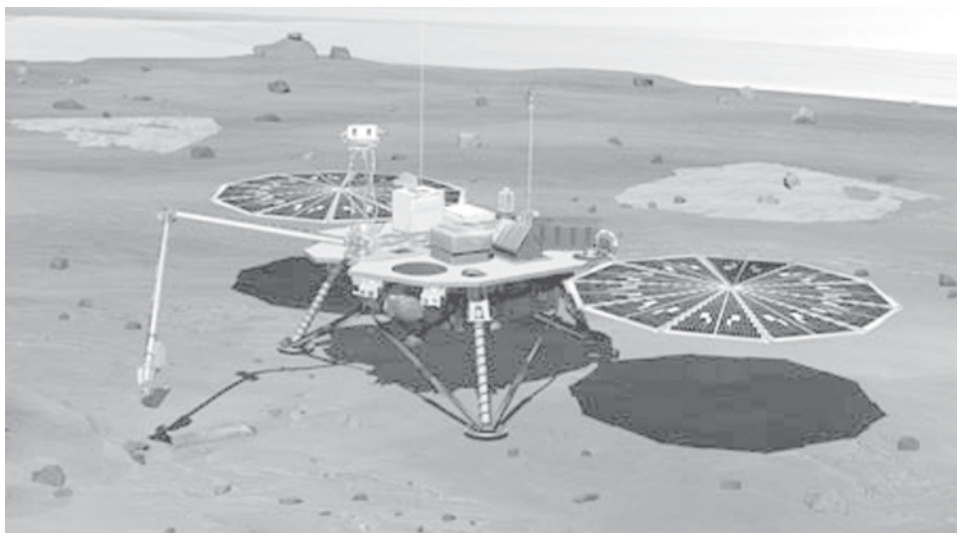
The facility was a living, practical memorial to the victims, he said.

On the same occasion, Indonesian President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono thanked the Australian Government for the donation that is very meaningful for the Bali people.

"About 50,000 people in Bali are suffering from cataract blindness, but most of them are too poor to get treatment.

"This hospital has two mobile clinics that will come to them," Susilo was quoted by leading news website Detikcom as saying.

MNA/Xinhua



This artist's impression of NASA's next Mars mission, Phoenix Mars Lander, is shown in this undated photograph released by NASA on 26 July, 2007. The Mars spacecraft is scheduled to be launched on 3 Aug, 2007 from Kennedy Space Centre in Florida to dig into the soil near the northern pole of Mars to check for conditions favourable to microbial life now or in the planet's past. — XINHUA

Boats carrying sand for land reclamation move along the river Sitalakha on outskirts of Dhaka city, on 28 July, 2007. — INTERNET

School fees rise at twice rate of inflation in London

LONDON, 28 July — School fees have risen by more than twice the rate of inflation in the past five years, new figures show.

Private school fees have increased 41 per cent since 2002, while inflation has run at just 18 per cent, according to Halifax Financial Services.

Fees have risen by 6 per cent in the past year alone — a third more than the increase in retail prices, at 4 per cent. The average annual cost of private school day fees is now 9,627 pounds, compared to 6,820 pounds in 2002. Boarding fees are more than twice those for day pupils. The annual cost of boarding fees is 20,970 pounds, up 36 per cent on the 15,364 pounds of 2002. The above-inflation increases have made it more difficult for average earners in many occupations to send their offspring to private school.

Five years ago, the average worker in 23 occupations could afford to send his or her child as a day pupil to private school but that number is now down to 13.

Scientists, police officers, tax experts, engineers, journalists, clothes designers, teachers and lecturers, writers, trading standards officers and computer programmers can, on average, no longer afford the fees without help from other sources. —*MNA/Reuters*

Danish scouts arrive at the 21st World Scout Jamboree at Highlands Park near Chelmsford in south-eastern England on 28 July, 2007. — INTERNET

Vietnam unearths 1,100-year-old antiques

HANOI, 28 July — Vietnamese archaeologists have discovered many antiques, including two sandstone elephant statues, a horseman statue and some decorative relievo made in the late 9th Century in central Quang Nam Province, local newspaper *Young People* reported Friday.

The antiques were unearthed at a ruined Cham Tower named Khuong My in Nui Thanh District. The archaeologists are continuing to search for antiques.

Vietnam will spend over eight billion Vietnamese dong (500,000 US dollars) restoring the ancient tower late this year, said the newspaper.

Quang Nam is home to the World Heritage site of My Son, an imperial city during the Cham Dynasty, between the 4th and 12th centuries. My Son Sanctuary is a large complex of religious relics which comprises over 70 architectural works, mainly tower temples built to reflect the divinity of the king.

The most well-known tower at My Son Sanctuary, destroyed in wartime in 1969, was 24 metre tall, of sandstone carved with elephants, lions, girl dancers and other images.

MNA/Xinhua

People gather near the site of a suicide bomb attack in Pakistan's capital Islamabad, on 27 July, 2007. XINHUA

Three killed in plane crashes in US

WASHINGTON, 28 July— Three people were killed Saturday in two separate plane crashes in the United States, media reports said. In Dayton, Ohio, a plane crashed on a runway of the Dayton International Airport while performing stunts during the Vectren Dayton Air Show. The pilot, Jim LeRoy, was taken to Miami Valley Hospital and was pronounce dead.

The air show was cancelled for the rest of Saturday.In Oregon City, Oregon, a seaplane crashed, killing two people inside, fire officials said.

In other developments, a medical helicopter with four people onboard crashed early Saturday in Mississippi, injuring one person aboard, and in Phoenix, Arizona, on Friday, two news helicopters covering a police chase collided and killed all four people aboard. Also on Friday, two single-engine war planes at an experimental air show collided in Wisconsin while landing, killing one of the pilots and injuring the other.

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Lt-Gen Myint Swe and wife Daw Khin Thet Htay…

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Also present on the occasion were State Ovadaçariya Presiding Nayaka of the monastery Abhidhaja Maha Rattha Guru Bhaddanta Sobhana and members of the Sangha, the commander and wife, senior military officers and wellwishers.

After taking the Five Precepts, Lt-Gen Myint Swe and wife offered Waso robes and alms to Sayadaw Bhaddanta Sobhana.

The commander and wife, senior military officers and wellwishers also donated Waso robes and offertories to members of the Sangha.

Lecturer Sayadaw of the monastery Bhaddanta Naradabhivamsa delivered a sermon, and the congregation led by Lt-Gen Myint Swe and wife shared merits gained. — *MNA*

Dhammaçakka Day observed at famous…

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Dhammaçakka Day at the respective places by reciting Dhammaçakka Pavattana Sutta, Anattalakkhana Sutta and religious verses.

Furthermore, people in various townships organized the Waso robes offering ceremony. Wellwishers served meals and refreshments to the people. Pilgrims and devotees practised Sabbath and meditation and performed meritorious deeds.

MNA

Athi Thadi Bronze Buddha Image consecrated

***Wellwisher U Kittisara (a) U Kyaw Hein hands over religious objects to Minister Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung.*— MNA**

YANGON, 29 July —The consecration ceremony of Athi Thadi Bronze Buddha Image was held in the precinct of Botahtaung Pagoda in Botahtaung Township this morning.

First, members of the Sangha consecrated the Buddha image.

Vice-Chairman of the State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Pyay Sayadaw Agga Maha Pandita Agga Maha Saddhamma Jotikadhaja Bhaddanta Kundalajoti administered the Nine Precepts. Members of the Sangha recited Parittas.

Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung and wellwishers donated alms to members of the Sangha.

Wellwisher U Kittisara (a) U Kyaw Hein handed over religious objects to the minister.

Joint-Secretary Ye Sayadaw Agga Maha Ganthavaçaka Pandita Bhaddanta Indasiri delivered a sermon, and the congregation led by Minister Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung shared merits gained.

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NPE holds Waso robes offering ceremony

***Officials and employees of NPE take the Five Precepts from a Sayadaw at Waso robes offering ceremony.*—MNA**

YANGON, 29 July — Under the aegis of Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan and wife Daw Kyi Kyi Win, staff families of News and Periodicals Enterprise under the Ministry of Information held Waso robes offering ceremony at Dagon Pariyatti Monastery in Dagon township here today.

First, the congregation took the Five Precepts from Presiding Sayadaw Agga Maha Pandita Bhaddanta Gunananda of the monastery. The members of the Sangha recited parittas.

Next, the departmental officials of the ministry and employees of the enterprise donated Waso robes and provisions to the Sayadaw and members of the Sangha and they shared merits gained.

They offered a day meal to members of the Sangha.

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Minister inspects issuing of Citizenship Scrutiny Cards in Meiktila

NAY PYI TAW, 29 July — Minister for Immigration and Population Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe met the head of Immigration and National Registration Department of Mandalay Division and departmental officials of Meiktila District and Township, local authorities, social organization members and staff at Meiktila Township INRD yesterday morning.

The minister heard reports on issuing of Citizenship Scrutiny Cards in the district presented by Head of Meiktila District INRD U Saw Lamon, and urged officials, social organizations and local authorities to participate in the tasks for issuing the CSCs.

The minister inspected the record room of the district office. Next, he viewed tasks of the staff to issue the cards to the people and gave necessary instructions. Afterwards, the minister cordially greeted the local people and staff.

In Meiktila Township CSCs were issued to 326 people on 28 July. — *MNA*

Two members quit Wundwin Township NLD after losing trust and faith in party's activities and leaders

YANGON, 29 July — Members U Ko Ko and U Chit Ko of Wundwin Township National League for Democracy of Mandalay Division resigned from the NLD on 17 July of their own volition, sending letters of resignation to the NLD (Headquarters) and local authorities.

In their letters of resignation sent to Wundwin Township Multi-party Democracy General Election Subcommission, they said that the unity of NLD is breaking down and that they had lost trust and faith in activities of the party and its leaders. That is why they resigned from the party of their own volition, they said.

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Inspection teams perform dry day functions

YANGON, 29 July—Chairman of the Dry Day Supervisory Committee Brig-Gen Myint Soe, departmental officials and members of the Supervisory Committee supervised Tatmadaw and departmental vehicles at the main points in downtown Yangon this morning and afternoon.

The team supervised the tasks for examining Dry Day passes, driving licences, wheel tax bills of departmental and Tatmadaw vehicles.

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Want to see border areas of Kayin State achieve peace, stability putting end to IDPs and refugees?—(3)

Soe Mya Kyaw

I enjoyed the lunch served by Bagyi Soe and Kyee Kyee Mya so much that I ate my fill As I am a single, mostly, I finish my daily meals as appropriate. My participation had livened up the lunch and it seemed that Bagyi Soe and Kyee Kyee Mya enjoyed their dishes more than usual. The custom of hosts having a meal together with guests is a lovely Myanmar tradition showing warm friendship.

A traditional dessert of salad, palm sugar and green tea, prepared by Kyee Kyee Mya, awaited us after the lunch. While having the dessert, Kye Kye Mya started the discussion.

Kye Kye Mya: Let's continue, Maung Kyaw. We have reached to the slander saying that more refugee camps were being opened due to Tatmadaw's offensive.

Soe Mya Kyaw: Yes Kyee Kyee.

Bagyi Soe: OK, let's continue, to talk about the refugee camps. **Actually, the so-called refugee camps and the Tatmadaw's offensives have never originated in the Tatmadaw. The KNU started all the problems to arrive at the situation. As you know, there is not a single insurgent camp even in the border areas of Myanmar at present. The Tatmadaw can now station bases at the border for national defence and security with ease. In this situation the KNU has been committing various forms of terrorist acts attacking trains and highway cars and some towns and villages. Hence, the Tatmadaw under its security arrangements has to patrol and comb the areas where KNUs are hiding. The Tatmadaw has been making patrols to provide security for public lives and property. Obviously, it is not launching major offensives as accused by those elements.**

Soe Mya Kyaw: Clear as crystal Bagyi. All the people know about it. Isn't it true Kyee Kyee?

Kyee Kyee Mya: Yes, it is absolutely true.

Ba Gyi Soe: Now, let's start our discussion on the point No 2. As regards the point, I will tell you that throughout history, the KNU was applying the strategy of saying lies that a large number of refugees fled their homes for refugee camps in border areas because of the Tatmadaw's military offensive; and that the refugees are facing a dire condition. It is also asking outside help for the so-called problem and pressures on the government. And now the KNU is using the same old strategy. It in collusion with some foreign radio stations is shouting lies that a large number of people are now stranded at refugee camps and suffering from hardships as Tatmadaw is driving them out of their villages to border by force.

Soe Mya Kyaw: Those elements are so tricky.

Bagyi Soe: As we all know, **the Tatmadaw had to battle for many times with a large number of insurgents in the past. During the period from 1988 to 1990, the institution had to use a lot of manpower and firepower to overrun many fortifications of BCP and KNU at the border. It had to use infantry divisions, artillery support and aerial support to fight major battles. Even in that time we had never heard of villagers fleeing their homes to refugee camps *en masse* because of Tatmadaw's offensive. Those perpetrators are shouting slanders at the top of their voice when there are no battles. So, it is obvious that they are lying.** In fact, we the people of Myanmar are tired of hearing and seeing the same old scheme hatched by the KNU and their masters.

Kyee Kyee Mya: We are tired of hearing their lies, but those perpetrators never get tired of playing their old record again and again.

Bagyi Soe: That old record is full of schemes and intentions. **In reality, the KNU has been forcing villagers to leave for border areas, while putting the blame on the Tatmadaw, with the intention of cutting them off from military columns so that the local people will not be able to give information to the columns. The KNU has been making political gains out of the so-called refugees and receiving international aids. The KNU cannot abandon its strategy as it is like a stone that hits three birds.**

Soe Mya Kyaw: I agree with you Bagyi. The KNU is very clever to make quick gains.

Bagyi Soe: They are too good in resorting to their old tricks. In the previous month, the KNUs threatened people of Zinbon village in Thandaung Township and forced them to live in refugee camps. Fifty-eight villagers were able to escape and get back into Myanmar. The government accommodated and protected them at Thabyenyunt model village in the township. You can imagine the number of villages the KNUs have removed to refugee camps. KNUs always avoid Tatmadaw columns in committing the crime.

Soe Mya Kyaw: I sympathize the local national races. Surly, they will feel embarrassed and will hate the KNU.

Bagyi Soe: Now the third point. There is not a single KNU fortification at the border, although there were many in the past. So, KNUs have to live in the refugee camps inside the other country. So, the refugee camps in reality are KNU camps. **KNU tried to name its camps "refugee camps" in seeking international pressures on Myanmar government. Morever, the organization is tricking international donors to receive aids. As the refugee camps are located inside the terrority of the other country, the KNU does not need to be afraid of Tatmadaw's attack. KNUs are enjoying both security and foreign aids. They are famous all over the world for their lies and tricks.**

Soe Mya Kyaw: Have you heard that the US was trying to accept the so-called KNU refugees in it?

Bagyi Soe: It's true. **The US tried to amend its immigration law with exception to accept the so-called refugees living in the other country. As the so-called refugees are the KNUs and their families and relatives who are also the hard-cores, they all will be able to reach the US if the said law is amended.** But the amendment covered only the refugees at the border of the other nation bordering Myanmar. So, it is food for thought.

Kyee Kyee Mya: Is the US sincere in providing privileges that are better than other refugees around the world to the so-called KNU refugees?

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Bagyi Soe: As you know, the US is not sincere. To explain the matter, I will give "Bay of Pigs Invasion" as an example. The revolutionaries of the current Castro government of Cuba were able to overthrow the then government in 1959. The defeated the then president and his followers had to flee the country. The US organized and accommodated those Cuban expatriates. It provided food for them. Moreover, it conducted military training for them and provided them with arms. In 1961, it asked them to attack Castro through Bay of Pigs, south of Cuba. But, Castro's troops managed to crush the expatriate troops, so the expatriate group would never be able to rear its head again. This was a tactic of the US — to attack the foe with his own weapons. Maung Kyaw, I am sure by now it is clear to you that why the US accepts and is keeping Kayin national refugees in its territory.

Soe Mya Kyaw: Yes, it is. By the way, Bagyi, I think many KNU members felt depressed and returned to the legal fold, and many more members will follow suit.

Bagyi Soe: In practice, there were many events KNU members were disunited and downhearted and tried to flee and return to the legal fold. And there will be many similar events. But, KNU forcibly dislocated the families and relatives of its members to the border areas and is keeping them as refugees so that its members dare not flee and enter the legal fold. In this way, they take control over the members and receive foreign assistance through political gains.

Soe Mya Kyaw: Bagyi, I wonder why KNU members have remained for such a long time up to now.

Bagyi Soe: Myanmar has many large and small armed groups. Of them, the armed groups of other national races have made peace with the government for national reconsolidation. But, there is no sign that the KNU remnant group will do so. Apparently, it is because their western masters and their lackeys are aiding and abetting the KNU remnants, and the neighbouring country still accepts the so-called refugee camps in it. Another point is that western masters are polishing the role of the KNU remnants who have been committing various forms of atrocities such as torching the villages, murders, robberies, rapes and trafficking in persons, and propagating through some broadcasting stations as if KNU members win the support of and represent all Kayin nationals.

Kyee Kyee Mya: That's right. Western powers are aiding KNU remnants, KNPP, SSA-S and local anti-government groups so that they can install a puppet government in Myanmar in complicity with NGOs under their influence, expatriates, and certain radio stations. I am sure, they will keep on putting pressure on our country under various pretexts including democracy and human rights. Maung Kyaw, you should take into consideration the fact that they will continue to provide funds on the pretext of democracy movements so that KNU remnants staying hidden in the border areas of the certain neighbouring country can survive and get all necessary things including weapons.

Bagyi Soe: She is right, Maung Kyaw. As a matter of fact, funds are provided for these so-called refugee camps through expatriate national traitors such as director (policy) Chit Ko Ko (a) Aung Din of the US Campaign for Burma, general secretary Maung Maung (a) Pyithit Nyunt Wai of FTUB and NCUB, and Dr Cynthia Maung who is meddling in internal affairs in the border areas. And they are inventing and broadcasting stories to make the international community misunderstand Myanmar's internal affairs. All I have told you about these expatriate national traitors is very disappointing. Maung Kyaw, I would say the youth like you should have to be aware of such evil schemes.

Soe Mya Kyaw: Rest assured, Bagyi. When do you think those KNU remnants will give up their armed struggle line? And how long do you think it will take for border areas of Kayin State to enjoy peace?

Kyee Kyee Mya: He took my words, Ko Soe. I would also like to know that.

Bagyi Soe: Firstly, **I want to tell you about the collapse of Burma Communist Party (BCP) troops that took a stronghold in the northeast regions of Myanmar around 1988-90 to rise against the government. At that time, the BCP was very strong with good strategy and tactics. But, the Tatmadaw government addressed the problem of BCP through three tactics.**

Soe Mya Kyaw: Very interesting, Bagyi. What are they?

Bagyi Soe: Okay, I will tell you. **The first tactic is "making peace through talks. Due to that tactic, Wa, Kokang and Kachin national race armed groups who were members of BCP made peace in groups with the government. Now, the representatives from these armed groups that have returned to the legal fold are now attending the National Convention and taking part in the discussions.**

Kyee Kyee Mya: It worked beautifully. These national race groups are really attending the National Convention together with you Ko Soe, aren't they? It is good news. What about the second tactic?

Bagyi Soe: The second tactic is to mobilize cooperation of neighbouring countries. The People's Republic of China, for instance, has strictly honoured the policy "Non-interference in the internal affairs of other countries" and stood firmly by our country. It is a friendly country with genuine goodwill. That was why the Tatmadaw managed to uproot the BCP remnants. Now, the entire northeast region is enjoying peace and stability with all-round development. In other words, local national race people are now enjoying the fruitful results of peace. Today's common problems such as internally displaced persons (IDP) and refugees are no more. Furthermore, Myanmar is now achieving more success in anti-narcotic drugs campaigns that is posing danger to the mankind. Wa and Kokang regions have been poppy free zones since 2005.

Soe Mya Kyaw: Fantastic, very effective tactics. They worked very well.

Kyee Kyee Mya: The Tatmadaw government has expressed its benevolent attitude. So, it has overcome all sorts of crises. These successes are due to the Tatmadaw government's stance and genuine goodwill.

Bagyi Soe: Certainly! The third tactic also concerns with the goodwill your Kyee Kyee explained to you. Stability and peace have been restored in border areas. So, the government is working hard for development of border areas

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and national races. **It designated 22 regions for the border areas and national races development project. And it took all necessary measures, so these regions can enjoy perpetual stability and peace. It also designated the 24 special development regions for equitable development of all parts of the nation in economic, education and health sectors. As a result, hilly regions are enjoying development like plain regions.**

Kyee Kyee Mya: Without doubt, the issue of the KNU remnants at the border in Kayin State will be handled if these tactics are applied. What is your view, Maung Kyaw?

Soe Mya Kyaw: I agree with you. We are the same. What is your opinion in this regard, Bagyi?

Bagyi Soe: As you are discussing, the Tatmadaw government is applying the three tactics to address the problems at the border areas in Kayin State. It is taking security measures and at the same time is trying to make peace through talks. Due to its efforts, so far, six groups have broken away from the KNU and made peace with the government. I have explained it to you already. Now, the representatives of these groups are attending and holding discussion at the National Convention.

Soe Mya Kyaw: These are the accomplishments of national race leaders who corrected their mistakes when they realized the difference between good and bad with wide political view, thoughtfulness, goodwill and correct attitude.

Bagyi Soe: Of course. **If they continued to go the wrong way, they would be a long way to the truth. But, there are still a few KNU remnant members. They are stationed at the so-called refugee camps in the other country. And they are still trying to ambush and attack our country from those refugee camps. But I have said the Tatmadaw government has always kept its peace door open to the KNU remnant insurgents.**

Kyee Kyee Mya: However the peace door is kept open, cooperation of the other neighbouring country, other foreign countries and organizations like China is necessary.

We strongly believe that as the government's stance is to open the peace door, the existence of those KNU remnants will soon come to an end, thereby contributing to peace and stability of the border region in Kayin State.

Bagyi Soe: You're right. **It is important that to address the issue of KNU remnants needs goodwill cooperation of the other country and foreign nations and organizations. In reality, KNU remnants have to survive with the assistance of the other country and those international organizations. Therefore, like China, if foreign big nations, the other country and international organizations are to follow and respect the policy of non-interference in other nations' internal affairs, the issue of Kayin State's border region will be addressed and that region will become peaceful and stable. If so, the government will be able to implement regional development tasks in earnest and INGOs will also render more humanitarian aids to the country.**

Kyee Kyee Mya: In that case, the issue of IDPs and refugees will be automatically addressed as well and perpetual peace can be achieved.

Soe Mya Kyaw: Not only that, measures to prevent and eliminate narcotic drugs will be taken more successfully as well.

Bagyi Soe: That's right. To produce such good results depends on the stance of the other neighbouring country. Now there is cooperation between our two countries. Our citizens go to that country to work. There are also frequent visits to that country that has a lot of interesting places. Those going there on business or paying visits are not refugees at all. Under the cooperation of the government of the other country, passports are being issued for our citizens to be able to visit there. That's why the issue is not totally concerned with the problem of refugees. So, if the other country will not accept the KNU insurgents, the issue of refugees will also be addressed immediately.

Kyee Kyee Mya: Right, Maung Kyaw. Sincere and goodwill cooperation is the only way to solve the problems in Kayin State, and thus its border region will achieve lasting peace.

Soe Mya Kyaw: As you have said, there is the most suitable way to address the issue. Is it possible that the other country will sincerely cooperate with us?

Bagyi Soe: I don't think this issue cannot be addressed. You see, we have five neighbouring countries, China, India, Thailand, Bangladesh and Laos. Between those countries and us there has been no problem of IDPs and refugees. We do have this problem only with the neighbour situated to the east of our country. This is because that country is giving KNUs the chance to live there. I, however, think this is the best way to accept if the border region of Kayin State is to be peaceful and stable and the issue of IPDs and refugees is to be addressed. **Our government, out of goodwill, always understood and forgave the insurgents and anti-government groups like parents who always forgive their children when they get out of the house as they are cross with their parents. Besides, our country has always regarded the other country as its good neighbor. Due to the goodwill and correct attitude of the government, success will surely be achieved one day. I believe so.**

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Kyee Kyee Mya: All you both have said is right. We will surely achieve success one day. It is just around the corner. However, **I would like to ask internal and external anti-government groups which are making accusations through BBC and VOA whether they really love the country and its national races and whether they really want the border regions to become peaceful and prosperous. If they do so, I would like to urge them not to instigate to cause unrest in the border region, not to provide cash assistance and arms and ammunition and not to open so-called refugee camps. If they are to uphold the international policy of non-interference in the internal affairs of other countries, that border region will become peaceful and stable within a short time. With peace and stability, the region will reap fruits of development.**

Bagyi Soe: Absolutely right. What we have discussed all day has been complete and perfect only through your Kyee Kyee's concluding remarks.

Soe Mya Kyaw: Yes. I also have been dissatisfied with the smears of VOA this morning. But now I have come to feel easy only when you both have explained to me.

Kyee Kyee Mya: It is so disgusting for the patriotic people who know the true situation of the country to hear the fabricated news of such foreign broadcasting stations. OK, hang it. Their voices will die down as time goes by.

Soe Mya Kyaw: All right, Kyee Kyee. I will turn my back on such accusations as you have said.

Bagyi Soe: Well, Maung Kyaw, have some pickled tea.

Soe Mya Kyaw. No, thanks, Bagyi. Let me go home as I have not only gained a lot of knowledge from you but also had coffee and lunch. Won't you take a rest?

Bagyi Soe and Kyee Kyee Mya: OK, see you.

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The 50th Waso robes offering ceremony being held at Shwephonepwint Pagoda in Pazundaung Township on 29 July .— MNA

USDA Secretariat member attends prize-presentation ceremonies

NAY PYI TAW, 29 July— Secretariat member of the Union Solidarity and Development Association Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thaung and wife Daw Khin Khin Yi attended the ninth prize-presentation for students of Semikan BEHS (Branch) and Yonetaw BEHS (Branch) in Taungtha Township in Myingyan District at Semikan BEHS(Branch) hall yesterday.

The secretariat member spoke on the occasion.

The minister presented prizes to outstanding students who passed the ninth standard examination and K 1 million for construction of the school hall to the Headmistress Daw Than Kyi.

Next, Daw Khin Khin Yi, wife of the minister, and officials presented prizes to outstanding students in the school.

The minister and wife and party attended a Waso robes offering ceremony at Thannithukha Baikman in Kyaukka Maha Bodhi Bhayagyi Monastery and offered Waso robes and alms to Sayadaws and members of the Sangha.

Later, they attended the sixth prize-presentation ceremony for outstanding students of 2006-2007 academic year held at Manikitsana Hall in Myingyan, Mandalay Division and presented prizes to the students who passed with distinctions. Next, the minister donated 1,550 dozens of exercise books and K 2,147,500 for the schools in Myingyan and Taungtha townships.

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Christian delegates attend service at a Church in North Okkalapa Township.— MNA

NC delegates pay homage to Shwedagon Pagoda, attend service at church

YANGON, 29 July — Under the arrangement of the Invitation and Reception Subcommittee, the delegates to the National Convention paid homage to Shwedagon Pagoda and attended the service at the church yesterday and today.

Officials of the Invitation and Reception Subcommittee, the NC delegates paid homage to Padamya Myetshin Buddha Image on the upper terrace of Shwedagon Pagoda yesterday.

After visiting round the pagoda, they offered flower, water, lights and joss sticks to the Buddha images and made cash donations.

Christian delegates also attended the service at Po Kayin Baptist Church on Nweni Road in North Okkalapa Township this morning. — *MNA*

Manipur Hydel Power Project in Kalay Township inspected

NAY PYI TAW, 29 July—Deputy Minister for Electric Power No (1) U Myo Myint on 25 July inspected Manipur Hydel Power Project near Hsedaw Village, Kalay Township, Sagaing Division.

At the briefing hall, Director of Hydel Power Implementation Department U Victor reported on the project.

Next, Deputy Minister U Myo Myint looked into the site chosen for building of power station, embankment to be built and axis of the embankment, feasibility and geographical condition.

The deputy minister inspected construction of Diversion Tunnel No 2 Outlet and arrangements for construction of Diversion Tunnel No 1 Outlet .—*MNA*

Nay Pyi Taw Command Commander attends physic nut growing ceremony, tree planting ceremony

NAY PYI TAW, 29 July — Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Maj-Gen Wai Lwin attended the rainy season physic nut cultivation ceremony in Taungnyo Station yesterday morning.

Station Commander Col Myint Kyaing reported on progress in growing of physic nut plants for 2007. The commander planted a physic nut sapling to mark the ceremony in the compound of No 2 Basic Education Middle School (Moe Swe).

Next, he viewed progress in construction of Taungpyo Dam in Taungnyo Station.

In the afternoon, the commander inspected thriving 25 acres of sugarcane plantation in Thabyebin Village of Nay Pyi Taw Lewe Township.

This morning, the commander attended the rainy season tree planting ceremony in Pyisanaung Model Village of Nay Pyi Taw Tatkon Township. The commander viewed participation of local people in growing the trees. They planted 12,974 trees at the ceremony.

Later, the commander and party inspected thriving 100 acres of maize plantation in Kyarthay-aing Village of Nay Pyi Taw Tatkon Township. — *MNA*

Commander Maj-Gen Wai Lwin inspects sugarcane plantation in Nay Pyi Taw Lewe.— MNA

Education seminar on Sunway University College to be held

YANGON, 29 July— Under the arrangement of Asia Pacific Consultancy Ltd in Yangon and FRZ Samudera Sdn Bhd in Malaysia, education seminars on Sunway University College will be held at the Park Royal Hotel on Alanpya Pagoda Road here from 3 pm to 6 pm on 3 August and at MICT Park (YCC) in Mandalay from 1 pm to 5 pm on 5 August respectively.

Professors and experts of Sunway University College will give lectures at the seminars. Anyone can attend the seminars.

As for students, they can enquire in person about scholarships. To be able to enter the University, students will have to take an English placement test. Sunway University College has links with Lancaster University in UK, Victoria University, Melbourne in Australia. The branches that can be studied at Sunway University College are Pre-University Studies (PRE-U), American Degree Transfer Programme (ADTP), Business Administration, Engineering, Communication, Computer Science, Natural Science, Aviation and English Language Programme.

Those interested can contact No 67, D1, Natmauk Lane-1, Bahan Township and dial 549929, 383815, 371359, 095141854, 095004992, 095001654, 095170688, 095123075 and 095066660.

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Manufacturing and selling of locomotive parts discussed

YANGON, 29 July — A ceremony to display parts of engines and transmission to maintain passenger trains and rail buses running the circular railroad of Yangon and the routes from Nay Pyi Taw to Bagan, Pyay, Myingyan, Mandalay and Mawlamyine was held at Insein Locomotive Shed here, yesterday.

Present on the occasion were industrial and rubber entrepreneurs who wishing to manufacture parts of locomotive engines and transmission and to sell these products to the Ministry of Rail Transportation.

First, Deputy Minister for Rail Transportation Thura U Thaung Lwin delivered an address and invited good suggestion from the entrepreneurs. General Manager of the Shed U Saw Valentine explained annual requirements of spare parts for locomotives and rail buses.

Industrialists and rubber entrepreneurs observed spare parts and other machine parts and participated in the discussions. The deputy minister and officials replied to the queries raised by the entrepreneurs.

The parts of engines and transmission to maintain passenger trains and rail buses will be put on display at the factory up to 3 August.

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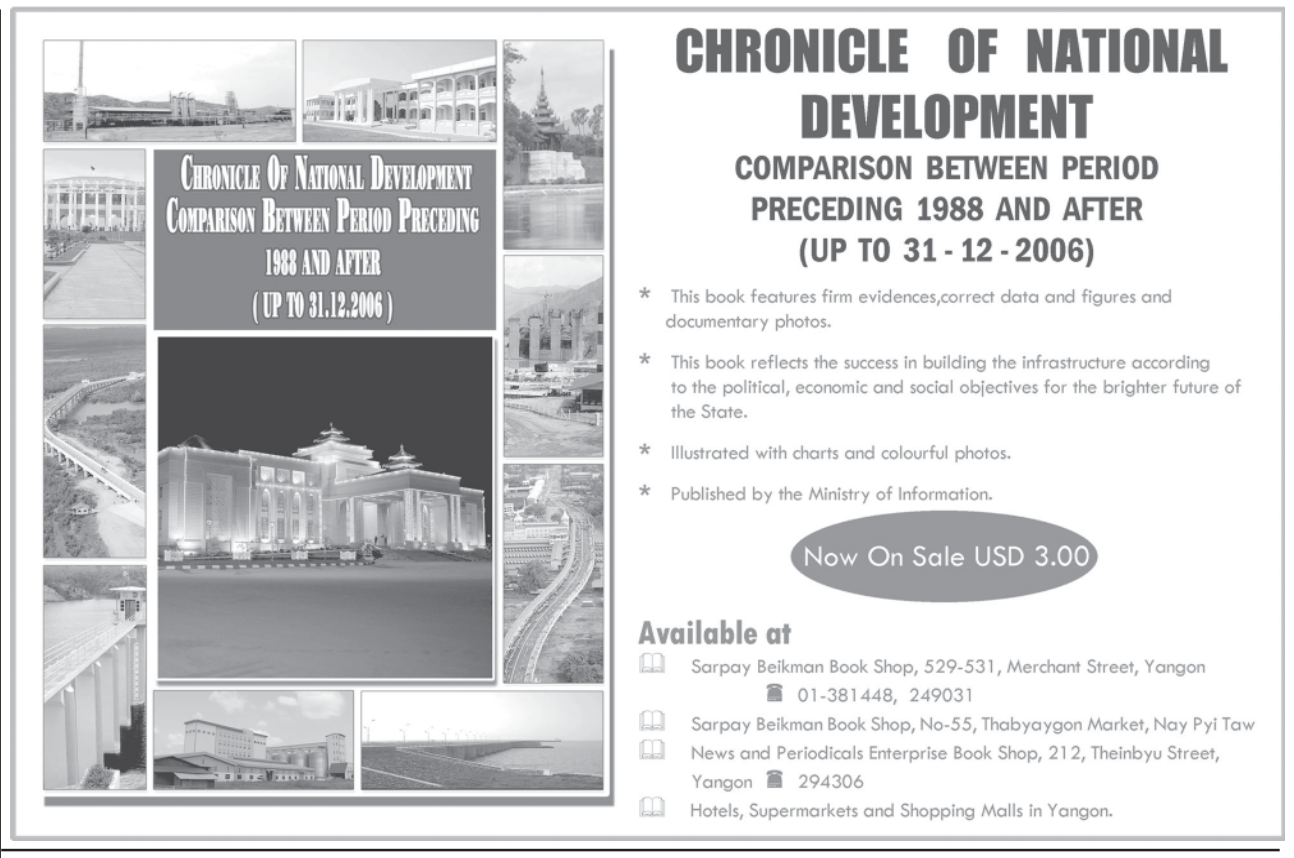

China donates $30,000 to Cambodian Red Cross for dengue control

PHNOM PENH, 28 July — The Red Cross Society of China on Friday donated 30,000 US dollars to the Cambodian Red Cross to support the operations in terms of dengue fever control. Chinese Ambassador to Cambodia Zhang Jinfeng handed over the donation to Bun Rany Hun Sen, President of the Cambodian Red Cross, at its headquarters in Phnom Penh.

Bun Rany expressed her thanks for the donation, adding that it will help them addressing the urgent needs in their fight against the current dengue fever outbreak in Cambodia. According to the statistics from the Cambodian Health Ministry, the 182 death toll from the virus in the first six months of this year already surpassed that of the whole year of 2006, namely 158.

MNA/Xinhua

Raul Castro sees economy reforms, talks with US

CAMAGUEY (Cuba), 28 July — Acting President Raul Castro asserted his leadership of Cuba on Thursday with promises of economic improvement and an offer of talks with the United States when the Bush Administration is gone.

"Raul, Raul, Raul!" some 100,000 government supporters chanted during a Revolution Day speech one year after taking over from his brother.

He said Cuba's 80-year-old leader Fidel Castro, who is recovering from life-threatening surgery and has not appeared in public for a year, was increasingly active.

But Raul Castro's one-hour speech left no doubt that he is in charge for now.

He said salaries were too low — a major complaint by Cubans — and the country has to produce more food to feed its people. Deep reforms of its inefficient agriculture are on their way, he said.

Communist Cuba is open to receiving more foreign investment as long as it brings capital, technology and markets, he said.

"There won't be spectacular results. Time is needed," Raul Castro, who is 76 and considered to be more pragmatic than his ideologically-driven brother, told Cubans.

"Fidel is not here, but it's the same. We have him in our hearts and Raul is doing a good job," said Dignora, a labour union official wearing a red T-shirt and waving a Cuban flag.

Cuba's most important holiday marks the near-suicidal attack led by Fidel Castro on the Moncada Army barracks in the eastern city of Santiago in 1953. That launched his armed revolt against a US backed-dictator that triumphed in 1959.

Fidel Castro's revolution turned Cuba into a Soviet ally and led to almost half a century of hostility with Washington.

Raul Castro said it has been a difficult year since his brother fell ill because Cuba's enemies in the United States had banked on the collapse of its socialist system.

The administration of US President George W Bush stepped up an "implacable war" to undermine Cuba with trade and financial sanctions that include denying Cuban access to international financial services, he said.

MNA/Reuters

China rejects US accusation of illegal arms trade

BEIJING, 28 July — China on Thursday voiced its opposition to US claims that it is involved in illegal arms trade.

"For a certain period of time, some countries have connected China's normal arms trade links with other countries to military smuggling and even destabilization of some areas," the Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Liu Jianchao said in a statement.

Liu's comments came in response to a question regarding a US claim that the US military found Chinese-made missiles in Iraq that were smuggled from Iran.

"This has misled public opinion and has ulterior motives. We are strongly dissatisfied and are firmly opposed to such statements being made," Liu said.

China always takes a prudent and responsible attitude towards arms exports and imposes rigid self-control in terms of arms exports according to China's international obligations and domestic laws, said Liu.

"China adheres to three principles when selling armaments: it should help enhance the self-defence capability of importing countries, should not impair regional and global peace, security and stability and should not be used to interfere with the internal affairs of countries," he said.

The spokesman emphasized that China only exports arms to sovereign states and no arms can be transferred to third countries without the Chinese Government's permission. China has also set up a system to clarify the identity of end users of its exported arms, he said.—*MNA/Xinhua*

A corner of the Beijing Shooting Range Hall in a picture released on 28 July, 2007. — XINHUA

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A Transportation Security Administration agent runs checked baggage through a x-ray machine at George Bush Intercontinental Airport on 25 July, 2007, in Houston. Airport security officers around the nation have been alerted to look out for terrorists practicing to carry explosive components onto aircraft, based on four curious seizures at airports since last September. — INTERNET

Air pollution links to heart disease

BEIJING, 27 July — People with high cholesterol are especially vulnerable to heart disease when they are exposed to diesel exhaust and other ultra-fine particles that are common pollutants in urban air, media reported on Friday.

"Their combination creates a dangerous synergy that wreaks cardiovascular havoc far beyond what's caused by the diesel or cholesterol alone," said Dr André Nel, chief of nanomedicine at the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA in USand a researcher at UCLA's California NanoSystems Institute. He led a team of 10 scientists who conducted the study.

Although diet, smoking and other factors contribute to the risk of cardiovascular disease — the leading cause of death in the Western world — scientists have long believed that air pollution, particularly tiny pieces of soot from trucks and factories, plays a major role, too.

For years, scientists around the world have reported that on days when fine-particle pollution increases, deaths from lung diseases, heart attacks and strokes rise substantially.

The scientists say their study, conducted on human cells as well as on mice, is the first to explain how particulates in the air activate genes that can cause heart attacks or strokes."Our results emphasize the importance of controlling air pollution as another tool for preventing cardiovascular disease," said Ke Wei Gong, a UCLA cardiology researcher. — *Internet*

China to issue new standards for cooking oil

BEIJING, 27 July — New standards for cooking oil are due to take effect soon, a government official said yesterday.

"We are looking at a total of 92 standards for the cooking oil industry and we expect the standard regulatory authority to issue some shortly," Du Zheng, director of the Standards and Quality Center of State Administration of Grain, told China Daily. "Thirty of the standards are almost decided upon, 10 of which address the edible oil sector," he added.

The 10 edible oil standards will address product quality and the manufacturing processes of four categories of edible oil - sesame oil, olive oil, palm oil and multi-purpose nutrition oil.China has already issued product standards for eight kinds of plant-based oil, such as soybean and peanut oil.

"The new standards will help guide manufacturers and ensure the market as a whole is well regulated. Of course, since the manufacture of cooking oil is complicated, the healthy development of the segment will also depend on self-regulation," Du stressed.

Zhang Zhentao, general manager of COFCO Food Sales & Distribution Co Ltd, said his company has been actively involved in drafting the new standards and has provided the regulator with technical details for Fortune Cooking Oil, an edible oil brand managed by COFCO. — *Internet*

New standards for cooking oil are due to take effect soon, a government official said on Thursday. — INTERNET

US deadly cans of food bursting from botulism

BEIJING, 27 July — Sounds like a sci-fi movie; cans of food bursting because of something deadly growing in them. But it's not something alien, it's home-grown botulism.

The bursting cans were among those being held by Castleberry's Food Co, which last week announced a massive re-call in the United States that now includes more than 90 potentially contaminated products, including chili sauces and dog foods.

Four people have been sickened and hospitalized by the contaminated food, according to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.

The recall covers potentially tens of millions of cans of food; officials fear the tally will grow.

"We're not talking here about a bug that lands you in the bathroom for a few days with diarrhea. We're talking about a toxin that puts you in the intensive care unit," said Dr David Acheson, the FDA's lead food safety expert.

"This is foodborne illness with an extra kick in it, big time."

Internet

Scientists find ozone-depleting chemicals in Antarctica

LONDON, 26 July — British scientists have discovered large quantities of ozone-depleting chemicals in the Antarctic atmosphere.

Researchers from the University of Leeds, the University of East Anglia, and the British Antarctic Survey carried out an 18-month study of the make-up of the lowest part of the earth's atmosphere on the Brunt Ice Shelf, about 20 kilometres from the Weddell Sea, and found high concentrations of halogens — bromine and iodine oxides — which persist throughout the period when there is sunlight in Antarctica (August through May), according to a report Thursday on the science news website of Alpha-Galileo.

The study was carried out in a new atmospheric observatory at Halley Station, operated by the British Antarctic Survey. Using high-tech measuring equipment, the scientists projected a beam of light across the ice shelf, analyzed the spectrum of the reflected light and measured chemical levels.

The scientists said the source of the halogens is natural — sea-salt in the case of bromine, and in the case of iodine, almost certainly bright orange algae that coat the underside of the sea ice around the continent.

Xinhua

In this photo released by the Wildlife Conservation Society, a Chinstrap penguin named 'Beaker' cuddles with her two chicks, one hatched on 14 July, visible at left, and the other, obscured under it's mother, hatched on 10 July, at the Central Park Zoo in New York, on 24 July, 2007. — INTERNET

SPORTS

Brazil's futsal team celebrates after winning the gold medal at the Pan American Games in Rio de Janeiro on 28 July, 2007.— INTERNET

Ronaldinho double gives Barcelona 3-1 win over Hearts

GLASGOW, 29 July — Ronaldinho scored twice as Barcelona wrapped up their Scottish pre-season tour with a convincing 3-1 win over Hearts before a record 57,857 home crowd on Saturday. The Brazilian put Barca ahead with a 21st-minute penalty and restored their lead with a 40th-minute header after Finn Juho Makela had stabbed in a quick equalizer from Christophe Berra's header across goal.

Second half substitute Thierry Henry, who scored in Barcelona's 1-0 win over Dundee United on Thursday, set up the third six minutes after the interval for Mexican teenager Giovanni Dos Santos.

The Frenchman ended a fine run by squaring a pass to the 18-year-old who slotted home from close range.—*MNA/Reuters*

Dong Fangzhuo (2nd L) of Manchester United controls the ball during an international friendly football match with Guangzhou Yiyao in Guangzhou, south China's Guangdong Province, on 27 July, 2007. Manchester United won the match 3-0.—XINHUA

Rangers beat Chelsea 2-0 with late goals in friendly

GLASGOW, 29 July — Rangers beat Chelsea 2-0 with both goals coming in the last four minutes of their pre-season friendly at Ibrox on Saturday.

Spanish substitute striker Nacho Novo fired home the opening goal with a 20-metre shot after taking a neat pass from Chris Burke in the 86th minute.

Three minutes later Slovakian striker Filip Sebo cracked home another goal from 20 metres out which appeared to be flying wide until it took a deflection off a defender and went into the net.

The match was played in a competitive spirit with several tough tackles flying in from the two sides who finished runners-up in their respective Scottish Premier and English Premier leagues last season.

Chelsea's best chance came with a first half header from Didier Drogba which flashed across the face of the goal.

MNA/Reuters

Chelsea's Didier Drogba, left, tussles in mid air with Rangers' Carlos Cuellar, right, during their pre-season friendly soccer match at Ibrox, Glasgow, Scotland on 28 July, 2007.—INTERNET

Bayern beat Schalke to win pre-season League Cup

BERLIN, 29 July — Miroslav Klose scored his first goal for Bayern Munich to lead his new team to a 1-0 victory over Schalke 04 in the pre-season League Cup final in Leipzig on Saturday.

Klose, who joined Bayern in the close season from Werder Bremen, took advantage of defensive blunders by Schalke defender Mladen Krstajic and goalkeeper Manuel Neuer, tapping in from just inside the box as he fell backwards in the 29th minute.

But Bayern, hungry for silverware after finishing a disappointing fourth last season, showed little of the flair they had displayed in thrashing Werder 4-1 and Bundesliga champions VfB Stuttgart 2-0 euros to the final.

They were sorely missing injured France midfielder Franck Ribery who joined Bayern in a Bundesliga record 25-million-euro (34-million-US-dollar) transfer in the close season and has scored three goals in his first two matches for Bayern.

MNA/Reuters

Munich's team captain Oliver Kahn, left, raises the trophy during the winning ceremony after the German League Cup, Ligapokal, final between German first division, Bundesliga, soccer clubs FC Schalke 04 and Bayern Munich at the Zentralstadium in Leipzig, Germany, on 28 July, 2007. Munich won the match by 1-0. — INTERNET

S Korea sink Japan in shootout to finish third

PALEMBANG (Indonesia), 29 July — South Korea overcame fierce rivals Japan 6-5 in a penalty shootout to win a tempestuous Asian Cup third-place playoff on Saturday. Goalkeeper Lee Woon-jae blocked Japan's sixth kick from Naotake Hanyu to give the Koreans a place in the 2011 Asian Cup finals.

A bad-tempered game had finished 0-0 after extra time with South Korea hanging on for dear life and having gone almost seven hours since their last goal in the tournament.

The 2002 World Cup semifinalists battled courageously against their old rivals and co-hosts of the 2002 World Cup, following defender Kang Min-soo's dismissal for picking up his second yellow card in the 57th minute.

South Korea's Dutch coach Pim Verbeek and two of his assistants were then ordered to follow Kang down the tunnel for protesting furiously at the referee's decision. Both sets of players squared off at the end of the first period of extra time after South Korea's Lee Chun-soo appeared to be bumped off the ball by Shunsuke Nakamura.—*MNA/Reuters*

Roddick upset by Dancevic in Indianapolis semifinal

INDIANAPOLIS, 29 July — Canadian Frank Dancevic upset top-seeded Andy Roddick 6-4, 7-6 in the Indianapolis championships on Saturday to reach his first ATP final. American Roddick struggled to cope with the heat which soared to 42 degrees Celsius, dropping his serve in the ninth game of the first set.

Dancevic posted 15 aces, 36 winners and 16 unforced errors, while Roddick had eight aces, 23 winners and 28 unforced errors.—*MNA/Reuters*

Arsenal see off PSG, Valencia beat Inter in Emirates Cup

LONDON, 29 July — Arsenal were 2-1 winners over Paris St. Germain and Valencia beat Inter Milan 2-0 on the first day of the pre-season Emirates Cup tournament on Saturday.

Both games were played at Arsenal's Emirates Stadium where the friendly tournament ends on Sunday with Arsenal playing Inter and Valencia facing PSG.

Valencia got the action underway with a comfortable win over the Italian champions.

Jaime Gavilan opened the scoring, collecting a long ball forward and beating Inter keeper Francesco Toldo from a tight angle. Striker David Villa made it 2-0 before the break with a deflected free kick. Arsenal's French midfielder Mathieu Flamini put the hosts ahead on the stroke of halftime in the day's second game, with his first-time shot flashing in off the post.—*MNA/Reuters*

Tottenham cruise to victory over Pirates

PRETORIA, 29 July — Darren Bent's double and a goal by Dimitar Berbatov saw Tottenham Hotspur end their South African tour with a 3-0 win over Orlando Pirates on Saturday.

All the goals came in the first 22 minutes with Bent opening the scoring in the 10th with a stinging shot before providing a simple tap-in for strike partner Berbatov eight minutes later after dispossessing Pirates defender Destin Makita.

Bent then hit the bar before finding the net again following a fine flowing move at the Loftus Versfeld Stadium.

MNA/Reuters

Answers to yesterday's Crossword Puzzle

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Iraq crowned Asian Cup champions

JAKARTA , 29 July — Iraq defied seemingly impossible odds to beat Saudi Arabia 1-0 in the Asian Cup final in Jakarta, providing a fairytale ending to the tournament and a rare moment of celebration in their war-torn homeland.

Iraqi captain Younis Mahmoud scored the winner in the 71st minute when he climbed above the defence at the far post and headed a perfectly-weighted corner from Hawar Mulla Mohammed into the net.

Thousands of Iraqis, including members of the security forces, defied a strict government cease-fire order to welcome their team's victory with a barrage of gunfire.

Saudi Arabia had been bidding to become the first country to win the Asian Cup four times but were outplayed by an Iraqi team riding high on a wave of national support.

It was a coaching triumph for Brazilian Jorvan Vieira, 54, who only signed a two-month contract with the Iraqi Football Federation and said on Saturday he intended to quit the job after accomplishing what he had set out to achieve.

It was a combustible opening 45 minutes with Australian referee Mark Shield issuing five yellow cards — three to Iraq and two to the Saudis — as tackles flew in with a take-no-prisoner approach from both teams.

Internet

Iraq's players celebrate after their win over Saudi Arabia in the final match at the 2007 AFC Asian Cup soccer tournament at the Gelora Bung Karno stadium in Jakarta on 29 July , 2007.
INTERNET

Earthquake report
(Issued at 07:00 hr MST today)

An earthquake of slight intensity (4.8) Richter Scale with its epicentre inside of Myanmar about (275) miles northeast of Kaba-Aye Seismological observatory was recorded at (04) hrs (06) min (25) sec MST on 29th July 2007.

TV Myanmar

Monday, 30 July
View on today

7:00 am
1. ကျေးဇူးရှင်မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော် ဘုရားကြီး၊ နိုင်ငံတော်သံဃ မဟာနာယကအဖွဲ့အကျိုးတော် ဆောင်ချုပ်၊ အဘိဓမ္မဟာရဋ္ဌဂုရု၊ အဘိဓမ္မအဂ္ဂမဟာသဒ္ဓမ္မဇောတိက၊ တိပိဋကဓရ၊ ဓမ္မဘဏ္ဍာဂါရိက၊ ဆရာတော် ဘဒ္ဒန္တ ဝိစိတ္တသာရာဘိဝံသ၏ ပရိတ်တရားတော်

7:15 am
2. တိပိဋကဓရ၊ ဓမ္မဘဏ္ဍာဂါရိက၊ အဂ္ဂမဟာပဏ္ဍိတ၊ ဘဒ္ဒန္တ သိရိန္ဒ္ဓာဘိဝံသ(ယောဆရာတော်) ဟောကြားတော်မူအပ်သော ဥပ္ပါတသန္တိပါဠိတော်

7:25 am
3. To be healthy exercise

7:30 am
4. Morning news

7:55 am
5. Nice and sweet song

7:55 am
6. Song of national races

8:10 am
7. Cute little dancers

8:20 am
8. အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ

8:30 am
9. International news

8:40 am
10. Grammar Made Easy

4:00 pm
1. Martial song

4:15 pm
2. Song to uphold National Spirit

4:30 pm
3. Practice in Reading

4:45 pm
4. Musical programme

5:00 pm
4. အဝေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ် ပညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြား သင်ခန်းစာ –တတိယနှစ် (ရူပဗေဒအထူးပြု)(ရူပဗေဒ)

5:15 pm
6. Dance variety

5:25 pm
7. မြန်မာစာ မြန်မာစကား

5:35 pm
8. Songs and dance of national races

5:40 pm
9. Musical programme (The Radio Myanmar Modern Music Troupe)

5:50 pm
10. "ဆုံစည်းခွင့်" (မင်းထက်ကျော်ဇင်၊ ဖိုးသောကြာ၊ မြတ်ကေသီအောင်၊ ချစ်သုဝေ) (ဒါရိုက်တာ–သိန်းတန်–ဖီးနစ်)

6:00 pm
11. Evening news

6:30 pm
12. Weather report

6:35 pm
13. ဖြိုင်းချောင်းရေလှောင်တမံ

6:40 pm
14. မှုဟန်သွယ်သွယ်ဆိုကြမယ်

6:55 pm
15. နိုင်ငံ့စီးပွားအလေးထား ကျေးလက်ထုတ်ကုန်များ (အင်းလေးဒေသ ပန်းတိမ်လုပ်ငန်း)

7:10 pm
16. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "သန်းတစ်ရာချွေအိပ်မက်" (အပိုင်း–၂၀)

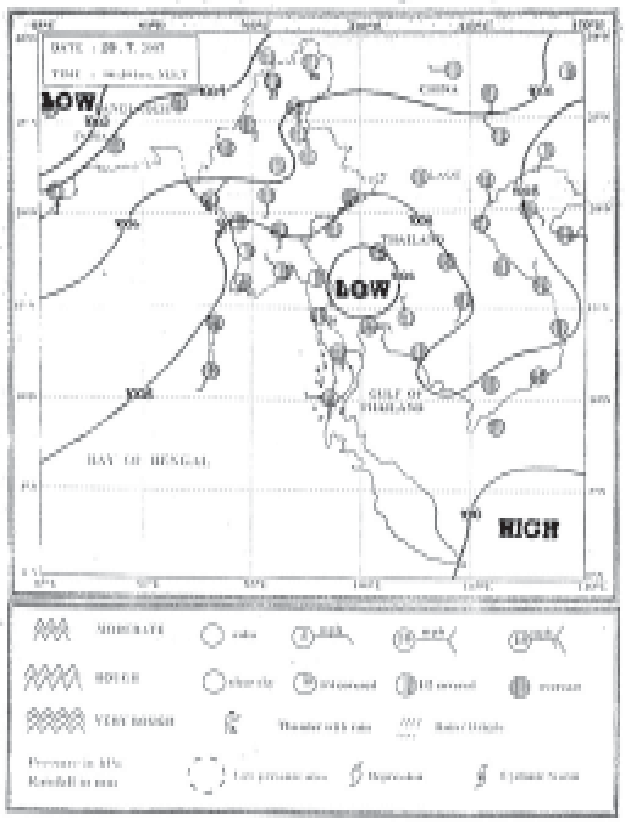
8:00 pm
17. News
18. International news
19. Weather report
20. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ရေသူမလေး ဒုတိယ ချစ်ပုံပြင်" (အပိုင်း–၃၁)
21. The next day's programme

Radio Myanmar

Monday, 30 July
Tune in today

8:30 am Brief news
8:35 am Music:
-This kiss
8:40 am Perspectives
8:45 am Music:
-Let won't wait
8:50 am National news/ Slogan
9:00 am Music:
-No one at all
9:05 am International news
9:10 am Music:
-One or the other
1:30 pm News / Slogan
1:40 pm Lunch time music
-Where is the love
-Say isn't so
-Mandy
-Breathe easy
-Changes
9:00 pm Spotlight on the star Michael Learns to Rock
-You took my heart away
-Blue night
-Eternal flame
9:10 pm Article
9:20 pm Drug/ Woman Affairs
9:35 pm Vocal gems:
-Unbreak my heart
-You were meant for me
-I will always love you
9:45 pm News /Slogan
10:00 pm PEL

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Sunday, 29 July, 2007

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hour MST: During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been widespread in Kachin State, scattered in upper Sagaing and Taninthayi Divisions, isolated in Chin, Rakhine and Kayah States, lower Sagaing and Mandalay Divisions and weather has been partly cloudy in the remaining areas. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Dawei (0.83) inch, Khamti(0.82) inch, Putao (0.40) inch, Myitkyina, Machanbaw and Myeik (0.27) inch each.

Maximum temperature on 28-7-2007 was 93°F. Minimum temperature on 29-7-2007 was 76°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hours MST on 29-7-2007 was 82%. Total sunshine hours on 28-7-2007 was (6.0) hours approx.

Rainfall on 29-7-2007 was (Nil) at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and 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 Northwest at (03:00) hours MST on 29-7-2007.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 30-7-2007: Rain or thundershowers will be fairly widespread in Kachin State, scattered in Shan and Rakhine States, upper Sagaing and Taninthayi Divisions, isolated in Chin, Kayin and Mon States, Mandalay, Bago, Ayeyawady and Yangon Divisions and weather will be partly cloudy 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 30-7-2007: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring areas for 30-7-2007: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring areas for 30-7-2007: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

Flood Bulletin
(Issued at 12:30 hr MST on 29-7-2007)

According to the (06:30) hr MST observations today, the water levels of Ayeyawady River at Katha, Mandalay and Sagaing are (1067) cm, (1279) cm and (1166) cm respectively. The water levels may remain above their respective danger levels of (1040) cm, (1260) cm and (1150) cm during the next (48) hrs commencing noon today.

According to the (06:30) hr MST observations today, the water levels of Chindwin River at Hkamti, Mawlaik, Kalewa and Monywa are (1498) cm, (1388) cm, (1634) cm and (1011) cm respectively. The water levels may remain above their respective danger levels of (1360) cm, (1230) cm, (1550) cm and (1000) cm during the next (48) hrs commencing noon today.

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The NEW LIGHT OF MYANMAR

Dhammaçakka Day observed at famous pagodas, religious buildings in Yangon

Devotees visit Shwedagon Pagoda on Fullmoon Day of Waso.— MNA

YANGON, 29 July — Today is Dhammaçakka Day which falls on Fullmoon Day of Second Waso in 1369 ME. From morning to evening of today, Buddhist people observed the Dhammaçakka Day, offered Shwekyar robes and Waso robes to the Buddha Images and members of the Sangha and performed meritorious deeds at pagodas and religious buildings here.

Shwedagon

Pilgrims and devotees donated Shwekyar robes and 'soon' to the Buddha images at Shwedagon Pagoda this morning. Religious associations recited Dhammaçakka Pavattana Sutta and Anattalakkhana Sutta.

In addition, the opening ceremony of emergency clinic and tobacco free zone was held on the platform of the pagoda. Furthermore, religious and social organizations served the pilgrims and devotees with refreshments on the platform.

Maha Wizaya

The Pagoda Board of Trustees organized the Waso robes offering ceremony at Maha Wizaya Pagoda and made arrangements for reciting religious verses witin three months at the pagoda.

Kaba Aye

Likewise, the Dhammaçakka Day was observed at Thiri Mingala Kaba Aye Pagoda. Members of religious associations recited Dhammaçakka Sutta and Anattalakkha Sutta.

Shwephonepwint

The Pagoda Board of Trustees held the 50th Waso robes donation ceremony at Shwephonepwint Pagoda in Pazundaung Township. The Managing Director and officials of Myanma Motion Picture Enterprise donated Waso robes and alms to members of the Sangha.

Moegaung

The Waso robes offering ceremony took place at Moegaung Pagoda in Yankin Township. On the occasion, wellwishers offered 20 sets of Waso robes to members of the Sangha and K 6.8 million to the funds of the respective monasteries.

Koedatgyi

Likewise, devotees offered 'soon', flowers and lights to the Buddha image and recited religious verses at Koedatgyi Pagoda in Sangyoung Township.

Similarly, famous pagodas such as Sule, Chaukhtatgyi, Meilamu, Yanmyoaung, Shwenaban, South Okkalapa MyoU, Kyaikkasan and other stupas were packed with devotees and pilgrims. They observed the

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30th Dhammaçakka Day observed

YANGON, 29 July — The All Myanmar Buddhist Missionary Organization observed the 30th Dhammaçakka Day at the Sasana Beikman at 222 on Shwegondaing Road in Bahan Township this morning.

Rector Agga Maha Pandita Bhaddanta Vannita of State Pariyatti Sasana University (Yangon) and members of the Sangha consecrated the Buddha Image in the Beikman.

Chairman of the organization U San Tun and the congregation offered 'soon', Waso robes and alms to members of the Sangha and shared merits gained.

They also donated Shwekyar Thingan, lights, water and fruits to the Buddha image. Later, members of the religious association recited Dhammaçakka Pavattana Sutta. — *MNA*

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If they continued to go the wrong way, they would be a long way to the truth. But, there are still a few KNU remnant members. They are stationed at the so-called refugee camps in the other country. And they are still trying to ambush and attack our country from those refugee camps. But I have said the Tatmadaw government has always kept its peace door open to the KNU remnant insurgents.

Want to see border areas of Kayin State achieve peace, stability putting end to IDPs and refugees?—(3)

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