

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

Prime Minister General Thein Sein inspects reconstruction and rehabilitation tasks in Labutta and Ngapudaw townships

YANGON, 6 July—Chairman of the National Disaster Preparedness Central Committee Prime Minister General Thein Sein, accompanied by ministers, deputy ministers and the director-general of the Government Office and heads of departments left here by helicopter and arrived at Pathein of Ayeyawady Division this morning.

Next, they together with Maj-Gen Ko Ko of the Ministry of Defence, Chairman of Ayeyawady Division Peace and Development Council Com-

mander of South-West Command Brig-Gen Kyaw Swe left Pathein and arrived in Labutta at 9 am.

Minister for Cooperatives Maj-Gen Tin Htut who is supervising reconstruction and rehabilitation tasks in Labutta

Township and officials welcomed the Prime Minister and party.

At Bayintnaung Hall of Ward 10, Minister Maj-Gen Tin Htut briefed the Prime Minister and party on progress in reconstruction and rehabilitation

tasks in Labutta Township and officials of Max Myanmar Company on progress in construction of houses for local people in the designated places.

Next, Commander Brig-Gen Kyaw Swe gave a supplementary report,

Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint briefed the Prime Minister on repairing of damaged hospitals and Deputy Minister for Construction Brig-Gen Myint Thein on construction of the buildings.

After hearing the re-

ports, the Prime Minister gave necessary instructions to officials concerned. Upon arrival at Pyinsalu by helicopter, the Prime Minister and party heard reports presented by Col Myint Sein who is (See page 8)

Lt-Gen Myint Swe and wife attend Waso robe offering ceremony at Bangladesh Buddhist Monastery in Tamway Tsp

YANGON, 6 July — Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence and wife Daw Khin Thet Htay this morning attended the

12th Waso robe offering ceremony at Bangladesh Monastery in Natchaung Ward of Tamway Township.

Joint-Secretary of the State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Kalewa Tawya Monastery Presiding Nayaka Agga

Maha Pandita Agga Maha Kammathanacariya Dvipitakadhara Dvipitakakovida Bhaddanta Jagarabhivamsa, Presid-

ing Nayaka of Bangladesh Monastery Bhaddanta Paññajota and members of the Sangha, Chairman of (See page 8)



Lt-Gen Myint Swe of Ministry of Defence, wife Daw Khin Thet Htay and the congregation receive the Five Precepts from the Sayadaw at Waso robe offering ceremony.—MNA

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Storm victims can now wear smiles

As the saying goes, 'Blood is thicker than water', Myanmar's are united in times of emergency. During the independence struggles and in the safeguarding of independence, Myanmar's showed their nationalism, patriotism and unity. Everyone has witnessed the nationalistic spirit of the entire people in the rescue, relief and rehabilitation tasks in the aftermath of cyclone Nargis.

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PERSPECTIVES

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Control hypertension in its early stage

Each and everyone needs to live a long life. The Ministry of Health has issued occasional health warnings and reminders in order to enable the people to be free from all forms of diseases.

As prevention is better than cure every citizen is required to strictly follow the health warnings and reminders of the Ministry of Health.

One of the major diseases is hypertension. The risk of hypertension is high in the global nations in which over 1500 million people among the adults have fallen victim to it.

Hypertension is the source of diseases such as heart disease, paralysis and kidney failure that may cause a sudden death without vivid symptoms. Therefore, it is incumbent upon each and every citizen to keep themselves away from the common disease.

The associated symptoms of hypertension are headache, giddiness, fatigue and tiredness. And regular medical check-ups are indispensable for every citizen in order that they may undergo proper treatment.

Maintaining bodyweight, taking vegetables in large quantity and salty foods in less quantity, avoidance of excessive consumption of alcohol, taking regular exercise, abstaining from smoking and living with least stress are often factors in getting rid of hypertension.

All in all, the entire people are to develop the habit of healthy lifestyle in line with the health warnings of the Ministry of Health in order to be free from the complications of hypertension and control the common disease in its early stage. Only then, will they be able to live a long and healthy life.

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

Ministry of Information, IPRD hold Waso robe offering ceremony



Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan and wife Daw Kyi Kyi Win together with staff families receive Five Precepts from a Sayadaw at 2nd Waso robe offering ceremony of Information Ministry and IPRD. —MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 6 July — Under the aegis of Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan and wife Daw Kyi Kyi Win, the Ministry of Information

and the Information and Public Relations Department held the second Waso robe offering ceremony at Yadana Theikdi Pariyatti

Monastery in Mingala Ward of Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana this morning.

It was attended by State Ovadacariya Maha Withutayama Zaygon

Monastery Presiding Nayaka Abhidhaja Maha Rattha Guru Bhaddanta Kavisara, Presiding Nayaka of Yadana Theikdi Pariyatti Monastery Sayadaw Bhaddanta Paññasami, members of the Sangha, Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan and wife Daw Kyi Kyi Win, departmental heads, deputy directors-general, the head of office, officials, staff and guests.

The minister and wife offered Waso robes and alms to the Sayadaws.

Departmental heads and staff families also donated Waso robes and provisions to members of the Sangha.

Later, the minister and wife together with heads of department offered meals to members of the Sangha. — MNA



Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan and wife Daw Kyi Kyi Win offer Waso robes and alms to a Sayadaw. —MNA



To mark birthday of teacher Daw Soe Soe Aye from Soe Japanese Language School, trainees and teachers donate K 170,000 for a day meal for 85 members of the Sangha and boys of Satubonmika Maha Thatipahtan Monastery in Bahan Township on 6 July. —H



Myanmar Hindu Prophet-Pujari Monks Organization holds merits sharing ceremony for cash and kind donations to storm victims at Sri Kali Mondir Temple in Pabedan Township on 6 July. —H



A protester shouts slogans while holding a banner as US President George W Bush speaks during an Independence Day celebration and naturalization ceremony on the West Lawn of Monticello, the estate of former US president Thomas Jefferson in Charlottesville, Virginia.—INTERNET

Insurgents kill three in Thailand’s south

BANGKOK, 6 July—Suspected insurgents in Thailand’s restive south shot up a bustling cafe early Saturday, killing three customers and injuring four others, police said.

Police Maj Saenchai Kesarin said the insurgents drove up in a pickup truck and two of them started shooting as customers ate their breakfast. The gunmen then drove off, he said.

The cafe was frequented by police and soldiers, he said. Saenchai said the shooting occurred in Yala province’s Raman district, about 480 miles south of the capital, Bangkok.

Three people died at the scene and the four injured people were taken to a local hospital, he said.

The victims’ identities were not immediately available. More than 3,000 people have been killed in the predominantly Muslim southern provinces since early 2004, when a separatist movement flared after a lull of more than two decades.—Internet

US soldier dies in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 6 July— The US military says an American soldier in Iraq has died of a noncombat cause. A military statement says the soldier died Saturday. The statement released Sunday does not elaborate.

It says the soldier was assigned to Multinational Corps-Iraq.—Internet

Ancient Peruvian tomb unearthed

LIMA, 6 July— Archaeologists have unearthed an ancient tomb in northern Peru that could throw light on the pre-Columbian Moche Indian culture. The tomb in Ucupe, 670km (416 miles) from the capital Lima, contained well-preserved human remains along with jewellery and ceramics.

The finds suggested the tomb related to nobility, experts said.

The Moche Indians thrived from 100-800 AD and were famed for their ceramics, architecture and irrigation.

The northern coast has been a treasure trove for stunning archaeological discoveries for the last few decades, the BBC’s Dan Collins reports from Peru.

The dry desert climate of the region has helped to preserve these relics of the



Archaeologists reveal their findings.

INTERNET

Moche civilisation.

Archaeologists said the tomb’s body, found inside a wooden sarcophagus, was wearing a gold-coloured funeral mask and was surrounded by copper crowns, earrings, nose pieces and ear flaps

More remains, of a young man and animals such as llamas, were found nearby.

Peruvian archaeologist Walter Alva, whose son Bruno was the dig co-director, told AP news agency: “Some elements like sceptres and crowns of gold are those that identify people of the highest hierarchical level.”

Internet

demonstrators marched through Sapporo, the city closest to the venue, on Saturday, demanding that G8 leaders take action on global warming, poverty and rising food prices.

Four people were arrested in minor scuffles with police.

Violent anti-globalization marches have marred past G8 meetings.

Internet

Kazakh, Russian presidents hail strategic partnership

ALMATY, 6 July — Kazakh President Nursultan Nazarbayev and his Russian counterpart Dmitry Medvedev hailed the two countries friendship and strategic partnership on Saturday, the Kazakh Telegraph Agency reported.

Speaking at celebrations for the 10th anniversary of Astana becoming the country’s capital, Nazarbayev said Russia has been and will always be Kazakhstan’s reliable friend and strategic partner.

The brotherly relations with Russia are of great significance to Kazakhstan, Nazarbayev said.

Medvedev, who arrived in Kazakhstan Saturday for the anniversary, said the two countries were not only strategic partners but also brothers who support each other. Russia treasures the friendship with Kazakhstan, he said.—Internet

Woman in India ‘has twins at 70’

NEW DELHI, 6 June—A woman said to be 70 years of age has given birth to twins in India’s northern Uttar Pradesh state after taking IVF treatment.

Omkari Panwar has no birth certificate but if her age is proven it would make her the world’s oldest mother.

The twins, a boy and girl both weighing 2lbs, were delivered one month early by Caesarian section.

The couple were so desperate for a male heir that they spent their life savings and took out a bank loan for IVF. Omkari Panwar already has two daughters and is a grandmother to five children.

“We already have two girls but we wanted a boy so that he could have taken care of our property. This boy and girl are God’s greatest gift to us,” Omkari said.

“The desire for a male child has always been there, but God did not bless us with a male child. Now, we are very grateful to God, who has answered our prayers,” he said.—Internet



China, New Zealand pledge to further Army exchanges

BEIJING, 6 July—China and New Zealand vowed here on Friday to further Army exchanges to push forward military relations between the two countries. “The Chinese Armed Forces advocate expanding contact and substantial cooperation with their New Zealand counterparts to upgrade military relations in the long run,”

said Chen Bingde, Chief of the General Staff of the Chinese People’s Liberation Army. During a meeting with New Zealand Army Chief Louis Gardiner, Chen hailed the relationship between China and New Zealand, saying it conformed to the fundamental interest of the two countries and peoples and

contributed to regional peace and prosperity. Gardiner said the military ties between New Zealand and China had maintained sustainable development and cooperation kept improving, adding that New Zealand would continue to enhance cooperation and exchanges with China and its military. —Xinhua



People visit the “Japan expo”, on 3 July at the Villepinte exhibition centre, outside Paris. The strange teenage cult of manga, the Japanese world of fantasy cartoons and their gaming and toy offshoots, came to Paris at the weekend, with tens of thousands of youngsters queuing up — and dressing up — for this year’s Japan Expo.—INTERNET

All items from Xinhua News Agency

Turkey seizes 125 kilos of hashish

ANKARA, 6 July — Turkish security forces seized 125 kilos of hashish on a passenger bus in the eastern province of Elazig, the semi-official Anatolia news agency reported Saturday. Acting on a tip-off, the security forces stopped a passenger bus suspected of carrying narcotics from the eastern province of Van to Istanbul, said the report. It added that the security forces discovered two hidden sections concealing a total of 125 kilos of hashish during their search. Turkey is a key transit route for smuggling drugs from Asia and the Middle East to markets in Western Europe. —Xinhua



A forensic expert prepares to search the New Cross flat where French students Laurent Bonomo and Gabriel Ferez were found dead. British police have arrested a man in connection with the murder of the two French students who were found brutally stabbed to death in the burnt out flat.—INTERNET

Knife crime replaces terror as police priority in London

LONDON, 6 July— Knife crime has overtaken terrorism as the top priority for London Metropolitan Police, British newspaper The Times reported on Saturday. The authorities have established a special anti-knife-crime unit to address the recent spate of fatal stabbings in the British capital, Paul Stephenson, deputy commissioner of London Metropolitan Police, was quoted as saying. His announcement

came after a 16-year-old boy became the 18th teenager that had been killed in violence in London this year. There were 26 youth murders in 2007. Stephenson admitted that police’s previous attempts to stop teenagers from carrying weapons did not work.

The unit, grouping specialist officers from across the capital, will target known gang members and their associates who may be carrying or supplying knives, and it will also conduct random searches, according to the report. Xinhua

Palestinians walk through a door in a section of Israel’s separation barrier to cross from the east Jerusalem neighbourhood of Beit Hanina to the West Bank village of Old Beit Hanina, on 5 July, 2008. Israel says the barrier is necessary for security while Palestinians call it a land grab.—INTERNET



Ten killed in road accidents in south Russia

MOSCOW, 6 July — Ten people, including three servicemen and a policeman, died in three road accidents in the southern region of Dagestan, the ITAR-TASS news agency reported Friday. Six people were killed and one was severely injured in a truck crash, the Press service of the regional Interior Ministry said. The truck overturned on a slippery road after heavy rains and plunged off a cliff on Thursday night in a highland district of the region, according to preliminary reports. Meanwhile, three servicemen were killed in a head-on car collision in Kayakent District, and an investigator of the Makhachkala transport police department died in a separate road accident in Derbent district of Dagestan, the Press service said. —Xinhua

Nine injured in shootout in Macedonia

TIRANA, 6 July — Nine people were injured in a shootout late Thursday in Macedonia, police said on Friday. The gunfight took place in Radusa, a village near Skopje, the capital city of Macedonia, according to local media reports. Five men armed with hunting rifles, pistols and automatic guns shot at a man in front of a teahouse, injuring him and seven other bystanders. Xinhua

Llaima volcano in Chile remains active

SANTIAGO, 6 July— The Llaima volcano in south Chile renewed its eruptive activity Friday morning, local media reported. There is “a very important activity, but nothing to alarm the population.. We have all the systems prepared, we are in a ‘tense calm’, always waiting”, said Andres Jouannet, governor of the Cautin Province. The volcano erupted Tuesday, forcing the evacuation of 25 people. The Chilean regional authorities Wednesday issued a

red alert near the erupting region. The red alert affected a lightly populated area that is home to about 40 people on the slopes of the volcano which is about 700 kilometres south of the country’s capital Santiago. According to the National Service of Geophysics and Mining, Llaima, one of South America’s most active, has sporadically emitted ashes and water vapour since May 2007. Xinhua

Baghdad car bomb attack kills six



BAGHDAD, 6 July—Six people have been killed and 14 injured by a car bomb in the Iraqi capital, Baghdad.

Officials said the bomb went off in the mainly Shia district of Shaab, in the

north-east of the city.

Reports say the attack targeted a police patrol car, and three policemen are believed to be among the injured.

Bomb attacks have become less common in the capital in recent months, amid reports that violence in Iraq generally has fallen to a four-year low.

However, the US Congress has warned that Iraq's security environment "remains volatile and dangerous".

Correspondents say the US military has been working hard to bolster local government, to prevent areas from falling back under the control of extremists.—Internet



People dance during a 19th century theme ball in the far eastern city of Vladivostok on 5 July, 2008.—INTERNET

Two journalists kidnapped by local Taleban in N-W Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, 6 July — Two Pakistani journalists were kidnapped by local Taleban in northwestern Pakistan's tribal region on Friday for their "taking pictures without permission".

A local leader of Pakistan People's Party was also abducted together with the two journalists in Mohmand tribal agency, official *Associated Press of Pakistan* (APP) reported.

The APP quoted a spokesman for the local Taleban as saying that the three men were picked up while taking pictures without their permission.

The spokesman said they are being interrogated at an undisclosed location about the purpose of their visit to the agency.

An assistant political agent from the government said the three men

will be recovered soon with the help of tribal elders. "We have told government officials and other important persons to avoid travelling to the agency without prior permission," the political agent said.

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Technicians at the uranium conversion facilities in Isfahan, southern Iran. Iran on Saturday offered to negotiate on its nuclear drive but without a freeze on uranium enrichment, in its first comments since responding to an international package aimed at ending the standoff.—INTERNET

Solana holds "positive" phone talks with Iranian N-negotiator

BRUSSELS, 6 July — European Union foreign policy chief Javier Solana held "positive" talks by phone with Iran's nuclear negotiator Saeed Jalili, his spokeswoman said here on Friday.

"They had a positive, constructive conversation," Solana's spokeswoman Cristina Gallach told reporters.

She said that they agreed to keep in contact during telephone talks.

Gallach said that Jalili announced that he would send a response very soon to a package of incentives containing "more concrete elements".

Solana, who is in London over the weekend, was not to make any statement on the matter before Monday, said the spokeswoman.

MNA/Xinhua

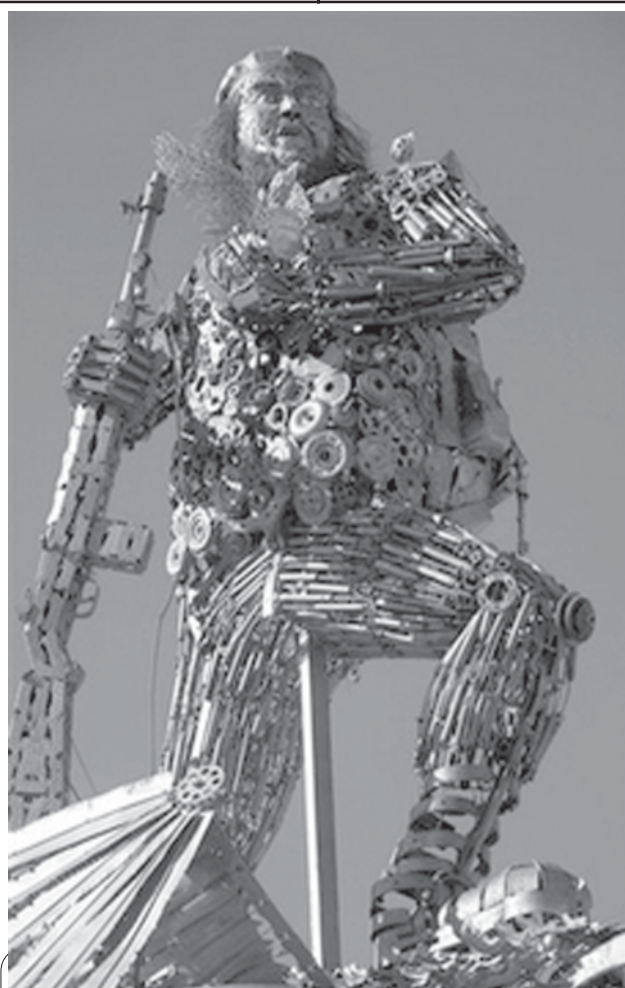
Israeli airplane makes emergency landing

JERUSALEM, 6 July — An Israeli airplane made an emergency landing in the Ben-Gurion Airport after an engine failed, causing no casualties or damage.

Shortly after the Airbus A320 plane, carrying 178 passengers, took off from the Ben-Gurion Airport to Berlin, the pilots reported that the pressure was decreasing in one of the engines.

The airport then directed the plane back for landing and a state of alert was announced in the airport. The plane landed safely as rescue teams were put on hold at the scene.

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A seven-meter tall scrap metal statue of late Argentine revolutionary leader Ernesto 'Che' Guevara, is seen after its inauguration in El Alto, Bolivia, on 5 July, 2008.

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Gunmen shoot dead Parlt member in S Afghanistan

KABUL, 6 July — Unknown gunmen Friday night shot dead a famous Parliament member Haji Habibullah in Jalai District of southern Afghanistan's Kandahar Province, an official said on Saturday.

Maiz Mohammad Sardy, the district chief, told *Xinhua* that it occurred around 9:30 pm (1700 GMT) when a group of gunmen came to Haji Habibullah's house and shot at him just in front of the gate.

Haji Habibullah, an influential lawmaker in Afghan government and tribal elder in the Pashtun inhabited Kandahar Province, was killed on the spot, Sardy said.

No one has claimed responsibility for the incident. Afghanistan has witnessed a surge of violence and riot throughout the south to the east since Taleban militants launched a jail break on 13 June. —MNA/Xinhua

Eight trapped in mine blaze in Sweden

STOCKHOLM, 6 July — Eight people have become trapped in mine blaze in northern Sweden Thursday, according to Swedish news agency TT.

The mine in Malmberg became blazed after a vehicle caught fire about one kilometre below ground level at 4 pm Thursday.

At 8 pm the group was still awaiting assistance in a rescue chamber 1,250 metres below the surface,

TT quoted spokesperson Kajsa Lindmark for mining company LKAB as saying. The spokesperson added that there were about 50 people in the mine when the fire broke out, most of whom had managed to leave the mine.

Meanwhile, the driver of the vehicle was able to leave the scene of the accident unharmed and return to safety.

MNA/Xinhua

Storm victims can now wear smiles

Mi Khin Thant

Many of my relatives on my grandmother’s side live in Mawlamyinegyun, so, we had to keep an ear to the ground of the storm ‘Nargis’. The natural disaster was raging the whole day on 2 May, and hit hard the delta, especially Bogale, Labutta, Pyinsalu, Mawlamyinegyun, Haigyigyun, and Pyapon. According to the statistics collected by the officials concerned, the catastrophe left over 80,000 people dead, over 50,000 missing and over 10,000 injured, and thus my grandmother said that it was the most destructive natural disaster in the course of Myanmar’s history. She said that she had never faced or heard of such a strong wind in her life.

The storm moved to Yangon around 11 pm on 2 May. We were saying prayers to the Lord Buddha when the corrugated iron sheets were blown off the roof of our house, and the large rain tree and large gum-kino tree in the compound were uprooted. Moreover, a lot of rain water was flowing down continuously into the house through the holes in the roof, thus making all family members busy moving things, and putting containers at the spots onto which rain water was dropping. The natural disaster reached its peak at dawn. We also heard the large trees on our street falling to the ground.

By good fortune, Yangon saw the storm at about 11 pm. If the storm had occurred there in the late afternoon or in the evening, many pedestrians might have been hit by large trees falling down to the ground and might have lost their lives. Yangonnites were fortunate enough to be at home when the storm started to take place. The roads, streets, parements and parks were in a complete mess with fallen trees, lamp-posts and cable wires. Some villages in the delta were completely washed away by the tidal waves. We learnt that the tidal waves were as high as 10 to 12 feet.

Hearing the news that many regions were hit harder than our township, we roofed in the holes of the house on our own in order that relief supplies

would go more to the regions that were severely affected by the storm such as Mawlamyiegyun. In Yangon Division, Twantay, Kawhmu, Kungyangon and Kyauktan faced losses more than any other region.

The storm left Yangon in the afternoon on 3 May. We heard the news that the National Disaster Preparedness Central Committee led by Prime Minister General Thein Sein held a meeting in Nay Pyi Taw at 8.30 pm the same day. The committee members rushed to the storm-hit areas through Yangon and launched rescue and relief tasks in the afternoon. My grandmother said that she had never witnessed or heard of rescue tasks that were launched immediately.

The roads and streets were full of the uprooted trees. In consequence, people could not walk along the roads and streets, let alone vehicles to run. Beginning from 4 May, thousands of servicemen, members of Myanmar Police Force, Red Cross, Fire Brigade, Union Solidarity and Development Association and volunteers removed the fallen trees and debris. So, the roads and streets were cleared within a day, and then they started to cope with vehicles.

The government launched rescue and relief tasks, spending billions of kyats. Well-wishers from the four corners of the nation, families of servicemen, and social and economic organizations made generous donations of CI sheets, roofing nails, power-tillers plus thousands of cattle. Foreign donors provided various forms of relief supplies.

Local people came under the strike of the storm and mourned for their family members and relatives who lost their lives in the disaster. However, they can now dream of a normal life thanks to the achievement in relief, reconstruction and rehabilitation tasks being carried out under the supervision of high-ranking officials by volunteers, along with donations made by well-wishers for providing victims with relief aid and assistance, health care, shelter, measures for enabling them to resume their businesses, and long-term natural

disaster preparedness plans.

The government collected and took care of the orphans. Moreover, it is constructing 20-to-30-foot-high embankments to prevent the regions from being flooded with seawater, fine roads between one region and another, monasteries, school buildings, hospitals and dispensaries, and providing power-tillers, cattle, paddy seeds, diesel, fishing nets, fishing boats and foodstuff for those who are wishing to resettle down in their home places. As a result, victims can dream of a normal life.

In the face of natural disasters, some other countries suffered infectious diseases such as cholera due to lack of food supplies and safe water. Unlike them, Myanmar did not face any infectious diseases owing to the continuous flow of purified water bottles, water purifiers, and chlorine tablets donated in abundance by internal and international donors since the storm abated.

I notice that medical teams of the Ministry of Health and many other medical teams from abroad are providing health care to the victims in the storm-hit areas. Many construction entrepreneurs of Myanmar are working with heart and soul to reconstruct the ravaged buildings and construct new ones. Now, victims are staying in safe in the relief tents built in row.

As we can see artistes making cash and kind donations and giving entertainment programmes, the people of the storm-hit regions, who have been overcome with grief by the cyclone, have been able to smile and are relieved.

The storm-battered regions are now found to be developing overnight thanks to the coordinated efforts of members of the Tatmadaw, Myanmar Police Force, Red Cross Society, Union Solidarity and Development Association, Women’s Affairs Organization, Maternal and Child Welfare Association and donors and volunteers.

As the saying goes, ‘Blood is thicker than water’, Myanmar are united in times of emergency. During the independence struggles and in the safeguarding of independence, Myanmar showed their nationalism, patriotism and unity. Everyone has witnessed the nationalistic spirit of the entire people in the rescue, relief and rehabilitation tasks in the aftermath of cyclone Nargis.

Again, Myanmar people displayed their nationalistic spirit in the national referendum held on 10 and 24 May. It was a national victory in the history of Myanmar that 92.48 percent of eligible voters cast ‘yes’ vote for the approval of the draft constitution (2008).

In the every effort of Myanmar ranging from independence struggles, peace-making, national
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development to the building of a genuine discipline-flourishing democratic country, internal and external destructive elements attempted to disrupt the processes employing various wicked ways. However, Myanmar overcame any difficulties with national outlook and patriotism (Union Spirit).

Internal peace and national reconsolidation could be built, and the State has developed in all aspects. In all the measures such as the holding of the National Convention for the emergence of a new constitution, the writing of the constitution, the public approval of the constitution and the rehabilitation work for cyclone Nargis-hit regions, the ill-attempts of internal and external saboteurs were thwarted.

Cyclone Nargis left Yangon on 3 May. In the afternoon of the same day, the destructionists at home and abroad spread a rumour that another severe storm would be coming at 5.30 pm to cause public scare. As their first attempt was in vain, they spread another rumour that a strong earthquake would happen on 4 May at night. What were their attempts for? It was a ploy of power-maniac politicians taking advantage of outside interference and public panic.

It is not possible for a storm to come easily. Any nation or anyone cannot predict a storm. It was an act of trying to make a trick looking down on Myanmar people.

During the period of holding the national referendum, some exiled Myanmar traitors of foreign media such as BBC, VOA, RFA and DVB slandered and criticized Myanmar all day long with intent to disrupt the national referendum. They also criticized the storm relief and rehabilitation work. Among the expatriates are those who earn dollars by saying “I’m a witness”, “I’m a storm victim of Pantanaw Township”, “I’m a woman storm victim of Labutta”, “I’m a farmer of such-and-such village” or “I’m a civil servant of such-and-such department” so as to make the people believe their rumours. Listening carefully, such voices are found to be similar to each other. Now, Myanmar people have known the fact.

VOA owned by the US Information Department in Washington broadcast a news story about Kaingthaung Village in Pyinsalu, Labutta Township, Ayeyawady Division, Myanmar on 23-6-2008 at night. I couldn’t believe my ears. It said a tornado with sand and earth hit Kaingthaung Village. No one survived and all the houses were submerged, VOA broadcast. On that day or the other day, no tornado occurred in Ayeyawady Division. The village has rebuilt itself with new houses. Anyone can witness that all 3744 villagers are living there healthily.

How disgusting to say that such internal and external destructive elements are airing slanderous news full of lies that are far worse than cyclone Nargis. In reality, our Myanmar people have been able to smile rising from the ashes of the storm.

Translation: MS+ST

Hydropower projects inspected

NAY PYI TAW, 6 July—Minister for Electric Power No. 1 Col Zaw Min together with Deputy Minister U Myo Myint and officials inspected Upper Paunglaung hydropower project on Paunglaung creek, 26-mile east of Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana on 4 June.

The minister inspected diversion weir and diversion canal.

Next, the minister and party looked into construction of 120m3/hr Batching Plant and attended to the requirements.

At the briefing hall, Director-General of No. 1 Construction U Thaung Han reported on 75.66 % completion of diversion canal, 10.69% completion of main embankment. Director-General of Geology Department U Aung Than Oo explained matters relating to geological facts and the deputy minister gave supplementary reports.

Concerning the reports, the minister gave instructions to proper management of maintenance works during the monsoon season.

Upon completion, Upper Paunglaung hydropower project can generate 454 million kWh of electricity per year. The project will produce a total of 932 million kWh per year.

The minister and party proceeded to Nanchong hydropower project situated on Nanchong creek where they inspected the sites for Head Tank along water intake canal in a motorcade.

On completion, the project can generate 152 million kWh of electricity per year.

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Hole-in-one at Tatmadaw Golf Course (Yangon)

YANGON, 6 July — U Aung Hlaing playing together with Vice-Admiral Maung Maung Khin (Retd) and Vice-Admiral Than Nyunt (Retd) scored hole-in-one at the hole No. 7 at Tatmadaw Golf Course (Yangon) at 4 pm on 4 July. — NLM



Minister Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint speaking at the opening of Ninth U-19 Novice Class Inter-State/Division Football Tournament for 2008—SPORTS

U-19 Novice Class Inter-State/Division Football tournament commences

NAY PYI TAW, 6 July—A ceremony to welcome football teams for the Ninth U-19 Novice Class Inter-State/Division Football tournament for 2008 was held at Taunggyi town hall of Shan State (South) on 5 July, attended by Chairman of Myanmar Olympic Committee Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint.

Soccer related items and sports wears for U-13, U-15 and U-17, and cash assistance for coaches and footballs for Pa-O national football sub-committee for first six-month of the 2008 have been provided through officials concerned.

The opening ceremony of the Ninth U-19 Novice Class Inter-State/Division Football tournament for 2008 was held in Shan State Sports Ground in Taunggyi, with an address by Minister Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint. Next, President of Myanmar Football Federation U Zaw Zaw provided footballs through officials for Kayah State football sub-committee and Shan State (South) Pa-O national football sub-committee and townships.

In the opening match, Shan State (South) won over Rakhine State with 4-1. The first round matches will continue up to 14 July. The second round will be held in Taunggyi from 17 to 21 July, semifinals on 22 and 23 July, the third place match on 25 July and the final on 26 July.—MNA

Preventive measures against DHF carried out in Thakayta and Dagon Myothit (South)

YANGON, 6 July—Under the supervision of Yangon Division Health Department, preventive measures against dengue hemorrhagic fever are being carried out in the townships of Yangon Division.

Preventive measures against DHF were carried out at basic education primary schools and wards in Thakayta and Dagon Myothit (South) townships on 5 July. Upon arrival at Thakayta Township People’s Hospital, Head of Yangon Division Health Department Dr Hla Myint, Deputy Head Dr Sandar, Leader of Division Infectious Diseases Combating Project Dr Zaw Lin and officials heard reports on DHF outbreaks in the respective wards presented by Head of Township Health Department Dr Khin Than Aye.

Next, the medical inspection team gave educative talks on preventive measures against DHF to teachers and students at No 18 BEPPS in Thakayta Township and participated in the preventive measures against DHF in the schools of the whole township.

Afterwards, Dr Mya Mya Win briefed the medical inspection team on DHF outbreaks and preventive measures at No 1 Basic Education Post-Primary School in Dagon Myothit (South) township. Next, the head of division health department discussed future tasks to be implemented and the medical inspection team gave educative talks on DHF prevention and demonstrated on preventive measures against DHF.—MNA

Prime Minister General Thein Sein inspects...

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supervising reconstruction and rehabilitation tasks in Pyinsalu on already-built houses for the storm victim families, accommodation of the storm victim families in already-built houses, progress in construction of remaining houses and departmental buildings and U Zaw Zaw on progress in building of houses.

Next, the Prime Minister gave instructions to officials concerned that plans are under way for homeless people to accommodate them at better houses than the previous ones they lived with the fulfillment of the State and donations of the wellwishers adding that officials concerned are to supervise cultivation tasks as seeds and farm implements will be distributed to those who are living at houses built and enable the residents to grow vegetables.

Afterwards, the Prime Minister inspected ploughing of farmlands at 5000 acres agriculture project of Max Myanmar Company, handed packets of vegetable seeds and farm implements to each family and stressed the need for local people to successfully engage in growing vegetables.

The Prime Minister and party inspected relief supplies donated by WFP. Upon arrival at Pyinsalu BEHS, they were welcomed by USDA members of Chin State,

Sagaing, Yangon and Ayeyawady Divisions led by Dr Win Myint Aung who are contributing voluntary services in the reconstruction and rehabilitation tasks and teachers.

Next, the Prime Minister oversaw the temporary classroom. Afterwards, the Prime Minister and party inspected arrival of construction materials by vessel at Pyinsalu jetty and gave encouragement to Tatmadawmen led by Lt Cdr Maung Myint who were helping unload them from the vessel.

Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint, who accompanied the Prime Minister, presented milk powder and nutritious items to Head of Township Health Department Dr Tin Win.

Next, the Prime Minister looked into houses being built with the participation of the Tatmadawmen.

Next, the Prime Minister and party left Pyinsalu by helicopter and arrived at Kyaukkal Village, Ngapudaw Township at 11 am. En route to the village, they viewed repair of Ugaungpu Embankment with the use of heavy machinery in Pyinsalu fields, condition of villages and cultivation of monsoon paddy.

On arrival at the village, the Prime Minister and party were welcomed by Minister for Mines Brig-Gen Ohn Myint who has been supervising the rehabilitation and reconstruction tasks in

Ngapudaw Township, departmental officials, social organizations and local people.

The Prime Minister and party proceeded to Khongyi Village by car where a new village would be set up, and they were welcomed there by Brig-Gen Myo Myint Than of the local station, military officers, social organizations and local people.

Next, the Prime Minister and party inspected houses being constructed by Shwe Than Lwin and AhyonU companies and the resettlement of families in newly completed houses and cordially conversed with them.

The Prime Minister stressed the need for local people to try hard for improvement of their socio-economic status as the houses that are better than those in the past were constructed by well-wishers with the assistance of the government and arrangements have been made for regenerating their different livelihoods.

At the briefing hall, Minister Brig-Gen Ohn Myint reported on resettlement of homeless villagers of Phonedawpyi and Khongyi villages and Minister Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein on provision of fishing equipment to fishermen to the Prime Minister who attended to the needs.

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Lt-Gen Myint Swe of Ministry of Defence and wife Daw Khin Thet Htay offer Waso robes to the Sayadaw.—MNA

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Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Win Myint and wife Daw Kyin Myaing, senior military officers, the chairman of the monastery board of trustees and lay persons.

Sayadaw Bhaddanta Jagarabhivamsa invested the Five Precepts in the congregation. Next, members of the Sangha recited Parittas.

Lt-Gen Myint Swe and wife Daw Khin Thet Htay offered Waso robes to Sayadaw Bhaddanta Jagarabhivamsa. The commander and wife also donated Waso robes and alms to Sayadaw Bhaddanta Paññajota.

Wellwishers also offered provisions to

Waso robes to be offered at Chanmyay Yeiktha Monastery

YANGON, 6 July — With the sponsorship of Chanmyay Yeiktha Services Organization, the 32nd ceremony to offer Waso robes to 150 members of Sangha of the monastery and invited members of the Sangha will be held at the monastery on KabaAye Pagoda Road here on 13 July.

Wellwishers may make donations in the form of cash and kind for the ceremony. For each member of the Sangha, a set of robes, an umbrella, a pair of slippers plus K 3,000 for meals and four requisites may be donated.—MNA

members of the Sangha.

Afterwards, Lt-Gen Myint Swe accepted K 3 million donated by wellwishers from Bangladesh through Chairman of the Monastery Board of Trustees U Soe Aung for renovation of the three-storey ordination hall, the two-storey building and the two-storey nunnery hit by the storm; US\$ 1,000 by disciples from abroad

through Secretary Daw Saw Tin Aye; and K 2 million by local wellwishers through Treasurer U Kyaw Naing.

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

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

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Engines and related items to be installed at the boats seen in the workshop of Fishery Department.—MNA

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Next, the Prime Minister looked into land preparation being carried out by members of the Tatmadaw (Navy) for construction of houses.

After that, he presented seeds of vegetables and small farm equipment for local people to officials.

Afterwards, the Prime Minister and party proceeded to Kyaukkalatt Village by car and arrived at Thingangon Village at 12 noon by helicopter.

They were welcomed there by departmental officials, social organizations and local people. At the briefing hall, General Manager of Myanma Pearls Enterprise U Sein Lwin reported on rehabilitation of villages,



Maj-Gen Khin Zaw of Ministry of Defence inspects physic nut plantation in Natmauk Township.—MNA

arrival of power tillers, acquisition of paddy seeds, cultivation of monsoon paddy, obtaining of fishing boats and nets, reopening of schools and learning of students and health care services, and Minister Brig-Gen Ohn Myint gave a supplementary report.

After hearing the reports, the Prime Minister fulfilled the requirements.

Later, the Prime

Minister presented relief supplies to those from the Village Peace and Development Council while Maj-Gen Ko Ko and Commander Brig-Gen Kyaw Swe presented foods and clothes to those from the Village PDC.

After greeting local people, the Prime Minister and party left Thingangon Village by helicopter and arrived in Patheingyi at 1.45 pm.—MNA

Maj-Gen Khin Zaw inspects progress of No.1 district-to-district road, Ngaphe-Sedoktara-Laungshe-Thigon-Saw road

NAY PYI TAW, 6 July — Maj-Gen Khin Zaw of the Ministry of Defence heard reports on progress in construction of No.1 district-to-district road and the Ngaphe-Sedoktara-Laungshe-Thigon-Saw road presented by Director U San Maung Khin of Magway Division Development Affairs Department at the briefing hall in Ywamon Village of Natmauk Township on 4 July.

Chairman of Magway Division Peace and Development Council Col Phone Maw Shwe gave a supplementary report.

The district-to-district No.1 is under construction as the earth section, gravel section and tarred road section, and the road will link Natmauk, Myothit, Taungdwingyi, Hsinpaungwe and Aungmye townships. The 132 miles and six furlongs long road

— 57 miles and three furlongs long section being constructed by Public Works and 30 miles and three furlongs long tarred road section and 45 miles long gravel section by Magway Division DAD — is under construction.

Maj-Gen Khin Zaw and party inspected dredging of the inlet channel and feeder canal of Aungmye Lake located in the irrigated area of Kyaukdaga Dam in Shwepandaw Village-tract in Natmauk Township and cultivation of monsoon paddy in irrigated area.

The chairman of Magway Division PDC reported on progress of agriculture sector in the region. After hearing the reports, Maj-Gen Khin Zaw gave instructions on cultivation of paddy, utilizing of fertilizers,

efficient supply of irrigated water and growing of double crops.

Kyaukdaga Dam can benefit 2,000 acres of land in Natmauk Township. In the past, the region could grow 500 acres of summer paddy. Thanks to dredging of canals, a total of 2,369 acres of land was put under monsoon paddy and 76 acres under summer paddy in 2006-07. By dredging the inlet channel to Aungmye Lake and feeder canal, the region grew 2,550 acres of monsoon paddy and 978 acres of summer paddy in 2007-08. As a result, the region could cultivate 181 acres of paddy exceeding the target.

Maj-Gen Khin Zaw and party viewed paddy and physic nut plantations in Shwepandaw Village-tract, and proceeded to Pakokku.

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U Zaw Moe Khine and Dr Saw Nay Nwe of AA Medical Products Ltd donate K 5 million to storm-hit people through President of Myanmar Medical Association Prof Dr Kyaw Myint Naing on 4 July.—MMA



Chairman of Educational Affairs Committee of Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry U Sein Win Hlaing accepts teaching aid books for Japanese Language presented by Ms Satoko Toku, First Secretary of Japanese Embassy, at UMFCCI Training Centre on 2 July.—UMFCCI

SWRR Minister receives Ambassador of Commonwealth of Australia

YANGON, 5 July — Secretary of National Disaster Preparedness Central Committee Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe received Ms Michelle Su-

Wen Chan, Ambassador of the Commonwealth of Australia at Fire Services Department (Head Office) here this afternoon.

They held a discussion on reconstruction and rehabilitation tasks for storm victims. Also present

were Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Myint, Director-General of Fire Services Department U Myint Tun, Director-General of Relief and Resettlement U Than Oo and Deputy Head of Office U Sein Aye.—MNA

Transport Minister receives Thai delegation

YANGON, 6 July—Minister for Transport Maj-Gen Thein Swe received Thai delegation led by Minister of Information and Communication Technology Dr Mun Patanotai at the

office of Myanmar Port Authority on Pansodan Street here this afternoon. Also present were Deputy Minister for Transport Col Nyan Tun Aung, depart-mental

heads, Thai Ambassador to the Union of Myanmar Mr Bansarn Bunnag and officials. They held discussion on cooperation in Weather Warning Systems. MNA



Minister Maj-Gen Thein Swe receives Minister Dr Mun Patanotai and party.—MNA

Outstanding schools honoured in Yangon Division

YANGON, 5 July—A ceremony to honour outstanding schools in Yangon Division for 2007-08 academic year, organized by No. 3 Basic Education Department of the Ministry of Education,

was held at Sangyoung Basic Education High School No. 2 yesterday afternoon. Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Win Myint delivered an address, and Director-General U Aye Kyu of No. 3 BED explained the purpose of holding the ceremony. The commander presented the first prize in the best pass rate of matriculation examination in Yangon Division for 2007-08 to Sangyoung BEHS No. 2, the second to

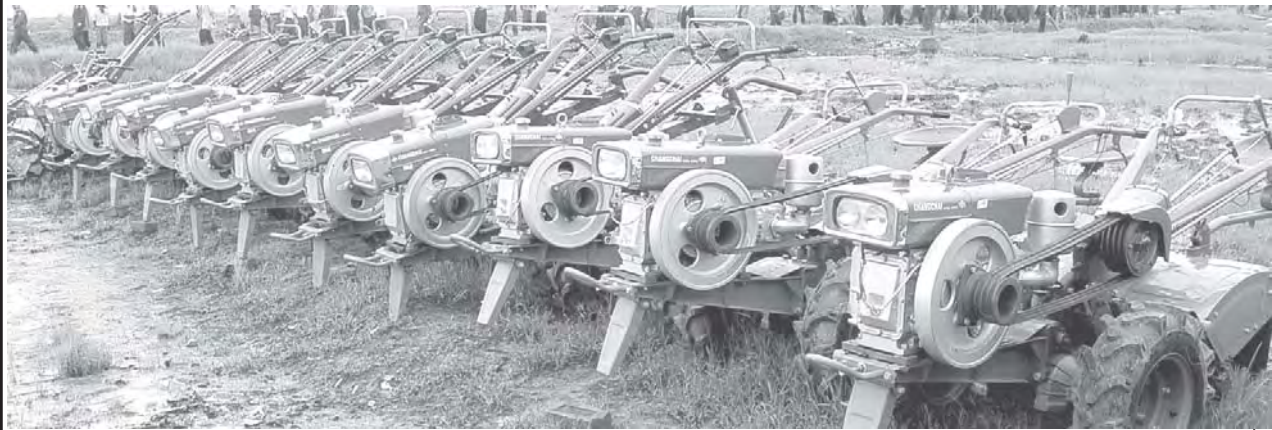
Latha BEHS No. 2, the third to Dagon BEHS No. 1, the fourth to Institute of Education Practising School(Kamayut), the fifth to Kamayut BEHS No. 2, the sixth to Botahtaung BEHS No. 5, the seventh to Mingaladon BEHS No. 2, the eighth to Bahan BEHS No. 2, the ninth to Botahtaung BEHS No. 4 and the tenth to Lanmadaw BEHS No. 2 through schoolheads. He also gave away the morale prize to Bahan BEHS No. 2 Headmistress Daw Tin Oo Yi. Later, officials also handed prizes to outstanding schools. MNA

Donations invited for storm survivors

YANGON, 6 July—Rehabilitation is under way for local people in storm-hit regions who have lost their property in the storm. In that regard, well-wishers are invited to make donations for the following items individually or in groups in cooperation with the government at the donations accepting supervisory committee at the Fire Services Department (Head Office) here.



Houses built by donors for storm survivors. MNA



Power-tillers to be distributed to farmers in storm-affected areas.—MNA

Fishing boats to be used in storm-affected areas in Ayeyawady and Yangon Divisions. MNA

Items	Per unit price (in kyat)
1. House	K 600,000
2. 21-foot fishing boat (with engine)	K 400,000
3. 21-foot fishing boat (without engine)	K 200,000
4. Power-tiller	
(a) Leya-16	K 1,090,000
(b) Leya-22	K 1,550,000
(c) Ayeya-1	K 1,128,600
5. A bag of fertilizer	K 18,000

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Afghan puncture-repair men repair customers' flat tyres in the city of Kabul, Afghanistan, on 5 July, 2008.—INTERNET

Malaysia approved investments reach new peak in 2007

KUALA LUMPUR, 6 July — Malaysia's approved investments reached a new peak of 59.9 billion ringgit (18.32 billion US dollars), Ministry of International Trade and Industry (MITI) said here on Thursday.

"Malaysia attracted a significantly higher level of investments in the manufacturing sector in 2007, surpassing the investments achieved in 2006," MITI said in the

"Malaysia International Trade and Industry 2007 Report" launched here on Thursday. "Foreign and domestic investments which had already reached unprecedented levels in 2006," it added.

Approved investments in 2007 were more than double the average annual investment target of 27.5 billion ringgit (8.41 billion US dollars) set in the Third Industrial Master

Plan (IMP3), the report said.

However, the number of projects approved was lower, that is 949 projects in 2007, compared with 1,077 projects in 2006. "This was attributed to the greater interest in capital-intensive and high value-added projects among both domestic and foreign investors," MITI said.

MNA/Xinhua

Japan holds 20 anti-G-8 Koreans activists

SAPPORO (Japan), 6 July — Twenty South Korean activist farmers have been detained by Japanese immigration and expect to be deported, a spokesman for the group said on Friday, in further signs of growing security jitters from the host nation ahead of a G-8 summit.

Japan has so far detained and questioned around 40 people, including journalists and academics, although many have been allowed to enter the country after several hours.

Police said one South Korean man was arrested after he shoved an airport immigration officer's head into a wall during questioning, angered by staff

stopping him from taking pictures.

"They are classifying people unilaterally, without sufficient information or standards," Hong Hyung-suk, spokesman for the Korean Peasants League told *Reuters* by telephone from New Chitose Airport, where the group was being held. "We are not terrorists."

Some of the South Korean activist farmers, who also belong to the international Via Campesina peasant movement, have been arrested in the past and participated in protests against the World Trade Organization in Hong Kong in 2005, representatives of the groups said. — MNA/Xinhua



Japanese riot policemen stand guard during an anti-G8 protesters' demonstration in Sapporo, on Japan's northern island of Hokkaido, on 5 July, 2008, ahead of next week's G8 Hokkaido Toyako Summit.—INTERNET

Hungary welcomes France's decision to open labour market

BUDAPEST, 6 July — Hungary welcomes France's decision to open its labour market to workers from eight countries of Central and Eastern Europe including Hungary from 1 July, the Hungarian Foreign Affairs spokesman Lajos Szelestey said on Thursday.

Hungarian News Agency *MTI* quoted Szelestey as saying that France is the eleventh EU country to liberalize its labor market and end barriers to the free movement of labor from the countries that joined the block in 2004.

Four countries continue to restrict labour from new EU members. They are Austria, Belgium, Germany and Denmark. — MNA/Xinhua



Children play on the porch of their home, as a man collects drinking water from a hand pump, background, surrounded by floodwaters in Allahabad, India, on 5 July, 2008.—INTERNET

Bangladesh's overall import surpasses \$20b

DHAKA, 6 July — Bangladesh's overall import surpassed 20 billion US dollar mark in 2007-08 fiscal (from July 2007 to June 2008) for the first time in history, mainly due to soaring prices of essentials, raw materials and petroleum products in the international market.

Two devastating floods followed by cyclone Sidr that hit Bangladesh last year also contributed to higher import of essential items, including food grains.

According to statistics released by the Bangladesh Bank on Thursday, import Letter of Credits worth 20.12 billion US dollars

were settled as of 26 June this year against 15.90 billion US dollars of the previous fiscal.

The central bank estimated that the overall import may reach to 20.28 billion US dollars by the end of 2007-08 fiscal against 15.97 billion US dollars of the previous fiscal. — MNA/Xinhua

Vietnam's first oil refinery might be expanded

HANOI, 6 July — State-owned Vietnam National Oil and Gas Group (PetroVietnam), investor of Vietnam's first oil refinery, has proposed the government increase its annual processing capacity to 10 million tons of crude oil from current 6.5 million tons, according to local newspaper *Industry*

and Trade on Friday.

Capitalized at 2.5 billion US dollars, the refinery named Dung Quat under construction in central Quang Ngai Province, is scheduled to become operational next February.

PetroVietnam said its current capacity is relatively small compared

with that of other oil refineries in the world.

Vietnam exported 6.7 million tons of crude oil worth 5.6 billion US dollars in the first half of this year, down 12.1 per cent in volume but up 49 per cent in value, according to the country's General Statistics Office.

MNA/Xinhua

MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY
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Sealed quotations are invited by the Myanma Port Authority, for the supply of the following items;

(1) Electrical Parts for Vessels and small Launches	(1) Lot
(2) Electrical Parts for Cargo Handling Equipment	(1) Lot
(3) Stevedore Gear	(1) Lot
(4) 2.5 Ton Battery forklift Truck	(3) Units
(5) Sand Blasting Machine	(2) Sets
(6) 20 NM Range High Intensity rotating Bacon, 5 NM LED Solar Lantern & 3 NM LED Solar Lantern	(1) Lot

Quotation forms and documents are available at the Stores Department, Seik Kan Township, Myanma Port Authority, starting from 8.7.2008 during office hours.

	Currency	Closing Date
For item (1) & (2)	Kyats	22-7-2008
For item (3) to (6)	F.E.	29-7-2008

For further details, please contact telephone number 292334,292292, and 292301.

Controller Of Stores
Myanma Port Authority

Tonga signs Action
Plan with UNDP

WELLINGTON, 6 July — The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) has signed the Country Programme Action Plan (CPAP) with the Tongan Government, the Suva-based *Pacnews* regional news agency reported on Thursday.

Developed in close consultation with the government and key stakeholders, the CPAP 2008-2012 will respond to current and emerging development challenges in Tonga in the areas of Governance, Environment and Poverty Reduction.

The five-year plan will

assist the South Pacific island country of Tonga in exploring opportunities for financial services and products to meet the needs of the rural population who hardly have access to banking services.

An induction workshop will also be undertaken for Members of Parliament and assistance will be provided in exploring the possibilities of having civic education, which will enable Tongan citizens to participate in and manage their affairs at the institutional and individual level.

MNA/Xinhua

Britons spend more on
luxury chocolates

LONDON, 6 July — British consumers are spending more on chocolate with sales of luxury boxes booming and those of healthier dark chocolate nearly doubling, according to a study published on Friday.

A survey by consumer research company Mintel showed the value of chocolate sales between 2005 and 2007 rose by 10 per cent, up sharply from growth of only 1 per cent between 2003 and 2005.

Luxury chocolate sales were up 46 per cent over the two-year period, reaching 140 million pounds (\$278 million). “Consumers are cutting back on their ‘unhealthy’ treats. Yet, when they do indulge, they often want the best in terms of quality and luxury,” Mintel said. “Brits may not be eating chocolate as often as the used to, but they are certainly splashing out more on premium varieties,” Mintel senior market analyst Mathilde Dudouit said.

Mintel was unable to provide volume sales figures.

Mintel said a further 5 per cent growth was expected this year, bringing the value of the British chocolate market to 2.23 billion pounds by the end of 2008.

MNA/Reuters

Medvedev goes to Turkmenistan
for gas talks

BAKU, 6 July — President Dmitry Medvedev goes to Turkmenistan on Friday, part of a visit to three ex-Soviet states aimed at heading off a European challenge to Russia’s domination of Central Asian gas supplies.

Turkmenistan is the biggest exporter of natural gas in Central Asia, the region which exports about 70 billion cubic metres of gas (bcm) each year, about the same as Italy’s annual consumption.

But the fuel is all shipped to Russia, with no

pipelines to export it directly to the European Union. Turkmenistan is likely to be the focus of Medvedev’s diplomatic drive and the new Russian president will have to use all his skills to persuade President Kurbanguly Berdymukhamedov to resist Western temptations and stick to Russian pipelines.

In the 15 years after Turkmenistan became an independent state from the Soviet Union, autocratic President Saparmurat Niyazov kept the country in isolation, while exporting all its

natural gas to Russia via a Soviet-era pipeline network.

But since Niyazov’s death in 2006, Western officials have worked hard to persuade his successor Berdymukhamedov to consider shipping some gas to Azerbaijan via a pipeline across the Caspian Sea.

Under a European plan, the Turkmen gas would then feed the Nabucco pipeline, an EU-backed project which, if it is built, will link Central Asian producers to Europe bypassing Russia.

MNA/Reuters



Protesters takes part in a rally to demand the full-scale renegotiation of a US beef import deal in front of the Seoul City Hall on 5 July, 2008.

INTERNET

Ethiopian, Somali armies kill
71 Somali rebels

ADDIS ABABA, 6 July — The joint Ethiopian Army and forces of Somalia’s Transitional Federal Government killed 71 Somali rebels in a recent military operation

launched in Meteban and Gura’el areas in central Somalia, state media reported.

The operation was carried out on 29 June, the official *Ethiopian News*

Agency reported, quoting a military spokesperson as saying.

The rebels, killed in the operation, were from the Union of Islamic Council and al-Shebab (The Youth) outfit, it said, adding that 13 of them are members of the leadership.

The rest ran away in disarray and numerous artillery were captured from the rebels and their patrol vehicle burnt, the report said.

Ethiopian troops crossed over to Somalia in late 2006 to assist Somali transitional government forces topple an Islamist administration in south and central Somalia.

MNA/Xinhua



Two girls jump over a wall at a garbage dump in Baghdad’s Shiite stronghold of Sadr City, Iraq, on 5 July, 2008.

INTERNET



A general view shows the centre of Astana before its 10 year anniversary celebration on 5 July, 2008. If there is one thing Kazakh President Nursultan Nazarbayev cherishes as part of his legacy, it is the gold-plated extravagance of his new capital, Astana.

INTERNET

Petroleum Congress hopes for safer oil supply

MADRID, 6 July — The 19th World Petroleum Congress ended here on Thursday with high hope for a safer and more sustainable oil supply for the world.

The congress, which was designed to be a

professional forum for world petroleum industry, turned out to be dominated by talks on ever rising oil prices, the reasons for which vary greatly among different people, said Randall Gossen, WPC President.

Some would believe the reason for the soaring crude price for speculation and the depreciation of the US dollar, some others would insist that growing demand for energy by especially the emerging economies as the main factor for oil price rise, still others say that it is a combination of all the factors.

MNA/Xinhua

Chance discovery points to crib death cause

LONDON, 6 July— An imbalance of a key brain chemical could cause crib death, researchers said on Thursday in what they called a chance discovery.

They created mice whose sudden deaths resembled crib death in humans, and found that the key may be an out of balance self-regulating system controlling the nerve-signalling chemical serotonin.

Writing in the *journal Science*, they said they hoped their experiment can help doctors pinpoint human babies at high risk of Sudden Infant Death Syndrome (SIDS), also known as cot death.

“At first sight the mice were normal,” said Cornelius Gross of the European Molecular Biology Laboratory in Italy, who led the study. —MNA/Reuters

Australia must get tough on carbon emissions

CANBERRA, 6 July — Australia should slap tough limits on greenhouse gas emissions, including on the energy and transport sectors, but should compensate industries whose foreign rivals are free to pollute, an official report said on Friday.

The 600-page draft report, prepared by climate-change adviser Ross Garnaut in an effort to shape public policy, also urged Australia to go further than its current goal to cut greenhouse gas emissions by 60 per cent by 2050.

He warned of a major dent to the economy if it avoided the hard decisions on climate change. “We cannot drop the ball,” Garnaut said in a speech after releasing the report. “Our location makes us already a hot and dry country. Increases in temperature and lower rainfall have a much bigger impact here than on other wealthy countries.”

MNA/Reuters



In this photo provided by Six Flags Discovery Kingdom, Makali, a three-year-old reticulated giraffe, gives a nuzzle to her Fourth of July treat, a red, white and blue fruitcicle, at Six Flags Discovery Kingdom in Vallejo, Calif, on 4 July, 2008. —INTERNET

Scientists say global warming damaging sea's food web

LOS ANGELES, 6 July— Global warming increases the rate of “ocean acidification” and is damaging some of the most important living organisms in the sea’s food web, US scientists have warned.

The world’s oceans now absorb millions of tons of the global warming gas each year, and thus help to slow the pace of climate change, but the benefit is far outweighed by extreme and damaging changes in the water’s chemistry due to global warming, according to two studies published in the

journal *Science* available here on Friday.

“While the changes are alarming, it’s nearly impossible to predict how this unprecedented acidification will affect entire ecosystems,” said Ken Caldeira, an atmospheric scientist with the Carnegie Institute’s Department of Global Ecology at Stanford. Caldeira and his colleagues raised the issue in the July issue of *Science*.

Only two weeks ago in the same journal,

Richard Feely, a chemical oceanographer in Seattle with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), reported that the world’s oceans have become at least 30 per cent more acidic since the Industrial Age began more than 200 years ago.

Feely’s study warned that if greenhouse gas emissions continue uncontrolled, the world’s oceans in this century will become 150 per cent more acidic than they are today.

MNA/Xinhua

G-8 summit offers to jointly tackle global challenges

MOSCOW, 6 July— The upcoming Group of Eight (G-8) summit provides an opportunity to map out joint strategies for coping with the challenges brought by globalization, Russian President Dmitry Medvedev said in a recent interview with Japanese media.

It is impossible for one country alone to meet these challenges, Medvedev told Japanese reporters on the eve of the summit to be held on the Japanese island of Hokkaido, *ITAR-TASS* news agency reported. “In this sense, the G-8 summit gives us a chance to coordinate our stances and study ways to meet the challenges,” he was quoted as saying.

Mankind is facing a very complicated and irreversible process of climate change, Medvedev said. In efforts to reduce harmful gas emissions and the green-house effect, greater emphasis should be laid on making long-term plans, he said.

On the current food crisis, he said it was caused by a combination of factors from overproduction in a number of countries to serious food shortages in some others. The surging food prices have aggravated the crisis, he added. Medvedev proposed further increases in world food production and provision of assistance to countries suffering from food shortages, in an effort to make changes to the global adjustment mechanism. —MNA/Xinhua



Estonian Alan Voogla carries his wife Kristi Viltrop on their way to winning the Wife-carrying World Championships in Sonkajarvi, central Finland, on 5 July, 2008. —INTERNET

SPORTS



Germany's Raphael Holzdeppe competes in the men's pole vault event at the German track and field athletics championships in Nuremberg on 5 July, 2008.—INTERNET

Nadal ends Schuettler's surprise run

LONDON, 6 July— French Open champion Rafael Nadal set up a third successive Wimbledon final with holder Roger Federer when he ended the surprise run to the last four of unseeded German Rainer Schuettler 6-1, 7-6, 6-4 on Friday. “I’m very happy...now I must try my best on Sunday to beat the best player in the world,” the Spaniard said after the second semi-final on Centre Court. World number one Federer, looking to win a sixth title in a row, beat unseeded former world number one Marat Safin in straight sets in the first semi-final. Schuettler, 10 years older than 22-year-old Nadal, did his best to offer some resistance to the muscular Majorcan after his exhausting five-setter against Frenchman Arnaud Clement. —MNA/Reuters

Costa Rica coach promises happiness and spice

SAN JOSE, 6 July— Costa Rica’s new coach Rodrigo Kenton has promised to bring happiness and spice to the Central American team as they attempt to qualify for their third successive World Cup. “The principal objective is to give the country the happiness of taking the national team to South Africa 2010,” he told reporters. “We are going to work on the spirit of happiness and spice that is typical of Costa Rican soccer. “We will be looking for the right combination of players to bring out the kind of soccer we are looking for,” he added. Kenton replaced Hernan Medford who quit after his side struggled to beat tiny Grenada in a CONCACAF second preliminary round tie last month. —MNA/Reuters

Answers to yesterday's Crosswords Puzzle

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Poland ready to provide majority of Euro 2012 venues

WARSAW, 6 July 6— Poland is prepared to provide six of the eight venues needed for Euro 2012 if co-host Ukraine is not ready in time, Polish sports officials told local media on Saturday. Earlier this week UEFA president Michel Platini gave Ukraine three months to prove its preparations for hosting the event were on track. "We are hoping Euro 2012 will be co-hosted by Poland and Ukraine as planned, but the risk factor must be assessed and a contingency reserve prepared," Polish Sports Minister Miroslaw Drzewiecki told news channel TVN24 on Saturday.—MNA/Reuters

I'll be ready for Venus next time, says Serena

LONDON, 6 July — Runner-up Serena Williams said she hoped to meet sister Venus in other major finals and vowed that next time she would be more ready for the barrage of serves into the body that she faced in Saturday's Wimbledon showpiece. The pair played each other for a third time in a final at the All England Club, with Venus winning 7-5, 6-4 to collect her fifth Venus Rosewater Dish. It was the seventh time they had clashed in a grand slam final and Serena, 15 months younger than her 28-year-old sister, said it was unlikely to be the last. "If we stay on the opposite side of the draw it probably will be a likelihood. We're always trying to get to the finals and do better than that," she told a news conference. She said Venus's tactic had been to serve into her body, which she thought she had coped with well but would be even better prepared for next time they met.—MNA/Reuters



Kevin Eastler waves to spectators during the men's 20000 meter race walk at the US Olympic Track and Field Trials in Eugene, Ore, on 5 July, 2008. Eastler won the race and earned a place on the US Olympic team.—INTERNET

China part company with Petrovic after World Cup flop

BEIJING, 6 July — China have not renewed coach Vladimir Petrovic's contract after their failure in 2010 World Cup qualifying, the Asian Football Confederation (AFC) said on Friday. “Elimination from the World Cup left me very sad but I have had many (positive) emotions which I appreciate,” the Serb was quoted as saying on the AFC’s website (www.the-afc.com). “The time I have had here was too short to change anything and maybe I could have done better if I had enough time.” China, who reached the 2002 World Cup finals, were dumped out at the third round stage one game early after securing just three points and scoring only two goals in their first five matches. Petrovic accepted responsibility for the failure, but angry fans pinned the blame on national soccer chiefs, chanting “sack! sack! sack!” after their 2-1 defeat by Iraq on 14 June. — MNA/Reuters



A wrestler prepares before competing at Kirkpinar Arena during the annual traditional oil wrestling tournament in Sarayici in the western Turkish city of Edirne on 5 July, 2008. More than 1,800 wrestlers competing in different categories attended the event.—INTERNET

Nestor, Zimonjic win doubles title

LONDON, 6 July— Second seeds Daniel Nestor and Nenad Zimonjic defeated Jonas Bjorkman and Kevin Ullyett 7-6, 6-7, 6-3, 6-3 to win their first Wimbledon doubles title on Saturday. Swede Bjorkman’s hopes of lifting a fourth Wimbledon doubles title before retiring at the end of the season fizzled out in the third set, Nestor and Zimonjic getting a break of serve in the fourth game, rescuing a break point in the process. “Every game and point is tough. You feel like you have to focus really hard because you’re playing against one of the best competitors over the years, singles and doubles, Jonas Bjorkman,” Nestor told reporters. Nestor of Canada, who was a runner-up at Wimbledon to Bjorkman and Todd Woodbridge in 2002, added the title to his grand slam wins at the Australian, US and French Opens. Serbia’s Zimonjic celebrated winning his first grand slam title having lost in the final at Wimbledon in 2004 and 2006 and at the French Open with Nestor this season. — MNA/Reuters



Thailand's Noppawan Lertcheewakarn holds up her runnerup trophy after losing to Britain's Laura Robson in the girl's singles final at Wimbledon, on 5 July, 2008.—INTERNET

Early rains hit DPRK, raising flood concern

PYONGYANG, 6 July — Heavy rains have hit the Democratic People’s Republic of Korea (DPRK) for three consecutive days, raising concerns that the rainy season came earlier than last year and may cause floods.

The rainy season set in across the DPRK since Wednesday, coming two days earlier than the previous year, Ryu Ki Ryol, director of the Central Hydro-Meteorological Institute, told the official news agency KCNA on Friday.

In Kusong County, North Phyongan Province, precipitation measured 113 millimetres, Ryu said, forecasting more downpours in July, one month earlier than last year.

Meanwhile, the government has taken precautionary steps of repairing the destroyed gutters and ditches, and readjusting pumping stations to channel water out of urban areas in case of heavy rains, the KCNA said.

The food-fragile country has also launched a campaign to protect crops from floods and rainstorms in rural areas, the report said. Floods hit the DPRK in August 2007, causing damage to agriculture and casualties.

MNA/Xinhua



Japanese master sailor and environmentalist Kenichi Horie waving as he leaves Honolulu in Hawaii for Japan on a wave powered boat “Mermaid II” in March. Horie has completed a 110-day solo voyage across the Pacific Ocean in a boat propelled by wave power to claim another world first.—INTERNET

20 killed, wounded in Afghanistan

KABUL, 6 July— Afghanistan’s Ministry of Defence says more than 20 militants have been killed and wounded during a battle with NATO-backed Afghan forces.

The ministry says the militants were traveling in two vehicles when they were attacked by Afghan troops aided by NATO airstrikes on Friday in northeastern Kunar Province. No other details were provided.

More than 2,100 people — mostly militants — have been killed in insurgency-related violence in Afghanistan this year. About 8,000 people died in attacks last year — the most since the 2001 US-led invasion.—Internet

New Zealand’s South Island experiences worst snow storm

WELLINGTON, 6 July — One of the worst snow storms in years was causing considerable disruption in New Zealand’s South Island on Saturday.

Several major roads were closed, along with Queenstown Airport, at the start of the school holidays, Radio New Zealand reported.

Transit New Zealand advised motorists in much of the South Island to postpone travel.

Snow was falling across Southland, Otago and Canterbury. State Highway 1, the northern motorway out of Dunedin, was closed and Transit said it will stay shut overnight, and be reviewed on Sunday morning.

Most of the South Island alpine passes were closed due to snow.

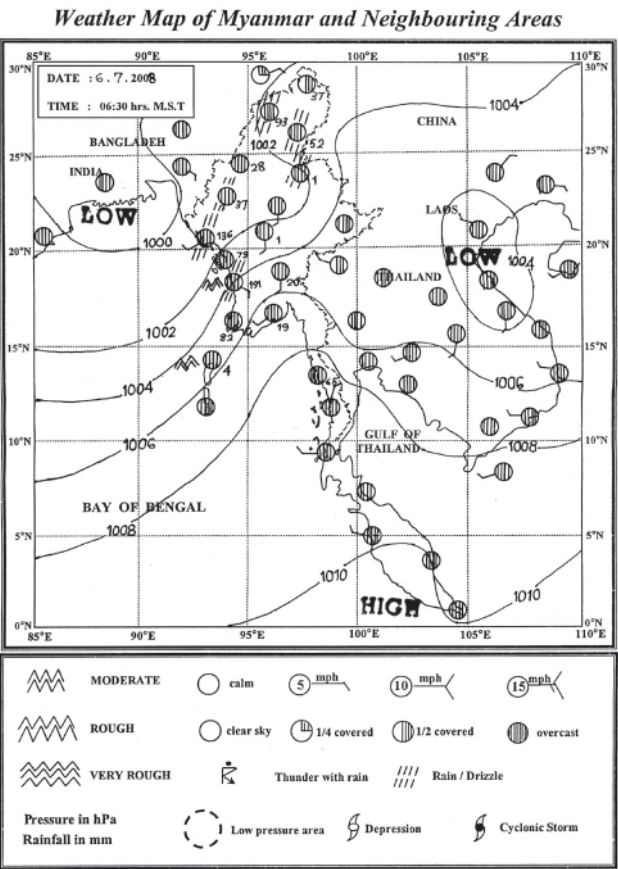
Also shut were State Highway 75 from Little River to Akaroa and State Highway 94 between Te Anau and Milford Sound. —MNA/Xinhua

Flood Warning
(Issued at 12:30 hr M S T on 6-7-2007)

According to the (06.30) hr M S T observation today, the water level of Chindwin River at Mawlaik is (1128) cm. It may reach its danger level (1230) cm during the next (48) hrs commencing today.

Flood Bulletin
(Issued at 12:30 hr M S T on 6-7-2007)

According to the (06.30) hr M S T observation today, the water level of Chindwin River at Homalin (2903) cm is exceeded (3) cm above its danger level. It may remain above its danger level (2900) cm during the next (48) hrs commencing noon today.



WEATHER

Sunday, 6 July, 2008

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr MST: During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Kayah State, rain or thundershowers have been scattered in Shan State and Mandalay Division, fairly widespread in Magway, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi Divisions and widespread in the remaining States and Divisions with locally heavyfalls in Rakhine State and isolated heavyfalls in Kayin State, upper Sagaing and Ayeyawady Divisions. The noteworthy amounts of rainfalls recorded were Nay Pyi Taw (1.11) inches, Maungdaw (7.88) inches, Thandwe (7.60) inches, Sittwe (6.02) inches, Launglon (5.08) inches, Kawkaireik (4.53) inches, Hkamti (4.21) inches, Kyaukpyu and Pathein (3.23) inches each, Dawei (2.56) inches, Myitkyina (2.48) inches, Katha (1.81) inches, Mawlaik (1.77) inches and Coco Island (1.73) inches.

Maximum temperature on 5-7-2008 was 87°F. Minimum temperature on 6-7-2008 was 70°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 6-7-2008 was 96%. Total sunshine hours on 5-7-2008 was (3.5) hours (Approx).

Rainfall on 6-7-2008 was (0.16) inch at Mingaladon, (0.74) inches at Kaba-Aye and (0.60) inch at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2008 was (42.52) inches at Mingaladon, (54.09) inches at Kaba-Aye and (66.50) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (8) mph from West at (13:30) hours MST on 5-7-2008.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 7-7-2008: Rain will be widespread in Kachin, Chin, Rakhine States and upper Sagaing, Yangon and Bago Divisions, fairly widespread in Mon and Kayin States and Ayeyawady and Taninthayi Divisions and isolated to scattered in the remaining areas with likelihood of isolated heavyfalls in Rakhine State. Degree of certainty is (80%).

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

Outlook for subsequent two days: Strong monsoon.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 7-7-2008: One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 7-7-2008: Some rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 7-7-2008: One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

<div></div> <div>Monday, 7 July</div> <div>View on today</div> <div>7:00 am</div> <div>1. မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော် ဘုရားကြီး၏ ပရိတ်တရားတော်</div> <div>7:25 am</div> <div>2. To be healthy exercise</div> <div>7:30 am</div> <div>3. Morning news</div>	<div>7:40 am</div> <div>4. Cute little dancer</div> <div>7:50 am</div> <div>5. အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ</div> <div>8:00 am</div> <div>6. Musical programme (The Radio Myanmar Modern Music Troup)</div> <div>8:10 am</div> <div>7. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ</div> <div>8:20 am</div> <div>8. International news</div> <div>8:30 am</div> <div>9. “ပျော်ရွှင်ကျန်းမာ သန့်စင်သောအစာ” (ဆုပန်ထွာပွင့်၊ ဂွမ်းပုံကြီး) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-ကြည်စိုးထွန်း)</div> <div>4:00 pm</div> <div>1. Martial song</div>	<div>4:10 pm</div> <div>2. Dance variety</div> <div>4:20 pm</div> <div>3. “ငါးရစ်မျိုးငါးတို့မစား” (ဧရာခိုင်သင်းကြည်မေပိုးအိ၊ ညိုညိုစိမ်းမြသက်ထား) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-ရဲဝင်းဦး)</div> <div>4:30 pm</div> <div>4. Song of National Races</div> <div>4:45 pm</div> <div>5. အကပြိုင်ပွဲ</div> <div>4:50 pm</div> <div>6. Song for uphold national spirit</div> <div>5:05 pm</div> <div>7. အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ</div> <div>5:10 pm</div> <div>8. Musical programme</div>	<div>6:00 pm</div> <div>9. Evening news</div> <div>6:30 pm</div> <div>10. Weather report</div> <div>6:35 pm</div> <div>11. အလှူရှာမယ်လှူကမ္ဘာဝယ်</div> <div>7:05 pm</div> <div>12. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “မာယာများနှင့်လှည့်ကွက်” (အပိုင်း-၉)</div> <div>8:00 pm</div> <div>13. News</div> <div>14. International news</div> <div>15. Weather report</div> <div>16. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “ချစ်စိတ်ကူးလေး ကောင်းရဲ့သားနဲ့” (အပိုင်း-၉)</div>

Make donations to the storm victims

- ☐ Everybody may make donations freely.
- ☐ Everybody may make donations to any person or any area.

However, wellwishers are urged to avoid unsystematic donations and acts that may tarnish the image of the nation and its people.

- Certain internal and external anti-government elements, self-centred persons and unscrupulous elements are now seeking their self-interests by sending to the foreign news agencies stories about relief and rehabilitation work they have made up and shot on video.
- Storm victims are hereby warned to remain vigilant with nationalistic spirit against the deceptions of the self-centred persons and unscrupulous elements.

- ☆ Skyful liars attempting to destroy nation
- ☆ BBC lying
- VOA deceiving
- RFA setting up hostilities
- ☆ Beware! Don't be bought by those ill-wishers

Witness may inform about misappropriation of internal and international relief funds and supplies

Anyone may dial the following phone numbers of the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement if he witnesses or knows that the cash assistance and relief supplies donated from abroad and at home to the storm victims are kept for self-interest, traded, used for particular persons and organizations, or misappropriated for other purposes.

Head of Office	Ph: 067 404021 and 067 404022
Deputy Head of Office	Ph: 09 860 1002



Members of Tatmadaw (Navy) load relief supplies for storm victims in Labutta onto a vessel.

MNA

Health care service provided in Labutta

YANGON, 6 July—Under the arrangement of the Ministry of Health, volunteer medical teams are providing health care service in the storm-affected areas. Medical Cover Teams from Shwegondine clinic and Pinlaung clinic have been giving medical treatment to the storm survivors in Labutta since 3 June.

Medical team No. 1 comprising 9 doctors and nurses altogether 19 led by Dr Daw Htay Htay Kyi, based in Hlinephone village and Phoneygigon village, gave medical treatment to the storm victims from 3 June to 10 June. They also donated books to the school library, gave nutritious food to the students, made medical check up and gave health educative talks. They gave medical treatment with the use of advanced medical equipment such as ECG machine and

oxygen machine and transferred patients to Township Hospitals for further treatment by specialists and donated cash assistance to the patients.

Medical Team No. 2 comprising 19 members including eight doctors led by Dr Than Than Nwe provided health care to storm survivors at the relief camp in Hlinephone village from 10 June to 18 June, medical team No. 3 comprising 10 doctors and nurses altogether 20 led by Dr Hla Myint from 18 June to 26 June, medical team No. 4 comprising 8 doctors and nurses altogether 19 led by Daw San San Win from 26 June to 5 July, medical team No. 5 comprising 7 doctors and nurses altogether 17 led by Dr Myint Myint Aye from 5 July to 13 respectively. They give medical treatment to about 200 patients a day and have cured about 5000 patients so far.—MNA