

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

Local authorities to make field trips right down to storm-hit regions and inculcate local people with a sense of wishing to enjoy higher living status

Prime Minister attends ceremony to hand over fishing boats and fishing nets in Mawlamyinegyun, Bogale townships



Prime Minister General Thein Sein inspects building of houses and fishing boats for storm-hit regions.—MNA

YANGON, 7 July—Chairman of the National Disaster Preparedness Central Committee Prime Minister General Thein Sein, accompanied by Maj-Gen Ko Ko of the Ministry of Defence, Chairman of Ayeyawady Division Peace and Development Council Commander of South-West Command Brig-Gen Kyaw Swe, ministers, deputy ministers, the Director-General of the Government Office and departmental heads, this morning left Patheingyi by helicopter and arrived in Mawlamyinegyun at 7.50 am.

They were welcomed

there by Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Col Thein Nyunt who is supervising the reconstruction of storm-hit regions in Mawlamyinegyun Township, departmental officials and local people.

Next, the Prime Minister and party attended a ceremony to hand over fishing boats and fishing nets to Mawlamyinegyun Township, and they were briefed by Minister Col Thein Nyunt and officials on different kinds of fishing nets, engines and fishing boats.

After that, the Prime Minister made a speech

on the occasion. He said that in rehabilitation of the storm-hit regions houses that are far better than the previous ones have been built for local people, adding that steps are being taken for resettlement of storm victims and for enabling them to resume their original livelihoods.

With the participation of national entrepreneurs and well-wishers under the leadership of the government measures have been taken for development of socio-economic status of storm victims, he said, and stressed the need for them to try their utmost for improvement of (See page 10)

Visa granted to 1,670 aid workers, 757 working in storm-hit areas

NAY PYI TAW, 7 July — The State has granted visas to experts and personnel from international aid organizations to provide humanitarian assistance to the storm victims, to assess the damages due to the storm that hit the country on 2 and 3 May, and to carry out health care services and rehabilitation works.

The number of foreigners who entered the country from 5 May to 30 June was 1,670 including 1,076 from UN, NGOs and INGOs, 498 from ASEAN and neighbouring countries to carry out health care services and 96 to attend the ASEAN-UN Pledging Conference. A total of 913 left the country as they completed their works and 757 have been doing their works in the storm-hit areas.—MNA

Storm News

NAY PYI TAW, 7 July—According to the observation at 4.30 pm MST today, a low pressure area over north of Bay of Bengal has further intensified and it is likely to turn into a small storm, said the Department of Meteorology and Hydrology.—MNA

PERSPECTIVES

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Strive for running mills and factories at full capacity

For ensuring sound national economy steps are being taken for development of such economic sectors as agro-based industrial sector, livestock and fisheries sector and electric power sector.

Meanwhile, industrial zones are being set up for the industrial development while all-out efforts are being made for the emergence of national industrialists.

The government has opened technological universities that produce intellectuals and technocrats. This has contributed a lot to the industrial development.

It is incumbent upon industrialists to produce much-needed items and more quality items that are in high demand through innovation.

Moreover, systematic measures are to be taken for transforming the industrial zones into the ones on whom the State can rely.

For development of the State's economy efforts are to be made to increase export and reduce import while running mills and factories at full capacity for boosting production.

At a time when a large number of industrial zones and industrial regions are being established throughout the nation efforts are to be made for running mills and factories at full capacity. Only then, will the nation develop and socio-economic status of the people improve.



Mr Kushida, President of KEI-AI Co Ltd & UMESUSHI Co Ltd donates US \$ 2000 to storm victims through Deputy Minister Col Hla Thein Swe at the Central Bank of Myanmar (Yangon Branch) on 1 July.

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People's Desire

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

Industry -1 Ministry offers Waso robes to monasteries in Yankin, Dagon Myothit (East)

NAY PYI TAW, 7 July — Under the patronage of the Secretariat Member of Union Solidarity and Development Association Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thaung and wife Daw Khin Khin Yi, the employees of the ministry conducted the 11th Waso robe offering ceremony at Kyaukkon Kyaunggyi Monastery in Yankin Township yesterday.

At the Waso robe offering ceremony, the congregation received the Five Precepts from Member of Township Sangha Nayaka Committee Presiding Sayadaw Bhaddanta Vissarada and members of the Sangha recited parittas.

Next, the minister and wife donated Waso robes and provisions to the Sayadaw, and the officials and their wives and donors offered Waso robes and provisions to members of the Sangha



Minister U Aung Thaung and wife present robes to Sayadaw Bhaddanta Varamindabhivamsa. — INDUSTRY-1

and monks of Kyaukkon Kyaunggyi monastery in Yankin Township yesterday. After the ceremony, they shared merits gained.

Similarly, the staff family of the ministry held the 5th Waso robe offering ceremony at Tipitaka Maha Gandawin Nikal Monastery in Dagon Myothit (East) Township yesterday afternoon.

The congregation took the Five Precepts from Presiding Sayadaw Tipitakadharadhamma Bandagarika Yesagyo Sayadaw Bhaddanta Varamindabhivamsa and members of the Sangha recited parittas.

Next, the minister and wife presented Waso robes and provisions to the Sayadaw and members of the Sangha.

After the ceremony, they shared merits gained.

The congregation also offered a day's meal and Waso robes to a total of 137 monks — 83 of Kyaukkon Kyaunggyi Monastery in Yankin Township and 54 of Tipitaka Maha Gandawin Nikal Monastery in Dagon Myothit (East).

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Export, Import procedure course to be opened

YANGON, 7 July — The Directorate of Trade under the Ministry of Commerce will organize a procedure course No 33 on export and import at the department (Yangon Branch), No 228/240 (Strand Road), here, in July. Those who wish to take the course may enlist at the Administration Section of the department. The opening date procedure course to be opened will be announced later.

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Thai Minister calls on TCG Chairman

YANGON, 7 July — Minister of Information, Communication and Technology (ICT) of Thailand Dr Mun Patanotai paid a courtesy call on Chairman of the ASEAN - Myanmar

United Nations Tripartite Core Group (TCG) Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Kyaw Thu at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs here today.

The Thai Minister

is currently in Yangon to hold talks on establishing Early Warning Network System for cyclone with personnel concerned from the Ministry of Transport of Myanmar.

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Deputy Minister U Kyaw Thu meets Minister Dr Mun Patanotai of Thailand. —MNA

Toyota to add solar panels to some Prius hybrids

TOKYO, 7 July—Toyota Motor Corp plans to install solar panels on some Prius hybrids in its next re-modeling, responding to growing demand for “green” cars amid record-high oil prices, a source briefed on the matter said on Monday.

The panels, supplied by Kyocera Corp would be able to power part of the air-conditioning on high-end versions of the gasoline-electric Prius, the source said. “It’s more of a symbolic gesture,” said the source, who asked not to be identified. “It’s very difficult to power much



A Prius with the new Hybrid engine is seen at the fair stand of Japanese car manufacturer Toyota at the International Car Show (IAA) in Frankfurt recently.—INTERNET

more than that with solar energy.” Toyota is due to launch the third-generation Prius next year.

Big automakers are all racing to come up with

alternative solutions to using fossil fuels to appear ecologically conscious and to lure consumers looking to save money at the pump.—Internet

Cholesterol drugs for kids

AUGUSTA (Georgia), 7 July—The nation’s pediatricians are recommending wider cholesterol screening for children and more aggressive use of cholesterol-lowering drugs starting as early as the age of 8 in hopes of preventing adult heart problems.

The new guidelines were to be issued by the American Academy of Pediatrics on Monday. The push to aggressively screen and medicate for high cholesterol in children is certain to create controversy amid a continuing debate about the use of prescription drugs in children as well as the best approaches to ward off heart disease in adults.

But proponents say there is growing evidence that the first signs of heart disease show up in childhood, and with 30 percent of the nation’s children overweight or obese, many doctors fear that a rash of early heart attacks and diabetes is on the horizon as these children grow up.

Previously, the academy had said cholesterol drugs should be considered in children older than 10 if they fail to lose weight after a 6 to 12-month effort. The academy estimated that under the current guidelines, 30 percent to 60 percent of children with high cholesterol were being missed. And for some children, cholesterol-lowering drugs, called statins, may be their best hope of lowering their risk of early heart attack, proponents said.—Internet

Plane crashes in Mexico, US pilot killed

MEXICO CITY, 7 July—A Michigan company’s plane carrying auto parts for a General Motors Corp plant crashed Sunday as it was trying to land in northern Mexico, killing the pilot and severely injuring the co-pilot.

The plane crashed

before dawn Sunday half a mile from the runway in Ramos Arizpe, 200 miles south of the US-Mexico border, said Segismundo Doguin, the deputy civil defense chief for Coahuila state.

The co-pilot received second- and third-degree

burns and was in critical condition at a hospital in nearby Saltillo, Doguin said.

The DC-9, 15 freighter was operated by USA. Jet Airlines Inc, based at Michigan’s Willow Run Airport in Wayne County’s Van Buren Township, west of Detroit. Company spokesman Donald McNeff said the crew members were US citizens but declined to identify them. Mexican officials gave conflicting versions of the names.

The plane was carrying four tons of car parts it had picked up in Hamilton, Ontario, for a GM plant in Ramos Arizpe.

Internet



A police officer stands next to the wreckage of a DC-9 plane at the crash site on the outskirts of Saltillo, northern Mexican state of Coahuila on 6 July, 2008.—INTERNET

Suicide bomber kills 40 in Afghan capital

KABUL, 7 July— In a massive explosion Monday that reverberated around the city, a suicide bomber killed at least 40 people and injured 140 at the gates of the Indian Embassy in the Afghan capital, the Interior Ministry said. In New Delhi, the Foreign Ministry said the military attache, who held the rank of brigadier, a senior diplomat and three other Indians were killed in the attack. The dead also included six Afghan policemen.

The bomber rammed a car into two Indian diplomatic vehicles as they entered the gates of the embassy, witnesses reported from the scene. They said the blast wrecked several other

cars and spread human body parts and bloodstained scraps of clothing amid the debris.

The bombing followed an attack on police officers in Islamabad, the capital of neighboring Pakistan, on Sunday and an earlier assault on a diplomatic mission in which a suicide bomber attacked the Danish Embassy in Islamabad last month.

There was no immediate claim of responsibility for the attack. The Taliban has threatened to escalate a campaign of suicide bombings in an attempt to topple the government and challenge the presence of some 60,000 foreign troops in Afghanistan, including 34,000 Americans.

Internet



Afghan policemen and health workers carry a dead body at the site of a suicide attack in Kabul, Afghanistan on 7 July, 2008.—INTERNET

Gunmen kill UN official, wound another in Somalia

MOGADISHU (Somalia), 7 July—A senior UN official in Somalia was gunned down Sunday night as he exited a mosque after evening prayers, according to a journalist on the scene.

Osman Ali Ahmed, head of the UN development program in the war-torn capital of Mogadishu, was shot at about 7:50 pm and died from his wounds at an African Union-run

hospital near Mogadishu airport, said the Shabelle Media Network journalist, whose name was withheld for security reasons.

Ahmed apparently was the target of the attack, an official with the UN programme said, speaking on condition of anonymity because he was not authorized to discuss the situation. The journalist said he spoke with

Ahmed’s mother-in-law, who lived with him in a house five blocks from the mosque. She confirmed that Ahmed had been ambushed by gunmen outside the mosque and shot twice in the head.

Ahmed’s cousin was also wounded in the attack, the woman said. He was being treated for a gunshot wound in his leg at the same hospital.—Internet

Apple’s iPhone could find Asia tough to crack

HONG KONG, 7 July—The iPhone 3G, which Apple is billing as twice as fast and half as expensive as the debut model, will roll out in cities from Tokyo to Sydney on Friday— but it could face challenges in Asia it will not have elsewhere.

The company is betting the new phone’s third generation (3G) capabilities, such as faster Internet access and file transfer, will make the phone a hit. Like the first version, the new model also has an iPod built in.

Many analysts are upbeat about its prospects, seeing Apple as a brand with a strong cachet in tech-savvy Asia.

Mancy Li wants to get her hands on Apple’s newest version of the iPhone, but she won’t bother to queue up in Hong Kong when it is released in Asia this week.



“I want to get one because it is trendy. It has a touch screen, it looks pretty and it’s made by Apple,” the 22-year-old visual arts student says.

But she’s prepared to wait and see what happens to the price of running the new version of the phone, which Apple hopes will become as big a global hit as its iconic iPod music player.

“It is going to do well,” Aloysius Choong, of Singapore-based industry research group IDC, said.—Internet



Model maker Reinhard Oetken prepares his Airbus 380-900 model aircraft for a flight during a model jet meeting at the airbase Ganderkesee, northern Germany, on 6 July, 2007. The airplane is 5.25 meters (17.24 feet) long, wing span is 5.35 meters (17.55 feet) and it weighs 97.5 kilogram. Its tank is filled with 21 liters of kerosene. Germany’s largest model aircraft flew the first time in public on Sunday . — INTERNET

Hamas TV slams US resolution

GAZA, 7 July — Al-Aqsa satellite channel affiliated with Gaza-ruler Hamas on Saturday denounced a draft resolution presented to the US Congress to classify it and four other televisions as terrorist organizations.

The draft resolution, presented on 26 June, was “politically motivated and aimed at silencing every free voice unveiling the American and Zionist acts in the Islamic and Arab

region,” said Fathi Hamad, a Hamas lawmaker who heads the Gaza-based satellite channel. The draft resolution condemned the five Middle East televisions of broadcasting incitement to violence against the United States and sponsoring recruitment and fund-raising of terrorism against Washington. Hamad said his channel “was mainly a resistance television (which) presents pro-

grammes showing the Palestinian cause and covers the activities of resistance”.

Hamad praised “the prominent role these channels carry out” and called on them “to unify their efforts in facing the resolution and preventing it from taking effect”. Hamad said al-Aqsa channel “is going to take alternative steps to secure the continuation of its broadcast”.

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Pakistani PM vows to meet people’s basic needs

ISLAMABAD, 7 July — Pakistani Prime Minister Yousuf Raza Gilani Saturday said that price hikes and other crises were inherited, however, his government would provide relief to the masses.

He was speaking at a seminar organized on the performance of the new Pakistani Government during its first 100 days.

Gilani said that wheat, rice, sugar and other food commodities were not available in the market when he assumed the office. However, necessary measures have been taken to overcome the crisis since then, he said. Gilani further said that the government had taken all possible steps to regularize load-shedding schedule and fuel prices.

The Pakistan People’s Party, by which Gilani was

appointed the Prime Minister, became the largest party following the February 18 general election in the south Asian country and is the major ruling party in the coalition.

MNA/Xinhua

5,000-year-old cemetery found in southern Egypt

CAIRO, 7 July — An Egyptian archaeological mission has unearthed a 5,000-year-old royal burial ground in southern Egypt, the official MENA news agency reported on Saturday.

The cemetery was

discovered in Umm el-Ga’ab area, south of the historical city of Abydos in Sohag governorate, about 400 kilometres south of Cairo, said the report. The burial ground, which contains 13 tombs, is believed to be of senior royal employees or people who contributed to the construction of the cemetery.

MNA/Xinhua

Firefighters survey a fire near Goleta, California. Firefighters reported progress in their fight against two large wildfires that threatened on Sunday thousands of homes along California’s coastline.—INTERNET



Iran says its nuclear stance unchanged

TEHERAN, 7 July — Iran said on Saturday its nuclear stance had not changed and it was ready to hold talks with world major powers over its disputed nuclear programme based on international regulations.

“Iran’s stance has not changed (on uranium enrichment) and we are ready to hold talks on the common points of the P5+1 incentives package and Iran’s package,” government spokesman

Gholamhossein Elham told a weekly news conference.

Iran said on Friday it agreed to hold further discussions later this month about the incentives package offered by six world powers aimed at resolving a stand-off over its disputed nuclear ambitions, but has so far rejected their demand to suspend uranium enrichment.

There has been no

word on the content of Iran’s reply, submitted to European Union foreign policy chief Javier Solana, to the offer of talks on economic and other benefits if it in return halts nuclear work the West suspects is aimed at making bombs.

Iran’s chief nuclear negotiator Saeed Jalili told Solana on Friday Teheran had prepared its response with a “constructive and creative outlook”.

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In this photo released by Holland America Line, the new ms Eurodam departs Copenhagen, Denmark, on 5 July, 2008, on its maiden European voyage.—INTERNET

UAE Co gets \$625m to buy share of Japan’s Cosmo Oil

ABU DHABI, 7 July — The International Petroleum Investment Company (IPIC) of the United Arab Emirates (UAE) announced Saturday that it has got a syndicated term loan facility of 625 million US dollars to finance its acquisition of 20 per cent share of Japan’s energy company Cosmo Oil, Emirates News Agency reported.

The loan facility was provided by the National Bank of Abu Dhabi (NBAD) and the Bank of Tokyo-Mitsubishi UFJ (BTMU), according to the report.

The Abu Dhabi-based IPIC signed a strategic partnership with Cosmo Oil

last September to acquire the latter’s 176,000,000 shares (a 20-per-cent shareholding) in order to promote its energy business in the Asia Pacific Region and the US West Coast as well as to pursue joint project opportunities.

The investment by IPIC in Cosmo Oil represents one of the largest UAE investments in Japan, which accounts for some 40 per cent of the UAE oil exports. Cosmo Oil is one of Japan’s leading energy companies with activities across the value chain from exploration and production to refining and marketing to petrochemicals.

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Mongolian President lifts state of emergency in capital

ULAN BATOR, 7 July — Mongolian President Nambaryn Enkhbayar declared late Saturday night that the four-day state of emergency in the country’s capital of Ulan Bator was lifted as of midnight Saturday local time (1600 GMT).

Enkhbayar said the state of emergency soon calmed down the Tuesday’s riots and kept

the order of society. He hoped the parties of Mongolia to deal with the disputed issues of Parliament election with rule of laws.

The Armed Forces of Mongolia have pulled out of the main streets of the city. The measures including curfew, restriction of the traffic movement have been lifted.

Mongolia’s parlia-

mentary elections were held last Sunday. The Mongolian People’s Revolutionary Party (MPRP) won the election. Supporters of the Democratic Party and other parties marched on Tuesday in protest against alleged voting fraud in the elections and the protests at last turned to riots.

Xinhua



Savannah Sanchez, dressed as the ‘Star Spangled Alien from the Planet Yankee Doodle’, waits backstage prior to the costume contest at Pearson Auditorium during the UFO Festival on 5 July, 2008 in Roswell, NM. INTERNET

Kent Couch lifts off from his gas station in Bend, Ore, in his lawn chair rigged with more than 150 giant party balloons, on 5 July, 2008. —INTERNET

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Canada forest fire forces nearly 3,000 out of home

OTTAWA, 7 July—About 2,800 people have been evacuated from their homes as forest fires continue to rage across the western Canadian province of Saskatchewan, reports reaching here said Saturday.

There were about 88 forest fires burning throughout the province on Saturday, with 36 new blazes started in just the past day by lightening strikes. The fires have destroyed nearly 3,000 square kilometres so far.

At least six communities have been affected by the fires. Since Monday, more than 1,000 people have fled their homes in the community of Deschambault Lake, one of the worst hit areas. Despite firefighters’ work for the past week, a huge fire is still only one kilometre away from the town.

On Friday, 250 people were forced out of Pelican Narrows.

Four hundred more people were set to leave from their hometown in the area of Sandy Bay Saturday to escape thick smoke brought about by nearby forest fires. —Xinhua

Death toll from C China building collapse rises to seven

WUHAN, 7 July—Rescuers had recovered seven bodies from debris as 10:50 pm on Saturday after an under-construction building collapsed on Saturday afternoon in central China’s Hubei Province.

In addition, 13 others were rescued and sent to local hospital. At least 20 construction workers were buried after the four-storey building toppled at around 5 pm at the Qiuzhigou Village of suburb Wuhan City, the provincial capital, said Wan Yong, mayor assistant of the city. —Xinhua



telecommunication firms combined reported a loss of more than 20 billion yuan, he said.

Many companies had to halt production and cut orders because of the damaged facilities, making them lose another 40.1 billion yuan. Nearly 3,600 employers of these centrally-administered SOEs had been killed or injured, according to Liu.

Xinhua

official with the State-owned Assets Supervision and Administration Commission of the State Council (SASAC) told an online interview.

Electric and telecommunication companies took the brunt of the impact, with many of them also victims of the worst-in-50-year winter snowstorms, Liu said.

The State Grid Corp of China and four



LatAm Parlt approves legal framework for ecotourism

SANTIAGO, 7 July — The Environment Commission of the Latin American Parliament ended Friday its first work session in Santiago, approving the legal framework for the development and promotion of ecotourism in Latin America and the Caribbean region.

The Guatemalan deputy Mario Rivera described the approval of the Ley Marco (Framework Law) of Ecotourism as “the product of the effort

and dedication of many senators and members of the parliament of Latin America”. The two-day meeting was attended by legislators from Antilles, Guatemala, Mexico, Uruguay, Panama and Venezuela.

The document seeks to consolidate the develop-

ment and promotion of the ecotourism without diminishing the integrity and cultural wealth of the social groups involved by taking into account the respectful and sustainable use of the cultural, natural and historical heritage.

Xinhua

A displaced woman who lives in a dumpsite bakes traditional bread in southern Baghdad’s Abu Dsheer on 6 July, 2008. About 40 Shi’ite families, displaced by violence for the past two years from different parts of Iraq, are living in a dumpsite in southern Baghdad, residents said. —INTERNET

More cases of salmonella epidemic reported in US

LOS ANGELES, 7 July—A salmonella epidemic continues to spread across the United States, raising the number of infected cases to more than 900, the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA) said on Saturday.

Among the 943 reported cases nationwide, at least 130 people have been hospitalized since mid-April when the first salmonella cases appeared, according to the FDA. Tainted tomatoes remain the leading suspect in the salmonella outbreak, although investigators are testing other types of fresh produce, the FDA said.

Investigators have begun looking at jalapeno peppers as a possible cause of the outbreak as well as other ingredients used to make salsa such as cilantro and serrano peppers, FDA spokeswoman Stephanie Kwisnek said. —Xinhua



Riot police officers block protesters during a rally demanding the full-scale renegotiation of the US beef import deal, in front of Seoul City Hall on 6 July, 2008.—INTERNET

EU, Russia launch talks on new cooperation deal

BRUSSELS, 7 July—The European Union (EU) and Russia launched here on Friday the first round of talks on a new cooperation agreement on political and economic relations.

“This is an important day for us,” External Relations Director General Eneko Landaburu told a joint news briefing after talks with Russian Ambassador to the EU Vladimir Chizhov.

Landaburu said that during the meeting with Russian chief negotiator Chizhov, they discussed the content of the future

political agreement.

“We agreed on the scope of this political agreement,” said Landaburu, adding that it covers the fields of politics, economy, security, energy, freedom, education and research.

Chizhov said he was optimistic about the negotiations, adding that the first round of the talks gave ground for optimism.

The negotiators also fixed at the first session the agenda and structure of the negotiations, which it is widely believed would last more than a year.

Cooperation in the

energy sector is expected to dominate the negotiating process, according to the negotiators.

MNA/Xinhua

“Premature” to talk of direct Israel contact

PARIS, 7 July—Syria’s Foreign Minister said on Friday it was premature to talk of direct peace negotiations with Israel, a day after Israel had called for quickly starting face-to-face discussions.

A third round of talks between the long-time foes started in Istanbul on Tuesday and ended on Thursday with an agreement to hold a fourth round of indirect negotiations in Turkey in late July, a Turkish Government source told Reuters on Thursday.

“It’s premature to answer this question,” said Walid al-Moualem when asked when direct talks could be held.

“The moment when we feel that we’ve got the agreed common ground between us and the Israelis, which covers all elements of a peace agreement, we will agree on the location of these direct talks,” he said in a question and answer session at the French Institute for International Relations (IFRI).

MNA/Xinhua

A Palestinian vendor sells carob juice in the West Bank town of Jenin, on 6 July, 2008. Palestinian negotiator Saeb Erekat said Sunday Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas and Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert plan to meet on 13 July, on the sidelines of an international gathering in the French capital.

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Obama “puzzled” by Iraq comment frenzy

ST LOUIS, 7 July — Democratic presidential candidate Barack Obama said on Saturday his plan to end the Iraq war was unchanged and he was puzzled by the sharp reaction to his statement this week that he might “refine” his timetable for withdrawing US combat troops.

“For me to say that I’m going to refine my policies I don’t think in any way is inconsistent with prior statements and doesn’t change my strategic view

that this war has to end and that I’m going to end it as president,” Obama told reporters on his campaign plane. Obama, who based his drive to capture the Democratic nomination on his early and ardent opposition to the war, said earlier this week he might alter his plan to bring combat troops home within 16 months of taking office if conditions on the ground changed.

The comment drew heavy coverage and sharp

criticism from some on the left and the right, with Republicans saying it showed he was vacillating on Iraq.

“I was a little puzzled by the frenzy that I set off with what I thought was a pretty innocuous statement,” he said on a flight from Montana to St Louis. “I am absolutely committed to ending the war. I will call my joint chiefs of staff in and give them a new assignment and that is to end the war.”

MNA/Reuters

Bulgaria to buy 2 French corvettes, halving order

PARIS, 7 July — Bulgaria has provisionally agreed with France to buy two Gowind corvettes, halving an earlier commitment for four vessels that was hit by

funding problems, an aide to French President Nicolas Sarkozy said on Friday.

Bulgaria and France set up a working group in October to try to reach a

final deal by end-2007 for four of the advanced stealth vessels that would have been worth 950 million euros (1.49 billion US dollars).

There were reports soon afterwards that Bulgaria had decided on a cheaper solution due to budget difficulties.

The French aide said on Friday that Bulgarian Prime Minister Sergei Stanishev had confirmed a provisional order for two vessels, one of which would be built in Bulgaria at the Black Sea port of Varna.

The Gowind class of light, manoeuvrable corvettes is designed for anti-surface warfare and maritime security and built by French state shipyard DCNS, which is 25-per-cent owned by defence electronics firm Thales.

MNA/Reuters



Afghan hospital workers carry a boy who was allegedly injured in US-led air strikes. An Afghan district governor has accused the US-led coalition of killing nearly two dozen civilians in an air strike on a wedding party. The coalition insisted it only killed militants.—INTERNET



Work in storm-hit regions inspected



Maj-Gen Ko Ko inspects boat building and fishing gear at Boat Building Camp of the Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries in Ayeyawady Division. — MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 7 July —Maj-Gen Ko Ko of the Ministry of Defence on 5 July met local authorities, social organization members and residents in Maubin, Ayeyawady Division.

Maubin District Peace and Development Council Chairman U Htay Win reported on cultivation of monsoon paddy and crops, sufficiency of edible oil and rice in the region and measures being taken for education and health sectors.

Maj-Gen Ko Ko called for working hard to develop economic and social conditions in Maubin district.

In Kyaiklat, where he was welcomed by Minister for Hotels and Tourism Maj-Gen Soe Naing and departmental heads, he met

with departmental staff and townsenders.

U Kyaw Htin, Chairman of Kyaiklat Township PDC gave a presentation on economic and social work in the township.

Maj-Gen Ko Ko urged officials to participate in construction tasks being carried out in storm-hit areas. He inspected progress of rehabilitation tasks in the township.

So far, Kyaiklat Township has had 32,037 acres under monsoon paddy and the remaining acres will be under

monsoon paddy.

Maj-Gen Ko Ko, the minister and party held a discussion with departmental staff and local residents in Pyapon. Their discussion focused on monsoon paddy and crop cultivation and fishery sectors. Maj-Gen Ko Ko called for active participation of local residents in rehabilitation tasks.

Later, they inspected boat building and fishing gear at Boat Building Camp of the Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries in Ayeyawady Division.

In Bogale Township, Maj-Gen Ko Ko met departmental staff and local people. He heard reports on rehabilitation tasks in the township by the chairman of Bogale Township PDC and later inspected the tasks in the township.

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Robes to be offered to Tooth Relic Pagoda on 17 July

YANGON, 7 July — A ceremony to offer robe to Tooth Relic Pagoda will be held in conjunction with the 11th Dhamma Cekka Day at the pagoda in Mayangon Township on 17 July (Fullmoon Day of Waso).

Anyone may participate in the ceremony organized by Board of Trustees of the Pagoda.

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Dhamma Zedi Sayadaw donates cash to storm-hit monasteries in Ayeyawady Div

YANGON, 7 July — A cash donation ceremony presented by Dhamma Zedi Sayadaw Bhaddanta Kosalla (Sasana University Maha Dhammacariya MA) for storm-hit monasteries of Ayeyawady Division was held at Sasana Beikman in Pathein yesterday.

The cash donation ceremony was organized by Ayeyawady Division Peace and Development Council.

At the cash donation, on behalf of Dhamma Zedi Sayadaw Bhaddanta

Kosalla, Secretary of Ayeyawady Division PDC U Kyaw San and wife Daw Ye Ye Aung donated Waso robes and K 100,000 each to nine Presiding Sayadaws of Pathein.

Next, Ayeyawady Division Police Commander Police Col Thura Tin Hla and wife Daw Mya Mya Lwin presented K 10 million to storm-affected monasteries through Chairman Sayadaw of Division Sangha Nayaka Committee.—MNA



Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe accepts K 3 million presented by Secretary of Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association Dr Daw Wai Wai Tha, Joint Secretary Dr Daw May Malar, Treasurer Daw Khin Than Win and executives.—SWRR

More relief supplies arrive at Yangon Int'l Airport

YANGON, 7 July — The relief supplies, weighing 10.239 tons donated by Thailand-based World Food Programme (WFP), arrived at the Yangon International Airport today.—MNA



Photo shows fishing nets and fishing boat engines for storm victims in Mawlamyinegyun Township.— MNA

USDA members participating in reconstruction and rehabilitation tasks with heart and soul

Article: *Maung Maung Htwe (MNA)*



USDA members of Group (6) are engaged in sanitation tasks in Setsan Village monastery.

We reporters have made trips to the interior parts of the storm-hit areas to cover news. So, we have learnt a lot about the conditions caused by the storm 'Nargis' and brilliant performances being carried out by the government, the people and the Tatmadaw.

We have also documented the active participation of members of the Union Solidarity and Development Association in the community welfare

services.

While our team was in Dedaye Township, Ayeyawady Division, a member of Danubyu Township USDA said, "We members of the teams are all farmers. We are participating in the tasks for rehabilitation of the farmlands. We are now so busy with rehabilitation tasks for the victims that we cannot start ploughing our own fields yet."

As the saying that goes "Blood is thicker than water", USDA members

from the four corners of the Union converged in the storm-hit areas of Ayeyawady Division.

Under the patronage of the USDA Youths' Affairs Committee, a team made up of 264 young members from states and divisions on 10 June set out from Yangon for Hlinephone, Pyinsalu, Hsincheya and Saluseik villages in Labutta Township and Kyeinchaung and Setsan villages in Bogale Township. Since then,

they have been taking part in the sanitation, health care and reconstruction and rehabilitation measures there.

In contributing towards rehabilitation undertakings, Group (1) consisting of young members from Kayin, Rakhine and Shan (East) states, and Ayeyawady Division are based in Hlinephone village, Labutta Township; Group (2) consisting of young members from Chin State

members from Shan State (South), Taninthayi, Bago (West) and Ayeyawady divisions, in Kyeinchaung village, Bogale Township; and Group (6) consisting of young members from Kayah State, and Mandalay, Yangon and Ayeyawady divisions, in Setsan village in Bogale Township.

The USDA (HQ) provided funds for the plan, and they cover expenses on transportation of and meals for the

reconstruction and rehabilitation tasks in the storm-affected areas.

The performances include teaching students in Hlinephone village, donation of clothes for the victims of Begon village, removing the fallen trees, sanitation tasks in Phonegyigon village, building of make-shift schools, providing health care, dredging of the lakes around the villages, carrying relief supplies, reconstruction



USDA members of Group (4) removing a fallen tree in Saluseik Village.



USDA members of Group (2) provide health care to local people.

and Sagaing, Yangon and Ayeyawady divisions, in Pyinsalu, Labutta Township; Group (3) consisting of young members from Kachin State and Magway, Yangon and Ayeyawady divisions, in Hsincheya village, Labutta Township; Group (4) consisting of young members from Mon and Shan (North) states and Bago (East) and Ayeyawady divisions, in Saluseik village, Labutta Township; Group (5) consisting of young

members plus household utensils, foodstuff, shelter boxes, first-aid kits, large saws, chopping hoes, spades, choppers, hammers, grubbing hoes, various sizes of nails, zinc wire coils, pliers, one 10-person motorboat, diesel, petrol, engine oil and camping equipment.

The natural disaster was so destructive that rehabilitation tasks seemed endless, as evidenced by the performances USDA members have carried out up to date in the

of ravaged houses, and ploughing fields with the use of power-tillers.

The group-2 carried out sanitation work in the compound of hospital in Pyinsalu, cleared Pyinsalu-Wabogon Road, delivered clothing donated by Kachin State to Layyinkwin Village, provided health care services to the local people, cleared the lake in Pyinsalu, helped carry the ten power boats and fishing nets provided by ten fishery entrepreneurs

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Article: *Maung Maung Htwe (MNA)*



USDA members of Group (3) removing fallen trees.

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from the State-owned and national companies, built five-unit toilets at the relief camps and cleared the fallen trees in the wards.

The group-3 dug lakes in Hsinchayya Village, Kinkan Village in Thabyegon Village-tract, Danachaung Village, U-yin gon Village and On-ton gon Village for supply of drinking water, carried out sanitation works in and outside the villages, fumigated villages, cleared the fallen trees and helped in daily provision of health care services to injured persons, and other patients and children under five.

The group-4 built a bridge in the lake for drinking water, cleared the fallen trees and rubbish near the lake, carried out sanitation work in the village, repaired the desks at the village middle school, sprayed lime and carried out fumigation, painted the wall of the monastery and helped the ploughing of farmland.

The group-5 laid bricks on the village road in Kyeingyaung Village, carried out sanitation work in the village, delivered relief items for the victims, removed the fallen trees, helped in renovation of Lawkamarazein Pagoda, offered robes to the members of the Sangha, repaired the houses in Kyeingyaung and Armagan Villages, donated clothing and provided health care services.

The group-6 participated in the efforts for inauguration of the public telephone booth in Sethsan Village, carried out sanitation work in the compounds of the monastery and Dhammayon, dug the lake in the monastery compound, removed the fallen trees and

took care of damaged high school, carried out fumigation and delivered the relief supplies to the victims.

Altogether 100 members of the Union Solidarity and Development Association from 14 townships in

Bago Division (East), 60 USDA members from Myitkyina, Mohnyin and Bhamo Districts in Kachin State and 30 USDA members from Nyaungdon, Pantanaw and Danubyu Townships in Ayeyawady Division participated in the rehabilitation tasks.

These are the community welfare services undertaken by the USDA youth members. The youths have been participating in the rehabilitation tasks in the storm-hit areas for nearly a month. Everyone can see how they carried out successfully the rehabilitation tasks in a month.

According to the records, members of the USDA in Ayeyawady and Yangon Divisions together with the people and members of social organizations carried out relief and reconstruction tasks in the respective division, districts, townships, wards and villages after the storm.

The USDA was formed on 15 September 1993. During the period of nearly 15 years, the USDA members hand in hand with the government, the people and the Tatmadaw have been participating in the national development tasks. The volume of the community welfare services contributed by the USDA members is like the countless number of stars in the sky.

I honour the USDA members who are actively taking part in the rehabilitation tasks staying with the local people in the Ayeyawady Delta and creating better conditions for the victims after the storm and for the development of the region more than ever.

Translation: MS+NY



USDA members of Group (5) reconstructing a ravaged house.

Local authorities to make field trips ...

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the living standard by saving money out of their income.

He spoke of the need for local authorities to make field trips right down to storm-hit villages and inculcate local people with a sense of working hard and of enjoying higher living status.

Afterwards, Minister for Livestock and Fisheries Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein handed over 150 fishing boats and 608 fishing nets for Mawlamyinegyun township to Minister Col Thein Nyunt.

Next, Vice-President of Myanmar Fisheries Federation U Kyi Ngwe handed over 900 fishing nets donated by the federation to Minister Col Thein Nyunt, and the ceremony came to an end.

After the ceremony, the Prime Minister cordially greeted those present on the occasion.

After that, the Prime Minister and party left Mawlamyinegyun by car and arrived in Bogale at 9

am.

They were welcomed there by Minister for Forestry Brig-Gen Thein Aung who is supervising the rehabilitation of storm-hit regions in Bogale township, Minister for Hotels and Tourism Maj-Gen Soe Naing who is supervising the rehabilitation of storm-hit regions in Pyapon Township and Minister for Construction Maj-Gen Saw Tun.

At the control office in Bogale, Minister Brig-Gen Thein Aung, Minister Maj-Gen Soe Naing and Minister Maj-Gen Saw Tun reported to the Prime Minister on road network project in delta region with the use of charts.

Afterwards, they attended the ceremony to hand over fishing boats and fishing nets for Bogale township held at the Township Fisheries Department in Bogale.

The Prime Minister and party looked into fishing boats, engines, fishing nets and related accessories to be handed over,



Prime Minister General Thein Sein inspects various kinds of fishing nets displayed near Tonehle creek in Mawlamyinegyun Township.—MNA

construction of fishing boats and test-running of fishing boats, and they were briefed by Minister Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein and President of MFF U Htay Myint.

Next, the Prime Minister made a speech on the occasion. He clarified matters related to rehabilitation and reconstruction of storm-hit regions with the participation of well-wishers and national entrepreneurs and with the

assistance of the government and future tasks for regional development, and stressed the need for storm victims to make relentless efforts for improvement of their socio-economic status as they have already been provided with accommodation and basic requirements for resuming their livelihoods.

Next, Minister for Livestock and Fisheries Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein handed over fish-

ing boats and fishing nets for Bogale township to Minister for Forestry Brig-Gen Thein Aung.

After that, President of MFF U Htay Myint presented fishing nets to Minister for Forestry Brig-Gen Thein Aung.

Next, Managing Director of Dagon Timber Co Ltd U Win Aung presented crop seeds for storm victims to the Chairman of Bogale Township PDC and the ceremony

ended.

After the ceremony, the Prime Minister cordially greeted those present on the occasion.

Next, the Prime Minister and party left Bogale by helicopter and arrived at Kyeinchaunggyi model village at 10.30 am. Enroute to the village, they inspected the construction of the Bogale-Kyeinchaung road section being constructed with the use of heavy machinery.

Later, they inspected the resettlement of families of storm victims in 166 houses built by Htoo Trading Co Ltd in Kyeinchaunggyi model village and vegetable patches in the compound of the houses.

Next, the Prime Minister greeted USDA members from Shan State (South), Bago Division (West), Taninthayi Division, and Ayeyawady Division who are parting in the reconstruction of storm-hit regions.

The Prime Minister and party left there and arrived at Kadonkani village in Pyapon township at 10.50 am.

Afterwards, the Prime Minister and party greeted storm-survivors living in houses constructed by Dagon International Construction Co and funded by President of CB Bank U Khin Maung Aye, and presented seeds and nuts to the survivors.

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Prime Minister General Thein Sein inspects temporary classroom of the high school in Pyinsalu.—MNA



Prime Minister General Thein Sein inspects production of post shoes for construction of houses in the storm-hit areas.—MNA

Local authorities to make field trips ...

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During the visit, the Prime Minister urged officials concerned to distribute relief aids to the victims systematically and inspected the library, clinic and shops at the village.

The Prime Minister and party also inspected reinforcement of the embankment around Daukkyi Island and construction of houses for victims in Sethsan Village in Bogale Township.

They arrived at Pyapon on 12.10 pm and heard reports on reconstruction and rehabilitation works presented by Minister Maj-Gen Soe Naing who has been supervising the works in Pyapon Township and U

Prime Minister General Thein Sein greets local people in Thingangon Village.
(News reported).

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Win Aung, Chairman of Dagon International Co Ltd. The Prime Minister and party arrived back at Yangon International Airport at 1.25 pm where they were welcomed by

Lt-Gen Myint Swe of Ministry of Defence, Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Win

Myint, Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin and officials concerned.

They proceeded to Insein Township to inspect production of concrete structures at a factory of Myanmar Ceramic Industries. At the factory, Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thaung reported to the Prime Minister on production of concrete post shoes to be used in construction of houses for the storm victims. Concrete post shoes will be distributed to the storm-hit villages soon, the minister said in his report.

After hearing the reports, the Prime Minister fulfilled the requirements. The Prime Minister said in accordance with the guidance of the Head of State, measures for construction of

houses for the storm survivors have been taken so that they can live with higher standard than the previous conditions.

The Ministry of Industry-1 has produced concrete post shoes that are necessary for the construction of houses and those houses will be completed near future and homeless survivors can live in the houses.

Ministry of Industry-1 has produced concrete post shoes since 30 June and can produce from 1000 to 1200 post shoes a day, and 900 concrete post shoes will be distributed to the storm-hit villages per day as from 8 July.

The Prime Minister and party went to the factory of National Wood Industry Ltd in Dagon Myothit (East) where they

were welcomed by Chairman of Myanmar Timber Entrepreneurs U Sein Lwin and officials.

Chairman U Sein Lwin reported on construction of houses and fishing boats for the storm victims and delivery of sawn timber for construction of houses.

The Prime Minister said the National Disaster Preparedness Central Committee thanked the donors for supply of necessary wood for the victims in time and donation of houses and boats.

The Prime Minister and party inspected arrangements for delivery of sawn timber to the respective regions and samples of fishing boats and houses.

The Prime Minister and party left the factory in the afternoon.—MNA



Prime Minister General Thein Sein presents vegetable seeds and farm implements to a farmer in Pyinsalu. (News reported).—MNA



Prime Minister General Thein Sein observes demonstration of fishing boats in Toe River in Bogale Township.—MNA



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Heavy rains kill 15 in El Salvador

SAN SALVADOR, 7 July— At least 15 people died and 28 others were missing after intense rains in El Salvador, which swept a passenger bus into a river on the edge of the capital, rescue workers said on Friday.

Seven of the dead were killed when their bus was pulled into a river on the impoverished outskirts of San Salvador on Thursday night as it tried to drive through a flooded road crossing.

The force of the water smashed the bus, which was carrying evangelists back from church, into a bridge and split it in two.

MNA/Reuters

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Stranded whale carried by car, released off Auckland beach

WELLINGTON, 7 July—An orca whale stranded west of Auckland was transported by road on Saturday and released off a city beach.

The 3.4-metre juvenile female, estimated to be three years old, was reported on Friday afternoon to have been beached at Huia, the *New Zealand Press Association* reported on Saturday.

MNA/Xinhua

Psychological support urgent for young quake survivors

BEIJING, 7 July—Psychological support is of the utmost importance for young survivors of the 12 May earthquake that rocked southwest China, the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) chief representative in the country said here on Thursday.

Dr Yin Yin Nwe, UNICEF's chief representative in China, said the organization had provided relief efforts to children in quake-battered Sichuan Province almost immediately after the massive 8.0 earthquake struck.

"The most urgent need for children there is psychological support," said the Burmese, who previously headed up UNICEF's tsunami support in New

York, at a Press conference.

She said the support would last for at least six months.

UNICEF was the first organization of the United Nations to enter Sichuan following the quake, providing materials worth 9.03 million US dollars and setting up "child-friendly centres" to offer psychological help.

Also on Thursday, Chan Meiling, UNICEF's Ambassador for Japan, announced that organization had donated one million US dollars for reconstruction in China's quake-hit areas. She added another two million US dollars would be raised.

MNA/Xinhua

Russia honours Chinese medical workers, officials

BEIJING, 7 July—Russian Ambassador to China Sergey Razov on Friday honoured four Chinese medical workers and officials for their work in treating children traumatized in the Beslan school hostage crisis.

Many children were injured in the hostage crisis in 2004, and the Chinese Government and people offered medical care for two groups of badly hurt children, Razov said. Russia's Ministry of Public Health and Social Development extended its heartfelt gratitude to the Chinese Government and people, he said.

MNA/Reuters

Most Indonesians say country in recession

JAKARTA, 7 July—A survey of Asia-Pacific countries carried out on the Internet revealed 77 percent of the respondents believe Indonesia is in a recession, despite first-quarter economic growth.

"The company that carried out the survey on Friday said rising fuel and food prices were

the main cause for the gloomy outlooks," the *Jakarta Post* daily on Saturday quoted executive director of PT ACNielsen Indonesia Catherine Eddy as saying. "This is I think worse than what happened in 2005 when the government also increased the fuel prices. This time is like a double hit," she said.

The survey was conducted between mid April and early May and surveyed 532 consumers in Indonesia who have internet access and monthly incomes of at least 3.5 million rupiah (about 380 US dollars).

MNA/Xinhua

Four million Filipino children malnourished amid soaring inflation

MANILA, 7 July—Officials of a Filipino Government research institute said Saturday four million Filipino children are malnourished and the number is expected to grow as inflation forces households to cut down on food, the Philippine Daily *Inquirer* said on its website.

The officials of the Food and Nutrition Research Institute were quoted by the newspaper report as saying that most of malnourished children live in the southern Mindanao region, the central region of southern Tagalog and Eastern Visayas, where up to one-third of children under the age of 10 are either underweight or short for their age.

In the capital region of Metro Manila, four out of every 100 children are also underweight due to malnutrition, said the report.

MNA/Xinhua

**A motorcyclist rides
past a sculpture
featuring the arrest of
then Lieutenant-
commander pilot John
McCain, which was
erected next to the
Truc Bach lake,
downtown Hanoi, on
13 June, 2008.**
INTERNET



A man jumps onto wild horses during the 400-year-old horse festival called 'Rapa das Bestas' or 'Shearing of the Beasts', in Sabucedo, Spain, on 6 July, 2008.—INTERNET

Oil minister says no country dares to attack Iran

TEHERAN, 7 July—Iranian Oil Minister Gholam-Hossein Nozari said Saturday that no country will ever dare to carry out an act of aggression against the Islamic Republic, Iran's satellite Press TV reported.

"Iran's capabilities are such that no country can conceive of attacking it," Nozari said.

"If Israel dares to engage

in a military conflict with Iran, it is not clear what would happen to oil prices," Nozari warned, adding that even empty anti-Iran rhetoric "pushes oil prices up by 10 to 15 dollars". The recent escalation of the war of words between Teheran and Tel Aviv has fueled worries about oil security.

"As a great and powerful country, Iran will help

ensure the security of the waterway," he said.

He said Iran and regional countries bear the responsibility of ensuring the security of the strategically vital Strait of Hormuz oil route.

The Strait of Hormuz is a narrow waterway in the Persian Gulf, through which roughly 40 per cent of the world oil is transported.—MNA/Xinhua



SPORTS

Dedicated Kim captures AT&T National title

BETHESDA (Maryland), 7 July — American Anthony Kim claimed his second victory of the year by shooting a flawless five-under-par 65 to win the AT&T National by two strokes over Sweden's Fredrik Jacobson on Sunday.

Kim, who entered the final round three strokes behind leader Tom Pernice, recorded five birdies and no bogeys on the rigorous Congressional Country Club course to finish at 12-under 268.

"Winning out here is so tough that any time you get an opportunity to be in the hunt, it feels great," Kim told a news conference.

The 23-year-old Dallas resident, who won the Wachovia Championship in May, admitted he had spent too much time enjoying himself off the course last year before deciding to re-dedicate himself this season. — MNA/Reuters

Runaway winner Fisher hails European Open achievement

ASH (England), July 7 — Runaway winner Ross Fisher could barely believe the nature of his seven-shot victory at the European Open on Sunday.

"It hasn't sunk in yet," the 27-year-old Briton told reporters after a closing 68 gave him a 20-under-par total of 268, seven shots clear of Spain's Sergio Garcia.

"All of the commotion at the 18th hole, the crowd cheering, the photos, the trophy ... it's a massive achievement for me." The Englishman is carving out a reputation as one of the longest hitters on tour but he also showed he had a neat touch around the greens when he wrapped up victory by holing out from a greenside bunker for a last-hole birdie.

"I looked at the ball and just thought, 'don't do anything silly here, just get it on the green and give yourself a 10, 15-footer for par,'" said Fisher.

"I got in the bunker, felt pretty calm, took the club back and the connection was good. To see it hit the flag and disappear ... that's what dreams are made of."

MNA/Reuters



Switzerland's Roger Federer in action against Spain's Rafael Nadal during the men's singles final on the Centre Court at Wimbledon, on 6 July, 2008.—INTERNET

Real president sees Ronaldo still at United next season

MADRID, 7 July — Real Madrid president Ramon Calderon said on Sunday he does not think Manchester United winger Cristiano Ronaldo will be playing at the Bernabeu next season.

The Spanish champions have made little secret of their admiration for the 23-year-old Portuguese international who, although United have said he is not for the sale, has said that he is considering his future.

"As things stand, Cristiano Ronaldo is more likely to be playing with United next year," Calderon was quoted as telling Spanish media at Wimbledon.

"In theory, there is time (for him to move) as there are two months to the end of August, if Manchester United get in contact with us and offer him. Even if they do say he is for sale we don't know if we can complete the deal.

"The player has said he would like to, that it is a dream, and that he would love to play for Real Madrid, but that is only the player's opinion or wish. He can't complete it without the agreement of United."

Ronaldo, who signed a five-year contract with United last year, won a Premier League and Champions League double last season, scoring 42 goals, and was named England's Footballer of the Year for a second season in a row. — MNA/Reuters



Grigor Dimitrov of Bulgaria kisses his trophy after defeating Henri Kontinen of Finland in their boys' singles final match at the Wimbledon tennis championships in London on 6 July, 2008.—INTERNET

Atletico land Brazilian Assuncao, seeking Maniche exit

MADRID, 7 July — Atletico Madrid have signed Brazilian midfielder Paulo Assuncao as a free agent and are negotiating the sale of Portugal midfielder Maniche, the Primera Liga club said on Sunday.

Assuncao, 28, used FIFA's Article 17 on transfer regulations to break out of his contract with Porto but Atletico are seeking to reach a "friendly agreement" with the Portuguese champions, they said on their Web site (www.atleticodemadrid.com).

Only available to players who have already served three years of their contract, or two years in the case of players aged 28 or over, article 17 effectively allows players to "buy out" the remaining time on long-term contracts. Atletico said fellow midfielder Maniche would not be joining up with the rest of the squad on 7 July, as they continued negotiations with a number of clubs over a possible transfer.

Assuncao, who won three league titles in his three seasons with Porto, will join Czech Republic defender Tomas Ujfalusi, Netherlands defender John Heitinga, France goalkeeper Gregory Coupet and French striker Florent Sinama Pongolle as new recruits at the Calderon. Atletico are in the third qualifying round of the Champions League after finishing fourth in the Primera Liga last season. — MNA/Reuters



Margaret Hoelzer celebrates after winning the final of the 200 meter backstroke and setting a new world record of 2:06.09 during the US Swimming Olympic Trials, on 5 July, at the Qwest Center in Omaha, Nebraska.—INTERNET

Laporta to continue at Barca despite vote defeat

MADRID, 7 July — Barcelona president Joan Laporta lost a confidence vote in his administration by club members on Sunday, but just avoided being forced to call a presidential election.

Club member Oriol Giral't's motion criticising Laporta's management won 23,870 votes, 60.60 per cent of the 37,294 cast. There were 14,871 votes, 37.75 per cent, in favour of the current administration.

Giral't fell just short of winning the 66 percent of votes needed to force the board out.

"The board should examine this result closely because it sends a clear message. If I were president I would resign," Giral't told a news conference.

Laporta said he would see out his term in office until 2010. — MNA/Reuters

Atletico confirm signing of France goalkeeper Coupet

MADRID, 7 July — Atletico Madrid have agreed to sign France goalkeeper Gregory Coupet from Olympique Lyon for the next two seasons, the Primera Liga club said on Sunday. The experienced 35-year-old, who represented France at Euro 2008 and has been capped 34 times, helped Lyon to win seven consecutive league titles between 2002 and 2008.

He will be presented on Tuesday, the club said on their website (www.atleticodemadrid.com).

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Russia's Nikolay Sazhin (L) and Germany's Frank Stoldt box during the Chess-Boxing championships in Berlin. Rarely do brains and brawn come together in this way. A Russian was crowned world champion on Sunday in the novelty sport of chess boxing that requires equal skill at moving pawns and throwing punches.—INTERNET

Four new heritage sites added to UNESCO list

QUEBEC CITY (Canada), 7 July—UNESCO's World Heritage Committee Sunday added four new sites to its heritage list, including Tulou, the unique residential architecture of Fujian Province in south-eastern China.

The remaining three sites inscribed Sunday afternoon local time by the 21-member heritage committee which is currently meeting in Quebec City, are a former slave hideout in Mauritius, an archaeological site in Saudi Arabia and monasteries in Iran.

Fujian Tulou comp-

risers 46 earthen houses constructed between the 12th and 20th centuries. East has several stories, built for entire clans and sheltering up to 800 people.

During the 18th and early 19th centuries, runaway slaves sought shelter on the mountain of Le Morne, which just out into the Indian Ocean in south-west Mauritius, where they formed small settlements. The mountain became a symbol of the slaves' search for freedom, as well as their suffering and sacrifice.

MNA/Xinhua

Iran warns of closure of Hormuz Strait if threatened

TEHRAN, 7 July—Chief of Staff of Iran's Armed Forces said on Saturday that Iran's strategy is to keep the Strait of Hormuz in southern Iran open, the official IRNA news agency reported.

But if the country's interests are jeopardized in the region, we will not let any ship pass through the Strait of Hormuz, Major General Hasan Firouzabadi was quoted as saying.

The Army chief underlined the role of the strait, a narrow waterway in the Gulf through which roughly 40 per cent of the world oil is transported, saying that the Hormuz Strait is a strategic canal with vital importance to Teheran.

MNA/Xinhua

Irish woman seeks "husband" for 120 litres of beer

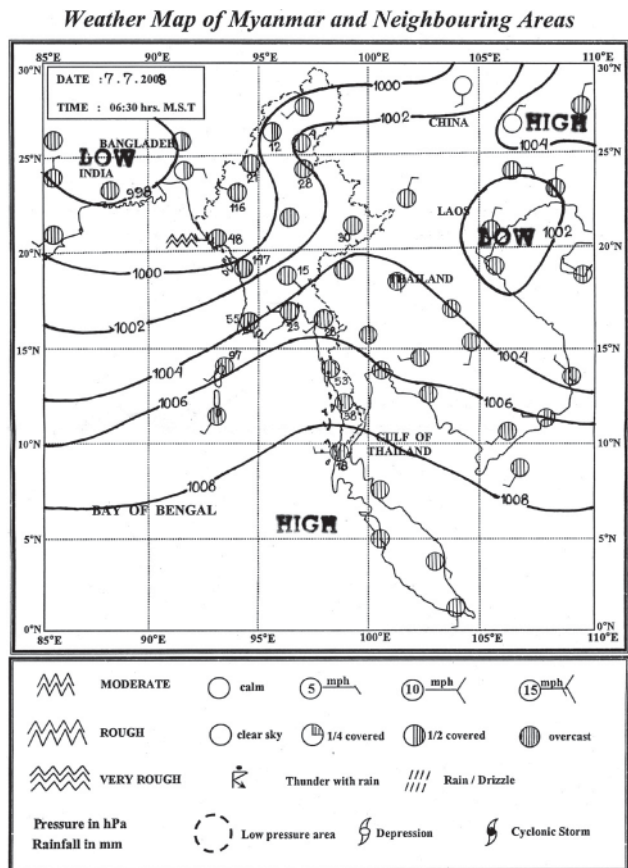
SONKAJARVI (Finland), 7 July—Julia Galvin came to Finland looking for a man that would carry her 120 kilos over a 253-metre track—the incentive being the chance to win the wife-carrying world title and beer worth her body weight.

In the end the Irish woman was carried by an English man through a pool and across hurdles. She did not make the gold, but said she would keep trying until the title and the beer was hers.

"I think I am worth carrying because I am a walking party," she said.

Wife-carrying is one of a host of bizarre contests that Finns, who can tend to gloominess in the long winter dark, have devised for the scant months of summer when the sun hardly sets and people's mood turns frolicsome.

MNA/Reuters



WEATHER

Monday, 7 July, 2008

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr MST: During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been scattered in Kachin State, Mandalay and Magway Divisions, fairly widespread in Shan State, lower Sagaing Division and widespread in the remaining States and Divisions with locally heavy falls in Rakhine and Mon States, upper Sagaing Division and isolated heavy falls in Yangon and Bago Divisions. The noteworthy amounts of rainfalls recorded were Nay Pyi Taw (0.12) inch, Mingin (11.26) inches, Kalay (8.39) inches, Maungtau (7.16) inches, Theinzayat (6.18) inches, Kyaukpadaung (5.98) inches, Kalewa (5.04) inches, Kyauktaw (4.61) inches, Bago (3.70) inches, Thaton (3.50) inches, Hmawby (3.43) inches, Mawlaik (3.38) inches and Thandwe and Shwegyin (2.52) inches each.

Maximum temperature on 6-7-2008 was 88°F. Minimum temperature on 7-7-2008 was 68°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 7-7-2008 was 92%. Total sunshine hours on 6-7-2008 was (5.5) hours (Approx).

Rainfall on 7-7-2008 was (1.26) inches at Mingaladon, (1.29) inches at Kaba-Aye and (1.46) inches at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2008 was (43.78) inches at Mingaladon, (55.39) inches at Kaba-Aye and (67.95) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (6) mph from Southwest at (15:30) hours MST on 6-7-2008.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 8-7-2008: Rain will be scattered in Kayah State, lower Sagaing, Magway and Mandalay Divisions, fairly widespread in Shan and Chin States and widespread in the remaining areas with likelihood of isolated heavy falls in Rakhine and Mon States, upper Sagaing, Bago and Taninthayi Divisions. 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: Continuation of strong monsoon.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 8-7-2008: One or two rain. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 8-7-2008: One or two rain. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 8-7-2008: Isolated rain. Degree of certainty is (80%).



Children practise ballet at an activity centre in Hefei, Anhui Province on 6 July, 2008. About 200 students, mostly between the ages of 5 and 14, learn ballet at the school, local media reported.

INTERNET

Flood Warning

(Issued at 12:30 hr MST on 7-7-2008)

According to the (06.30) hr MST observation today, the water level of Chindwin River at Kalewa is (1514) cm. It may reach above its danger level (1550) cm during the next (24) hrs commencing noon today.

Flood Bulletin

(Issued at 12:30 hr MST on 7-7-2008)

According to the (06.30) hr MST observation today, the water level of Chindwin River at Hkamti (1539) cm is exceeded (179) cm above its danger level. It may fall below its danger level (1360) cm during the next (72) hrs commencing noon today.

According to the (06.30) hr MST observation today, the water level of Sittoung River at Madauk (1076) cm is exceeded (6) cm above its danger level. It may remain above its danger level (1070) cm during the next (48) hrs commencing noon today.



Tuesday, 8 July
View on today

7:00 am

1. မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော်
ဘုရားကြီး၏
ပရိတ်တရားတော်

7:25 am

2. To be healthy
exercise

7:30 am

3. Morning news

7:40 am

4. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ

7:50 am

5. Dance of National
Races

8:05 am

6. The mirror images of
the Musical Oldies

8:15 am

7. အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ

8:30 am

8. International news

8:45 am

9. Cute little dancers

4:00 pm

1. Martial song

4:10 pm

2. Song of yester year

4:20 pm

3. အကပြိုင်ပွဲ

4:30 pm

4. Song to uphold
National Spirit

4:40 pm

5. Musical programme

4:55 pm

6. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ

5:05 pm

7. Sing and enjoy

6:00 pm

8. Evening news

6:30 pm

9. Weather report

6:35 pm

10. ကြယ်ပွင့်များရဲ့ရင်ခုန်သံ

6:50 pm

11. သုတစုံလင်ရွှေညောင်ရှင်

7:15 pm

12. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ
“ဗာသာများနှင့်လူညံ့ကွက်”
(အပိုင်း-၁၀)

8:00 pm

13. News

14. International news

15. Weather report

16. ထူးချွန်အားထား

မြန်မာအမျိုးသမီးများ

17. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ

“ချစ်စိတ်ကူးလေး

ကောင်းရဲ့သားနဲ့”

(အပိုင်း-၁၀)

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

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**USDA members
participating in
reconstruction and
rehabilitation
tasks with heart
and soul**



USDA members volunteer to plough field in Hlinephone Village. — MNA

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