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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

PERSPECTIVES

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Promote trade

Every nation in the world is striving for economic development. The nations extract natural resources, produce agricultural crops and boost production of meat and fish in order to promote export.

With the concept that trading plays a pivotal role in Myanmar's economic progress, the government is making endeavours for promotion of trade through the agreements on bilateral trade and on border trade.

Myawady border trade zone is one of the important regions to promote trade. With the transportation of commodities to other ASEAN nations via Thailand under border trade system, better opportunities for trading can be obtained.

Introduction of normal trade instead of border trading system will be of great benefit to both trade partners and traders in the long run. Businessmen engaging in trade are to place emphasis on export of high quality products in accord with the standards set and availability of markets.

Muse 105th mile border trade zone and Myawady border trade zone were established for direct export. Marine products, industrial finished goods, agricultural produce and others are exported through the zones.

In foreign trade, products can directly be exported not only through seaports but also via border trade zones.

Entrepreneurs, traders and service personnel need to make endeavours in harmony for export and import of quality products through the promotion of trade. By doing so, economic progress can be made.

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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

Measures for sustainable development of self-reliant village libraries in Yamethin District coordinated

NAY PYI TAW, 9 July —Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan met with local authorities, wellwishers, staff of Information and Public Relations Department and local people to give instructions on sustainable development of village self-reliant libraries at the office of District IPRD in Myoma ward in Yamethin Township, Mandalay Division yesterday.

It was also attended by Director-General U Chit Naing of Information and Public Relations Department and officials, district and township level departmental officials, members of the Union Solidarity and Development Association, town-sellers and wellwishers.

The minister stressed the need to support the sustainable development of village self-reliant libraries with the contribution of the strengths of local authorities, local people, wellwishers and social organizations members and staff of IPRD after



Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan accepts cash presented by a wellwisher.—MNA

laying down five work plans.

Next, Staff Officer Daw Myint Myint Khaing of Yamethin District IPRD reported the matters related to setting up of village self-reliant libraries and donations of wellwishers.

Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan accepted K 7.3 million donated by 36 village-tracts in the township, K 6 million by Pyawbwe Township

Edible Oil Entrepreneurs Association, K 4.8 million by U Than Htut (Myanma Jade Co), K 1.5 million by Yamethin District and Township USDA and K 100,000 by Daw Pale (Pale Restaurant) and presented certificates of honour to them.

IPRD Director-General U Chit Naing also accepted K 430,000 donated by wellwishers and presented certificates of honour to them.

Next, Chairman of Yamethin District Peace and Development Council U Oo Khaing reported on measures being taken for sustainable development of village self-reliant libraries to the minister.

After the meeting, Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan cordially greeted those present.

Today's donation for the establishment of self-reliant village libraries is K 20,130,000.—MNA

Deputy FM signs Book of Condolences for people killed by Typhoon Fengshen

YANGON, 9 July — Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Kyaw Thu signed the Book of Condolences that was opened at the Embassy of the Philippines at No. 50 on Saya San Road in Bahan Township today, for loss of lives due to Typhoon Fengshen in the central Philippines on 21 June.—MNA

Five special criminal appeal cases heard in Nay Pyi Taw

NAY PYI TAW, 9 July — The Special Appellate Bench comprising Deputy Chief Justice of Supreme Court (Mandalay) U Khin Maung Latt, Supreme Court Judges of Supreme Court (Mandalay) U Myint Aung and U Kyaw Win sitting at court room No 1 of the Supreme Court (Nay Pyi Taw) heard five special criminal appeal cases under Section 7 of the Judiciary Law, 2000 on 7 July.—MNA



Deputy Minister U Kyaw Thu signs the Book of Condolences at the Embassy of the Philippines.—MNA

Gunmen attack US consulate in Istanbul

ISTANBUL, TURKEY, 9 July, — Armed men attacked a police guardpost outside the US consulate in Istanbul on Wednesday, and the ensuing clash killed three officers and three of the assailants, officials said.

At least one of the assailants opened fire at

the post near the consulate's main entrance at about 11 am, a US embassy spokeswoman said, speaking on the condition of anonymity because of the sensitivity of the matter.

There were no reports of casualties among American consulate

employees, she said.

Guler said a policeman and a tow-truck driver were also injured.

The governor added that the gate outside the consulate was full with people waiting to collect US visas and said that gunmen, knowing they could not enter the consulate, approached the building with an aim to assault, reports CBS associate producer Erhan Yarar in Istanbul.

Authorities were trying to identify the attackers, he said.

The attack occurred right outside the high-walled consulate compound in Istanbul's Istinye district.

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An unidentified man lies on the ground lifeless after an attack outside of the US Consulate in Istanbul, Turkey, on 9 July, 2008.—INTERNET

McCain, Obama at odds over Iraqi withdrawal demand

WASHINGTON, 9 July—Iraq's hardening demand for a pullout deadline for US troops on Tuesday sent shockwaves through the White House campaign, putting Republican hopeful John McCain on the defensive.

McCain, who says it is too early to leave Iraq, said US pull-backs must be dictated by security conditions, after Democrat Barack Obama said the Iraqi government now shared his desire for a timetable for withdrawals.

Iraqi Prime Minister Nuri al-Maliki said on Monday that Iraq was seeking such an arrangement in talks with Washington on the future US force structure in the country.

Iraq hardened its position on Tuesday, saying it would reject any security pact with Washington unless it set a date for the pullout of US-led foreign soldiers — a condition turned down by President George W. Bush.

But McCain, who has

made staunch support for the US troop "surge" escalation strategy a centerpiece of his campaign, said that recent security gains should not be put at risk by an artificial timetable.

"The Iraqis have made it very clear, including the meetings I had with the president and foreign minister of Iraq, that it is based on conditions on the ground," McCain said in an interview with MSNBC.

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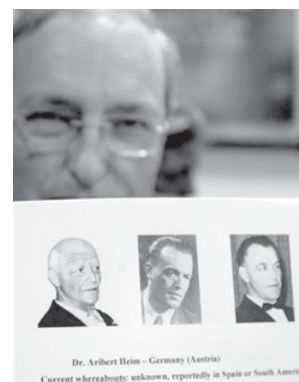
Nazi hunters seek to smoke out "Dr Death" in Chile

SANTIAGO, 9 July—Nazi hunters are hoping to flush out the most notorious member of the Third Reich still believed to be alive, Aribert Heim, known as "Dr Death," in southern Chile—with an advertising campaign.

Heim, who passed his 94th birthday on 28 June if he is still alive, documented the hundreds of victims he himself murdered and tortured at the Mauthausen concentration camp in Austria during World War Two.

The Nazi hunters believe he is hiding out in the Patagonia region of southern Chile, also home to his daughter.

"In the last few days we've received information from two different



Efraim Zuroff, Director of the Simon Wiesenthal Center office in Jerusalem, holds up a document with pictures of Nazi war criminal Aribert Heim during a news conference at the AMIA Jewish community center in Buenos Aires, in this on 27 November, 2007 file photo.—INTERNET

sources, both relating to Chile, which we think have very good potential," said Efraim Zuroff, director of the Israel office of the Simon Wiesenthal Center which is hunting for Heim and hundreds of other suspected Nazis.

The group has put up a 315,000 euros (\$495,000) reward for information leading to the arrest of Heim, known to have decorated his office during the war with human body parts, even using the skull of a man he decapitated as a paperweight.

Zuroff and his team will fly on Wednesday to Puerto Montt, a town 657 miles south of the capital Santiago where Heim's daughter lives.

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Being too fat 'can damage sperm'

BARCELONA, 9 July—Obese men have poorer quality sperm, perhaps because too much fat around their testicles causes them to heat up, scientists have suggested.

University of Aberdeen researchers looked at the sperm of over 2,000

men in couples having problems conceiving.

The heaviest men had a higher proportion of abnormal sperm, as well as other problems.

The scientists told a European fertility conference losing weight probably boosted fertility.

Being obese is already known to affect women's chances of getting pregnant.

The men were divided into four groups, according to their BMI (body mass index).

Men who had a healthy BMI of 20 to 25 were had higher levels of normal sperm than those who were heavier.

But those with a higher BMI had lower volumes of seminal fluid, and a higher proportion of abnormal sperm.

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An Iraqi police officer walks past a police vehicle damaged in a bomb blast in the oil rich city of Kirkuk, 290 kilometers (180 miles) north of Baghdad, Iraq, on 8 July, 2008.—INTERNET

Iraq bomb kills three police officers, civilian

BAGHDAD, 9 July—Iraqi police say a bomb in Fallujah has killed three police and one civilian.

A police official says 15 people also are injured after Wednesday morning's blast outside a bank in the one-time Sunni insurgent stronghold west of Baghdad. The injured includes an Iraqi television cameraman.

Police and a crowd gathered in the area after an explosion at 6:30 am. A second blast caused the casualties. The police official spoke on condition of anonymity because he is not authorized to talk to the media.—Internet

Iran tests missiles in Persian Gulf, Hormouz

TEHERAN, (Iran), 9 July—Iran's state television says its Revolutionary Guards have tested nine new long- and medium-range missiles in war games that officials say are in response to US and Israeli threats.

Gen Hossein Salami, a top Guards commander, was quoted as saying "the exercise is to demonstrate our resolve and might against enemies who in recent weeks have threatened Iran with a harsh language." The drill was conducted in the Persian Gulf and the Strait of Hormouz. The report didn't provide details but said the missiles fired included a new version of the Shahab-3 missile, which officials have said has a range of 1,250 miles.

The report comes less than a day after Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad said he sees no possibility of a war with the United States or Israel.

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In this file picture, Iran's Revolutionary Guards fire missile of Shahab 3 during a war game in a desert near the holy city of Qom, southeast of Teheran, on 2 November, 2006.—INTERNET



Anti-war protesters shout a slogan during a rally against proposed US Missile Defence systems in front of the Defence Ministry in Seoul, South Korea, on 9 July, 2008. The protesters said the US missile policy will destroy peace in Northeast Asia.—INTERNET

Three-year-old boy shot by police in Rio dies

RIO DE JANEIRO, 9 July — A three-year-old boy shot in the head by police in Rio Sunday night was pronounced dead Monday afternoon.

Joao Roberto Amaral was heading home with his mother, Alessandra Soares Amaral, and younger brother Sunday night when the family’s car was shot.

The boy was hit on his nape, ear and gluteus. His mother had mild injuries while his nine-month-old brother was unhurt.

Police said the family’s car got caught in the crossfire when officers were pursuing a gang of robbers. Private William, involved in the operation, said he and his colleagues had only shot at the criminals.

However, several witnesses said the police had shot at Alessandra

Amaral’s car without any warning and only stopped when the mother came out, asking for help.

The boy’s father, Paulo Roberto Amaral, was indignant following the police’s explanation for his son’s death.

“My boy was shot by the police,” he said. “They say it was a shooting, but they are lying. They gunned down my wife’s car as if she was a criminal.”—MNA/Xinhua



The exploration spending schedule of the company in the next three years is expected to be 112 million US dollars.

Once commercial extraction commences, the oil company will be allowed up to 65 per cent of the revenue to cover its investment.

The Sri Lankan Government will receive a 10 per cent royalty, a 50 million dollar production bonus, the profit share based on the investment, a 15 per cent tax on “contractor profit” and other taxes.

The exploration license is deemed to be valid for eight years and divided into three stages of three, two and three years.

MNA/Xinhua

Palestinian drive forklifts in order to load goods from Israel at the Palestinian side of Sufa border crossing, between Israel and the Gaza Strip, in the south of Gaza strip, on 7 July, 2008. —INTERNET

US, Poland fail to clinch deal on missile defence

WASHINGTON, 9 July — US Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice and her Polish counterpart Radoslaw Sikorski failed to clinch a deal on missile defence in talks here on Monday, State Department spokesman Sean McCormack said.

However, the United States will continue to be working on securing the deal, McCormack said.

Earlier this month, the United States and Poland reached a “tentative agreement” on the US plans to deploy missile interceptors in Poland. The tentative deal is waiting for the final approval from the Polish Government.

US Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice will visit the Czech Republic this week to sign a agreement on the installation of a radar base on the Czech soil.

The United States has planned to build a radar base at the Brdy military district, some 90 kilometres southwest of the Czech capital Prague, along with an interceptor missile base in Poland.

MNA/Xinhua

West Nile virus detected near Los Angeles

LOS ANGELES, 9 July — California health officials issued a warning on Monday against West Nile virus which was detected in mosquitoes collected from two traps in Long Beach near Los Angeles.

In the warning, health officials urged residents

to take precautions such as eliminating standing water that can attract the insects and using mosquito repellent.

The affected mosquitoes were collected as part of routine checks conducted by the Long Beach Health Department’s Vector Control Programme. Mosquitoes are collected weekly from traps that are set across the city. Across California, West Nile virus in mosquitoes has been detected in 14 counties, including Los Angeles and Riverside.—MNA/Xinhua

Israel signs prisoner swap deal with Hizbollah

JERUSALEM, 9 July — Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert’s office on Monday confirmed that Israel has signed a UN-mediated prisoner exchange deal with Lebanon’s Shiite militant group Hizbollah, local daily Ha’aretz reported on its website.

The Prime Minister’s Office said in a statement that Ofer Dekel, Israel’s chief negotiator for securing the release of abducted Israeli soldiers, signed the deal on Sunday after meeting in Europe with a German mediator charged by the UN with brokering the exchange. The office further stated that the signing of the deal was meant to trigger the execution of the swap. “The continuation of the deal’s implementation is conditioned on the existence of another few components,” the office said, without explicitly stating what those components were.—MNA/Xinhua



A bank of sky-scrappers dominate the skyline in the Asian city state of Singapore. Representatives from the world’s sovereign wealth funds have begun a closed-door meeting in Singapore as part of efforts to prepare voluntary guidelines for the funds.—INTERNET

Democrats to open Obama nomination speech to public

WASHINGTON, 9 July—Barack Obama will accept the Democratic presidential nomination next month at a Denver football stadium that can hold more than 75,000 people after the political party decided to open the event to a broader audience, officials said on Monday.

“Senator Obama’s candidacy has generated an enormous amount of excitement and interest,” Howard Dean,

chairman of the Democratic National Committee, said in a statement. “By bringing the last night of the convention out to the people, we will be able to showcase Barack Obama’s positive, people-centred vision for our country in a big way.”

The Democratic Party holds its nominating convention 25-28 August in Denver, with daytime meetings and councils held at the Colorado

Convention Centre and televised evening events at the Pepsi Centre sports arena, which can hold up to 20,000 people.

The party decided to hold the final evening’s televised events, including Obama’s nomination acceptance speech, at INESCO Field at Mile High, the 76,125-seat stadium that is home to the Denver Broncos football team.

MNA/Reuters

Activists from Oxfam, wearing masks depicting G8 leaders, place an activist dressed as a corn cob into an oil barrel during an anti-G8 event in Sapporo during the Group of Eight (G8) Hokkaido Toyako summit, on 7 July, 2008. INTERNET



A resident who was wounded in a suicide bomb attack is rushed into the hospital in Baquba, 65 km (40 miles) northeast of Baghdad on 7 July, 2008. —INTERNET

China tourism market an investment magnet

KUNMING, 9 July — China’s tourism market has become a magnet for international investment, raising about 150 billion yuan (21.8 billion US dollars) annually over the past few years, a senior tourist official said here on Monday.

“Some high-end international tourism products have made their way into the Chinese market, such as port calls by luxury liners and booming business for limousine and yacht rentals,” said Wang Zhifa, National Tourist Administration (NTA) deputy director. Despite this, Wang, who was here

to attend an industry forum in the capital of southwest Yunnan Province, said the country still faced great hurdles even though it was poised to become the world’s largest tourist destination by 2015.

He said the industry still lacked large companies to take a leadership position in comprehensive tourist development. He added public service in tourism, from tourist consultation to toilets in scenic spots, had been substantially improved.

MNA/Xinhua

Iran’s non-oil exports reaches \$5.819b in three months

TEHERAN, 9 July—Iran’s non-oil exports reached 5.819 billion US dollars in the first three months of the current Iranian calendar year (started March 20), local English-language daily *Teheran Times* reported Monday.

According to the Public Relations Office of Iran’s Customs Administration, 9.92 million tons of various products including gas condensates were exported in the mentioned period of time, showing a

2.16 per-cent increase compared to the same period in 2007.

Iran’s Fourth Socio-Economic Development Plan has envisaged exporting 2.895-billion-dollar worth of non-oil products for the mentioned period of time. This is while the 4.257-billion-dollar export of products aside from gas condensates is 147 per cent of what was anticipated.

During the first quarter of the current Iranian year, the country had 8.962 million tons worth 12.995 billion dollars of imports, showing a 20.39 per cent decrease in weight yet a 17.41 per cent increase in value.

MNA/Xinhua

Australia could delay emissions trade beyond 2010

CANBERRA, 9 July — Australia’s Government said on Monday it could delay introduction of a planned emissions trading system expected to boost fuel and power prices, as polls showed its record recent popularity slipping.

The centre-left govern-

ment’s top climate advisor, economist Ross Garnaut, last week unveiled a model for how the trading system could operate after its planned 2010 introduction, warning climate shift could devastate Australia’s fragile environment. But the treasurer of the most

populous New South Wales State, Michael Costa, accused Garnaut of delivering a “Chicken Little” report predicting the sky could fall in on the economy and iconic tourist lures such as the Great Barrier Reef.

MNA/Reuters

A fifth of EU Commission payments late

BRUSSELS, 9 July—More than a fifth of payments made last year by the European Union’s executive arm were late, with an average delay of almost seven weeks, EU Ombudsman Nikiforos Diamandouros said on Monday.

The European Commission should “make further improvements to its payment policy as quickly as possible, especially regarding more vulnerable contractors, such as individual citizens and small- and medium-sized companies and organisations”, Diamandouros said in a special report. The report from the head of the EU’s internal watchdog said that in 2007, the Commission was late in 22 per cent of payments made to its contractors from the bloc’s budget. The average delay was 48 days. — MNA/Reuters

Chinese officials gather at the Great Hall of the People to review preparations for the Beijing Olympic Games and Paralympic Games in Beijing, capital of China, on 9 July, 2008, 30 days before the Olympics opens.

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China’s National Stadium, known as the Bird’s Nest, is seen a month before the opening of the Olympic Games, in Beijing on 8 July, 2008. With one month to go before the Olympics open on 8 Aug, Beijing was putting the final touches to its preparations on 8 July, although pollution worries and questions over media freedom remain.—INTERNET

Hamas denies policing Israeli borders

GAZA, 9 July — The Islamic Hamas movement on Sunday denied accusations that it was policing the Israeli borders with the Gaza Strip to maintain an Egyptian-brokered ceasefire.

“The movement did not arrest anyone because of the resistance and did not deploy any of its members on the borders to protect the Israeli occupation,” said Hamas spokesman Fawzi Barhoom.

Israeli media reported that Hamas arrested a number of Palestinian militants who violated the truce between Hamas and Israel which took effect on 19 June.

The reports also said that Hamas deployed its militants near the border areas to prevent rocket attacks by Palestinian factions against the ceasefire which does not cover the West Bank. —Xinhua

Six killed in shooting spree in southern Yemen

SANAA, 9 July— A vendor opened fire Monday in the port city of Aden, southern Yemen, killing four people and wounding eight others, and two of whom died in hospital due to serious injuries.

According to witnesses, the vendor flew into a fury amid a dispute with others in a market and began to shoot indiscriminately. The man was later arrested by local police.

In August 2007, Yemen’s Ministry of Interior issued a statement banning carrying firearms into the capital city of Sanaa and provincial capitals.— MNA/Xinhua

(All Items from Xinhua News Agency)



A “recortador” leaps over a wild cow during an exhibition of riding and acrobatic skills at the bullring on the third day of the annual San Fermin festival in Pamplona on 8 July, 2008.

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Israel’s Rafael successfully test anti-“Qassam” missile

JERUSALEM, 9 July— Israeli authority for development of weapons and military technology Rafael has successfully completed a series of test in the short-range missile defence system it is currently developing as part of the project code-named “Iron Dome”, local daily Ha’aretz reported on its website on Monday.

The tests, which were carried out at a test ground in southern Israel, were

successful, said the report, citing Israeli security sources.

The tests involved the launching of a number of Tamir missiles - the type that is expected to be used by Iron Dome to intercept Qassam and Katyusha rockets - and engineers evaluated its capabilities, in terms of such variables as effective range, command and control from the

ground, speed and manoeuvrability.

Israeli defence sources estimate that by the end of 2008 Iron Dome will be ready to undergo a major test that will evaluate the system’s ability to intercept a rocket. The test will include the launch of a rocket, which Tamir will try to intercept.

Xinhua

B’desh to set up fund for long-term disaster management

DHAKA, 9 July — The Bangladesh Government is working to set up a trust fund of about 4 billion US dollars for long-term disaster management, leading English daily The Financial Express reported Sunday.

“A joint government-donor assessment showed that a four billion US dollars fund will be required for long-term disaster management in Bangladesh,” secretary of the economic relations division (ERD) under finance ministry Aminul Islam Bhuiyan was quoted as saying.

“The government is trying to mobilize resources for establishing a multi donor trust fund,” he said.

Xinhua

Two Indonesian diplomats injured in Afghanistan blast

JAKARTA, 9 July— Two Indonesian diplomats were reportedly injured in a car bomb attack outside the Indian Embassy in Kabul on Monday.

The Indonesian Embassy building in Kabul, which is located near the Indian Embassy, was severely damaged, Foreign Ministry spokesman Teuku Faizasyah said.

“Medical treatment is quite good there, so we hope they will get sufficient treatment,” www.kompas.com quoted the spokesman as saying.

The suicide car bomb has reportedly killed more than 40 people and injured hundreds of people, according to the website. —Xinhua

Sri Lankan Air Force pounds rebels’ target

COLOMBO, 9 July—The military in Sri Lanka said Sunday that its Air Force bombed a gather point of Tamil Tiger rebels in the north in the afternoon amid intensive conflict between the two parties.

Officials from the Ministry of Defence said Air Force fighter craft launched precision air strikes at a high profile LTTE (Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam) gathering point in the Vaddakachchi area of the Kilinochchi district at 3:30 pm (1000

GMT). They said the air raid was taken based on real time ground information.

Meanwhile, two LTTE rebels were killed in sniper attacks launched by the troops in the Karaimoddai area of the Mannar district on Sunday, defence officials said. Sri Lankan Army Commander Sarath Fon-seka said Monday that about 9000 LTTE rebels and 1700 government soldiers have been killed in fighting since the government launched its

military offensive in August 2006.

The commander estimated that within about one year, the LTTE will lose its capability as a conventional force and can no longer fight against the troops in the same manner as before.

Having taking control of the whole Eastern Province from the LTTE in July 2007, the troops are currently battling the LTTE in the north with the aim of totally crushing the organization. —Xinhua



A young boy clears away algae from a beach in Qingdao, Shandong Province on 7 July, 2008. Thousands of Chinese troops and volunteers should clear unsightly algae from competition areas at the Qingdao Olympic sailing venue by Thursday, an official said.—INTERNET

Growing paddy with tractors and living in durable houses

Sargyitha (Pani Pin)

I write this article out of my strong desire. I am not a writer or a professional in the literary field. I am just a public member and a native of Myanmar. I have to beg the pardon of the readers if this article does not meet the standard of usual ones. However, it is no exaggeration to write this article. I will just present what I have witnessed as they really are.

It was on 6 July evening. I happened to watch the evening news of the Myanmar Radio and Television. While watching TV, I was out of desire to present my opinions, so I write the article.

The news was about Prime Minister General Thein Sein's tour of the storm-hit areas, and he supervised relief and rehabilitation tasks in Labutta and Napudaw townships.

Actually, it was just a usual news story, not breaking news. Personally, I would say it was a heart-hit news.

When I heard the signature tune for the evening news programme, I had already had my dinner, so I sat in front of the TV, holding a cup of plain tea and the jaggery bottle. The news heading was that the Prime Minister toured storm-affected areas. So, I paid careful attention to the news. At that time, I remembered something that when the world countries suffered natural disasters and leaders of the nations concerned inspected the scenes of the disasters for a while, world notorious TV stations gave media coverage of the news about the inspection tours. I am sure the leaders of our country love and protect the people at least as much as the leaders of those countries do. However, I would say it is strange that the world notorious TV stations never screen such news stories of our country.

Just as I saw the pictures that appeared in the news, I felt very glad as well as pleased and happened to say 'well done'. I thought that such feeling was pervasive delight. And one's sympathetic joy should be placed equally on everyone, irrespective of wealth and status.

The scenes were shot from helicopter, so that gave the viewers a panoramic view of paddy fields, which stretched to the horizon. I had ever seen such views. Whenever I flew, I took a good view of paddy fields. If it was harvest season, the paddy fields I saw were all yellowish. And when I saw thriving paddy fields together with the plantations of other crops, the scene was like a colourful picture. The land of our country was always beautiful. I saw such a beautiful scene again in the news.

Strong embankments of the fields were clearly visible to me. I saw some farmers ploughing their fields along with paddy nurseries and transplanted fields. The fields were ploughed thoroughly. The soil was so good that that turned brownish. The news offered me a good view. Farmers by nature are pleased to plough their fields when the rainy season sets in. They prefer growing paddy rather than doing other businesses because they can gain merits and earn incomes at the same time by cultivating the crop. I want foreign media to have a look at such scenes. They said that it would be difficult to

drain the salty water out of the fields, let alone cultivating paddy there. And there were no cattle or paddy saplings in the storm-hit areas. Their acts are like a saying that goes "To torture an unfortunate person". I do not want to make any comment in that regard. I thought foreign media would stop short to make speculations and harsh comments when they witnessed such clear views. Everyone can visualize how much effort the government, the people and the Tatmadaw have made to enable storm victims to restore their businesses in a short time. It goes without saying that ordinary goodwill and skills are not enough to achieve such a great success. An able person can overcome any difficulties.

I felt more delighted when I watched the scene that farmers were ploughing the fields. Some were using power-tillers, while some were using tractors to plough the fields. World notorious media broadcast a news story that in an Asian country, fuel prices had gone up and not enough number of tractors were available, so cattle were used again to plough the fields, and cattle were bred and nurtured. The purpose of recounting the news story is just to help the readers compare the situation in other country and that in ours and notice the attitude of the notorious media towards our country alongside the goodwill of the government, the people and the Tatmadaw towards the victims. While watching TV farmers working hard in ploughing their fields, I remembered a poem I learnt in my youth.

"Oh, farmer, how inspiring you are
Standing tall between two colours
Ground lush and green with paddy fields
And the sky with the blue colour"

The poem reflects the might of the farmer working hard between the ground completely covered with lush and green paddy fields and the blue sky. That poem is the most suitable one to reflect and honour the diligence of Ayeyawady dwellers.

I saw a place which is not far from where the farmers who worked hard the whole day with the use of tractors can take a rest. I also saw houses built near the farmers ploughing on the farm. The wooden houses are new. There is a prayer hall at the head of the house. I saw a plastic sheet on the floor. I listened to the voice of the newscaster while watching pictures on TV. I heard him say that the government and donors would build better and durable houses for the storm victims than the previous ones. What I heard matched what I saw. I put on record that words and deeds are relevant. I respect and think highly of those who do as they say. I would like to see those who treat leftover rice and roasted fish with fish paste and hot plain teas than those who said, 'Fish and chips will be served. Please wait until everything is O.K.' I want the nations of the world understand the attitudes of very Myanmar people.

Although I was born in Yangon and grew up there, my father was farm-bred. His native is Okkan, a small town. There is an expression that there are beautiful

ladies in Okkan and Thonze. My father came to Yangon and married to my mother who is more beautiful than the ladies from Okkan and Thonze. My father went back to his native village with my mother and me every year. I do know the houses of the farmers in the villages. I know what kind of houses in my father's village and those of my relatives are. Most of them are built of thatch and wall of bamboo matting. Though it is pleasant to live in summer, it is very cold in winter. In the rainy season, the houses sway because of the wind. As a son of the farmer from Okkan, I am very pleased to see the farmers in Ayeyawady Division living in the durable new houses. In his speech, the Prime Minister said the houses built for the storm victims with the contribution of the donors under the arrangement of the government will be better than the previous ones. I vividly see the government and the donors. I understand that those who donate goods and food are wellwishers. The Tatmadaw members and members of social organizations contributing voluntary service in the storm-hit areas are also wellwishers. Moreover, the Tatmadaw members (Army, Navy and Air) who save the victims and help build new houses for the storm victims, members of the Union Solidarity and Development Association, Fire Services and Red Cross Brigade, volunteers, members of social organizations and health staff are wellwishers. We can carry out rehabilitation tasks in a very short time after the severe storm due to unity and cooperation of the State, the people and the Tatmadaw. I witness that members of USDA from various parts of the country help build the houses for the victims, roads and hospitals and dispensaries in Ayeyawady Division. The Tatmadaw members brought in timber for construction of the houses. They felt happy to see the new durable houses. Only those who can look at the kind heart of Myanmar people will see. Myanmar people do not ignore the traditional customs and spend much money in shopping. Vegetable patches were also built at the back of the houses. The Prime Minister himself gave vegetable seeds and farm implements to the victims living in the new houses. Presenting such farm implements is building spirit to stand on their own feet and helping those who are in need.

The government provides food and shows a place where fish abounds. There may be some people who think that giving vegetable seeds is a frivolous thing. I will give an example for those people. Magadu, a man who served in the elephant-shed of the palace, grew amaranth from little amount of seeds he got from the seeds seller. Later, he became a king named Wariyu. I have read it in Myanmar reader when I was young. Myanmar people know the wider and deeper meaning of a saying, "A huge benefit can be made using a dead rat." Therefore, if one thinks the act of presenting vegetable seeds is an ordinary one, it will be wrong.

When I saw the green paddy fields, the field under ploughing and new houses of the farmers as a background, I remember some lines of a short poem in my heart. 'A hut on the farm lies in the horizon.'

I would like to rewrite the poem like this because of the view I see.

Houses which are lined look nice,
Tractors and seeds are ready.
These match their houses.

Translation:MS+NY

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Senior General Than Shwe receives newly-accredited Ambassador Mr Juan Jose Gomez Camacho of the United Mexican States.
(News on Page 1) —MNA



Senior General Than Shwe receives Mr Ivan Hotek, newly-accredited Ambassador of Czech Republic. (News on Page 1)— MNA

Transportation returns to normal in Rakhine State

NAY PYI TAW, 9 July — Transportation services have resumed on Buthidaung-Maungtaw Road and Taungup-Pyay Road in Rakhine State where roads were damaged due to recent torrential rain.

The torrential rain hit Rakhine State starting from 27 June, and on 3 and 4 July. The torrential rain caused landslides, damaged roads and bridges on Buthidaung-Maungtaw road on 3 July.

Similarly, the rain on 3 and 4 July also damaged

Taemauk, Taragu and Thetkeyyin bridges on Thandwe-Taungup road and swept away conduit pipe near Kamdae Village and damaged some sections of Taungup-Pyay Road.

Local authorities, Tatmadawmen, policemen, staff of Public Works and members of social organizations had repaired the roads and bridges as from 4 July, and transportation on the roads has now returned to normal. —MNA

Minister inspects rehabilitation tasks and chosen site for construction of permanent houses near Mayan village

NAY PYI TAW, 9 July—Minister for Rail Transportation Maj-Gen Aung Min who is supervising rehabilitation tasks in Dedaye region, accompanied by officials concerned, arrived at Shankan village via Dedaye by powered boat on 7 July.

At Village Basic Education High School (Branch), the minister and party inspected progress in repairing damaged school and students who are pursuing education and presented cash assistance for desks through the school head.

Next, the minister and party looked into learning of the students at the temporary classroom in the compound of Mayan village monastery, paid homage to Wailuwati monastery Presiding Sayadaw U Kumara and donated CI sheets and cash to the Sayadaw.

Afterwards, the minister chose the site for the construction of permanent houses and gave necessary instructions. Next, he oversaw progress in building rural health centre in Hsukalat village and stockpile of rice for the storm victims.

On his way back to Dedaye, he inspected Dedaye Township People’s Hospital, medical ward for monks, delivery room and staff quarters and pediatric ward and attended to the needs. —MNA



Minister Maj-Gen Aung Min inspects houses which have been repaired in Dedaye. —RAILWAYS

Prime Minister General Thein Sein greets member of the House of Councilors of DPJ Party of Japan and President of Myanmar-Japan Friendship Parliamentary Federation Mr Hideo Watanabe at the meeting hall of the Government Office in Nay Pyi Taw.

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Prime Minister General Thein Sein receives member of the House of Councilors of DPJ Party of Japan and President of Myanmar-Japan Friendship Parliamentary Federation

NAY PYI TAW, 9 July—Prime Minister General Thein Sein of the Union of Myanmar received member of the House of Councilors of DPJ Party of Japan and President of Myanmar-Japan Friendship Parliamentary Federation Mr Hideo Watanabe and members at the meeting hall of the Government Office here at 4 pm today.

Also present on the occasion were

Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo, Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win, Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe, Director-General of Government Office Col Thant Shin, Director-General U Kyaw Kyaw of Protocol Department and Japanese Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Yasuaki Nogawa.—MNA

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Maj-Gen Khin Zaw inspects Kyangin-Pakokku railroad

NAY PYI TAW, 9 July — Maj-Gen Khin Zaw of the Ministry of Defence, accompanied by Chairman of Sagaing Division Peace and Development Council Commander of North-West Command Brig-Gen Myint Soe and Magway Division PDC Chairman Col Phone Maw

Shwe, arrived at Nonpoh River Water Pumping Project in Nonpoh Village of Pakokku Township on 7 July morning and heard reports on construction tasks, installation of power lines and water pumps presented by officials.

The project is being implemented to irrigate

8,000 acres of land.

At salt production field in Kyatphyae Village of Pakokku Township, officials reported on the arrangements of Myanmar Foodstuff Industries in cooperation with local people to produce salt for local sufficiency.

On arrival at the

project site of Kyangin-Pakokku railroad in Pakokky Township, Maj-Gen Khin Zaw heard reports on construction of the railroad, bridges, earth work and progress of tasks presented by Deputy Superintending officials of Public Works.

Project Engineer U

Htay Aung of Myanmar Railways submitted a report on progress in construction of Pwintbyu-Pakokku section of Kyangin-Pakokku railroad. After hearing the reports, Maj-Gen Khin Zaw gave necessary instructions.

On completion of

Kyangin-Pakokku railroad, the people will have easy access to Pakokku of Magway Division from Patheingyi of Ayeyawady Division. In addition, the people can travel from Pakokku to Gangaw and from Pakokku, ChaungU, Monywa, YeU and KhinU to other townships of Upper Myanmar.

Maj-Gen Khin Zaw and party inspected weeding at the cotton plantations of Cotton and Sericulture Department of Myanmar Industrial Crops Development Enterprise at Myitche Village.

After inspecting the maintenance work at Anawrahta Bridge (Ayeyawady), Maj-Gen Khin Zaw and party viewed thriving physic nut and sesame plantations along both sides of the road. —MNA



Maj-Gen Khin Zaw attends ceremony of collective ploughing, nurturing of monsoon paddy and harvesting of summer paddy.—MNA

A trip to storm-hit areas of Mawlamyinegyun Township

Article: *Than Zaw*; Photos: *Maung Maung Thant (Myanma Alin)*

We, the news team of the Myanma Alin Daily, left Yangon for Mawlamyinegyun on 27 June by hovercraft *Patheinthu*. At 4.30 pm when the hovercraft started to leave, it was raining lightly. On the way through Twantay Canal, the wind speed and rain got stronger. I was anxious about the rumours such as storms, earthquakes and floods I had heard before



“Students are being taught regularly.”

U Myat Win Kyaw, Headmaster of Kyunchaung Village

fine. I saw that all the passengers on board were free from anxiety by watching TV, talking and sleeping. Thus, I felt uneasy about myself. Indeed, it was



“Paddy strains have been received and paddy plants are being grown.”

U Mya Nyunt of Kyunchaung Village

due to the rumours.

While gazing to the floating water hyacinths in the moonlight, I remembered a short story entitled “Minlat” written by Saya Zawgyi, that I learned

almost all the houses in Mawlamyinegyun have been repaired, and most of lamp-posts and telephone satellite-posts have been re-erected.

The following day, we, together with township level officials, made more trips to storm-hit villages by vessel *Win Sein-1*.

On arrival at



“I was convenient at the relief camp. I returned to my native village of my own volition.”

Ma Mya Thet Mon of Kyetsha Village, who came back from Wakema relief camp



Responsible persons greet local people at storm-hit villages.

village elder U Mya Nyunt said, “In addition to rice, edible oil, clothes and foodstuffs, paddy strains have been received, and now paddy is being cultivated.” I learned that the paddy strains distributed were quality ones after being tested.

Headmaster U Myat Win Kyaw, who was teaching students at the temporary classrooms at the centre of the village, explained, “The school had two buildings before the storm. Therefore, the government planned to construct a two-storey building for primary and middle school students.”

At Kyetsha Village, I saw the beautiful location of the village jutting out in a triangular shape leading to the sea. We had an interview with Ma Mya Thet Mon who came back from Wakema relief camp. She recounted her experience, saying, “One of my children and myself were at work on the opposite bank. When tidal

waves rose, we two came back here by swimming hard. Unfortunately, I lost my husband and two other children.”



Paddy being milled at a hullar in Nathmu Village.

She continued, “I got basic needs at Wakema relief camp.

As there was no more storm, I returned home because I was anxious about my husband and my children. In my native village, I am convenient as I receive relief supplies and foodstuffs.”

On arrival at Nathmu Village, I saw milling of

paddy at a hullar. As I saw arrival of 10 power-tillers and relief supplies at the village, it was not necessary to enquire about

the distribution of the relief items to the local people.

On my trip to the storm-hit areas, I witnessed the progress of rehabilitation and reconstruction tasks and the continuous efforts of the storm victims for their development.

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Officials seen at the jetty before departure for storm-hit villages in Mawlamyinegyun Township.

departure from Yangon.

Regarding the weather, the Department of Hydrology and Meteorology issued that the wind speed of monsoon was stronger, and the surface wind speed in squalls might reach 45 to 50 miles per hour. Therefore, I thought that the weather would not be worse. However, the wind speed of monsoon would be strong to a certain degree.

The hovercraft ran steadily. The weather was

when I was a student. The story described the strength of water hyacinth in strong waves and winds.

Despite facing hardships in the recent storm, the storm victims must try hard to resume their economic, health and social affairs with high spirit. They have to strive for gaining recovery from the ravaged conditions.

After berthing at Myinkakon and Bogale, the hovercraft docked at Mawlamyinegyun at 3.30 am. We witnessed that

Kyunchaung Village, we saw unloading of power-tillers from a ship for providing them to the village. In an interview, a



Thriving paddy field seen at Kyunchaung Village.

Poor states not to blame for food price rise

SAPPORO (Japan), 9 July — Chinese President Hu Jintao on Tuesday rejected a charge that growing demand from developing countries is to blame for soaring food prices.

“This is not a responsible attitude,” Hu said in the northern Japanese city of Sapporo.

The spike in the cost of food had “added to the difficulties of the global poverty reduction efforts and affected regional stability”, Hu added.

What was needed, he said, was a more favourable external

environment for the growth of developing countries.

His remarks were distributed in English to reporters by Chinese Embassy staff. Hu was speaking after talks with the leaders of four other big emerging economies — India, Mexico, Brazil and South Africa.

All five, which Hu said account for 42 per cent of the world’s population and 12 per cent of global GDP, will attend the final day of the annual summit of the Group of Eight rich nations on Wednesday, when

climate change will top the agenda.

Hu called for closer bilateral and multilateral cooperation among developing countries.

“World economic growth cannot be sustained if developing countries remain in a state of backwardness,” he said.

The Chinese President called for an international cooperation framework on food security and said developing countries should have a greater voice in international decision-making.

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The 11th century Preah Vihear temple is seen near the Thai border in Preah Vihear province, 543 km (337 miles) north of Phnom Penh, in this 21 June, 2008 file photo.—INTERNET

Vietnam to produce more coal in 2010

HANOI, 9 July — Vietnam will, under a recent national coal development strategy, explore more coal mines, and exploit more coal using advanced and environmentally-friendly technologies in the coming years, according to local newspaper *Vietnam Economic Times* on Tuesday.

Under the strategy on developing the domestic coal sector by 2025

approved by the Vietnamese Government on July 7, the country will produce 48-50 million tons of coal in 2010, and complete exploration of new coal mines in the northern Red River Delta by 2015.

Using more advanced technologies in all stages of coal production, the sector will churn out more high-quality coal, and affect the environment less.

Vietnam exploited nearly 41.2 million tons of coal in 2007, up 11.5 per cent against 2006, according to the country’s General Statistics Office.

Vietnam exported nearly 13.9 million tons of coal worth 728 million US dollars in the first half of this year, down 14.9 per cent in volume but up 43.3 per cent in value against the same period last year, said the office.

MNA/Xinhua

Hurricane “Bertha” begins to weaken in Atlantic

MIAMI, 9 July — The first hurricane of the 2008 Atlantic storm season began to weaken on Tuesday in the open Atlantic as it headed in the direction of Bermuda, US forecasters said.

Hurricane Bertha, which on Monday became a powerful Category 3 hurricane on the five-step Saffir-Simpson scale, had slipped back to Category 2 strength with top sustained winds of 105 miles per hour (165 kilometres per hour) by 11 a.m. EDT (1500 GMT), the US

National Hurricane Centre said.

“Additional weakening is forecast during the next 24 hours,” the Miami-based centre said in an advisory, adding that cooler waters, dry air and unfavourable atmospheric winds conditions were affecting the storm.

The centre’s hurricane experts said Bertha had also begun a turn that would gradually take it to the north, signalling an increased likelihood that the US East Coast would

be spared a hurricane or tropical storm strike.

The Gulf of Mexico where the United States produces a third of its domestic crude oil and a large chunk of its natural gas was well out of the firing line.

The wealthy mid-Atlantic British colony of Bermuda, however, would have to continue to keep an eye on the storm as it drifted slowly toward the island, a major centre for the world’s reinsurance industry, the hurricane centre said.

MNA/Reuters



A remote-controlled robot checks a suspect parcel in the city center in Ankara, Turkey, Wednesday, July 9, 2008. Men armed with pistols and shotguns attacked a police guard post outside the U. S. Consulate in Istanbul on Wednesday, sparking a gunbattle that left three officers and three attackers dead.—INTERNET

Terrorism, biggest threat for peace

ANKARA, 9 July — Chief of Turkish General Staff Yasar Buyukanit said on Tuesday that terrorism was the biggest threat for global peace and security in the age of globalization.

Speaking at the “Silk Road 2008 General/Admiral Seminar” held in Mediterranean province of Antalya, Buyukanit said it

was impossible to counter terrorism in national level with national policies.

“International cooperation has become the sine qua non for the fight against terrorism,” Buyukanit was quoted as saying by the semi-official *Anatolia* news agency.

“I think we all agree that terrorism is the most serious sickness of the 21st

century although we could not make a common definition of it,” he said.

Buyukanit said that none of the terrorism types could be considered legitimate, no matter which ideology they advocate. “More than that, even tendencies close to legitimize terrorism are unacceptable,” he stated.

MNA/Xinhua

100 kilos of cocaine hidden in farm machines seized in Spain

BUENOS AIRES, 9 July — In a joint operation of Argentine and Spanish police in Spain’s northeastern city of Barcelona Monday, 100 kilos of cocaine were seized and four suspected smugglers arrested.

The detainees included Argentine nationals, Argentine Customs officers said in a statement.

Police found the drugs hidden in farming machines with state-of-the-art technology and had to call in metallurgy specialists to extract the narcotics.

Spanish police in June detained 52 suspected Latin American drug smugglers and seized 100 kilos of cocaine.

On June 3, 10 ground crew members at Madrid Airport were arrested for allegedly being part of a drug smuggling group. Also detained was a sub-inspector of the National Police Corps from Torrejon de Ardoz, Madrid. He is accused of drug trafficking, money laundering and aiding illegal immigration. — MNA/Xinhua

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Vacancy Announcements

The Myanmar Information Management Unit (MIMU), supporting OCHA, the Inter Agency Standing Committee (IASC) Country Team and the UN Offices of the Resident/Humanitarian Coordinator, Yangon, Myanmar. Please visit the UNDP job board (6 Natmuk Rd) or the MIMU Resource Center (lobby level, Chatrium Hotel) for full Terms of Reference and application instructions.

Two Positions for:

Post title: Information Management National Officer, Geographic Information Systems (GIS)

Grade/Level of Post: Professional
Duration of Appointment: Until Dec 2008 (with the possibility of extension)
Contractual Status: ALD
Duty Station: Yangon, Myanmar
Entry on Duty: As soon as possible

Qualifications / Experience:

An advanced university degree; Minimum of five years of increasing responsibilities in geographic information systems; Demonstrable knowledge of geographic information system design and development, geo-database design and management, (ArcGIS, Idrisi32, Erdas Imagine, Mapinfo); Excellent verbal and written English skills – as well as Myanmar language.

Two Positions for:

Post title: Information Management National Liaison Associate
Grade/Level of Post: SC-6
Duration of Appointment: Until Dec 2008 (with the possibility of extension)
Contractual Status: Service Contract (SC)
Duty Station: Yangon, Myanmar
Entry on Duty: As soon as possible

Qualifications / Experience:

University education, preferably social sciences degree, public administration or related social sciences; A minimum of five years working experience; Excellent interpersonal, and communication skills, independent and team-player attitude; Excellent verbal and written English skills – as well as Myanmar language; Ability to work on own initiative, mature, creative and pro-active; Experiences with UN/Humanitarian Organizations, NGOs and/or government sector would be considered an advantage

One Position for:

Post title: ICT Associate
Grade/Level of Post: SC-6
Duration of Appointment: Until December 2008 (with the possibility of extension)
Contractual Status: Service Contract (SC)
Duty Station: Yangon, Myanmar
Entry on Duty: As soon as possible

Qualifications / Experience:

University education in computer sciences or related. A minimum of five years working experience with increasing responsibilities in information technology. Excellent interpersonal, and communication skills, independent and team-player attitude. Excellent verbal and written English skills – as well as Myanmar language.

Two Positions for:

Post title: Data Assistant
Grade/Level of Post: SC-4
Duration of Appointment: Until December 2008 (with the possibility of extension)
Contractual Status: Service Contract (SC)
Duty Station: Yangon, Myanmar
Entry on Duty: As soon as possible

Qualifications / Experience:

Secondary education; 4-5 years working experience; Excellent MS Word/Excel/Power Point skills; Excellent interpersonal, and communication skills, independent and team-player attitude. Excellent verbal and written English skills – as well as Myanmar language.

Interested candidates should submit their applications in writing clearly indicating the title of the post on the envelope to: UN Office of the Humanitarian Coordinator, Chatrium Hotel, ROOM 807, No. 40, Natmuk Road, Tamwe Township, Yangon - **Attention: MIMU.**

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Second arrest in case of murdered French students

LONDON, 9 July—British police have made a second arrest in their investigation into the murder of two French students in a frenzied knife attack in London after a man handed himself in to police, authorities said on Monday. Bio-engineering students Laurent Bonomo and Gabriel Ferez, both 23, were bound, gagged and repeatedly stabbed in Bonomo's south London apartment in what police said were the most "frenzied, brutal and horrific" murders they had seen.— *MNA/Reuters*



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၁။ သတ္တုတွင်းဝန်ကြီးဌာန၊ အမှတ်(၃)သတ္တုတွင်းလုပ်ငန်းတွင် လက်လံလျက်ရှိသော တောက်တော်မြို့၊ ရာထူးများ အတွက် လျှောက်လွှာများ တင်သွင်းနိုင်ပါသည်။ -

စဉ်	ရာထူး	လက်လံ	လျှောက်လွှာခေါ်ယူခြင်း
(က)	လက်ထောက်အင်ဂျင်နီယာ(သတ္တုတွင်း)	၂ နေရာ	- သတ္တုတွင်းစော်စောအင်ဂျင်နီယာဘွဲ့၊ [B.E (Mining)]
(ခ)	လက်ထောက်အင်ဂျင်နီယာ(သတ္တုဓာတ်)	၁ နေရာ	- သတ္တုဓာတ်အင်ဂျင်နီယာဘွဲ့၊ [B.E (Metallurgy)]
(ဂ)	လက်ထောက်အင်ဂျင်နီယာ(လျှပ်စစ်)	၁ နေရာ	- လျှပ်စစ်ဓာတ်အင်ဂျင်နီယာဘွဲ့၊ [B.E (Electrical Power)]

၂။ လျှောက်ထားသူသည်-
 (က) ပြည်ထောင်စုမြန်မာနိုင်ငံသားဖြစ်ရမည်။
 (ခ) ၂၉ - ၇ - ၂၀၀၈နေ့တွင်အသက် ၃၅ နှစ် (ဝန်ထမ်းဖြစ်ပါက အသက် ၄၀ နှစ်)ထက်မကျော်လွန်သူ ဖြစ်ရမည်။
 (ဂ) လုပ်ငန်းသဘာဝအရ အမျိုးသား ဖြစ်ရမည်။

၃။ လျှောက်လွှာကို ဝန်ထမ်းရွေးချယ်ရေးကော်မရှင်အဖွဲ့မှ ရုံးအမှတ် (၁၇) နေပြည်တော်သို့ ၂၉-၇-၂၀၀၈ နေ့အရောက်ပေးပို့ရမည်။ လျှောက်လွှာပေးပို့ရာတွင်လက်ထောက် ဖြစ်စေ မြန်မာ့ ဆက်သွယ်ရေးလုပ်ငန်း အဖြစ်သို့ (သို့မဟုတ်) မှတ်ပုံတင်အဖြစ် ဖြစ်စေ ပေးပို့နိုင်ပါသည်။

၄။ လျှောက်လွှာတွင် ဖော်ပြရမည့်အချက်များ၊ ငွေကြေးပမာဏ၊ စာရွက်စာတမ်းများ၊ ဝင်ကြေးငွေ ၂၀၀/- ပေးသွင်းရမည့် နည်းလမ်း၊ ရေးမြေ၊ နှုတ်မြေ စစ်ဆေးမှုအတွက် လေ့လာရန် လိုအပ်ချက်များနှင့် စပ်လျဉ်း၍ ဤအဖွဲ့၏ ၁၈ - ၅ - ၂၀၀၇ ရက်စွဲပါ စာအမှတ်၊ ၆၉၆/ရွေးချယ်ရေး(အဓိက)/၂၀၀၇ မြို့၊ ထုတ်ပြန်ထားသော ဝန်ထမ်းရွေးချယ်ရေးကော်မရှင်အဖွဲ့၏ ကြော်ငြာစာအရ လျှောက်လွှာတင်သွင်းသူများ လိုက်နာရန် လမ်းညွှန်ချက်စာစောင်ပါ သတ်မှတ်ချက် များနှင့် အညီ လိုက်နာ ဆောင်ရွက်ရန်ဖြစ်သည်။

၅။ ရေးမြေစာမေးပွဲကို နေပြည်တော် တွင် ကျင်းပမည်။

၆။ ဝန်ထမ်းများသည် မူရင်း လျှောက်လွှာတင်စာစောင်ကို မိမိ တာဝန်ထမ်းဆောင်သည့် ဌာနအကြီးအကဲမှ တစ်ဆင့် ဝန်ကြီးဌာန၏ခွင့်ပြုချက်ရယူပြီး ဝန်ထမ်းရွေးချယ်ရေးကော်မရှင်အဖွဲ့မှ ရုံးအမှတ် (၁၇) နေပြည်တော်သို့ ၂၉ - ၇ - ၂၀၀၈ နေ့ အရောက်ပေးပို့ရမည်။ လျှောက်လွှာ တင်စာစောင်ကို ဓါတ်ပုံအတိုင်း တစ်ပုံ နှင့်အတူ ဤအဖွဲ့မှ နေပြည်တော်သို့ တိုက်ရိုက်ပေးပို့ရမည်။

၇။ ၂၉ - ၈ - ၂၀၀၈ နေ့နှင့် ၂၄ - ၈ - ၂၀၀၈ နေ့များတွင် အရည်အချင်းစစ် ရေးမြေစာမေးပွဲကျင်းပမည်။ ၂၁ - ၈ - ၂၀၀၈ နေ့မှ စ၍ ဝန်ထမ်းရွေးချယ်ရေးကော်မရှင်အဖွဲ့မှ ရုံးအမှတ်(၁၇)နေပြည်တော်တွင် မြေဆိုခွင့် ကတ်ပြားများကို ထုတ်ပေးမည်။

၈။ ကြော်ငြာပါ ရာထူးများတွင် တာဝန်ထမ်းဆောင်ခြင်းနှင့် စပ်လျဉ်း၍ သတ္တုတွင်းဝန်ကြီးဌာန၏ ထိခိုက်စွမ်းဆောင်ရည်များရှိသဖြင့် " သတ္တုတွင်းဝန်ကြီးဌာနအမှတ်(၃)သတ္တုတွင်းလုပ်ငန်း(အင်အားစုအဖွဲ့) မှ ရုံးအမှတ် (၁၇) နေပြည်တော် (တယ်လီဖုန်းအမှတ်၊ ၀၆၇-၄၀၈၂၉၈)" သို့ လက်ထောက်ဖြစ်စေ၊ တယ်လီဖုန်းဖြင့် ဖြစ်စေ ဆက်သွယ်စုံစမ်းမေးမြန်းနိုင်ပါသည်။

၉။ အခြားစုံစမ်းမေးမြန်းလိုချက်ရှိပါက ဝန်ထမ်းရွေးချယ်ရေးကော်မရှင်အဖွဲ့မှ ရုံးအမှတ် (၁၇) နေပြည်တော် (တယ်လီဖုန်းအမှတ်၊ ၀၆၇ - ၄၀၈၂၉၈ နှင့် ၀၆၇ - ၄၀၈၄၃၀) သို့ လက်ထောက်ဖြစ်စေ၊ တယ်လီဖုန်းဖြင့်ဖြစ်စေ ဆက်သွယ် စုံစမ်းမေးမြန်းနိုင်ပါသည်။

၁၀။ ဤကြော်ငြာနှင့် လျှောက်လွှာတင်သွင်းသူများ လိုက်နာရန် လမ်းညွှန်ချက်စာစောင်ကို ဝန်ထမ်းရွေးချယ် ရေးကော်မရှင်အဖွဲ့၏ Website များဖြစ်သော csstb.imis.com.mm နှင့် www.csstb.gov.mm တွင်လည်း ဖော်ပြထားပါသည်။

US DoE staff using Govt credit cards on personal use

WASHINGTON, 9 July—The US Department of Education employees was found using government credit cards on their personal consumption, according to a news report on Sunday.

The department's inspector general issued an audit report, saying items and services paid by government credit cards for personal use included meals, items at clothing stores and rental cars and were worth 49,500 US dollars as a whole in the fiscal year 2006, said the *Washington Post* report.

Taking business travel

expenses for instance, the audit report said that a total of 18,256 dollars had been inappropriately used by 34 employees including payments to clothing retailers and restaurants near their homes or office.

Four department employees was found having made 13,570 dollars in credit card withdrawals as the department's travel allowance for meals and incidentals when they were not on business travel, it added.

For their defence, questioned employees said that they "inadvertently" used the cards to pay for

personal expenses or charged meals at local restaurants, according to the report.

By releasing the report, the inspector general office called on the department to improve oversight of travel charge cards that are supposed to be only used for official travel, including to schools, training and conferences. "Inappropriate use of the travel card ... represents abuse of a government-provided resource, and compromises the integrity of the department," it said.

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၁၃၇၀ ခြည့်နှစ်၊ နယုန်လကွယ် နေ့
(၂၀၀၈ ခုနှစ်၊ ဇူလိုင်လ ၂ ရက်)

၁။ အမှတ် (၂) လွှတ်တော်ရုံးအောက်ဝန်ကြီးဌာန၊ လွှတ်တော်ရုံးအောက်မြို့နယ်လမ်းမအလယ်တွင် လက်လှောက်ခံယူသော အောက်ဖော်ပြပါ ရာထူးအတွက် လျှောက်လွှာများ တင်သွင်းနိုင်ပါသည်။

ရာထူး	လက်လှောက်ခံယူရမည့် အချက်အလက်	ပညာအဆင့်အချက်အလက်
လက်ထောက်အထွေထွေအမှုဆောင် (မြို့ပြ) (အမျိုးသား) -၆ နေရာ	(အမျိုးသမီး) -၃ နေရာ	မြို့ပြအင်ဂျင်နီယာဘွဲ့၊ B.E (Civil)

၂။ လျှောက်ထားသူသည်-

(က) ပြည်ထောင်စုမြန်မာနိုင်ငံသားဖြစ်ရမည်။

(ခ) ၂၉ - ၃၂ - ၂၀၀၈ နေ့တွင်အသက် ၃၅ နှစ် (ဝန်ထမ်းဖြစ်ပါက အသက် ၄၀ နှစ်)ထက်မကျော်လွန်သူ ဖြစ်ရမည်။

၃။ လျှောက်လွှာကို ဝန်ထမ်းရွေးချယ်ရေးကော်မရှင်မှ နံရံအမှတ် (၁၇) နေပြည်တော်သို့ ၂၉ - ၇ - ၂၀၀၈ နေ့နေ့အထိ တင်သွင်းရမည်။ လျှောက်လွှာတင်သွင်းရန် လိုအပ်သည့် အချက်အလက်များကို အောက်ဖော်ပြပါ အချက်အလက်များနှင့် ဖော်ပြရမည်။

၄။ လျှောက်လွှာတွင် ဖော်ပြရမည့် အချက်အလက်များမှာ ပူးတွဲပါရှိသည့် စာရွက်စာတမ်းများ၊ ဝင်ကြေးငွေ ၂၀၀/- ပေးသွင်းရမည့် နည်းလမ်း၊ နေပြည်တော်၊ နယ်လမ်းမအလယ်တွင် လေ့လာရန် လိုအပ်သည့် အချက်အလက်များနှင့် စစ်လျှောက် ဤအခွင့်အလမ်း ၁၈ - ၅ - ၂၀၀၇ ရက်နေ့မှ စာအမှတ် (၆၉၆/ရွေးချယ်ရေး(အစီအစဉ်)/၂၀၀၇ ခြည့်နှစ်၊ ဇူလိုင်လ ၂ ရက်နေ့တွင် ဝန်ထမ်းရွေးချယ်ရေးကော်မရှင်မှ ဖော်ပြသော အချက်အလက်များနှင့် လျှောက်လွှာတင်သွင်းသူများ လိုက်နာရန် လမ်းညွှန်ချက်စာစောင်ပါ သတ်မှတ်ချက်များနှင့် အညီ လိုက်နာ ဆောင်ရွက်ရန်ဖြစ်သည်။

၅။ ဖော်ပြစာတမ်းကို နေပြည်တော် တွင် တင်သွင်းရမည်။

၆။ ဝန်ထမ်းများသည် ပူးတွဲပါ လျှောက်လွှာတင်သွင်းရန် ဖော်ပြသော အချက်အလက်များနှင့် နှိုင်းယှဉ်ဆောင်ရွက်ရမည်။ ဝန်ထမ်းရွေးချယ်ရေးကော်မရှင်မှ နံရံအမှတ် (၁၇) နေပြည်တော်သို့ ၂၉ - ၇ - ၂၀၀၈ နေ့နေ့ အထိ တင်သွင်းရမည်။ လျှောက်လွှာ တင်သွင်းရန် မိတ်ဆက်ခံယူသူ တစ်ဦးနှင့် နှိုင်းယှဉ်ဆောင်ရွက်ရမည်။

၇။ ၂၉ - ၈ - ၂၀၀၈ နေ့နေ့နှင့် ၂၅ - ၈ - ၂၀၀၈ နေ့နေ့များတွင် အချက်အလက်စစ်ဆေးမှုများ ပူးတွဲပါ အချက်အလက်များနှင့် နှိုင်းယှဉ်ဆောင်ရွက်ရမည်။

၈။ ကြော်ငြာပါ ရာထူးတွင် တာဝန်ထမ်းဆောင်ခြင်းနှင့် စစ်လျှောက် အမှတ် (၂) လွှတ်တော်ရုံးအောက်ဝန်ကြီးဌာန၏ သီးခြားစည်းကမ်းချက်များရှိပါသည်။ အမှတ် (၂) လွှတ်တော်ရုံးအောက်ဝန်ကြီးဌာန၊ လွှတ်တော်ရုံးအောက်မြို့နယ်လမ်းမအလယ်တွင် နေထိုင်ရမည့် အချက်အလက်များကို (၂၇) နေပြည်တော် (တယ်လီဖုန်းအမှတ်: ၀၆၇-၄၀၀၀၇၀) သို့ လူကိုယ်တိုင်ဖြစ်စေ၊ တယ်လီဖုန်းဖြင့် ဖြစ်စေ ဆက်သွယ် စုံစမ်း မေးမြန်းနိုင်ပါသည်။

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Pakistan frees Indian "spy" after 10 year jail

ISLAMABAD, 9 July—Pakistan on Monday freed an Indian "spy" named Ram Prakash after ten years in jail.

Prakash was arrested from the border city of Sialkot in eastern Pakistan's Punjab Province in 1998 and sentenced to ten-year jail on the charges of spying.

Prakash was handed over to the Indian authorities at the Wahga checkpoint on the border, *News Network International* (NNI) news agency reported.

MNA/Xinhua

Satellites launched for Arab League and US firm

KOUROU(French Guiana),9 July—AnAriane-5 rocket blasted off from Europe's space base in French Guiana on Monday, putting into orbit satellites for the Arab League and a US-linked telecommunications firm, officials said.

Twenty-seven minutes after its launch from the Kourou base, the rocket released *ProtoStar-1* — the first satellite for the new US-based telecommunications company ProtoStar.

The satellite, built in Palo Alto, California by Space Systems/Loral, will help to provide direct-to-home television transmissions and broadband services throughout Southeast Asia.

Eight minutes later, the rocket released a *BADR-6* satellite for Arabsat, the 21-nation telecommunications group of the Arab League, that is designed for direct television broadcasting to the Middle East and North Africa.

MNA/Reuters

Prenatal vitamin D linked to kids' dental health

NEW YORK, 9 July—By maintaining adequate vitamin D levels during pregnancy, mothers may be protecting their babies against early tooth decay in childhood, according to a study reported Friday at the International Association for Dental Research meeting in Toronto, Canada.

Dr Robert Schroth from the University of Manitoba reported that mothers of children who developed cavities at an early age had significantly lower vitamin D levels during pregnancy than those whose children were cavity-free. The study team enrolled 206 women during the second trimester of pregnancy "as that is when primary teeth begin to develop and calcify," Schroth explained in comments to Reuters Health.

They measured vitamin D levels in the women's blood at enrollment and then followed them until their infants were around 1 year old. Only 21 women (10.5 per cent) were found to have adequate vitamin D levels. The average vitamin D level was about half what is considered adequate, the investigators found.

Among 135 infants who had their teeth checked by the team, roughly 22 per cent had noticeable enamel defects and about 34 per cent had early childhood tooth decay. "Considering that 90 per cent of this study group was comprised of urban Aboriginal women, the results may not be completely generalizable to the public at large," Schroth noted.

MNA/Reuters



"Cabezudos" (Big Heads) attend a procession to honour San Fermin, patron saint of the San Fermin festival in Pamplona, Spain on 7 July, 2008. San Fermin is said to protect the hundreds of runners that participate in the running of the bulls.—INTERNET

New Zealand in global sustainability list's top 10

WELLINGTON, 9 July — New Zealand has scored seventh place out of more than 140 countries for its environmental sustainability, *the New Zealand Herald* daily reported on Monday.

The Environmental Performance Index, a collaborative effort between Yale and Columbia Universities in the United States, was designed as a way of quantifying and benchmarking the environmental performance of each country's policies.

MNA/Xinhua

SPORTS



Former tennis professionals Anna Kournikova from Russia and Henri Leconte from France smile during an exhibition match at the Mercedes Cup tennis tournament in Stuttgart, southern Germany, on 8 July, 2008.—INTERNET

Nadal withdraws from Stuttgart tournament

STUTTAGART (Germany), 9 July — Wimbledon champion Rafael Nadal said on Monday he had pulled out of this week’s Stuttgart Cup tournament due to a knee injury. “My doctors have said I need a couple of days rest. I will now get examined for an exact diagnosis,” the Spaniard told a news conference in Stuttgart, adding he had a problem with his knee without providing any details.

“I only want to return to the court once I am 100 per cent fit,” the 22-year-old said.

Nadal, four-times a French Open champion, became the first Spaniard in more than four decades to win the Wimbledon men’s singles title on Sunday after defeating Roger Federer.

“It was amazing for me,” said Nadal. “It was a very special victory for me winning against Roger and the most important thing winning Wimbledon.”

Asked what the victory meant to him, he said: “Right now I only think about the present. Probably when I finish my career, I am going to think about these things.” Nadal, who has twice won the Stuttgart Cup, said his immediate focus was to get some rest.

MNA/Reuters

Bulgaria’s Dimitrov eyes senior title after Wimbledon win

SOFIA, 9 July– Bulgaria’s Grigor Dimitrov refused to get carried away at becoming his country’s first Wimbledon champion after victory in the boys’ singles at the grasscourt grand slam.

The 17-year-old Dimitrov clinched the junior title on Sunday with a 7-5, 6-3 win over Finland’s Henri Kontinen in the final.

“Yes, I won the Wimbledon title but it’s not such a big success for me as it’s only a junior title after all,” Dimitrov, who did not lose a set during his run, told reporters at Sofia airport on Monday. “I’ll be really satisfied when I win a men’s tournament of such magnitude.

“To be honest, I didn’t expect to win because I wasn’t well prepared,” said Dimitrov, who will be given a wild card for next year’s main draw at Wimbledon.

“My main goal now is to establish myself among the top 100 in the men’s ranking and never leave there,” Dimitrov said.

“It’s a magnificent achievement for our country,” said Bulgarian tennis federation president Stefan Tsvetkov. —MNA/Reuters

Scolari charms his way through first Chelsea outing

COBHAM (England), 9 July — With his brave, halting English, ready smile and promise to try to keep Frank Lampard and Didier Drogba in London, Luiz Felipe Scolari charmed his way through his first public appearance as Chelsea manager.

The Brazilian coach even echoed his popular predecessor but one, Jose Mourinho, when he talked about being “special”.

“Yes I am special for my friends and for my family...but as a manager so-so,” Scolari, who won the World Cup with Brazil, joked at a packed news conference on Tuesday.

Such was the circus surrounding Scolari’s arrival that the Premier League and Champions League runners-up, who sacked Avram Grant in May, had to move his first news conference to a big hotel near the training ground.

Scolari, who only occasionally needed the help of an interpreter, said he felt no more pressure in the high-profile job under the watchful eye of billionaire owner Roman Abramovich than in previous jobs as Brazil and Portugal manager and at clubs in Brazil and the Middle East.

“If you are a coach in Brazil you know what pressure is,” he said. “I think I am prepared.”

MNA/Reuters

Fenerbahce sign Spain striker Guiza from Mallorca

ISTANBUL, 9 July — Fenerbahce have signed Spain Euro 2008 winning striker Daniel Guiza from Real Mallorca in a four-year deal, the Turkish club said on its Web site (www.fenerbahce.org) on Tuesday.

Guiza is former Spain coach Luis Aragones’s first major signing since taking charge at the Istanbul club last week after he led his country to their first major title in 44 years.

No further details on Guiza’s signing were initially released by the club.

The 27-year-old was the top scorer in the Primera Liga last season with 27 goals and scored twice during Spain’s triumphant campaign in which he was used mainly as a substitute.

Last season Fenerbahce reached the quarter-finals of the Champions League under Brazilian coach Zico, but they lost out to Istanbul rivals Galatasaray in the domestic title race.

MNA/Reuters

Barca refuse to release Ronaldinho for Olympics

MADRID, 9 July— Barcelona on Tuesday refused to allow forward Ronaldinho to take his place in the Brazil squad for next month’s Olympic Games.

The out-of-form 28 year-old, who has been told he is surplus to requirements at the Spanish club, was named in Brazil coach Dunga’s squad for Beijing on Monday as one of the overage players.

“Ronaldinho has to report for training next Monday for the first work session of the 2008-9 season,” the Primera Liga club said in a statement on their Web site (www.fcbarcelona.com).

“The Olympics do not feature in the FIFA calendar and there are no special rulings on the issue, so the club is not obliged to release its players.

“In recent weeks, sports director Txiki Begiristain has consistently stated that Barcelona’s objective is to have the maximum number of players available for the Champions League qualifier.”

MNA/Reuters

Romario, Schumacher decline Champions League chance

MILAN, 9 July— Retired Brazil striker Romario and ex-Ferrari driver Michael Schumacher have declined an offer to play for San Marino’s SS Murata in their Champions League first qualifying round match at home to Gothenburg next Tuesday.

Romario’s fellow Brazil World Cup winner Aldair, 42, will play in the first-leg match however.

“On 23 May Romario’s father died and he told Aldair that he didn’t feel it was right to leave everyone to come and play. It is a shame because we were close to this dream,” Murata sporting director Denis Casadei told Italian media.

He said Germany’s retired seven times Formula One world champion Schumacher, a keen soccer player who sometimes turns out for his local club FC Echichens in Switzerland, had also turned down the chance to be involved. Romario, who is also 42, announced his retirement in April after a controversial career in which he claimed to have scored more than 1,000 goals.— MNA/Reuters

Panama complain to FIFA over treatment in El Salvador

PANAMA CITY, 9 July— Panama have complained to FIFA about the treatment they received during a 3-1 World Cup qualifying defeat in El Salvador last month, saying the players were the target of racism and bags of urine.

In a letter to world soccer’s governing body, the Panamanian federation also said their goalkeeper was struck by a bottle and that El Salvador’s captain threw a Panamanian emblem to the ground after the pre-match formalities.

El Salvador, trailing 1-0 from the first leg and 1-0 down at halftime in the return, scored three times in the last 20 minutes to win the preliminary tie 3-2 on aggregate and qualify for the group stage of the CONCACAF qualifying tournament.

Panama complained that on the eve of the game, they arrived for practise at the Cuscutlan stadium and were forced to get changed on the team bus after finding the gates locked.

While they were on the bus, local fans banged against the sides of the vehicle and hurled racist insults at the players, said the letter published on the Panamanian federation’s website (www.marearoja.com).

“From the start to the finish of the game, our players were constantly insulted by the public who, in addition to the racist insults, threw bottles, bags of water and bags of urine, amid the indifference of the police, who should have given protection,” it said.

The letter added that goalkeeper Jaime Penedo was hit by a bottle as he prepared to take a goal kick but said the referee failed to stop the game.

MNA/Reuters



Dominik Meffert from Germany returns a ball to Andreas Seppi from Italy during the Suisse Open tennis tournament in Gstaad, Switzerland, on 8 July, 2008.—INTERNET

Ambush kills Darfur peacekeepers

DARFUR, 9 July— Seven members of the joint UN-African Union peace mission in Sudan's Darfur region have been killed and 22 hurt in an attack, the UN says.

UN officials said it was one of the deadliest attacks on its forces in recent years.

Sudanese state media reports that 40 armoured

vehicles ambushed the peace force while on patrol in North Darfur.

The UN-AU mission has been struggling to contain the violence in the region, with just 9,000 troops.

Heavy weapons, including mortars and rocket-propelled grenades, were used in this attack, UN officials said.

It is not known who carried out the attack.

Those who died included four Rwandan peacekeepers, one policeman from Ghana and another from Uganda.

It is unclear who was responsible. Numerous armed groups operate in Darfur-rebel factions, pro-government militias and criminals.—Internet

Seven UN/African Union peacekeepers were killed and 22 wounded in an attack by unidentified militia members in Sudan's Darfur region, the United Nations reported Wednesday.
INTERNET



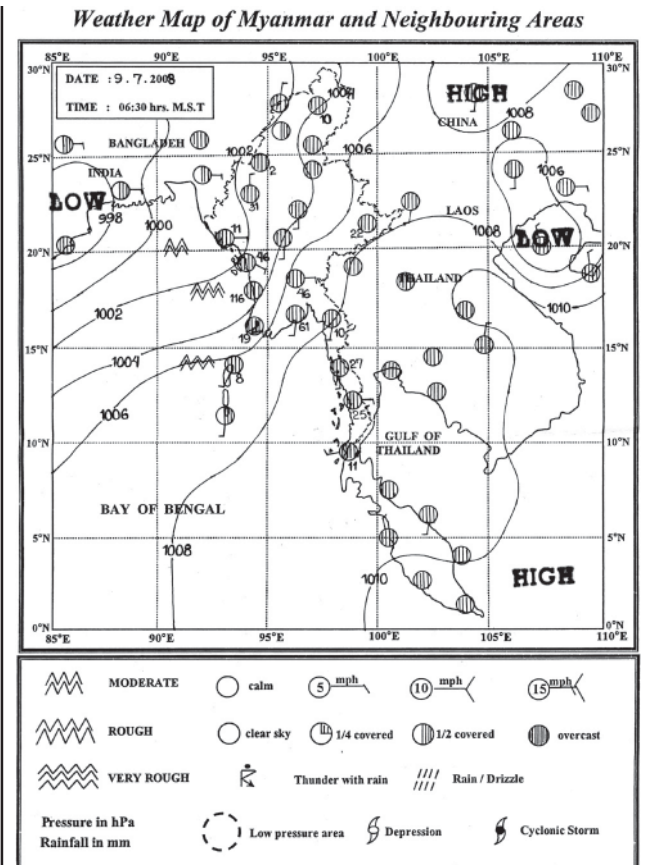
UNESCO lists Spanish cave paintings

MADRID, 9 July— Paintings in northern Spain which cavemen created between 35,000 to 11,000 BC have won World Heritage status from UNESCO, the country's Culture Ministry said on Tuesday.

The paintings from the Paleolithic age showing animals such as bison and horses are in the Altamira cave in the Cantabria Region. The cave was declared a heritage site in 1985.

Spain's Culture Ministry said in a statement that UNESCO had particularly valued the fact that the paintings were "perfectly dated and recognized by the scientific community".

MNA/Reuters



Magnitude 6 quake startles southern Peru

AREQUIPA (Peru), 9 July— A magnitude 6.0 earthquake rattled southern Peru early on Tuesday, startling residents in the Andean country's second-largest city, Arequipa, who ran out of their homes into the streets.

The epicentre of the quake was located 33 miles (53 kilometres) north-northwest of Arequipa, according to the US Geological Survey. It was recorded at a depth of 46 miles (74 kilometres).

Peru's police and civil defence agency said there were no immediate reports of injuries or damage, but magnitude 6 quakes are capable of causing severe damage. Witnesses said people refused to go back into their homes after the quake, fearing they might collapse in an aftershock.— MNA/Reuters

UK firms' cashflow weakest in at least 16 yrs

LONDON, 9 July — Falling sales in a weak domestic market have left British firms facing their worst cashflow situation since records began in 1992, a survey from the British Chamber of Commerce showed on Tuesday.

The survey of nearly 5,000 businesses highlighted a sharp deterioration in conditions over the past three months as damage from the credit crunch spread beyond the banking sector and into the real economy.

The downturn was particularly evident in the service sector where confidence, hiring intentions, sales and orders all fell to their lowest level since the early 1990s.

"These results show a real risk of recession in the coming months," said David Frost, director general of the BCC.

MNA/Reuters



Thursday, 10 July
View on today

7:00 am

- မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော် ဘုရားကြီး၏ ပရိတ်တရားတော်

7:25 am

- To be healthy exercise

7:30 am

- Morning news

7:40 am

- အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ

7:50 am

- Cute little dancers

8:00 am

- Nice and sweet song

8:10 am

- အကပြိုင်ပွဲ

8:20 am

- Musical programme

8:30 am

- International news

4:00 pm

- Martial song

4:15 pm

- Song of National Races

4:25 pm

- Musical programme

4:35 pm

- Dance variety

4:55 pm

- Song to uphold National Spirit

5:10 pm

- Musical programme

5:25 pm

- အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ

5:40 pm

- ကြယ်ပွင့်များရဲ့ရင်ခုန်သံ

6:00 pm

- Evening news

6:30 pm

- Weather report

6:35 pm

- ပြိုဟ်တုအသုံးပြုရပ်ခြင်းသံကြား ထုတ်လွှင့်ခြင်းနှင့် နိုင်ငံတကာကျင့်ထုံးများ

6:50 pm

- ကရုဏာသံစဉ်ခရီးစဉ် ရင်မှာပီတိဝမ်းဆီထိ (အပိုင်း-၁)

7:05 pm

- နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ကော်ဖီချစ်သူ" (အပိုင်း-၁၁)

8:00 pm

- News

- International news

- Weather report

- နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ

- "ပင်လယ်ပျော်မင်းသား"

- (အပိုင်း-၉)

- မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော်

- ဘုရားကြီး၏

- အရပ်ဆယ်မျက်နှာ

- မေတ္တာဘာဝနာပွားများခြင်း

- တရားတော်

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



Photo shows fishing boat engines and fishing gear to be distributed to storm survivors in Kungyangon.

MNA

Health care services in Mawlamyinegyun

YANGON, 9 July — A team led by Dr Zaw Win of Leprosy control Project of Health Department and Dr Htin Lin of National Nutrition Development and Research Unit studied the nutrition of children in the storm-hit areas in Mawlamyinegyun Township on 29 and 30 June. They discussed conducting course on distribution of food packets

and health care services for children and pregnant women with health staff at the hospital.

On 30 June, a health care team comprising Dr Khin Khin Myint of Thingangyun Sanpya Hospital gave treatment to patients, prevention of communicable diseases and health knowledge.—MNA

Flood Bulletin

NAY PYI TAW, 9 July — According to the 06:30 hr MST observation today, the water level of Chindwin River at Monywa (1027 cm) has exceeded 27 cm above its danger level. The water level may remain above its danger level 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 (1094 cm) has exceeded 24 cm above its danger level. The water level may remain above its danger level during the next 72 hrs commencing noon today.

MNA