

Senior General Than Shwe sends felicitations to Republic of Montenegro

NAY PYI TAW, 13 July — Senior General Than Shwe, Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr Filip Vujanovic, President of the Republic of Montenegro, on the occasion of the National Day of the Republic of Montenegro which falls on 13 July 2008. — MNA

Prime Minister General Thein Sein felicitates counterpart of Republic of Montenegro

NAY PYI TAW, 13 July — General Thein Sein, Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr Milo Djukanovic, Prime Minister of the Republic of Montenegro, on the occasion of the National Day of the Republic of Montenegro which falls on 13 July 2008. — MNA

At the heart of building a new nation lie national unity and cooperation of national races

Prime Minister graces inauguration of Sittoung Bridge (Moppalin)

Four political objectives

- * Stability of the State, community peace and tranquillity, prevalence of law and order
- * National reconsolidation
- * Emergence of a new enduring State Constitution
- * Building of a new modern developed nation in accord with the new State Constitution

Four economic objectives

- * Development of agriculture as the base and all-round development of other sectors of the economy as well
- * Proper evolution of the market-oriented economic system
- * Development of the economy inviting participation in terms of technical know-how and investments from sources inside the country and abroad
- * The initiative to shape the national economy must be kept in the hands of the State and the national peoples

Four social objectives

- * Uplift of the morale and morality of the entire nation
- * Uplift of national prestige and integrity and preservation and safeguarding of cultural heritage and national character
- * Uplift of dynamism of patriotic spirit
- * Uplift of health, fitness and education standards of the entire nation



Prime Minister General Thein Sein delivers an address at the opening of Sittoung Bridge (Moppalin).—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 12 July—The opening of Sittoung Bridge (Moppalin) took place with an address by Prime Minister General Thein Sein at the pandal near the newly-constructed facility on Yangon-Mawlamyine Road this morning. The bridge linking Kyaikto Township in Thaton District, Mon State, and Waw Township in Bago District, Bago Division was constructed by Special Bridge Group-4 of Public Works under the Ministry of Construction.

Also present were Maj-Gen Ko Ko and Maj-Gen Tha Aye of the Ministry of Defence, Chairman of Mon State Peace and Development Council Commander of South-East Command Maj-Gen Thet Naing Win, Chairman of Bago Division PDC Commander of South-

ern Command Brig-Gen Hla Min, ministers, deputy ministers, senior military officers, heads of department, engineers, service personnel, members of the Union Solidarity and Development Association, and local people.

In his speech, the Prime Minister said the opening of Sittoung Bridge (Moppalin) brings honour not only to Mon State and Bago Division but also to the entire Union. Now, the Union has seen a network of roads and bridges the government has constructed throughout the states and divisions. Sittoung Bridge (Moppalin) is the 235th of its kind in the nation.

Several bridges have been constructed in Mon State such as Thebyuchaung, Attaran, Donthami and

Ye along with Thanlwin Bridge (Mawlamyine), which is the longest and the largest of its kind in the nation. So, the newly-inaugurated facility is the sixth of its kind in Mon State. Emergence of large river-crossing bridges one after another depicts not only the economic strength of the nation but also the skills and innovations of Myanmar engineers, and hardwork and cohesion of the people.

Today, Mon State has a potential for standing as an important state in improving the economic growth of the nation. The region is adjacent to border areas with potentials for development in the trade, tourism and industrial sectors. It has enjoyed paddy surplus and is
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Growing number of libraries helps broaden horizons of rural folks

In Myanmar, formal education, non-formal education and informal education are under way to enable the people, regardless of age and educational qualification, to study at any time. As a result, the youth now have an easy access to international level subjects through modern communication technologies.

Simultaneously, more and more self-reliant libraries are being opened in the villages of rural areas to expand the horizons of the locals. So far, the number of rural self-reliant libraries has touched 55,755.

Libraries in rural areas improve the study skills of rural people. So, all need to work together in order to achieve greater success in post-literacy campaigns for those who enjoy reading and literate adults and ensure their constant learning.

It is also required to exert continued efforts to achieve sustainable progress of the village self-reliant libraries. In that regard, the processes include keeping the publications of the libraries systematically, setting up trust funds to increase the number of the books, providing buildings plus furniture to the villages that have not got a library yet, and producing skilled librarians.

The onus is thus on local organizations, social organizations, well-wishers and service personnel to pursue a common goal of ensuring sustainable development of self-reliant libraries in rural villages because extended opening of libraries helps enhance the intellectual power and knowledge of rural residents.

Flood Bulletin

NAY PYI TAW, 12 July—The Department of Hydrology and Meteorology today issued a flood bulletin that the water levels of Chindwin river at Homalin, Mawlaik, Kalewa and Monywa are falling gradually at present.

The water levels are forecast to fall below the danger levels of Homalin (2900) cm during the next (2) days of Mawlaik (1230) cm of Kalewa (1550) cm during next (4) days and of Monywa (1000) cm during the next (5) days.

The water levels of Ayeyarwaddy river at NyaungU is rising slowly at the rate of 1 cm/hr and it is forecast to reach its danger level (2120) cm during the next (36) hrs. However the water level may fall again after just reaching the danger level.

The water level of Sittoung river at Madauk has exceeded (24) cm (0.8 ft) above its danger level and may remain above its danger level during the next (5) days.—MNA

People's Desire

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



Wellwishers led by Kyaikkasan Weluwun Shwegyin Monastery Sayadaw Bhaddanta Manita of Thingangyun Township offer Waso robes and provisions to Sayadaws of States and Divisions who attended the meeting of the Fifth Meeting of Sixth 47-member State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee at the refectory of SSMNC on 11 July. — H

Managing Director U Aung Myo Myint and those present sharing merits gained at Waso robe offering ceremony of MMPE.—MNA



MMPE holds Waso robe offering ceremony

YANGON, 12 July — Under the aegis of Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan and wife Daw Kyi Kyi Win, staff families of Myanma Motion Picture Enterprise held a Waso robe offering ceremony at the Feature Film (Office Branch) of MMPE in Bahan Township, here, this morning.

First, Managing Director U Aung Myo Myint and the congregation received the Five Precepts from Sayadaw Agga Maha Saddhammajotikadhaja Bhaddanta Candobhasa of Yadana Beikman monastery.

Next, the managing director and wife Daw Malar

Foreign Affairs Minister sends felicitations to FM of the Republic of Montenegro

NAY PYI TAW, 13 July — U Nyan Win, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr Milan Rocen, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Montenegro, on the occasion of the National Day of the Republic of Montenegro, which falls on 13 July 2008.— MNA

Nay Pyi Taw Inter-Ministry Men's Football Tournament continues

NAY PYI TAW, 12 July — The first round of the 2nd Nay Pyi Taw Inter-Ministry Men's Football Tournament 2008 continued at No. 2 Nay Pyi Taw Sports Ground, here, this afternoon.

Among the spectators were Chairman of Myanmar Olympic Committee Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint, Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint, Deputy Minister for Health Dr Paing Soe, Chairperson of the Central Working Committee for Myanmar Women's Sports Federation Daw Aye Aye, departmental officials, staff families of the Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Religious Affairs.

In the match, Ministry of Religious Affairs team won over Ministry of Health team 3-0.

Tomorrow's fixtures: Ministry of Mines will compete against Attorney-General's Office at Nay Pyi Taw Sports Ground and Ministry of SWRR will play against Ministry of Immigration and Population at Paunglaung Sports Ground.— MNA



All this needs to be known

- * Do not be frightened whenever intimidated
- * Do not be bolstered whenever flattered
- * Do not be softened whenever appeased

Latest poll shows Obama’s widened lead over McCain

WASHINGTON, 12 July—A latest poll released by CNN on Friday showed that Democratic presidential candidate Barack Obama had widened his lead over his Republican rival, John McCain.

The poll combining results of recent polls found

Obama, the Illinois Senator, held an eight-percentage lead over McCain, the Arizona Senator, at 49 percent to 41 percent, with 10 percent of those surveyed still undecided.

“Obama’s lead has grown a bit over the course

of the past month. It is still relatively slim, but it is certainly solid,” said CNN political research Alan Silverleib. Obama made the progress despite charges he has taken in the past week for being flip-flop on Iraq policies and surveillance bill.

He also said that as the nation was going to enter “summer doldrums,” McCain was facing the burden to “shake things up.”

The poll combined three polls from Gallup, CNN/Opinion Research and LA Times/Bloomberg.

The last poll of polls released last week showed Obama had six percentages more than McCain in supporting rate.—Internet



Democratic presidential candidate, Sen Barack Obama, D-Ill, autographs magazines and photos after a town hall-style meeting in Dayton, Ohio, on 11 July, 2008.—INTERNET

Oil prices settle above \$145 after hitting new high

NEW YORK, 12 July—Crude futures closed above 145 US dollars a barrel after surpassing the 147 dollars level for the first time Friday on supply concerns in Iran, Nigeria and Brazil.

Light, sweet crude for August delivery rose 3.43 dollars to settle at 145.08 dollars a barrel on the New York Mercantile Exchange. Price hit a new high of 147.27 dollars a barrel during the intraday trading, surpassing the record of 145.85 dollars a barrel which was reached on 3 July.

Tensions flared up in the Middle East as Iran test-fired missiles this week, including one type capable

of reaching Israel. The US Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice warned on Thursday that the United States will defend its allies, and Iran responded with another missile launch.

Nigeria’s main militant group said on Thursday it would resume attacks in the country’s oil-rich region. Traders are concerned that the crude production will be disrupted in Africa’s largest oil exporter.

A falling dollar against the euro and concerns about an oil worker strike in Brazil also helped to push the oil prices higher.

In London, Brent crude for August delivery rose 2.46

dollars to settle at 144.49 dollars on the ICE Futures Exchange.

Internet

2nd possible near collision at JFK in a week

NEW YORK, 12 July—An incident involving two airborne passenger jets on Friday has raised questions of a second possible near collision within a week at New York’s John F Kennedy International Airport.

A Delta Boeing 757 similar to this crossed the path of another jetliner while aborting a landing, the FAA says.

Delta Flight 123, a

Boeing 757, missed a landing approach and had to “go around,” the path of Comair Flight 1520, which was taking off on a perpendicular runway, according to Federal Aviation Administration spokeswoman Laura Brown. Brown said the two aircraft were more than a half mile away from each other and weren’t at the same altitude. Air traffic controllers safely separated the two aircraft, she said.

National Air Traffic Controllers Association JFK Tower Facility representative Barrett Byrnes, however, said the two planes came within 600 feet of each other.

On Saturday night, Linea Aerea Nacional de Chile Flight 533, which was departing the airport, came close to Cayman Airways Flight 792 as it was landing, according to the National Transportation Safety Board, which is conducting an investigation.

Internet

Earthquake rocks southern New Zealand, no damage

WELLINGTON, (New Zealand), 12 July — A government-owned agency says a moderately strong earthquake has rocked New Zealand’s southern region—but there are no immediate reports of injury or damage.

Geological agency GNS Science says the magnitude 5.9 earthquake hit at about noon Saturday

and was centered off the west coast of South Island.

It says the quake shook cities in the southern region only moderately because of its depth 60 miles below the Earth’s surface.

New Zealand, which sits

above an area where the Pacific and Australian tectonic plates are colliding, records more than 14,000 earthquakes a year. Only about 150 are felt by people and fewer than 10 per year do any damage.—Internet



Colombia’s President Alvaro Uribe, left, waves to reporters as Venezuela’s President Hugo Chavez looks on upon their arrival at the Paraguana oil refining complex in Punto Fijo, Venezuela, on 11 July, 2008. Chavez and Uribe attempted rapprochement on Friday after months of sniping that threatened billions of dollars in trade and unleashed a diplomatic crisis. INTERNET

Official says US-led Coalition airstrike kills 47 Afghan civilians

KABUL, 12 July—The US-led Coalition force killed at least 47 civilians in the airstrike on 6 July in the eastern Afghan province Nangahar, said an Afghan official on Friday.

Burhanullah Shinwari, head of an investigation commission appointed by Afghan President Hamid Karzai, told media that they found at least 47 civilians, most of them women and children, were killed by the Coalition airstrike when they were attending a wedding party in the Khashmina district of Nangahar province.

“Nine others, also civilians, were wounded in the Deh Bala district of Nangahar by the bombard,” Shiwari said.

However the Coalition forces had rejected immediately the reported civilian casualties soon after the airstrike, saying all slain were militants.

According to media reports, the Coalition forces killed near 64 civilians in two separate strikes on 4 July and 6 July in Nuristan and Nangahar province bordering Pakistan.

A high-level commission was appointed by President Karzai to look into the claims.

The International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) revealed in a statement released in Kabul on Wednesday that over 250 civilians have been killed or injured in various incidents in Afghanistan since 4 July.

A total of 70,000 multi-national troops are deployed across Afghanistan under the flags of the NATO-led ISAF and the US-led Coalition forces respectively to maintain stability and help in reconstruction.

Internet



Security cameras keep a watchful eye over passengers waiting for a train at a subway station in Beijing, on 10 July, 2008.—INTERNET

Singapore, Indonesia conduct joint air exercise

SINGAPORE, 12 July — The Republic of Singapore Air Force and the Indonesian Air Force are conducting a joint air exercise here from Wednesday to Friday.

The 15th in the series of biennial exercises, code-named Elang Indopura, are involving 300 personnel and 15 aircraft, according to a statement issued by Singapore's

Defence Ministry on Thursday. The three-day "commandpost exercise", being held at Singapore's Paya Lebar Air Base, is the first phase.

Through it "participants will gain a mutual appreciation of one another's operating procedures and mission-planning processes," said the defence ministry.

The second phase, the

air exercise, will be conducted at Indonesia's Iswahyudi Air Force Base in East Java from 18 July to 1 August.

The statement said that Exercise Elang Indopura enhances the professionalism and interoperability, as well as forges closer relations and rapport between the officers and men of the two air forces. — MNA/Xinhua



A woman looks at balloon lumpfish sitting on balloons at Shinagawa Aqua-Stadium aquarium in Tokyo on 8 July, 2008. —INTERNET

US-led forces detain four militants in Afghanistan

KABUL, 12 July — US-led Coalition forces detained four militants during an operation in central Afghan province of Ghazni, said a Coalition statement issued here on Thursday.

Coalition forces searched several compounds in Andar District targeting a militant involved in transporting foreign fighters in the area on Wednesday, the statement said.

"Coalition forces discovered a trap door during their search where three militants and a child were hiding. The three militants were detained on the spot, while the child was returned, unharmed to the care of his mother," it said. A fourth militant was detained during the course of the operation, it added. —MNA/Xinhua



Native American participants in the Longest Walk 2, a walk from San on 11 July, 2008 at the White House in Washington. The walk is a journey to help protect the environment and Native American sacred sites. —INTERNET

100 young Australians die yearly of high alcohol level

CANBERRA, 12 July — At least 100 young people died each year with a blood alcohol level at or above 0.05, the National Coroners Information System (NCIS) statistics released on Friday showed.

The figures showed that between 2003 and

2006 there were 402 deaths reported to coroners around Australia of people aged 13 to 25 who had a blood alcohol level at or above of 0.05g/100ml, the legal limit on the roads.

It also said the majority of these deaths were the result of unintentional

injuries. The most common causes of unintentional injury deaths among young people affected by alcohol were road traffic injuries and drowning.

Weekends were identified as the peak time for such deaths of young people, with most fatal incidents occurring during weekend nights.

MNA/Xinhua

Blast hits Uzbek arms depot, killing at least three

MOSCOW, 12 July — A blast hit an arms depot at Uzbekistan's southern town of Kagan overnight Wednesday, leaving at least three people dead and 21 injured, Russia's RIA Novosti news agency reported Thursday.

"A special commission involving government officials as well as Defence Ministry, General Prosecutor's Office, Interior Ministry and Emergencies Ministry representatives has been set up to assist those injured and investigate the cause of the accident," a government source was quoted by RIA Novosti as saying.

MNA/Xinhua

Samsung said by 2010 it plans to deliver 10 additional LNG tankers of the same size to Qatar.

Qatar, the world's biggest LNG producer, has ordered 45 LNG tankers from three Korean shipyards including Samsung Heavy Industries Co and Hyundai Heavy Industries Co, each capable of carrying more than 200,000 cubic metres, according to Yonhap, South Korean news agency. Of the 45 tankers, Samsung Heavy Industries has won the order of 18 LNG tankers.

MNA/Xinhua

Researchers develop efficient solar power devices

WASHINGTON, 12 July — Using sheets of glass covered with organic dyes, scientists have devised an efficient and practical solar power device that they believe can help make

this clean, renewable energy source more affordable. Experts eager for energy sources that do not involve the burning of fossil fuels often point to the promise of solar energy — harnessing sunlight to make electricity. But solar power so far has proven costlier than standard energy sources.

Writing on Thursday in the journal Science, Massachusetts Institute of Technology researchers describe the development of a new type of "solar concentrator" that may provide a better way to extract energy from the sun.

MNA/Reuters



Handcuffed Iraqi men wait to be released from detention at a US military base in Baghdad's Sadr City on 11 July, 2008. —INTERNET

Pakistani PM calls for joint efforts to fight terrorism

KUALA LUMPUR, 12 July—Pakistan on Wednesday called for an end to the blame game and focus on the war against terror, brushing aside again allegations of its involvement in the recent bombing of the Indian Embassy in Kabul.

In what was generally seen as a reference to

Pakistan, an Afghan presidential spokesman had said on Tuesday the suicide bomb attack in Afghan capital bore all the hallmarks of a foreign intelligence agency.

The allegation came after Pakistan Prime Minister Yousaf Raza Gillani had denied his country's involvement in the attack,

in response to earlier Afghan accusations.

"We all have to fight against terrorism and extremism. And we should not put excuses, rather we should jointly fight this war," Gillani told a select group of reporters in the Malaysian capital Kuala Lumpur.

MNA/Reuters



Children watch hound sharks in a large aquarium. A shark has been found in a swimming pool at one of Sydney's most popular beaches, apparently swept into the baths by a freak wave.—INTERNET

Russia suspects British diplomat of spying

MOSCOW, 12 July—Russia suspects a diplomat at Britain's Embassy in Moscow is working as a spy, *Interfax* news agency quoted an unnamed source in Russia's intelligence services as saying on Thursday. A spokesman for the British Embassy declined to comment. Russia's Federal Security Service (FSB), the main

domestic intelligence agency, also said it had no immediate comment.

Diplomatic relations between London and Moscow have been fraught since a row over the 2006 murder in London of Alexander Litvinenko, an emigre Kremlin critic.

British security sources said this week they suspected the Russian

state was involved in the killing, an allegation Russian officials denied.

"The activities of ... a counsellor at the British Embassy in Russia, and probably, simultaneously a senior officer with British intelligence, are giving rise to questions among Russian intelligence services," *Interfax* quoted the source as saying.

MNA/Reuters

Fatah militants fire two rockets at southern Israel

GAZA, 12 July—Al-Aqsa Martyrs Brigades, Fatah movement's armed wing in Gaza, claimed responsibility on Thursday for launching two homemade rockets from the Gaza Strip at southern Israel.

The group said in a leaflet that its militants fired two *al-Aqsa* medium-range rockets from Gaza at the southern Israeli town of Sderot in response to the Israeli violation of the truce.

Early on Thursday, Israeli soldiers shot dead a Palestinian young man,

a Fatah member who was approaching the fence of the borders between the Gaza Strip and Israel.

Israel said that about 17 homemade rockets and mortar shells were fired

from the Gaza Strip at southern Israel since an Egyptian-brokered truce between Israel and Hamas movement came into effect on 19 June.

MNA/Xinhua

UAE arrests passenger after false bomb claim

DUBAI, 12 July—The United Arab Emirates arrested a passenger on an airliner on Wednesday after he said there was a bomb aboard the plane that carried him from Britain to Dubai, the official WAM news agency reported. "A passenger claimed that there was a bomb on board the aircraft after a quarrel with a woman member of the service crew upon landing," it quoted a source at Emirates, the state-owned airline of Gulf tourism and trade hub Dubai, as saying.—MNA/Reuters



A man standing in line at a Roger's store in Vancouver surveys the growing line-up of people waiting to purchase the new Apple iPhone 3G on 11 July, 2008. Friday is the first day the phone is available in Canada.—INTERNET

Mexico declares state of emergency in Veracruz state

MEXICO CITY, 12 July—Mexican Interior Ministry declared a state of emergency in six cities of the eastern state of Veracruz on Thursday after heavy rains slashed eastern Mexico.

In a Press statement,

the Ministry said the General Coordination for Civil Protection will provide immediate aid to Zapata, Ixhuatan de los Reyes, Naranjos Amatlan, Panuco, Pueblo Viejo and Tlaltetela.

Fifteen of the 31 states

of Mexico were on maximum alert for downpours after seven people were killed on Wednesday by landslides and floods.

Adverse weather has affected half of Mexico and has left many families without communication in the states of Chiapas, Tabasco and Veracruz, where the government has already launched relief efforts. Four rivers in Veracruz, the hardest-hit state, have overflowed and floods have left about 10,000 families homeless in 111 municipalities.

The Interior Ministry has instructed the Fund of Natural Disasters (Fonden) to deliver food, medicine and shelters to people in the flooded regions.—MNA/Xinhua

Foreign firms reluctant to invest in S Korea

SEOUL, 12 July—The survey by the Korea Chamber of Commerce showed that only three out of 10 foreign companies in South Korea have plans to invest in the second half, due to the global economic slowdown and oil price hike, *Korea Herald* reported Thursday.

According to the survey of 845 foreign firms, only 31.1 per cent of them said they plan to invest in South Korea within this year, while 68.9 per cent said they have no investment plans. The survey also found that foreign companies have more favourable view about investment environment in Singapore and Hong Kong compared with South Korea.

MNA/Xinhua



Sand sculptures of a lion and a 'Sand Rover' car, are seen at a sand sculpture festival in Western-super-Mare, Somerset, England, on 9 July, 2008. Dedicated sand-artists are at Weston-super-Mare in Somerset this week recreating the world's best known-landmarks and faces on the famous beach.—INTERNET

My knowledge of democracy

Hlaing Bwa (Parami)

I got up earlier that day than yesterday because I had to do something in my office. Just after I washed my face, offered alms food, drinking water and flowers and paid reverence to the Lord Buddha, I read the newspaper, listening to the VOA news that came from the house next to mine. I heard the voices of the lackeys of the West bloc whose dreams would be diminished due to the approval of the State Constitution. At that time, the storm ‘Nargis’ was raging. So, the voices of the saboteurs were like the sounds that appear when some drops of water get into the pot with boiling edible oil in it. However much they were shouting, the scores of the competition between constructive forces and destructive elements became clear. Then, I concentrated on the newspaper. Reading the newspaper prompted the memories of my childhood days. At that time, we family members read the overdue newspaper. My father was crazy about newspaper. So, I had to go to the delivery point. Very often, I returned home with empty hands from the point after hearing the excuses of train delays or engine problems of buses. I also remembered that my father got upset when he heard my experiences. Unlike in the past, such cases are no more now, and we can read the newspaper on the same day. If he is still alive, I think he will like the layouts of the newspaper.

Hearing destructive elements’ voices of demands for democracy in the radio programmes, I was overloaded with worries and anxieties. Whenever I watch western films that feature democracy practice, I was worried about my sons and daughters. When freedom of individuals is amplified many times with the heading of democracy rights and is put in the fore, that provokes an impact on democracy rights of the

human society. I think words about democracy would be spoken repeatedly so long as freedom of individuals is not limited. Even democracy pioneers have not been able to identify democracy rights of an individual and that of a related person, and there are many cases on democracy rights at the courts there. So, the terms ‘discipline’, ‘dignity’ and ‘code of conduct’ have come to serve as the frames of democracy.

So to say, under the democracy rights, the person living on the first floor washes the floor of his apartment, and in consequence, the person living on the ground floor has his democracy rights harmed when the water flows down to the floor of his apartment. And the person living on the ground floor fries dry chilli, and then the person on the first floor has his democracy rights harmed when he smells acrid. If so, who do you think is right? If discipline is not taken into consideration, they are both right. In such a situation, there might be a conflict between them. That is a simple example in order that certain foreign radio stations can understand the point. Discipline is the most effective tool to restrict the activities of those who want to have their covetousness fulfilled or to commit anarchic acts under the pretext of democracy rights.

When I read news stories that in consequence of too much democracy freedom, cases of shooting spree took place in schools and many children lost their lives in the events, the news about rapacious George Soro, the demand of International Republican Institute (IRI) for freedom of abuse of narcotic drugs, news stories that children shot their parents, when I watch western films in which students talk back to their teachers, putting their legs on the desks, schoolgirls and schoolboys applaud while a female teacher and a male

teacher are kissing each other in their presence, I feel that as for our country with fine cultural traditions, such democracy is like a gift of chicken that is given when bird flu is spreading. If so, we may be glad for the food, but on the other hand, the chicken is specious of bird flu. However, there are ways and means to exercise democracy correctly. And for our country, democracy will be perfect if it is practised with shame and fear to commit sins, discipline, and the spirit of serving the national interest.

Some may say that I am exaggerating. However, I have some experiences to prove my opinions. Last year, while I was waiting for my train at a railway station, another train started to leave the station. At that time, a man rushed into the railway station and tried to open the door of the steel fence. In desperation, he tried to climb over the fence. Here some may give an excuse that he just enjoyed democracy rights to catch his train. So, responsible persons persuaded and helped him calm down. Then, he sat on the bench beside me, and smoking a cigarette in a smart way, he said, “That’s why I don’t want to live in this country. Disciplines are enforced unnecessarily. But, they failed to help me. The railway station is just a poor facility if compared with that of other countries I have been to. I wish you would see how developed those countries are.” Avoiding the smokes, I said, “You’re right as for you, but I think the door was locked in case there might be accidents if people were near the train when it started to leave.” He wore fine clothes neatly, so it was believable that he had ever gone abroad. However, I did not think very highly of him because I witnessed that he tried to climb over the fence. He continued to speak of complaints for about a quarter of an hour. Then, he threw away the burning butt without putting it out. I did not know which foreign country he had been to. However, I was sure that he did not abide by discipline at all.

Watching his undisciplined behaviour, I remembered the words of a woman who thought highly of the West, “The term ‘democracy’ carries some principles such as justice and freedom. So, I don’t think we should say discipline-flourishing democracy.” That is why Myanmar people are worried about her words. We want to avoid copying democracy directly.

It is said that democracy originated in Rome, Spartacus and Athens city states over 2600 years ago. Nonetheless, about 100,000 slaves and about 50,000 foreigners did not enjoy democracy. I would say it was the practice of democracy, anyhow.

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My knowledge of democracy

Hlaing Bwa (Parami)

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I don't think it was that bad at the time. Later, democracy fell into ruin because of some powerful nations, which thought that what they all did was right.

Some with one-sided view say only the right of the people to express their wishes freely is democracy. Actually, democracy is a very noble system in which the people are responsible for serving the public interest. It is also a system that has many disciplines to be followed. Those who want to dry tobacco on the road deserve no democracy. If democracy was given for the sake of giving, any fruitful results would not emerge. Only with the efforts of the well-disciplined citizens, can a peaceful, modern and discipline-flourishing democratic nation be shaped. The citizens need to be well-disciplined. Do they deserve democracy just because they can express words criticizing the government? Can one be a democracy hero just because one can exaggerate the weak points of the government? Our people should take into account those facts. A dress maker alone is not responsible for making someone look pretty with his or her dress. One who wears the dress must have a nice figure. Let me give you an example. Once, the staff of Development Affairs Department came to arrest street hawkers selling their wares for violating the existing rules and regulations. Running away to escape, the hawkers said, "They are very bad; we'd better live under democratic rule". But the street hawkers did not take into consideration the democratic rights of the pedestrians, who fell down due to the push of the latter trying to run away. I wonder why there are still such people. I feel worried.

The government, the people and the Tatmadaw had to take a long time to reach such a developing situation of the State. Despite a long time, the present situation with fruitful results needs to be maintained by the people. To do so, the people are required to be good citizens. A country that is trying to initiate a genuine discipline-flourishing democratic system, like ours, has to do everything systematically. The people are to unitedly follow the good leadership.

In retrospect, there were some tragic incidents in the history of our country. Anarchy usually reigned as soon as the administrative machinery was about to waver. When the First Myanmar Empire established by King Anawrahta became weak in the time of King Narapati, there emerged small breakaway groups exerting no efforts to reunite the nation. Likewise, when the Second Myanmar Empire established by

King Bayintnaung was weak, uprisings erupted. There were also disagreements during the independence struggles after the fall of the Third Myanmar Empire. In the post-independence period also, the so-called democratic AFPFL government split into different groups.

We should take lessons from the past. One can be called a psycho when he thinks he can perform tremendous national duties only with his little strength. If so, he seems to be big-headed. Some people became notorious among the public for their trying to make political profits without their willingness to strive for the national development. Only when they kick the habit of being bad citizens, will they see a genuine discipline-flourishing democratic nation with full democratic rights available. Democracy is a man-made thing. It is not an imaginary thing to be achieved by way of asking only. For a man, there are not many big necessities for him. It is the most important for him to have a way of seeking such necessities. By serving both one's own and others' interests fairly and equally, the human society will become colourful.

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indecentry. Our people who value and cherish their country cannot accept this. We do not want to act like the ones who don't care at all as their relatives are all abroad.

Character and morale are important to fully exercise democracy. Those of the human society have to try to promote such things. It is impossible to get clean water as soon as a well has been dug. Achieving the goal hurriedly may cause evil consequences. In reality, democracy will come into shape when the time is ripe.

Suddenly, the honking of a car drove me out of my deep thought. While I was walking to the bus terminal with a briefcase for work, two girls with a peculiar look chewing gum asked me what time it was. I told them the time and continued to walk. Then, a small plastic bag with spit of betel quid came down from a bus passing me. As I tried to avoid it, the bus conductor gave me some abusive words. Actually, I was a bit distant from the motorway. I cannot find my way to look for genuine democracy amid such democratic acts of gross indecentry. I am very disappointed by the people ignoring others' rights in order to seek their self-interest.

I conclude this article wishing the people to have a bright future by shaping a genuine discipline-flourishing democracy in accord with the Myanmar's traditions and cultures and by avoiding the democracy copied from others.

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growing other crops such as beans and pulses and edible oil crops on a wider scale. Moreover, it is in pursuit of the goal of becoming a largest rubber producing region in the nation by growing the plant extensively year by year. Now, it is making progress resulting from the government's encouragement and market demand.

Kayin State and Taninthayi Division, which share borders with Mon State, are enjoying development like Mon State. In the past, despite their standing side by side, those regions were



Prime Minister General Thein Sein inspects Sittoung Bridge (Moppalin).—MNA

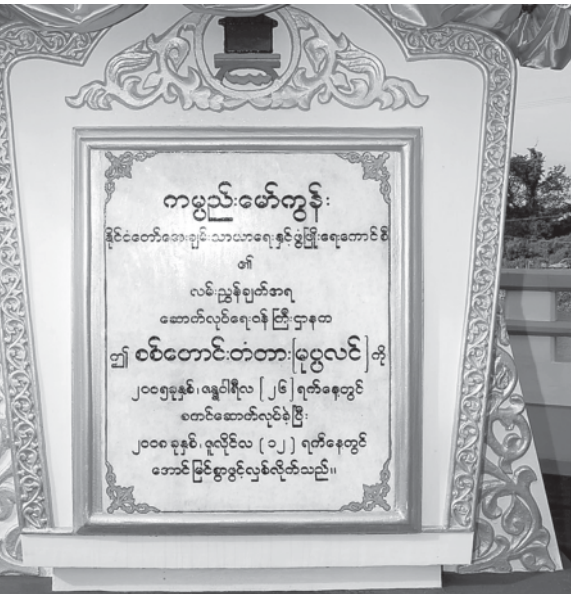


the SPDC government is rebuilding the nation in the political, economic and social sectors. It is also making efforts with tenacity to narrow the development gap between one region and another, ensure significant

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sion and development. Therefore, unprecedented progress has been made in national consolidation. With national consolidation, peace and stability as well as law and order prevailed, thereby bringing about achievements in carrying nation-building endeavours. At such a time, the National Convention was successfully held with the participation of people from all walks of life including national races.

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Prime Minister General Thein Sein unveils the stone inscriptions of Sittoung Bridge (Moppalin).—MNA

not in a position to deal much with each other due to poor transport. Unlike in the past, the three regions are enjoying the taste of smooth transport. That is not all, they are easily accessible from other states and divisions on account of the new transport facilities.

The old Sittoung Bridge was not able to cope with heavy trucks loaded with goods. The new Sittoung Bridge (Moppalin) constructed separately will help ensure swift commodity flows. Upholding Our Three Main National Causes namely Non-disintegration of the Union, Non-disintegration of national solidarity and Perpetuation of sovereignty,

development of the nation and transform the nation into a peaceful, modern and developed nation. The drive has proved successful owing

to the participation of the people. In the process, the government, the people and the Tatmadaw have to work hard in harmony.

To put it another way, at the heart of building a new nation lie national unity and cooperation of national races. With this concept, the government

The 2,392.7 feet long facility reinforced with steel beams is flanked by the 6 feet wide pedestrian lanes. The motorway of the bridge is 28 feet wide. The clearance under the bridge is 295 feet wide and 20 feet high and it can bear 60 tons of load.



Sittoung Bridge (Moppalin) linking Kyaikto Township of Mon State and Waw Township of Bago Division. —MNA



Prime Minister General Thein Sein and party stroll along Sittoung Bridge (Moppalin). — MNA

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And the National Convention has laid down fundamental principles and detailed basic principles for the drafting of the State constitution, and thence the seven-step Road Map was implemented step by step. The fourth step that is the national referendum was successfully held in which the people unanimously approved the constitution of the Republic of the Union of Myanmar, he said.

This is what the entire people freely shaped the future of their nation. In other words, the entire people unanimously laid down the foundation that can guarantee the future of the State. In the same

way, the State, the people and the Tatmadaw will continue to implement the future work programmes of the State.

At such a time, there are still foreign instigation, pressures and attempt to jeopardize the process of transition to democracy. Whatever it is, the government will strive together with the people for the emergence of a modern and developed discipline-flourishing democratic nation based on nationalistic spirit and Union Spirit.

In conclusion, he stressed the need to strive in unison for durability of development infrastructures including the newly opened Sittoung Bridge (Moppalin) and for the emergence of a peaceful,



Prime Minister General Thein Sein greets local people at opening ceremony of Sittoung Bridge (Moppalin). —MNA

modern and developed discipline-flourishing democratic nation in line with the seven-step Road Map.

Next, Commander Maj-Gen Thet Naing Win made a speech. He said that the government upholding Our Three

Main National Causes has been making all-out efforts for bringing about equitable development the length and breadth of the nation while fulfilling the requirements in economic, education, health and transport sectors. In that regard, the

new Sittoung Bridge (Moppalin) was constructed in accord with the guidance of the Head of State in order to replace the old bridge that was no longer suitable for use. A network of bridges were built with the aim of bringing about harmonious development across the nation and enhancing the socio-economic status of the people. In conclusion, the commander expressed thanks to the State, the Ministry of Construction and staff under the ministry who contributed their services in construction of the new Sittoung Bridge (Moppalin) that is the sixth of its kind in Mon State.

After that, Minister for Construction Maj-Gen Saw Tun spoke on the occasion.

water on it.

After that, Maj-Gen Tha Aye and Maj-Gen Ko Ko of the Ministry of Defence, the commanders and Minister Maj-Gen Saw Tun sprinkled scented water on the stone inscriptions.

Next, the Prime Minister inspected the bridge by strolling along it.

And the Prime Minister looked into the bridge from the briefing hall where Minister Maj-Gen Saw Tun and the Superintending Engineer reported to him.

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The opening ceremony of Sittoung Bridge (Moppalin) in progress. —MNA

USDA secretariat member meets USDA members of States and Divisions



USDA Secretariat member U Thein Zaw views equipment of USDA members who will take part in rehabilitation and reconstruction works of storm-hit regions in Ayeyawady Division.—MNA

YANGON, 12 July – Secretariat member of the Union Solidarity and Development Association In-charge of Youth Affairs U Thein Zaw met with USDA members from states and divisions who will give helping hands in rehabilitation and reconstruction works of storm-hit regions in Ayeyawady Division at the hall of USDA Headquarters on New University Avenue, here, this morning.

Also present on the occasion were CEC member of USDA U Maung Pa, officials of USDA Headquarters and USDA members who will perform voluntary services

in Ayeyawady Division. The secretariat members gave a speech and greeted those present. Next, the secretariat member and party viewed the documentary photos on activities of the USDA (Youth) members and equipment and gave necessary instructions. The 12 groups comprising USDA members from states and divisions will take part in rehabilitation and reconstruction tasks of villages of Dedaye, Ngapudaw, Labutta, Pyapon and Bogale Townships.

USDA Head-

quarters provided accommodation and travel charges of the USDA members as well as other necessary equipments, it is learnt.

MNA

Yangon Command coordinates offering of provisions and cash for monasteries, nunneries

YANGON, 12 July—Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Win Myint delivered an address at the coordination meeting on offering of provisions by Tatmadaw (Army, Navy and Air) and setting up of the funds in Yangon

Division at the hall of Yangon Command Headquarters yesterday afternoon. Secretary of the Provision Offering Committee Lt-Col Myo Naing of Yangon Command Headquarters and officials reported on preparations for the ceremony. The meeting ended

with concluding remarks by the commander. In the Buddhist lent period, Yangon Command will donate 4,771 bags of rice, 32 barrels of edible oil, 38,169 viss of salt, 25 bags of gram for 38,169 monks, nuns and lay persons of 387 monasteries and nunneries and K 10,000 each for all monasteries. — MNA

Basic LPG Handling and Safety Training Course No. 5 concludes

NAY PYI TAW, 12 July—Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lun Thi attended the concluding of Basic LPG Handling and Safety Training Course No. 5 organized by Myanma Petrochemical Enterprise, at Yadana Hall

of the ministry, here, yesterday morning. The minister delivered an address and presented completion certificates to the trainees. It was also attended by Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Than

Htay, departmental heads and officials, course instructors and trainees. Work efficiency and safety measures were lectured to staff of the enterprise at the course. MNA

Minister Brig-Gen Lun Thi gives a speech at concluding ceremony of Basic LPG Handling and Safety Training Course No. 5.— MNA



More international relief supplies arrive

YANGON, 12 July—Relief supplies for storm-affected regions continued to arrive here

from aboard. A total of 61.144 tons of relief aids donated by Thailand-based World

Food Programme (WFP) arrived at Yangon International Airport today.—MNA

Vehicles carrying USDA members and their equipment leave for storm-hit regions in Ayeyawady Division.—MNA



Ministry of Science and Technology donates Waso robes to Sayadaws

NAY PYI TAW, 12 July — Under the aegis of Minister for Science and Technology U Thaung and wife Daw May Kyi Sein, the staff families of the

Ministry of Science and Technology held the Waso robes offering ceremony at the ministry, here, this morning. Minister U Thaung and

wife, Deputy Minister U Kyaw Soe, departmental heads and staff families received the Eight Precepts from Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana Vipassana Monastery Sayadaw Bhaddanta Pannajota. They donated Waso robes and alms to members of the Sangha. Nay Pyi Taw Lewe Thayettaw Pariyatti Monastery Sayadaw Agga Maha Ganthavacaka Pandita Bhaddanta Kumara delivered a sermon, and the congregation shared merits gained. Later, they offered meals to the Sayadaws. MNA



Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan views collective planting of trees of service personnel at monsoon tree planting ceremony 2008.— MNA

Information Minister attends Fourth Week of Monsoon Tree Planting Ceremony 2008

NAY PYI TAW, 12 July—Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan attended Fourth Week of Monsoon Tree Planting Ceremony 2008 of the Ministry of Information this morning and planted a teak tree to mark the ceremony.

Director-General U Chit Naing of Information and Public Relations Department grew gold mohur tree and Managing Director U Soe Win of News and Periodicals Enterprise planted a star-flower tree.

Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan viewed planting of trees by staff and looked into flow of water into

dams, breeding of fish and growing of perennial trees and gave necessary instructions.

A total of 2,935 saplings were planted at the Ministry of Information in Nay Pyi Taw, Myanma Radio and Television, Nay Pyi Taw Newspaper House and Nay Pyi Taw Printing Press in Nay Pyi Taw Tatkon.

The ministry will hold tree planting ceremony weekly for beautifying and greening of its environs and the remaining saplings will be grown at the designated places during this month.—MNA

Health Ministry holds 11th Waso robe offering ceremony

NAY PYI TAW, 12 July— Under the aegis of Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint, the staff families of the Ministry of Health offered Waso robes to members of the Sangha for the 11th time at the ministry, here, this morning.

Minister Dr Kyaw Myint donated Waso robes and alms to Sayadaw Bhaddanta Tissa of Maha Dhammikayama Ohndaw Pariyatti Monastery of Ywakauk Ward in Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana.

Deputy Minister Dr Paing Soe and officials also offered Waso robes to the Sayadaws.

MNA

F&R Minister attends meetings of IRD, Myanmar Banks Association

NAY PYI TAW, 12 July— The coordination meeting on exceeding the target of the Internal Revenue Department was held at the hall of the Ministry of Finance and Revenue, here, this afternoon.

Minister for Finance and Revenue Maj-Gen Hla Tun delivered an address.

Next, the minister attended the meeting of

Banks Supervisory Committee for the Ministry of Finance and Revenue and the Executive Committee of Myanmar Banks Association at the hall of the ministry.

Also present on the occasion were Governor of Central Bank of Myanmar U Than Nyein, departmental heads and chairmen of State-owned banks and private banks

together with responsible persons.

The Governor of CBM discussed banking services. Executives of MBA and officials took part in the discussions.

Later, the minister urged responsible persons of all the banks to join hands with the Ministry of Finance and Revenue to strive for development of State economy.

MNA

Country Rep and Service provider of NEC appointed

YANGON, 12 July— In order to distribute NEC Notebooks and Personal Computers in Myanmar, KMD Group of Companies was officially recognized as Country representative and Service Provider in a ceremony held at Traders Hotel on Sule Pagoda Road here yesterday evening.

NEC Asia Pacific donated three sets of computers and KMD Group of Companies

presented two printers to be used in rehabilitation tasks in storm-hit areas through president of Union of Myanmar Federation of Chamber of Commerce and Industry U Win Myint.

NEC's latest VERSA Notebook and Powermate Desktop are now available in Yangon and Mandalay and details can be enquired at KMD Computer Sales & Service Centre No. 550-552, corner of Merchant Street

and 36th Street Kyauktada Township Yangon (Ph:204071, 384109, 245180): KMD Computer Sales & Service Centre (Pyay Road) No. 331 Pyay Road Myaynigon Sangyoung Township Yangon (Ph:502244, 503511, 503522): KMD Sales Centre (Mandalay) No.(103/1) 77th Street, between 27th and 28th Street Chanayethazan Township Mandalay (Ph:02-60239, 60360).

MNA

Wellwishers make donations for storm-affected regions

YANGON, 12 July— Chairman of Financial Subcommittee Deputy Minister for Finance and Revenue Col Hla Thein Swe accepted cash donations for the storm-affected regions and storm victims donated by wellwishers at home and from abroad at the Central Bank of Myanmar (Yangon Branch) of Ministry of Finance and Revenue in Yankin

Township here today.

Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win and wife, staff and staff families donated K 1,827,000, ZBT Co Ltd K 72.1 million, Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry K 48.6 million, Myitta Development Foundation K 45 million and Myanmar Embassies to the foreign countries US \$32,643,

Euro 6,290 and S\$ 1,560.

Today's donation amounted to K 168,157,000, US\$ 34,653, Euro 6,290, S\$ 1,560 and others.—MNA

An official of NEC Computer Asia Pacific presents appointment as NEC authorized service provider to Chairman and CEO U Thaung Tin of KMD.—MNA



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Air conditioner 1.5 HP Split Type	9	Nos
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1. Computer & Accessories		
(a) Computer PIV	3	Nos
(b) UPS SVC-1200 Watt	3	Nos
(c) Laser printer (A 4)	1	No
(d) Colour printer (A 4)	1	No
(e) Dot Metrix printer (A 4)	1	No
2. Lap Top Computer PIV	2	Nos
3. LCD Projector & LCD Screen	1	No
4. Mini DV Concorde	1	No
5. Digital Camera (7.1 Mega Pixel)	1	No
6. Voice Recorder (MP 4) 1 GB	1	No
7. Digital Multi Function Copier (A 3)	1	No

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CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

MV VASCO DA GAMA VOY NO (105)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV VASCO DA GAMA VOY NO (105) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 13.7.2008 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of A.W.P.T where it will lie at the consignee’s risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm up to Claims Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the vessel.

No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

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1.	News print Paper (48.8 Gsm) (28 ¹ / ₄ " x 30" x 40")	3960 Tons
2.	Woodfree paper (70/80 Gsm) (31" x 43")	25 Tons
3.	Art Card (ကြွေစက္ကူထူ)	32 Tons
4.	Art paper (ကြွေစက္ကူပါး)	10 Tons
5.	Web Offset Ink	
	(a) Black	13150 Kg
	(b) Yellow	1850 Kg
	(c) Magenta	680 Kg
	(d) Cyan	1715 Kg
6.	Sheetfed Offset Ink Black	950 Kg
7.	ပုံတူကူးဖလင်	
	(a) Orthofilm (22" x 32") (50 sht/pkt)	185 Pkts
	(b) Developer (5 Lit/Bot)	250 Bots
8.	Imagesetter film	
	460 mm x 60 m	105 Rolls
9.	Negative Plate & Chemical	
	(a) 915 x 626 x 0.3 mm	1700 Shts
	(b) 1035 x 740 x 0.3 mm	1000 Shts
	(c) 889 x 609 x 0.3 mm	3500 Shts
	(d) Developer (5 Lit/Bot)	100 Bots
10.	Positive Plates	
	(a) 635 x 745 x 0.3 mm	950 Shts
	(b) 1065 x 785 x 0.3 mm	510 Shts
11.	Wipe on Developer & Others	
	(a) Coating A+B	107 Sets
	(b) Developer	170 Litres
	(c) Gum Solution	250 Litres
	(d) Fountain Solution	50 Litres
	(e) Gum Arabic (20 Lit/Bot)	10 Bots
12.	Stitching Wire	
	(a) 23 Guage	1600 Coils
	(b) 24 Guage	650 Coils
13.	Riso Ink & Master Roll	
	(a) Riso Ink (Black) RA	14 Ctgs
	(b) Riso Ink (Black) RZ	7 Ctgs
	(c) Master Roll RZ	9 Rolls

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Iran to proceed on gas deal even without Total

ASSALOUYEH (Iran), 12 July— Iranian Oil Minister Gholamhossein Nozari said on Thursday Iran would go ahead with a gas field development with or without Total after the French firm said it would not invest because of political risks.

The United Nations and Western countries have ratcheted up sanctions on the Islamic Republic over its disputed nuclear plans, which analysts say is deterring foreign investors particularly from the West.

“This is our message. We will proceed with development with or without them,” Nozari told reporters when asked about a *Financial Times* report that Total was withdrawing from Iran’s South Pars project. Total has a memorandum of understanding with state-owned National Iranian Oil Company to develop Phase 11 of the South Pars field. The firm previously said it had a long-term interest in the project but saw short-term difficulties reaching a deal.

Iran had said it wanted Total to commit to the deal by mid- year but the French government, concerned about Iran’s nuclear programme, had urged Total not to invest.— *MNA/Reuters*

Nigerian oil Delta militants say call off ceasefire

ABUJA, 12 July—The main militant group in Nigeria’s oil-producing Niger Delta said on Thursday it will end a ceasefire from midnight (2300 GMT) on Saturday in protest against a British offer to help tackle lawlessness in the area.

Prime Minister Gordon Brown said on Wednesday Britain was ready to help the world’s eighth biggest oil exporter deal with unrest that has hit output from the delta, the hub of its two million barrels per day (bpd) oil industry.

The Movement for the Emancipation of the Niger Delta (MEND), which has carried out a campaign of violent sabotage in the region since early 2006,

said it was angry with Britain’s offer of help to President Umaru Yar’Adua.

“MEND wishes to sound a stern warning to the British Prime Minister over his recent statement offering to provide military support to the illegal government of Umaru Yar’Adua,” the group said in an e-mailed statement.—*MNA/Reuters*

China to shut 4,000 more small coal mines by 2010

SHENYANG, 12 July— China will close more than 4,000 small coal mines to reduce their total number to below 10,000 by 2010, said a coal mine safety official on Wednesday.

“The large number of small coal mines remains a threat to production safety,” said Zhao Tiechui, head of the State Administration of Coal Mine Safety. He urged coal-rich provinces, regions and municipalities to close more of these small mines and make sure they stay closed, while fostering larger mines. Zhao said this at a meeting on treating coal mine gas, held in the capital city of northeast China’s Liaoning Province.

MNA/Xinhua

Vietnam focuses on youth, intellectual, rural issues

HANOI, 12 July—Vietnam is seeking ways to develop agriculture and rural areas, promote youth movements and foster intellectuals, local news-paper *Vietnam News* reported Thursday.

Addressing an ongoing conference of the Com-munist Party of Vietnam Central Committee starting on 9 July, the committee’s General Secretary Nong Duc Manh said the youth are crucial to plans on securing a better work-force to ensure national stability, defence and sustainable development, and intellectuals are also a crucial link in the unity of the nation,

whose foun-dation is the alliance of workers, farmers and intellectuals.

He said there is a serious shortage of intellectuals, including experts and technicians to meet demand of national development in regards to industrialization and modernization.

Like youths and intellectuals, farmers, rural areas and agriculture will continue to play an important role in national development and in ensuring sustainable economic development, social stability and national defence.

MNA/Xinhua

Number of salmonella-infected rises to over 1,000 in US

LOS ANGELES, 12 July—Salmonella continued its spread across the United States, with more than 1,000 people infected so far, the Centre for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) announced on Wednesday.

The CDC urged people to remain on high alert against the worst foodborne outbreak in at least a decade. It listed raw jalapeno and serrano peppers as suspected source that caused the disease initially linked to raw tomatoes.

But certain raw tomatoes - red round, plum and Roma - remain a chief suspect, the CDC said, stressing again that all consumers should avoid them unless they were harvested in areas cleared of suspicion. The most vulnerable are the elderly, people with weak immune systems and infants, the agency said. — *MNA/Xinhua*

Wildfire forces 10,000 to evacuate California town

SAN FRANCISCO, 12 July — Authorities ordered more than 10,000 residents of Paradise, California, to leave their homes on Wednesday as a stubborn wildfire threatened to jump a river and spread into town where a blaze destroyed 74 homes in June.

A message on Paradise's Website by the town manager urged a speedy exit: "Citizens need

to immediately evacuate by gathering personal belongings that will fit in your vehicle".

The so-called Butte Lightning Complex fire near Paradise, 86 miles (138 kilometres) north of Sacramento, is one of more than 300 wildfires burning across California after lightning storms swept across the state last month sparking blazes in

wilderness areas thick with bone-dry brush and trees.

The Butte fire has burned 49,000 acres (19,829 hectares) since starting June 21, destroyed at least 50 structures including 40 homes and now threatens an estimated 3,800 more residences, according to firefighting agency Cal Fire.

MNA/Reuters



A California Department of Forestry photographer shields himself from a flame as spot fire as it burns through trees and brush in Concow, California. Firefighters held the line against hundreds of wildfires blazing across California on Thursday but were facing another day of toil amid a ferocious heatwave, officials said.—INTERNET



(L-R) Bollywood actors Amitabh Bachchan, Aishwarya Rai Bachchan and Abhishek Bachchan hold solar lanterns during a news conference to announce their "Unforgettable" world tour, in Mumbai on 11 July, 2008. Bollywood icon Amitabh Bachchan leads a pack of Indian movie stars on a 40-day global concert "Unforgettable" tour starting from 18 July, in a bid to showcase India's vibrant film industry to newer audiences overseas. The tour will also promote the cause of fighting global warming.—INTERNET

Indonesian legislator warns of population explosion

JAKARTA, 12 July — The Indonesian Parliament speaker warned Thursday that failures in the implementation of family planning programmes over the past few years could lead to population explosion in Indonesia.

"The second phase of a population explosion could be inevitable in the future," Agung Laksono, speaker of the House of Repre-

sentatives (DPR) was quoted as saying by the national Antara news agency. "The population problem should be dealt with seriously and immediately. Otherwise, the phenomena of baby boom will be inevitable," the House speaker said. He said the population problem was a big issue because it was closely related with the overall development

programme.

Rural areas in Indonesia are more fragile than urban in taking the family planning programmes. They seldom conduct regular check-up for controlling birth in the nearest clinics. While urban Indonesian, particularly Jakartan would prefer to plan smaller family, one or two babies.

MNA/Xinhua

Chinese Ambassador to UK awarded honorary doctorate

CANTERBURY (England), 12 July — Chinese Ambassador to the United Kingdom Fu Ying was awarded an honorary doctorate degree by the University of Kent at Canterbury on Wednesday.

During the 2008 degree-awarding ceremony at the university, Professor Thompson, who presented the degree to Fu, said that Fu, after being appointed Ambassador to the United Kingdom, had made great efforts in promoting the development of China-UK relations.

Fu said the awarding was not just an honour for herself, but an encouragement for the promotion of understanding and cooperation between the Chinese and British peoples. She said that China is now undergoing an historically unprecedented transformation and facing opportunities and challenges.

However, she said that China still has a long way to go in development, but believes that the Beijing Olympic Games, which kick off in one month's time, will surely usher in a new era of mutual understanding between China and the world. — MNA/Xinhua

This NASA handout photo received in June 2008 shows an astronaut during a spacewalk. Two Russian cosmonauts at the International Space Station spent six hours in space on Wednesday to retrieve an explosive bolt believed the cause of the Soyuz spacecraft's dangerously high-speed descent and landing on two recent missions, NASA said.—INTERNET

DPRK marks anniversary of friendship treaty with China

PYONGYANG, 12 July — The Democratic People's Republic of Korea (DPRK) held a banquet on Thursday to commemorate the 47th anniversary of a DPRK-China friendship treaty.

Guided by the spirit of the treaty, the DPRK and China have shown mutual

cooperation and support, thus contributing to peace and stability in North-East Asia, said the chairman of the Central Committee of the DPRK-China Friendship Association, Choe Chang Sik.

The DPRK will continue to strengthen the

traditional friendship with China, he added.

Enhancing and developing China-DPRK friendship was the unshakable goal of the Chinese Government, said Xing Haiming, the Chinese Charge d'affaires in Pyongyang.

MNA/Xinhua



Dengue can be "phenomenal" in Philippines this year

MANILA, 12 July — Dengue cases this year could reach a "phenomenal" number in the Philippines and might even surpass the country's worst outbreak in 1998, media reports said on Thursday.

No less than 12,000 dengue cases have been reported from January to May, said Health Secretary Francisco Duque III, quoted by the Manila Bulletin.

"There has been an increase of about 36 percent over last year," Duque said.

"Our highest (number of cases) was in 1998. Let's cross our fingers and hope we don't reach that, but there are indications it could reach, even surpass (the record)," said the health chief of the country.

MNA/Xinhua

SPORTS



Australia’s Richard Green tees off at the 18th hole during his second round of the Scottish Open golf tournament at Loch Lomond near Glasgow, Scotland on 11 July, 2008.—INTERNET

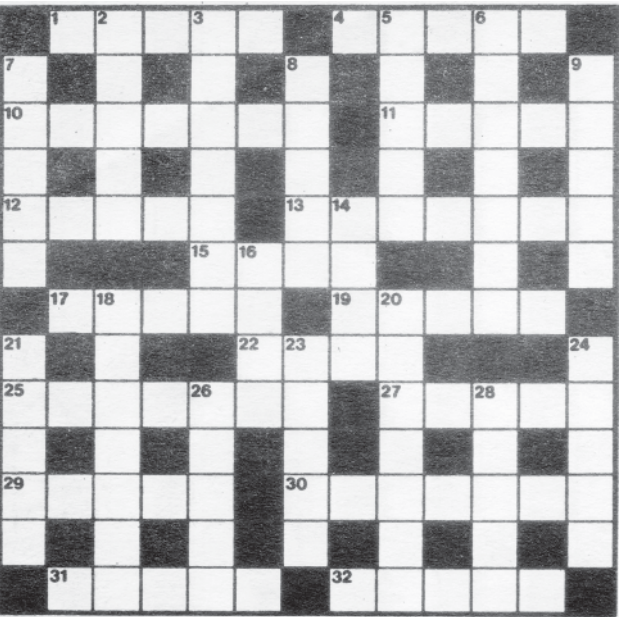
Resignations force Laporta into new Barca vote

MADRID, 12 July—Barcelona president Joan Laporta said he will leave it up to the general assembly of club delegates to decide on his future in the post, after the resignation of eight of his 17 board directors on Thursday.

Laporta has been under pressure from his own board and local media to step down after losing a confidence vote among club members on Sunday, when those critical of his management won 60.6 per cent of the almost 40,000 votes cast.

The motion just failed to achieve the two thirds necessary to force a new election and afterwards Laporta said he would continue and complete his mandate which runs until 2010.—MNA/Reuters

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Bosnia appoint Blazevic as coach

SARAJEVO, 12 July— Croatian Miroslav Blazevic was named Bosnia coach on Thursday, the Bosnian Football Association (NSBIH) executive board said.

Bosnia-born Blazevic, the former coach of Croatia and Iran, is a surprise replacement for Meho Kodro, who was sacked in May.

“I will do my best to justify the confidence I was trusted and I am aware that it will not be an easy task,” Blazevic was quoted as saying to state television.

Blazevic beat three other candidates shortlisted by the board, having ended his latest coaching stint with NK Zagreb in May.—MNA/Reuters



British sprinter Dwain Chambers, center, competes to win a 100 meters sprint during the British Olympic trials at the Alexander Stadium in Birmingham, England, on 11 July, 2008.—INTERNET

Blatter compares long-term deals to ‘slavery’

ZURICH, 12 July— FIFA president Sepp Blatter has compared long-term contracts between soccer players and their clubs as a form of “modern slavery”.

Speaking to Britain’s Sky Sports, Blatter said that too many clubs were trying to tie players up in long-term contracts to prevent them moving to other teams.

“I think in football there is too much modern slavery, transferring players or buying players here and there, and putting them somewhere,” Blatter said. “And we are trying now to intervene in such cases.”

MNA/Reuters

FIFA orders clubs to release under-23 players

BERNE (Switzerland), 12 July— World soccer’s governing body FIFA has reminded clubs that they must release any players aged under 23 who are called up by their countries for next month’s Olympic Games in Beijing.

“The release of players younger than 23 has always been mandatory for all clubs,” FIFA said in a statement on Thursday. “For Beijing 2008 the same principle shall apply.”—MNA/Reuters



Eun-Hee Ji of SKorea hits her tee shot on the 2nd hole during the first round of the Jamie Farr Owens Corning Classic at Highland Meadows Golf Club, on 10 July, in Sylvania, Ohio.—INTERNET



Vincent Spadea of USA volleys to opponent Alexander Peya of Austria during their match at the Hall of Fame tennis championships in Newport, RI on 11 July, 2008. Spadea beat Peya 7-6 (3), 7-5.—INTERNET

Beckham voted into MLS All-Star eleven

TORONTO, 12 July — England’s David Beckham is one of five players to make the Major League Soccer All-Stars for the first time after voting results were announced by the league on Thursday.

The first-eleven will be joined by seven other players to make up the squad for the 24 July match against English Premier League club West Ham United in Toronto.

Beckham’s LA Galaxy team-mate Landon Donovan, was top of the selection, which was based on voting by fans, players, officials and the media, with Beckham and Chicago Fire’s Mexican international Cuauhtemoc Blanco.—MNA/Reuters



South Korea’s women’s national archery team members Yun Ok-hee (L), Joo Hyun-jung (C), Park Sung-hyun pose for a photograph during a media event showing their training session for the Beijing 2008 Olympics at the Korea National Training Centre in Seoul on 9 July, 2008.—INTERNET

Benitez says Valencia’s Villa not a target but Keane is

LONDON, 12 July— Liverpool manager Rafael Benitez ruled out making a move for Spain striker David Villa on Thursday.

Benitez, who has allowed striker Peter Crouch to join Portsmouth, had been linked with the Valencia player who starred at last month’s Euro 2008 finals.

“I said the other day that Villa is one of the names we had on our list, but I can say at this moment that it is not an option for us,” Benitez told Liverpool’s website (www.liverpoolfc.tv).

“We know Villa is a very good player, we know the price and we know the players we have, so when you consider everything we decided he was one of the names but, at this moment, not our target.”

However, Benitez confirmed that a move for Tottenham Hotspur’s Ireland striker Robbie Keane was a possibility.

MNA/Reuters

Militants kill Pakistani soldiers



HANGU CITY (Pakistan), 12 July—Militants in north-west Pakistan have killed at least seven soldiers, officials say.

At least 22 other troops were wounded in the attack on their convoy outside Hangu city, near the border with Afghanistan, they said.

Three militants were said to have been killed as the soldiers returned fire.

Hangu is in Pakistan's restive North West Frontier Province, which has seen increased military activity from pro-Taliban militants. —Internet

Gunmen kill 2 police, injure another in north Iraq

BAGHDAD, 12 July—Police say gunmen have killed two policemen and injured another in the northern city of Mosul.

A provincial security official says the drive-by shooting happened on Saturday in the western part of the city. He spoke on condition of anonymity because he is not authorized to speak to the media.

In another attack, a bomb killed the driver of a civilian vehicle in the eastern part of Mosul.

The city is believed to have become a new base of operations for Sunni extremists who were escaping intense military pressure in Baghdad and other areas where they used to have strongholds. —Internet

16 killed in Mexico shootouts, including police chief

MEXICO CITY, 12 July — An armed group killed 16 people, including a police chief, in shootouts across Mexico, officials said Thursday.

The victims were killed in drug-related violence.

In the northwestern city of Culiacan, three victims were killed on the street and six others inside an auto repair shop, local police said.

In another attack at almost the same time in Culiacan, a police officer was gunned down outside the local police station, and another policeman was killed when chasing the gunmen.

“There were two different incidents but they happened within three minutes of each other,” a police spokeswoman said.

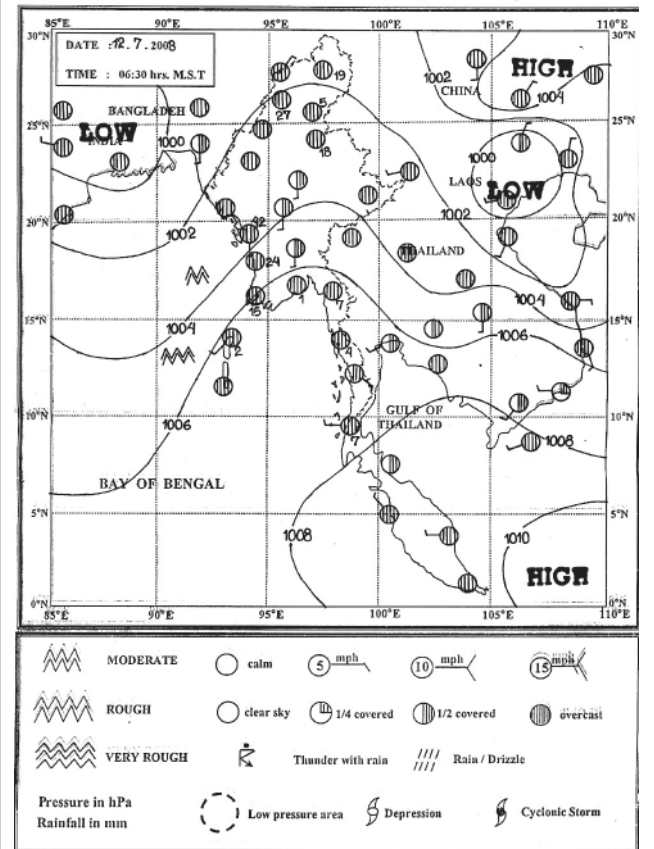
In the northern state of Chihuahua, a state police chief was killed by gunmen, local attorney general's office said. Four more men were shot dead in Guadalupe, Calvo and Juarez, the Chihuahua state officials said.

MNA/Xinhua



Australian swimmer and Olympic gold medalist Brooke Hanson is kissed by a seal during a promotional event at Sydney Aquarium on 8 July, 2008.—INTERNET

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Saturday, 12 July, 2008

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr MST: During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Kayah State, lower Sagaing and Magway Divisions, rain have been isolated in Shan State and Mandalay Division, scattered in Kayin State, upper Sagaing and Bago Divisions, fairly widespread in Chin, Rakhine and Mon States and widespread in the remaining States and Divisions with isolated heavyfalls in Rakhine State. The noteworthy amounts of rainfalls recorded were Maungdaw (5.04) inches, Gwa (2.56) inches, Pyapon (2.05) inches, Sittway (1.70) inches and Mogok (1.22) inches.

Maximum temperature on 11-7-2008 was 87°F. Minimum temperature on 12-7-2008 was 72°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 12-7-2008 was 84%. Total sunshine hours on 11-7-2008 was (1.8) hours (approx).

Rainfall on 12-7-2008 was (0.04) inch at Mingaladon, (0.04) inch at Kaba-Aye and (0.28) inch at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2008 was (49.37) inches at Mingaladon, (59.25) inches at Kaba-Aye and (72.44) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (5) mph from Southwest at (09:30) hours MST on 11-7-2008.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 13-7-2008: Rain or thundershowers will be isolated in Kayah State, lower Sagaing and Magway Divisions, scattered in Shan and Kayin States, Mandalay Division, fairly widespread in Chin and Mon States, upper Sagaing, Bago and Ayeyawady Divisions and widespread in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (80%).

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

Outlook for subsequent two days: Moderate monsoon.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 13-7-2008: Possibility of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (40%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 13-7-2008: One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 13-7-2008: Possibility of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (40%).



Sunday, 13 July
View on today

7:00 am

1. တောင်တန်းသာသနာပြု
ဆရာတော်ဘုရားကြီး၏
ပရိတ်တရားတော်

7:25 am

2. To be healthy
exercise

7:30 am

3. Morning news

7:40 am

4. Nice and sweet song

7:50 am

5. အကပြိုင်ပွဲ

8:00 am

6. လှုပ်ရှားပုံပြင်စိတ်ပျော်ရွှင်

8:10 am

7. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ

8:30 am

8. International news

8:45 am

9. Musical programme

11:00 am

1. Martial song

11:10 am

2. Musical programme

11:25 am

3. Round up of the
week's TV
international news

11:40 am

4. ထက်မြတ်ပျော်ရွှင်
အိမ်ထောင်ရှင်

12:05 pm

5. မြန်မာရုပ်ရှင်
“ငြိမ်သည့်ကြိုး”
(ရန်အောင်၊ မေသန်းနု၊
စိုးမြတ်သူဇာ၊
ခင်စာခြည်ကျော်၊ ရဲသွေး၊
(ဒါရိုက်တာ-မျိုးမြင့်အောင်)

2:05 pm

6. ထူးချွန်အားထား
မြန်မာအမျိုးသမီးများ
(အပိုင်း-၂)

2:20 pm

7. “ဟွန်းသံ”
(ဧရာနုနှင့်အဖွဲ့၊
(ဒါရိုက်တာ-သက်တင်)

2:30 pm

8. Song of National Races

2:45 pm

9. International news

4:00 pm

1. Martial song

4:10 pm

2. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ

4:25 pm

3. Song of yesteryear

4:40 pm

4. အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ

4:55 pm

5. Song to uphold
National Spirit

5:10 pm

6. Sing and enjoy

6:00 pm

7. Evening news

6:30 pm

8. Weather report

6:35 pm

9. အကပြိုင်ပွဲ

6:45 pm

10. ကရုဏာသံစဉ်ခရီးစဉ်
ရင်မှာပီတိဂွမ်းဆီထိ
(အပိုင်း-၄)

7:00 pm

11. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ
“ရွှေမင်းသားလေးချစ်ပုံပြင်”
(အပိုင်း-၁၃)

8:00 pm

12. News

13. International news

14. Weather report

15. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ
“လူယောင်ဆောင်သော
ရွှေငါးနတ်သမီးလေး”
(အပိုင်း-၄)

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

Health care services provided in Bogale

YANGON, 12 July— Under the arrangements of the Ministry of Health and supervision of the Health Department, the medical team led by Ayeyawady Division malaria specialist Dr Khin Than Win on 5 July made a trip to Htawpaing Village of Bogale Township and made medical checkups and provided health care services to storm victims and children under nine and performed the tests for malaria patients at the temporary clinic at Village Basic Education Primary School.

At Kyetphyuchaung-kontan Village, they distributed insecticide-treated mosquito nets and pamphlets on dengue hemorrhagic fever to the storm victims and held talks on health knowledge.

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My knowledge of democracy

Character and morale are important to fully exercise democracy. Those of the human society have to try to promote such things. It is impossible to get clean water as soon as a well has been dug. Achieving the goal hurriedly may cause evil consequences. In reality, democracy will come into shape when the time is ripe.

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