

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 on inspection tour of Jowarwa model village, Kyaukye village, Pyapon township



Prime Minister General Thein Sein inspects ploughing in the fields of farmer U Hla Win in Kyaukye Village, Pyapon Township.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 14 July—Chairman of the National Disaster Preparedness Central Committee Prime Minister General Thein Sein, accompanied by Maj-Gen Ko Ko of the Ministry of Defence, the ministers, the deputy ministers, the Director-General of the Government Office and heads of departments, this morning left here by helicopter and arrived in Pyapon, Ayeyawady Division at 8.10 am.

The Prime Minister and party were welcomed there by Chairman of Ayeyawady Division Peace and Development Council Commander of South-West

Command Brig-Gen Kyaw Swe, Minister for Hotels and Tourism Maj-Gen Soe Naing who is supervising rehabilitation of storm-hit regions in Pyapon township and officials.

Next, the Prime Minister and party proceeded to Jowarwa model village in Jowarwa Kyaukye village-tract, Pyapon township by boat and greeted local people, members of social organizations and officials.

The Prime Minister heard a report presented by Minister Maj-Gen Soe Naing on upgrading of roads in the model village, building of houses, growing of vegetables on manageable scale, construction of fly-

proof latrines, supply of drinking water and regional development.

Afterwards, the Prime Minister looked into the meteorology and communications station opened in the village and saw to the calling of telephones and attended to the needs.

On arrival at Jowarwa Basic Education Primary School, the Prime Minister and party inspected mobile health centre opened by Grand Lotus Tourism services in the compound of the school and cordially greeted doctors.

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40-million-year-old primate fossils stand witness to Myanmar's long history

Leading Committee for Organizing 16th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions holds first coordination meeting

NAY PYI TAW, 14 July — The first coordination meeting of the Leading Committee for Organizing the 16th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions was held at the meeting hall of the Ministry of Culture here at 3 pm today with an address by Patron of the Organizing Committee for the 16th Myanmar Traditional Culture Performing Arts Competitions Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin Aung

Myint Oo.

Also present on the occasion were Chairman of the Leading Committee Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Maj-Gen Wai Lwin, members of the Leading Committee the ministers, the deputy ministers, the Director-General of the State Peace and Development Council Office, heads of departments, artistes and officials.

In his address, Patron of the Organizing Com-

mittee Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo said that the finding of primate fossils the oldest in the world, dating back to 40 million years, is evidence that stands witness to the long history of Myanmar. And, this is also evidence that over a hundred national races residing in the Union are of a single family just like hundred fruits bearing from one stalk.

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PERSPECTIVES

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Construct more railroads and motor roads for regional development

The government is building a network of motor roads and railroads along with large and small bridges throughout the nation for national development.

With the emergence of a network of railroads, one can now travel by train from Pyay to Mandalay via Pyay-Aunglan-Taungdwingyi railroad linked with Bagan-NyaungU-Myingyan-Mandalay railroad; from Shwenyaung to Namhsan via Shwenyaung-Taunggyi-Namhsan railroad after crossing Shan Yoma Mountain range, and from Pakkoku to Kalay via Pakkoku-Gangaw-Kalay railroad after crossing Pondaung Ponnya Mountain range.

The construction of Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana-Myohaung dual railroad section to link Yangon-Mandalay railroad was completed.

Yangon-Mandalay dual railroad that was just a dream in the past successive eras was successfully constructed by the government, the people and the Tatmadaw.

Nowadays, one is able to travel by train from Dawei of Taninthayi Division, south of the nation, to Myitkyina of Kachin State, north of the nation. As the construction of railroads is in full swing, the 95 miles long new Katha-Bhamo railroad and the 322 miles long new Kyangin-Pakkoku railroad will soon emerge.

At a time when the government is engaged in extended construction of railroads and motor roads coupled with major bridges it is incumbent upon the entire national people to contribute their services to the drive. Only then, will the nation fully develop.



Deputy-Minister for Home Affairs Brig-Gen Phone Swe and wife being welcomed by French Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Jean-Pierre Lafosse at a reception to mark the National Day of France.—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

Intellectual power becomes resources of the nation

YANGON, 14 July —The conclusion of Special Refresher Course No. 13 for faculty members was held at Nawarat Hall of Central Institute of Civil Service (Phaunggyi) in Hlegu Township this morning.

On behalf of Chairman of Myanmar Education Committee Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo, Minister for Science and Technology U Thaung delivered a speech.

Also present were Minister for Labour U Aung Kyi, Chairman of Civil Service Selection and Training Board Dr Than Nyun, the deputy ministers, members of CSSTB, departmental heads, the rector of CICS, heads of departments, instructors and trainee teachers.

Minister U Thaung said the strength of intellectuals and intelligentsia in the country and promotion of education standard of the people indicate the dignity of the nation and its development standard. With this concept, the nations of the world are undertaking the education promotion programmes with greater momentum.

As they are making endeavours for stronger economy through the power of education, knowledge-based economic enterprises and economic enterprises based on educational services are being established, he said.

In the 21st century, the wealth of the nation depends on education standard of the people and ability to think or innovate. Therefore, intellectual power has become resources of the nation, he said.

He said now national development and wealth of the nation depend entirely on application of changing technology, new ideas and thoughts and new theories on science and technology in the education sector. Therefore, the role of teachers has become more important, he added.

He said the government has laid down education promotion programmes including upgrading curriculum, provision of modern electronic teaching aids, building infrastructures and conducting research

192 drug related cases exposed in June

NAY PYI TAW, 14 July—The Tatmadaw members, Myanmar Police Force and the Customs Department exposed 192 drug related cases in June.

They seized 97.7499 kilos of opium in 38 cases, 2.5551 kilos of heroin in 68 cases, 0.3645 kilo of opium oil in 11 cases, 18.7171 kilos of low grade opium in 17 cases, 2.391 kilos of marijuana in 11 cases, 16,082 stimulant tablets in 32 cases, 4.679 kilos of opium speciosa in six cases, 0.0013 kilo of broken stimulant tablets, 13 Tramadol capsules, 954.5 kilos of chemical powder in one case, 220 litre of chemical liquid, fail to register two cases and six other cases.

Action was taken against 329 persons—265 men and 64 women in 192 cases.—MNA

that contributes toward the improvement of qualification of the teachers and is implementing them systematically to reach education standard of international level.

Successful implementation of the education plans mainly depends on the efforts of faculty members, he added.

Next, the minister presented prizes to outstanding trainees and greeted the trainee teachers.

The one-month course was attended by 296 faculty members.—MNA



Minister U Thaung presents prize to an outstanding trainee.
MNA

Flood Bulletin

NAY PYI TAW, 14 July—The water level of Ayeyawady river at Hinthada is rising by (12) cm/hr in average at present and it may reach its danger level during the next (24) hrs. The peak water level is expressed as high as about (30) cm (about 1 ft) above its danger level.

The water level of Chindwin river at Monywa is falling gradually at present. It is forecast to fall below its danger level (1,000) cm during the next (2) days.—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

2008 Miss Universe hails from Venezuela



The 22-year-old, 178-centimetre tall Dayana Mendoza won the Miss Universe pageant held in Vietnam on Monday, beating runners-up from Russia, Colombia, Dominican Republic, Mexico and Venezuela.—INTERNET

NHA TRANG CITY, (Vietnam) 14, July—Miss Venezuela, 22-year-old Dayana Mendoza, won the Miss Universe pageant held in Vietnam on Monday, beating runners-up from three other Latin American countries and Russia.

The 178-centimetre (five foot 10) beauty, who had been the favourite of many pageant watchers and online bookmakers,

clinched the diamond-studded gold crown after answering a question on the difference between men and women.

“Men think that the fastest way to go to a point is to go straight,” explained the trilingual contestant from Amazonas state. “Women know that the faster way to go to a point is to go to the curves.”

Wearing a yellow evening gown, she burst into tears of joy when the presenter, US talkshow host Jerry Springer, announced she had won, beating finalists from Colombia, the Dominican Republic, Mexico and Russia.

Her prize package includes cash, a year-long contract promoting Miss Universe, world travel, a rent-free New York City luxury apartment and a giftbag stuffed with free designer shoes, dresses and beauty products.

In the world of beauty contests, Venezuela—where such contests are held in schools, villages and even prisons—is considered a “pageant superpower” with four previous Miss Universe and five Miss World winners.—Internet

Ahmadinejad says Iran to ‘cut off hands’ of attackers

TEHERAN, 14 July—Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad said Iran would “cut off the hands” of any foreign enemy that attacked the country, the state-run *Islamic Republic News Agency* reported.

“Before the enemies can put their fingers on the trigger, the armed forces will cut off their hands,”

Ahmadinejad was quoted as saying.

The remarks, delivered Sunday, came just days after Iran conducted long-range missile tests and threatened to target “the heart of Israel” and 32 US bases in the Middle East if those countries attacked Iran.

“This is only a small part of Iran’s defence

capabilities and in future we will unveil more of our defence capabilities if it is needed,” he said.

Iranian officials said Wednesday that the country test-fired its *Shahab-3* missile—a long-range weapon that it says can reach Israel—and eight other missiles.

Internet

Olmert, Assad communications sent via Erdogan

TEL AVIV, 14 July—Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert conveyed a message to Syrian President Bashar al-Assad through Turkey’s prime minister on Sunday that Israel is serious in seeking peace with Damascus, Israeli officials said.

They said Olmert asked Turkish Prime Minister Tayyip Erdogan to pass on the message when Erdogan met Assad shortly afterwards on the sidelines of a Mediterranean Union summit in Paris.

“We said that we believe that we are indeed serious and it’s important to move ahead now,” Olmert’s spokesman Mark Regev said. The two countries announced in May that they have been holding lower-level indirect

talks through Turkish mediation.

However, a Syrian government source denied that any such message had been delivered to Assad.

Assad told a news conference on Saturday that more work needed to be done on confidence-

building and by the two countries’ technical teams before Syria could embark on direct talks.

Direct negotiations over the Syrian Golan Heights, a strategic plateau captured by Israel in 1967 Middle East war, broke off in 2000.—Internet



Israeli officials have revealed that a peace-seeking message sent from Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert to Syrian President Bashar al-Assad, was conveyed through Turkish Prime Minister Tayyip Erdogan.—INTERNET

Scores die in wave of attacks in Afghanistan

KABUL, 14 July—Nine US troops were killed Sunday in an attack on a base in a remote province of eastern Afghanistan, a Western official said.

It was the deadliest attack on US troops in Afghanistan in three years.

NATO confirmed that nine of its International Security Assistance Force troops were killed, but it didn’t release the troops’ nationalities. Fifteen other ISAF troops and four Afghan troops were wounded, NATO said.

Since the start of coalition operations

in Afghanistan, 470 US troops have died. This figure includes Sunday’s casualties.

In other developments: Also in Helmand Province, a coalition member was killed in a roadside bomb Sunday, the US military said. The identity and nationality of the soldier was not disclosed. In northern Afghanistan on Saturday, a soldier assigned to ISAF was killed in an explosion. The soldier’s nationality was not released.

Internet

Israeli lifeguard discovers ancient sea relic

JERUSALEM, 14 July—An Israeli lifeguard taking his regular morning swim off the Mediterranean coast in southern Israel discovered a 2,500-year-old marble talisman to ward off the evil eye, the Israel Antiquities Authority said on Sunday.

The lifeguard turned over the ancient disc that once adorned the bow of an ancient warship or cargo ship to keep evil away, the Israeli archaeology body said.

Experts say the relic, discovered off the coast of Palmahim beach where

the ancient Yavne-Yam port city once stood, dates back to the 5th or 4th century BC. The white disc, flat on one side and convex on the other, measures 8 inches in diameter. The center of the disc is perforated, and the remains of two circles are painted around the center of it to represent the pupil of an eye.

Yaakov Sharvit, director of the Marine Unit of the Israel Antiquities Authority, said the finding confirms mythological tales about superstitious sailors.—Internet

‘Breakthrough’ in malaria fight

SYDNEY, 14 July—Australian scientists have identified a potential treatment to combat malaria by pinpointing the process that helps the disease hijack red blood cells.

They have found the key to an adhesive that stops the parasite being flushed out of the body by the immune system.

The removal of just one of these compounds is enough to bring the process to a halt.

Researchers in Melbourne believe their discovery could be a major breakthrough in the fight

against the disease.

They have identified eight proteins that allow this glue-like substance onto the surface of a hijacked cell.

Proteins are nature’s building blocks. They are large molecules that are essential for the function of cells in the body.

Professor Alan Cowman, a member of the research team at the Walter and Eliza Hall Institute of Medical Research, said targeting those proteins could be a key to fighting malaria.

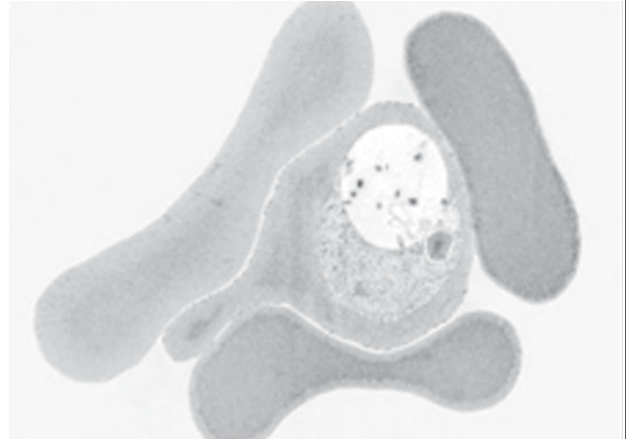
“We essentially block the virulence or the

capacity of the parasite to cause disease,” he said.

Malaria is preventable and curable, but can be fatal if not treated promptly.

The disease kills more than a million people each year. Many of the victims are young children in sub-Saharan Africa.

Internet



A sticky substance allows infected blood cells to stick to the blood vessels.—INTERNET

High mosquito numbers found in Yolo County, California

BEIJING, 14 July — High mosquito numbers have been found throughout areas of Yolo County, Yolo Mosquito and Vector Control District in Sacramento, California, announced, according to media reports on Monday.

District officials are concerned over smoke filled skies that have prevented aerial treatments over agricultural

areas to kill adult mosquitoes.

“Planes have not been able to treat for two weeks now,” said David Brown, District Manager. “As a result, we are starting to see mosquitoes move into the urban areas and we want residents to be aware.”

Although no West Nile virus activity has been registered in the county, the District would like to

remind the public to remain indoors while bad air quality persists and take proper precautions against mosquitoes, officials added.

“If residents are going to be out during dawn and dusk when there’s high mosquito activity, it’s important they wear long sleeves and pants or put on an effective repellent to avoid being bitten” said Brown.—Internet



Balinese dancers perform during a procession of Pelebon or the Royal Cremation Ceremony in Ubud, on the Indonesian island of Bali, on 13 July, 2008.—INTERNET

Strong quake rocks northern Philippines

MANILA, 14 July — A strong earthquake rocked a group of islands between the northern Philippines and Chinese (Taipei), causing aftershocks but no reports of damage or casualties.

The US Geological Survey says on Sunday night’s undersea quake in the Luzon Strait, centered about 70 miles northwest of Basco town in Batanes islands, registered 6.1.

It was followed by a 4.6-magnitude aftershock.

The Philippine seismological agency put the magnitude of the first quake at 6.0 and said it struck at 10:58 pm Sunday. The sparsely populated rocky islands are frequently shaken by temblors. —Internet



Israeli soldiers participate in a training session in the Golan Heights, on 13 July, 2008. Israeli Prime Minister Ehud Olmert said on Sunday Israel hopes to have direct contacts with Syria soon.—INTERNET

33 die in new fighting in Sri Lanka

COLOMBO (Sri Lanka), 14 July—New fighting in Sri Lanka’s civil war killed 31 Tamil Tiger rebels and two government soldiers, the military said Sunday.

In the worst clash Saturday, 18 rebels and a soldier were killed in Mannar district, a military

official said on condition of anonymity, citing government rules. Seven rebels and a soldier were killed in Vavuniya while six guerrillas died in Welioya, he said.

The government has intensified its campaign against the rebels’ de facto state in the north after promising to crush them by the end of this year. However, army commander Lt Gen Sarath Fonseka recently said it might take another year to significantly weaken the rebels.

Internet

Men dance the ‘Teskoto’ folk dance, a night before the traditional Galicnik Wedding on 12 July, 2008, in Macedonia’s western village of Galicnik. Traditional Galicnik Wedding is held every year on Orthodox St Peter’s day.—INTERNET



Fire bomb thrown at US Consulate General

TOKYO, 14 July— An assailant threw a homemade firebomb into the US consulate compound on the southern Japanese island of Okinawa, home to most of the American troops based in Japan, but nobody was injured in the attack, police said.

The Molotov cocktail fell in the garden inside the compound and burned itself out, Okinawan police official Yasuhiko Yoshinaga said. He declined to give further details. A local resident told police that a person driving a black motorbike fled the scene after the attack.

Okinawa, located 1,000 miles south of Tokyo, is home to more than half the 50,000 US troops based in Japan and is considered a linchpin in the American military posture in Asia.—Internet

Massive Calif mudslide damages homes

INDEPENDENCE,(Calif), 14 July, —A massive mudslide Sunday significantly damaged more than 50 homes in an area scarred by last year’s wildfires and reduced Highway 395 to one open lane in this remote city on

the east side of the Sierra Nevada.

Residents of the homes were evacuated, said Carma Roper, spokeswoman for the Inyo County Sheriff’s Department.

Officials were using a nearby school as a shelter.

Internet

Indian groom skydives 2.1 km to wedding venue

BEIJING, 14 July— An Indian air force official Sunday landed on his wedding ceremony ground by dropping in from 7,000 feet (2.1 km) high sky.

Shisir Mishra, an accomplished sky diver, jumped from a helicopter and landed in a sports ground close to the bride’s home in Bhubaneswar, the capital of Orissa state.

“The idea of doing something on the occasion of my marriage struck me after I read about a couple in Maharashtra (state)



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getting married in a hot air balloon recently,” said Mishra.

His bride Sweta Prusty did not worry about his security at all.

“I was sure he would make it,” said the bride, who gifted the brave groom a bouquet on his arrival. Mishra previously won a place in the Limca Book of Records — the Indian equivalent of the Guinness World Records — for jumping free fall from 15,000 feet (4.57 km) with the Indian national flag in hand.—Internet



Lt-Gen Myint Swe and congregation receive Five Precepts from Sayadaw Bhaddanta Kumara at 8th Waso robe offering ceremony of All Bus Lines Supervisory Committee (Yangon Division).—MNA

Lt-Gen Myint Swe offers Waso robes of All Bus Lines Supervisory Committee

YANGON, 14 July—Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence attended the 8th Waso robe offering ceremony of All Bus Lines Supervisory Committee (Yangon Division) held in State Pariyatti Sasana University on Thiri Mingalar Kaba Aye Hill this morning.

Also present at the ceremony were acting Rector Sayadaw of State Pariyatti Sasana University (Yangon) Agga Maha Pandita Agga Maha

Ganthavacaka Pandita Bhaddanta Kumara, lecturer Sayadaws and members of the Sangha, Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Win Myint, senior military officers, departmental heads of Ministry of Religious Affairs, officials, members of All Bus Lines Supervisory Committee and wives, subcommittees and guests.

The ceremony was

opened with the three-time recitation of *Namo Tassa*. Lt-Gen Myint Swe and the congregation received the Five Precepts from the acting rector of State Pariyatti Sasana University (Yangon).

Next, the Sayadaws recited Metta Sutta. Lt-Gen Myint Swe offered Waso robes and provisions to the acting rector Sayadaw and Commander Brig-Gen Win Myint and personnel offered Waso robes to the Sayadaws. The acting

rector Sayadaw delivered a sermon and those present shared the merits gained.

Altogether 327

members of Sangha received Waso robes at the ceremony. Next, the congregation offered a day meal to them. The

donation of the families of All Bus Lines Supervisory Committee amounted to K8,444,100.

MNA



Ministers Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung and Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint and donors conveying the htidaws (umbrellas) at the ceremony to hoist htidaw atop Maungtee Pagoda in San Ywa Village.—NLM

Wellwishers invited to participate in a ceremony to offer robes at Pantapwinttaung monastery

YANGON, 14 July—Wellwishers are invited to participate in a ceremony to donate robes at Pantapwinttaung monastery in Taikkyi Township on 17 July, Fullmoon Day of Waso.

The ceremony will be held in conjunction with reordaining of

Pantapwinttaung Sayadaw Saddhamma Jotika Dhaja Dhamma Kathika Bahu Jana Hitadara Bhaddanta Pynnyasara. Those wishing to donate robes may buy a set of robes worth K 5,000 during the ceremony.

Wellwishers may

also consecrate and donate htidaw (umbrella) to fix circling pagodas at Pantapwinttaung.—NLM



Donors Dr Khin Shwe and family present the Seinbudaw to a Sayadaw at the ceremony to hoist new Htidaws atop the historic Sandawkyo Pagoda in Payagyi Model Village and Maungtee Pagoda in San Ywa Village.

NLM

Two pagodas in Twantay fixed with new umbrellas

YANGON, 14 July — Two pagodas which were damaged by storm Nargis were fixed with new Htidaw (Umbrella) in Twantay Township today.

Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung, Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint and donors Dr Khin Shwe and family of the Zaygabar Co Ltd and local people attended the ceremonies to hoist religious objects including htidaw atop the historic Sandawkyo Pagoda in Payagyi Model Village and Maungtee Pagoda in San Ywa Village.

All religious objects were donated by Dr Khin Shwe of Zaygabar Co Ltd and families. —MNA

Destination of pessimists

Maung Cetana (B.A Bed)

Once, a fox saw a bunch of ripe and juicy grapes in a grapevine, while going around the forest. Out of hunger, he jumped at them many times to pluck them. But he could not reach them. In the end, he gave up his attempt and went away saying, “These grapes are sour. I don’t want to eat them”. The saying “Grapes are sour” comes from this story.

Sour-grapism

Anti-national cause groups with negative attitude at home and abroad are like that fox. They persuaded the people at their full capacity to cast ‘No’ vote in the referendum. However, the results of the referendum came out against their expectations: 92.48 per cent of the voters cast ‘yes’, whereas just 6.11 per cent of the voters cast ‘no’. That meant they lost immeasurably in the referendum. So, they lost their face, while those with negative views at home felt depressed, and their foreign masters were put to shame. They were in a predicament due to their neglecting the people’s desire. However, they have showed no remorse, and instead, they are saying words of sour-grapism regarding the approved State constitution.

Anti-national cause pessimistic groups share an expression of sour-grapism: sham democracy and military dictatorship will last forever in Myanmar due to the approval of the State constitution.

National democrats who favour national interest should employ national politics and national vision objectively in reviewing the concept.

Changes in situations of the nation

Myanmar has seen a lot of political changes: from lower position to higher position, and from quantitative to qualitative improvement. On 29 May 2008, the State Peace and Development Council issued Announcement No 7/2008, which said that the State constitution had been approved. Since

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Section (441) of Chapter (XIV) “Transitory Provisions” of the State Constitution says, “The Constitution shall come into force throughout the Union after its adoption in a referendum by the assenting votes of more than half of all the people who have the rights to vote.” However, Section (442) says, “The State Peace and Development Council shall continue to exercise State sovereignty, before this constitution comes into force.” Section (443) says, “The work done by the State Peace and Development Council to bring the Constitution into force shall be deemed to have been carried out in accordance with the Constitution.” Therefore, the ruling government has become the provisional government that is vested with the responsibilities to implement the provisions of the State constitution till 2010. Political parties will be formed in accordance with Sections 404, 405, 406, 407, 408 and 409 stipulated in Chapter (X) “Political Parties”. By doing so, the provisions of the State constitution will come into force, so present time can be called constitutional period.

The State constitution could not be approved yet till 29 May 2008, so the ruling government at that time was the non-constitutional government or

de facto government. The ruling government at present is provisional government or de jure government. Pessimistic elements do not understand well these proceedings, so the situations have remained deadlocked.

A lie

Announcement No 2/2008 says, “Multiparty general elections will be held in 2010 in Myanmar”. Political parties that meet the provisions of Chapter (X) of the State constitution will enjoy the rights to form political parties and the rights to organize the people. The multiparty system has been introduced, and the timeframe of the multiparty general elections has been fixed. So, the proceedings are in conformity with a democracy norm—‘by the people for the people’. The pessimistic elements’ sour-grapism words are not reasonable, reflect their selfishness, and are designed to deceive and insult the people.

Rights enumerated in State constitution

The approval of the State constitution by 92.48 per cent of the eligible voters has made it clear that appointment of Tatmadaw member delegates that will make up 25 per cent of MPs in the future multiparty period is under the constitutional rights of the State constitution, not through a lawless way. This is the difference between the previous and present constitutions. That also depicts “by the people for the people”. That point indicates that the pessimistic elements’ sour-grapism words are not logical and they are just trying to deceive the people.

Historical background differences

The constitutions of western countries do not prescribe appointment of servicemen. However, in Myanmar, the State constitution manifests Tatmadaw member representatives’ participation is 25 per cent. In this regard, some say that democracy lacks genuineness and is adulterated, there will be military dictatorship. In reality, it is because they do not understand the difference between the historical backgrounds for democracy transition of other countries and that of Myanmar. Historical backgrounds for democracy transition of countries are not identical.

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Democratic evolution of America is different from that of England, France, Germany and Japan. Likewise, democratic evolutions of Thailand, Indonesia, South Korea and India are totally different from those of America and England. Myanmar's is also different. Myanmar's democracy cannot be the same as those of America and England.

In early democratic evolutions of Thailand, South Korea and Indonesia, defence services took their roles. But this was not aimed at prolonging their military rule. This was only to speed up their democratization. Today's political image of those countries reflects this. Myanmar's future is also like this.

Light and darkness

Evolution of every human society is from downtrend to uptrend and from quantity to quality. Myanmar will have a multi-party government in 2010 along with democratic rule.

According to a political concept, in a low human society with various anarchic acts, there always has rule by order and power. In a civilized human society with flourishing discipline, rule by order and power has to disappear and democratic rule emerges. Darkness overwhelms before light comes. When light comes darkness disappears quickly. There is rivalry between democracy and rule by order and power. Only if we know this fact, can we clearly see the face of truth. The future of Myanmar does have a constitution, a multi-party system and a multi-party general election. So we cannot deny the fact that Myanmar will have democracy.

The Tatmadaw and Myanmar's politics

The Tatmadaw had to participate in Myanmar political affairs for the nation's sake due to sectarianism of so-called seasoned politicians of left- and right-wing. The Tatmadaw's participation is an effect. The real cause is the sectarianism of those politicians. In consequence, Myanmar's democratization was delayed. The Tatmadaw had to take part in Myanmar's political affairs for three

The 25 percent participation of the Tatmadaw does not cause adverse effects on democratic process. The aim is not to prolong its rule, either. Its participation is aimed at peacefully transforming a society with no democracy into a one with flourishing democracy.

times in the interests of the State and the people by upholding 'Our Three main National Causes'.

The first period is from 1958 to 1960. In that period the Tatmadaw had to act as Caretaker Government.

In the second period from 1962 to 1974 the Tatmadaw took State responsibilities as the Revolutionary Council. In 1974 when a constitution came into force, public administration emerged and the nation was ruled under socialist economic system.

The third time is from 1988 when the Tatmadaw took over State duties. The incident is that although socialist economy could be built in accord with the 1974 constitution, the people demanded the change of political and economic systems in 1988 due to their weaknesses. But the instigation of self-centered leftist and rightist politicians drove the nation on the brink of collapse. That was why the Tatmadaw had to take its role for the third time. This time the Tatmadaw adopted democratic system and market economic system as aspired by the people while striving very hard for the development of the State and the people.

Studying the above points, it can be found that the Tatmadaw's participation is in the interests of the State and the people. Nonetheless, those with negative view are sticking to dogmatism, confrontation and placing reliance on aliens.

National politics and the Tatmadaw

The third-time participation of the Tatmadaw was for national politics. One can study it with three periods.

The first period is from 1988 to 29-5-2008. In

that period emphasis was placed on ensuring peace and stability of the State and the rule of law, adoption of market economy, building of national reconsolidation and emergence of a constitution.

The second period is from 29-5-2008 to 2010. This period is to carry out provisions included in the constitution within a timeframe in accord with Sections (442) and (443) and to take State responsibilities as provisional government.

The third period is from 2010 onwards. The Tatmadaw's participation in national politics in this period is in accordance with the provisions included in the constitution. It can also be said that the Tatmadaw is to take part in national politics together with 75 percent of the people's representatives for speedy development of market economic system and multi-party democracy. Its aim is not to act as a ruling force.

Dogmatism

It is a shame that dogmatists are criticizing and slandering the existing government without knowing prevailing objective conditions. The 25 percent participation of the Tatmadaw does not cause adverse effects on democratic process. The aim is not to prolong its rule, either. Its participation is aimed at peacefully transforming a society without democracy into the one with flourishing democracy. Therefore, slanderous accusations of the elements with negative view are totally wrong.

Destination of pessimists

In politics views will be the same if looked from the same angle. But they will be different if looked from different angles. Myanmar politics is national politics. It is totally different from the politics of leftists and rightists. If one looks from the angle of left-wing and right-wing views, Myanmar politics will be like one who is standing on his hands, upside down. It is clear that the slanders of those stooges with negative view are contrary to the prevailing objective conditions. I would like to warn that if they go on like this they will meet a tragic end one day drawing public criticism.

Translation: MS+ST

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Prime Minister General Thein Sein greets the families of houses built by Eden Group Co in Kyondah Village in Dedaye Township.—MNA

Prime Minister on inspection...

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Next, the Prime Minister asked after local people undergoing medical treatment.

Next, President of Myanmar Fisheries Federation U Htay Myint reported to the Prime Minister and party on fishing equipment to be donated to the model village.

After that, the Prime Minister and party inspected crop seeds donated by Myanmar Fruit and Vegetables Producers Association.

Next, Minister Maj-Gen Soe Naing and those from the village reported to the Prime Minister and party on farm and fishing equipment, locally produced betel nuts, coconuts and rice.

Later, the Prime Minister and party looked into earthen pots donated by well-wishers to local people.

The Prime Minister and party then proceeded to the village BEPS where they greeted teachers and students and do-

nated books and stationery to students.

During his inspection of Myatmingala Library in the village, the Prime Minister stressed the need for local people to be morally upright and to strive for durability of the library.

At the meeting hall of the school, the Prime Minister met with local authorities and townsladers. The chairman of Pyapon Township PDC reported to the Prime Minister on the area of the village, households and population, agriculture, marketing of coconuts and fisheries and reopening of four primary schools in Jowar Kyaukye village-tract and development of the village.

Next, Managing Director of Grand Lotus Tour Agency U Kyaw Swa Min reported to the Prime Minister on the participation of the agency in the rehabilitation of the village.

Later, Minister Maj-Gen Soe Naing presented relief supplies for the village to the Chairman of the Village PDC.

Next, Managing

Director of Grand Lotus Tour Agency U Kyaw Swa Min presented cash for development of the model village and Chairman of Myanmar Tourism Promotion Committee Dr Aung Myat Kyaw presented cash for renovation of primary schools in storm-hit regions.

After that, Chairman of Asia Express Co Ltd U Maung Maung presented cash for the primary school of the model

village while Team Leader of Korea Hope Solidarity Mr Pak Seing presented cash for renovation of primary schools and bridges in the village.

Next, Chairman of Yuzana Co U Htay Myint presented fishing nets and Chairman of Dagon Construction Co U Win Aung presented stationery and crop seeds to the minister.

Next, the Prime Minister spoke of the need

for local authorities to try their utmost in line with the five rural development tasks for local people to enjoy higher socioeconomic status as the people including well-wishers contributed their services in rehabilitation of storm-hit regions with the assistance of government.

The Prime Minister and party inspected plucking of coconuts. They went to Kyaukye

Village where they cordially greeted members of social organizations and local people.

They paid respects to Sayadaw Bhaddanta Vayama of Kyinta Ashay Monastery, Sayadaw Bhaddanta Vicittasara of NanOo Monastery and members of the Sangha at NanOo Monastery. The Prime Minister supplicated on rehabilitation tasks in the region.

The Prime Minister and



Prime Minister General Thein Sein visits mobile clinic opened by Grand Lotus Travelling Agency at Jowarwa Village BEPS in Pyapon Township.—MNA



Prime Minister General Thein Sein greets the local people of Toe Village in Dedaye Township.—MNA

party presented robes and offertories to the members of the Sangha.

They inspected learning at the temporary basic education primary school in the village and the Prime Minister presented books and stationery to school-children.

The Prime Minister observed collected cultivation of paddy and ploughing in the paddy plantations of U Hla Win.

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Prime Minister on inspection...

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Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo reported on provision of mostly-grown paddy seeds, sample of crabs and EM solution.

The Prime Minister and party went to Pyapon and inspected development of the township. They also went to Kyonda Village in Dedaye Township and greeted village people, members of social organizations and USDA members of Ayeyawady Division, Bago Division (West) and Yangon Division participating in rehabilitation tasks in Kyonda Village.

The Prime Minister and party inspected the houses constructed by Eden Group Ltd, accommodation and groceries. They also inspected nursery and gave instructions on arrangements for cultivation of perennial crops.

They inspected construction of houses by USDA members.

Minister for Rail Transportation Maj-Gen Aung Min who supervises the reconstruction tasks in the region and officials of Eden Group Co Ltd reported on progress of work.

The Prime Minister and party inspected recon-



Prime Minister General Thein Sein greets residents of Kyondah Village in Dedaye Township.—MNA



Prime Minister General Thein Sein gives stationery to school children at the temporary primary school in Pyapon Township.—MNA

USDA members participate in Mawlamyinegyun rehabilitation

YANGON, 14 July—Members of Mawlamyinegyun Township Union Solidarity and Development Association have participated in rehabilitation works in 16 villages in the township.

They have been taking part in installation of cables and erecting lamp posts in Mawlamyinegyun and have made materials for construction of tents and handed over to storm survivors in the villages.

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More international relief supplies arrive

YANGON, 14 July —Relief supplies for storm-affected regions continued to arrive here from aboard storm-affected regions. A total of 58,274 tons of donated by Thailand-based the United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) arrived at Yangon International Airport today.

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struction of Tamatakaw and Kyonsok embankments in Toe Village.

They greeted villagers, members of social organizations, USDA members from Ayeyawady Division, Bago Division (East) and selected rowers of Myanmar Rowing Federation.

Minister Maj-Gen Aung Min reported on repair of the embankments, construction of houses for the storm victims and accommodation and Minister Brig-Gen Maung Thein on provision of fishing equipment.

Secretary-General of USDA Minister Maj-Gen Htay Oo presented books for the library to Minister Maj-Gen Aung Min. Next,

Maj-Gen Ko Ko of the Ministry of Defence and Commander Brig-Gen Kyaw Swe presented food and textbooks to Minister Maj-Gen Aung Min.

Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs Brig-Gen Thein Zaw and Minister Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein presented boxes of biscuits and robes to Minister Maj-Gen Aung Min.

Prime Minister General Thein Sein inspected houses for the storm victims constructed by Eden Group Co Ltd and accommodation for them.

The Prime Minister and party arrived back in Yangon in the evening.

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Prime Minister General Thein Sein inspects accommodation for storm survivors in Dedaye Township.—MNA



oneness, fairness and common stand. Therefore, the essence of the competitions is to promote and preserve Myanmar traditions and culture and Union Spirit.

The Secretary-1 said the performing arts competitions have been

Organizing the Performing Arts Competitions Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Maj-Gen Wai Lwin reported on experiences of the previous competitions, arrangements for the coming competitions, choice of venue and fixing the dates and

Next, Secretary of Work Committee Director-General of Archaeology, National Museum and Library Department U San Win reported on choice of venue and fixing the dates and time and rules and regulations for each event.

Next, those present reported on the work done and preparations.

In response to the reports, Patron Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo said the com-

for cooperation of the people and economic and social organizations for successful holding of the performing arts competitions every year.

After the meeting, Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo greeted the maestros.

The 16th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions will be held in Nay Pyi Taw in accordance with the objectives— uplift of national prestige and integ-

40-million-year-old primate ...

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Due to different geographical locations and weather conditions, modes of dress and dialects of national races are different. However, the national brethren have been living together the length and breadth of the nation through thick and thin. Therefore, the term “Myanmar” covers all the national races.

The long history and cultural heritage highlight national prestige and integrity of Myanmar, and have made them to be recognized as citizens who have preserved own national character. Such pride was due to the preservation of Myanmar culture, traditions, customs and character. Thanks to national awareness and far-sightedness of ancestors the nation has been able to stand tall among the international community with own prestige and dignity. And it is incumbent upon the youths of today to hand down such fine tradition from generation to generation.

In taking steps for



uplift of the morale and morality of the entire nation the performing arts play a pivotal role. Hence, Head of State Senior General Than Shwe has given guidance that national culture which is rich in resources is to be effectively applied in enhancing the standard of the State and the people as well as in prevention against the penetrating of alien culture; and that to hold the Myanmar Traditional Culture Performing Arts Competitions with the aim of further strengthening nationalistic spirit that is based on national solidarity through the preservation of national character and traditions by enabling the national brethren to meet at the competitions and develop the spirit of

organized for 16 times. He called on officials of the committee and various sub-committees, maestros, members of panel of judges and contestants to give better ideas for the competitions and urged them to make efforts for success of the competitions.

Next, Chairman of the Leading Committee for

time, financial matters and health care services for the maestros.

Chairman of the Work Committee Minister for Culture Maj-Gen Khin Aung Myint reported on the objectives of the performing arts competitions, new event, preparations for the competitions and formation of the committee and sub-committees.

mittees concerned are to work hard to realize the objectives of the 16th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions. He spoke of the need to emphasize the preservation and promotion of Myanmar traditional culture, the main objective of the performing arts.

In conclusion, he called

rity and preservation and safeguarding of cultural heritage and national character, uplift of the morale and morality of the entire nation, keeping genuine patriotism based on national solidarity alive and dynamic and turning out younger generation who will continue to safeguard the national culture and character.— MNA

Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana MCWA opens delivery room

NAY PYI TAW, 14 July — A ceremony to open a delivery room of Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana Township Maternal and Child Welfare Association was held at the township MCWA today.

President of Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association Daw Khin Saw Hnin formally opened the delivery room.

After the ceremony, Daw Khin Saw Hnin and guests visited the room and provided expectant mothers with medicine, nutritious food and cash assistance.

Afterwards, Daw Khin Saw Hnin handed over

medical equipment to be used at the room to Chairperson of Mandalay Division Maternal and Child Welfare Supervisory Committee Dr Daw Khin Thida.

Joint-Secretary-2 of MMCWA Dr Daw Thein Thein Htay reported on services at the room and Dr Daw Khin Thida spoke words of thanks.

Also present on the occasion were wife of Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Daw Swe Swe Oo, the chairperson and members of Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana district/township MCWA, members of social organizations and guests. — MNA



President of MMCWA Daw Khin Saw Hnin opens the delivery room of Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana Township MCWA.—MNA

Sermon on Sabbath day at Mahasi Sasana Yeiktha in Mayangon

YANGON, 14 July—A ceremony to deliver sermon by Sayadaws every Sabbath day during the Buddhist lent at the Sanyaraungmyay Pengwagon Mahasi Sasana Yeiktha near Yeku station in Mayangon Township.

At the sermon delivering ceremony, Pengwagon Presiding Sayadaw Bhaddanta Candavara (Maha Khamma Htana Caria) will administer sermon on 8th waxing and waning days, Twantay Sayadaw Ashin Indaka on Fullmoon day of Waso, Myittaaye Sayadaw Ashin Sujata on New moon day of Waso, Tense Sayadaw Bhaddanta Kosalla on Fullmoon day of Wakhaung, Phyu Sayadaw Bhaddanta Narapati on New moon day of Wakhaung, Pyinmana Sayadaw Bhaddanta Jatila on Fullmoon day of Tawthalin, Sayadaw Bhaddanta Kontina on New moon day of Tawthalin, Kayanwa Sayadaw Ashin Dhammaraja on Fullmoon day of Thitinkyut at 2 pm every Sabbath day.

On every Sabbath day, Pengwagon Sayadaw and Ashin Revata (MA Buddhism) of the State Pariyatti Sasana University will also deliver sermon at 9 am.—MNA

Minister attends opening of 13th Inter-State/Division Women's Football Tournament (Open Div)

YANGON, 14 July—Chairman of Myanmar Olympic Committee Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint attended an opening ceremony of the 13th Inter-State/Division Women's Football Tournament (Open Division) for 2008 in Aung San Stadium yesterday evening.

First, participating teams took positions in the designated places and Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint made an opening speech and opened the ceremony. In the first round, Yangon took a bright start winning over Kayin 14-0. A total of 15 teams are participating in the tournament. The group matches continue in Padonma, Salin Sports Grounds and Aung San Stadium. The final match will be held in Aung San Stadium on 3 August.—MNA

Storm survivors in Labutta, Myaungmya receive treatment

YANGON, 14 July—Under the arrangement of the Ministry of Health, a medical team led by specialists carried out health care services in the storm-hit areas of Yangon and Ayeyawady divisions.

The 7-member medical team supervised by Profs U Thein Saw and U Than Sit of Yangon General Hospital provided health care to the residents of Labutta and Myaungmya townships from 11 to 12 July.

Professors and specialists of Yangon General Hospital, Thingangyun Sanpya Hospital, North Okkalapa General Hospital also gave treatment to 185 patients of GI tract and 119 patients of liver disease at the 3rd-mile relief camp in Labutta on 11 July and Myaungmya Hospital on 12 July.—MNA

Under the supervision of Ministry of Health, the dentists of the International Dental College give treatment to patients in Dedaye Township on 14 July
(News on Page 16).—HEALTH

Objectives of the 16th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions

1. Uplift of national prestige and integrity and preservation and safeguarding of cultural heritage and national character
2. Uplift of the morale and morality of the entire nation
3. Keeping genuine patriotism based on national solidarity alive and dynamic
4. Turning out younger generation who will continue to safeguard the national culture and character

Sermon on Buddhist lent at Botahtaung Pagoda

YANGON, 14 July—Sayadaws of the Seikkan Township will deliver sermon at the ordination hall of Seikkan

Dhammayon, Botahtaung Kyaikdayup Pagoda in Botahtaung Township at 10 am every Sabbath Day during Buddhist lent.

Similarly, Presiding Sayadaws, Tipitaka Dhara Dhamma Bhandagarika Sayadaws and Dhamma Kathika Sayadaws will also

deliver sermon from 12.30 pm to 2 pm and State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Sayadaws at 3 pm the same venue.—MNA



Minister Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint speaks at the opening of 13th Inter-State/Division Women's Football Tournament.—SPORTS

Action to be taken against unlawful video businesses

YANGON, 14 July — Action will be taken against unlicensed video businesses, expired license holders and video business which do not follow rules and regulations of the supervisory committee for video business.

Yangon Division Supervisory Committee for Video Business has

already sent notification through township video business supervisory committees to the video businesses including pro-

ducing, editing, shooting, copying, distributing and renting video and showing videos at hall, KTV lounge, tea shops and restaurant to

get license, not to do business with expired license and to observe rules and regulations of the committee.—MNA

One died in bus explosion in DaikU Tsp

NAY PYI TAW, 14 July —One passenger died and another injured in an explosion on a bus en-route from Kyaukkyi to Yangon today.

The explosion occurred on rear part of the mini-bus with No Plate 5 kha/3644 carrying 35 passengers at Mile Post No 85 near Kawliya

Bridge in DaikU Township at 8.5 am today.

U Khant (a) Biro Kha Na, 55, son of U Rannat, of Kyaukkyi Township, died and U Pa Pa, 46, son of U Nadi Nar, of Seikkan Township, injured on his abdomen due to the explosion. The injured passenger was taken to the hospital in DaikU.

Authorities concerned are investigating the explosion.

Insurgents have committed destructive acts to jeopardize the stability of the State, community peace and prevalence of law and order and to cause panic among the people.

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

SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY
AGENT FOR: M/S MAXICON CONTAINER
LINES PTE LTD
Phone No: 256908/378316/376797

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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.

SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY
AGENT FOR: M/S ADVANCE CONTAINER
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Phone No: 256908/378316/376797

Insurgent ambush kills one paramilitary trooper, injures another in Thai south

BANGKOK, 14 July—A paramilitary trooper was killed and another injured in Thailand's southern province Songkhla in an insurgent ambush Monday morning.

The attack occurred while six paramilitary troopers were patrolling a road in Koh Laenang village in Thepha district,

Songkhla at around 8:00 am (0100 GMT), according to a report by *The Nation* news website.

The two side exchanged gunfire before the insurgents retreated. One troop was killed, while another injured.

Songkhla was adjacent to the three southernmost provinces—Narathiwat,

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Heavy weapons seized in S-W Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, 14 July—Pakistani forces Saturday foiled an arms smuggling bid and seized a huge cache of arms in the country's southwest, officials said.

The paramilitary Frontier Corps (FC) raided an empty house at Qila Abdullah in Balochistan

UAE's oil production to last 92 years at current level

ABU DHABI, 14 July—The latest estimates of the global energy firm BP showed oil production of the United Arab Emirates (UAE) will last 92 years at current production levels, local newspaper *Gulf News* reported Saturday.

According to the 2008 BP Statistical Review of

World Energy, the UAE's proven oil reserves stand at 97.8 billion barrels, accounting for 7.9 per cent of the world's total reserves of 1.24 trillion barrels.

The proven oil reserves of the Middle East are 755 billion barrels, representing 61 percent of the world's total, BP said.

Officials at the UAE Ministry of Energy were not immediately available for comment on BP's estimates. The UAE's average crude oil output stood at 2.66 million barrels per day (bpd) for the second quarter of 2008, the latest data by the International Energy Agency showed.

MNA/Xinhua

Fire threat to California town falls as winds dip

SAN FRANCISCO, 14 July—Fire officials lifted a precautionary evacuation order on Saturday for the northern California town of Paradise and said

a fire that killed one person and burned 49,500 acres (20,030 hectares) was 55 per cent contained.

Authorities had downgraded a mandatory

evacuation order on Friday to "precautionary" for the town of 26,000 people in the northwest foothills of California's Central Valley, but they had kept in place evacuation orders east of Paradise. "There is no evacuation in effect any longer in Paradise," California Department of Forestry & Fire Protection spokesman Tobie Edmonds said.

Residents on the eastern side of Paradise and to the south, in the area of Yankee Hill down to Lake Oroville were told they could return home on Saturday, Edmonds said. More than 10,000 area residents had been ordered out since Tuesday.

MNA/Reuters

15 killed by water-borne diseases in Philippines

MANILA, 14 July—At least 15 people have been killed in the Philippines by water-borne diseases in the wake of a typhoon which hit the country last

Correction

Please read 15-7-2008 instead of 15-10-2007 for tender opening date of "Invitation for Tender" of Myanma Petrochemical Enterprise on page 12 of the 5 July 2008 issue.

month, according to local media reports Saturday.

Seven people have died in a diarrhoea outbreak in central Philippines after water-borne bacteria in drinking water supply triggered the outbreak, reported local newspaper *Philippine Daily Inquirer* website.

The outbreak also occurred in the wake of typhoon "Fengshen", which brought about widespread flooding in central Philippines last month.

MNA/Xinhua

Former Polish FM dies in car crash

WARSAW, 14 July — Former Polish Foreign Minister Professor Bronislaw Geremek was killed in a car accident on a road near the locality of western Polish town of Lubien on Sunday afternoon, Polish news agency *PAP* reported.

The Mercedes car with Professor Geremek suddenly and for unknown reasons turned into the opposite lane and collided head-on with a delivery van going from the opposite direction, eye witnesses of the accident told *PAP*.

The site of the accident is examined by the police. The road is closed for traffic. Geremek, 76, was the professor of history, expert in the Middle Age France. He was Poland's foreign minister from 1997 to 2000, when Poland joined NATO. In recent years, he sat in the European Parliament as a member of the Liberal group.—MNA/Xinhua

Two dead, eight hurt at music festival in Norway

STOCKHOLM, 14 July—The Norwegian police announced that two people were found dead and eight further people had to be hospitalized at a music festival, Saturday in southern Norway, according to reports reaching here

from Oslo.

Two visitors to a rock music festival in Kvinesdal Village, 270 miles (430 kilometres) south-west of Oslo, died due to suspected carbon monoxide poisoning, police from the southern Norwegian city of

Agder said. All of the victims found in a bus were believed to be Norwegian citizens in their 20s and 30s, the police said. Police identified a fire on the bus as the probable cause of the tragedy.

MNA/Xinhua



A vendor sells vegetables in flooded road in Ahmadabad, India, on 13 July, 2008. —INTERNET

Man held over theft of rare Shakespeare folio

LONDON, 14 July — Police are quizzing a man over the theft of a rare collection of works by William Shakespeare stolen from Durham University 10 years ago.

The first folio edition of the Shakespeare works, published in 1623 and said by police to be worth 15 million pounds, was among items taken during a break-in at the university library in December 1998.

Thieves had forced open glass-top display cases during an exhibition of English literature dating back to the Middle Ages.

There was no news of the books and documents

taken until police were alerted two weeks ago by the British Embassy in the United States. A man who said he was an international businessman had

visited a respected library in Washington to ask staff to verify whether a book he had bought in Cuba was genuine.

MNA/Reuters

Indonesia, Brazil to cooperate on biofuel

JAKARTA, 14 July — The leaders of Indonesia and Brazil agreed on Saturday that their developing nations, home to much of the world's remaining tropical forest, would cooperate on biofuels after talks covering climate change and food.

The two nations

signed an agreement for Indonesia to send experts to Brazil to study its biofuel developments, said Indonesian President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono.

"Brazil has been successful developing bioethanol and of course Indonesia can learn from the research and development," Yudhoyono told a news conference after talks with Brazilian President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva.

Brazil, a pioneer of mass ethanol usage in cars, has been mixing the sugar cane-based fuel with gasoline for decades, as well as running a vast fleet of vehicles on pure ethanol. — *MNA/Reuters*

Virus helps flush cancer cells out of hiding

CHICAGO, 14 July — A genetically engineered version of the cold virus helped flush dangerous prostate cancer cells out of hiding in mice, making them easier to see on imaging equipment, US researchers said on Friday.

If the same approach works in humans, it could offer a way to catch prostate cancer as it begins to spread, they said. Ultimately, the hope is to use the approach to kill cancer cells as part of a highly targeted, image-guided therapy.

"If we can catch the cancer before it invades other organs, we have a better chance to change the outcomes for these patients," Lily Wu of the University of California, Los Angeles, whose study appears in the journal *Nature Medicine*, said in a statement. — *MNA/Reuters*

A KG Livestock helicopter pilot rounds up wild horses from the Fox & Lake Herd Management Area as part of the Bureau of Land Management Winnemucca Field Office's emergency operation to remove some 270 horses from the range on 13 July, 2008, in Washoe County, Nev, near the town on Empire, Nev. The horses are being removed because water is expected to become limited by mid-August due to drought conditions.

INTERNET



Some DVDs for kids to carry anti-smoking ads

LOS ANGELES, 14 July — Six major Hollywood film studios agreed on Friday to place anti-smoking ads on new movie DVDs targeted to children in a bid to counter the influence of tobacco use on screen.

The studios joined forces with California health authorities in what was called an unprecedented agreement to protect children, both in the United States and

around the world, from the health risks of smoking.

Under the deal, Sony Pictures, Universal Studios, Warner Bros., Paramount Pictures, Walt Disney Studios and Twentieth Century Fox will include anti-smoking advertisements in the opening minutes of DVDs of all new movies with smoking scenes that are rated G, PG and PG-13.

MNA/Reuters

Bangladesh Govt slaps ban on meat import

DHAKA, 14 July — The Bangladeshi Government has imposed a ban on import of any kind of meat in a move to keep local export-oriented meat industry free from mad cow diseases.

Fisheries and livestock ministry took the decision as a precautionary measure amid global concerns of mad cow disease, leading English newspaper *The Daily Star* reported Monday quoting officials. — *MNA/Xinhua*



Moroccan conjoined twins al-Safa (R) and al-Marwa lie on a hospital bed at the National Guard's King Abdul Aziz Medical City in Riyadh on 10 July, 2008. The siamese twins, connected since birth at the chest and stomach, were separated in a successful operation at a Riyadh hospital on Saturday, the state news agency SPA reported. —INTERNET

Man jailed for hacking Red Cross website to steal donations

NANJING, 14 July — A man was sentenced to two years in jail and fined 5,000 yuan (731 US dollars) in eastern Jiangsu Province for hacking into a website and changing the bank

account of a local Red Cross foundation for earthquake donation to his own account, according to a court ruling on Friday.

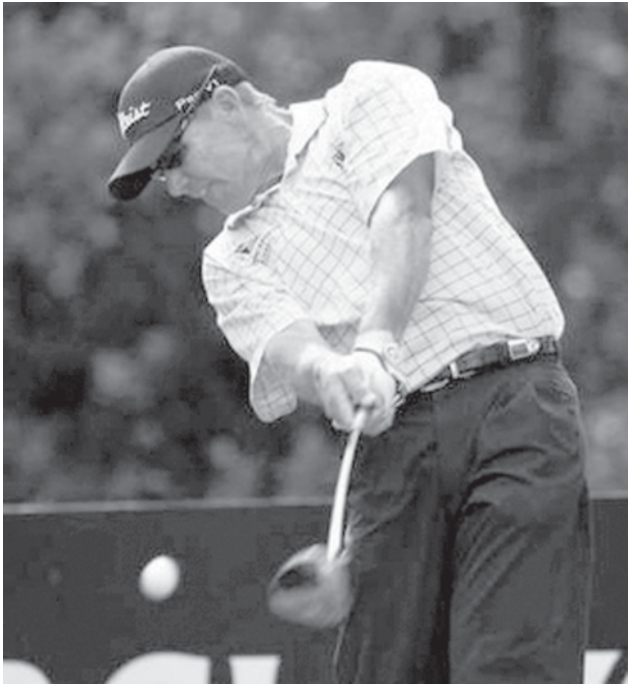
Yang Litao, a staff member of a network

technology company in south China's Shenzhen City, was accused of hacking into the Kunshan Municipal Red Cross Foundation website in May and changing the donation bank account number to his own in order to syphon off money, a Kunshan Municipal People's court ruling said. He had opened a bank account using a false name for the purpose.

The police shut down the website, one of several he had hacked into, on May 18 after discovering it had been hacked. Yang did not make any money, thanks to the quick response from the police. Yang was caught three days later in a rented house in Shenzhen.

MNA/Xinhua

SPORTS



South Africa's James Kingston tees off at the eighteenth hole during the final round of the Scottish Open golf tournament at Loch Lomond near Glasgow, Scotland on 13 July, 2008.—INTERNET

France recall 1998 triumph to forget about Euro flop

PARIS, 14 July — France, reeling from the shock of an early Euro 2008 exit, celebrated the 10th anniversary of their World Cup triumph with a commemorative game on Saturday between their former heroes and an international selection.

Ten years to the day after France stunned Brazil 3-0 to lift the World Cup for the first time, a packed Stade de France once again saluted the players who had conquered the world.

Zinedine Zidane and guests drew 3-3 with an international team guided by Arsenal manager Arsene Wenger and featuring greats like Zvonimir Boban, Edgar Davids and Gianfranco Zola.

Emilio Butragueno, the oldest player on the pitch at 45, scored the opener for the international side in the first half.

Playmaker Zidane, who scored two first-half headers against Brazil in 1998, equalized in the second half before Pauleta volleyed home to put the visitors 2-1 ahead. —MNA/Reuters

Freed Litex president unsure of own identity

SOFIA, 14 July — The president of Bulgarian club Litex Lovech has “no idea” of his own identity following a terrifying hostage ordeal, doctors said on Saturday.

Lovech president Angel Bonchev is in serious condition after being released by his kidnappers in the early hours of Friday in Sofia's Knyazhevo district.

Bonchev's wife was taken hostage after apparently paying a ransom to free him, according to the Bulgarian Interior Ministry.

Bonchev, kidnapped on 22 May while parking his car near his home, was found in a distressed state by police, who said the 47-year-old showed signs of torture.

“His life is out of danger but he is still in bad shape,” said Stoyan Tonev, chief doctor of the hospital where Bonchev has been admitted. “He has no idea of time, space and personal identity.” Bonchev, a former world championship wrestler, is also president of Slavia-Litezh, one of Bulgaria's top wrestling clubs.

MNA/Reuters

Berbatov's agent confirms Manchester United interest

SOFIA, 14 July — Manchester United are interested in signing Tottenham Hotspur striker Dimitar Berbatov, the Bulgaria captain's agent said on Saturday.

British media earlier reported that the European and Premier League champions had made a 20-million-pound (39.53 million US dollars) bid for the gifted marksman, saying United were prepared to offer Berbatov 80,000 pounds a week to move to Old Trafford.

“I know for certain Manchester United have shown interest in signing Dimitar Berbatov,” agent Emil Danchev told Bulgaria's Darik radio. “But I'm not entitled to make any more comments.” —MNA/Reuters



Argentina's Juan Martin Del Potro smiles as he holds his trophy after winning the Stuttgart Cup tennis tournament against France's Richard Gasquet in Stuttgart, on 13 July, 2008. Del Potro won the match 6-4, 7-5.—INTERNET

McDowell switched on for Ryder Cup debut after radio stint

LOCH LOMOND (Scotland), 14 July — Graeme McDowell is using the experience of 14-hour stints as a radio commentator to drive him towards a European Ryder Cup debut in Valhalla, Kentucky, in September.

“I was an on-course commentator for BBC radio (during the 2006 match in Ireland),” the 28-year-old told reporters after earning a share of the third-round lead alongside fellow Briton Simon Khan at the Scottish Open on Saturday.

“I punished myself (for not making the team) with a 14-hour schedule, watching the stuff and realising I should have been there.

It was a heady experience.” The inform McDowell shot a five-under 66 for a 10-under tally of 203 at Loch Lomond and another good round on Sunday will further boost his Ryder Cup ambitions.

MNA/Reuters



Joerg Kreutzmann, Germany, and his horse 'Goshawk' in action during the competition 'Grossen Preis der Deutschen Kreditbank' at the International Horsejumping 'Gera International 2008' in Gera, eastern Germany, on 13 July, 2008. Kreutzmann won the competition.—INTERNET

Robredo sets up Swedish Open final against Berdych

BASTAD (Sweden), 14 July — Third seed Tommy Robredo battled back from a set down to oust holder David Ferrer in an all-Spanish semi-final at the Swedish Open on Saturday.

He now meets Czech Tomas Berdych in Sunday's final. Robredo, vying for his second title on the Swedish clay having won here in 2006, outran top seed Ferrer in the deciding set to win 2-6, 6-1, 6-2 in two hours, eight minutes.

Earlier, fourth-seeded 2005 finalist Berdych beat second seed Fernando Verdasco of Spain 2-6, 6-3, 6-2.

“It's nice to be back in the final,” said Robredo, whose match began in the afternoon but finished in the evening after several rain interruptions. “It's amazing, I don't know if people realise I took four showers today because I didn't want to get cold when I was sweating (during the rain breaks).” —MNA/Reuters

New JFA chief blasts 'soft' Japanese players

TOKYO, 14 July — Japan's new soccer chief Motoaki Inukai has accused the country's footballers of being “spoiled” and ordered them to be more professional.

Inukai said his first priority would be to halt an alarming slide in the national side's popularity after becoming president of the Japan Football Association (JFA).

“I think the players still lack professionalism,” the 66-year-old told Sunday's local media. “We spoil the players too much in this country. I don't feel they need to be given a ‘cooling down’ period the day after a game.”

“They should be on TV the morning after games talking about the match with supporters — like they do in countries like Germany.” —MNA/Reuters



Paula Creamer of the US holds the championship trophy after winning the Jamie Farr Owens Corning Classic at the Highland Meadows Golf Club in Sylvania, Ohio.—INTERNET

Flamengo win derby to stay 5 points clear in Brazil

RIO DE JANEIRO, 14 July — Flamengo stayed five points clear at the top of the Brazilian championship with an easy 3-1 win over neighbours Vasco da Gama on Sunday.

Ibson converted a penalty and Fabio Luciano took advantage of a mix-up in the Vasco defence to give Flamengo a 2-0 lead in the first-half at the Maracana.

Cristian put Flamengo further ahead with a long-range shot in the 63rd minute before Alex Teixeira scored Vasco's consolation late in the game. Flamengo have 26 points from 11 games, five ahead of Cruzeiro and Gremio who both won. Cruzeiro beat arch-rivals Atletico Mineiro 2-1 in Belo Horizonte, Ramires scoring the winner in injury-time, while Gremio came from behind to beat Portuguesa 2-1 with striker Marcel scoring both goals. —MNA/Reuters

Helicopter crashes into Danube in Hungary

BUDAPEST, 14 July— A helicopter crashed into the Danube near Mosonmagyaróvár in northwestern Hungary on Saturday afternoon, the Hungarian Transport Safety spokesperson said.

Hungarian News Agency MTI quoted Erika Bajko as saying that there were four people aboard the Russian-made MI 34 helicopter when the accident occurred, the

pilot and all the three passengers were able to swim to shore.

All of them were hurt, one seriously and all were hospitalized.

MNA/Xinhua

World's oldest blogger dies in Sydney

CANBERRA, 14 July — The Australian woman renowned as the world's oldest Internet blogger has passed away aged 108, her great grandson Darren Stone, of Brisbane, announced Sunday night. Olive Riley died in a nursing home Saturday evening on New South Wales's central coast, Darren Stone said.

MNA/Xinhua

Pacific storm off Mexico could become hurricane

MEXICO CITY, 14 July— Tropical Storm Elida, which formed early on Saturday off Mexico's Pacific coast, could become a hurricane over the next two days, the US National Hurricane Centre said.

With maximum sustained winds near 45 miles per hour (75 kilometres per hour) and stronger gusts, Elida, the fifth tropical storm of the season, was located 235 miles (380 kilometres) south of the popular resort of Acapulco and moving west-northwest at about 17 miles per hour (28 kilometres per hour), the NHC said.

MNA/Reuters

Pioneering heart surgeon DeBakey dies at age 99

HOUSTON, 14 July— Surgeon Michael DeBakey, whose ground-breaking heart transplants and coronary bypass operations made him one of the giants of 20th century medicine, has died at age 99.

The Baylor College of Medicine and Methodist Hospital said DeBakey died on Friday of natural causes. Methodist Hospital in Houston was his primary surgical hospital for many years.

In a career that spanned more than seven decades, DeBakey developed a number of new surgical procedures that now are standard in treating heart ailments and led many to consider him the father of modern cardiovascular surgery.

His best known innovation was the now-common coronary bypass operation for clogged arteries, which he first performed in 1964, using leg veins to bypass blocked or damaged areas between the aorta and coronary arteries.

DeBakey also trained thousands of surgeons during his career.

He worked daily into his late 90s, making the rounds at Houston's Methodist Hospital and Baylor College of Medicine, where he was chancellor emeritus.

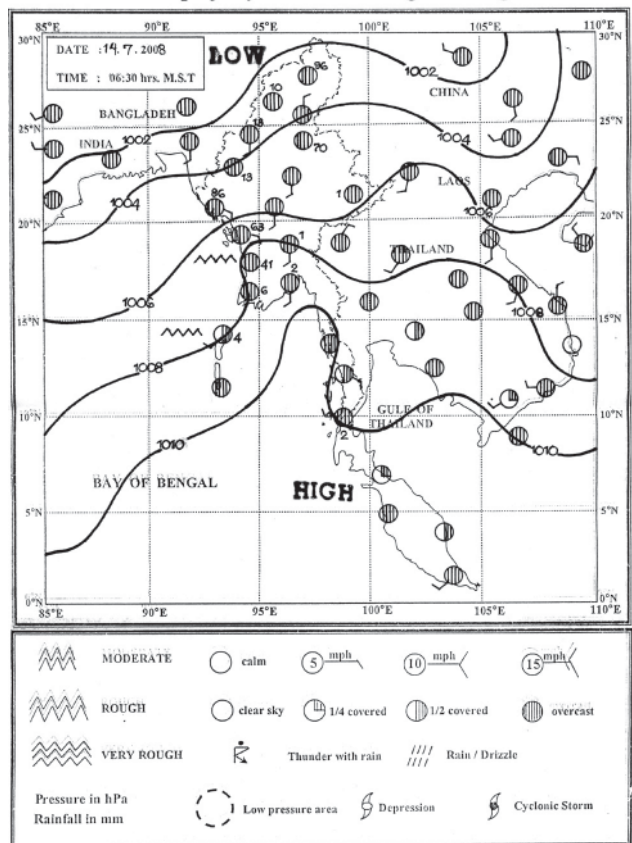
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Trotting horses run on the beach at low tide during the 'Duhner Wattrennen' horse race at Cuxhaven-Duhnen, northern Germany, on 13 July, 2008.

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Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Monday, 14 July, 2008

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr MST: During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in lower Sagaing Division, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Chin State, Magway and Taninthayi Divisions, scattered in Kayah State, upper Sagaing and Mandalay Divisions, fairly widespread in Kachin and Shan States and widespread in the remaining States and Divisions with locally heavy falls in Kachin and Rakhine States. The noteworthy amounts of rainfalls recorded were Nay Pyi Taw (0.08) inch, Maungdaw (11.26) inches, Sittway (7.52) inches, Putao (3.78) inches, Bhamo (3.34) inches, Kyaukpadaung (3.03) inches, Kalay (2.80) inches, Machanbaw (2.72) inches and Kawkaik (2.09) inches.

Maximum temperature on 13-7-2008 was 86°F. Minimum temperature on 14-7-2008 was 73°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 14-7-2008 was 96%. Total sunshine hours on 13-7-2008 was (0.7) hours (approx).

Rainfall on 14-7-2008 was (Tr) at Mingaladon, (0.08) inch at Kaba-Aye and (0.08) inch at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2008 was (50.31) inches at Mingaladon, (60.08) inches at Kaba-Aye and (72.91) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (10) mph from Southwest at (12:30) hours MST on 13-7-2008.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 15-7-2008: Rain or thundershowers will be isolated to scattered in Kayah State, Mandalay, Magway and Lower Sagaing Divisions, fairly widespread in Chin and Shan States, Upper Sagaing and Taninthayi Divisions and widespread in the remaining States and Divisions and likelihood of isolated heavy falls in Kachin and Rakhine States. Degree of certainty is (80%).

State of the sea: Squalls with moderate to rough seas are likely at times in the Delta and off along Rakhine Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach 35 to 40 mph. Seas will be moderate elsewhere in Myanmar waters.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Likelihoods of decrease of rain in the Southern Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 15-7-2008: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 15-7-2008: Some rain. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 15-7-2008: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).



Tuesday, 15 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

7:45 am

4. အကပြိုင်ပွဲ

8:00 am

5. Musical programme

8:15 am

6. နိုင်ငံ့စီးပွားအလေးထား
ကျေးလက်ထုတ်ကုန်များ

8:30 am

7. International news

8:45 am

8. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ

4:00 pm

1. Martial song

4:10 pm

2. အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ

4:20 pm

3. Songs & Dance of
National Races

4:30 pm

4. The Mirror Images of
the Musical Oldies

4:40 pm

5. Song to uphold
National Spirit

4:50 pm

6. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ

5:20 pm

7. Sing & Enjoy

6:00 pm

8. Evening news

6:30 pm

9. Weather report

6:35 pm

10. ကြယ်ပွင့်များရဲ့ရင်ခုန်သံ

6:50 pm

11. သုတစုံလင်ရွှေဥာဏ်ရှင်

7:15 pm

12. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ
“မာယာများနဲ့လှည့်ကွက်”
(အပိုင်း-၁၂)

8:00 pm

13. News

14. International news

15. Weather report

16. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ

“ချစ်စိတ်ကူးလေး
ကောင်းရဲ့သားနဲ့”
(အပိုင်း-၁၂)

Make donations to the storm victims

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Destination of pessimists

It can be found that the Tatmadaw's participation is in the interests of the State and the people. Nonetheless, those with negative view are sticking to dogmatism, confrontation and placing reliance on aliens.

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Storm survivors in Dedaye receive dental care

YANGON, 14 July — A medical team comprising dentists provided dental and oral care to 235 storm survivors in Dedaye Township, Ayeyawady Division, yesterday.

The team comprises dentists from international dental college and Myanmar camped at O-bo Monastery in Dedaye and also provided toothbrushes and tooth pastes to the survivors.

Thirteen dentists and nine assistants participated in providing dental and oral care services in storm-hit area.

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