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Four political objectives

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

Four economic objectives

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

Four social objectives

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

Lt-Gen Myint Swe and wife attend Waso robe offering ceremony of NDC



The congregation led by Lt-Gen Myint Swe and wife Daw Khin Thet Htay receive the Five Precepts from a Sayadaw at Waso robe offering ceremony. — MNA

YANGON, 18 July — Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence and wife Daw Khin Thet Htay attended the Waso robe offering ceremony of the

National Defence College at the monastery of Alanpya Pagoda in the compound of NDC of the Ministry of Defence, here, this morning.

The ceremony was also attended by members of the Sangha led by Presiding Nayaka Sayadaw (See page 10)

Maj-Gen Ko Ko meets with personnel, social organizations members and local people in Pathein and Maubin Districts

NAY PYI TAW, 18 July — Maj-Gen Ko Ko of the Ministry of Defence accompanied by officials concerned went to Malzali village in Nyaungdon Township, Maubin District, Ayeyawady Division, on 15 July. They were welcomed there by Chairman of Ayeyawady Division Peace and Development Council Brig-Gen Kyaw Swe and officials.

Maj-Gen Ko Ko, the commander and officials proceeded to Nyaungdon and met with

division, district and township level departmental officials, members of so-

cial organizations and townsenders at the office of Nyaungdon Township

PDC.

After hearing reports on facts about the

township, arrangements made for the extended cultivation of monsoon

paddy this year and regional development (See page 10)



Maj-Gen Ko Ko views growing of paddy on a farmland in Talaingsu village, Pantanaw Township. —MNA

PERSPECTIVES

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Make relentless efforts for rural development

The government is giving priority to the development of rural regions where the majority of the people reside.

Better transport plays a pivotal role in the development of rural regions. Therefore, new village-to-village roads and village-to-town roads are being built extensively along with small and large bridges, thereby enabling rural people to travel from one place to another with peace of mind.

A ceremony to inaugurate the bridge of Kyauktalon Dam constructed by local people and the Union Solidarity and Development Association was held at Yondaw Village of Taungtha Township, Mandalay Division, on 13 July. The emergence of the bridge has contributed a lot to the development of the economic, education and health sectors of local people.

Likewise, a suspension bridge across Myittha River in Gangaw Township, Magway Division, was opened on 9 June. The bridge was built at a cost of over K 50 million contributed by Magway Division Peace and Development Council and local people. The bridge can be of service to local people of 16 nearby villages all the year round.

In the meantime, projects for supply of drinking water, which is imperative for rural development, have been implemented. At present, over 30 townships in Sagaing, Magway and Mandalay Divisions are enjoying the fruitful results of the projects. Similarly, model villages facilitated with new school buildings, rural dispensaries and libraries are being established.

At a time when relentless efforts are being made with added momentum for rural development under the leadership of the government and with the participation of well-wishers, we firmly believe that the socio-economic status of local people will surely be enhanced all the more.



MCF Vice-President U Kyaw Kyaw, ACC President Dr Nasim Ashraf and ACC Chief Executive Mr Syed Ashraf Haque seen after holding discussions on cricket sports promotion programme.—MCF

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

Sports Ministry offers Waso robes

NAY PYI TAW, 18 July—The third Waso robes offering ceremony of the Ministry of Sports was held at office No. 31, here, yesterday morning. Present on the occasion were Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint and wife Daw Aye Aye, Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung, Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Thura Aung Ko, Directors-General, officials and their wives and staff families. Presiding Nayaka Sayadaw Bhaddanta Aggavamsa of Maha Withutayama Uyinsuthein Monastery in Nay Pyi Taw Pyinmana administered the Nine Precepts.

Next, Minister Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint and wife Daw Aye Aye, Minister Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung and officials

offered Waso robes and alms to members of the Sangha.

Afterwards, the presiding Sayadaw delivered a sermon and the congregation offered ‘soon’ to the monks.

MNA



Minister Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint and wife Daw Aye Aye offer Waso robes and alms to a Sayadaw.— MNA

Health care provided in Theikpankongyi Village, Labutta Tsp

YANGON, 18 July — Under the arrangements of the Ministry of Health, a medical team comprising specialists led by Deputy Head of Ayeyawady Division Health Department Dr Zaw Htay and other health staff members and the staff of Melteser International arrived at Theikpankongyi Forward Camp in Labutta Township to provide public health care on 29 June.

They took preventive measures against DHF, sprayed insecticides, pumped out salty water from the lakes and wells, built temporary rainwater tanks and gave public health knowledge talks. — MNA

Ayeyawady, Chindwin below danger level

NAY PYI TAW, 18 July—The Department of Meteorology and Hydrology today issued a flood bulletin that the water level of Chindwin River at Mawlaik has fallen below its danger level since yesterday afternoon.

The water level of Ayeyawady River at Hinthada exceeded 37 cm (about 1.2 ft) above its danger level. It remains without any further rising and is forecast to start falling within next 12 hours and continue to fall until below its danger level within next 3 days commencing this noon. The water level of Sittoung River at Madauk has exceeded 11 cm (about 0.4 foot) above its danger level and may fall below its danger level 1070 cm during the next 3 days.—MNA

MCF Vice-President arrives back from Pakistan

YANGON, 18 July— Vice-President U Kyaw Kyaw (Chairman of Competition and Disciplines Enforcement Committee) of Myanmar Cricket Federation arrived back from Pakistan after attending the Asian Cricket Council Annual General Meeting 2008 and the ACC 25th Anniversary Meeting 2008 organized by Asia Cricket Council held at Karachi, the Islamic Republic of Pakistan, on 5 and 6 July.

He was welcomed back by Vice-President U Maung Maung and executives of MCF at Yangon

International Airport.

Vice-President U Kyaw Kyaw on 7 July met ACC President Dr Nasim Ashraf (President of Islamic Republic of Pakistan Cricket Board) and Mr. Syed Ashraf Haque (Chief Executive of ACC) and they cordially discussed promotion of Myanmar Cricket sports, construction of modern cricket pitch in Myanmar, training of Myanmar cricket selected players and mutual cooperation in development of cricket sport between the two nations.

MNA

Breast-feeding triggers pulses of feel-good hormone

CHICAGO, 18 July—When a baby breast-feeds, it triggers a flood of the hormone oxytocin that releases milk from the mammary gland and a feeling of love and trust in the mother that ensures the baby's needs are met.

This reflex has long puzzled researchers because it requires large surges of oxytocin to pull off all of this.

Using a special computer model, researchers from China, France, Italy, and the United Kingdom said

on Thursday they now understand how it works.

Their study, reported in the journal *PLoS Computational Biology*, suggests that breast feeding not only taps the normal brain cells involved in secreting oxytocin.

It also recruits dendrites—whose normal job is to create communication channels between brain cells—into secreting the hormone.

This increases communication between the neurons and creates a hub of oxytocin production that results in bursts of the hormone released at regular intervals.

Internet



A Tarahumara child is breastfed by his mother in the hamlet of Rikinapuchi, northern Chihuahua state, Mexico, on 22 January, 2008.—INTERNET

Merrill Lynch posts 2Q loss; sells Bloomberg stake

NEW YORK, 18 July—Merrill Lynch & Co on Thursday issued its latest assessment of the damage it has suffered from the credit crisis: its fourth straight quarterly loss and write-downs from failed investments approaching \$40 billion.

The world's biggest brokerage announced a wider-than-expected \$4.89 billion second-quarter loss and said it was selling assets—its stake in media company Bloomberg LP for \$4.4 billion and its Financial Data Services Inc subsidiary for \$3.5 billion.

After Wells Fargo &

Co and JPMorgan Chase & Co announced stronger-than-expected earnings this week, Merrill's results served as a reminder that the credit crisis isn't fading. Global banks and brokerages have been forced to take some \$300 billion of write-downs in the past year, an amount that some believe could grow to \$1 trillion before the turmoil has passed.

"This was a difficult and disappointing quarter in terms of the bottom line," Chief Executive John Thain told analysts on a conference call. "But, in spite of this loss, we likely have in our

last two quarters more than replaced the capital that we lost."

Merrill's quarterly loss came to \$4.97 per share, after accounting for the payment of dividends for the three months ended 30 June.

That compares to a year-ago profit of \$2.01 billion, or \$2.24 per share. The broker reported negative revenue of \$2.11 billion versus revenue of \$9.46 billion a year earlier.

Analysts had expected that the New York-based brokerage would lose \$1.91 per share, according to Thomson Financial.

Internet

Qantas cuts 4 pct of workforce, prunes growth plan

SYDNEY, 18 July—Australia's top airline, Qantas Airways Ltd (QAN.AX), will cut 4 percent of its workforce and scrap its growth plan for the coming year, saying the business would be at risk if it fails to offset soaring fuel prices. The plan to cut 1,500 of its 36,000 workers was the carrier's fifth belt-tightening in three months. It has previously raised fares twice and cut capacity twice.

The global airline industry faces what it calls a "perfect storm" of skyrocketing oil prices, with carriers worldwide shedding jobs and closing down routes as losses mount.—Internet

Nazi hunter says closing in on 'Dr Death'

BUENOS AIRES (Argentina), 18 July—The world's top Nazi-hunter said Thursday he's made progress in finding 94-year-old "Doctor Death," a former concentration camp physician accused of torturing Jewish prisoners as they died and who may have been living for decades in Argentina or Chile.

Efraim Zuroff, head of the Israeli branch of the Simon Wiesenthal Center, told a news conference that his mission to the southern reaches of the Americas led him to at least four people who claim to have seen Aribert Heim in the past 45 days.—Internet



Efraim Zuroff —INTERNET

Wipro 1Q profit misses forecast, remains cautious

BANGALORE, 18 July—India's third largest information technology outsourcer, Wipro Ltd (WIPR.BO), missed forecasts with a 15 percent rise in quarterly profit, and said it was cautious in the near term, echoing its larger rivals.

Wipro, which offers system integration, software application development and back-office services, said net profit rose to 8.14 billion rupees (\$190 million) in its fiscal first quarter to June from 7.10 billion a year ago under US accounting rules.

A Reuters poll had forecast a net profit of 9.02 billion rupees for Bangalore-based Wipro, which counts telecoms gear makers Cisco (CSCO O), Credit Suisse (CSGN VX), Nortel (NT N) and Nokia Siemens Networks (NSN UL) among its clients.

Revenue rose 42.5 percent to 59.62 billion rupees, as it added 31 clients during the quarter.—Internet

Pelosi calls Bush 'a total failure'

WASHINGTON, 18 July—House Speaker Nancy Pelosi called President Bush "a total failure" on Thursday, among the California Democrat's harshest assessments to date of the president.

"God bless him, bless his heart, president of the United States—a total failure, losing all credibility with the American people on the economy, on the war, on energy, you name the subject," Pelosi said in an exclusive interview.

The comments came two days after the president sharply criticized Congress over what he described as relative inaction over the course of the legislative term. At the White House on Wednesday, Bush noted that there were only 26 legislative days left in the fiscal year and said Congress would need to pass a spending bill every other day to "get

Australian journalist held in drug case

SINGAPORE, 18 July—An Australian television journalist has been arrested in Singapore for alleged drug possession and faces up to 20 years in jail and 15 strokes of the cane, police and his employer said Friday.

The Central Narcotics Bureau said the man was arrested Wednesday but did not identify him. Australia's national television network, Australian Broadcasting Corp, said it was their New Delhi-based South Asia correspondent,

Peter Lloyd. Officers seized a packet of methamphetamine weighing approximately 0.03 ounces, an improvised smoking pipe and six syringes, the narcotics bureau said in a statement. Lloyd, 41, was expected to be charged in court Friday.

Singapore imposes severe penalties for drug use and possession, including a mandatory death penalty for anyone caught with more than 0.5 ounces of heroin or more than 17.6 ounces of marijuana. The death penalty does not apply to synthetic drug possession.

A statement from the director of ABC News, John Cameron, said Lloyd was on leave in Singapore. The reporter has been the face of ABC's coverage from India and Pakistan, appearing regularly on the network's nationally broadcast daily news. The narcotics bureau said Lloyd was arrested during a follow-up search after a Singaporean man was arrested earlier in the day for alleged possession of methamphetamine. An investigation revealed that Lloyd had supplied the Singaporean with the drug, it said.—Internet



House Speaker Nancy Pelosi.—INTERNET

their fundamental job done."

"This is not a record to be proud of, and I think the American people deserve better," Bush said. VideoWatch Pelosi respond to criticism of Congress from the president. In the interview, Pelosi said the president was in no position to criticize Congress and brushed aside the criticisms as "something to talk about because he has no ideas."—Internet

Obama piles up 52 million dollars in June

WASHINGTON, 18 July—Democratic White House hopeful Barack Obama raised a huge 52 million dollars in June, more than double the haul of his Republican rival John McCain in the same month, his campaign said Thursday. The fundraising bonanza confounded some recent reports that Obama’s fundraising juggernaut might be slowing after he beat Hillary Clinton to the Democratic nomination. Obama’s June total takes his record breaking

fundraising for the 2008 race, the most expensive in history, to more than 330 million dollars. His total for the month was just shy of his all-time record monthly fundraising coup, when he piled up 55 million dollars at the height of his Democratic primary clash with Hillary Clinton in February. Obama’s campaign manager David Plouffe announced Obama’s fundraising coup in an early morning email to the

Illinois senator’s supporters. “Because of your generosity and commitment, we’re reporting to the press today that this campaign is in a very strong financial position,” Plouffe said. “In the month of June, supporters like you helped raise 52 million dollars.” The Democratic National Committee said its fundraising combined with that raised by Obama totalled 92 million dollars at the end of June. Internet

Water cut in Chinese city after toxic spill

BEIJING, 18 July—A spill of poisonous mining waste forced officials in a northeastern Chinese city to cut off water supplies earlier this week over safety concerns, state media said on Thursday. Water in Donggang, a city of 150,000 people, was cut off on Tuesday when a sluice pipe burst at a nearby mine, sending tailings containing poisonous cyanogen pouring into a reservoir, Xinhua news agency said. Supplies were restored on Wednesday, once experts had ensured that the water posed no health risk to consumers, the report said. The incident at the Wulong Mining Co was



A Chinese deliveryman loads bottles of drinking water in Beijing in 2007. A spill of poisonous mining waste forced officials in a northeastern Chinese city to cut off water supplies earlier this week over safety concerns, state media said on Thursday.—INTERNET

being investigated. Chemical spills with serious health consequences are common in China. In 2005, a massive chemical plant spill into

northeast China’s Songhua River resulted in drinking water supply cuts affecting millions of residents in Heilongjiang province. Internet

AIDS vaccine trial scaled back



A scientist tests blood samples for HIV. Scientists have isolated two genes which may prevent people from contracting HIV or at least slow the rate at which they develop AIDS, a new study published in the journal AIDS has found.—INTERNET

WASHINGTON, 18 July—Plans for a large-scale trial of a potential AIDS vaccine are being dropped in favor of a smaller, more focused study, the National Institutes of Health said Thursday.

The trial of the vaccine, developed by the Vaccine Research Center at the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Disease, had been planned to include 2,400 men in the United States in a study

called PAVE 100. However, the agency said that it decided that the vaccine did not warrant a trial of this size and scope. Instead NIAID said it will plan a smaller, more focused clinical trial designed to see whether the product has a significant effect on the amount of virus in a person’s blood. If an effect is found, then additional studies, or an expansion of the study could be carried out. NIAID said it acted after reviewing the results of the STEP trial, a study of another vaccine that was halted last fall after reports of an increased number of infections among volunteers taking part in the test. Internet

Gore calls carbon-free electricity in 10 years doable

WASHINGTON, 18 July—Former Vice President Al Gore called Thursday for a “man on the moon” effort to switch all of the nation’s electricity production to wind, solar and other carbon-free sources within 10 years, a goal that he said would solve global warming as well as economic and natural security crises caused by dependence on fossil fuels. “The answer is to end our reliance on carbon-based fuels,” Gore told a packed auditorium in

Washington’s historic Constitution Hall. “When you connect the dots, it turns out that the real solutions to the climate crisis are the very same measures needed to renew our economy and escape the trap of ever-rising energy prices.” Gore compared the challenge to establishing Social Security and the Interstate highway system, as well as landing a man on the moon—all successes that took more than a single presidency to accomplish and

required members of both political parties to overcome their partisanship. The Alliance for Climate Protection, a bipartisan group Gore leads, put the 30-year cost of his plan—both government and private—at \$1.5 trillion to \$3 trillion. To speed up the transition to new energy sources, Gore said the single most important policy change would be to “tax what we burn, not what we earn,” advocating a tax on carbon dioxide pollution.—Internet

Say goodbye to the computer mouse

SILICON VALLEY, 18 July—It’s nearly 40 years old but one leading research company says the days of the computer mouse are numbered. A Gartner analyst predicts the demise of the computer mouse in the next three to five years. Taking over will be so called gestural computer mechanisms like touch screens and facial recognition devices. “The mouse works fine in the desktop environment but for home entertainment or working on a notebook it’s over,” declared analyst Steve Prentice. He said that his prediction is driven by the efforts of consumer electronics firm which are making products with new interactive interfaces inspired by the world of gaming.



The world’s first computer mouse didn’t make any money for its inventor.—INTERNET “You’ve got Panasonic showing forward facing video in the home entertainment environment. Instead of using a conventional remote control you hold up your hand and it recognises you have done that,” he said. Internet

Cancer survival depends on where you live

LONDON, 18 July—Your odds of surviving cancer depend on which country you live in. And, in the United States, it also depends on whether you’re black or white, a new study finds. Economic differences among countries, access to health care, and the availability of cancer treatments feed the disparities in survival, the report said. “There is a very wide global range in the odds of survival after a cancer diagnosis,” said lead

researcher Michel Coleman, a professor of epidemiology at the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine in Great Britain. “Some of the range is understandable on the basis of the relative wealth of these countries,” he added. The study also confirms the disparity in cancer survival among blacks and whites in the United States, Coleman said. “The differences are large across the USA, and

even in different metropolitan areas,” he said. Coleman believes the differences among countries—and within regions of countries—is directly related to access to health care. “This is not a question of the competence of doctors in any particular country,” he said. “This is an issue of the overall effectiveness of health services.” The report was published in the 17 July online edition of *The Lancet Oncology*.—Internet

Obama says he wants a nuke-free world

WASHINGTON, 18 July—US Democratic presidential hopeful Barack Obama on Wednesday said he would like the world free of nuclear weapons and pledged to fight emerging threats posed by biological and cyber-terrorism.

The Senator from Illinois made the remarks at a roundtable discussion on national security in West Lafayette, Indiana.

“It’s time to send a clear message to the world: America seeks a world

with no nuclear weapons,” he said.

“As long as nuclear weapons exist, we’ll retain a strong deterrent. But we’ll make the goal of eliminating all nuclear weapons a central element in our nuclear policy,” Obama added.

The remarks, delivered before a roundtable discussion with foreign policy experts, come before the presidential hopeful’s scheduled trip to Europe and Mideast.

It is the second day in a

row that he focuses his speech on national security issues.

Obama is trying to beat back the public perception that he is less experienced than his Republican rival John McCain when handling national security.

Shortly after he concluded his remarks, the McCain campaign released a letter signed by 10 retired admirals and generals touting McCain’s national security credentials.

Xinhua



Traders arrange their groceries at an open air stall in Highfield, Harare, on 17 July, 2008.—INTERNET



Boats take part in the Bretz-Douarnenez regatta in Brittany, western France, on 17 July, 2008 during the Brest 2008 international maritime festival.

INTERNET

Medvedev ratifies new Russian foreign policy paper

Moscow, 18 July—Russian President Dmitry Medvedev has ratified a new foreign policy paper on the general direction of the country’s diplomatic efforts, as well as its relations with the United States, Europe and NATO.

The top priority of Russia’s foreign policy is ensuring national security and nurturing a good international environment for its development.

The nation also aims to contribute to the process toward creating a just and

democratic world through pushing for good neighbourly relations, collective solving of international problems and eliminating hotbeds of conflict, according to an article posted Tuesday on the president’s website.

Russia embraces an open, foreseeable and pragmatic foreign policy, the article said. The new framework, which extends and develops on a foreign policy paper approved by former president Vladimir Putin in June 2000,

denounces unilateral actions unauthorized by the United Nations, which, Russia believes, will destabilize the world by causing tensions, provoking arms races, deepening conflicts, and creating national and religious rifts.

On relations with the United States, it says Russia will build a strategic partnership with the country and overstep barriers of strategic principles of the past.

Xinhua

China rejects Bush’s “religion freedom” remarks

BEIJING, 18 July—Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Liu Jianchao on Wednesday rejected US President George W Bush’s remarks concerning religion freedom in China, urging the United States to view China’s religious condition with a just and objective attitude.

“China is a country under the rule of law, and the Chinese Government protects its citizens’ freedom of religious belief according to law, and Chinese citizens enjoy full freedom of religious belief protected by law,” Liu said.

Liu’s remarks came in response to a question concerning the US President’s speech on Monday at the ceremony of the 10th anniversary of the American

International Religious Freedom Act.

“Meanwhile, what needs to be stressed is that people are all equals in the eyes of the law. Anyone’s speech or behaviour should not violate the country’s law nor imperil the state security and social

stability,” Liu said.

“We urged the United States to discard bias and view the religious situation in China with a just and objective attitude, and stop interfering in China’s internal affairs under the pretext of relevant issues,” Liu said.

Xinhua



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OPEC revises down global oil demand for 2008

VIENNA, 18 July—The Organization of Petroleum-Exporting Countries (OPEC) has revised down global oil demand to 86.81 million barrels per day for this year, 90,000 barrels lower than its

forecast in June.

This is the fourth time OPEC has lowered its global oil demand forecast for this year. In its latest monthly report published Tuesday, the Vienna-based cartel also forecasted a daily demand rise of 0.9 million barrels in 2009, which represents a decline of 0.1 million barrels from estimated growth in 2008.

The report said demand for OPEC crude oil in 2008 would average 32 million bpd and, in 2009, average demand would further decrease to 31.2 million bpd.

OPEC monthly oil

prices reached a record high of 128 US dollars per barrel in June, 7.5 per cent higher than the previous month, mainly due to rising Middle East tensions, financial market speculations, supply concerns over a storm threat in the Gulf of Mexico and the continued fluctuation of the dollar, OPEC said.

Iran, the second-largest oil producer of OPEC, started testing long-distance missiles last Wednesday, deepening global concerns about the future stable supply of OPEC oil.

Xinhua

A man reads a book next to a statue in front of a book store in Tokyo, on 15 July, 2008.—INTERNET

Iran ready to negotiate with US

TEHERAN, 18 July — Iran’s Government spokesman Gholam-Hossein Elham said on Tuesday that Teheran is ready to hold talks with other countries, including the United States, Iran’s satellite Press TV reported.

“Iran, as a influential power, is ready to hold talks with other countries,” Elham was quoted as saying, “but this willingness should not be interpreted as a need or a form of passivity.” He also

pointed out that direct talks with Washington could only take place when the time is right. The two countries severed diplomatic ties in 1979 when the Islamic revolution took place in Iran.

“The time for unilateral talks and pressure has ended. You can not talk to a great power like Iran using that kind of language,” Elham added.

Elham’s comments came after recent reports that the United States is

willing to open an interest section in Teheran for issuing visas and carrying out cultural activities. Iranian Foreign Minister Manouchehr Mottaki said recently in New York that Teheran will consider the plan if the United States presents the proposal officially.

On Sunday, Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad said that he was ready to talk with US President George W Bush directly. — MNA/Xinhua



A general view shows Teheran’s wealthy northern neighbourhood as seen from the rooftop of a multi-storey building in March 2008. The United States will announce in the next month plans to establish a diplomatic presence in Iran for the first time in 30 years, London’s Guardian newspaper said on 18 July, 2008.—INTERNET

Cambodia to produce 4,000 tons of organic rice in 2008

PHNOM PENH, 18 July— Cambodia plans to produce 4,000 tons of organic rice this year for exports to EU and US, a 1,000 tons rise over last year, English-Khmer language newspaper the *Mekong Times* said Friday.

The Centre for Studies and Development in Cambodian Agriculture will undertake the task, which is expected as a key step to strengthen the agricultural sector, said the paper.

Around 10,000 families in eight provinces are producing the organic rice, said center director Yang Saing Koma. “We think only organic rice production can help the economic sector because this kind of rice can be sold at a high price in local and international markets,” he added.

Thanks to right climate and soil conditions, Cambodia used to be a major rice producer and exporter before wars ravaged the country around 1970s. Currently, Vietnam and Thailand have surpassed Cambodia as the top rice exporters in the region.

MNA/Xinhua

Russian Marshal Ustinov missile cruiser leaves for the Barents Sea in this Aug 2004 file picture. Russia announced Monday that it is sending warships to patrol Arctic waters for the first time since the breakup of the Soviet Union —the latest move to increase the country’s global military presence. —INTERNET



An Afghan woman clad in a burqa, left, talks with a woman who was allegedly wounded by coalition airstrikes in the Zerko area of Shindand district, at a hospital in the city of Herat Province Southwest of Kabul, Afghanistan on 17 July, 2008.

INTERNET

EU “satisfied” of prisoners swap between Israel, Hizbollah

BRUSSELS, 18 July— The European Commission expressed here Wednesday satisfaction that Israel and Hizbollah exchanged prisoners.

“I am satisfied that this exchange of prisoners finally takes place,” said Commissioner for External Relations and European Neighbourhood Policy Benita Ferrero-Waldner.

“First and foremost this is a positive step taken by both sides,” she said. “Today’s exchange is also a step towards the full implementation of UNSC resolution 1701 and therefore contributes to regional stability.”

She urged that “those whose loved ones have died deserve to receive the remains for burial”.

The commissioner commended the UN and all those who contributed for their role played in making this exchange of prisoners possible. —MNA/Xinhua

Large gas field found in N-E Romania

BUCHAREST, 18 July — Romanian gas company Romgaz has discovered a gas field with a storage capacity of 200,000 cubic metres in the northeast, the official *Rompres* news agency reported Thursday.

Romgaz had planned in 2006 to explore gas fields in eight areas throughout Romania, said the company’s general manager Francisc Toth.

Seven gas fields had been found, he added.

The state-owned corporation is Romania’s largest producer and supplier of natural gas, taking up 41.2 per cent of the domestic market.

MNA/Xinhua



Ex-Samsung chief handed three-year suspended jail term

SEOUL, 18 July — Former Samsung Group chief Lee Kun-hee, one of South Korea’s most powerful businessmen, was handed a three-year suspended jail sentence on Wednesday for tax evasion, but was cleared of other charges.

The court also fined Lee 110 billion won (109 million US dollars), but cleared him of charges of breach of trust and illegal issuance of convertible bonds. His jail sentence was suspended for five years.

The decision not to incarcerate Lee was widely expected and comes only a month after the head of worlds No 6 automaker, Hyundai Motor, was also given a three-year suspended jail sentence after being found guilty of fraud.

“We ruled against an actual jail sentence as the degree of illegality was not significant enough,” Judge Min Byong-hoon said.

South Korean prosecutors had sought a seven-year jail term and a 350-billion won fine for Lee, who led the country’s biggest conglomerate for nearly 20 years.

But analysts and experts had expected Lee to escape prolonged jail time because judges have often been lenient to corporate leaders convicted of white collar crimes on the basis that putting them behind bars could hurt business.

MNA/Reuters

Minister calls for efforts for industrial development

NAY PYI TAW, 18 July — Minister for Industry-2 Vice-Admiral Soe Thein met with deputy ministers of the ministry and departmental officials at the ministry here on 16 July and gave instructions to them.

At the meeting, the minister called for production of quality products and running of factories under the ministry at full-capacity. He also urged the officials to make efforts for the development of industrial sector.

The deputy ministers of the ministry reported to Minister Vice-Admiral Soe Thein on the matters related to the production and plans of the ministry and the development of the industrial sector.

The meeting ended with concluding remarks by the minister.—MNA

The wise outstrips the intoxicated

Not intoxicated among the intoxicated and wide-awake among the sleeping, the wise one outstrips them as a swift horse outstrips a weak one.

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Energy Ministry offers Waso robes



Minister Brig-Gen Lun Thi and the congregation receive Nine Precepts from a Sayadaw at 3rd Waso robes offering ceremony of the Ministry of Energy.—MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 18 July—The third Waso robes offering ceremony of staff families under the Ministry of Energy was held at the Ministry, here, yesterday morning. Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lun Thi and the congregation received the Nine Precepts from Sayadaw Bhaddanta Kavisarya of Mahavisudayama Zeykon Monastery in Nay Pyi Taw Pynmana. The



Sayadaw and members of the Sangha recited the parittas.

Next, the minister, the deputy minister and head of department offered Waso robes and alms to the sayadaw and members of the Sangha. Later, ‘soon’ was offered to the monks. They delivered the sermon and those present shared the merits gained.

MNA

Ministry of L&F offers Waso robes

NAY PYI TAW, 18 July—Under the aegis of the Minister for Livestock and Fisheries Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein and wife Daw Myint Myint Aye, the third waso robe offering ceremony was held at the Ministry here yesterday morning.

The congregation led by minister received the Five Precepts from Sayadaw U Damahapala of Ywaroo Monastery in Pyankapay village.

Afterwards, Sayadaws recited the parittas. The minister, Directors-General and Managing Directors donated waso robes and offertories to sayadaws. And then they shared the merits gained and offered “soon” to Sayadaws.

MNA

Dagon BEHS No. 1 conducts Waso robe offering ceremony

YANGON, 18 July—No. 1 Basic Education High School of Dagon Township conducted a ceremony to offer Waso robes to Members of the Sangha at the school here today.

It was attended by Dagon Township Education Officer U Min Sein, Headmaster Dr Aung Ko Ko, executives of the parent-teacher association of the school and teachers and students.

The ceremony was opened with three times recitation of *Namo Tassa*. Agga Maha Ganthavacaka

Pandita Agga Maha Pandita Bhaddanta Tejobhasa invested the Five Precepts. Presiding Sayadaw of Mahawithoddhaya Monastery Tipitaka Dhara Dhamma Bhandhgarika Agga Maha Pandita Bhaddanta Sirinda Bhivamsa (Yaw Sayadaw) delivered a sermon. The headmaster, teachers and guests offered Waso robes to Yaw Sayadaw and offered a day meal to Members of the Sangha. Today’s donation to Mahawithoddhaya Monastery, Pyinsa Nikaya Beikman Monastery and Tipitaka Maha Gandaryon Monastery amounted to over K 5.7 million.—NLM



Waso robe offering ceremony of Dagon BEHS No.1 in progress.—H

Umbrella hoisted atop pagoda on Pantapwint Hill

YANGON, 18 July — A ceremony to hoist the umbrella atop the pagoda on Pantapwint Hill in Taikkyi Township was held in conjunction with the Waso robes offering ceremony yesterday.

Presiding Nayaka of Pantapwint Hill Missionary Monastery Saddhamma Jotikadhaja Dhammakatika Bahujanahitadhara Bhaddanta Paññasara and laypersons sprinkled scented water on the diamond orb, the pennant-shaped vane and tiers of umbrella. Next, they hoisted them atop the pagoda.

In the afternoon, the Waso robes offering ceremony and the re-ordination ceremony followed.

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A wellwisher offers Waso robes to Pantapwint Hill Sayadaw Bhaddanta Paññasara. — MNA

A glow of pride in health care for storm victims

Dr Kyaw Myint

The cyclone Nargis devastated some areas in Ayeyawady and Yangon divisions on 2 and 3 May. For continued survival of the storm survivors and a quick launch of rescue tasks, Chairman of the National Disaster Preparedness Central Commit-

tee by helicopter, by car and by boat to Bogale, Mawlamyinegyun, Labutta, Wakema, Pyapon, Dedaye and Myaungmya townships. Severely injured victims were transferred by helicopter to Yangon General Hospital. Specialists provided health

care Out of worry about them, I put them some questions such as "Do you take warm clothes, raincoats and mosquito nets?" My worries and anxieties were no more when young doctors said to me, "Don't worry about that, sir. We take all necessary things and we are



A specialist giving medical check-up to a woman.

tee Prime Minister General Thein Sein and CEC member ministers held an emergency meeting in Nay Pyi Taw on 3 May. In the afternoon the same day, the control office was opened in Yangon and rescue tasks were launched immediately.

The Ministry of Health opened its temporary control office at the emergency and outpatient department of Yangon General Hospital and provided health care. Doctors from Public Health and Disease Control Departments made field trips

care to the victim patients.

I was much pleased to notice the eagerness of medical teams consisting of medical experts, specialists, general practitioners and nurses from hospitals under the Ministry of Health when I saw them off at Wadan Jetty in Yangon on 6 June before their departure for Labutta, Mawlamyinegyun, Bogale, Wakema, Pyapon and Myaungmya to provide health care there.

Some of the members were young with less experience in travelling, so I was concerned over them.

determined to get to our destination."

I also saw off specialists, physicians, general practitioners and nurses at Wadan Jetty in Yangon on 19 May morning before their departure for Ayeyawady Division in three ships to provide health care in storm-hit areas such as Labutta, Bogale and Pyapon townships under the joint programme of the Ministry of Health and the Ministry of Transport.

The three ships were Vessel Taing Aye that would leave for Bogale,



The Deputy Director-General giving instructions to medical team members at the emergency and outpatient department of Yangon General Hospital.

Vessel Ta-taing Hmway, for Pyapon Township, and Vessel Vessantara, for Labutta. On 11 June, they were reinforced with more specialists and nurses on board Vessel Pa Pa Win

they proceeded by small ship or motorized boats to the villages that were inaccessible by larger vessels.

Team members gave treatment to the victim pa-

formed.

Traditional medicine and modern medicine teams from the Traditional Medicine Department left Patheingyi ship hospital Vessel Tet



Specialists giving treatment to storm victims.

bound for Mawlamyinegyun Township.

So far, 173 doctors including experts and specialists plus 29 nurses of the teams on board floating hospitals have discharged duties in rotation for 10 times.

In giving treatment to the victims, the medical teams from the floating hospitals went round the township concerned, and

tients who visited the ships, and they also visited the patients to give treatment. Ayeyawady Division has a large number of rivers, creeks and lakes. So, it was difficult for the people of some villages near rivers or creeks to get to the township people's hospitals, health departments and health care centres. So, various forms of mobile medical teams were

Ne Win Tun. They visited 21 villages in Ngapudaw Township by boat and by motorized boat and provided health care to the dwellers.

Specialists and members from the hospitals in Yangon opened a clinic at Kawhmu People's Hospital to give treatment to injured people and sick persons and took disease control measures.

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Sick storm survivors are receiving medical treatments on floating hospital Vessel Taing Aye.

A glow of pride in health care for storm victims

Dr Kyaw Myint

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Moreover, specialists and members of the medical teams opened a clinic in Kungyangon Township People's Hospital and provided health care. Medical teams comprising township level health staff opened clinics in the wards of outskirts and villages and provided health care.

The deputy director-general (Treatment) met members of the medical teams at the emergency and outpatient depart-

the members and helping make arrangements.

In addition, medical teams led by deputy directors-general, rectors and professors of hospitals in Yangon made field trips to such storm-affected areas as Kawhmu, Kungyangon, Twantay and Thongwa townships and provided health care continuously.

One hundred house surgeons from University of Medicine (1) and University of Medicine (2) in Yangon stepped up health care services by opening

couraged to see medical staff providing health care tirelessly at the clinics in Pyinsalu, Pyinkhayaing, Thingangon, Saluseik, Theikpangongyi, Hlinephone, Polaung, Kwinpauk, Kyeinchaung, Setsan, Kadonkani and Kyoundah forward camps.

In the meantime, specialists were taking public health care and disease control measures such as sanitations, fumigation, chlorinating freshwater, encouraging use of fly-proof latrines, vaccinating



House surgeons giving health care to people in Tawkhayan (East) Village, Kungyangon Township.

witness the active participation of officers and other ranks of the Medical Services of the Ministry of Defence, and volunteers from the Myanmar Medical Association, Myanmar Dental Association, Myanmar Nurses and Midwives As-

medical teams in the health care services being given by staff of the Ministry of Health in the storm-hit areas.

I appreciated the humanitarianism of international medical teams that took part in the social wel-

I write this article to honour those who have carried out health care services in the relief camps, those from floating hospitals who gave treatments and those who discharged duties in the storm-hit areas for their



Sick people are receiving treatment on a floating hospital.

ment of Yangon General Hospital before their setting out and fulfilled the requirements on the ships in order to avert unnecessary delays and difficulties in providing health care services. It was also heartening to see the medical superintendent giving encouragement to

clinics in rural areas in the storm-hit townships under the leadership of academic teachers and supervision of heads of township health departments.

In the process, forward clinics have been opened in 12 regions in Pyinsalu Township, Ayeyawady Division. I felt very en-

pregnant women and under-15 children, and giving oral vaccines to under-five children against polio. Moreover, 73 final year students (health assistant) of the Community Health University also participated in the community health care services.

I was also pleased to



A medical staff member taking preventive measures against infectious diseases.

sociation, Myanmar Red Cross Society, internal NGOs, international NGOs and voluntary

fare services in coordination with the Ministry of Health in the storm ravaged areas.

goodwill and brilliant performances.

Translation: MS



Vessel Tet Ne Win Tun leaves Patheingyi to give health care with the use of traditional medicines.



Specialists provide health care to storm survivors on floating hospital Vessel Ta-taing Hmway.

Lt-Gen Myint Swe and ...

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Bhaddanta Sirinda of Alanpya Pagoda Monastery, Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Win Myint and wife Daw Kyin Myaing, Commandant of National Defence College Maj-Gen Mya Win, the deputy commandant and senior military officers and their wives.

Lt-Gen Myint Swe, wife and party took the Five Precepts from the Presiding Nayaka Sayadaw. Members of the Sangha recited Parittas.

Lt-Gen Myint Swe and wife offered Waso robes to the Sayadaw. The commander and wife donated Waso robes and provisions to the Sayadaw.

The commandant of National Defence College, the deputy commandant and senior military officers presented Waso robes to members of the Sangha.

The Sayadaw delivered a sermon, and Lt-Gen Myint Swe, wife and party shared merits gained.

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



Lt-Gen Myint Swe and wife Daw Khin Thet Htay offer Waso robes and provisions to a Sayadaw.—MNA

Maj-Gen Ko Ko meets with personnel, social...

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programme presented by the chairman of township PDC, Maj-Gen Ko Ko stressed the need for community peace and law and order, sound foundation of economic infrastructures and human resources de-

velopment and extension of agricultural works in the region, collaborative effort of departments concerned and local people for regional development and preventive measures against floods of Pun Hlaing and Ayeyawady river.

Next, Maj-Gen Ko Ko inspected flow of Pun Hlaing river and preventive measures against bank erosion. Maj-Gen Ko Ko heard reports on earth works and clearance of waterway under Bo Myat Tun Bridge presented by an official of Ayeyawady Division Water Utilization and Improvement of River

Systems Department and gave necessary instructions.

Maj-Gen Ko Ko, the commander and party looked into thriving physic nut plantations of township departments concerned along Nyanugdon-

Pantanaw road in a motorcade.

At the office of Pantanaw Township PDC, they met with departmental personnel, social organizations members and local people. Maj-Gen Ko Ko heard reports on agriculture works and progress of the implementation of five rural development tasks. The commander made a supplementary report.

Maj-Gen Ko Ko urged the officials to carry out regional development tasks in cooperation with the local people and viewed cleaning and beautifying tasks of the township in a motorcade.

Next, Maj-Gen Ko Ko, the commander and party inspected growing of paddy on the farmland of a farmer and attended five-acre physic nut planting ceremony at Talaingsu village. Maj-Gen Ko Ko presented physic nut saplings to departmental personnel and members of social organi-

zations.

At the office of Kyaunggon Township PDC in Patheingyi District, Maj-Gen Ko Ko met with departmental personnel, social organization members and local people. After hearing reports on regional development tasks, Maj-Gen Ko Ko gave necessary instructions.

Next, Maj-Gen Ko Ko, the commander and party met with departmental personnel, social organization members and local people at the Ayeyaya Thiri Thukha Hall in Kangyidaunt Township. Maj-Gen Ko Ko heard reports on implementation of regional development tasks and gave instructions on extended cultivation of edible oil crops.

Afterwards, they visited Lawkahmanku Pagoda in the township and made cash donation to the Board of Trustees of the Pagoda.

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MWAF holds Waso robes offering ceremony

YANGON, 18 July—The Organizational Department of the Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation organized the Waso robe offering ceremony at Mingla Market Dhammayon on Gyatawya Road in Bahan Township this morning.

It was attended by Vice-President Daw Khin Thet Htay and members, Head of Organizational Department Dr Daw Nyunt

Nyunt Oo and members, heads of departments, leaders of working groups, Secretariat members and members of Yangon Division, district and township Women's Affairs Organizations.

First, the congregation received the Five Precepts from Chairman of Yangon Division Sangha Nayaka Committee Maha Saddhamma Jotikadhaja Bhaddanta Iddhibala of

Mula Seltaungpyae Monastery. Vice-President Daw Khin Thet Htay and members offered Waso robes and alms to members of the Sangha.

Secretary of Yangon Division Sangha Nayaka Committee Sayadaw Bhaddanta Kundala of Ahlon Aungmyingala Taikthit Monastery delivered a sermon and those presents shared merits gained.—MNA



MWAF Vice-President Daw Khin Thet Htay and members sharing merits gained at Waso robes offering ceremony.—MNA

Musical entertainment with sympathy for storm-hit areas of Mawlamyinegyun Township

Article and Photos: *Mawgyun Myint Aung (IPRD)*

I was pleased with the news that the executives of Myanmar Music Asiayon (Central) and renowned vocalists and musicians went to storm-hit regions of Mawlamyinegyun Township to donate foodstuff and personal goods to the people of the storm-hit villages.

The persons who relayed such news to me were Township Manager U Hla Soe and party of Mawlamyinegyun Township Inland Water Transport. Indeed, it was a good deed of the vocalists and musicians to stage entertainment at the villages.

At 3.15 am on 3 July, the double-decker *Bala Kyaw Khaung* of IWT carrying the famous vocalists and musicians berthed at the new jetty of IWT in Mawlamyinegyun. I saw the executives of the Myanmar Music Asiayon (Central), famous vocalists and musicians on board the vessel.

On 3 July, the weather in the township was fine in the morning. Vessel *Bala Kyaw Khaung* carrying us left Mawlamyinegyun at 6.35 am and headed in the south-east direction. All the persons on board the vessel were happy and



Vocalist Bo Bo Han

active. While the vessel was running along the river, I was preparing for interviews with responsible persons.

In an interview, Assistant Manager U Khin Maung Hla of Delta Branch of IWT said, "Under the arrangements of Managing Director U Soe Tint of IWT, I go along with the vocalists and musicians of the Myanmar Music Asiayon to provide necessary

assistance of the department for them on a trip to Mawlamyinegyun."

Next, I had an interview with Township Manager of IWT U Hla Soe. He explained, "I have



Assistant Manager U Khin Maung Hla of Delta Branch of IWT

to render assistance for the musician team on their entertainment tour. I am so happy for the successful arrangement of the tour."

When the vessel sounded a siren, we all noticed our arrival at storm-hit Upper Gyobu Village. Along the bank of the village, storm victims accorded a rousing welcome to us.

After temporarily stopping the interviews, I observed the village. Upper Gyobu Village is located next to Myattha River. Waves of the river are always hitting the land of the village.

At the entrance to the village, the vocalists and musicians donated foodstuff and personal goods to the victims. It was a noble donation with the humanitarian spirit to the needy persons. They presented one pyi each of rice, two buckets each, three packets each of gram, three packets each of salt, one nether garment each for male, one nether garment each for female, two small bottles each of edible oil, one torch light

each and two pieces of battery to households of the victims. Moreover, one small Buddha image each was offered to every house. Happy smiles were seen on the faces of all. It can be said that they gave a helping hand to the victims.

Meanwhile, I heard the music from the vessel. The famous vocalists sang the songs in rotation. I noticed many male vocalists namely R Zar Ni, Bo Bo Han, Yan Paing Soe, Guitar Pe Win, Tu Tu, Bo Phyu, Po Kar, Tekkatho Ko Ko Zaw, Yazar Win Tint, Dollar,



Song Composer Min Chit Thu

Chit Kaung, Hsaung Oo Hlaing, Po Zaw, Maritza, Kyet Pha and J Maung Maung in addition to the female vocalists: Yi Yi Thant, Po Ei San, She, Zam Nu, Hson Thin Par, Yadana, Yi Mon and others. Due to many numbers of the vocalists, I thought that they might not easily get the turn to sing the songs.

They stationed at Upper Gyobu Village to make donations for the storm victims of Lower



Vocalist Bo Phyu

Gyobu Village. The victims were pleased with the entertainment of the vocalists and musicians.



Manager U Hla Soe of Mawlamyinegyun Township IWT

Some of the villagers were dancing and singing the songs joyfully. After that, the vessel proceeded to Nathmu Village. All the persons on board the vessel prepared their respective tasks for the next stop.

In the interviews with responsible persons of the Myanmar Music Asiayon (Central), vocalist Yan Paing Soe said, "I am discharging

duties as Joint-Secretary-2 of the Asiayon. We all made donations to storm-affected villages of Mawlamyinegyun Township by spending the funds through a night of music concert held at Bahtoo Stadium in Mandalay. Actually, the donations funded by five strata of the Asiayon reflected the unity of the Asiayon members. It was the first donation of the Asiayon."



Joint-Secretary-2 of Myanmar Music Asiayon (Central) U Yan Paing Soe

Next, I had an interview with song composer Min Chit Thu.

were on board the vessel. We all make the villagers happy."

At Nathmu Village, supplies were distributed to the storm victims not only from Nathmu Village but also from Tatseik Village. Afterwards, we headed for Kyargaung Village, the final destination.

I saw a large number of storm victims on the bank of Kyargaung Village in a distant view. We had planned to entertain them. At the village, the supplies were delivered to the victims, and the music entertainment was performed. The local villagers were joyful in the entertainment.

At 4.35 pm, we left for Mawlamyinegyun. At 6 pm, vessel *Bala Kyaw Khaung* docked at Mawlamyinegyun. As a special show, the artistes presented variety of songs to the local people



Artistes present supplies to storm victims in Upper Gyobu Village in Mawlamyinegyun Township.

He explained, "I am very happy for successful completion of the donation ceremony. It was my first experience on entertainment tour of the villages on board vessel *Bala Kyaw Khaung* together with those from the music circle. I would like to visit here once more, if it is possible. Over 90 vocalists and musicians

of Mawlamyinegyun from 7.30 pm to 10.30 pm.

On my way back to Yangon, I, on board vessel *Bala Kyaw Khaung*, was thinking some words "Music entertainment with sympathy" in my mind.

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MV SHAN HAI GUAN VOY NO (65)
Consignees of cargo carried on MV SHAN HAI GUAN VOY NO (65) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 18.7.2008 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of S.P.W.3 where it will lie at the consignee’s risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.
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Man convicted in 2006 Vermont school shootings
BURLINGTON, (Vt), 18 July—A man was convicted of murder Thursday for a shooting rampage that killed a teacher in an elementary school and his ex-girlfriend's mother. After 4 1/2 hours of deliberations, jurors rejected the insanity defense for Christopher Williams, 29. Prosecutors said Williams set out to kill his ex-girlfriend and her mother after being turned away from their home when he came to collect his belongings after a breakup.
Williams was found guilty of two counts of first-degree murder, one count of attempted first-degree murder and one count of attempted second-degree murder. Another teacher at the school and a friend who had loaned him the gun were shot but survived.
Internet

Taleban leader killed in Afghanistan
KABUL, 18 July— Afghan National Security Force and the NATO-led International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) in a joint operation killed a Taleban leader in Now Zad district of Afghanistan’s Helmand Province, said a statement issued by ISAF Thursday.
Mullah Bismullah Akhund was a senior Taleban leader responsible for supplying weapons and IEDs (Improvised Explosive Device) that have killed civilians and ISAF forces in northern Helmand, the statement said.
Bismullah was closely associated with local Taleban leader Mullah Rahim, whose brother was also killed during this operation on 12 July, it added.
Afghanistan has been the scene of increasing insurgency led by Taleban militants in terms of suicide bombings and ambushes though a 70,000-strong foreign troops are deployed. — *MNA/Xinhua*

Four Czech pilots refusing to go to Afghanistan grounded
PRAGUE, 18 July — The Czech military command decided to send four pilots who refused to undergo a training for helicopters to be deployed in Afghanistan to administrative work at the General Staff, the public Czech Television (CT) reported on Thursday.
The four pilots from the Prerov air base refused to be trained for the *Mi-171* helicopters that are to be used in Afghanistan. Air technician Jiri Kohout said their refusal was also motivated by the possibility to fly in Afghanistan.
The military sent four of the rebels from Prerov to the General Staff in Prague, though other pilots from Prague must now fulfill the rescue and search tasks in Prerov, CT reported.
The pilots allegedly minded not being sufficiently trained for the planned Afghan mission, according to the report.
MNA/Xinhua

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US troops at risk from shoddy wiring in Iraq
WASHINGTON, 18 July— US soldiers face death and danger from shoddy electrical work at their bases in Iraq, raising further questions about a heavy reliance on private contractors, the *New York Times* reported on Friday.
The Pentagon knew about the problems but did little to address them until
Ryan Maseth, a member of the elite Green Berets, was electrocuted in January while taking a shower, the newspaper said.
The Army says 13 soldiers have been electrocuted in Iraq since the invasion in March 2003 but the Times reported that internal documents show many injuries from shocks and losses from electrical fires.
As recently as June, an electrical fire destroyed 10 buildings at a base in Falluja, forcing Marines to ask for donations to replace their belongings, the paper said.
Internet

NY man claims Subway baked knife into sandwich
NEW YORK, 18 July—A New York man claimed in a lawsuit filed on Wednesday that he found a knife with a 7-inch (18-cm) blade baked into the bread of his foot-long “Cold Cut Trio” Subway sandwich.
John Agnesini, 26, a magazine designer, said he had already taken a few bites from the sandwich in late June when he spotted the knife jutting out from the bread's crust. The lawsuit, filed in Manhattan state court, seeks one million US dollars.—*MNA/Reuters*

German firemen try to clean up large river oil slick
HAMBURG (Germany), 18 July—German firemen struggled to contain an oil slick on Thursday, a day after two ships collided near Hamburg.
The slick has spread some 10 kilometres (six miles) along the Elbe river in northern Germany and work is being hampered by strong winds and the flow of the river, firemen said.
The spill took place a few miles southeast of the city port, when a barge collided with a 82-metre-long (260-foot) tanker, ripping through four of its eight tanks and sending 120 tons of diesel pouring into the river.
Initial attempts to contain the slick failed and firemen Thursday were putting down floating barriers to stop the diesel from spreading. There were no immediate reports of environmental damage.
Internet



A fireman lays floating oil barriers on 16 July, 2008 on the Elbe river in Hamburg, northern Germany, after a tanker collided with another ship. German firemen struggled to contain an oil slick on Thursday, a day after two ships collided near Hamburg.—INTERNET

McDonald’s franchisee fined 1 mln dollars for hiring illegal immigrants
WASHINGTON, 18 July— A company that owns 11 McDonald’s restaurants in Nevada was fined one million dollars Wednesday after pleading guilty to employing 58 illegal immigrants.
The company, Mack Associates Inc., knew the employees were illegal immigrants and had offered them names and social security numbers belonging to other people, the US Justice Department said. The company pleaded guilty in federal court in Las Vegas to conspiracy to encourage and induce an alien's unlawful residence in the United States and aiding and abetting an alien to remain in the country, the department said.
The company’s director of operations also pleaded guilty to aiding and abetting an alien to remain in the country.
And the former vice president of Mack Associates pleaded guilty to inducing an illegal alien to remain in the United States and faces a possible sentence of up to five years in prison and a 250,000 dollar fine.—*Internet*

Korean plane makes emergency landing in Japan
TOKYO, 18 July— A Korean Air Lines Co Ltd plane made an emergency landing at an airport on Japan’s northernmost island of Hokkaido on Thursday, but no one was injured.
Television showed the plane landing smoothly in misty weather at Shin Chitose Airport, after the airline said it planned to divert there on its way to its intended destination of New York.
The plane dumped fuel in the ocean and changed course after a cockpit indicator showed a problem with a power source, a spokesman for Japan’s Transport Ministry said.
MNA/Reuters

Group says US still flunks healthcare test

WASHINGTON, 18 July—The United States fails on most measures of health care quality, with Americans waiting longer to see doctors and more likely to die of preventable or treatable illnesses than people in other industrialized countries, a report released on Thursday said. Americans squander money on wasteful administrative costs, illnesses caused by medical error and inefficient use of time, the report from the nonprofit Commonwealth Fund concluded.

“We lead the world in spending. We should be

expecting much more in return,” Commonwealth Fund senior vice president Cathy Schoen told reporters. The Commonwealth Fund, a private foundation, created a 100-point scorecard using 37 indicators such as health outcomes, quality, access and efficiency.

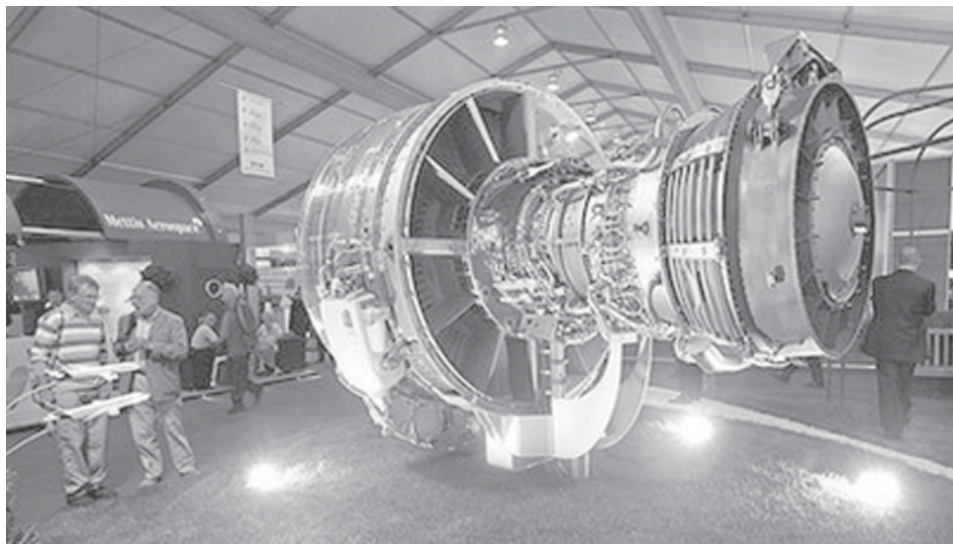
They compare the US average on these to the best performing states, counties or hospitals, and to other countries. The United States scored 65—two points lower than in 2006. One key measure is prevention of premature deaths from easily treated conditions such as asthma and heart attacks.

The United States fell

from 15th to last among 19 industrialized nations on this measure from 2006 to 2008. The report estimated the US health care system could save 100,000 lives if it matched Japan or France, the top performers.

Infant mortality remains high in the United States, with a rate of 7 infant deaths per 1,000 live births, compared to 2.8 per 1,000 in Japan and 3.1 in Sweden.

Internet



Businessmen are pictured next to an airplane motor at Farnborough Airshow, Hampshire, on 15 July, 2008. US aerospace giant Boeing on Thursday signed its second major deal of the Farnborough International Airshow, clinching a multi-billion-dollar sale of ‘green’ jets to Air China.—INTERNET

Hollywood studios, SAG at impasse after meeting

LOS ANGELES, 18 July—Hollywood producers and the Screen Actors Guild failed to reach a contract agreement Wednesday after meeting privately for two hours. The sides have no further meetings planned.

The meeting came a week after the union rejected what the producers called their final contract offer.

Representatives for both sides declined comment.

The Alliance of Motion Picture and Television Producers has been calling on union leaders to allow actors to vote on a contract offer that it said would provide \$250 million in additional compensation over three years. The guild has said the estimated value of the offer is highly inflated.

The producers said if the offer is not ratified by 15 Aug, any proposed wage increases would not be made retroactive to 1 July. Actors have been working under a contract that expired last month.

SAG, the largest and most powerful actors union, represents 120,000 actors in movies, TV and other media.

It is seeking greater compensation for DVDs, something neither writers, directors nor a smaller actors union could secure in negotiations.

SAG also wants more say for actors when they are asked to endorse products in scripted shows.

Internet



An Afghan child, who was allegedly wounded by coalition airstrikes in the Zerko area of Shindand district stands with his father at a hospital in the city of Herat Province southwest of Kabul, Afghanistan on 17 July, 2008.—INTERNET

US hearing set on ‘imperial Bush presidency’

WASHINGTON, 18 July—Impeachment is out for US President George W Bush, but a top US lawmaker said on Thursday he wants to take a look at his “imperial presidency”.

House Judiciary Committee Chairman John Conyers announced his panel would examine possible Administration wrongdoing, which has included complaints that Bush misled the United States into the Iraq war in 2003.

“Over the last seven plus years, there have been numerous credible allegations of serious misconduct by officials in the Bush Administration,” said Conyers, a Michigan Democrat.

He scheduled a 25 July hearing on “the Imperial Presidency of George W Bush and possible legal responses.”

Conyers’ action follows hundreds of oversight hearings the past year and a half in the Democratic-controlled Congress on a host of Administration matters—from the Iraq war and torture to the firing of federal prosecutors and leaking of the identity of a CIA agent. Current and former Bush aides have refused to testify, claiming it would violate Bush’s right to private counsel from staff. Democrats are challenging their claim in court. — MNA/Reuters

Chavez says US ties would be no warmer with Obama

CARACAS, 18 July — Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez said on Wednesday his prickly relations with Washington would not improve even if Democrat candidate Barack Obama wins the US presidential election in November.

Chavez, a relentless critic of US foreign policy and President George W Bush, advocates weakening the influence of the United States and calls the nation “the empire”. Chavez told his supporters not to raise their hopes that relations with the United States would improve if Obama is elected US president, saying there was little difference between him and Republican candidate John McCain.

“The two candidates for the US presidency attack us equally, they attack us defending the interests of the empire,” Chavez said at a meeting of his socialist party.

MNA/Reuters

Israel says near to getting Russia gas for pipeline

ANKARA, 18 July — Israel is close to an agreement with Russia that would secure natural gas for a planned pipeline

project between Turkey and Israel, Israeli Infrastructure Minister Binyamin Ben-Eliezer said on Thursday.

The project consists of five pipelines that would carry water, natural gas, oil, electricity and fibre optics from Turkey’s Mediterranean coast to Israel. “We are very close to reaching an agreement with Russia that would

supply the pipeline with natural gas,” Ben-Eliezer said after meetings with Turkish energy officials over technical details of the pipeline project.

Feasibility studies on an accompanying oil pipeline will be done in 10 months, said Turkish Energy Minister Hilmi Guler, adding that the pipeline could carry at least 40 million tonnes of oil annually.

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Pelican battle : White pelicans battle to catch a little fish thrown by a visitor at the Hakkeijima Sea Paradise aquarium at Yokohama city in Kanagawa prefecture, suburban Tokyo.

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SPORTS



Everton’s Nigerian defender Joseph Yobo eyes the ball during an English Premiership match earlier this year. Joseph Yobo has been reunited with his brother, Norum, who was kidnapped by armed men 12 days ago in Port Harcourt, the capital of Nigeria’s southern oil-producing region.—INTERNET

Ronaldinho arrives in Milan to complete move

MILAN, 18 July – Ronaldinho arrived at AC Milan’s training ground on Wednesday where he was due to undergo a medical and sign a three-year contract. Barcelona agreed late on Tuesday to sell the Brazil forward for an initial fee of 21 million euros (33.5 million US dollars) following two days of talks with Milan chief executive Adriano Galliani. Ronaldinho and Galliani flew into Milan earlier on Wednesday and went straight to the Milanello training ground where the squad was gathering for the first day of pre-season work. Some 4,000 fans were outside the gates to welcome the 28-year-old playmaker, who was FIFA World Player of the Year in 2004 and 2005 but struggled last season with form and fitness. The formalities of the move will be concluded over the next couple of days and he will then be presented to the media.

MNA/Reuters

Ferguson confirms Berbatov bid

MANCHESTER, 18 July — Alex Ferguson has confirmed that Manchester United have made Tottenham an offer for their Bulgaria striker Dimitar Berbatov. United manager Ferguson had already revealed he was trying to sign a player who would significantly improve the European champions. Now he has signalled an all-out attempt to prise Berbatov from White Hart Lane by going public with his interest. “We have made Tottenham an offer on Berbatov and we have good expectations that this deal will go through,” Ferguson told *The Sun*. “Berbatov has been impressive during a long time and would be a great addition to our attack.” A move to Old Trafford would suit Berbatov, who is keen to play in the Champions League. But Tottenham are believed to want 30 million pounds (37 million euros) for their star player, while United are offering around 22 million pounds (27.6 million euros).

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Blake blames himself for struggling win at ATP Indianapolis

INDIANAPOLIS (Indiana) 18 July —James Blake had more trouble than expected in holding off South Korean qualifier Jun Woong-sun to post a 6-3, 7-5 win in the second round of the ATP Indianapolis Tennis Championships. The top-seeded 2006 champion admitted he made his own life a misery at times on Thursday against the number 293 who had won his first ATP match only this week. “I shouldn’t have had as much trouble as I did,” said the number eight coming off of Roland Garros and Wimbledon second-round disappointments. “He made me work hard and gave me a scare. “It had more to do with me than him today, maybe I felt him out a bit too much at first.” Blake narrowly missed going into a third set and had to save two set points in the tenth game of the second then notched up his game to finish the job in 71 minutes.—Internet



Barcelona’s Thierry Henry (L) and newly-signed Alexander Hleb stretches during a soccer training session in Barcelona on 17 July, 2008.—INTERNET

Johnson uses ace to trump field at Milwaukee Championship

CHICAGO, 18 July— Sweden’s Richard Johnson made a hole-in-one on the par-three 14th on his way to a seven-under-par 63 to give him a one-stroke lead after Thursday’s first round of the US PGA Tour’s Milwaukee Championship. Johnson holed a seven-iron from 185 yards for his ace, which helped him record a five-under 31 on the back nine at Brown Deer Park golf course. South African brothers Deane and Brenden Pappas, were tied for second after both registered 64s. “I’ve been struggling this year,” said 31-year-old Johnson, who has missed eight of 11 cuts on the PGA Tour this year. “I didn’t really get anything going early. “If you can get a little confidence going, all of a sudden the hole looks bigger, you start hitting shots that you believe in. If you’ve got no confidence going, you’re always kind of spotting around and hoping to get a good score in.”—Internet



Phil Mickelson of the US watches his shot after teeing off from the 14th hole during first round play at the 2008 British Open Golf Championship at Royal Birkdale, England on 17 July, 2008. INTERNET



Rocco Mediate of the USA plays from the rough near the sixth green during the first round of the British Open Golf championship, at the Royal Birkdale golf course, Southport, England, on 17 July, 2008. INTERNET

Mediate in 3-way tie for the lead at British Open

SOUTHPORT (England), 18 July— From sunny San Diego to bleak and blustery Royal Birkdale, the expression on Rocco Mediate’s face didn’t change. He watched one final birdie tumble into the cup for a 1-under 69 and a three-way share of the lead in the British Open, straightened his 45-year-old back, then dropped his jaw into a smile that said, “How did that just happen?” Others must have been wondering the same thing Thursday. Ernie Els was playing some of his best golf in the worst of the weather until taking 45 shots on the back nine and posting an 80, his highest score in nearly two decades at his favorite major. Phil Mickelson was up to his knees in grass right of the sixth green and never found his ball, taking a triple bogey that sent him to a 79.—Internet

Yao Ming returns to action for China

HANGZHOU (China), 18 JULY—Yao Ming is back, transforming China’s basketball team and providing a big relief for Olympic organizers. The Houston Rockets center marked his return from injury Thursday with 11 points in just over 12 minutes of play for the Chinese national team in an Olympics warmup against a Serbian squad. Entering six minutes into the first quarter to huge applause from the crowd in the eastern Chinese city of Hangzhou, Yao appeared a little rusty, but made a solid contribution to China’s kickoff 96-72 victory in the four-team Stankovic Cup tournament. The game was Yao’s first since a stress fracture in his left foot ended his NBA season in February and threatened his star turn as part of China’s team. The injury has caused major concern among China’s Olympic organizers expecting him to become the face of the games and his return was certain to help them sleep easier. Yao is considered a leading candidate to carry the Olympic torch on its final leg into Beijing’s grandiose new National Stadium.—Internet



China’s Yao Ming (13) aims to score as Serbia’s Boban Marjanovic (12) blocks during their match of the Stankovic Cup international basketball tournament on 17 July, 2008, in Hangzhou, China. Russia, Angola, Serbia, and China are competing in the tournament which is a warm-up for the Olympic Games. China won 96- 72.—INTERNET

Costa Rica disappointed by US anti-drug aid package

SAN JOSE, 18 July — The Costa Rican Government on Wednesday voiced discontent with a recent US anti-drug aid package, saying the money is far less than what the country needs to combat drug trafficking.

The 4.2-million-US dollar-aid, provided by the United States under the anti-drug initiative called “Merida”, is not even enough to buy an anti-drug

vessel, said Public Security Minister Janina del Vecchio.

“I don’t understand why the United States gave us so less money to fight drug traffickers,” she said.

The Costa Rican Government needs help from its allies, especially Spain, to carry on its anti-drug campaign, said the minister.

In June, the US Senate approved a 1.6-

billion-dollar, three-year package of anti-drug assistance to Mexico, Central America and the Caribbean, known as the Merida Initiative.

The package was signed into law by US President George W. Bush on 30 June.

Costa Rica and the United States started joint anti-drug operations and patrols in 1993. A large amount of drugs originated in Colombia have been confiscated since then.

Costa Rican police seized a total of over 30 tons of drugs since May 2006, when incumbent Costa Rican President Oscar Arias took office.

MNA/Xinhua

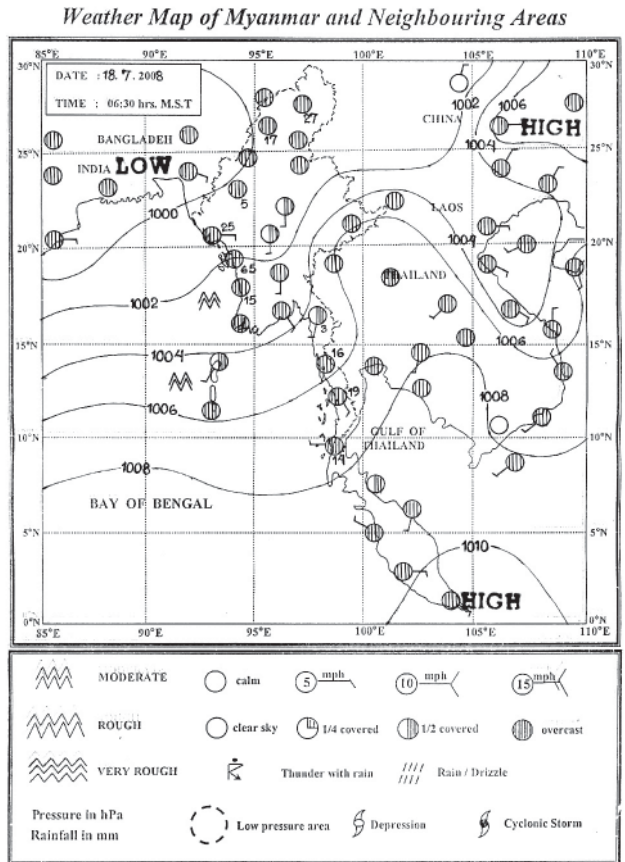
British police seize 3 tons of cannabis

LONDON, 18 July — British police have seized three tons of cannabis resin in Coventry, central England, the BBC reported on Thursday.

The cannabis, which West Midlands Police believe has a street value of 9.5 million pounds (some 19 million US dollars), was found during a raid in Coventry.

The drugs were found in six pallets, each containing 500 kilos of cannabis resin bars, with some 20,000 pounds (40,000 US dollars) in cash. Two men have been arrested in connection with the haul.

MNA/Xinhua



WEATHER

Friday, 18 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 or thundershowers have been isolated in Chin State, Mandalay, Yangon and Ayeyawady Divisions, scattered in Shan State, fairly widespread in upper Sagaing and Bago Divisions and widespread in the remaining States and Divisions. The noteworthy amounts of rainfalls recorded were Nay Pyi Taw (0.87) inch, Kyaukpyu (2.56) inches, Kyauktaw (2.40) inches, Putao (1.50) inches, Zaungtu (1.38) inches, Hpa-an (1.18) inches, Thaton and Mogok (1.10) inches each.

Maximum temperature on 17-7-2008 was 90°F. Minimum temperature on 18-7-2008 was 75°F. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 18-7-2008 was 85%. Total sunshine hours on 17-7-2008 was (3.2) hours (approx).

Rainfall on 18-7-2008 was Nil at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and (Tr) at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2008 was (51.57) inches at Mingaladon, (60.79) inches at Kaba-Aye and (74.09) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (6) mph from Southwest at (12:30) hours MST on 17-7-2008.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 19-7-2008: Rain or thundershowers will be isolated in Kayah State, lower Sagaing and Magway Divisions, scattered in Chin State, Mandalay and upper Sagaing Divisions, fairly widespread in Kachin and Shan States, Yangon and Ayeyawady Divisions and widespread in the remaining States and Divisions. Degree of certainty is (80%).

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

Outlook for subsequent two days: Likelihood of decrease of rain in lower Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 19-7-2008: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 19-7-2008: One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 19-7-2008: Possibility of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (40%).

Weather outlook for third weekend of July 2008: During the coming weekend, likelihood of fairly widespread rain or thundershowers in Yangon Division, likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers in Nay Pyi Taw and Mandalay Division.



A South Korean couple covered in mud are seen during a mud festival at Daechon swimming beach in Boryeong, 190 kilometers southwest of Seoul recently.—INTERNET



Saturday, 19 July
View on today

7:00 am

1. မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော် ဘုရားကြီး၏ပရိတ်တရားတော် ယောဆရာတော်ဘုရားကြီး၏ ဥပ္ပါတသန္တိပါဠိတော်

7:25 am

2. To be healthy exercise

7:30 am

3. Morning news

7:45 am

4. အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ

7:55 am

5. ကဗျာပန်းဥယျာဉ်

8:05 am

6. Musical programme

8:15 am

7. နိုင်ငံစီးပွားအလေးထား ကျေးလက်ထုတ်ကုန်များ

8:25 am

8. Dance variety

8:30 am

9. International news

8:45 am

10. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ

11:00 am

1. Martial song

11:10 am

2. Musical programme

11:25 am

3. Games for children

11:50 am

4. Round up of the week's TV local news

12:30 pm

5. Treasure from the Earth

1:10 pm

6. Dance of national races

1:20 pm

7. “နစ်မြာနတ်မိမယ်” (မင်းသူ၊ မိုးပြည့်ပြည့်မောင်) (ဒါရိုက်တာ—အောင်ကျော်ကျော်)

1:40 pm

8. အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ

1:50 am

9. Cute little dancers

2:10 pm

10. မူဟန်သွယ်သွယ်ဆိုကြမယ်

2:15 pm

11. “ပေါင်ပေါ်ကျတဲ့မီး” (ရဲအောင်၊ ထွန်းထွန်းနိုင်၊ ညီညီမင်းထက်၊ ဘုန်းလျှန်၊ ဟန်နီထွန်း၊ ဝိုင်းစုနိုင်သိန်း) (ဒါရိုက်တာ—မောင်မောင်မြင့်လွင်၊ မင်းအုပ်စိုး)

2:30 pm

12. International news

2:40 pm

13. အကပြိုင်ပွဲ

2:50 pm

14. Local talent

4:00 pm

1. Martial song

4:10 pm

2. အကပြိုင်ပွဲ

4:20 pm

3. Song to uphold national spirit

4:30 pm

4. Musical programme

4:40 pm

5. Games for children

5:05 pm

6. မြန်မာ့ဓလေ့ရိုးရာလက်ရာ

5:25 pm

7. ရသပေါ်လွင် သရုပ်ဆောင်လွင်ပြင်

6:00 pm

8. Evening news

6:30 pm

9. Weather report

6:45 pm

10. အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ

6:45 pm

11. အလှူရှာမယ်လှကမ္ဘာဝယ်

7:05 pm

12. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “ရွှေမင်းသားလေးချစ်ပုံပြင်” (အပိုင်း-၁၄)

8:00 pm

13. News

14. International news

15. Weather report

16. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ “လူ ယောင်ဆောင်သော ရွှေငါးနတ်သမီးလေး” (အပိုင်း-၅)

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**

INSIDE

A glow of pride in health care for storm victims

I write this article to honour those who have carried out health care services in the relief camps, those from floating hospitals who gave treatments and those who discharged duties in the storm-hit areas for their goodwill and brilliant performances.

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Sick people are receiving treatment on a floating hospital.