Panditanañ ca sevana, to associate with the wise; this is the way to auspiciousness

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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

Seinbudaw and Hngetmyatnardaw hoisted atop Hsuhtoopan Thitsar Mandaing Lawkamarazein Pagoda in Pyawbwe

NAY PYI TAW, 20 July – Seinbudaw and Hngetmyatnardaw hoisting ceremony of Hsuhtoopan Thitsar Mandaing Lawkamarazein Pagoda was held in the precincts of the pagoda in Pyawbwe Township this morning.

The 108-cubit pagoda was built on Maha Mingala Zeya Theikdhi hill near Thayagon Village, Hsartaung Village Tract in Pyawbwe Township, Yamethin District, Mandalay Division by Kaba Shweyinaye Sayadaw Abhidhaja Agga Maha Saddhammajotika Bhaddanta Vijjabala.

Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Tin Aye of the Ministry of Defence attended the ceremony and hoisted the Seinbudaw atop the pagoda.

Also present were members of the Sangha led by State Ovadacariya Sayadaws Hsinkyon Tawya Sayadaw of Yamethin Abhidhaja Agga Maha Saddhammajotika Bhaddanta Kosalla, Presiding Nayaka Sayadaw of Yele Pali Tekkatho in Pyawbwe Abhidhaja Agga Maha Saddhammajotika Bhaddanta Kovida, Minister for Rail Transportation Maj-Gen Aung Min and wife Daw Wai Wai Tha,

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Lt-Gen Tin Aye of Ministry of Defence hoists Seinbudaw atop Hsuhtoopan Thitsar Mandaing Lawkamarazein Pagoda.— MNA

Weather Forecast for (21-7-2008)

Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area:
Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Yangon and neighbouring area:
One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Mandalay and neighbouring area:
Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

INSIDE

Reconstruction and rehabilitation tasks at full stretch (1)

No government will ignore the people in distress. Particularly, our government used to pay more attention to the affairs of people in distress since the government and the people of the country deal with one another like parents and offspring.

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PERSPECTIVES

Monday, 21 July, 2008

Strive for more progress of storm-ravaged areas

The government is making efforts for rapid development of storm-hit areas in Yangon and Ayeyawady Divisions spending a large amount of money and with unity and the use of machinery. As a result, achievements have been made in no time.

National entrepreneurs and wellwishers are providing necessary assistance to the construction of houses, libraries and dispensaries in the model villages and farm implements and fishing gear to the farmers and fishermen.

Village roads and houses have been built in the Ayeyawady Division and vegetable and fruit producers and exporters donate seeds to families living in the newly-built houses. Arrangements have been made for supply of safe and clean water in the regions and for enabling local people to resume their businesses.

Now, conditions of the villages in the storm-affected areas are far more better than in the past due to the arrangements of the government, assistance of the wellwishers and cooperation of the people.

Much progress will be made in economic, education, health and transport and communication sectors of the regions as the national entrepreneurs including the people hand in hand with the government are carrying out reconstruction and rehabilitation tasks.

***Deputy Minister Col Nyan Tun Aung and wife Daw Wai Wai present K 500,000 to a medical university student in Natogyi Township.*—TRANSPORT**

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**

Minister for Information attends fifth week tree planting ceremony

***Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan inspects flow of water into the dam and breeding of fish.*—MNA**

NAY PYI TAW, 20 July — Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan attended the rainy season tree planting ceremony for the fifth week of 2008 in the environs of the Ministry of Information, here, this morning.

The minister planted a Gangaw (*Mesus ferrea*) sapling.

Managing Director U Soe Win of News and Periodicals Enterprise grew a star-flower sapling, Managing Director U Aung Nyein of PPE, a gum-kino sapling and General Manager U Zaw Min Oo of NPE a gold mohur sapling.

Next, the minister viewed participation of staff in the tree planting ceremony and flow of water into the dams and breeding of fish.

In the fifth week ceremony, the Ministry of Information planted 449 perennial saplings in the ministry's environs in Nay Pyi Taw, 2,344 saplings at Myanma Radio and Television in Nay Pyi Taw Tatkon, 812 saplings at Nay Pyi Taw Newspaper House in Nay Pyi Taw Tatkon and 525 saplings at Nay Pyi Taw Printing Press in Nay Pyi Taw Tatkon, totaling 4,130.

The ministry will weekly grow the trees in vacant and virgin lands for greening. The plan is under way to grow the remaining trees at the designated places in July. — *MNA*

USDA CEC member awards outstanding students in Natogyi Township

NAY PYI TAW, 20 July — Union Solidarity and Development Association CEC member Deputy Minister for Transport Col Nyan Tun Aung and wife Daw Wai Wai on 13 July morning offered 'soon', oil lights, flowers and water to the Buddha Image kept in Seiktathukha Dhammayon in Lonedaw Village, Natogyi Township. Next, they offered breakfast and provisions to members of the Sangha.

Afterwards, the CEC member and party attended a ceremony to award outstanding students at Natogyi BEHS.

In the afternoon, the deputy minister and party paid homage to ShinpinthadunU Pagoda in the township and made cash donations.

They also attended a prize-presentation ceremony for outstanding students, donated 50 dozens of exercise books and presented cash awards to outstanding students and 19 teachers. Later, the deputy minister met with responsible persons and members of social organizations at Suyitgon Village and Ywathaaye Village. He donated 30 dozens of exercise books to the primary school of Suyitgon Village and 50 dozens to the school of Ywathaaye Village.

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**

Quarterfinals of ISD U-19 Football Tournament continue

YANGON, 20 July — The quarterfinal matches of the 9th Sports Minister's Cup Inter-State/Division U-19 Men's Novice Football Tournament continued at Shan State Sports Ground in Taunggyi this afternoon.

In the match Kayin State edged out Kayah State 1-0 and sailed to the semifinal.

Tomorrow, Ayeyawady Division will compete against Sagaing Division.

MNA

From left to right, front row, Nicaragua's President Daniel Ortega, Venezuela's President Hugo Chavez, Honduras' President Manuel Zelaya and Paraguay's Presidentelect Fernando Lugo.—INTERNET

Chavez demands respect from US, EU

MANAGUA, 20 July — Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez has a message for future US and European leaders: Treat Latin America with respect.

Chavez says Washington and the European Union "must respect the sovereignty of the Latin American people."

Chavez also says a widely criticized new EU rule on illegal immigration will be a central part of his agenda during an upcoming European tour. He repeated previous warnings that Venezuela could expel investors from countries that apply the new rules.

Chavez spoke Saturday at a 29th anniversary celebration of the Sandinista revolution in Nicaragua.

Nicaraguan President Daniel Ortega, Honduras' Manuel Zelaya and Paraguay's President-elect, Fernando Lugo, also attended the festivities.—*Internet*

Iran rules out enrichment freeze at nuclear talks

GENEVA, 20 July —International talks on Iran's nuclear issue ended in deadlock on Saturday. Iranian diplomats reiterated before the talks that they considered the issue—it stop enriching uranian—nonnegotiable.

Iranian officials ruled out any freeze in uranium enrichment on Saturday at the start of talks over Tehran's nuclear program attended for the first time by a senior US diplomat.

"Any kind of suspension or freeze is out of the question," an Iranian official told *Reuters*, rejecting the main condition set by the United States and other major powers for formal negotiations to end the long-running dispute.

Iran's ambassador to Switzerland said Iran would not accept a freeze. "It is not in Iran's agenda to discuss this issue," Keyvan Imani told reporters.

"As our supreme leader (Ayatollah Ali Khamenei) clearly said, our path is very clear: We are not going to abandon our rights."

Khamenei said on Wednesday Iran was ready to negotiate, but showed no sign of backing down on the Islamic Republic's refusal to halt atomic activities.

Internet

Iran's chief nuclear negotiator Saeed Jalili (L) smiles before a meeting on nuclear issues with EU foreign policy chief Javier Solana (R) at the Town Hall in Geneva on 19 July, 2008. —INTERNET

Ancient Egyptian boat to be excavated, reassembled

CAIRO, 20 July — Archaeologists will excavate hundreds of fragments of an ancient Egyptian wooden boat entombed in an underground chamber next to Giza's Great Pyramid and try to reassemble the craft, Egyptologists announced Saturday.

The 4,500-year-old vessel is the sister ship of a similar boat removed in pieces from another pit in 1954 and painstakingly reconstructed. Experts believe the boats were meant to ferry the pharaoh who built the Great Pyramid in the afterlife.

Starting Saturday, tourists were allowed to view images of the inside of the second boat pit from a camera inserted through the a hole in the chamber's limestone ceiling. The video image, transmitted onto a small TV monitor at the site, showed layers of crisscrossing beams and planks on the floor of the dark pit.

"You can smell the past," said Zahi Hawass, director of Egypt's Supreme Council of Antiquities.

The discovery of the boat pits more than 50 years ago by workmen clearing a large mound of wind-blown debris from the south side of the Great Pyramid is considered one of the most significant finds on the plateau. They are the oldest vessels to have survived from antiquity.

The reconstructed ship is on display in a museum built above the pit where it was discovered. It is a narrow vessel measuring 142 feet with a rectangular deckhouse and long, interlocking oars that soar overhead.—*Internet*

Tourists surround a small modern wooden model of the first Pharos King Cheops' second solar boat during their visit to the boat museum at the Pyramids site in Giza, Egypt, on 19 July, 2008.
INTERNET

Dog rescues woman from Kangaroo

A kangaroo.—INTERNET

MUDGEE (Australia), 20 July — A woman has been savaged by a kangaroo on her farm in Australia but was saved by her son's dog.

Rosemary Neal, 65, from New South Wales, was crossing a field to check her horses when the 6ft' 6" animal, weighing 15-and-a-half stone, knocked her to the ground.

"The kangaroo has just jumped up and launched straight at her," said her son Darren.

"He hit her once and she just dropped and rolled.

"My dog heard her screaming and bolted down and chased him off. If it wasn't for the dog she'd probably be dead.

"Her face has been ripped apart, her hand has been mauled and she's got scratches all over her back and concussion."

Mr Neal said the area, near the town of Mudgee, had been overrun by kangaroos in recent years.

"The whole town has been complaining about these kangaroos," he explained.

"You can't drive down the street without swerving to miss them."

Internet

Coalition forces 'bombs Afghan police'

KABUL, 20 July — Nine Afghan policemen have been killed in a air strike after an apparently mistaken clash with international-led coalition forces, local officials say.

The deputy governor of Farah Province, Younus Rasuli, said the foreign troops did not inform police they were coming and were mistaken for enemy fighters.

The two sides fought from midnight until about 4am, until the troops called in the airstrike, he said.

NATO and US coalition officials are investigating the reports.—*Internet*

Iraqi leader says US should leave as soon as possible

Iraq's Prime Minister Nuri Al-Maliki speaks while Parliament Speaker Mahmud Al-Mashahdani (R) listens during a press conference held after the opening ceremony of the national reconciliation conference in Baghdad, March 2008. —INTERNET

BERLIN, 20 July — Iraqi Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki says US troops should leave Iraq "as soon as possible," according to a magazine report, and he called presidential candidate Barack Obama's suggestion of 16 months "the right timeframe for a withdrawal."

In Baghdad, however, the chief spokesman for al-Maliki issued a statement Sunday saying the prime minister's comments were "not conveyed accurately" by Germany's *Der Spiegel* magazine.

Spokesman Ali al-Dabbagh said al-Maliki did not endorse a specific timetable but instead discussed a "an Iraqi vision" of US troop withdrawals based on negotiations with Washington and "and in the light of the continuing positive developments on the ground."

The *Der Spiegel* article, released Saturday, quoted al-Maliki as giving apparent backing to the withdrawal plans discussed by Obama — the Illinois senator and likely Democratic nominee has pledged to withdraw combat troops from Iraq within 16 months if he is elected.

"That, we think, would be the right timeframe for a withdrawal, with the possibility of slight changes," al-Maliki was quoted as saying. "Those who operate on the premise of short time periods in Iraq today are being more realistic. Artificially prolonging the tenure of US troops in Iraq would cause problems."

Asked when US forces would leave Iraq, he responded, "As soon as possible, as far a we're concerned."

In the interview, al-Maliki said he was not seeking to endorse Obama.

Sadiq al-Rikabi, an adviser to al-Maliki, said later that Iraqi officials do not intend to be "part of the electoral campaign in the United States."

"We will deal with any administration that comes to power," he said.

Internet

British hostage in Iraq is dead

LONDON, 20 July — A Shiite militia that claimed responsibility for the kidnapping of five Britons in Iraq more than a year ago said one of its hostages committed suicide, a British newspaper reported.

The Sunday Times of London published what it said was a statement in a video it obtained from the group through an intermediary in Iraq.

The video, available on the Times Web site late Saturday night, shows an Arabic-language statement claiming that one of the hostages — identified only as Jason — killed himself on 25 May. A photograph, apparently of Jason, is affixed to the top left corner of the statement.

The newspaper said the statement blamed the British government for ignoring previous statements that the kidnappers and the captives have made. In the past, the militia has demanded that that all British forces be withdrawn from Iraq and that Iraqis held by US-led forces be freed.

"This procrastination and foot-dragging and lack of seriousness on the part of the British government has prolonged their psychological deterioration, pushing one of them, Jason, to commit suicide on 25/5/2008," the Times quoted the statement as saying.—*Internet*

Human blood vessels grown in mice

HARVARD, 20 July— Scientists have used human cells to grow new blood vessels in a mouse for the first time, a US journal reports.

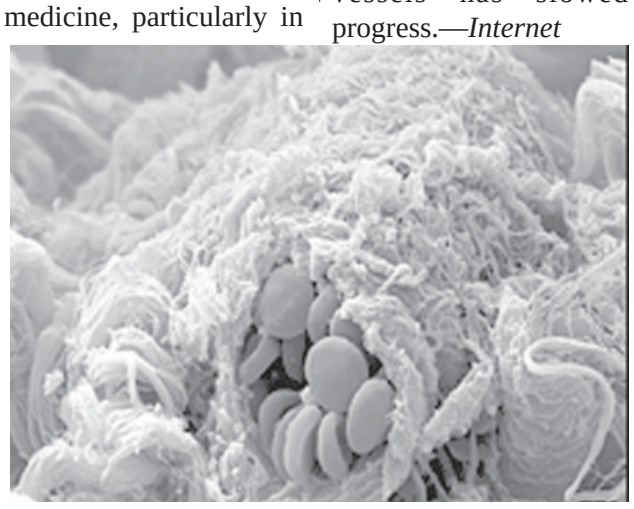
It could eventually help patients who had suffered heart attacks, they said.

A mixture of "progenitor" cells, taken from blood and bone marrow, made cells lining the vessels, and also those surrounding the lining.

A UK expert said that the Harvard research was "promising", and could eventually help lab-grown organs to be implanted successfully.

The ability to develop swiftly a new network of tiny blood vessels — known as capillaries — would be a prize for scientists.

There are dozens of potential applications in medicine, particularly in the treatment of conditions which involve damage to a tissue's blood supply, such as that to the heart muscle following a heart attack. However, the complex structure of these vessels has slowed progress.—*Internet*



The structure of blood vessels is complex.—INTERNET

Afghan civilian killed, 4 others wounded by NATO's accidental fire

KABUL, 20 July — The NATO-led International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) Saturday night "accidentally" killed four civilians and wounded four others in the eastern Afghan province of Paktika, said an ISAF statement released here on Sunday.

The accident occurred in the Barmal district of Paktika when an ISAF unit fired two mortar rounds, which landed nearly one kilometre away from the intended target, the statement said.

"Further three death was feared but unconfirmed at the moment," it said.

Shortly afterwards wounded civilians presented themselves for treatment at an ISAF base, and a helicopter medical evacuation mission was immediately launched to assist, it said.

Internet

Cern lab goes 'colder than space'

GENEVA, 20 July — A vast physics experiment built in a tunnel below the French-Swiss border is fast becoming one of the coolest places in the Universe.

The Large Hadron Collider is entering the final stages of being lowered to a temperature of 1.9 Kelvin (-271C; -456F) —colder than deep space.

The LHC has thousands of magnets which will be maintained in this frigid condition using liquid helium.

The magnets are arranged in a ring that runs for 27km through the giant tunnel.

Once the LHC is operational, two particle beams usually consisting of protons —accelerated to high energies — will be fired down pipes running through the magnets.

These beams will then travel in opposite directions around the main ring at close to the speed of light.

At allotted points along the tunnel, the beams will cross paths, smashing into one another with cataclysmic force. Scientists hope to see new particles in the debris of these collisions, revealing fundamental new insights into the nature of the cosmos and how it came into being.

The most powerful physics experiment ever built, the LHC will recreate the conditions just after the Big Bang.

Currently, six out of the LHC's eight sectors are between 4.5 and 1.9 Kelvin, though all sectors of the machine have been down to 1.9 Kelvin at some stage over the last few months.—*Internet*

Superconducting magnets are cooled down using liquid helium.
INTERNET

Thousands protest US warship deployment in Japan

TOKYO, 20 July — Over 10,000 local residents rallied on Saturday in protesting against the deployment of a nuclear-powered US warship at the US navy base near Tokyo.

The protesters called for the Japanese government to stop the deployment of the aircraft carrier *USS George Washington* in Yokosuka, 45 km southwest of Tokyo. —*Internet*

Brazil official's Nazi reference rocks WTO talks

GENEVA, 20 July — Some pre-negotiation jabbing turned into a potentially damaging diplomatic incident Saturday when Brazil's foreign minister said rich countries' deception in trade talks reminded him of tactics used by Nazi propaganda chief Joseph Goebbels.

His comments drew a sharp rebuke from the United States, whose chief trade negotiator, Susan Schwab, is the daughter of Jewish Holocaust survivors. Her spokesman described the reference to Goebbels as "incredibly wrong."The controversy threatens to overshadow next week's last-ditch effort to save seven years of frustrating talks on a new global trade pact toward alleviating poverty around the world.

The so-called Doha trade round is already teetering on the brink of collapse. President Bush has made a Doha deal a key part of his trade agenda. Brazilian Foreign Minister Celso Amorim said the US, Europe and other wealthy economies have so frequently misrepresented the talks launched in Qatar's capital in 2001 that public perception has become totally warped.

"Goebbels used to say if you repeat a lie several times it becomes a truth," Amorim told reporters at the World Trade Organization, where top negotiators from over two dozen countries are expected Monday for the official start of the talks.

Intenet

Brazil's Foreign Minister Celso Amorim, right, and Argentina's Foreign Minister Jorge Taiana front left, attend a Mercosur meeting, in Rio de Janeiro, on 14 July, 2008.—INTENET

Hundreds of dead penguins wash up on Brazil beaches

A penguin, rescued off the coast of Rio de Janeiro by the Brazilian Coast Guard, received treatment from a veterinarian at the Niteroi Zoo.—INTERNET

RIO DE JANEIRO,Brazil , 20 July —Hundreds of baby penguins swept from the icy shores of Antarctica and Patagonia are washing up dead on Rio de Janeiro's tropical beaches, rescuers and penguin experts said Friday.

More than 400 penguins, most of them young, have been found dead on the beaches of Rio de Janeiro state over the past two months, according to Eduardo Pimenta, superintendent for the state coastal protection and environment agency in the resort city of Cabo Frio.While it is common here to find some penguins — both dead and alive — swept by strong ocean currents from the Strait of Magellan, Pimenta said there have been more this year than at any time in recent memory. Experts are divided over the possible causes.

Internet

Unsafe chargers "flooding" the UK

LONDON, 20 July — Hundreds of thousands of unsafe chargers for mobile phones, games consoles and music devices could have made their way into the UK.Trading standards officers studying dangerous chargers say vast numbers are available on the Internet and in shops.

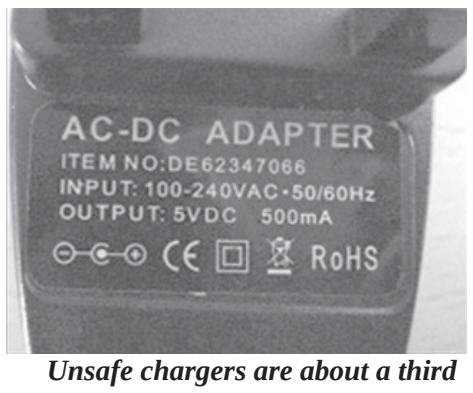
Their tests show one brand can overheat or cause electrocution.

One of the chargers concerned has the code marking DE62347066. Others have no code and are called Travel Charger.

A specific warning has already been issued about chargers for Nintendo DS and DS Lite machines, but which could also be used to charge Gameboy machines.

Trading standards officers are trying to recall the chargers.But Chris Holden, senior trading standards officer at Buckinghamshire County Council, said that investigations were shedding light on a much bigger problem.Some chargers carry a CE safety mark which officers believe to be fake.

Officers have primarily found unsafe



Unsafe chargers are about a third of the cost of safe alternatives.
INTERNET

chargers for use with games consoles, although others are available to use with music devices and mobile phones.

Wires become detached after being used for a while leading to a risk of electric shocks.

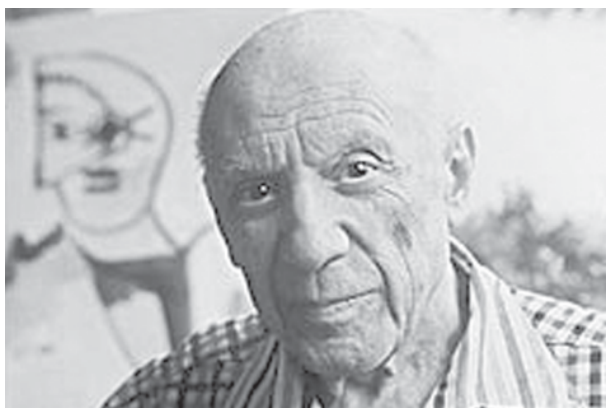
The pins do not fit properly into UK sockets causing overheating.Concerns were raised about the safety of chargers 18 months ago following the death of British boy Connor Dean O'Keeffe.

The seven-year-old was found dead by his mother on the floor of an apartment in Thailand during a holiday after using his games console charger.

Internet

Brazil police find stolen Picasso

SAO PAULO (Brazil), 20 July—Police in Brazil have recovered an engraving by Pablo Picasso that was stolen from a museum in Sao Paulo. The Painter and the Model was taken in a daylight robbery in June from the state-owned Estacao Pinacoteca museum.Police said an arrested suspect had led them to the engraving, wrapped in a plastic bag and hidden in an attic, apparently in perfect condition. Another Picasso and two paintings by Brazilian artists stolen in the same robbery have not yet been recovered.



Picasso's work was some of the 20th Century's most famous.—INTERNET

The man arrested was held on suspicion of trying to steal a cash machine, but instead led police to the stole Picasso.

The man, a 30-year-old Sao Paulo resident, was arrested on charges of robbery, police said.The two Picasso engravings and the other works stolen in June have a combined estimated value of 1 million Brazilian reals (US$63 0,000), museum officials have said.

Internet

Three killed in Thai south after "ceasefire"

BANGKOK, 20 July — Militants fired on an army outpost and killed three villagers in separate attacks in Thailand's south, police said on Sunday, days after an unknown rebel group declared a ceasefire.

One soldier was wounded when a grenade exploded at the outpost late on Saturday in Pattani, one of three southernmost provinces where more than 3,000 people have been killed in separatist attacks since 2004.

Also in Pattani, three villagers were shot dead by suspected militants, police said.

Thai authorities feared a spike in violence after the unknown Thailand United Southern Underground announced a "ceasefire" last week that was dismissed by army officials and security experts who said its leaders had no influence in the region.

The Thai army identified the group's leader as Malipeng Khan, a separatist active in the 1980s who had failed to unify insurgent factions in the region annexed by predominately Buddhist Thailand a century ago.

Internet

Brandenburg Gate not venue for Obama speech

WASHINGTON, 20 July — US presidential candidate Barack Obama has decided against using the Brandenburg Gate as a backdrop for a speech in Berlin, his aides said on Friday.

The Democratic White House candidate plans to travel next week to Jordan, Israel, Britain, France and Germany. The Berlin speech will be one of the major events of the tour.

"Barack made clear to us very early ... that he didn't think it made sense at all for him to speak at the Brandenburg Gate, which he thought would be too perhaps presumptuous," said Denis McDonough, a senior foreign policy aide to Obama.

The Obama campaign would not give dates for any events on the trip but a spokesman for German Chancellor Angela Merkel said Merkel would meet Obama in Berlin next Thursday.

Some Obama advisers had tentatively raised with German officials the possibility of holding the speech at the Brandenburg Gate, a symbol of German unity.

Merkel has said through a spokesman she would frown upon using the landmark for "electioneering".

Former US president Ronald Reagan stood in front of the gate when he called on Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev to "tear down this wall". Bill Clinton also used it as a backdrop.

Republican John McCain, Obama's opponent in the November election, said the European trip seemed to be an attempt hold a political rally abroad. Obama is popular in Europe and the Berlin speech is expected to draw a large crowd.

MNA/Reuters

Performers from the China National Peking Opera Company prepare their face paint backstage before a show in Beijing on 19 July, 2008.—INTERNET

Iraqi PM backs Obama troop exit plan

BERLIN, 20 July— Iraqi Prime Minister Nuri al-Maliki told a German magazine he supported prospective US Democratic presidential candidate Barack Obama's proposal that US troops should leave Iraq within 16 months.

In an interview with *Der Spiegel* released on Saturday, Maliki said he wanted US troops to withdraw from Iraq as soon as possible.

"US presidential candidate Barack Obama talks about 16 months. That, we think, would be the right timeframe for a withdrawal, with the possibility of slight changes."

It is the first time he has backed the withdrawal timetable put forward by Obama, who is visiting Afghanistan and us set to go to Iraq as part of a tour of Europe and the Middle East.

Obama has called for a shift away from a "single-minded" focus on Iraq and wants to pull out troops within 16 months, instead adding US soldiers to Afghanistan.

MNA/Reuters

Iraqi children drink water at a camp for internally displaced persons on the outskirts of Najaf, 160 kilometers (100 miles) south of Baghdad, Iraq, on 19 July, 2008.—INTERNET

Cuba grants additional land to farmers

HAVANA, 20 July— Cuban President Raul Castro, looking to increase food production in his socialist country, has approved the lending of small amounts of additional state land to private farmers and cooperatives according to a decree published here.

Private farmers who have shown themselves to be productive can get up to 99 acres (40 hectares) of land for an initial period of 10 years that can be renewed, said the decree published in Communist Party newspaper *Granma*.

-Under land reforms put in place after the 1959 revolution, Cubans have been able to own small amounts of land.

Cooperatives can also get up to 99 acres (40 hectares) for 25 years, with the possibility of renewing, according to the new law.

The decree, which has been promised for some time by Castro, is the latest of several small reforms he has made to make Cuba's state-run economy more productive since formally replacing ailing brother Fidel Castro as president in February.

MNA/Reuters

Brown seeks to boost investment in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 20 July— British Prime Minister Gordon Brown made an unannounced visit to Iraq on Saturday, seeking to build on the improved security situation in the country to promote investment.

Iraqi officials said Brown was holding talks with Prime Minister Nuri al-Maliki in Baghdad.

Brown is expected to hail a reduction in violence in Iraq, particularly in the southern province of Basra, which was under the control of British troops until they handed over to Iraqi forces last December.

A spokesman for Brown said this week that the Prime Minister wanted to focus on the "economic element" during the trip and encourage investment in oil rich Basra, the transit point for most of Iraq's crude exports.

He said he did not expect Brown to make any announcement on the level of British troops in the country, which remains at around 4,000 after plans to reduce them further were delayed.

Brown's government, whose opinion poll ratings have slumped, is expected to make a statement to Parliament next Tuesday on Britain's future role in Iraq.

MNA/Reuters

Star Wars exhibition employees in Stormtrooper outfits take a look at lunch boxes and other items at the Makuhari Messe convention complex in Makuhari, east of Tokyo, on 19 July, 2008. The event, called the Star Wars Celebration Japan, opened on Saturday to commemorate the 30th anniversary of the showing of the 'Star Wars' movie in this country.—INTERNET

FARC rebels kidnap five Colombian officers

BOGTA, 20 July— The rebel Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC) had kidnapped five Colombian officers, who were travelling in a boat, which had been reported as missing with 13 persons aboard in the Atrato River in the Colombian Pacific, Colombia's Army said Friday.

The other eight persons aboard the boat were released by FARC, the Army said. "Among the released, six are adults and two are minors, (they) already have been transferred to the capital of Choco, Quibdo. There are Army actions by air and land in order to rescue the other five persons," the Army said.

MNA/Xinhua

NPE offers Waso robes in Nay Pyi Taw

NAY PYI TAW, 20 July — Under the aegis of Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan and wife Daw Kyi Kyi Win, News and Periodicals Enterprise held the second Waso robe offering ceremony at Shwe-in Yeiktha Pariyatti Monastery in Saya San Ward of Nay Pyi Taw Tatkon this morning.

It was attended by Presiding Nayaka of the monastery Maha Ganthavaçaka Pandita Bhaddanta Neminda and members of the Sangha, Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan, Director-General U Khin Maung Htay of Myanma Radio and Television and wife, Director-General U Chit Naing of Information and Public Relations Department, Managing Director U Soe Win of News and Periodicals Enterprise and wife, Managing Director U Anug Nyein of Printing and Publishing Enterprise and wife, departmental officials, staff and their families.

Sayadaw Gantha-vaçaka Pandita Bhaddanta Pañña-sami invested the congregation with Five Precepts.

The minister and officials donated Waso robes and alms to members of the Sangha. After Sayadaw Bhaddanta Pañña-sami had delivered a sermon, the minister and party shared the merits gained. Later, the minister and the congregation offered meals to members of the Sangha. — *MNA*

***The congregation led by Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan share merits for the second Waso robe offering ceremony of NPE.*—MNA**

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**

Tatmadaw families, wellwishers offer provisions to monasteries, nunnery in Hlinethaya, Kamayut

YANGON, 20 July — Families of Defence Services (Army, Navy and Air) and wellwishers donated provisions to 16 monasteries and one nunnery in Hlinethaya Township this morning.

At Maha Aungmye Yeiktha Monastery in Ward 7 of Hlinethaya Township, Deputy Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Kyaw Kyaw Tun, Vice-Mayor Col Maung Pa and officials donated robes and alms to members of the Sangha. Three senior military officers, on behalf of the Tatmadaw families, offered rice, edible oil, salt and gram to members of the Sangha and nuns.

The deputy commander, the vice-mayor and senior military officers accepted cash donations from wellwishers and presented certificates of honour to them.

Today's donations to monasteries and nunnery in Hlinethaya Township amounted to 442 bags of rice, 489 viss of edible oil, 356 viss of gram, 1,782 viss of iodized salt, 357 tubes of toothpaste, 1,000 packets of chilli powder, 400 bottles of traditional medicine and K 13,297,000.

A similar ceremony took place at Thuseiktayon Pariyatti Monastery in Ward 3 of Kamayut Township this afternoon for four monasteries of the township.

The deputy commander, the vice-mayor and wellwishers offered alms to members of the Sangha. On behalf of the Sayadaws, the deputy commander, the vice-mayor and senior military officers accepted cash donations from wellwishers and gave away certificates of honour to them.

Today's donations to monasteries in Kamayut Township amounted to 51 bags of rice, 29 viss of edible oil, 294 viss of iodized salt, 59 tubes of toothpaste, 586 bottles of traditional medicine, 58 viss of gram, 1,000 packets of chilli powder and K 4,507,000. — *MNA*

***Deputy Commander Brig-Gen Kyaw Kyaw Tun accepts cash donations from wellwishers.*—MNA**

Flood bulletin issued

NAY PYI TAW, 20 July — The Department of Meteorology and Hydrology today issued a flood bulletin that the water level of Ayeyawady River at Hinthada has exceeded 24 cm (about 0.8 foot) above its danger level. The water level is falling by 0.5 cm/hr at present and it is forecast to fall below the danger level of Hinthada (1342) cm during the next two days.

The water level of Sittoung River at Madauk has exceeded 6 cm (about 0.2 foot) above its danger level and may fall below its danger level 1070 cm during the next two days.

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Reconstruction and rehabilitation tasks at full stretch (1)

Kyaw Ye Min

Prime Minister General Thein Sein presenting meals to boys and girls at Hlinephone village relief camp in Labutta Township, Ayeyawady Division. The government is using its reserve rice stocks for storm victims.—MNA

Referring to the saying that goes "Close friends are like relatives, desired dishes are like delicious ones", it is safe to say that the people in the whole delta are like my relatives. Indeed, I have made friends and acquaintances with them. I enjoyed many lovely meals local people served me with generosity. Therefore, I am grateful to them for their generous donations.

I used to be in service at a department in Hainggyikyun for two times: from 1993 to 1994, and from 2002 to 2006. During those periods, I visited all parts of the delta. I don't think even any native has ever visited the places in the delta as many as I have done, and any native knows about the delta as much as I do. In particular, I had to visit coastal regions, the coast, the mouth to the sea and the mouths of creeks in the delta so many times. In that regard, sometimes I took the small ship of our department, sometimes a large ship, sometimes a motorized boat or a ferry, sometimes a small ship with salt on board, a small ship with ice on board, and sometimes a trawler to travel along the rivers and creeks and canals in the delta.

I used to travel from Hainggyikyun not only to many townships and towns along the coast such as Labutta, Myaungmya, Pyinsalu, Bogale, Mawlamyinegyun, Amar, Pyapon, Dedaye, Kungyangon, Kawhmu and Dalla but also to large and small villages. I have visited almost all the places in the delta. Wherever I was, I made friends with everyone I had to deal with. I enjoyed a peaceful life, staying, going somewhere, and having meals together with them. My friends and acquaintances included well-known rice millers, fishery businessmen, merchants, farmers, gardeners, boat crew and fishermen. So, I said that the entire people in the coastal regions were like my relatives. And there were so many delicious meals I enjoyed. Up to now, recalling those past events makes me feel nostalgic.

I have not been there for about two years. But I never forget them. I remember past events whenever opportune. These days, I remember my relatives in the delta every day due to the storm 'Nargis'.

I feel heartrending for heavy damage to the whole delta triggered by Nargis and the dire straits my relatives are suffering. So, I am making donations to the storm survivors constantly. I am also overloaded with worries about their basic needs. I am encouraged to witness and learn that well-wishers from the four corners of the nation are donating cash and kind to the storm victims.

Actually, natural disasters are unavoidable. Whenever in the face of a natural disaster, a nation suffers loss of life and property based on its strength. There is no use of crying for the loss of property. A storm is a natural disaster, so it is not to blame. So, if we face a disaster, we have to try to rise from it, and regenerate the storm-affected areas. The people of the delta work hard to help improve the economic growth of the nation. I firmly believe that they are capable enough to reconstruct their own regions.

The government is carrying out reconstruction tasks with the motto "We must replace earth bricks with stone ones". While the catastrophe was raging on 3 May, the National Disaster Preparedness Central Committee led by the Prime Minister held an emergency meeting and launched rescue measures immediately. In compliance with the instruction "Every survivor must continue to survive", rescue tasks were launched in no time. And the rescue tasks were carried out at the national level. As a result, the majority of the survivors could be rescued. As part of the rescue and resettlement tasks, five base camps, 15 transit camps and 12 forward camps were opened and more than one million people were rescued. Food supplies were distributed to the interior parts of the storm-hit areas by mortorized boat and by helicopter.

In their inspection tours, the Head of State and the Deputy Head of State cordially met with and comforted the victims, and gave work guidelines. That resulted in great success in expediting the rescue and rehabilitation tasks. Without any doubt, the State leaders are worried about the future of the victims many times more than I am.

Thanks to energetic efforts the government, the people and the Tatmadaw are making in harness, along with generous donation of relief supplies of internal and international donors, the rescue and rehabilitation operation has proved successful. Therefore, now rehabilitation tasks are under way. I can breathe a sigh of relief regarding the future of my relatives in the delta.

In order to achieve the objective of "conditions must be better than that before the disaster" in implementing the rehabilitation tasks, 16' x 20' durable houses roofed with corrugated iron sheets along with concrete post shoes and wooden floor and bamboo mat walls are being built, and they are being provided for the homeless victims. I am very pleased to see the durable houses in row in the villages of fishermen where there were only small huts in the past. Surely, the fishermen are more pleased than me for the houses. I learnt that with the aegis of the government, well-wisher companies are planning to establish new towns with 1000-house wards in the places where there can be no strong winds or floods.

Now, all the schools in the storm-hit areas have been opened. The affiliated schools where some of my subordinates and I took classes part-time have been upgraded to government basic education schools. In the past, my nephews and nieces attended classes with many requirements, but I think now they are in better conditions than in the past. I wish them a brighter future.

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Reconstruction and rehabilitation tasks at full stretch (1)

Kyaw Ye Min

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To enable them to restore their businesses, tractor stations have been opened. Local farmers are now ploughing fields with the use of power-tillers. Previously, the majority of the farmers had to rely on cattle to plough their fields. Now, power-tillers, diesel, paddy seeds, fertilizers and pesticides are being distributed under bill payment system to farmers. Moreover, small loans are being given acre-wise under the system. Now, Ayeyawady dwellers are working hard in their agricultural businesses. I am sure there will soon be green paddy fields that stretch out as far as one can see.

Fishermen are now resuming their livelihood after salvaging their sunken boats and repairing them with the help of the authorities concerned. At the same time, off-shore fishing has returned to normal as they were fulfilled with fishing boats, fishing nets, fuel and other necessities. One in some storm-hit regions can earn his living if he has a boat and a fishing net. In such situation, I didn't need to worry about my relatives in those regions. Likewise, those who are engaged in salt industry and prawn breeding will soon be able to do their business with peace of mind.

Meanwhile, schools, hospitals, monasteries and government offices are being reconstructed. Those buildings are being designed and reconstructed as cyclone shelters so that they can withstand the impact of possible disasters. It is also learnt that the five main roads project in coastal regions will be implemented up to the status of earth roads in the rainy season. The road sections close to villages will be built up to the height from 20 to 30 feet, and they will be used as shelters in the event of disasters. Work is under way for preservation of mangroves capable of alleviating the impact of disasters. As the government is taking systematic measures for prevention against possible disasters, we no longer need to worry about our relatives who reside in coastal regions.

As a matter of fact, the government has to spend billions of kyats plus the generous contributions of departments, companies and the people in order that the storm-hit regions can return to normal. Likewise, the global nations, the UN agencies, neighboring countries as well as INGOs and NGOs helped the storm-hit regions with donations in cash and kind. All should recognize the generous contributions of well-wishers, international donors and local companies under the leadership of the government.

The volume of relief items donated was huge, and they are of different kinds. Here, I would like to present the volume of rice donated from 4 and 5 May to 14 July for storm survivors in figure as rice is our staple food. As rice is imperative for Myanmar people, the government provided storm victims with rice most.

Rice provided to storm-hit regions (4-5-2008 to 14-7-2008)

Sr No	Donors	received	delivered	balance	remark
1.	Government (from reserve rice)	378363 bags (18918.15 tons)	123686 bags (6184.3 tons)	254677 bags (12733.85 tons)	
2.	Companies and Well-wishers	233167 bags (11658.35 tons)	233167 bags (11658.35 tons)		
3.	WFP	66824 bags (3341.2 tons)	66824 bags (3341.2 tons)		
	Total	**678354 bags (33917.7 tons)**	**423677 bags (21183.85 tons)**	**254677 bags (12733.85 tons)**	

- **The donations are 55.7 per cent by the government from reserve rice, 34.4 per cent by companies and well-wishers and 9.9 per cent by WFP. The donation of the government, companies and well-wishers is 90 per cent.**
- **The government is providing rice to storm victims from the remaining stock of 254677 bags of rice (12733.85 tons) and will continue to do so to a certain extent.**
- **If the donations do not meet the demand the government will have to continue supplying the storm victims from its reserve rice.**

The government has to store reserve rice systematically to cope with food security of people in times of emergency. It has purchased the reserve rice with the State funds. When the storm "Nargis" hit the nation, it delivered the reserve rice right to the storm-hit regions to save the storm victims from starvation. Soon after the storm, it had to prepare food for those in relief camps starting 4/5 May. There were by then altogether 726 relief camps with over 1.3 million storm victims.

At such a situation like this, the government had to provide the storm victims with the reserve rice. As the relief measures were in full swing, it was able to fully supply the storm victims with household and kitchen items. And then it provided the storm victims with rice at the original price so that they can cook and eat it. The government is providing them with rice up to date and will continue to do so to a certain extent.

Up to 14-7-2008, the rice received for the storm-hit regions is 378,363 bags of rice (18,918.15 tons) by the government, 233,167 bags of rice (11,658.35 tons) by companies and well-wishers and 66,824 bags of rice (3341.2 tons) by WFP totaling 678,354 bags of rice (33,917.7 tons). Of them, 423,677 bags of rice (21,183.85 tons) have already been delivered to storm-hit regionsup to 14-7-2008. The government has already stockpiled more 254,677 bags of reserve rice (12,733.85 tons) for the storm survivors. It provided the storm-hit regions with over 400,000 bags of rice out of about 700,000 bags of rice it had stored. Viewing the amount, one can vividly see how much the government has spent funds on the relief operation.

By percentage, the donation of rice by the government is 55.7 per cent, companies and well-wishers 34.4 per cent and WFP 9.9 per cent. And the donation of the government, companies and well-wishers is about 90 per cent. Rice demand for storm victims will be surely high, for the government had to supply over 400,000 bags of rice within two months. The need of rice for the storm victims will rise in future as there are only 250,000 bags of rice left. If the donations do not meet the demand the government will have to continue supplying its reserve rice. No government will ignore the people in distress. Particularly, our government used to pay more attention to the affairs of people in distress since the government and the people of the country deal with one another like parents and offspring. This being so, we should realize the gratitude of the government.

The donations for storm victims included instant food such as biscuit, dried noodles, canned fishes and soft drinks. But only the figures of rice donated are emphasized as rice is our staple food. I will continue presenting the figures of donated farm equipment, fisheries items and construction materials.

To sum up, the delta region is the granary of Myanmar. The entire people including me have to rely on rice produced by those from Ayeyawady Division. But we are now in a position to provide them with rice. It is an opportunity for us to repay their gratitude. Therefore, it is necessary for us to continue giving a helping hand to them. The quantity of rice donated only reveals the need for more donations.

The storm survivors have now been able to regenerate their original livelihood such as agriculture, fisheries and salt industries. And they will soon be able to live a more prosperous life than ever. The unforgettable events in the past put me in the mind of the future prosperity of those from Ayeyawady Division. We feel pleased and honoured to see their relentless efforts being exerted with unyielding spirit. If the government, private companies and well-wishers continue providing the division with necessary assistance it is sure that it will be more prosperous than ever. Hence, all are urged to contribute their shares in that regard.

(Translation: MS + TS)

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Seinbudaw and Hngetmyatnardaw hoisted atop Hsuhtoopan Thitsar…

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Maj-Gen Tin Soe of the Ministry of Defence and wife, Brig-Gen Hla Myint of regional battalion and senior military officers, local authorities, members of the pagoda board of trustees, members of the Union Solidarity and Development Association, social organizations, townselders and local people.

The congregation received the Nine Precepts from Sayadaw Abhidhaja Agga Maha Saddhammajotika Bhaddanta Kosalla. Next, disciples presented paritta flowers, water, sand and thread to the members of the Sangha.

Members of the Sangha recited Metta Sutta and Parittas. Next, Lt-Gen Tin Aye presented the Seinbudaw to Hsinkyon Tawya Sayadaw. Minister Maj-Gen Aung Min and Maj-Gen Tin Soe presented Hngetmyatnardaw and Brig-Gen Hla Myint of regional battalion Shwekyar robe to members of the Sangha.

Next, Lt-Gen Tin Aye, Maj-Gen Aung Min and wife, Maj-Gen Tin Soe and wife presented offertories to the members of the Sangha.

Sayadaw Abhidhaja Agga Maha Saddhammajotika Bhaddanta Kovida delivered a sermon, followed by sharing of merits.

Afterwards, Lt-Gen Tin Aye, Minister Maj-Gen Aung Min, Maj-Gen Tin Soe and senior military officers conveyed Hngetmyatnardaw and Shwekyar robe around the pagoda and sent them to the pandal.

Lt-Gen Tin Aye, Minister Maj-Gen Aung Min, Maj-Gen Tin Soe and senior military officers conveyed the Hngetmyatnardaw and Shwekyar robe and sprinkled scented water on them.

Lt-Gen Tin Aye and party hoisted the Seinbudaw, Hngetmyatnardaw and Shwekyar robes atop the pagoda and sprinkled scented water on them.

After the ceremony, Lt-Gen Tin Aye and party visited around the Buddha Images in the Gandakuti of the pagoda. Next, members of the Sangha consecrated the pagoda.

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Wise one protects non-intoxication as supreme treasure

Fools, men of little intelligence, betake themselves to intoxication. The wise one protects non-intoxication as a supreme treasure.

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Congregation led by Lt-Gen Tin Aye of the Ministry of Defence take the Nine Precepts from a Sayadaw at the hoisting ceremony of Seinbudaw and Hngetmyatnardaw.—MNA

Maj-Gen Ko Ko attends Seinbudaw and…

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Agga Maha Pandita Bhaddanta Nanda Marla of State Central Working Committee of the Sangha, members of the Sangha led by Chairman of Ayeyawady Division Sangha Nayaka Committee Sayadaw Agga Maha Pandita Bhaddanta Vilasa of Kontha monastery in Pathein, Chairman of Ayeyawady Division Peace and Development Council Commander of South-West Command Brig-Gen Kyaw Swe and wife Daw Win Win Maw, Brig-Gen Myo Myint Than of Hainggyikyun Station and wife, Brig-Gen Zin Yaw of Pathein Station and senior military officers, departmental officials, members of social organizations, members of the Board of Trustees of the Pagoda and local people.

Maj-Gen Ko Ko, the commander and wife and the congregation received the Nine Precepts from Sayadaw Bhaddanta Vilasa, and members of the Sangha recited the parittas.

Next, Maj-Gen Ko Ko, the commander and wife and officials offered Seinbudaw, Hngetmyatnardaw, robes and provisions to the members of the Sangha.

They conveyed Seinbudaw and Hngetmyatnardaw round the Pagoda. Maj-Gen Ko Ko and the commander hoisted Seinbudaw and Hngetmyatnardaw atop the Pagoda and officials, Datpaungsu Pagoda, PhaungdawU Pagoda, Paungtawseik Pagoda and corner stupas simultaneously.

Next, members of the Sangha consecrated the Pagodas and corner stupas.

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Level O Cricket Coaching Course opened

YANGON, 20 July — The Asian Cricket Council and the Myanmar Cricket Federation jointly opened the Level O Cricket Coaching Course at the hall of the federation at Aung San Stadium, here, this morning.

President of the federation U Nyunt Win delivered a speech, and ACC Cricket Development officer Mr Aminul Islam extended greetings.

Altogether 30 trainees are attending the course that will last from 20 to 23 July.

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ACC Cricket Development Officer Mr Aminul Islam speaks at the opening of cricket coaching course.— MCF

Construction Ministry holds work coord meeting

NAY PYI TAW, 20 July — Ministry of Construction held its work coordination meeting at the ministry here today.

It was attended by Minister for Construction Maj-Gen Saw Tun, Deputy Ministers U Tint Swe and Brig-Gen Myint Thein, the heads of department, chief engineers and engineers.

At the meeting, Minister Maj-Gen Saw Tun delivered an address. Next, the chief engineers from States and Divisions reported to the minister on their respective tasks. The meeting ended with concluding remarks by the minister.—*MNA*

The best time to plant a tree was 20 years ago.
The second best time is now.

Reconstruction and rehabilitation gaining momentum in Pyinsalu

Article: Myo Nyunt
Photos: Thant Zin Tun (Kyemon)

Major Myo Myint of Directorate of Resettlement of the Ministry of Defence.

On 1st July, our news team arrived at Pyinsalu of Labutta Township for the second time. From the jetty, we saw progress of rehabilitation and reconstruction works in Pyinsalu. Along the Strand road, houses for the people were under construction by Max Myanmar Company in the places of tarpaulin tents that we had witnessed during our first trip.

The houses were systematically alloted in wards. We saw participation of construction workers of Max Myanmar Company together with local people, members of State/ Division Union Solidarity and Development Associations and Tatmadawmen in building the houses, and we had interviews with responsible persons.

Major Myo Myint explained that a total of 81 Tatmadawmen from No. 1 Tatmadaw Vocational Training Depot under the Directorate of Resettlement of the Ministry of Defence and 19 Tatmadawmen of No.1 Recruitment and Resettlement Unit, totaling 100 were taking part in the house construction project being implemented by Max Myanmar Company.

Project Director U Aung Myo Myint of Max Myanmar Co.

We also witnessed officers and other ranks of the Defence Services (Navy) who were carrying construction materials from the port of Pyinsalu. They were 50 naval servicemen from Ayeyawady Naval Region Command Headquarters. Lt-Cmdr Maung Maung Myint explained that they were stationed in Pyinsalu joining hands with the local people in undertaking the removal of debris, construction of housing estates, cleaning of farmlands and lakes, reclamation of farmlands and ploughing task in Layyinkwin, Ywathaaye, Nanthagon, Kongyi, Waboegon and Kyarchaung villages of Pyinsalu.

Actually, USDA members of States and Divisions, who were based in Pyinsalu, made field trips to surrounding villages of Pyinsalu and participated in rehabilitation and reconstruction tasks. Moreover, they daily undertook sanitation at the environs of houses, fumigation, dredging of lakes, maintenance of roads for smooth transport and assembling of power-tillers for agricultural purpose in cooperation with the workers of Agricultural Mechanization Department.

We saw the USDA members fumigating both sides of roads in Pyinsalu. In an interview, Monywa District USDA executive U Phyo Maung Maung said that their group comprised 49 USDA members from Sagaing Division, Yangon Division, Chin State and Ayeyawady Division. In the region, they observed the requirements of the region and provided necessary assistance for the region, he said. He added that the USDA members were divided into three groups in assisting the local people. He continued to say that six-member teams of the group-2 participated in fumigating two times daily in the morning and in the evening and construction of houses. The group-1 and the group-3 maintained the roads in Waboegon Village, while the medical team provided health care services to the people in Layyinkwin Village, he added. He explained that the local people welcomed their voluntary works. In addition, he said that the local people hand in hand with the USDA members carried out development tasks. As a result, the villages were kept clean and pleasant day after day and the farmlands were ready for cultivation, he said.

Lt-Cmdr Maung Maung Myint of Ayeyawady Naval Region Command Headquarters.

Photo shows ploughing on farmlands in Pyinsalu.

We viewed ploughing at farmlands near Ward 3 of Pyinsalu. Myanma Agriculture Service has supplied paddy strains to the local farmers. Likewise, Agricultural Mechanization Department has distributed 76 power-tillers to them. Up to now, a total of 700 acres of farmlands have been ploughed.

To cover the news on progress of rehabilitation works, we had an interview with Project Director U Aung Myo Myint of Max Myanmar Company. He said, "Max Myanmar Company gave priority to construction of hospitals, clinics and schools for the first phase, building of houses for the second phase and cultivation of 5,000 acres of paddy for the third phase. In addition, aluminum zinc sheets have been roofed on the houses."

Tatmadawmen of Directorate of Resettlement of the Ministry of Defence participating in construction of houses.

Monywa District USDA Executive U Phyo Maung Maung.

After greeting the departmental personnel and responsible persons from various associations, we left for Labutta by boat.

USDA members of States and Divisions fumigating on both sides of the road.

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Kyemon: 14-7-2008

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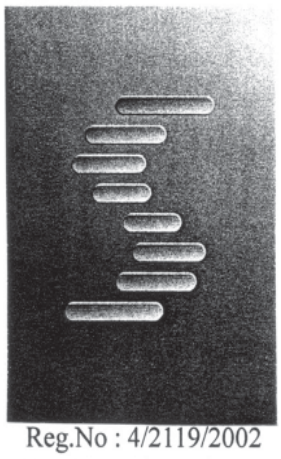

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Former ADB chief dies at 74

MANILA, 20 July — Tadao Chino, former president of the Manila-based Asian Development Bank (ADB), has passed away at the age of 74, the regional lender announced Friday.

Chino, who served as the ADB chief from 1999 to 2005, died of liver failure in Tokyo, Japan on Thursday. He left behind his wife and two daughters.

"Mr. Chino will be sorely missed by this institution and the people who have known and worked with him.

He was a strong voice for eradicating poverty and his influence continues to be felt today," said ADB President Haruhiko Kuroda.

Soon after Chino assumed the top post, ADB approved its poverty reduction strategy, declaring poverty reduction its overarching goal, ADB said.

MNA/Xinhua

Strong quake jolts sea area in Santa Cruz Islands

HONG KONG, 20 July — A strong earthquake measuring 6.7 on the Richter Scale struck sea area in Santa Cruz Islands region in the south Pacific Ocean at 0937 GMT Saturday, the Hong Kong Observatory said in a bulletin released here Saturday afternoon.

The epicentre was initially determined by the Hong Kong Observatory at 11 degrees south latitude and 164.5 degrees east Longitude, about 530 kilometres east-southeast of Honiara, Solomon Islands. — *MNA/XINHUA*

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1.	Raw Materials For Refractory Bricks (F.E)	7 Items	21.7.2008	4.8.2008
2.	Flexible Gas Tube (Ks)	2 Items	21.7.2008	11.8.2008
3.	15 Tons Ore Car (Ks)	10 Items	21.7.2008	11.8.2008
4.	3 Phase Indution Motor for Air Seperator (Ks)	1 Unit	21.7.2008	11.8.2008
5.	U Beam & U Channel (Ks)	12 Items	21.7.2008	11.8.2008
6.	Electrical & Machinery Equipment For Tile Plant (Ks)	1 Lot	21.7.2008	11.8.2008
7.	Diamond Wire Saw Plant (Ks)	1 No	21.7.2008	11.8.2008
8.	Raw Materials For Tile Plant (Ks)	1 Lot	21.7.2008	11.8.2008
9.	Submersible Pump (Ks)	1 No	21.7.2008	11.8.2008
10.	Welding Materials, Steel Plate Steel Wire Rope, Tarpaulin Sheet (Ks)	12 Items	21.7.2008	11.8.2008
11.	Bull Dozer (225 HP) (Ks)	1 Unit	21.7.2008	11.8.2008
12.	Dump Truck (15 Tons) (Ks)	2 Unit	21.7.2008	11.8.2008
13.	Wheel Loader (Ks)	1 Unit	21.7.2008	11.8.2008
14.	Liner & Accessories (Ks)	63 Items	21.7.2008	11.8.2008
15.	Kiln Hanging Chain (Ks)	2 Items	21.7.2008	11.8.2008
16.	Roller Chain (Ks)	11 Items	21.7.2008	11.8.2008

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Abducted five-year-old girl found safe in New Zealand

WELLINGTON, 20 July — The abducted five-year-old girl was found safe in Auckland on Friday, police said.

Cina Ma, of Chinese origin, was taken from outside her home in Auckland on Monday. She had been snatched by a masked or disguised man and bundled into a car.

Detective Inspector Steve Wood told a Press conference that the girl was safe and back in the care of her family.

She was found at a North Shore address on Friday afternoon.

The police in Auckland arrested a 25-year-old Chinese national who will face a charge of assault.

He will appear in the North Shore District Court on Saturday. Further, more serious charges are expected to follow.

The police are not ruling out further arrests.

They cannot yet say the extent of any injuries that Cina Ma may have received, while being held captive since Monday afternoon.

MNA/Xinhua

Zimbabwe introduces 100-billion-dollar note

HARARE, 20 July — Zimbabwe, grappling with a record 2.2 million percent inflation, has introduced a new 100-billion-dollar bank note in a bid to tackle rampant cash shortages, the central bank said Saturday. The new note will go into circulation on Monday, the bank said in a statement cited by state media, joining about half a dozen new high denomination notes already issued this year.

In January, a 10-million-dollar note was issued, then a 50-million-dollar note in April. In May, notes for 100 million and 250 million dollars were issued, swiftly followed by those for five billion, 25 billion and 50 billion.The southern African nation, currently gripped by a post-election crisis, has been ravaged by hyperinflation which shot up from 165,000 percent in February to 2.2 million in June.

Independent economists however believe the official inflation figure is grossly understated, estimating it could be running between 10 million and 15 million percent.

Internet

French DM pays surprise visit to Afghanistan

KABUL, 20 July— French Defence Minister Herve Morin arrived in Afghan capital Kabul Saturday for a surprise visit to meet high ranking officials and French troops based near the capital.

It is the third visit to the post-Taleban country for Herve Morin who plans to visit around 700 French troops based in the relatively peaceful Kapisa Province adjoining Kabul, officials said.

MNA/Xinhua

Mom's diabetes tied to early diabetes in offspring

NEW YORK, 20 July— Babies who are exposed to mom's diabetes and obesity while in the womb are at increased risk of developing type 2 diabetes in adolescence, according to new research.

To prevent "youth-onset" type 2 diabetes, "we may need to take a life course approach, targeting, in addition to childhood obesity, the increasing number of women with pregnancies complicated by obesity and diabetes," researchers conclude. Dr Dana Dabelea at the University of Colorado Denver and co-investigators studied 79 youths who were diagnosed with type 2 diabetes before their 20th birthday and 190 nondiabetic control youths.

They found that far more diabetic youth than nondiabetic youth were exposed to mom's diabetes in the womb (roughly 30 per cent versus 6 per cent). The same was true for overweight and obesity, with 57 per cent of diabetic youth versus 27 per cent of nondiabetic youth being exposed to maternal overweight/obesity. — *MNA/Reuters*

***Raphael, a shihtzu owned by Patty Suplee of Houston, jumps a hurdle during an agility competition on the second day of the Reliant Park World Series of Dog Shows on 18 July, 2008, in Houston.*—INTERNET**

Miss England winner Laura Coleman is flanked by first runner-up Chloe Marshall, left, and second runner-up Vanessa Lansom as Coleman, Miss Derby, is crowned Miss England during the Miss England 2008 final in London on 18 July, 2008. The 22-year-old, blue-eyed blonde will represent England in the Miss World competition to be held in Kiev, Ukraine.—INTERNET

Study says limit sucrose as painkiller for newborns

NEW YORK, 20 July — Giving newborns a small dose of a sucrose (sugar) solution seems to ease pain associated with having blood taken (venipuncture) for the standard newborn screening test but it does little to curb pain associated with intramuscular injections or heel lances, results of a study suggest.

Oral sucrose is widely used to manage pain associated with certain standard procedures performed in healthy term newborns, "even replacing established analgesics such as opioids and local anesthetics", the study team notes in a report in the *Canadian Medical Association Journal.*

In their study, Dr. Anna Taddio at the University of Toronto in Ontario and colleagues randomly assigned 120 newborns to sucrose and 120 to placebo given two minutes before various painful procedures. Pain was assessed largely by infant's facial expressions and behaviour and changes in heart rate and oxygen intake. "Sucrose reduced overall pain in newborns when admini-stered before painful medical procedures during the first two days after birth," they report.

However, "unexpectedly," they note, the sugar solution did not seem to curb pain during either intramuscular injection of vitamin K or during repeated heel-lancing for blood sugar monitoring in newborns of diabetic mothers.

Based on their findings, the investigators say sucrose "may be a relatively weak analgesic that is more effective at calming infants during the recovery period after a painful procedure than during the actual procedure when pain is at its peak".

MNA/Reuters

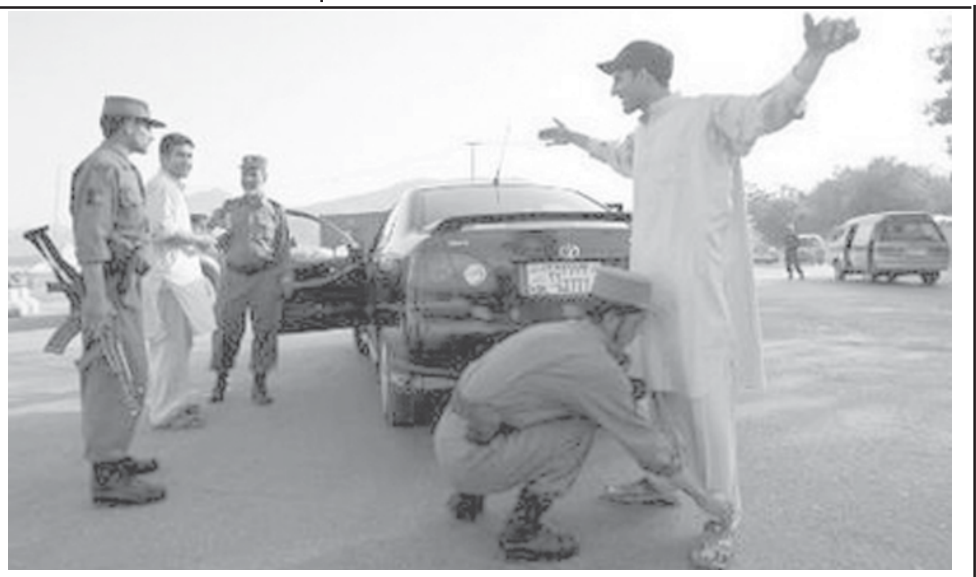
Number of poor people reaches 7.9 mln in France in 2006

PSRIS, 20 July— The number of poor people in metropolitan France in 2006 was estimated at 7.9 million, which is equal to about 13.2 per cent of the total population, France's National Institute for Statistics and Economic Studies (INSEE) has reported.

According to a report published Friday by the state-run premier statistics body, the rate of poverty in the country has stabilized at almost the same level since 2002 after falling consistently over the previous years.

"Poor people accounted for 13.2 per cent of the population in 2006," said the report, which noted that the standard of living for this category of people was "less than 880 euros (about 1,364 US dollars) per month," in a country where the median income is 1,470 euros per month. By comparison, the minimum insertion income ceiling for a single person was 433 euros per month as of January 1, 2006. In total, the number of poor people living below the poverty line in France in 2006 was 7.9 million, according to the report.

MNA/Xinhua



A policeman searches a man at a checkpoint in Kabul on 19 July, 2008. US Democratic presidential candidate Barack Obama arrived in Afghanistan on Saturday, on the first leg of a trip aimed at proving his foreign policy credentials that will also take in the Middle East and Europe.—INTERNET

Chile to build volcano monitoring centers

SANTIAGO, 20 July — Chile plans to invest 31 million US dollars in building three monitoring centers to closely watch volcanic activities, the country's National Geology Service said Saturday.

The new centers will be put into operation within five years and employ 40 experts, Mining Minister Santiago Gonzalez said.

Chile has the second largest volcanic chain in the world following Indonesia.

The country has 122 active volcanoes, but only eight of them have been closely watched, according to the National Geology Service.

At the beginning of this month, top alert was issued around the Llaima volcano in south Chile days after it spewed new lava.

Internet

Passenger train derails in eastern Thailand

BANGKOK, 20 July — Seven of eight cars of a passenger train bounding from Bangkok to eastern Kanchanaburi Province derailed Sunday morning at Vanyean district, causing the eastern railway service fall into halt, local traffic radio reported.

Initial report said the train, which have some 30 passengers aboard, derailed when it was just entering Vanyean station of Kanchanaburi Province. The FM 100 Traffic Radio said nobody was wounded but the railway service fell into a mess. —*Internet*

Small plane crashes in northeast Texas; three killed

KEMP (Texas), 20 July — A single-engine plane crashed shortly after takeoff Saturday, killing all three people aboard and sparking a fire that burned two rural acres, authorities said.

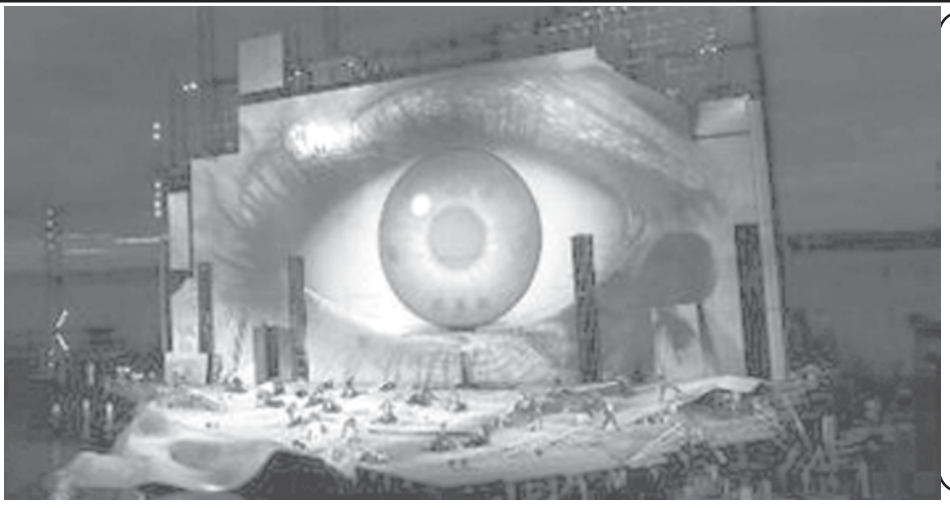
It was not immediately known what caused the accident, which left the plane charred to nearly a skeleton in the middle of a scorched field about 40 miles southeast of Dallas.

No one else besides the three killed were on board, Kaufman County Sheriff's spokesman Bryan Francis said. Names of the victims were not immediately released.

Shelley Bradley told The Dallas Morning News that she was standing near the small private grass airstrip when the plane dipped its wings and lost airspeed.

"He took off and the wind changed," Bradley said. "He should have banked to the right but he banked to the left. He was flapping his wings as if he was saying goodbye, but then we realized he was in trouble."

Internet



Singers perform during a dress rehearsal of Giacomo Puccini's "Tosca" on a giant floating stage on Lake Constance in Bregenz ,Austria on 18 July, 2008. The annual Bregenz festival will open on 23 July.

INTERNET

SPORTS

Milan rule out Kaka sale
Serie A giants issue 'hands-off' warning

Kaka

MILAN, 20 July — AC Milan have ruled out the possibility of Kaka joining Chelsea this summer.

Kaka's advisor revealed the Brazil playmaker was keen to join the Premier League giants in a world record deal.

With Milan keen to raise funds to aid the arrival of Ronaldinho they were reportedly willing to cash in on Kaka. However, the Rossoneri have cleared up any confusion over the 26-year-old's future by issuing a short but concise statement on their star player.

"Kaka is absolutely not for sale," director of communications Vittorio Mentana told Milan's official website.

Kaka is under contract with the Serie A giants until the summer of 2013.

Internet

Manchester United's John O'Shea, center, fights for the ball against Kaizer Chiefs' Tinashe Nengomashe players Cape Town, South Africa, on 19 July, 2008.
INTERNET

Fergie hits back at Levy
Report threats "embarrassing"

Manchester United manager Sir Alex Ferguson

LONDON, 20 July — Manchester United manager Sir Alex Ferguson has hit back at Tottenham Hotspur chairman Daniel Levy, believing that the club's threat to report the Red Devils to the Premier League is "embarrassing".

Levy accused Ferguson and United of "hypocritical" behaviour in their pursuit of Spurs striker Dimitar Berbatov, citing comments by the manager and club officials which suggested a deal for the Bulgaria international was imminent.

Ferguson has been embroiled in his own battle to retain the services of Cristiano Ronaldo after sustained public courting by Real Madrid, and the Old Trafford boss is adamant that his club have acted honourably throughout their bid to sign the former Bayer Leverkusen player.—*Internet*

Gerrard suffers injury blow
Reds skipper returns home after groin setback

Steven Gerrard

LONDON, 20 July — Liverpool have confirmed captain Steven Gerrard has returned home for treatment on a groin injury.

The England ace had been in Switzerland at the team's training camp preparing for Saturday's clash with Polish outfit Wisla Krakow.

Gerrard was an unused substitute in Wednesday's 2-1 win over Lucerne and will now miss next week's clash with Hertha Berlin.

"Steven has a slight groin strain which will keep him out for between seven and 10 days," club spokesman Ian Cotton told the club's official website. —*Internet*

Wenger expects Adebayor stay
Gunners boss not expect Togo ace to leave

Emmanuel Adebayor

LONDON, 20 July — Arsenal boss Arsene Wenger expects star striker Emmanuel Adebayor to still be a Gunner for the start of the new season.

Adebayor has been strongly linked with a summer move to Milan, although Arsenal have always maintained their desire to retain the Togo international.

Speaking after Arsenal's 2-1 pre-season friendly win over Barnet, Wenger stated he expects Adebayor to make his first appearance at training.

"Adebayor is under contract," Wenger told *Sky Sports News*.

"We expect him to turn up on Monday and practice with us."

"Of course," he replied when asked if Adebayor will be with Arsenal at the start of the new Premier League season.

Wenger has lost Alexander Hleb although the French tactician was anticipating his exit to Barcelona by admitting they planned on signing Samir Nasri as his replacement some time ago.

"He had an opportunity to leave. He's done three years. I'd loved him to stay but on the other hand he was in a strong position," he continued.

Internet

Spanish Oscar Freire (centre) sprints on the finish line at the end of the 194,5 km fourteenth stage of the 2008 Tour de France race run between Nimes and Digne-Les-Bains on 19 July,2008. Freire, riding for Rabobank, won the 14th stage of the Tour de France.—INTERNET

Norman dares to dream
Aussie holds two-shot lead over defending champion Harrington and Choi

Greg Norman

SOUTHPORT, (England), 20 July—Greg Norman's fairytale run at the 137th Open Championship continued on Saturday with a 72 ensuring he will take a two-shot lead into the final round at Royal Birkdale.

Some 22 years after his first Open triumph at Turnberry in 1986, the 53 year-old Australian is now just 18 holes away from becoming the oldest-ever major winner in what would be the most remarkable of stories.

Norman, who stands at two-over, will head out in Sunday's final pairing with Padraig Harrington whose title defence remains on track after a battling 72.

The Dubliner is two shots off the pace along with overnight leader KJ Choi who carded a 75 on Saturday.

Englishman Simon Wakefield climbed into fourth on his own at five-over after a best-of-the day 70, the same score as 2003 champion Ben Curtis who heads a group of four at seven-over that also includes Ross Fisher, Anthony Kim and Alexander Noren.

Internet

Answers to yesterday's Crosswords Puzzle

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Phil Mickelson of the US plays a shot from the rough on the 16th hole during third round play at the 2008 British Open Golf Championship at Royal Birkdale, Southport, northern England, on 19 July, 2008.—INTERNET

Beijing opens new subway lines for Olympics

BEIJING, 20 July— Beijing opened two new subway lines on Saturday, delayed from a planned late-June start but just in time to carry passengers banned from their cars as the capital tries to clean up its skies before next month's Olympics.

Passenger service has yet to start, however, on a third line that will serve the Olympic Green and was the site of an opening ceremony and test ride for the media on Saturday morning.

An official with the Beijing subway operating company said it was not clear when the line would begin regular service.

The three new lines, which cost 22.3 billion yuan (3.3 billion US dollars) to build and are part of massive infrastructure plans to ease transport during the Games, will increase the city's subway lines to eight and expand their reach by 40 per cent to 200 kilometres (125 miles).

Eager crowds rushed through the turnstyles when the airport line formally opened in the afternoon, while a large contingent of uniformed security officers kept watch over travellers with suitcases and families out for a short excursion on the gleaming new trains.

MNA/Reuters

Three Indonesians, including mother, son convicted for murder

JAKARTA, 20 July— Indonesia has executed three people convicted for murder, including a mother and a son, an official said on Saturday, the latest in a string of recent executions in the country.

Jakarta has defended the death penalty as a necessary deterrent. Three militants on death row for the 2002 Bali bombings are likely to be executed soon after the Supreme Court rejected their final appeal, but no date has been announced.

The 59-year-old mother, Sumiarsih, and her 43-year-old son, Sugeng, faced a firing squad in Surabaya city in East Java province around midnight, Abdul Hakim Ritonga, deputy attorney general for general crimes, said. Both were sentenced to death for murdering five members of a family 20 years ago over a money dispute.

Separately, an Indonesian shaman, Tubagus Yusuf Maulana, was executed on Friday night in Banten Province, near Jakarta, Ritonga said.

MNA/Reuters

Tsunami warning lifted in N-E Japan

TOKYO, 20 July— Japan's Meteorological Agency lifted the tsunami warning it issued for northeastern Japan on Saturday after an earthquake struck off the east coast of Honshu.

There were no initial reports of damage from the quake.

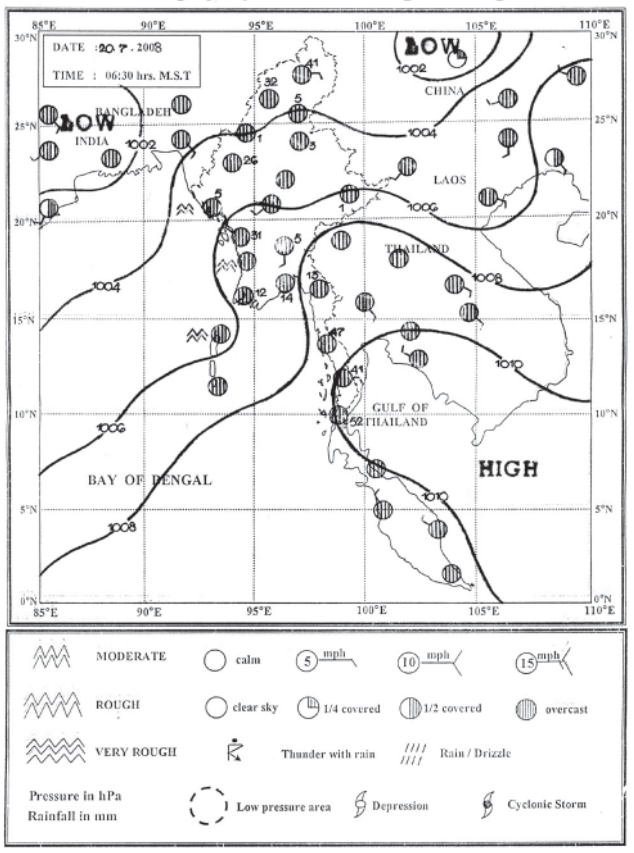
The biggest tsunami measured was 20 centimetres (7.9 inches) along the coasts of Fukushima and Miyagi prefectures, the agency said.

The US Geological Survey said the 7.0 magnitude tremor struck beneath the north Pacific Ocean, 77 miles (123 kilometres) east northeast of Iwaki, Japan at 0239 GMT at a depth of 25 miles (40 kilometres).

MNA/Reuters

Runners in leather trousers and Dirndl — a type of traditional dress worn in southern Germany and Austria — participate in a fun competition in traditional dresses through downtown Munich, southern Germany on 19 July, 2008 on occasion of a Town Foundation Festival. In 2008 Munich is celebrating its 850th birthday.—INTERNET

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Sunday, 20 July, 2008

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hr MST: During the past 24 hours,weather has been partly cloudy in MagwayDivision,rain or thundershowers have been scattered in Kayah,Chin, Rakhine States and Mandalay Division,fairly widespread in Shan and Mon States,lower Sagaing, Bago and Yangon Divisions and widespread in the remaning areas with isolated heavyfall in Bago Division. The noteworthy amounts of rainfalls recorded were Nyaunglaypin(4.72) inches, Maungdaw (2.72) inches, Shwegyin (2.68) inches, Putao (2.56) inches, Myeik (2.12) inches, Kawthong (2.40) inches, Yangon (Mingaladon), Dawei and Falam (1.89)inches each, Zaungtu (1.81) inches, Hkamti (1.26) inches, Kyaukpyu (1.22) inches, Bago (1.19) inches, Yangon (Central) and Khayan (1.14) inches each.

Maximum temperature on 19-7-2008 was 89˚F. Minimum temperature on 20-7-2008 was 72ºF. Relative humidity at (09:30) hours MST on 20-7-2008 was 100%. Total sunshine hours on 19-7-2008 was (1.6) hours (approx).

Rainfall on 20-7-2008 was (1.89)inches at Mingaladon,(0.59) inch at Kaba-Aye and (1.14)inches at Central Yangon.Total rainfall since 1-1-2008 was (53.82) inches at Mingaladon, (61.46) inches at Kaba-Aye and (75.31) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (4) mph from Southwest at (00:30) hours MST on 20-7-2008.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 21-7-2008: Rain or thundershowers will be isolated in Kayah State and Magway Division,scattered in Chin State and Mandalay Division, fairly widespread in Rakhine and Shan States, lower Sagaing,Bago,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: Moderate monsoon.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring area for 21-7-2008: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 21-7-2008: One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 21-7-2008: Likehood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

TV Myanmar

Monday, 21 July

View on today

7:00 am
1. မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော် ဘုရားကြီး၏ ပရိတ်တရားတော် ယောဆရာတော် ဘုရားကြီး၏ ဥပဓါတသွန်မီ ပါဠိတော်

7:25 am
2. To be healthy exercise

7:30 am
3. Morning news

7:40 am
4. အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ

7:50 am
5. Cute little dancers

8:05 am
6. Musical programme

8:20 am
7. "အဲဒီမှာစတွေ့တာပဲ" (မင်းအုပ်စိုး၊ ငှက်ပျောကြော်၊ မြက်ကေသီအောင်၊ နှင်းဝတ်ရည်သောင်း) (ဒါရိုက်တာ–မင်းအုပ်စိုး)

8:30 am
8. International news

8:45 am
9. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ

4:00 pm
1. Martial song

4:10 pm
2. အကပြိုင်ပွဲ

4:20 pm
3. Musical programme (The Radio Myanmar Modern Music Troupe)

4:30 pm
4. Song of National Races

4:40 pm
5. လက်ဆင့်ကမ်းဝေဂီတအမွေ

5:00 pm
6. Dance variety

5:15 pm
7. Song to uphold National Spirit

5:25 pm
8. အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ

5:35 pm
9. ဥတုရာသီတောကိုမှီ

5:45 pm
10. Musical programme

6:00 pm
11. Evening news

6:30 pm
12. Weather report

6:35 pm
13. အလှရှာမယ်၊လှကမ္ဘာဝယ်

7:00 pm
14. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "မာယာများနှင့်လှည့်ကွက်" (အပိုင်း–၁၃)

8:00 pm
15. News
16. International news
17. Weather report
18. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ချစ်စိတ်ကူးလေး ကောင်းရဲ့သားနဲ့" (အပိုင်း–၁၃)

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

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

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Maj-Gen Ko Ko attends Seinbudaw and Hngetmyatnardaw Hoisting Ceremony of Maha Makutayanthi Hsandawshin Myatmawtin Pagoda

NAY PYI TAW, 20 July – A ceremony to hoist Seinbudaw (diamond orb) and Hngetmyatnardaw (pennant vane) to Maha Makutayanthi Hsandawshin Myatmawtin Pagoda, Datpaungsu Pagoda, PhaungdawU Pagoda, Paungtawseik Pagoda and encircling pagodas was held in conjunction with consecration ceremony at the pavilion on the platform of the Pagoda in Hainggyikyun region of Ayeyawady Division on 17 July. Maj-Gen Ko Ko of the Ministry of Defence attended the ceremony and hoisted the Seinbudaw and Hngetmyatnadaw atop the pagoda.

It was attended by Presiding Nayaka Sayadaw of Yadana Okyaung Monastery in Pathein

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Maj-Gen Ko Ko of Ministry of Defence donates Seinbudaw to a Sayadaw at the Seinbudaw and Hngetmyatnardaw Hoisting Ceremony.

MNA

Specialists provide health care in Mawlamyinegyun Township

YANGON, 20 July —Under the arrangement of the Health Department of the Ministry of Health, a medical team comprising Paediatrician Dr Aung Myo Tun, Psychiatrist Dr Swe Swe Win, Eye Specialist Dr Myo Aung Kyaw and Dental Surgeon Dr Zaw Win led by Professor Dr Kyaw Lwin Oo provided medical treatment and psychological support to 823 children, 332 patients with eye complaints, 269 patients with dental disease, 270 patients suffering from mental illness and 2,555 general patients of 29 storm-hit villages in Mawlamyinegyun Township on board vessel 'Teinkho' from 5 to 19 July.

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