Emergence of the State Constitution is the duty of all citizens of Myanmar Naing-Ngan.

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

Senior General Than Shwe sends message of sympathy to Bangladesh

YANGON, 15 July — Senior General Than Shwe, Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar has sent a message of sympathy to His Excellency Professor Dr Iajuddin Ahmed, President of the People’s Republic of Bangladesh on the loss of lives and destruction to property caused by recent monsoon flooding in Bangladesh. — MNA

Chief of Army of Malaysian Armed Forces calls on Vice-Senior General Maung Aye

YANGON, 15 July — Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Maung Aye received visiting Chief of Army of Malaysian Armed Forces General Dato’ Seri Mohd Azumi Bin Mohamed and party at Zeyathiri Beikman on Konmyinttha at 3.30 pm today.

Also present on the occasion were Members of the State Peace and Development Council General Thura Shwe Mann of the Ministry of Defence, Secretary-2 of the State Peace and Development Council Adjutant-General Lt-Gen Thein Sein, members of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than, Quartermaster-General Lt-Gen Thita Thu Nat Aung Myint Oo and Chief of Armed Forces Training Lt-Gen Kyaw Win of the Ministry of Defence, Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Rear-Admiral Soe Thein, Commander-in-Chief (Air) Lt-Gen Myat Hein, Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe, Vice-Chief of Military Intelligence Maj-Gen Kyaw Win and Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Khin Maung Win. The Malaysian General and party were accompanied by Malaysian Ambassador Dato’ Cheah Sam Kip and Defence Advisor Col Hj Abbas bin Hj Mat. — MNA

Puja ca pujaneyyanam, to honour those worthy of honour; this is the way to auspiciousness.
Build the nation under the correct leadership of the Government
Every region in the country is developing markedly thanks to assistance provided by the State, efforts made by service personnel and cooperation of local people and social organizations.

One can witness vividly some border towns are developing like other major cities in the country. With easy access to one region from the other, friendship among national brethren has been forged and Union Spirit consolidated.

Now, there are favourable political, economic and social conditions for the country to become a peaceful, modern and developed nation. Under these circumstances, all are to build the country with might and main.

On 6 July, Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Soe Win met with members of Shan State (North) Peace and Development Council, departmental personnel, local authorities, members of the Union Solidarity and Development Association and townswomen.

On the occasion, the Secretary-1 said that during his inspection tour of Nawngkhio, Kyaukme, Hsipaw, Namtu, Mongrai, Taungyu, Kunlon, Namkhham, Muse, Kukai and Hsenwi townships, he had attended to the needs of the people and that the regions in the nation will enjoy equitable development through fulfilling the requirements and upgrading the facilities.

The State Peace and Development Council's correct leadership, efforts of those in charge and respective departmental officials and active participation of the people and social organizations resulted in all-round development of the nation.

The development is due to restoration of peace and tranquillity across the nation. After assumption of the State’s duties, the government gave the top priority to community peace and tranquillity and prevalence of law and order as well as to national reconciliation.

After peace and stability had been restored and national solidarity built, the Government placed emphasis on development projects resulting in development the length and breadth of the nation.

So, it can be said that in a short time the Government has built firm economic, social and transport foundations necessary for respective regions all over the country.

We firmly believe that through the collective efforts of the entire national people under the leadership of the Government, a modern and developed nation will emerge in the near future.

School Textbooks Printing and Distribution Committee meets
YANGON, 15 July — A coordination meeting of School Textbooks Printing and Distribution Committee was held at the meeting room of the Ministry of Information on Theinbyu Road here this afternoon, with an address by Chairman of School Textbooks Printing and Distribution Committee Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan.

Also present on the occasion were member of School Textbooks Printing and Distribution Committee Deputy Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Brig-Gen Than Tun and committee members, Chairman of School Textbooks Printing Sub-committee Deputy Minister for Information Brig-Gen Aung Thein and sub-committee members, Chairman of School Textbooks Distribution Sub-committee Deputy Minister for Education Col Aung Myo Min and sub-committee members and officials of departments concerned.

At the meeting, Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan made a speech, saying that in accord with the guidance given by the Head of State, school textbooks have already been distributed to the students in 2004-2005 academic year and the purpose of the meeting was to print and distribute school textbooks for the next academic year of 2005-2006. In printing and distributing school textbooks, the State administration officials distribute the textbooks to the students at reasonable prize in 2005-2006 academic year, to produce quality textbooks by State, to enjoy the textbooks through relay system in order to reduce production of new textbooks.

Next, Chairman of School Textbooks Printing Sub-committee Deputy Minister for Information Brig-Gen Aung Thein and Chairman of School Textbooks Distribution Sub-committee Deputy Minister for Education Col Aung Myo Min presented reports on printing and distribution of the textbooks in 2004-2005 academic year. In response to the reports of those present, Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan gave supplementary reports and attended to the needs and made concluding remarks.

NC delegate U Aung Hkm Hti donates K 1 m to Military Hospital
YANGON, 15 July — In honour of Tattawadawmen in forward areas, national convention delegate of Shan State (South) special region-6 chairman of the Union Pa-O National Organization U Aung Hkm Hti and family donated K 1 million to Defence Services General Hospital for the hospitalized Tattawadawmen. Commandant Brig-Gen Thaein, officials and the family of wellwisher attended the donation ceremony.

U Aung Hkm Hti explained why he donated cash to the hospital saying that he recovered his health thanks to the care of the leaders of the State as well as of the officials of the hospital, in his illness while he was attending the National Convention, and he would serve the State for national interest. Next, the donated cash was handed to the commandant who presented certificate of honour to the donor.

Books donated to libraries of IPRD
YANGON, 15 July — Wellwishers this morning donated books to the libraries of the Information and Public Relations Department under the Ministry of Information at the IPRD here. Information Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Aung Thein accepted the books.

A total of 3,362 books including magazines, books on general knowledge and periodicals worth K 1,805,880 were donated. The deputy minister spoke words of thanks on the occasion. It was also attended by IPRD Director General U Chit Naung, Managing Director of the News and Periodicals Enterprise Col Soe Win and officials. The wellwishers explained the purpose of the donation.

The books will be distributed to libraries of the IPRD and self-reliance libraries.

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

Talks on MWAF held
YANGON, 15 July — Talks on Myanmar Women’s Affairs Federation were held on second floor of Coopera-

Trade Centre (Saya San Plaza) on Saya San Road here this morning. MWAF Vice-President Daw Than Nwe gave talks. Also present were Minister for Cooperatives Maj-Gen Htay Oh and Daw Ni Ni Win, MWAF Secretariat member Dr Daw Khin Mar Tun, Yangon Di-

vision Organization for WA Patron Daw Khin Thet Htay and others numbering over 300.

Similarly, talks on Myanmar Women’s Affairs Fed-

eration were given at a ceremony held at the head office of Public Works on Shwedagon Pagoda Road here at 1 pm today. MWAF Vice-President Daw Khin Khin Win gave talks. Also present were MWAF Secretariat member Dr Daw San Shwe, Construction Minister Maj-Gan Saw Tun’s wife MWAF girl-child working group Advisor Daw Myin Myint Ko, staff and others.

MWAF counselling course concludes
YANGON, 15 July — A training course for those who will perform duties at counselling centres of Myanmar Women’s Affairs Federation concluded at the Social Welfare Training Institute at No 65, Kyaukwaing Pagoda Road in Mayangon Township at 3.30 pm today.

The closing ceremony was attended by MWAF Vice-

Presidents Prof Dr Daw May May Yi, Daw Than Nwe, Daw Khin Khin Win, General Secretary Prof Dr Daw Khin Aye Win, Secretariat members, Yangon Divi-

sion Organization for WA Patron Daw Khin Thet Htay and others.

MWAF Vice-President Prof Dr Daw May May Yi delivered an address and presented certificates to the trainees. A girl trainee spoke words of thanks.

The course was attended by 36 trainees from Kayin, Kayah, Mon and Rakhine States and Yangon, Ayeawady, Tannithayi and Bago Divisions.

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Governor of Mosul among 22 dead in fresh wave of violence in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 14 July— A suicide car bomb killed 10 people outside the Iraqi government's compound in Baghdad on Sunday, as a dozen others, including the governor of Mosul, died as a fresh wave of violence swept Iraq.

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BANGKOK, 15 July — The AIDS epidemic has robbed 15 million children of one or both parents and reversed the trend toward fewer orphans driven by better health and nutrition, a UN report said on Tuesday.

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CAIRO, 14 July— A Saudi company employing an Egyptian driver held hostage by an insurgent group in Iraq said Wednesday it was prepared to leave the country to win the captive's freedom.

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HONG KONG, July 15 — Cathay Pacific Airways said Tuesday that the airline carried a record 76,769 tons of cargo in June, traditionally a quiet period of the year.

The volume of cargo carried in the first six months of the year rose by more than 15 per cent over the same period last year. Cumulative figures for the first six months of the year show steady growth.

The airline carried 1,142 million passengers, up from 1,062 million carried in May.

Officials of the airline said figures were boosted by the advent of successive public holidays that encouraged leisure travelers to take long weekend breaks.

The number of passengers carried by the airline was up by more than half over the same period in 2003, which was heavily affected by SARS, and by about 8 per cent on the first half of 2002.

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Faisal al-Naheet, spokesman for the unidentified Saudi company, told Al-Jazeera television his company was “ready to end its work in Iraq to fulfill the kidnappers’ demand to release the Egyptian driver.”

It was unclear if al-Naheet meant the company was about to leave Iraq or was awaiting developments in the hostage’s case before withdrawing.

Earlier Wednesday, Al-Jazeera reported that the Iraqi Legislative Resistance Group that kidnapped the Egyptian, 42-year-old Alsyed Mohamed Algarabawi, demanded the Saudi company leave Iraq within 72 hours. The group issued no specific threat. Al-Naheet said the kidnappers were also demanding a $1 million ransom, but he said the company would not pay.

Algarabawi appeared last week in a videotape released by the group and broadcast on Al-Jazeera, showing him kneeling and holding his passport in front of a group of armed militants.

The group said Algarabawi was snatched from a fuel truck he was driving from Saudi Arabia to the US military in Iraq.

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This is the second time for China to host the largest and most important meeting for Esperanto, following the 71st International Esperanto Conference in 1986, according to sources at a Press conference given by the Information Office of the State Council, China's cabinet, Wednesday.

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"It is a tidal wave of children who have lost one or more of their parents," Carol Bellamy, executive director of UNICEF, the United Nations children's agency, told Reuters.

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**Stunned Bulgarians begin to question Iraq policy**

**SOFIA, 14 July** — Stunned by the beheading of a Bulgarian truck driver by militants in Iraq, Bulgarians questioned on Wednesday their government’s staunchly pro-US stance on Iraq.

“It is high time for Bul-garia to pull out of this adventure,” said painter Valentin Borisov, 43. “We shouldn’t have walked in there. I don’t justify the cruel-ty (of militants), they really are terrorists. But what are we doing there?”

The government of the ex-communist country stood firm, saying it was keeping its 470 troops in Iraq and sticking to its foreign policy despite the execution of one Bulgarian hostage and the threat that still hangs over another.

“The battle to defend uni-versal values against fanati-cism requires consistency, courage and stamina,” a joint statement by the president, the prime minister and parlia-ment said.

Analysts said the killing had shocked the nation but was unlikely to bring protest-ers on the streets or threaten the pro-Western government of ex-king Prime Minister Simeon Saxe-Coburg.

“Despite the fact that people are full of resentment, it was not the state that sent the two to Iraq,” Kancho Simchev, an analyst with Gallup Bul-garia said. “This is a tragedy ... but I do not think we can expect anti-war protests.”

Truck drivers Georgi Lazov, 30, and Ivailo Kepov, 32, worked for a provincial Bulgarian company trans-porting cars to Iraq. Local media reports said a 15-day trip would earn them $1,000, compared to average monthly salaries of $150 at home.

Bulgaria fought a five-day diplo-matic battle to save the two men, held by a mili-tant group threatening to kill them unless US-held Iraqi prisoners were released.

Al Jazeera television said it would not air a video show-ing the beheading because it was too gruesome. The mili-tants said they would kill the second hostage by 2000 GMT on Wednesday if their de-mands were not met.

Bulgarians interviewed said they believed their government was doing its best to resolve the crisis but that the two men were victims of Bulgaria’s policies abroad.

“Bulgaria must very seri-ously reconsider its foreign policy,” said Dimitar Venkov, a 42-year-old historian. “Being so closely tied with the United States is wrong.” — Internet

**Gunmen kill senior Iraq industry official**

**BAGHDAD, 14 July** — Unknown gunmen shot dead a director-general of Iraq’s Industry Ministry as he left his Baghdad home to go shopping, a ministry spokesman said on Wednesday.

The attack occurred on Tuesday morn-ing as Sabir Karim was leaving his home in Sadia district to shop before heading to work.

“He was shot by gunmen using a si-lencer,” spokesman Seif Abdel-Rahman said. “We don’t have any idea who carried out the attack. It’s still under investigation.”

Abdel-Rahman said Karim was a man-ager in the auditing department of the minis-try.

Assassinations have been common in Iraq in the 15 months since the overthrow of Saddam Hussein’s regime.

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Pakistan, Italy discuss defence cooperation

**ISLAMABAD, 14 July** — Pakistan and Italy defence officials on Monday reviewed defence production projects between them and discussed future areas of cooperation during the Joint Committee of Pakistan and Italy on Defence Collaboration meeting in Rawalpindi, the twin city of Islamabad.

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Iraq intelligence report likely to embarrass Blair

LONDON, 15 July — Prime Minister Tony Blair and Britain’s secret services faced fresh embarrassment over Iraq on Wednesday from a report expected to pick holes in London’s case for war against Saddam Hussein.

Five days after a Senate committee lambasted US intelligence services for exaggerating the threat of Iraqi weapons of mass destruction, Blair’s policy is likely to subject British spy agencies to similar tough scrutiny.

“Blair has been difficult on both sides of the Atlantic regarding intelligence,” said Charles Kenney, a third-party Liberal Democrat, who opposed war in Iraq. “It will be fascinating to see this report.”

Crucial to Blair’s political future is whether Butler blames only the intelligence-gatherers or extenuates his government’s complicity to the politicians who used their information to justify war.

“There can be no doubt this inquiry will be about failure. It has now been evident for months that intelligence assessments prepared before the Iraq invasion were so wrong that no amount of political manoeuvring can cover the credibility gap,” said an assessment from the Jane’s intelligence think-tank.

Butler’s findings will be published at 12.30 pm (1130 GMT), with Blair due to respond to Parliament an hour later.

Like his ally US President George W Bush, Blair has seen his popularity tumble over Iraq and faces an election soon.

But despite the political toll of Iraq, most analysts still think Blair will lead his ruling Labour Party into a general election expected for 2005, and probably win it.

Even so, Butler’s findings will make him squirm and probably fuel another round of speculation over his leadership.

Media and political circles have been aware with gossip in recent weeks about the supposed rivalry between Blair and his presumed successor, Finance Minister Gordon Brown.

Iraqi police foil attempt to smuggle drugs

BAGHDAD, 14 July — Iraqi police that patrolled in the city of Missan in the south of Iraq foiled an attempt to smuggle about 500 kilos of drugs, local newspaper MNA/Reuters reported on Tuesday.

“We received information about a group of smugglers trying to transfer drugs in a Mercedes, and when the car arrived at one of the Iraqi police checkpoints, the narcotics were found after an extensive search of the car,” police colonel Ismaeel Arar Al-Majedi, chief of Missan police, was quoted as saying.

“The drugs were packed in milk bags and covered with animal fodder, and the policemen arrested the driver and confiscated the narcotics that were found in the car,” added the police colonel.

Iraq is witnessing many operations of smuggling because of the insecurity situation and the open borders with the neighbouring countries, and the occupations forces dissolved the Iraqi Army and security forces without providing the alternative for the new Iraqi Government to preserve the security of the borders.”

ADB approves grants to help China vs destructive floods

MANILA, 14 July — The Asian Development Bank (ADB) has approved a 500,000-US dollar technical assistance (TA) to help China fight the destructive effects of floods by developing an integrated flood management and flood management strategy.

The TA will draw up a framework for flood mitigation and flood plains management, gathering structural and non-structural measures, the Manila-based ADB said Tuesday in a statement.

It will also recommend action plans to integrate flood mitigation and flood plains management, producing a handbook on effective flood management for policymakers and local government officials. The TA will be carried out over 12 months beginning September 2004.

In the wake of the 1998 flood, Chinese Government announced a policy that moves toward natural resource management as a long-term, holistic way of flood plain management. — MNA/Xinhua

Second oil tanker refuses to load at Iraq’s Basra

LONDON, 15 July — A supertanker owned by a South Korean oil company has refused to load at Iraq’s Basra oil terminal because of security concerns, the second Asian-owned tanker that has refused to load there this week, shipping brokers said on Wednesday.

Brokers said the SK-Corp-owned supertanker C Champion refused to load at the terminal and was replaced by another tanker owned by Tankers International that was willing to load there.

Earlier this week a Hong-Kong registered supertanker refused to dock at the terminal citing safety and security concerns, brokers said.

“We’re hearing that the C Champion refused to go there because of security and threats against shipping circulating on this site,” a broker said, referring to an Iraqi-based web site that allegedly carried a warning from an extreme Islamists group threatening to attack merchant ships that transport supplies for the US Armed Forces. The site has strongly denied it carried such a warning.

At the weekend South Korea warned the country’s shipping firms of possible attacks following threats by a militant group posted on an Iraqi-based site albahar.net. — MNA/Reuters

Study says Gulf War veterans show fertility problems

LONDON, 14 July — Veterans of the first Gulf War are showing signs of fertility problems compared with Armed Forces colleagues who did not serve there, according to a new study published on Wednesday.

The postal survey by the London School of Hygiene and Tropical Medicine showed a slight increase in infertility and still-born among the veterans of the 1990-91 war in Kuwait and Iraq compared to non-deployed servicemen.

“The difference is small but statistically significant,” researcher Pat Doyle told Reuters.

“What we have to do now is conduct further studies — particularly among soldiers returning now from Iraq.”

The survey found 3.4 per cent of veterans and their partners had not conceived or had a live birth after trying for a year against 2.3 per cent of non-veterans.

It involved 24,379 veterans and 18,439 servicemen who did not serve in the first Gulf War.

The study, the first in Britain into fertility among Gulf War veterans, was published by the British Medical Journal’s online service.

A previous study in Denmark found no differences in fertility, while one in Australia was inconclusive.

Gulf War veterans, who have complained for years of health problems since serving there, welcomed the study but agreed more research was needed.

“The study confirms that Gulf War veterans report significantly more symptoms of disease,” the National Gulf Veterans and Families Association said. — MNA/Reuters

Sicily police arrest women “bosses” in Mafia sweep

PALERMO (Sicily), 15 July — Police in Sicily have arrested 23 people suspected of Mafia crimes, including two women accused of the crime of conspiracy, in the city of Trapani.

The overnight swoop around the port in the northwest of the island followed a two-year investi- gation, police said. They used sophisticated bugging devices to gather information.

The two women, both wives of known Mafiosi, headed a sort of “management board” that ran a network of extortion rackets, police said.

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Images of Iraq

Smoke rises from the site of an explosion at the entrance to the so-called ‘Green Zone’ in Baghdad, Iraq, on 14 July, 2004.

An Iraqi woman weeps after her house was damaged in a car bomb explosion in central Baghdad, on 14 July, 2004.

An Iraqi man is treated for injuries received when a suspected car bomb exploded near the so-called Green Zone in central Baghdad, on 14 July, 2004.

An Iraqi boy is treated for injuries received when a suspected car bomb exploded near the so-called Green Zone in central Baghdad, on 14 July, 2004.

Debris seen after a suspected car bomb blast near the so-called Green Zone in central Baghdad, on 14 July, 2004.

A scene of bomb blast on 14 July, 2004 near the so-called Green Zone in central Baghdad.

A badly burned girl arrives at a hospital following a car bomb explosion in Baghdad, Iraq, on 14 July, 2004.
To fulfil electricity needs of rural people

Kyeinkhurankha hydro power station built in Myitkyina, Kachin State, is generating 25 kilowatt and supplying electricity to villages in the township.— Kyemon

Mone Creek Hydel Power Project in Sedokhara Township, Magway Division.— MD

Hydel power station in Mongla, Shan State (East) for rural electrification.— mna

Canal and intake structure of Zawgyi Hydroelectric Power Plant seen in Yaksawlk Township, Shan State.— MD
Government’s endeavours and assistance result in emergence of outstanding and dynamic educated persons

Kyaunggon Village post-primary school building, BEHS multimedia classrooms opened in Htantabin

YANGON, 15 July—The opening ceremony of Kyaunggon Village post-primary school building and the multimedia classrooms of Basic Education High School in Htantabin Township, Yangon North District, took place at the schools this morning, attended by Vice-Chairman of the Myanmar Education Committee Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Soe Win.

Also present on the occasions were Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe, Minister for Education U Than Aung, Deputy Minister Col Aung Myo Min, officials of the State Peace and Development Council Office, departmental heads, service personnel, local authorities, school heads, members of school boards of trustees, teachers, wellwishers, members of the Union Solidarity and Development Association and social organizations, students and guests.

The opening of the post-primary school building in Kyaunggon Village, Htantabin Township, was held at the school at 7 am today. Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe, Minister U Than Aung and wellwisher Major Saw Tun Kyaw (Retd) formally opened the building.

The Secretary-1 and party inspected the facility and cordially greeted the students, the wellwisher and officials. Next, they attended the opening of the multimedia classrooms of Htantabin BEHS. The outstanding students of the school unveiled the stone inscriptions bearing the motto “Myanmar Education Goal” and the signboard “Build A Modern Developed Nation Through Education”.

The inauguration of the multimedia classrooms followed. The commander, the minister and Chairperson of the School Board of Trustees Daw San Yu Tin cut the ribbon to open it. The MEC Vice-Chairman pressed the button to unveil the facility. The Secretary-1 and party looked into electronic media video room, language lab, computer aided instruction room, computer application room, electronic media audio room, reading corner, painting room and domestic science room.

Afterwards, the handing over of the post-primary school in Kyaunggon Village and the multimedia classrooms of Htantabin BEHS took place. The students presented entertainment programmes. The Secretary-1 said that the government has been putting the plans into motion systematically for all-round development in the educational sector. In this regard, he added that it has also been taking measures for ensuring enrolment of all school-going-age children in cooperation with the parents and social organizations and the drive has now covered nearly 96 per cent of the plan. So it can be said that nearly 96 per cent of the school-going-age children have enjoyed the golden opportunity to attend the classes. Moreover, the middle school education is within the reach of the students who have passed primary level, he said. The opening of the multimedia teach-

Malaysian Chief of Army and wife arrive

YANGON, 15 July — At the invitation of Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Maung Aye, a nine-member goodwill delegation led by Chief of Army of Malaysian Armed Forces General Dato’ Seri Mohd Azumi Bin Mohamed and wife arrived here to pay a goodwill visit at 12.45 pm today.

The Malaysian delegation led by Chief of Army of Malaysian Armed Forces General Dato’ Seri Mohd Azumi Bin Mohamed and wife were welcomed at Yangon International Airport by Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lieutenant-General Khin Maung Than of the Ministry of Defence and wife Daw Marlar Tin, Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe and wife, Vice-Chief of Armed Forces Training Maj-Gen Win Myint and wife, Maj-Gen Mya Win and Brig-Gen Kyaw Han of the Ministry of Defence and their wives, Defence Advisor Col Hj Abbas bin Hj Mat and wife from the Malaysian Embassy and officials.

Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than and wife welcome Chief of Army of Malaysian Armed Forces General Dato’ Seri Mohd Azumi Bin Mohamed and wife at the airport. MNA

Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation, Ministry of Commerce and Ministry for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs presented K 1.57 million by the Ministry of Education to the school through the Secretary-1. Next, Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation, Ministry of Commerce and Ministry for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs presented K 100,000 each; the Yangon Mayor, K 560,000; the parent-teacher association and the Yangon West University Road and buildings of the university. — MNA
Transport development helps improve rural and urban economic, health, education standards

**Lt-Gen Ye Myint attends opening of North Yama Creek Bridge in Sagaing Division**

Yangon, 15 July — The new North Yama Creek Bridge, which links Yontaw Village in Salingyi Township and Aungchahta Village in Yinmabin Township, situated on Monywa-Pale-Gangaw Road and Monywa-Salingyi-Pakokku Road, was opened with ceremony this morning.

Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Ye Myint of the Ministry of Defence delivered an address and unveiled the stone inscription of the bridge.

Addressing the occasion were Chairman of Sagaing Division Peace and Development Council Commander of North-West Command Maj-Gen Tha Aye, Deputy Minister for Construction Brig-Gen Myint, Deputy Minister for Health Dr Mya Aye, Col Nyo Tun of North-West Command and senior military officers, local authorities, heads of departments, members of social organizations and locals totaling 15,000.

Lt-Gen Ye Myint said that transport was difficult in the past in the rainy season due to the strong current of the Yama Creek. Passengers had to travel from northern Sagaing Division to southern Sagaing Division and to Magway Division via Monywa. People from the regions located on the west bank of Chindwin River between the Hsinbyushin Bridge and Chindwin Bridge (Monywa) had to rely on ferry boats.

In accord with the guidance of the Head of State, the government has planned several projects for 2004 and 2005. It was completed on 27 June. It was built of the bailey suspension section and the wooden section. The bridge is 947 feet long and it can withstand 30-ton loads. At the same time, 7.5 miles long gravel road linking Salingyi and Yinmabin townships to be connected with Pale-Gangaw Road and Monywa-Yagyi-Kalewa Road was also built. Basic social needs of the local people were also improved, he added. Because of this new road linking Monywa-Yagyi-Kalewa Road, Monywa-Yinmabin-Pale-Gangaw Road and Monywa-Pakokku Road was also built.

**Director of North-West Development Council Lt-Gen Tha Aye made an address. In his speech, he said that as there were no river-crossing bridges in Monywa District in the past, there were many difficulties in transportation. According to the guidance of the Head of State, the Hsinbyushin Bridge crossing Chindwin River was built in 1998 and Lahokhpok Yagyi-Yomya-Kalewa Road was inaugurated in 2001. Senior-General Than Shwe formally opened the Chindwin River crossing Bridge (Monywa) in 2003 and Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt inaugurated Myittha Bridge (Kalaw) on 12 June this year. Therefore, the areas in the western bank of Chindwin River and Chin State have gained better transportation and border trade has also increased, he added.**

**At the opening ceremony, Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party inspected the road linking Monywa-Pale-Gangaw Road and Monywa-Salingyi-Pakokku Road.**

**Next, Lt-Gen Ye Myint attended the tree planting ceremony of Sagaing Division and Planted a neem tree.**

The commander, deputy ministers and officials participated in the tree planting ceremony together with local people. At the ceremony, 15,000 trees were planted.
A historical milestone leading the nation to a new age

As Myanmarese citizens live as economic migrants, there are about 500,000 households using electricity in Yangon. Thus, saving a four-foot fluorescent lamp everyday by each household amounts to saving power that is equal to the capacity of a 20-megawatt power station can supply.

Efficient use of electricity

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Heat wave hits Cyprus

Nicosia, July 15 — The island of Cyprus is currently experiencing the first heat wave of 2004 and the temperature is expected to reach up to 44 degrees Celsius on Wednesday, the local Press reported. The scorching heat wave, which reached 42 degrees Celsius on Tuesday, settled over Cyprus three days ago. The director of the weather services, Kyriacos Theofiliou, said the temperatures have reached a record level in 100 years. Meanwhile, doctors warned the heat wave could cause health problems across the island. Teams of doctors from the casualty department at Nicosia General Hospital are on the alert and ready to tackle any health problems faced by the public due to the unbearable heat. Nicosia became a ghost town this weekend as thousands of people headed for beaches and swimming pools to escape the unbearable heat. MNA/Xinhua

Russian border guards seize 118 kilos of heroin

MOSCOW, July 15 — Russian guards patrolling Tajikistan’s border with Afghanistan have seized more than 118 kilos of heroin, Interfax news agency reported Tuesday. The news agency quoted the border guards, Press service as saying that the drugs were found in three sacks left by five men on Monday who attempted to illegally cross into Tajikistan from Afghanistan. The trespassers managed to escape when border guards tried to detain them, but left the sacks on the spot, the Press service said. In the first half of this year, Russian border guards had confiscated over 10 tons of drugs, including about 550 kilos of heroin, on the Tajik-Afghan border. MNA/Xinhua

South Africa, Burkina Faso boost diplomatic, mining ties

Pretoria, July 15 — South Africa and Burkina Faso cemented their young relationship on Tuesday, promising to trade ambassadors and cooperate to exploit mineral resources in the impoverished West African nation.

The two countries’ foreign ministers signed a framework agreement to boost bilateral cooperation during a working visit to South Africa by Burkina Faso’s President Blaise Compaore.

“Burkina Faso has quite huge mineral deposits and we are quite keen, along with the Burkina Faso Government, to attract investment into this area,” South African President Thabo Mbeki told a joint news conference in Pretoria.

“We have agreed that South Africa’s extensive capacity that exists in this country for exploration, geologists, mining engineers, they really try and build up as comprehensive a base of knowledge as is possible about the deposits in Burkina Faso,” Mbeki said. Burkina Faso, sand-wiched in West Africa

Spain seizes 4.5 tons of cocaine off south coast

Madrid, July 15 — Spain said on Tuesday it had seized around 4.5 tons of cocaine from a fishing boat off its southern coast in a joint operation with Greek authorities.

Five Greek crew members and one Italian were arrested on the vessel Africa, which Customs officials boarded some 100 miles southwest of Cadiz late on Monday.

Customs authorities in Spain — which lies on trafficking routes to Europe from both South America and Africa — has captured more than 170 tons of drugs so far this year.

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Regional development measures inspected Sagaing Division

YANGON, 15 July — Members of the State Peace and Development Council Maj-Gen Ye Myint of the Ministry of Defence, together with Deputy Minister for Health Dr Mya Oo, visited the Department of Civil Defence and Development Programmes, the Department of Roads and Bridges, and the Ministry of Education, to inspect development measures.

On his visit, Maj-Gen Ye Myint inspected the education sector, with a focus on the implementation of educational programmes and measures. He was accompanied by Deputy Minister Dr Mya Oo and other officials from the Ministry of Education, who provided updates on the progress of various projects.

Maj-Gen Ye Myint praised the efforts of the Ministry of Education, highlighting the importance of education for the development of the country.

He also visited the Sagaing Division Peace and Development Council Office, where he met with officials to discuss ongoing development projects.

The visit was seen as a step towards accelerating the pace of development in Sagaing Division, with a focus on education, infrastructure, and civil defence programmes.
Decaf coffee find percolates into international spat

London, 14 July — The discovery of a coffee plant with naturally low caffeine and high sales potential to coffee lovers around the world has sparked an international tug of war over its ownership, legal and agricultural experts said.

In an industry where the International Coffee Organization (ICO) estimated in 2002 generated some 70 billion US dollars in global revenue, the stakes are high as Brazil and Ethiopia spar over the ownership of the plant found growing in Ethiopian forests by a Brazilian scientist.

International conventions regulating the ownership of indigenous plants seem to favour Ethiopia, one expert said, but the plant samples were collected before the rules came into force.

“The Convention is not retroactive, so the Brazilian may not be bound by it,” the legal source said late on Monday. Paulo Marzafera of the Universidade Estadual de Campinas in Brazil announced his discovery of the first naturally decaffeinated arabica plant in the prestigious science journal Nature last month.

Ethiopian officials reacted angrily, saying they had not been consulted and urging Marzafera to explain under what conditions he was able to take 6,000 coffee specimens from Ethiopia in the 1980s.

Ethiopia is hoping for a mutually agreeable solution. “We feel that it is possible for us to come up with a win-win solution that would benefit both Ethiopia and Brazil,” Ethiopian Prime Minister Meles Zenawi told Reuters in Addis Ababa earlier this month.

A spokesman for the ICO, the largest inter-governmental group representing producing and consuming countries, declined comment.

Marzafera was not immediately available but experts say his find could have a significant impact on the world coffee market.

“Naturally occurring decaffeinated coffee, rather than something occurring through an achromatic process, could provide an important boost to coffee consumption,” David Hallam, chief of the tropical and horticultural products service of the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), told Reuters from FAO’s Rome headquarters.

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The best time to plant a tree was twenty years ago.

The second best time is now.
Experts say keep “Hubble” repair options open

WASHINGTON, 14 July— NASA should not rule out sending a shuttle to fix the aging Hubble Space Telescope, an expert panel told the space agency on Tuesday, six months after a planned repair mission was dismissed as too risky.

“NASA should take no actions that would preclude a space shuttle servicing mission to the Hubble Space Telescope,” the panel’s chairman, Louis Lanzerotti, wrote in a letter to NASA Administrator Sean O’Keefe. O’Keefe had asked a panel of the National Academy of Sciences, which included experts within and outside of the space agency, to assess options for extending Hubble’s life.

If its steady gyrosopes and aging batteries are not replaced, the orbiting telescope is expected to lose its ability to support scientific investigations by 2007 or 2008.

Beyond these repairs, Hubble was due to get a new wide-field camera and a new spectrograph that the expert panel estimates would vastly improve its ability to view cosmic objects in our solar system and learn more about the birth and death of stars.

O’Keefe signaled in January a shuttle servicing mission to Hubble set for 2005 or 2006 would not fly. He cited safety recommendations of the Columbia Accident Investigation Board, which probed the in-flight disintegration of the shuttle Columbia in 2003, which killed the seven astronauts.

After intense public outcry, O’Keefe said a robotic repair mission was possible, and NASA has been studying that option. The agency is also considering a robotic mission to safely bring Hubble down out of orbit at the end of its useful life.

But the expert panel found current proposals for a robotic mission to Hubble had “inherent uncertainties”, and noted the Columbia accident report did not specifically ban sending shuttle astronauts to fix the telescope, as they have times in the past.

The panel members recommended vigorous pursuit of the robotic option, while keeping the shuttle option open. They also urged that NASA work closely with the US Air Force and the Pentagon’s Defence Advanced Research Projects Agency, where robotic missions are also being developed.

Hubble is one of NASA’s most popular instruments, but Lanzerotti said there were skeptics on the panel who initially questioned whether a repair to the 14-year-old craft was worthwhile.

MNA/Reuters

Study says kids face more problems after beating cancer

WASHINGTON, 14 July— Two-thirds of children who survive cancer go on to face higher risks of another cancer, heart disease, or other health problems as they grow up, US researchers reported on Wednesday.

They need to take special care of their health, watching their weight, eating especially healthfully, exercising as much as possible and getting screened for cancer and heart disease, the researchers said.

The report, published in the July-August issue of CA: A Cancer Journal for Clinicians, finds the problems affect up to 250,000 Americans because so many people now survive childhood cancer.

Last month, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention reported that 79 per cent of children under the age of 15 with cancer now live five years or more. That compares to 56 per cent in the mid-1970s.

“They need to be ready to close the door on cancer and forget they ever had it”, yet, it affects their health for the rest of their life,” said Dr Kevin Oeffinger of the University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center at Dallas.

Oeffinger and Dr Melissa Hudson of St Jude Children’s Research Hospital in Memphis, Tennessee, looked at all the studies they could find on the later health effects of childhood cancer for their report.

They found the children risk secondary cancers, heart disease, infertility, early menopause, neurocognitive defects, depression, anxiety and moderate to extreme physical pain.

MNA/Reuters

US plans rigorous English test for immigrants

WASHINGTON, 14 July— The US Government plans to introduce by late 2006 more rigorous testing in English language, US history and civics for immigrants hoping to become citizens, the programme director said on Tuesday.

Gern Rudolf, director of the naturalization redesign project at US Citizen and Immigration Services, told a press briefing that current tests for prospective new citizens varied widely from office to office.

“We want a test that is more meaningful, reliable and fair, focusing on concepts that will ensure that applicants will be able to function as new citizens,” he said at the briefing organized by the Centre for Immigration Studies, a Washington tank that argues for a slowing of immigration to the United States.

MNA/Reuters

Sharon Stone to return for “Basic Instinct” sequel

LOS ANGELES, 14 July— Hollywood actress Sharon Stone, out of public sight for a long time, is set to return to the big screen to star in a sequel to her classic thriller “Basic Instinct”, according to TV reports Tuesday.

Stone told the “Access Hollywood” TV that she is now on track after a protracted legal dispute that was eventually dropped.

She said that the development on “Basic Instinct 2” was in the early stages, and the production schedule was not set yet.

“When we are putting it together, she said.”

The original 1992 film made a household name of Stone, who started opposite Hollywood star Michael Douglas as novelist and key murder suspect Catherine Tramell. Douglas cast as a troubled cop who falls prey to the sexual wiles of the suspect in a gruesome murder investigation.

Stone also denied the film had been delayed by her posted list of demands. “Well funny enough, we are making the move now, and nothing has changed, sobrelieverou,” she said. — MNA/Xinhua

Chinese language education attracts more overseas students

BEIJING, 14 July— The number of overseas Chinese and students from Hong Kong, Macao and Taiwan studying the Chinese language has surged in recent years. More domestic colleges have begun to target the growing group.

For example, at prestigious Jinan University in southern China’s Guangdong Province, the number of overseas Chinese, Hong Kong, Macao and Taiwan students majoring in Chinese at Jinan University has jumped from 3,568 in 1999 to 7,772 this year.

Jinan University has devoted great efforts and investment to forming a professional work committee to map out the general planning for its Chinese language education. The university has trained additional teachers and the textbook for the foreign students, which has published more than 4 million volumes in more than 40 countries and regions.

MNA/Xinhua

US biotech Panacos unveils new kind of ‘AIDS’ drug

BANGKOK, 15 July— A new kind of AIDS drug, which interrupts the last of the six stages in the life-cycle of HIV, has cleared the initial hurdle of clinical development, its developer said on Wednesday.

Privately held US biotech firm Panacos Pharmaceuticals told scientists at the 15th International AIDS Conference the oral maturation inhibitor was well tolerated at various doses in a Phase I study and reached required levels in patients’ blood.

The company now plans to start intermediate Phase II trials, which will look at exactly how well the drug fights the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) that causes AIDS. Panacos believes it will be suitable for taking as a once-daily pill.

If all goes well, we would hopefully be able to file for regulatory approval sometime early in 2007,” Dr Carl Wild, Panacos’ Chief Scientist Officer, told Reuters.

The product, known by the codename PA-457, is one of a number of new anti-AIDS drugs researchers announced at the Bangkok meeting and which may offer a lifeline for patients who have developed resistance to existing treatments.

MNA/Reuters

Guangzhou’s cyber cafes refuses entry of minors

GUANGZHOU, 14 July— Ten network companies in Guangzhou, capital of Guangdong Province in south China, jointly proposed Tuesday that local cyber cafes should join hands to deny the entry of minors.

The ten network companies, including Guangdong Xingmeng Network Co., Ltd and China Unionic’s Guangzhou branch, made the call at a meeting on exchanging and popularizing the experience of local cyber cafes in prohibiting juveniles from entering.

MNA/Xinhua
Bergkamp ready for final assault on Europe with Arsenal

LONDON, 14 July — Dennis Bergkamp has won countless domestic honours in his nine years at Arsenal but in what is likely to be his farewell season, the Dutch striker has his eyes on European glory.

Bergkamp, who turned 35 in May, was handed a one-year contract extension at the end of Arsenal’s record-breaking 2003-04 season and now hopes he can contribute to an assault on the club’s only remaining trophy, the Champions League.

“I feel we are getting better than we were getting more experience in it,” said Bergkamp, who arrived at Arsenal a year after their last European success, the 1994 ‘Cup Winners’ Cup.

“I feel you need a little bit of luck as well and if you look at the two games we played against Chelsea last year, normally we would have done better against them and then you go through to the semi-finals and who knows what happens then?”

“We are playing well enough, we just need a little bit of luck as well I think.”

Premier League champions Arsenal lost to their London rivals in the Champions League quarter-finals last season, continuing a poor run in a tournament in which they have never reached the last four.

Bergkamp’s involvement in the European campaign is likely to limited not only by his fear of flying but by the other strikers in the squad, where Thierry Henry and Jose Antonio Reyes are the established front two.

The laid-back Dutchman says, however, that he will be doing all he can to force his way into manager Arsene Wenger’s plans for the season and that he still has the hunger for the game.

“My aim is to play as many games as possible and to go out and be one of the 11 players again,” said Bergkamp, who was speaking at the British Formula One Grand Prix at Silverstone on Sunday.

“I know I can still do it. There are a lot of young players coming through and trying to get to that position, but I just want to hold on.”

“I just love football. I want to do it every day. As long as I have that hunger then I will be okay.”

Bergkamp played 38 games, nine as a substitute, in all competitions for Arse-

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3. News/Slogan

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2. National news/
9.25 pm
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1. Weather report

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1. 4.45 am Music: "See through you"
8:50 am
1. National news/
4.45 am Music: "See through you"
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9:00 am
1. 9.00 am Music: Shake it
9.05 am International news
9.10 am Music: "Come & get your love"
1.30 pm News/Slogan
1.40 pm Lunch time music
- In love with you -Secret
9.00 pm World of music -Songs from Japan, Germany and Philippines
9.15 pm Article
9.25 pm Music at your request
- What can I do when
9.45 pm News/Slogan
10.00 pm PMEL.

10:00 pm
1. 22. "ကြယ်စီးတမုံ" (အားပြ)
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11:30 pm
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Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife Daw Mya Mya San host dinner to visiting Chief of Army of Malaysian Armed Forces and wife

YANGON, 15 July — Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Maung Aye hosted a dinner to visiting Chief of Army of Malaysian Armed Forces General Dato’ Seri Mohd Azumi Bin Mohamed and party at Zeyathiri Beikman here at 6.30 pm today.

Also present on the occasion together with Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife Daw Mya Mya San, were Member of the State Peace and Development Council General Thura Shwe Mann and party at Zeyathiri Beikman here at 6.30 pm today.

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Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt sends message of sympathy to India

YANGON, 15 July — General Khin Nyunt, Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar has sent a message of sympathy to His Excellency Dr Manmohan Singh, Prime Minister of the Republic of India on the loss of lives and destruction to property caused by recent monsoon flooding in the north-eastern part of India.

Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt sends message of sympathy to Bangladesh

YANGON, 15 July — General Khin Nyunt, Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar has sent a message of sympathy to Her Excellency Begum Khaleda Zia, Prime Minister of the People’s Republic of Bangladesh on the loss of lives and destruction to property caused by recent monsoon flooding in Bangladesh.

Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Soe Win inspects bran oil mills, rice reprocessing plant

YANGON, 15 July — Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Soe Win, accompanied by officials of the State Peace and Development Council Office, this morning, inspected bran oil mills and the rice reprocessing plant under the Ministry of Commerce and gave necessary instructions to officials.

At 2.30 pm, the Secretary-1 arrived at No 03 Bran Oil Mill (Insein) of Myanmar Agricultural Produce Trading of the Ministry of Commerce in Ywama West Ward, Insein Township, where Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Pyi Sone, Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Aung Tun and officials welcomed him. In the briefing hall, the minister reported on history of the plant and tasks being carried out. The plant reported on producing crude palm oil. The Secretary-1 gave necessary instructions to officials.

They proceeded to No 03 Bran Oil Mill (Insein) can mill 25 tons of bran per 24 hours and produce 10 tons of bran oil per 24 hours. The mill produces not only bran oil but also palm oil.

They proceeded to No 01 Bran Oil Mill (Hline) on Bayintnaung Road in Ward 4, Hline Township. Mill Manager U Myint Soe reported that the mill started its functions on 1962. The mill can crush 20 tons of bran per 24 hours and produce 10 tons of crude bran oil per 24 hours. The Secretary-1 and party inspected the production process of the mill.

Next, the Secretary-1 and party went to No 272 360-ton Rice Reprocessing Plant in Hline Township. Plant Manager U Maung Win reported on history of the plant and tasks being carried out. The Secretary-1 gave necessary instructions to officials.

During and after the dinner, various songs and dances were presented by artists of Fine Arts Department of the Ministry of Culture.