PM tours Shenzhen, Hong Kong
Further cooperation in hi-tech, industrial sector discussed

**YANGON, 22 July** — Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar General Khin Nyunt and wife and goodwill delegation members arrived at Shanghai International Airport on 16 July morning. They were seen off at the airport by Shanghai Vice Mayor Mr Tang Jiu and party. The Prime Minister and wife and entourage left Shanghai by the special flight of China Air and arrived at Shenzhen International Airport at 11 am. Shenzhen Vice Mayor Mr Lu Rui Feng and party, Consul-General of the Union of Myanmar to Hong Kong U Myo Chit and officials accompanied the Prime Minister and wife and party by car to Wushou Guest House in Shenzhen. Together with Shenzhen Vice Mayor Mr Lu Rui Feng, the Prime Minister and wife and party arrived at Shenzhen Hi-tech Industrial Park at 2.25 pm, where they were welcomed by Vice Director-General Mr Linbo and officials.

At the hall, the Prime Minister and party watched the documentary video featuring tasks of Shenzhen Hi-tech Industrial Development such as strengthening of the industrial zone’s objectives, registration of the products and technologies, measures for emergence of new technologies in Shenzhen Industrial Zone, measures for improvement of new technologies, famous universities in Shenzhen Industrial Zone, environmental conservation, upgrading of Shenzhen Industrial Zone to a world-class industrial zone.

Next, Vice Director-General Mr Linbo briefed the Prime Minister and party on location and area of the industrial zone, cumulative development of production capacity, the companies manufacturing products through local and foreign high-tech science and technology in southern and northern parts of the industrial zone, research centres on subjects, national and foreign universities, and industrial tasks with the use of audiovisual aids.

They proceeded to ZTE Corporation, where they were welcomed by President Mr Hou Weigui and officials. The Prime Minister and party were briefed on various models of telephones, production of various kinds of communication equipment, and documentary photos at the hall.

**Fruitful results of PM’s visit to China**
China firmly standing for Myanmar in international affairs, Myanmar always strictly adhering to One China Policy

**PM’s visit to China strengthens Sino-Myanmar ties**

**YANGON, 22 July** — The Prime Minister’s goodwill visit to the People’s Republic of China is a significant one in the history of Sino-Myanmar relations. The bilateral friendly relations and cooperation established by the leaders of Myanmar and China with foresightedness is developing, and now development in the friendly relations and cooperation may be witnessed in all fields — political, economic and religious. As the People’s Republic of China has taken a firm stand for Myanmar in the international affairs, so also, Myanmar has always stood by China, strictly adhering to the One China Policy. At a time when the Western countries are applying pressure on Myanmar, with the political motives, China, being a true friend of Myanmar, always stands by Myanmar. In the economic field, Myanmar and the People’s Republic of China are cooperating with added momentum. As the Prime Minister had held cordial discussions with the Chinese leaders during his goodwill visit, new areas of cooperation, based on common interest, have emerged. In the religious sector, the sacred Buddha’s Tooth Relic, that is being kept at Ling Guang Temple in the People’s Republic of China, was conveyed to Myanmar for three times for public reverence. And Myanmar, on her part, donated two significant and valuable jade Buddha images to be placed at the temple in China.

Because of the flourishing bilateral relations, the leaders and the people of China welcomed the Prime Minister as a guest of honour and cordially and warmly received him.

The Prime Minister of PRG welcomed the Prime Minister of Myanmar and goodwill delegation at grand ceremony in Beijing. The Chinese leaders: President Mr Hu Jintao, Prime Minister Mr Wen Jiabao, Chairman of the National People’s Congress of China Mr Wu Bangguo, and member of the Standing Committee of the Political

Emergence of the State Constitution is the duty of all citizens of Myanmar Naing-Ngan.
Sino-Myanmar ties further strengthened

Practising the independent and active foreign policy in international relations, the Union of Myanmar is strengthening friendship especially with neighbouring countries and cooperating with them in trade, economic and cultural fields. With a view to deepening bilateral relations and boosting mutual cooperation, Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt of the Union of Myanmar went on a study tour of developing economic enterprises and industrial zones during his official visit to the People’s Republic of China from 11 to 18 July.

On the morning of 15 July, the Prime Minister visited the Shanghai Science and Technology Museum in Pudong Industrial Zone. At the museum, Mr Endi Zhang of Shanghai Pudong New Area People’s Government reported to the Prime Minister on the location and area of the industrial zone. The Vice Mayor said that the zone’s main economy was at first based on manufacturing industry but now focused on science and technology. He also explained the GDP growth of the zone, manufacturing, research and service industries being carried out through advanced technologies, local and foreign investment, the building of infrastructures for developing the industrial zone and measures being taken for harmonious development in social and cultural sectors.

Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt said that he had met the leaders of the People’s Republic of China and cordially discussed matters on cooperation in various fields and promotion of bilateral relations. The Prime Minister added that agreements had been made to boost cooperation in agriculture, industry, communications, energy and electric power. Finally, he stated that all the interest, including industrialists and entrepreneurs in Shanghai and those from Pudong Industrial Zone, to come to Myanmar and make investment in industrial zones to be established near the capital. Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt and party also visited the Shanghai Urban Planning Exhibition Centre.

Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt called on Mr Han Zheng, Mayor of Shanghai, at Jin Jiang Grand Hall in Shanghai. At the meeting, Mayor Mr Han Zheng said that Shanghai is the port city and its economy and the living standard of its people have developed during the last 15 years. General Khin Nyunt said that his visit to Shanghai was to study its rapid development and to invite companies in Shanghai to come and study a special industrial zone to be established near Yangon.

We believe that Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt’s visit to China is very fruitful and it will surely enhance cooperation and friendly ties of the two countries.
Three US troops killed in action in Iraq

Baghdad, 21 July — Two US Army soldiers and one Marine have been killed in action in Iraq’s Anbar Province west of Baghdad in the past two days, a US military spokesman said Wednesday.

The spokesman said the Marine was killed Tuesday, while one of the soldiers died of battle wounds on the same day. Another soldier died Monday in action; the spokesman said without giving any more details.

The casualties are in addition to another US Marine who was already reported killed Tuesday in Anbar Province.

The deaths bring to at least 659 the number of US troops killed in action in Iraq since the invasion last March to oust Saddam Hussein.

US soldier patrol in Duluiyah, 70 kilometres (45 miles) north of Baghdad, on 21 July, 2004. THE NEW LIGHT OF MYANMAR Friday, 23 July, 2004

US helicopter shot down in Iraq

Fallujah, 21 July — Guerrillas have shot down a US helicopter during fierce clashes in the western Iraqi city of Ramadi and three on board have been killed, says an Iraqi police officer in the city.

Several witnesses also said a helicopter was shot down.

The police officer said the aircraft came down near the eastern entrance of the city and burst into flames. He said the area had been sealed off by US troops.

A US military spokeswoman said on Wednesday she did not have any information on the report. At least five Iraqis were killed in the clashes in the city, Iyad Mohammed, a doctor at Ramadi’s hospital, said. He said they included three brothers who were killed in their car by a roadside bomb planted to target US patrols.

Chinese scientists leave for Arctic

Beijing, 21 July — A team of 11 Chinese scientists left here Tuesday for the North Pole to carry out research in the Arctic region and prepare to open the country’s first scientific research station there at the end of this month.

The team is heading for Svalbard Island, Norway, according to Yang Huigen, deputy head of the China Polar Research Centre based in Shanghai, and first chief of the China’s Arctic station.

The first group of scientists will carry out a month of research on atmospheric physics, maritime life, meteorology, glaciers and GPS tracking.

The station is a two-storey building with a total area of 500 square metres on Svalbard Island. It has laboratories, offices, reading rooms, storerooms and dorms that can accommodate 20 to 25 staff.

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Australia enhances maritime security

Canberra, 21 July — Australian Prime Minister John Howard announced on Tuesday that Australia would enhance maritime security after the country’s spy agency warned that maritime targets could be attacked by terrorists.

A comprehensive threat assessment prepared by the Australian Security Intelligence Organization (ASIO) indicated that al-Qaeda, an international terrorist network, and its associated groups continue to have a capacity to carry out terrorist attacks, including against maritime interests, Howard said in a statement.

The key measure is to increase the rate of container examination at the Customs container x-ray facilities in Sydney, Melbourne, Brisbane and Fremantle.

The number of ports covered by Customs closed circuit television network will be extended from the current 52 to 63, according to the statement.

Howard said the government will also review security arrangements for Australia’s offshore oil and gas facilities and assets through the establishment of a dedicated task force within the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet.

The task force will also consider the Australian Government’s capabilities and protocols for interdicting ships and other vessels at sea.

Japanese flower power gadget turns plants into amplifiers

Tokyo, 21 July — People who like talking to their plants can now enjoy a musical accompaniment, thanks to a Japanese invention that turns petals and leaves into amplifiers.

Called the “Flower Speaker Amplifiers”, the gadget made by Let’s Corp is hidden in a vase or a potted plant and sends music at just the right frequency to vibrate the stems and then be converted into audible sound by the plant as a whole.

A device such as a CD player or radio can be connected to it.

“Anywhere where you would want music naturally integrated with a natural surrounding,” said Hirohiko Okugawa, a manager at Let’s, referring to locations for the device, which he expects it to be popular for hotels and hospital lobbies.

MNA/Reuters

Australia attracts more foreign investment

Canberra, 21 July — Foreign investment in Australia increased by 9.1 per cent to $78.1 billion Australian dollars ($716.2 billion US dollars) in 2003, latest official statistics show.

The United States was the biggest investor in Australia last year, taking about 30 per cent of the total foreign investment, according to the Australian Bureau of Statistics figures released Tuesday.

It was followed by Britain, which accounted for 26 per cent of the total, and Japan, 5 per cent.

Australia’s investment overseas rose by 7.8 per cent to $508.2 billion Australian dollars ($371.9 billion US dollars) last year. About 42 per cent of the amount went to the United States.

The figures underscored the close economic relationship between Australia and the United States before they put to effect a bilateral free trade agreement on January 1, 2005.

MNA/Xinhua

China’s Arctic station. It has laboratories, offices, reading rooms, storerooms and dorms that can accommodate 20 to 25 staff. At the top of the building is an observatory.

The 11 scientists, aged between 27 and 65, are from the China Polar Research Centre, the Chinese Academy of Meteorological Sciences, Wuhan University, the Chinese Academy of Sciences, the University of Science and Technology of China and the State Oceanic Administration.

Most of them have experience with scientific research in either the Antarctic or the Arctic, said Yang.

In 1999 and 2003, China launched two Arctic expeditions.

MNA/Xinhua

Guerillas seize six foreign hostages in Iraq

Baghdad, 21 July — A new hostage crisis erupted in Iraq Wednesday just a day after a kidnapped Filipino was freed, with guerrillas saying they had seized three other nationals, and an Egyptian and threatening to kill them one by one.

In video footage given to Arabic satellite channel Al Arabiya, masked gunmen said they would behead the captives unless the Kuwaiti company they worked for pulled out of Iraq.

“We announce we have captured two Kenyans, three Indians and one Egyptian. We tell the company to withdraw and close its offices in Iraq,” said one of the masked men, from a group calling itself the ‘Black Banners’.

The guerrillas also demanded that India, Kenya and Egypt withdraw their citizens from Iraq. None of the three countries are part of the US-led coalition in Iraq but many of their nationals work as drivers and contractors.

An Egyptian diplomatic source confirmed that an Egyptian truck driver named Mohammed Ali had been taken hostage.

Monday, another Egyptian hostage was freed after his Saudi employer pledged to stop doing business in Iraq.

Tuesday, Filipino truck driver Angelo de la Cruz was released from more than two weeks in captivity, after the Philippines bowed to the demands of his captors and withdrew its small military contingent from Iraq a month ahead of schedule.

Manila’s move was criticized by the United States and Australia, both key allies, and by Iraq’s interim government which said the Philippines was giving in to terrorists.

De la Cruz, a 46-year-old father of eight, flew to Abu Dhabi Wednesday to be reunited with his wife before heading home. He said he was well treated in captivity but often feared death.

MNA/Xinhua

Internet

Three guerillas carrying automatic weapons stand in front of six hostages at an undisclosed location in Iraq on this picture handed to the Associated Press on 21 July, 2004. Internet

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Three other US Marines were killed in Iraq since the beginning of military operations in March 2003.

US soldiers patrol the streets near the area where the 1st Infantry Division Bradley vehicle was hit by a roadside bomb resulting in the death of an American soldier while on patrol in Duluiyah, 70 kilometres (45 miles) north of Baghdad, on 21 July, 2004.
Bagdad, 21 July — An insurgency that just won’t die is leaving American troops in the field wondering if they are going to be next.

It is likely we will lose somebody else. ‘Yes, it is,’ said Capt Thomas H Johnson Jr, who leads one of the coalition’s most battle-scarred units, based in Bagdad. “But all we can do is be as ready as possible.”

Johnson’s 3rd Brigade soldiers, more than any others in the US 1st Infantry Division, know all about being prepared for battle; their casualty rate is above 25 percent, including six deaths since April.

The death toll of US troops killed in Iraq since the war began last year reached 900 early Wednesday when another 1st Infantry Division soldier was killed. His Bradley fighting vehicle struck a roadside bomb in Duluiyah, 45 miles north of Bagdad.

The death followed those of two Marines and two soldiers, announced Tuesday by the military.

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Iraq’s neighbours to tackle security
Cairo, 21 July — Foreign ministers from countries bordering Iraq gathered in Cairo to tackle the new Iraqi government’s demands for help in restoring security to the ravaged nation.

“We expect our neighbours to stand by the Iraqi people and give more than words to help restore sovereignty for a peaceful Iraq,” Iraqi Foreign Minister Hoshyar Zebari said as the meeting opened on Wednesday.

It is the first time the ministers from Iraq, its neighbours Jordan, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, Syria and Turkey, as well as Afghanistan, have gathered together since the US-led occupation transferred power to an interim Bagdad government last month.

Both the caretaker gov- ernment of Prime Minister Iyad Allawi and the US-led forces still in Iraq have blamed most of the attacks on foreign fighters and those allegedly linked to Al Qaeda such as Jordanian-born Abu Musab al-Zarqawi.

They have repeatedly accused Syria and Iran in particular of failing to stop insurgents from entering the country. Allawi is scheduled to join the foreign ministers for lunch and also hold talks with EU foreign policy chief Javier Solana, who is on a tour of the Middle East.

Un chief Kofi Annan has been special representative for Iraq, Lakhdar Brahimi, is also sitting in on the discus- sions.

Iraq accuses US forces of withholding art works
Bagdad, 21 July — The Iraq Culture Ministry has accused the US forces of withholding 59 Iraqi art works stolen from the Iraqi museums, Al Mashriq newspaper reported Wednesday. The ministry received 11 rare art works of them, ” said the ministry sources, adding that the others were not returned yet.

The Iraq Culture Ministry set up a committee in charge of gathering Iraqi national artistic and cultural works looted during the anarchy ensuing the American occupation of the country in March 2003. The ministry estimated there were altogether 8,000 lost artworks, among which 1,500 were recovered while the rest still lost.

Bulgaria, Poland of attacks over Iraq
Dubai, 21 July— A group claiming to be the European wing of al Qaeda on Wednesday threatened Bulgarian and Polish with attacks if they did not pull out troops over Iraq.

The claim from the previous unheard-of group posted on a Web site normally used by militants, said both countries would face attacks similar to those in Madrid this year and the Sept 11 attacks on US cities.

“To the crusader Bulgarian government which supports the Americans, we ask you for the last time to withdraw Bulgarian forces from Iraq or we will turn Bulgaria into a bloodbath,” the statement, signed “the al Qaeda organization, Europe.”

“Poland and the des- picable Prime Minister Marek Belka, withdraw your forces from Iraq or you will hear explosions ripping through your country when we want it,” it added.

The authenticity of the claim, dated July 21, could not be confirmed. In recent weeks there have been a number of Internet threats against the foreign presence in Iraq, some of which have then been disowned by groups saying others are using their name.

The Bulgarian govern- ment said in a statement: “At the moment, there is no data indicating a direct threat to Bulgaria. The relevant agencies are checking the origin and authenticity of the information on the threats.”

Poland’s Belka told parlia- ment: “We are treating the threat extremely seriously. We shall look into this matter carefully and take all possible measures.”

According to our secu- rity services, there are no new events within Polish borders which would require any particular sort of behaviour, or reaction from our citizens.”

A statement on Tuesday purporting to be from a group led by Abu Musab al- Zarqawi, an Islamic militant with suspected ties to al Qaeda, threatened attacks on Japan unless it withdrew its 550 non-combat troops from Iraq, but a later Internet mes- sage disowned the warning.
Venezuelan President calls Bush “Emperor of Evil”

CARACAS, 22 July — Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez again criticized US President George W Bush for interfering in Venezuela’s internal affairs, calling the latter “Emperor of Evil.”

He made the remarks at an election rally less than one month before the referendum scheduled for August 15 on whether he could keep his presidency, saying “you see now how the Emperor of Evil has spoken from Washington giving orders”.

“Tell me what right does the President of the United States have to call for transparency in any electoral process in the world,” Chavez said. Bush on Monday urged transparency in the upcoming Venezuelan referendum and called for international observers’ free access to the voting process.

Chavez has repeatedly accused Bush’s Government of plotting with the opposition to invade Venezuela and overthrow him.

MNA/Reuters

Zarqawi demands Japan withdraw from Iraq

DUBAI, 21 July — Abu Musab al-Zarqawi, an Islamic militant with suspected ties to al-Qaeda, has ordered Japan to withdraw its troops from Iraq, according to a statement posted on Tuesday on an Islamist web site.

“The message is directed to the Japanese Government. Do what the Philippines has done because no one else can help you... You fate will be like that of the Americans and others,” read the statement, posted on a web site that has carried previous messages from Zarqawi.

Zarqawi also warned Muslim and Arab states against sending troops to Iraq or supporting the US-led coalition and Iraqi Prime Minister Iyad Allawi’s government. He issued the same warning to Arab and Muslim companies operating in Iraq. “This message is especially directed to Pakistan, Jordan, Turkey, Iran, Gulf Arab states and Middle East, to Indonesia, Malaysia and all Muslim countries,” the statement said.

MNA/Reuters

A woman pulls a child away from a charred vehicle after a car bomb went off in the eastern part of Baghdad on 21 July, 2004. — Internet

More Filipinos favour pullout decision

MANILA, 22 July — More Filipinos agreed with the Government’s decision to pull out its troops from Iraq for the release of Filipino hostage Angelo de la Cruz, said a survey released Thursday.

Citing the survey conducted by HB&A Research International Inc from July 17 to 19, the Philippine Star said that 72 per cent of Metro Manila residents approved of President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo’s decision to pull out the 51-strong contingent from Iraq in exchange for de la Cruz’s life.

The kidnapped truck driver, who has been released on Tuesday, is set to arrive at Manila International Airport Thursday.

An earlier HB&A survey on the issue taken from July 10 to 12, during the height of the hostage crisis, showed a split over whether to stay or pull out the troops from Iraq when the respondents were asked to choose from among three possible decisions by Arroyo.

Fifty-four per cent said that Arroyo should “immediately” pull out Filipino troops from Iraq to save the hostage while 34 per cent favoured an initial incomplete pullout.

The survey also revealed that 75 per cent of the respondents believed that the United States was not justified in being angry at the Philippines Government for the pullout decision.

MNA/Inpho

Philippines busts foreign phone-hacking syndicate

MANILA, 21 July — The Philippines arrested eight members of an international hacking syndicate who had broken into the country’s largest telephone company for more than six years, officials said on Tuesday.

Lieutenant-General Jose Reyes, the Air Force chief, said two Indian nationals, a Bangladesh and five Filipino accomplices were believed to have been illegally tapping into the Philippine Long Distant Telephone (PLDT) company’s system since 1998.

They were arrested in raids last week in Manila. PLDT, the Philippines’ largest telephone service provider, had reported losses amounting to 200 million pesos (3.5 million US dollars) since 1998 due to syndicates hacking into its subscribers’ phone bills.

They had been hacking into the company’s subscribers’ accounts by illegally selling call services, he said.

“They have deprived the government of nearly 20 million pesos (250 million US dollars) in expected revenues,” Reyes told reporters, adding that the illegal activities of the syndicate could be tantamount to economic sabotage.

David Narvasa, a lawyer for PLDT, said the company had been investigating hacking syndicates since it received complaints from corporate subscribers about long distance calls charged to their lines when such calls were never made.

PLDT sought help from the military, police and immigration officials after trailing illegal calls made through the hackers’ system.

Most of the illegal calls were made to the Middle East.

“It is not farfetched to believe that this scheme is being utilized by criminal syndicates involved in kidnaping and other serious crimes,” Narvasa told reporters.

“We, as an independent entityrend, are not about to be terrorized by both here and abroad.” — MNA/Reuters

Survey says singles dominate China’s netizen population

BRUNO, 21 July — Of China’s 87 million Internet users, 60.1 per cent are single, says a survey on the development of the Internet in China published here Tuesday.

The survey, the 14th of its kind conducted by the China Internet Network Information Centre (CNNIC), also shows 59.3 per cent of China’s web surfers are male while 40.7 per cent are female.

It shows 21.9 per cent of netizens earn more than 2,000 yuan (240 US dollars) per month; students account for the biggest percentage: 31.9 per cent.

MNA/Inpho

Sino-US fund management company on the way

BEIJING, 21 July — AIG Global Investment Corp (AIGGIC), the investment arm of the American International Group Inc (AIG), has received the Chinese Government’s approval to establish a joint venture fund management company in Shanghai.

The China Securities Regulatory Commission has given the go-ahead for AIGGIC, China’s Huatai Securities and several other Chinese companies to establish the joint company.

AIGGIC and Huatai Securities will each hold 33 per cent of the company’s stock, while the remaining stock will be shared by three other Chinese companies.

The company will be registered in Shanghai and with a registered capital of 100 million yuan (about 12.05 million US dollars).

Joel Epstein, president of AIG China, said the company is glad to expand its business in China’s booming fund market.

MNA/Inpho

Airbus signs deal worth $7b with Etihad

FARNBOROUGH (England), 21 July — European aircraft maker Airbus announced Tuesday that it had signed a memorandum worth more than 7 billion US dollars with Etihad Airways, the national airline of the United Arab Emirates to supply 24 airplanes to the Abu Dhabi-based Middle East company.

Etihad Airways ordered Airbus’ widebody long-range aircraft and the new generation double-deck Airbus A380 for its future growth.

Airbus said the deal, the biggest announced so far this year’s Farnborough air show, includes options for Etihad to purchase four A350s and another 20 airplanes including four ultra-long range A340-500s, four A340-600s and 12 A330-200s.

Airbus is developing the A380 with some 550 seats, to fill the demand it sees for super-size planes carrying large numbers of passengers.

Airbus has now pre-sold 133 of the A380s and chief executive Noel Forgeard said the jumbo aircraft is on track to make its test flight during the first three months of next year.

The deal dwarfs a sale announcement made by Air- bus’ rival, American aircraft-maker Boeing Co., at the airshow Monday.

Boeing’s deal with Emirates Airline consists of four 777-300ERs with options on nine more, for a total contract value of 2.96 billion US dollars. The four planes are to be delivered in 2006, with the optional sales to be completed by 2012.

The two largest global aircraft makers Airbus and Boeing have been competing fiercely in the world market. The Airbus A380 is the only modern aircraft design in the valuable 400-plus seat market, in which Airbus said it had already established a strong market leadership.

Boeing Commercial Airplanes chief executive Alan Mulally argued here that airlines need aircraft to make longer and more frequent flights and prefer flying point-to-point between final destinations rather than via congested hubs.

Boeing, headquartered in Chicago, is developing its new medium-sized 7E7 aircraft to meet this hoped-for demand.

The air show already has given executives of the two titans of the industry a platform for their intense competition as they defend their respective strategies for future growth and trade accusations about government subsidies.

MNA/Inpho

An Iraqi police inspect the intensive care unit after it was hit a rocket in Baghdad hospital, which sits amid a large health complex, in Baghdad, Iraq, on Wednesday, 21 July, 2004. — Internet
In the northernmost region of the Union of Myanmar is Rasadan camp, which can also be called the northernmost camp. To the south of the camp is such small villages as Tahundan, Talahtu, Tazahtu, Ngawa, Tazundan and Guba. Pannandin, a small village located in the south-east of Ngawa, is no longer a village. It has developed into a town and therefore can be called the northernmost town in Myanmar.

With the goodwill of the State, development programmes are being carried out in Pannandin to which such programmes had not reached throughout the successive eras.

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Maykha river originates in Pannandin region and the region is teeming with many creeks which can be used to generate electricity. Photo shows efforts being made to supply electricity to Myoma ward of Pannandin town.

The State has designated Pannandin region as a Special Region. World Environment Conservation Group and the Ministry of Forestry of Myanmar is carrying out environment conservation tasks in the region after designating it as National Garden and reserved forest.

For better transportation a road between Yatbaw and Gawle is gravelled.

To provide better health care services to national people residing in Pannandin region, a new hospital is built. Photo dated 30-5-2004 shows progress in building the 16-bed hospital.
Pannandin shining like the pole star in northernmost Myanmar — 1

Tekkatho Myat Thu

In the northernmost region of the Union of Myanmar is Rasadan camp, which can also be called the northernmost camp. To the south of the camp is such small villages as Tahundan, Talatu, Tazahtu, Ngawa, Tazundan and Guba.

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One might get lost and find difficulty in deciding which way was to east or west or south and north, when traveling at night. But in day time, if the directions of sunrise and sunset is known, it can be guessed that the south part is on the left and the north on the right. At moonlit night, east and west can be identified by means of the directions of moonrise and moonset. At moonless night, the pole star is to be searched. Then, the direction to which the pole star is found can be defined as north. If the direction of north is known, other remaining three directions can also be known.

Speaking of the pole star, it comes to our minds that the pole star is located in the north. Pannandin being located in the northernmost part of Myanmar, the development of Pannandin can be compared to that of the shining pole star.

To the north-east of Putao lies Nagmon, whose status is that of township level. Pannandin is under Nagmon Township, Putao District, Kachin State.

Pannandin is situated at longitude 98 degree 53 minutes in the east and longitude of 27 degree 43 minutes in the north. Pannandin is 153.52 miles in area. In the past, Myoma ward in Pannandin had just eight dwellings. But now it has 21 households. There are such village-tracts as Aliaung, Maswamkan, Ngawa, Dazundam and Tazahtu in the area of the township, which has a total of 252 houses by 258 households with a population of 1,777.

To the north, the Nantamaing creek and is over 31 miles from Nagmon. In the past, Pannandin was a dead-end village. Pannandin is 100 miles away by car or on foot from Putao, which is 76 miles away from Nagmon. The ranges and valleys between the north-east and the northwest lies Yunnan Province and Tibet region of the People’s Republic of China, and India. Rawan and Htayonrawan are principal tribes residing in Pannandin. The word Rawan means the national people in white dress. Pannandin is located on the bank of Gawlehtu and Pannandin are those at the foot of Mt Khakaborazi, whose height is over 19,000 feet. The mountain ranges in the vicinity of Mt Khakaborazi are snow-capped in the winter. Scenic beauties mentioned in all famous poems of celebrated persons gather in the northernmost part of Myanmar.

Matched with the beauty of snow-capped mountains, the beauty of Pannandin is significant. There were times when we all envied Switzerland the splendor of the Alps we saw in movies.

Seeing the snow-capped mountains in the northernmost part of our country, a thought struck me that the splendor of the Swiss mountain ranges are no longer worth missing.

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PM tours Shenzhen, Hong Kong

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There are many sectors in which Myanmar and Shenzhen can cooperate, and companies and entrepreneurs are invited to Myanmar.

Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt

Special emphasis will be placed on cooperation between Myanmar and Shenzhen in various spheres.

Shenzhen Mayor Mr Li Hongzhong

The purpose of his tour of China is to further cement the friendship between the two nations, to speed up bilateral economic cooperation, and to coordinate through discussions about the prospects of cooperation after the visits to the economic zones and industrial zones in the People’s Republic of China.

After the meeting, the Prime Minister and party posed for a documentary photo together with the Chinese monks in front of Lantau Buddha Image on 18-7-2004.

Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt

and wife Dr Daw Khin Win Shwe and party visited the Window of the World Garden in Shenzhen set up for the public and tourists relaxation. They went round the park in a motorcade to view scale models of popular religious and social edifices and environmental scenes from various countries of the world.

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On arrival at China Folk Culture Village, the Prime Minister and wife and party planted pomelo trees to mark the goodwill visit.

Next, they had documentary photos taken together with national races. Next, the Prime Minister signed in the visitors’ book.

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General Manager of the Myanmar Posts and Telecommunications under the Ministry of Communications, Posts and Telegraphs U Tha Oo and Mr Hou Weigui signed the Supply Contract between Myanmar Posts and Telecommunications and ZTE Corporation for GSM System Expansion Project and exchanged the documents.

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Afterwards, Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt and wife Dr Daw Khin Win Shwe and party arrived back at Shenzhen Wuzhou Guest House after visiting famous buildings from provinces of the People’s Republic of China, national races of the provinces, their traditional houses and souvenir shops by car.

The Prime Minister and party left Shenzhen Wuzhou Guest House by car at 5.45 pm on 17 July to proceed to Hong Kong Special Autonomous Region and arrived at Lok Ma Chau Check Point at the border of Hong Kong. They were welcomed there by Adviser to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs Ms Louis Tan and officials of Hong Kong.

At 7.15 pm, the Prime Minister and wife and party arrived at Harbour Plaza Hotel in Kowloon Island. The MWA President and party were welcomed there by Shenzhen Women’s Federation Chairperson Shenzhen Women & Children Committee, Vice Director Mrs Hu Ligun, the vice chairman of the Shenzhen Women’s Federation and advisers. Next, Dr Daw Khin Win Shwe and party and the chairman of Shenzhen Women’s Federation and party cordially met in the hall of China Women’s Association, Shenzhen Branch. They discussed women’s affairs of the two countries. Dr Daw Khin Win Shwe invited Shenzhen Women’s Federation, Chairperson Mrs Hu Ligun to observe Myanmar Women’s Affairs Federation and Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association.

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Accompanied by Daw Khin Lay Myint, wife of Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Maung Bo, Daw San Yone, wife of Minister for Foreign Affairs U Win Aung, Daw Nwe Nwe Han, wife of Myanmar Ambassador to China U Thein Lwin, Mrs Wang Jian, wife of Chinese Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Li Jinjun, Daw Kyi Kyi Oo, wife of Myanmar Military Attaché Col Sein George and the wife of Union of Myanmar Consul-General U Myo Chit of the Consulate-General in Hong Kong, President of Myanmar Women’s Affairs Federation Dr Daw Khin Win Shwe, wife of Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt, went to China Women’s Association, Shenzhen Branch, at 3.15 pm on 16 July.

PM General Khin Nyunt, wife Dr Daw Khin Win Shwe and party visited famous buildings from provinces of the PRC, national races of the provinces, their traditional houses and souvenir shops by car.

Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt, wife Dr Daw Khin Win Shwe and party pose for group photo at Shenzhen Wuzhou Guest House on 16-7-2004.— MNA.
Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt and wife Dr Daw Khin Win Shwe being welcomed by Myanmar Consul-General U Myo Chit and officials at Shenzhen International Airport on 16-7-2004. — MNA

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Executive Vice President Mr Wang Cheng explains electronic equipment concerning IT produced by Huawei Technologies Co to Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt and party on 17-7-2004. — MNA

On 18 July morning, Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt, wife Dr Daw Khin Win Shwe and party left Harbour Plaza Hotel in Hong Kong by car for Lantau Island to pay homage to it.

First, they paid homage to the Buddha Image and paid obeisance to the Chinese monks of Polungchi Monastery.

Next, Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt, wife Dr Daw Khin Win Shwe and party posed for documentary photos together with the Chinese monks and visited the Buddhological Museum of Lantau Buddha Image.

At Polungchi Monastery, they paid homage to Buddha images and visited the monastery. The Chinese monk presented the picture of the Buddha image to Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt and wife Dr Daw Khin Win Shwe. Next, they donated cash towards the funds of the image to the Chinese monk. Afterwards, the Prime Minister and wife and party arrived back at Harbour Plaza Hotel.

At 2 pm on 18 July, Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt, wife Dr Daw Khin Win Shwe and party arrived at Chek Lap Kok International Airport from Harbour Plaza Hotel for their departure for Yangon from Hong Kong. Adviser to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Hong Kong Ms Louis Tan and officials, Myanmar Ambassador U Thein Lwin and wife, Military Attaché Col Sein George and wife, Consul-General U Myo Chit and wife, staff and families of the Consulate-General in Hong Kong bade farewell to the Prime Minister and wife and party.

Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt, wife Dr Daw Khin Win Shwe and party arrived back here by special flight of Myanmar Airways International in the evening.

Members of the goodwill delegation, Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thaung, Minister for Hotels and Tourism and for Communications, Posts and Telecommunications Brig-Gen Thein Zaw, Minister for Transport Maj-Gen Hla Myint Swe and Minister for Electric Power Maj-Gen Tin Htun received Executive Director Mr Ting Y Chen of Hutchison Telecom Co of Hong Kong at 8 am on 18 July, President of Wai Hung Machineries Trading Co Mr Wong King Wah and President of Indian Chamber of Commerce Mr Aurachalan of Hong Kong at 10 am at Harbour Plaza Hotel in Hong Kong.

They discussed investment at industry, transport, electric power, communications and hotel & tourism sectors in Myanmar.

Similarly, member of the delegation Minister for Mines Brig-Gen Ohn Myint received Presidents of Hong Kong Jade Merchants Association Mr Chan Kwok Man and Ms Jam Yee Lin and member merchants, Hong Kong Ornament Productions Association Mr Charles Chan and member merchants at Harbour Plaza Hotel at 10 am on 18 July.

They discussed promotion of mutual interest in jade and jewellery works.

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General Manager of the Myanmar Posts and Telecommunications U Tha Oo and ZTE Corporation President Mr Hou Weigui signed the Supply Contract for GSM System Expansion Project.

Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt and wife Dr Daw Khin Win Shwe plant pomelo tree at China Folk Culture Village on 17-7-2004. — MNA

Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt and party view various kinds of telephones produced by ZTE Corporation on 16-7-2004. — MNA
Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt receives Laotian Deputy FM

YANGON, 22 July — Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar General Khin Nyunt received Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs Mr Phongsavath Bounpha and party of Lao People’s Democratic Republic who arrived here to attend the Fourth Myanmar-Laos Central Level Border Authorities’ Meeting, at Zeyathiri Beikman on Konmyintha at 5 pm today.

Also present at the call were Minister for Foreign Affairs Mr Chanthavy Bodhisane.

General Khin Nyunt receives Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Lao People’s Democratic Republic Mr Phongsavath Boupha and party of the Protocol Department. The Laotian Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs and party were accompanied by LPDR Ambassador Mr Chanthavy Bodhisane. — MNA

Myanmar Women’s Affairs Federation President Dr Daw Khin Win Shwe meets Shenzhen Women’s Federation, Chairman, Shenzhen Women & Children Committee, Vice Director Mrs Hu Ligun on 16-7-2004. — MNA

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PM sends felicitations to Egypt

YANGON, 23 July — His Excellency Mr Ahmed Nazif, Prime Minister of the Arab Republic of Egypt, on the occasion of the National Day of the Arab Republic of Egypt which falls on 23 July 2004. — MNA

FM sends felicitations to Cambodia

YANGON, 22 July — His Excellency Mr Ahmed Nazif, Prime Minister of the Arab Republic of Egypt, has sent a message of congratulations to His Excellency Mr HOR Namhong who has been appointed Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation of the Kingdom of Cambodia. — MNA

FM sends felicitations to Egypt

YANGON, 23 July — On the occasion of the National Day of the Arab Republic of Egypt, which falls on 23 July 2004, U Win Aung, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr Ahmed Abul Alhebat, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Arab Republic of Egypt. — MNA
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All the friends both inside Myanmar and abroad can attend with the families.

Web Site will be soon opened for the gathering.

Democrats demand vote on bill to improve US grid
WASHINGTON, 21 July — Nearly one year after the power blackout that left 50 million people in the dark, frustrated Democrats began a push on Tuesday to get the Republican-controlled House to schedule a vote on legislation that would improve the US electricity grid.

With time running out for Congress to pass a comprehensive energy bill, Democrats are demanding a vote on a stand-alone legislation that would impose and enforce electric transmission reliability standards on US utilities.

The Bush Administration and Republican lawmakers insist that electricity issues can be addressed only in a larger energy legislation package that also includes billions of dollars in tax breaks for oil, natural gas and coal firms.

“We need to acknowledge the reality that we’re not going to pass an energy bill this year, and take real action to prevent another blackout,” said Representative Tim Bishop, Democrat from New York.

Bishop is circulating a so-called discharge petition to force the House Republicans to allow a vote on a bill that can lead to Congress to pass a law to improve the electric grid.

Democrats also hope this legal move brings the House Republican leadership to the negotiating table to pass a comprehensive energy bill.

SRI tells about Fischer’s case
Ex-world chess champion Fischer in custody in Japan
Tokyo, 21 July — Former world chess champion Bobby Fischer is in custody in Japan after being detained last week over a possible immigration law violation and could be deported, a Japanese official said on Tuesday.

“Fischer is being held here after being detained last week,” an official from the Japanese Immigration Bureau said.

The official said Fischer could be returned to his homeland after the case is settled.

Fischer, 61, was the only US citizen ever to become world chess champion, taking the title in 1972 after beating Boris Spassky of the Soviet Union in a match considered one of the greats in the history of the game.

He was taken into custody last Wednesday when he tried to leave Tokyo’s Narita Airport, official of the Justice Ministry’s immigration bureau said.

“An official of the Bureau for South Asia and the Middle East in the Ministry’s Immigration Bureau told reporters that Fischer was picked up by the bureau because of a warrant, which stated that he held an invalid passport and had left the country illegally,” the official said.

Fischer is said to have held travel documents that expired before his last visit to Japan in 1993.

He has been in Japan since July 3.

Fischer is facing several charges, including possession of illegal drugs and a gun.

The charges are expected to be filed soon.

Fischer’s victory over Spassky in what became known as the “Match of the Century” in Reykjavik, Iceland, in 1972 brought chess tremendous publicity in the United States and made him an instant celebrity.

Swiss authorities propose measures on tobacco prevention
Geneva, 21 July — The Swiss health authorities drafted proposals to tighten advertising rules for tobacco products, raise cigarette prices and ban tobacco sponsors from sporting events, Swiss Radio International (SRI) reported Monday.

Thomas Zeltener, head of the Swiss Federal Health Office, said in an interview that the current regulations were not sufficient to protect teenagers, according to SRI.

“IT is clear that the state should not impose an outright ban on trade in tobacco. But campaigns which are not specifically targeted at smokers are not a sound argument to oppose the fact that smoking is a dangerous habit,” Zeltener said as saying.

He said his office has drafted proposals for Parliament aimed at outlawing tobacco advertisements on billboards, cinema screens and in the media. Zeltener also suggested a ban on tobacco sponsorship at sporting events and concerts.

According to local media, the Federal Health Office also wants to make it harder for teenagers to buy cigarettes. The office is also recommending that cigarette packets carry bigger warnings or even pictures of damaged organs as a way of deterring smokers.

Zeltener said he welcomed the 0.50 Swiss franc (0.40 US dollar) tax increase on a packet of cigarettes due to come into force in the next few weeks, but he called for a further hike next year.

The proposals came only weeks after Switzerland signed an international accord aimed at tobacco prevention.

The Swiss Government is due to decide on whether to introduce more stringent health warnings after the summer break. In 1993 Swiss voters came out against an advertising ban on tobacco and alcohol.

35 years on, NASA seeks return to moon
WASHINGTON, 21 July — On the 35th anniversary of the first lunar landing, NASA struggled with money problems as it aimed to return human spaceflight to the moon before the end of the decade.

Even as astronaut Neil Armstrong and his Apollo 11 crew mates, Buzz Aldrin and Michael Collins, gathered on Tuesday in Washington for a gala celebration of their July 20, 1969, landing on the lunar surface, NASA’s proposed 2005 budget took a beating on Capitol Hill.

The space agency would get $229 million US dollars less than it did in 2004 and 1.1 billion US dollars less than President George W Bush requested if a spending bill approved by the US House of Representatives subcommittee becomes law.

NASA’s human space flight programme has been grounded since shuttle Columbia disintegrated over Texas on February 1, 2003, killing all seven astronauts aboard.

Investigators found a “broken safety culture” at NASA and recommended upgrades that the space agency has said will cost 750 billion US dollars.

“NASA is due to decide on whether to travel to the moon before the end of the decade,” Bush said then.

Under Bush’s plan, a robotic spacecraft is due to travel to the moon as early as 2008, but no Americans are expected to travel there before 2020.

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“Kyocho Mewa brought chess tremendous publicity in the United States and made him an instant celebrity,” the official said.

Fischer’s victory over Spassky was said to have been a boost for the global game and marked the start of an era in which chess was a major international sport.

Interestingly, Fischer was never able to compete in a world chess championship again, as he was barred from entering any such event after losing a 1975 world title match to Boris Spassky.

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Eating fish can cut risk of heart rhythm disorder

WASHINGTON, 21 July — Chalk up another benefit of eating fish — it can reduce the risk of deadly irregular heartbeats, researchers reported on Monday.

Baked or broiled but not fried, fish helped reduce the risk of atrial fibrillation, Dr. Dariush Mozaffarian of Brigham and Women’s Hospital and Harvard Medical School in Boston and colleagues found.

“The results suggest that regular intake of fish, either baked or broiled or fried may be a simple and important deterrent to atrial fibrillation among older men and women,” Mozaffarian said in a statement issued by the American Heart Association.

“More than two million Americans are affected by atrial fibrillation, a chronic condition that causes fatigue, shortness of breath and an inability to exercise. The heart’s two upper chambers, called the atria, quiver instead of beating effectively. Blood is not pumped out properly and may pool and clot. These clot caused about 15 to 20 per cent of strokes. Writing in the journal Circulation, Mozaffarian and colleagues said they studied 4,815 people over the age of 65. They asked them to describe what they ate, beginning in 1989, and then watched them for 12 years.

Doctors discovered 980 cases of atrial fibrillation in the volunteers. Those who reported eating more baked or broiled fish were the least likely to have atrial fibrillation. Those who said they ate fish one to four times per week had a 28-per-cent lower risk, compared to those who ate fish less than once a month.

“The researchers credit the omega-3 fatty acids found in many types of fish as well as in walnuts, flaxseed and many green leafy vegetables. Omega-3’s are also believed to reduce the risk of a range of heart disorders, and are important to brain development and function. — MNA/Reuters

California pelican deaths puzzle wildlife officials

LOS ANGELES, 21 July — California’s endangered brown pelicans are mysteriously starving to death during a bumper year for anchovies, their preferred prey, wildlife officials said.

Hundreds of the ungainly sea birds appear to have flown off course in search of food during their annual migration from the Baja California Peninsula to British Columbia, with young pelicans turning up in Arizona deserts, biologists said.

Wildlife sanctuaries in California and Arizona have taken in scores of young birds found emaciated and injured over the past month, but veterinarians have been unable to link their plight to disease or pollution.

“They are starving but we do think there are plenty of anchovies,” said Judy St. Leger, a veterinarian at San Diego’s SeaWorld aquatic animal park. “It is an unusual and very extraordinary event.”

The large, grayish-brown sea bird with the pouch-like bill was threatened with extinction in the 1970s because of the introduction of the pesticide DDT. It is still listed as endangered, according to the California Department of Fish and Game.

Naturalist Sandy Cate of the Arizona Game and Fish Department said the phenomenon appears linked to an explosion in anchovy numbers, a local official said. “By nature, animals dosomething to help us... and trying to pin this on the fish is not within our technological capabilities, nor is it our desire... to... take on the job of policemen,” Cate said.

Hungarian birth rate at lowest since World War II

BUDAPEST, 21 July — Hungary’s birth rate has fallen to its lowest level since World War II, according to official figures released late last Thursday.

Hungary’s population has shrunk dramatically since the end of Communism. It has declined by almost 2.5 billion US dollars in Hungary also has the lowest birth rate, compared to other European countries.

The number of live births is now 9.2 per 1,000. Apart from a low birth rate, Hungary also has the highest rate of cancer and alcohol related deaths in the world, according to United Nations data. UN forecasts indicate the population could have shrunk by as much as 20 per cent by the middle of this century.

BT child porn filter stopping 23,000 per day

LONDON, 21 July — BT Group is blocking over 23,000 attempts each day to access child pornography web sites, the company said on Tuesday, offering a rare glimpse of the extent of demand for such sites.

The company said it was not logging users’ details. “It is not within our technological capabilities, nor is it our desire to... take on the job of policemen,” Cate said.

BT said it would make the filtering software available to other Internet service providers (ISPs) at no charge. The offer had attracted interest from rival providers, but no takers so far. BT’s move has been widely endorsed by British officials, but there has been no movement to make such filters mandatory. Indeed the introduction of the filter, known as “Cleanfeed,” has attracted controversy. Free speech advocates say such blocking measures should not be enacted by the private sector without the backing of law. — MNA/Reuters

Flash flood causes 26 deaths in Vietnam

HANOI, 21 July — Flash flood caused by torrential rains has resulted in 26 deaths of local people in Vietnam’s northern Hai Giang Province.

The flood, lasting for 22 hours on July 18-19, hit the province’s Yen Minh District, also wounded seven people and swept away 13 houses, a local official said on Tuesday.

As of Tuesday noon, only two bodies of the victims were found, one of whom was a schoolteacher.

Local authorities are searching for people listed as missing and giving assistance to households badly affected by the flood.


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Bahrain salvage 1-1 draw with Qatar at Asian Cup

BEIJING, 22 July — Striker Mohamed Hubbil matched an injury-time equalizer as Bahrain salvaged a 1-1 draw with Qatar at the Asian Cup on Wednesday.

Qatar, who fired coach Philippe Troussier on Tuesday, looked to be heading for a comfortable victory in rain-swept Beijing following Wesam Riziki’s 59th-minute penalty.

But Hubbil struck in stoppage time, scoring with a looping header to give Gulf Cup runners-up Bahrain their second successive draw after holding hosts China 2-2 on Saturday.

A draw game suddenly came to life after two controversial penalty decisions by Japanese referee Toru Naser in the 65th minute. A furious Naser was booked for protesting.

Qatar sacked Frenchman Troussier following their 2-1 defeat by Indonesia at halftime in rain-drenched Beijing.

"We tried to work on the psychological side before the game," said new Qatar coach Saeed Al Mesned.

"I told the players they must believe they can do something for their country and to play with heart and discipline. They did that and we were very near to winning," said Bahrain’s Croatian coach Stjepan Juric who put a positive spin on the result, despite having been expected to win the match.

"We dominated most of the time but unfortunately they scored on the counter-attack," he said. "After that, we attacked more and played very well. In the end, I think we deserved this point."

MNA/Reuters

Iran thrash Thailand 3-0 in Asian Cup

CHONGQING (Southwest China), 21 July — Despite humid weather here, three-time Asian Cup champions Iran thrashed Thailand 3-0 in their first group match of Asian Cup 2004 tournament on Tuesday.

The win moved Branko Ivankovic’s team to the top of the group ahead of Japan, who beat Oman 1-0 in the evening’s earlier game.

Iran, who were warm-up for the tournament by winning the West Asian Football Federation championship, dominated from the first whistle but they ran into stiff resistance from a Thai side which made light of the absence of several key players.

The 1966, 1972 and 1976 Asian Cup winners had the first opportunity of the game after just three minutes, when Yahya Golmohammadi’s downward header from a corner bounced just over the bar.

Three minutes later, Javad Nekounam was inches away from getting his head to a floated free-kick from Medhi Mahdavikia, the reigning AFC Player of the Year.

Thailand keeper Kowin Hatharatinakul came to his team’s rescue on 17 minutes when he acrobatically turned away a stinging shot from Mahdavikia from 25 yards out.

Having weathered the storm, Chatchai Paholpat’s side gained in confidence with Sarayoot Chakkamdee on the right causing panic in the Iran ranks with his direct running. However, too often the Port Authority player found himself without support in final post of the third pitch.

Thailand’s best chance of the half came in the 37th minute when Choketawee Promt, the Thai skipper, drove narrowly wide from 20 yards out.

Ali Daei, the 1999 AFC Cup Player of the Year, was denied by the Thai keeper's outstretched legs on 53 minutes, Moments later, Arash Borhani rose well but could not control his header.

Iran continued to pile forward but stout defending by the Thais ensured the scores stayed level until a fine piece of individual skill from Ali Karimi saw the Al Ahli winger feed his way to the by-line before cutting the ball into the path of substitute Gholamreza Einyari, who side-footed home from six yards out.

Iran doubled their lead on 80 minutes when Nekounam, nipped in front of the Thai keeper to nod home Mahdavikia’s free-kick.

MNA/Reuters

Japan edge past Oman 1-0 at Asian Cup

CHONGQING (Southwest China), 21 July — Holders Japan survived a late onslaught to beat Oman 1-0 in their opening match of the Asian Cup on Tuesday.

Midfielder Shunsuke Nakamura scored a superb winner in the 34th minute, curling a left-foot shot past Oman goalkeeper Ali Al Habsi from 15 metres after slipping past two defenders.

But Japan, who have brought a depleted squad to China, were fortunate to escape with all three points as Oman went on the attack in the second half as the Gulf side searched for an equalizer.

Japanese goalkeeper Yoshikatsu Kawaguchi made a sharp block to deny striker Imad Ali, who had slipped past Brazil-born Alex in the 81st minute.

But Japan, who have brought a depleted squad to China, were fortunate to escape with all three points as Oman went on the attack in the second half as the Gulf side searched for an equalizer.

Japan needed an injury-time goal to beat Oman by the same score as the team classified fourth in qualification. This time, Japan were missing a number of key players through injury.

Captain Hidetoshi Nakata, still suffering from a groin strain, Fulham midfielder Junichi Inamoto, who broke his arm in a friendly against England last month, are among those unavailable to Brazilian coach Zico in Chongqing.

Three-times champions Iran play Thailand in the second Group D match later on Tuesday. — MNA/Reuters

South Korea's coach Bonfere surveys damage after Cup draw

JINAN (China), 21 July — South Korea coach Jo Bonfere was left picking up the pieces on Tuesday, a day after his side were held to a 0-0 draw by Jordan at the Asian Cup.

Striker Ahn Jung-hwan and defender Kim Tae-young clutched ice packs to their knees during training while Europe-based playmaker Park Ji-sung was nursing a toe injury.

"If you look around, you will see a lot of players with ice wraps on," said Bonfere, who took over as South Korea coach last month.

"I really don’t know how badly any of them are injured — maybe they are just putting them on as a precaution," Bonfere explained.

"Bonfere expects Ahn and Kim to be fit for South Korea’s second Group B match against the United Arab Emirates on Friday. "I think, if they are motivated enough, they should be alright for our next match," said the Dutchman.

"You have to be mentally strong to win this tournament." Park, who plays for Dutch club PSV Eindhoven, remains doubtful for the UAE clash, however.

"Bonfere said South Korea could take some positives from Monday’s goalless draw against a positive Jordan side. "If there is one thing we will ask them to change is to get it on an early goal," he explained.

"We had a lot of chances against Jordan and hopefully we can create as many as against UAE.

"We did everything we could. We attacked down the left, the right, through the middle and still couldn’t score. They had nine men blocking their goal."

MNA/Reuters

Everton admit sadness at possible Rooney sale

LONDON, 21 July — Everton director Paul Gregg said on Tuesday it was "incredibly sad" that the club are having to contemplate selling 18-year-old striker Wayne Rooney.

Gregg told BBC’s Radio Five Live that Everton have offered the young England international a five-year, 50,000 pounds-a-week contract in a bid to keep him at Goodison Park but it was won’t deny that other clubs will come calling.

Gregg said: "I think it’s incredibly sad at the moment that we are actually contemplating selling Wayne Rooney. I wish we could persuade Wayne to stay, we’d like to see him stay. He’s a big ambassador for Everton. Football Club and it’s sad that other forces make decisions for us.

"From Everton’s point of view this is a home-bred talent who has not had the chance to mature with Everton Football Club. I think we all feel that we’ve not had the full benefit of his talent to date."

"I sincerely hope he will still be here when the season kicks off but unfortunately it may be otherwise. Which makes those decisions for us."

Rooney, who does not turn 19 until October, has been linked with moves to Manchester United, Chelsea and Real Madrid since scoring four goals for England at Euro 2004 last month.

MNA/Reuters

German-based midfielder Shao Jiyu capped a superb performance with two goals to give China four points in two matches in Group A. China, who were held to a 2-2 draw by Bahrain in their opening Group A match, went ahead in the 25th minute. Shao firing home a left-foot volley after a teasing cross from Li Jinyu.

After Malaysia midfielder Alexander Pusber was sent off for a wild lunge from Zhao Junzhe, talismanic Chinese midfielder Li Ming added a third direct from a corner six minutes into the second half. Shao volleys home from the edge of the box in the 66th minute.

Substitute Li Yi completed the rout with a glancing header 10 minutes from time as China dominated the 200 match of Asian Cup finals history in front of 48,000 at Beijing Workers Stadium.

Chinese, who are coached by Dutchman Arie Haan, have never won the Asian Cup. They only need a point against Qatar on Sunday to be assured of a quarterfinal spot. — MNA/Reuters

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**Rainfall on 22-7-2004**

- (0.67 inch) at Yangon Airport,
- (0.83 inch) at Kaba-Aye and
- (0.99 inch) at central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2004 was 1553 mm (61.14 inches) at Yangon Airport and 1509 mm (59.41 inches) at Kaba-Aye and 1497 mm (58.94 inches) at central Yangon.

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**Alijani Daw Tin Kyu @ Daw Thin Kyu**

Aged (74) years

Beloved wife of KYa Mi Gyi (younger son of Sayadaw U Maung Maung Maung Kyaw), Aman, 89th Street, Yangon. She passed away on 18th February, 2004.

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**THE NEW LIGHT OF MYANMAR**

Friday, July 23

**View today:**

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Bureau Mr Luu Gan cordially met with the Myanmar Prime Minister and discussed matters relating to bilateral friendly relations and cooperation. Moreover, China and Myanmar signed 12 Agreements, Memoranda of Understanding and Exchange of Notes. This reflects the paupkhaw friendship between China and Myanmar.

The Prime Minister availed himself of the opportunity to explain the developments in Myanmar during the visit, saying that Myanmar is enjoying political stability, economic development to a certain degree, and friendly relations with her neighbours. Myanmar has established constructive relations with other countries. Concerning the seven-point future policy programme of the State, he said that the National Convention, that will lay down the effective running of IT- and science-based projects, and noted the areas where Myanmar can emulate. It is an encouraging to note that China has agreed to provide assistance to the most possible degree especially in energy, hydel power, mining, industrial, transport, communication and agricultural sectors, to which Myanmar had given priority during the discussions.

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PM receives members of House of Representatives of Japan

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Also present at the call were Minister for Foreign Affairs U Win Aung, Deputy Minister U Khin Maung Win, Director-General of Prime Minister’s Office U Soe Tin, Director-General of Protocol Department Thura U Aung Htet and Japanese Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Yuji Miyamoto.

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