YANGON, 8 July — Mr Lars Backstrom, newly accredited Ambassador of the Republic of Finland to the Union of Myanmar, presented his credentials to Senior General Than Shwe, Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar at Zeyathiri Beikman, Konmyinttha at 10 am today.

Also present on the occasion were State Peace and Development Council Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein, Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win, Deputy Ministers for Foreign Affairs U Kyaw Thu and U Maung Myint and Director-General Thura U Aung Htet of the Protocol Department.

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**Second GMS Summit—a shot in the arm for further cementing Paukphaw relationship**

The Union of Myanmar and the People’s Republic of China have enjoyed close and friendly relations since time immemorial. The close kinship between the two countries is unique and special and has been characterized as “Paukphaw” relationship.

The Union of Myanmar was among the first countries to recognize the PRC at its birth in 1949. Diplomatic ties between the two countries were established on 8 June 1950 and since then, the relationship has grown from strength to strength.

The close relations fostered by the leaders of the two nations are strong and firm. They are based on the Five Principles of Peaceful Co-existence which the two countries initiated over 50 years ago.

The Yunnan TV of the PRC on 4 July 2005 interviewed Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar General Soe Win at Expo Garden Hotel in Kunming, Yunnan Province of PRC.

In his reply to a question regarding the role of Myanmar in the mutual cooperation between China and South Asia, Prime Minister General Soe Win said that Myanmar can be a catalyst for economic growth and prosperity between the two regions. In the circumstance, Myanmar will endeavour to fulfill its role in facilitating the free flow of goods and people between China and the fast developing countries in South and South-East Asia.

Myanmar is strategically located between China on one hand and South Asia and South East Asia on the other. It is vital land bridge that connects fast developing China to the two regions that are undergoing vast transformations.

Myanmar and China as close friends and neighbours are supportive of each other. They stand by each other in international forums and work together for peace and stability in the region and the world. China is a major trading partner of Myanmar. It also provides substantial economic assistance to Myanmar through grants and concessional loans. Myanmar and PRC are extending bilateral cooperation based on common interest in various fields, and there are prospects of extended economic cooperation between them.

Therefore, we firmly believe that the Second GMS Summit attended by Prime Minister General Soe Win will contribute much to further cementing Paukphaw friendship of Myanmar and PRC and ensuring development of various sectors through the combination of abundant natural resources of Myanmar and advanced technologies of PRC.

**Customs Department holds coordination meeting**

YANGON, 8 July — The Customs Department under the Ministry of Finance and Revenue held a coordination meeting for 2004-2005 financial year at the training school of the department on Maha Bandoola Street here, this morning.

Minister for Finance and Revenue Maj-Gen Hla Tun stressed the need to expose strong and weak points of the works and make preparations for implementation of the plans. As the Ministry of Finance and Revenue plays an important role in meeting the economic target of the State, all the employees are to make efforts for serving the interests of the State and the department. And, officials are to try their best for having leadership and efficient capabilities.

Officials of State/Division and Township Customs Departments reported on progress of their respective tasks. Next, directors of the department and heads of State/Division Customs Departments held discussions. Also present on the occasion were Deputy Minister Col Hla Thein Swe, Governor of Central Bank of Myanmar U Kyaw Kyaw Maung, Director-General U Khin Maung Lin of Customs Department and officials. — MNA

**Minister for Transport meets with pilots, co-pilots and engineers**

Minister for Transport Maj-Gen Thein Swe gives instructions to pilots of State-run and private-owned airlines. — TRANSPORT

YANGON, 8 July — Minister for Transport Maj-Gen Thein Swe met with pilots, co-pilots and engineers.

**MICTDC introduces services of public access centres**

YANGON, 8 July — Myanmar Information and Communication Technology Development Corporation initiated plan to introduce public access centres at MICPT Park in Hlme Township this morning.

Chairman of e-National Task Force Minister for Communications, Posts and Telecommunications Brig-Gen Thein Zaw delivered an address.

Chairman of the Board of Directors of MICTDC U Thein Oo extended greetings. Members of BOD U Tin Win Aung, U Aung Zaw Myint and U Thaung Tin explained matters related to e-Procurement, Public Access Centre and Data Centre. BOD members answered the points raised by those present.

Also present on the occasion were Vice-Chairman of the Task Force U Aung Myint and members, departmental heads, presidents of Myanmar Computer Federation, Myanmar Computer Entrepreneurs Association and Myanmar Computer Enthusiasts Association, entrepreneurs of Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry and guests.

MICTDC plans to open 47 Public Access Centres at major cities of States and Divisions and Districts for the first phase. More than 100 centres will be opened in townships for the second phase, and another 200 centres in the remaining townships for the final phase. Furthermore, the corporation will set up similar centres in border areas and villages.

**19th Gems and Jade Sales**

YANGON, 8 July — The 19th Gems and Jade Sales organized by Union of Myanmar Economic Holdings Ltd will be held from 9 to 12 August at Myanmar Gems Mart on Kaba Aye Pagoda Road here.

Gems merchants will be able to inspect gems and jade lots from 9 to 11 August. Gems and jade lots will be sold on 12 August through bargain and auction systems.

Those wishing to purchase the jewellery, gems and jade lots may register as of today.

The local gem entrepreneurs interested to sell gems, jewellery may contact Myanmar Ruby Enterprise Ltd, No 24/26, on Sule Pagoda Road in Kyauktada Township, Tel: 371053, 370561, 371027, 370564.
China opens wallet to protect silk road

BEIJING, 7 July— China is likely to invest a handsome 80 million yuan (9.6 million US dollars) annually to protect cultural relics on the ancient Silk Road, said a cultural heritage official from northwest China’s Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region.

Sheng Chunshou, head of the Xinjiang regional bureau of Cultural Heritage, said that the State Administration of Cultural Heritage had promised to allocate funds and his bureau had submitted plans regarding the use of the money, Wednesday’s China Daily reported. According to Sheng, more than 4,000 cultural heritage sites in Xinjiang and more than a dozen along the Silk Road demand immediate maintenance.

The Road connected imperial China to the Roman Empire approximately 2,000 years ago and is widely regarded as a symbol of communications between China and Europe.

A senior official from the State Administration of Cultural Heritage announced here Tuesday that China will use 250 million yuan (some 30 million US dollars) each year to maintain sites of historical significance. -MNA/Xinhua

1,751 US troops killed in Iraq

WASHINGTON, 7 July—As of Thursday, on 7 July, 2005, at least 1,751 members of the US military have died since the beginning of the Iraq war in March 2003, according to an Associated Press count. At least 1,348 died as a result of hostile action. The figures include five military civilians. The AP count is one lower than the Defence Department’s tally, last updated at 10 am EDT on Thursday. The British military has reported 89 deaths; Italy, 25; Ukraine, 18; Poland, 17; Bulgaria, 13; Spain, 11; Slovakia, three; Estonia, Thailand and the Netherlands, two each; and Denmark, El Salvador, Hungary, Kazakhstan and Latvia one death each.

Since 1 May, 2003, when President Bush declared that major combat operations in Iraq had ended, 1,612 US military members have died, according to AP’s count. That includes at least 1,239 deaths resulting from hostile action, according to the military’s numbers. -Internet

Japan postpones rocket launch for bad weather

TOKYO, 7 July — The launch of Japan’s X-ray astronomy satellite ASTRO-E2 on the M-5-4 rocket was postponed from Wednesday to Friday or later due to bad weather, the Japan Aerospace Exploration Agency said.

The satellite was to be launched shortly after noon Wednesday from Uchinoura Space Centre in southern Kagoshima Prefecture as a replacement for the ASTRO-E satellite which was aboard the M-5-4 rocket whose launch had failed in February 2000.

An active seasonal rain front hovering around southern Kyushu is expected to bring heavy rain in the vicinity of the space centre. The agency will decide Thursday whether it is possible to launch the rocket after noon on Friday.

The X-ray astronomy satellite, with good spectroscopic analyzing power and a wide energy band, is designed to physically investigate high energy astronomical phenomena such as black holes and super novae, the agency said. -MNA/Xinhua

Ministry official demands major disasters be reported within two hours

BEIJING, 7 July— “Major disasters causing deaths exceeding 10 people must be reported directly to the Ministry of Civil Affairs within two hours after happening,” said Vice-Minister of Civil Affairs Jia Zhihang here on Monday.

Jia urged civil administrations at the county level to guard against major disasters and report them “without delay” to civil administrations at central as well as provincial and municipal levels.

The Vice-Minister said that in the first half of this year, China had more serious natural disasters than corresponding periods of previous years, killing more people and causing huge property losses.

“Floods, landslides and mud and rock flows have left 943 people dead, 205 missing and displaced 3,211 million people as of June 30.”

Jia, who was transferred to the current post from Shaanxi Province, urged local departments concerned to make

Pakistan’s submarine cable fault repair to take 3-4 days

ISLAMABAD, 7 July—Pakistan’s Minister for Information Technology Awaiz Ahmad Khan Leghari on Wednesday said that the government was making all out efforts to repair the submarine fibre optic cable fault detected near Karachi, the southern port city.

Talking to Pakistan TV, Leghari said the network in the country was likely to be restored during the next three to four days as the fault had been located.

He said disruption in the fibre optic network had affected corporate consumers, call centres and Internet providers.

The state-owned Pakistan Telecommunications Company Limited (PTCL) had launched additional circuits through satellite backup to continue voice mails as well as to facilitate the affected companies, the minister said.

He was of the view that this collapse of telecommunication networks could have short-term impact but the overall growth of the IT sector in Pakistan would not be affected. -MNA/Xinhua

Giant panda gives birth to first twins this year

CHENGDU, 7 July— Giant panda Ying Ying has given birth to a set of twins, the first pair this year, in the China Wolong Giant Panda Protection and Research Centre, southwest China’s Sichuan Province, sources with the centre announced here on Tuesday.

Although the delivery on Sunday at the Sichuan centre took 13 hours, both mother and the cubs were doing well, said Huang Yan, an engineer with the centre.

One of the two cubs, weighing 141 grams, was taken away from the mother, as pandas usually only nurse one of their two cubs. Experts will initially hand rear the cub before returning it to Ying Ying’s care. In this way, both of the cubs can be well nursed by their mother, experts with the centre said.

Previously, Ying Ying gave birth to eight cubs. A female panda normally becomes sexually mature at four to five years old. They only get preg-
London bombs killed ‘at least 50’

London, 8 July—More than 50 people died in the London bomb attacks, the head of the Metropolitan Police has said.

Sir Ian Blair said the final death toll was unlikely to top 100, but warned an unknown number of bodies remain in the blast-hit Tube train at Russell Square.

The police chief confirmed that 13 people were killed in the bus blast at Tavistock Square. The police had an “implacable resolve” to track down those responsible for the bombings, the Met Commissioner said.

The blasts on three Tubes and a bus left 700 hurt, with 100 held overnight in hospital and 22 serious or critical. It was “blindingly obvious” that a terrorist cell was operating in Britain, Sir Ian said, as massive intelligence operation to find the perpetrators moved into gear.

“This was an attack which was entirely arbitrary, random, irrespective of race, of colour of gender and age,” he said.

Victims not only came from Britain but from Sierra Leone, Australia, Portugal, Poland and China, he said. Politicians and police have paid tribute to the resilience of Londoners, with transport returning to a near-normal service on the Tube.

Speaking from the G8 summit in Gleneagles, and flanked by world leaders, the prime minister said the purpose of terrorism was to put anger and hatred in people’s hearts.

But it would not succeed, he said, adding that the only hope was the alternative to such hatred.

London Mayor Ken Livingston said he had believed for some time that an attack on the city was inevitable and said the emergency operation had “worked like clockwork” because of the planning involved. — Internet

China launches another satellite in Gansu Province

Jiayuguan (Gansu Province), 7 July — China on Wednesday launched another science experimental satellite into a preset orbit, atop a Long March 2D carrier rocket from a launching centre in northwest China’s Jiuquan Satellite Launch Centre.

Officials at the Jiayuguan Satellite Launch Centre said the Shiyan-7 (SJ-7) satellite was rocketed at 6:40 am and started orbiting normally 12 minutes later.

The SJ-7 satellite was designed to monitor space environment and conduct other spacial scientific and technological experiments with a three-year life span, according to the centre.

The launch is the 85th mission taken by the Long March carrier rockets since 1970 and the 43rd consecutive successful one since October 1996.

The first SJ satellite was launched in 1971 and the technological standards of the satellite detectors have since kept improving. — MNA/Xinhua

Nissan seeks to boost Indonesian sales

Jakarta, 7 July — Japanese car-maker Nissan has targeted to boost sales in Indonesia by 25 per cent to 15,000 units this year, an executive said here on Wednesday.

“Given the promising sale growth today, I’m confident Nissan will achieve the 2005 sale target, as well as the medium target of 40,000 units in the next three years,” said Norio Oh, president of PT Nissan Motor Indonesia.

He claimed Nissan sales jumped by 40 per cent to 6,989 units in the first half of 2005 when compared to the same period last year, with SUV X-Trail accounting for some 60 per cent of total sales.

Nissan led the Indonesian SUV market last year thanks to the soaring demand for X-trail.

Nissan plans to increase local dealerhips to 60 in the next two years from the current 42.

According to the Indonesian Automotive Industries Association (Gaikindo), national car sales are expected to increase by 10 around per cent to 550,000 units in 2005 when compared with the previous year.

— MNA/Xinhua

Vietnam to raise cigarette taxes

Hanoi, 7 July — Vietnam will increase its special consumption tax on cigarettes up to 50 per cent next year, and then gradually raise the tax on all kinds of cigarettes up to 60 per cent by 2010.

In addition, Vietnam will gradually raise its import tariff on tobacco materials up to 40 per cent in the 2007-2010 period from current 30 per cent, in a bid to lower the number of local smokers, the country’s Health Ministry said on Wednesday.

Now, Vietnam applies special consumption tax of 25 per cent on cigarettes with no filters, 45 per cent on filter-tipped cigarettes produced with domestic materials, and 65 per cent on filter-tipped cigarettes made with imported materials.

Tobacco products in the country are also subject to value-added tax of 10 per cent.

Statistics from the ministry show that over 50 per cent of Vietnamese men and around 3 per cent of local women smoke cigarettes, and smoking has caused 30,000-40,000 deaths annually. Vietnamese smokers are estimated to spend some nearly 1.9 million US dollars on cigarettes each year.

— MNA/Xinhua

Egypt pulls diplomats out of Iraq after al-Qaida kills kidnapped envoy

Baghdad, 7 July—Egypt will close its mission in Baghdad and withdraw its staff after al-Qaida’s wing in Iraq said it had killed an abducted top Egyptian envoy, an Iraqi official said on Thursday.

The group warned it would go after “as many ambassadors as we can” to punish countries that support Iraq’s US-backed leadership.

Iraq’s chief government spokesman said the killing and Thursday’s bombings in London show terrorism “is not only targeting Iraqs but everyone.”

The announcement from Iraq’s most feared terror group appeared on an al-Qaeda-linked website and featured a brief video showing blindfolded Egyptian diplomat, Ihab al-Sherif, wearing a polo shirt. The video did not show his death but the statement promised more details later.

US soldiers secure the entrance of a tunnel where a roadside bomb exploded as a US convoy was passing in central Baghdad on 7 July, 2005.—INTERNET

—THE  NEW  LIGHT  OF  MYANMAR   Saturday, 9 July, 2005
YANGON, 8 July — A ceremony to sign trade contracts and MoUs between Myanmar and the People’s Republic of China took place in Kunming, Yunnan Province in the PRC on 4 July evening. It was attended by Minister for Livestock and Fisheries Brig-Gen Aung, senior military officers and officials of State Peace and Development Council Office. They inspected Myitkyina-Bhamo motor road on 5 July morning and left necessary instructions.

Afterwards, Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party also inspected the bridges along the motor road and visited the Lokasama Sutaungpyae Pagoda near Nant San Yan Village. Of 105 bridges, 80 bridges have been built in Myitkyina-Bhamo motor road section.

They viewed Dawphonyan BEHS and attended to the needs. At the office of Dawphonyan General Administration Department, U San Win, head of the department, reported on progress of the town. Lt-Gen Ye Myint gave instructions on development tasks.

Lt-Gen Ye Myint also met with Tatmadawmen of local regiment in Dawphonyan and instructed them to constantly carry out public welfare services and staff welfare tasks.— MNA

Myanmar and China ink $ 290 million deal in trade and MoU

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Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein, in his address, said that to boost Sino-Myanmar trade, the traders of the two countries had signed the contract and the MoU. Myanmar would export its marine products and agriculture produce at current international prices. Brig-Gen Tin Naing Thein emphasized that Myanmar would strive for increasing the trade volume up to $1.5 billion targeted by the Heads of State of the two countries and export quality products.

The two countries inked a $ 290 million deal.

Special ASEAN Telecommunications & Information Technology Senior Officials Meeting commences

YANGON, 8 July — Co-organized by Directorate of Telecommunications under the Ministry of Communications, Posts and Telecommunications and e-ASEAN ICT Unit of ASEAN Secretariat, the Special ASEAN Telecommunications & Information Technology Senior Officials Meeting was opened at Traders Hotel on Sule Pagoda Road, here, on 6 July morning.

Director-General U Tin Htwe of Directorate of Telecommunications extended greetings. Meetinging Chairman Dr Duangtip Surintatip, Principal Adviser to Foreign Affairs, Ministry of Information and Communication Technology of Thailand, made an opening speech.

Officials of ASEAN Secretariat and leaders of the delegations from ASEAN member countries posed for a documentary photo. Some present on the occasion were Deputy Minister for Hotels and Tourism Brig-Gen Aye Myint Kyu, Vice-Chairman of e-National Task Force U Aung Myint, senior military officers of the Ministry of Defence, the Director-General of ASEAN Affairs Department, the Managing Director of Myanmar Posts and Telecommunications and guests.

On 4 and 5 July, the ASEAN Information Infrastructure, the e-Society and ICT Capacity Building, the Universal Access, Digital Divide and e-Government, and the e-Commerce and ICT Trade Facilitation meetings were held at the same venue. On 6 July, the e-ASEAN Business Council (ABC) Meeting was also held.

Rare tree-climbing turtle arrives Yangon Zoo

YANGON, 8 July — A near-extinct tree-climbing turtle that lays only one or two eggs at a time was found and captured in Nampalat creek in Namhsan, Shan State (South), on 26 May 2005.

Experts of Taunggyi University after examining and naming the animal “chameleon turtle (a) lizard turtle (a) parrot turtle”, sent it to Yangon Zoological Gardens.

So rare that it is a single species of a single genus of a family and the only kind of turtle species that can climb trees. The turtle has a tail whose length is longer than that of the shell brownish green in colour on the surface facing the sky and yellow on the surface facing the ground.

The species can be found in the natural watercourses of Shan, Mon, Kayin, Kayah and Rakhine states and Bago and Taninthayi divisions of Myanmar. A carnivore, its shell can grow up to 18.4 centimetres in length. The turtle that was found in the Nampalat creek has a 18.4-centimetre shell. Its total length from the tip of head to the end of tail is 29 centimetres. The turtle arrived at Yangon Zoo on 29 June. — MNA
Entire Kayin State has enjoyed unprecedented progress with a large range of facilities that are a tribute to the government’s strenuous efforts. The onus is put on each and every citizen to fortify national solidarity with Union Spirit for perpetuation of independence, the heritage of ancestors.

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The onus is put on each and every citizen to fortify national solidarity with Union Spirit for perpetuation of independence, the heritage of ancestors. She called on the entire Myanmar women to do their bit through steely groups of education, health and culture. The education work group is carrying out tasks for helping needy school-age children to pursue primary education and women who cannot continue their education to attend domestic training courses and acquire equal rights with men. In addition, there have been laws in the country to protect the women, and they don’t need to demand their rights like other nations.

As Myanmar is blessed with rich natural resources, some western countries want to put the nation under colonial rule. When the nation was under subjugation, the colonialists ruled it under the divide and rule policy to disintegrate national unity that is the foundation of Union Spirit. But the unity of all national people, the country regained its independence and restored its sovereignty.

She said that the State, upholding our three main national causes, is striving day in, day out for the development of the country.
All members of the MWAF are to strive for the development of the socio-economic life of Myanmar women.

Daw Nan Myat Su of Kayin State WAO.

The people of Myanmar have now been able to distinguish the constructive persons and the destructive elements. Although the nation is facing a series of hindrances and difficulties, the government is making constant efforts for the emergence of a peaceful modern developed discipline-flourishing democratic nation. The nation is now in the process of transition to democracy.

As Kayin State is adjacent to Thailand, priority is being given to elimination of human trafficking.
YANGON, 8 July — The Central Supervisory Committee for Press Scrutiny and Registration held the first coordination meeting at the Ministry of Information, here, this afternoon, attended by Chairman of the Central Supervisory Committee Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan.

Also present on the occasion were Vice-Chairman of the Central Supervisory Committee Deputy Minister for Information Brig-Gen Aung Thein and members, departmental heads, advisers to the Ministry of Information, the Chairman of Myanmar Writers and Journalists Association, the secretary and guests.

First, Chairman of the Central Supervisory Committee Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan delivered an address, saying that the State Peace and Development Council formed the Central Supervisory Committee for Press Scrutiny and Registration under Order No 22/2005 on 25 February 2005. The committee is performing press scrutiny and registration tasks.

The minister stressed the need to organize participation of those in literary world and MWJA members for serving the national interests and the literary field. The Ministry of Information is responsible for matters related to publishers, printers and registration. In this regard, officials of the ministry held coordination meetings for several times.

The committee has laid down and is implementing policies and procedures of new tasks and existing ones as well. Officials need to work for successful realization of duties assigned by the Government. In accord with the policies and directives of the Government, those present are to submit suggestions for greater development of the literary field. Members of the Central Supervisory Committee are necessary to successfully carry out press scrutiny and registration tasks.

By doing so, the aims are to be set to organize those in the literary world for serving the interests of the nation and the people, take cooperative measures on press scrutinization and matters related to those in the literary field, provide assistance to improvement of the literary world, and supervise literary tasks by observing the policy of the State and preserving Myanmar cultural heritage.

Tasks are to be carried out in accord with rules and regulations of the press scrutiny and registration. The minister urged those present to take part in the tasks as a national force by maintaining better relations between those in the literary world and the committee members and by making collective efforts for development of the literary field. Publishing permits will be given according to prescribed policies.

Director Major Tint Swe of Press Scrutinization and Registration Division of Printing and Publishing Enterprise reported on policies of press scrutinization and matters related to supervising the publisher registration tasks. Next, the participants in the meeting took part in the discussions. After attending to the needs, Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan made the concluding remarks.

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Senior General Than Shwe receives newly-accredited Ambassador Mr Lars Backstrom of Republic of Finland at Zeyathiri Beikman.

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Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan addresses coordination meeting of Central Supervisory Committee for Press Scrutiny and Registration.— MNA
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nation in accord with the new State Constitution.

The women with high capabilities are taking part in respective sectors by performing tasks of peace and stability and taking part in nation-building endeavours. Meanwhile, a few persons who are followers of the colonialists are committing destructive acts to push the nation into enslavement. Due to their misconduct, some big countries imposed one-sided sanctions related to economy, foreign aid, monetary assistance and international loans, investment and tourism industry of Myanmar. Due to investment sanction on Myanmar, the number of the garment factories decreased and Myanmar workers lost their human rights to work.

That is why the entire Myanmar women are to denounced internal and external destructionists as common enemy. Thus, under the leadership of MWAF, the mass of Myanmar women are to uphold Our Three Main National Causes as a national duty, realize nationalist spirit in the Union, safeguard the nation and the people and actively participate in the activities of the new State Constitution.

It is impossible for Myanmar to copy the western democracy model.
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UN Secretary General Mr Kofi Annan has said that some nations and international media are misjudging Myanmar; and that the international community should render assistance for Myanmar’s development. The pressures applied by some countries on Myanmar, without understanding her countries on Myanmar, have caused adverse effects on Myanmar. Some of imposing unreasonable sanctions on Myanmar amounts to human rights violations.

Daw Aye Aye Moe of Magway Division WAO said that some big nations are resorting to various means to endanger Our Three Main National Causes and the goal of the nation — a peaceful, modern and developed nation. Daw Suu Kyi in 1999 sent a declaration to the 55th UN human rights conference, urging inter-national organizations to take action against any of its members, did against Myanmar in 2000. The lopsided actions against Myanmar are a challenge to the entire Myanmar women. The government should declare the FTUB and other related terrorist organizations unlawful associations

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Because of the sanctions of some western nations, the people and the nation have to suffer losses. The ILO, which had never taken action against any of its members, did against Myanmar in 2000. The lopsided actions against Myanmar are a challenge to the entire Myanmar women.

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powers should take into account the difference of traditions and culture between the East and the West, the development gap, and to make sure whether the source of information they received is authentic or not. They should know that the act of imposing unreasonable sanctions on Myanmar amounts to human rights violations.

Daw Suu Kyi has never pres-erved the lineage. She married a foreigner and their intention was to bar foreign entrepreneurs from investing in Myanmar and to withdraw their investments from the nation, urging the ASEAN not to let Myanmar join it, discouraging tourists from visiting Myanmar, and asking the EU and other nations to impose economic sanctions on the nation and to halt all kinds of assistance. The NLD delegates boycotted the National Convention under order of an individual. Their intention was to disrupt the Convention. Daw Suu Kyi tried to harm and dis-turb the national peace and stability. Her first cousin expatriate Sein Win formed NCGUB and is committing terrorist acts against the nation and the people. It is found that Sein Win and Pyithit Nyunt Wai in collusion with some foreigners are committing terrorist acts against the nation and the people. Thus, the NCGUB and other related organizations should be declared unlawful organizations.

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She said at a time when the government is striving to develop in all aspects, some big nations are imposing sanctions and putting pressure on the country in various ways. And their acts are aimed at putting the country in a state of economic difficulties. As a result, some Myanmar women became out of their job. Some big nations are also accusing Myanmar of producing narcotic drugs, violating human rights, committing human trafficking and forced labour and prolonging the National Convention. So, the mass Myanmar women cannot accept their lopsided accusations.

She added that innocent people including monks and women were killed and wounded in the bomb explosions planted by saboteurs in public places like markets and super markets. The entire mass of Myanmar women totally denounced these destructive acts. The MWAF is implementing the tasks to protect and improve the lives of Myanmar women, she said. Measures are being taken for the development of education, health, economy and culture of young women. The MWAF is carrying out these tasks in collaboration with various social organizations.

All in all, she said all members of the MWAF are urged to strive for the development of the socio-economic life of Myanmar women while crushing all the destructive acts in cooperation with the State, the Tatmadaw and the people. Member of Kayin State Women’s Affairs Organization Daw Nan Myat Su spoke. She said that Myanmar women are endowed with loving-kindness, compassion, shame and fears and used to be well-behaved. Regrettably, there was a lack of loving-kindness, compassion and shame in a Myanmar woman who has been abroad for long. The adverse impact of those Myanmar women who have been on Myanmar women who are imbued with good characters and high civilization.

Myanmar women were engaged in community welfare tasks of their own volition such as carrying out sanitation work and building roads and bridges. But, those who lack Myanmar spirit and consideration have been inventing news to the effect that there was forced labour in the nation. They are resorting to wicked means to be in power.

The destructive elements, enlisting the help of Pyithit Nyunt Wai (a) Maung Maung of FTBU, ICFTU, ILO, are attacking Myanmar in various aspects. As a result, many garment factories in Myanmar were closed, leaving over 80,000 workers jobless and over 400,000 dependents have been in trouble. Some young women who were jobless and in trouble are subject to human trafficking and end up in miseries.

As Kayin State is adjacent to Thailand, priority is being given to elimination of human trafficking. After forming the committees for preventing the trafficking in women, women affairs organizations at different levels in Kayin State are now engaged in the task. In this regard, action was taken against eight human traffickers.

Turning a blind eye to the national development, some big nations are inventing false news on recruitment of minors and license to rape. Meanwhile, internal destructive elements in collusion with renegades committed subversive acts. Their atrocities also include explosion of time bombs in 1996 in the Kaba Aye Maha Pasana Cave where Tooth Relic from China was kept. The people of Myanmar have now been able to distinguish the constructive persons and the destructive elements. Although the nation is facing a series of hindrances and difficulties, the government is making constant efforts for the emergence of a peaceful modern developed discipline-flourishing democratic nation. The nation is now in the process of transition to democracy.

In conclusion, she called on the mass of Myanmar women under the Myanmar Women’s Affairs Federation to do their bit for the emergence of a peaceful modern developed discipline-flourishing democratic nation, upholding the noble objectives and principles of the MWAF. Next, the prize-distribution ceremony followed at which officials presented prizes to outstanding women in Kayin State. The ceremony came to a close with the chanting of slogans. — MNA

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Daw Moe Thuza of Magway Division WAO said as there is no balance of global power, the entire national people including the womenfolk have the duty to strengthen, build and lead the nation on own way. The ILO has been launching lopsided accusations against Myanmar concerning forced labour because of the slanderous accusations filed against Myanmar by a handful of national traitors under the influence of foreign masters. Myanmar is an old member of the ILO. Myanmar has observed the principles of the international body. There were no big problems between Myanmar and the ILO till 1988. But after 1990, the ILO has become a podium for some western powers to attack Myanmar. Pyithit Nyunt Wai (a) Maung Maung filed a slanderous complaint against Myanmar to the ILO concerning forced labour. Although Myanmar has solved the problem, the FTUB also filed a similar complaint against Myanmar. The ILO lopsidedly formed a fact-finding mission to make investigation in Myanmar concerning the case. The mission while ignoring the data and facts provided to it by Myanmar, it relied on the false information provided to it by anti-government bodies and the insurgent organizations in guise of refugees. As the nation has been witnessing progress in every sector due to the harmonious efforts of the Tatmadaw and the people, all the people of the nation know that the ILO’s accusations are wrong. Since yore, the Myanmar people have the tradition of helping one another for regional development. Myanmar people including women are always willing to take part in the welfare activities of own volition. Pyithit Nyunt Wai is trying to erode the traditional values of the Myanmar people. Because of the sanctions of some western nations, the people and the nation have to suffer losses. The ILO, which had never taken action against any of its members, did against Myanmar in 2000. The lopsided actions against Myanmar are a challenge to the entire Myanmar women. The government should declare the FTUB and other related terrorist organizations unlawful associations. The Myanmar women mass also would like to say that the nation has no other alternative, but to leave the ILO. The meeting concluded with chanting of slogans. — MNA
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**SUSLO TO ISSUE DECREE ON ENERGY SAVING**

**JAKARTA, 7 July—** Indonesian President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono said Wednesday he plans to issue a decree on economizing energy consumption to deal with the declining stock and slow oil distribution in many parts of the country.

"In the near future, I will issue a decree to call on all civil servants, soldiers and police officers to economize fuel and electricity consumption," Susilo said after a meeting on domestic energy production with his close aides at the State Palace here.

The President said energy saving remaining important even if no crisis takes place, adding "gas, oil and coal are not renewable resources".

**NEPAL TO BEGIN WIRELESS TELEPHONE SERVICE**

**KATHMANDU, 7 July—** Nepal Telecom (NT), the state-run telecommunications operator, is to begin on a trial basis, the wireless telephone service based on the CDMA technology, an official of the company said here on Wednesday.

"For the first time in Nepal, the technology will provide a number of facilities including among others local and mobile telephone, SMS, voice mail, wireless Internet/email, pre-paid calling, credit card calling and international access number," said Sugat Ratna Kansakar, NT managing director.

A total of 1,000,000 lines including 500,000 lines for personal use will be distributed in the first, second and third phases and additional 500,000 lines in the fourth and fifth phases, the NT said.

Under the first phase of extension of wireless telephone lines, 100,000 lines will be distributed in the capital city of Kathmandu, 75,000 in Biratnagar in eastern Nepal and Bhairahawa in western Nepal.

For this purpose, work is going on to install 207 towers in different parts of the country.

**CLAIMS DAY NOTICE**

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Consignees of cargo carried on MV ZHE HAI 315 VOY NO (017) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 10-7-2005 and cargo will be discharged to the P/T where it will lie at the consignee’s risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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**VIETNAM IMPORTS MORE AUTOMOBILES IN FIRST HALF**

**HANOI, 7 July—** Vietnam spent 513 million US dollars importing completely-built automobiles, components and spare parts in the first half of this year, posting a year-on-year surge of 45.8 per cent, according to the Trade Ministry on Wednesday.

The sharp increase was mainly attributed to the local stronger purchasing power of automobiles, especially trucks and coaches, because Vietnam earlier ordered its agencies and businesses to re-place over 20,000 outdated vehicles with new ones by early February. The country imported 10,000 completely-built automobiles worth 156 million US dollars in the first six months, up 0.8 per cent in volume and 13.5 per cent in value.

It’s current import tariff of 100 per cent on completely-built automobiles is likely to drop to 20 per cent in 2008 and 5 per cent in 2009 under regional integration roadmap, the ministry said. Local experts said the demand for automobiles in Vietnam with the population of over 82 million people will remain high in the coming years, citing the country’s high economic growth and low penetration of cars among local residents as major reasons.

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**POLISH CULTURAL MINISTRY CONFERS AWARD TO CHINESE ARTIST**

**BEIJING, 7 July—** Polish Ministry of Culture here on Wednesday conferred an honorary award to Chinese-renowned sculptor Yuan Xikun to mark his contribution to spreading Polish culture.

At the request of the Polish Government, Yuan created a bust sculpture for the renowned Polish patriot and artist Janacy Padrewski this May. The 77-centimetre-high statue stands in the international friendship forest located in the western part of Beijing’s Chaoyang Park.

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**Men and women trust strangers differently**

HOUSTON, July—Men and women differ when it comes to trusting a stranger—that is not a news, some would say, there is little they agree on—but there is a distinct pattern in the way two genders choose to trust strangers, a study has found.

Men trust people who were part of a group with them, while women are more likely to trust strangers who shared some personal connection (for example friend of a friend... and so on), a study conducted by Ohio University psychology professor Marilynne Brewer and her student William Maddux says.

"Women mostly trust friends and family and their friends and family. For men, the ‘in-group’ is their team or their company club," said Brewer.

The study involved 147 students, who were seated in a computer lab where they made online decisions whether to accept a sure-thing payment of 3 US dollars from the researchers or an unknown allocation from a stranger who supposedly had up to 11 US dollars to distribute as he or she wished.

The participants learned only one thing about the stranger: the university he or she attended, and they made the choice three times, each time they were given different information.

One time they were told that the stranger attended the same university as the participants themselves (same group).

In the second trial, participants were told that the stranger attended another university, but one in which the participant had earlier indicated he or she had a friend (personal connections).

The third time they were told that stranger was from a university with which they had no connection whatsoever.

It was found that men were much more likely to say they trusted stranger from Ohio University, whereas women were more likely to trust the stranger from a university at which they had a friend.

So the conclusion drawn by Brewer and Maddux is that women tend to trust strangers if they think they are connected to that person through some extended friendship network. Men show trust more on a symbolic rather than an interpersonal basis: you are either in my group or not in my group.

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### Australia's new ministers, parliamentary secretaries sworn in

Canberra, July—Australia’s five new federal ministers and parliamentary secretaries were sworn in at a ceremony here on Wednesday.

The ministerial change was announced by Australian Prime Minister John Howard last week. Former Prime Minister John Anderson resigned as Nationals Party leader and deputy prime minister two weeks ago.

Trade Minister Mark Vaile, who has been elected as the new leader of the Nationals Party, becomes new Deputy Prime Minister and stays at the portfolio of the Trade Minister.

Warren Truss takes up the portfolios of transport and regional services from Thursday.

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### Czechia to enforce law on bottled water quality standards

Praha, July—in order to guarantee that bottled water in Czechia is safe to drink, the Ministry of Industry, Mines and Energy is to enforce a law to standardise it soon, local media reported on Wednesday.

"Starting September 1, a certificate will be compulsory," The Czechia Daily quoted Chan Borin, deputy chief of the ministry’s Standard Quality Department, as saying. "There is a lot of sub-standard pure water on the market. I would tell people to be careful," he added.

A bottled water producer can start its trade legally only if the ministry has inspected the whole production line, tested the liquid and examining equipment and administrative management procedures used in the company.

The law on bottled water quality standards is designed to promote the industry’s ability to compete with bottled water imported from overseas, and to ensure hygiene for consum-

ers. —MNA/Chinhu

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### Cambodia bracing for offshore wind power project

Phnom Penh, July—In order to guarantee that bottled water in Cambodia is safe to drink, the Ministry of Industry, Mines and Energy is to enforce a law to standardise it soon, local media reported on Wednesday.

The ministry, which is responsible for the supervision of the offshore wind power project, said in a statement that the project can be completed in the coming five years, Chen said.

Generally speaking, according to Chen, the construction cost of a wind power station is twice that of an onshore one, which is already as high as about 10,000 yuan (1,205 US dollars) for every kilowatt of power generating ca-

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### Shannon bracing for offshore wind power project

Shanghai, July—Shanghai, an economic powerhouse in eastern China, is bracing for an offshore wind power project with a designed capacity of 100,000 kilowatts, according to the municipal economic and trade commission.

Chen Zhengqian, with the commission’s depart-

ment of energy saving and environmental protection, said the project, to be lo-

cated at both sides of the East China Sea Bridge, would be the largest off-

shore wind power station in the nation.

Scores of wind-driven generators, each with an installed capacity of 3,000 kilowatts, will be built for the project in the coming five years, Chen said.

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## New York Times reporter sent to jail in CIA leak case

WASHINGTON, July—A US federal judge on Wednesday jailed New York Times reporter Judith Miller for refusing to divulge her source leaking the identity of a CIA agent nearly two years ago.

Miller will be held until the grand jury inves-

tigating the leak ends its work in October. “There is still a realistic possibility that that confinement might cause her to testify.” US District Judge Thomas Hogan said.

Time magazine reporter Matthew Cooper, who like Miller had re-

fused to testify, told Hogan that he would now cooperate because his source allowed him to re-

veal the identity just hours before the sentencing trial.

The investigation has been going on for nearly two years over the disclosed the identity of a CIA officer Valerie Plame.

The journalist was first published in a July 14, 2003 column by Robert Novak, who cited two unidentified senior Bush Admin-

istration officials as his source.

Subsequently, Cooper wrote a story over Plame, and Miller gathered mate-

rial but never wrote an ar-
icle. It is unclear whether Novak has testified or been subpoenaed.

Hogan found Cooper and Miller in contempt of court last week for refus-

ing to divulge their sources. Time magazine handed over Cooper’s notebooks in the investi-

gation on Friday.

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Brazilian clubs ready for historical Liberaators Cup final

BRASILIA, Brazil — Sao Paulo and Atletico Paranaense started to build the first final of the Copa Libertadores Cup between two countries of the same continent, Brazil, in 46 years of tournament.

The historical character of the final is reinforced because the first match of the two-game series will be played in a stadium that is alien to the two clubs.

Atletico plays as local versus Sao Paulo, in the match that will start at 21:45 hours, local time (0045 GMT, Thursday) in Beira Rio Stadium of Porto Alegre, with Uruguayan Jorge Larrionda as referee.

This change came because the South American soccer confederation (CONMEBOL) consider the 24,000-seat capacity of Atletico Paranaense’s Kyocera Arena Stadium (Curitiba) was far from meet- the requirements of 40,000 seats for this final.

Sao Paulo, considered as the favourite, will try to win the contest for the third time, while Atletico Paranaense goes for its first one. The winner will be awarded with 500,000 US dollars, to be divided be- tween owners, technical team and players.

On their way to the final, Sao Paulo did not face great difficulties in thrashing Palmeiras (Brazil), Tigres (Mexico) and River Plate (Argentina).

On the other hand, Atletico defeated Cerro Porteno (Paraguay), Santos (Brazil) and Guadalajara (Mexico). Seven Brazilian clubs have won Copa America: Cruzeiro, Santos, Gremio and Sao Paulo, twice; Palmeiras, Flamengo and Vasco da Gama, one each.

Brazilian striker Fabiano moves to Sevilla

MADRID, Spain — Brazilian striker Luis Fabiano joined Spanish club Sevilla from FC Porto on Thurs- day on a five-year contract.

Sevilla said it has paid 3.5 million euros (4.2 million US dollars) for the 24-year-old who scored only three goals in a difficult first season. His mother was kidnapped in Brazil in March.

The documentary called “Buying The Games” was screened on Thurs- day afternoon before Slavkov showed up at the 117th IOC Session to make a 20-minute speech to defend himself.

IOC president Jacques Rogge then made some clarification of the facts before secret votes were taken.

Slavkov was expelled after 82 members said Yes to “do you agree to expel Mr. Slavkov” with 12 saying No, according to IOC spokeswoman Giselle Davies.

It was not a unanimous decision but has got the necessary majority of votes for expulsion.

One IOC member said that those who voted No mainly did not believe Slavkov was really guilty of attempt- ing to corrupting IOC members.

Slavkov himself also claimed that he had played along in order to find out the truth behind the plot.

The IOC ethics commission launched an investigation into Slavkov and in November the IOC Executive Board recommended he be expelled at this week’s session here for seriously tarnishing the organization’s reputation.

Kenya not ready to bid for 2016 Olympics

NAIROBI, July 8 — Kenya is not ready to bid for the 2016 Olympics because it lacks modern sports facilities, funding and has a dilapidated transport system, Kenyan Olympic chief said on Thursday.

“We’re not ready to host the Olympics. Instead we should first go for games like the world cross country, which we’re bidding to host (in 2007),” said Tom Omokumbo, secretary-general of the National Olympic Committee shortly after London won the bid to host the 2012 Games.

In January, Sports Minister Ochillo Ayacko said that Kenya plans to bid for the 2016 Olympics and bring the games to Africa for the first time.

The East African nation has dominated the long- distance track events at the Olympics since the 1970s.

There were no African bids for the 2012 Olym- pics, which were contested between Paris, New York, London, Madrid and Moscow.

The bidding process for the 2016 Games will not begin until 2007, with the host city chosen in 2009.

Joy in Panama for “historical” victory over Colombia

PANAMA CITY, July 8 — Panamaan Press con- siders on Thursday a “his- torical” achievement Wednesday evening’s vic- tory of Panama’s national soccer team 1-0 over Co- lombia in Gold Cup, at Miami, United States.

This was also the first victory of Panama in its second Gold Cup, and against a rival with a greater soccer tradition, like Colombia.

Panamanian striker was one of the 10 top scorers of Colombia last season, playing for Envigado. But this is not the first surprise of the year, as Panama, also scoring through Tejada, got a 1-1 draw in a regional quali- fier against Mexico.

La Prensa also said this victory is a relief for coach Jose “Che” Hernández — from Co- lombia — who has not produced the expected re- sults in Panama’s participa- tion in the World Cup for the Central, North American and Caribbean region. To daily El Panama America, this vic- tory was also kept to a large extent thanks to the important participation of goalkeeper Jaime Penedo.
Pakistan, Iran, India to hold trilateral talks on gas project

ISLAMABAD, 8 July — Islamabad and Teheran have agreed that all future talks on the proposed Iran-Pakistan-India gas pipeline project would be held on a trilateral basis and India would be involved in all ministerial or secretary level talks on the project.

The decision was taken here on Wednesday at a preliminary meeting of the oil and gas ministers of the two countries, local newspaper Dawn reported on Thursday.

Iranian Oil Minister Bijan Namdar Zanganeh arrived here Wednesday afternoon and held a brief discussions with his Pakistani counterpart Amanullah Khan Jadoon.

The two ministers told journalists after their meeting that they had not discussed the issue of gas price because it was considered premature. The three countries have not yet held a joint meeting on the project.

Pakistan and Iran will sign a memorandum of understanding under which Iranian officials will attend a meeting of the Pakistan-India working group on gas pipeline comprising petroleum secretaries of the two countries in New Delhi in August.

The three sides are expected to exchange information with regard to the financial, technical, commercial and legal issues.

India has shown interest to participate in three proposed gas pipelines from Turkmenistan, Iran and Qatar for multiplying supplies.

Pakistan and India have agreed that all the three projects will have to be completed as energy needs grow with economic growth in both countries.
In accord with the saying “The strength of a nation lies within”, national people are to brave and surmount unjust acts.

Under leadership of MWAF, the mass of Myanmar women are to uphold Our Three Main National Causes as national duty

Myanmar Women’s Day commemorative ceremony held in Magway

YANGON, 8 July — The Kayin State Women Affairs Organization held a celebration of Myanmar Women’s Day at Zwegabin Hall in Hpa-an, Kayin State, on 3 July.

Present on the occasion were regional organizers of the Myanmar Women’s Affairs Federation Daw Than Nwe, member of MWAF Administration Department Daw Win Myint, members of Kayin State, district, township, ward and village WAOs, the Union Solidarity and Development Association and Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association, faculty

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Chairperson of Kayin State Women’s Affairs Organization Daw Tin Sein addressing the ceremony of Myanmar Women’s Day.—MNA

Chairperson of Magway Division WAO Daw Yi Yi Lwin presided over the ceremony together with Organizer of Magway Division WAO Daw Saw Yu Nwe, Head of Organizational Department of Magway Division WAO Daw Aye Aye Wai, Head of Division’s Discipline Department Daw San San and Head of Division’s Environmental Conservation Department Daw Khin Myo Thant.

Speaking on the occasion, Chairperson of Magway Division WAO Daw Yi Yi Lwin said that Magway Division WAO had been formed with 150,594 members up to April 2005.

After taking responsibilities of the State, the State Peace and Development Council upholding Our Three Main National Causes has laid down and is implementing four political objectives, four economic objectives and four social objectives for development of the State. Now, the Government has adopted the seven-point Road Map for the emergence of an enduring new State Constitution and is building a modern, developed and discipline-flourishing democratic

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