Four political objectives

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

Four economic objectives

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

Four social objectives

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

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People’s Desire

- Oppose those relying on external elements, acting as stooges, holding negative views
- Oppose those trying to jeopardize stability of the State and progress of the nation
- Oppose foreign nations interfering in internal affairs of the State
- Crush all internal and external destructive elements as the common enemy

Departmental, Tamadaw vehicles checked on dry day

Dry Day Supervisory Committee Chairman Minister for Mines Brig-Gen Ohn Myint and party check work of dry day inspection teams.

Minister inspects vehicles converted into NGVs

Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lan Thi today inspected converting of vehicles into Natural Gas Vehicle-NGV at the Thakayta offshore oil field base of Myanmar Oil and Gas Enterprise. At the base, the minister heard reports presented by officials on work being carried out, and urged officials to pay attention to those who wish to change their vehicles into NGV. The minister also said that the process is to be carried out for departmental vehicles.

Any vehicles can be checked into NGV at the base, and natural gas are available for NGV at CNG filling stations in the city with 165 cubic feet per 100 kyats round the clock. Those who wish to change their vehicles into NGV may dial 545739 and 095007190 for further information.

Myanmar badminton team leaves for Indonesia

The Myanmar Youth Badminton team left here by air for Indonesia to participate in the Asian Junior Badminton Championship 2005 to be held in Jakarta, Indonesia from 11 to 17 July. They were seen off at the Yangon International Airport by President of Myanmar Badminton Federation U Maung Maung Swe and executives and others.

The Myanmar team comprising Manager U Aung Kyi, Coaches U Robin Tin and Daw Swe Mar Oo, Men’s players Than Lwin, Aung, Teya Phyo, Aye Min Hun, Sai Kyaw Soe, Women’s players Htoo Htoo Ya, Nayza Hlaing, Khine Zar Lin and Hlaing Mon Kyu will take part in Men’s and Women’s single and team events.

Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lan Thi cordially converses with a driver at CNG Filling Station (013).—ENERGY

Altogether 2,938 vehicles have been converted into NGVs in the whole country. —MON

Myanmar Badminton Team seen at the airport before departure for Indonesia.

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China and Germany hold similar or identical views on many international and regional issues and the two countries have cooperated well, said Hu.

The Sino-German ties, with care and support from officials of both countries, have yielded remarkable results in economic and trade cooperation, Hu said, stressing that China highly values contributions by Schroeder, who has visited China six times to promote bilateral ties.

China believes that Germany has taken a road of peaceful development since the end of World War II and that it has become an important country for maintaining world peace and stability, said the Chinese leader.

He said China is ready to work with Germany to enhance political trust, promote economic and trade cooperation and expand exchange exchanges in the fields of energy, education, culture, science and technology.

Schroeder said Germany-China ties are at their best in history with fruits in all aspects of cooperation.

He said he was impressed by Hu’s proposals at the dialogue on efforts to stabilize the world oil markets and to tackle key economic issues. Germany desires better cooperation with China in the development of the world economy, especially in the tapping of environment friendly energy resources, Schroeder said.

Resolution circulated proposing increase of elected UNSC members

UNITED NATIONS, 9 July — A group of countries which oppose the expansion of the Security Council’s permanent membership circulated on Friday a draft resolution calling for an increase of 10 elected Council members with renewable two-year terms.

Italy, on behalf of “Uniting for Consensus” (UFC) Movement, circulated the draft to other UN member states and the General Assembly President, Jean Ping. The draft proposes expanding the Council’s non-permanent membership from 10 to 20 members. The draft also calls for an increase of five permanent members — the United States, Britain, France, China and Russia — and 10 elected members with two-year terms, half of which are rotated annually.

Under the draft resolution, the same as a working paper put forward earlier by the UFC, Asia and Africa would each get three new non-permanent seats, Latin America would gain two, and the Eastern and Western Europe would each obtain one.

The draft contains amendments to the UN Charter to reflect the enlargement of the Council’s non-permanent membership, and calls upon UN member states to ratify the amendments by September 2007. The measure is widely seen as a counteract to a framework draft resolution submitted to the General Assembly on Wednesday by Japan, Germany, India and Brazil, known as G-4.

India to seek global collaboration in renewable sector at G-8

KOLKATA, 9 July — Leading the developing countries for mobilization of clean energy sources, India is going to the G-8 summit in Scotland this week with a slew of measures seeking to link international programmes in the renewable sector.

Prime on the country’s agenda at the G-8 summit would be looking for collaborations in the area of carbon capture, development of low cost solar photovoltaics and energy storage.

Following a workshop by energy experts of G-8 and G-5 nations at Oxford on 11 and 12 May, the country is also proposing joint ventures in bio-energy, including biomass and biogas-based power generation, built-in environment and distributed generation, particularly in India and China.

The recommendations made at the Oxford meet on climate change and renewable energy by a five-member Indian team with experts from the states of West Bengal, Maharashtra, Tamil Nadu and the Tata Energy Research Institute (TERI), also highlighted the need to have international demonstration projects on biofuels.

UNSG condemns killing of Egyptian diplomat in Iraq

UNITED NATIONS, 9 July — UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan condemned the killing of the Egyptian diplomat in Iraq, UN spokesman Stephane Dujarric said on Thursday.

In a statement released by the spokesman, Annan said he has learned with great sadness of the brutal murder of Ihab al-Sherif, the Charge d’Affaires of the Arab Republic of Egypt to Iraq, who was kidnapped on Saturday.

He expressed his deepest sympathy and condolences to the family of al-Sherif as well as to the government and people of the Arab Republic of Egypt.

The Secretary-General condemned in the strongest terms those who planned and executed this callous act, which no cause can justify. He hopes that the Iraqi authorities will do everything possible to apprehend those responsible and to bring them to justice.

Such acts perpetrated by a few will not deter the commitment and resolve of the United Nations and the international community to help the Iraqi people in their transition towards a peaceful, democratic and prosperous Iraq. Annan stressed.

Egyptian presidency confirms death of diplomat in Iraq

CAIRO, 9 July — The Egyptian presidency on Thursday confirmed the death of head of the Egyptian diplomatic mission in Iraq, Ambassador Ihab el-Sharif, the official MENA news agency reported.

President Hosni Mubarak said late el-Sharif has lost his life to terrorism that has no religion or homeland, expressing condolences to Sharif’s family.

Mubarak said Sharif’s killing was an act of terror that would not dissuade Egypt from maintaining its supportive stances of the Iraqi people. Iraq’s al-Qaeda group killed Sharif on Thursday, four days after he was kidnapped by the group in Baghdad, according to a videotape posted on an Islamic web site.

Chinese spend more time on Internet than TV

BEIJING, 9 July — Chinese people are now spending more time surfing the net than watching TV, according to results of a survey by the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences (CASS) published on Thursday.

The survey, of citizens of five Chinese cities, found that 79 per cent of interviewees use the Internet for information, and 55.1 per cent prefer to read news on the Internet. The average times spent surfing the net and watching TV were 2.73 hours and 1.29 hours, respectively.

“To our surprise, only 63 per cent of the interviewees use e-mail,” Guo Liang, a researcher with the CASS said.

A girl wearing a blind fold walks with assistance from a seeing eye dog during a dog festival in Tokyo on 9 July, 2005.

Hu, Schroeder reaffirm Sino-German ties on sidelines of G-8 summit

GLENEAGLES (Scotland), 9 July — Chinese President Hu Jintao and German Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder reaffirmed good relations between the two countries in their meeting on Thursday on the sidelines of a dialogue between leaders of the Group of Eight and five developing countries.

An Iraqi fisherman casts his net into the Shat al-Arab waters near the southern city of Basra on 9 July, 2005.
First non-governmental WWII museum established in S-W China

KUNMING, 8 July — "Our fathers came here with a spirit of cooperation and friendship; we came here, after about 60 years, with the same spirit," said Barbara McMurry Hyde, daughter of Major William C McMurry, an officer of the US Army, who was killed in battles against the Japanese Army in southwest China's Yunnan Province in 1944.

Barbara made the speech on Thursday at the opening ceremony of Heshun Museum to commemorate the joint efforts made by the Chinese soldiers and the Allied Forces in fighting against Japanese invaders at the border of China and Myanmar.

Tengchong, located at southwestern parts of Yunnan, saw bloodiest battles from 1942 to 1944, during the war of China and the Allied Forces against the Japanese Army.

Among the collection of around 5,000 articles, about 3,000 were provided by Duan Shengkui, deputy head of Tengchong County branch of the Agricultural Bank of China. He has spent about 20 years collecting miscellaneous relics and materials left by both sides of the war, including weapons, manuscripts, pictures, which serve as strong proofs to the Japanese invasion, and the hard struggle of the Chinese Expeditionary Force and the Allied Forces.

Duan was invited to be the curator of the museum funded by a tour developer, which is the headquarters of the 20th Army group of the Chinese Expeditionary Force during the war. Therefore the construction of the museum resumed the old appearance of the headquarters to the best.

The opening ceremony was held on July 7, the 68th anniversary of the full scale breaking out of the Chinese Anti-Japanese War, and also the 60th anniversary of Tengchong's Guoshang Cemetery for the soldiers killed in the war from both the Chinese Army and the Allied Forces. — MNA/Xinhua

Indonesia to increase fuel oil production

JAKARTA, 8 July — Indonesia's Energy and Mineral Resources Minister Purnomo Yusgiantoro said here on Wednesday that the government had asked PT Pertamina, a state oil company, to produce more fuel oil to meet domestic demand.

"We have asked Pertamina to supply fuel oil in accordance with the increasing demand," Purnomo said on the sidelines of a discussion on electricity business.

Purnomo said smooth distribution of fuel oil was necessary to ensure adequate supply everywhere in the country.

He said that Pertamina had been asked not to retain fuel oil in its stock, especially its premium gasoline stock, and to distribute the fuel oil to consumers in accordance with demand.

Previously, Pertamina has tightened fuel oil supply in view of the upward spiral in the world oil price up to 70 US dollars per barrel.

But Purnomo also called on the public to save fuel oil. Fuel oil consumption over the past five months has increased by 10 per cent, he said, adding that if people did not economize, the consumption figure would increase further and, as consequence, the government would have to spend more money on fuel oil subsidy.

"So, let us economize fuel oil," Purnomo said.

Currently, Pertamina set a quota of producing 59.6 million kilolitres of fuel oil to meet local demand until the end of 2005. But the demand is expected to surpass the quota. — MNA/Xinhua

Vietnam hopes to gain WTO membership this year

HANOI, 8 July — Viet nam has achieved important negotiation results with the United States and some other countries, hoping to enter the World Trade Organization (WTO) within this year, Vietnamese Foreign Ministry spokesman Le Dung said on Thursday.

Vietnam has reached substantial results when negotiating with the United States on its accession to the WTO, while the United States expressed its support for the accession during the trip to Washington by Vietnamese Prime Minister Phan Van Khai last month, the spokesperson said in a regular Press briefing.

"Vietnam and the United States will keep on negotiating in July," he said, noting that only some minor issues remain before the two sides can conclude the bilateral negotiation.

With progresses made during both multilateral and bilateral negotiations, especially those with the United States, China and Japan, Vietnam will become a WTO member soon, the spokesman stated. "We hope to join the WTO as soon as possible. The Year 2005 is the best."

Vietnam has so far wrapped up bilateral negotiations with the European Union, Cuba, Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Singapore, Uruguay, South Korea and Japan. — MNA/Xinhua

Nepal's exports dwindle in first eight months of 2004/2005

KATHMANDU, 8 July — Nepal exported goods worth about 11.264 billion Nepali rupees (160 million US dollars) in total to the third countries in the first eight months of the fiscal year 2004/2005 (July 15, 2004 to July 14, 2005), which is less by about 18.5 per cent compared to the exports during the same period last year, according to the Exports Promotion Centre.

The major commodities Nepal exported to different overseas countries during the period included woolen carpets, readymade garment, hides and goat skin, tea, lentil, woolen and Pashmina goods of other commodities compared to the exports during the same period previous year, the statement said.

However, the exports during the period went up by 10.4 per cent on woolen carpets, 9.2 per cent on cardamom, 10.1 per cent on handicrafts, 13.3 per cent on jewellery, 3.9 per cent on Nepali paper and 159.2 per cent in woolen goods compared to the same duration previous year, the statement noted.

The exports in the first eight months of the fiscal year 2004/2005 dwindled by 36.3 per cent on readymade garments, 10.4 per cent on hides and goat skin, 29 per cent on tea, 78.1 per cent on lentils, 56.4 per cent on towel, 2.6 per cent on woolen and Pashmina goods and 23.7 per cent in other commodities compared to the exports during the same period last year, the statement said.

A vendor, right, shows a pot of morning glories to visitors to the annual Morning Glory Fair in Tokyo on July 7, 2005. — Internet

China to manufacture run-flat tyres for first time

BEIJING, 8 July — The Goodyear Tyre and Rubber Company announced Wednesday that it would become the first company to manufacture run-flat tyres in China, directing an 18-million-US-dollar investment in its Dalian tyre plant toward run-flat manufacturing technology.

The benefits of a run-flat tyre to consumers are obvious and related to both safety and convenience. A driver can travel 250 kilometres at 80 kilometres per hour with a totally deflated tyre, you can get to your destination with no problem and without the worry of being stranded on a highway, either busy or remote. In addition to the safety and convenience, it eliminates the need for a spare tyre and provides additional space in the vehicle for either passenger or luggage storage, as well as reducing overall weight.

Pierre Cohade, Goodyear's president of the Asia-Pacific Region said that investment and subsequent plans would be focussed on the manufacture of Goodyear RunOnFlat tyres both for original equipment and the replacement market for China and for export. RunOnFlat tyres use specially stiffened sidewalls but do not require special wheels, unlike other competitive systems.

Cohade said that he expects production to begin in 2007 and annual volume for sale in China and export to reach 200,000 units within five years. The company expects the requirements for its RunOnFlat technology to grow significantly in the coming years because of the escalating increase of business in the original equipment. Goodyear currently has more than 100 active RunOnFlat projects. — MNA/Xinhua

Members of the South Korean SWAT team patrol near a bullet train at the railway station in Seoul, on 8 July, 2005. South Korea has enhanced its security at airports and other major facilities after a series of deadly explosions in London, local media reported on Friday. — Internet

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A vendor, right, shows a pot of morning glories to visitors to the annual Morning Glory Fair in Tokyo on 7 July, 2005. — Internet
Sino-ASEAN Expo to become ideal platform for tariff-reduced goods

NANNING, 9 July — The second Sino-ASEAN Expo, scheduled to open in October this year, will be turned into an ideal platform for tariff-reduced commodities, said an official with the secretariat of the expo.

ASEAN countries signed last November, approximately 7,000 categories of goods will be given tariff cuts as of 20 July.

By 2015, China and six old ASEAN member nations, including Brunei, Indonesia, Malaysia, Philippines, Singapore and Thailand, will impose zero tariffs on most normal products, while China and the other four new ASEAN members of Cambodia, the Laos, Myanmar and Vietnam, will do the same until 2015 when free trade between China and ASEAN nations will be made possible.

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China now mainly imports from ASEAN countries electronics, crude, liquefied petroleum gas, edible oil, and export electronic and machinery products, textiles and garments, processed oil and cereals.

Iran-India-Pakistan gas pipeline project could start by next April

ISLAMABAD, 9 July — Iran Friday said the work on the multi-billion-dollar Iran-India-Pakistan gas pipeline project could start by next April.

After two days talks with his Pakistani counterpart, the two countries signed an MoU on Thursday, visiting Iranian Oil Minister Bijan Namdar Zangeneh told reporters here that all the paperwork by the three parties were expected to be completed early next year and the project could take off by next April.

"Both the 'early harvest' plan and the Trade in Goods Agreement, which will take effect on 20 July, will enormously lower trade barriers between China and ASEAN," said Zheng. Incompliance with the Trade in Goods Agreement for Overall Economic Cooperation between China and ASEAN countries signed last November, approximately 7,000 categories of goods will be given tariff cuts as of 20 July.

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"Early harvest", now practised among China and ASEAN, indicates that if the two cooperative partners agree to a certain kind of tariff reducing product out of many other products, a tariff-reducing agreement on the product could be implemented first.

The mode has been widely accepted in the international community and is followed by quite a number of countries.

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Int'l Arts Carnival opens in HK

HONG KONG, 9 July — The annual spectacular summer festival, International Arts Carnival, opened at the Hong Kong Cultural Centre on Friday.

Director of Leisure and Cultural Services Anissa Wong presented prizes to the winners of the International Arts Carnival Graphic Design Competition.

The overall winner was primary student Fok Ken-long who was also the primary school section winner, while form six student Joanna Tse Chung-yan won the secondary school section. The competition attracted 1,785 entries this year.

This year's International Arts Carnival, which runs until 21 August, will feature more than 500 events.

24 killed in Venezuela by heavy rains

CARACAS, 9 July — Heavy rains in recent days in Venezuela left 24 dead, 578 injured and many missing, said Thursday Civil Protection (PC) director Colonel Antonio Rivero.

During a Press conference, the official said the downpour, which has not let up since Monday, has affected 7,978 families and 7,859 houses, 116 of which were destroyed.

Four people were swept away by the torrents of the overflowing Sanare River in Portuguesa State, and the bodies of three have been found. One is that of an eight-year-old girl, the other a ten-year-old girl, and the third a 52-year-old.

The capital's water supply has also come under mounting attack. On Thursday, insurgents bombed a key main, leaving half the city without water at the height of summer in the third such attack in as many weeks.

S-E Asia's biggest Cedar forest discovered in Vietnam

HANOI, 9 July — The largest forest of Chinese Incense Cedar species in Southeast Asia has been found in one of the world heritage sites in Vietnam, according to Vietnam News Agency on Friday.

The forest, which covers thousands of hectares of limestone 650-700 metres above sea level in the national park of Phong Nha Ke Bang in central Quang Binh Province, is home to many 400-year-old Chinese Incense Cedar trees with 25 metres in height and one metre in diameter.

The trees, scientifically named Calocedrus Macroplex, have been considered on the verge of extinction worldwide.

Covering more than 85,000 hectares, the world heritage site Phong Nha Ke Bang has 36 plant species and 89 animal species listed in the Vietnam Red Book as endangered or protected.
All are to be aware of distortionists and ward off them

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Committee for Progress of Border Areas and National Races chaired by the Head of State is speeding up development tasks in border areas, 24 development regions and rural areas of the nation. In doing so, Myanmar women are to participate in nation-building tasks in respective sectors.

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Despite pressures of some western countries, Tatmadaw Government striving for emergence of peaceful, modern, developed discipline-flourishing democratic nation.

More than 80,000 workers including women became out of job. Unable to assess the genuine situation of Myanmar, the ILO believed in the fabricated news of terrorist expatriate and put lop-sided pressures on the country. That is why Myanmar should leave the organization.

FTUB to be announced unlawful association. Runway Sein Win of NCGUB, who is not wanting to see the development of the country, is also committing destructive acts, and his group also deserves to be announced unlawful association.

Participants chanting slogans at the end of Myanmar Women’s Day commemorative ceremony in Sittway. — MNA
Kachin State on right path...
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Commander Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe, Minister for Science and Technology U Thaung and Chairman U Kyaw Win of Shwe Thanlwin Co Ltd formally opened the new main building. The secretary-1, the commander and party together with national races, members of social organization and the students posed for a documentary photo. Next, Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein unveiled the bronze plaque and the secretary-1, Lt-Gen Ye Myint, the commander and the ministers sprinkled scented water on it. Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein made a speech. He said it was a significant occasion to open Government Technological College in Bhamo. It is the duty of faculty members and students to become a leader with greater momentum. It is building infrastructures in political, economic, health and transport sectors in order to transform one system after another smoothly. In doing so, the government has laid emphasis on equal development in states and divisions, narrowing the gap in one region after another. Only when there is equal development in states and divisions, will the whole Union be peaceful and developed, he said.

He said the government has laid down three development projects and is implementing them in the respective regions. Therefore, development regions have emerged in states and divisions and there are universities and colleges that can produce human resources. In other words, higher education is available in every major region - not Yangon and Mandalay only. Nine degree colleges and technical institutes were established in Myitkyina, Bhamo and Mohnyin regions in Kachin State, he said.

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In the past, there were only 32 universities and colleges. Now the number of universities and colleges has increased up to 156. Nearly 800,000 students are learning higher education. In basic education sector, more primary, middle and high schools were opened. The already-opened universities and colleges would produce educated persons and brilliant intellectuals and intelligentsia needed in building a modern and developed nation. Universities and colleges are responsible for not only producing educated people but also building the nation, he said.

The people must have high qualifications and only when there are sufficient brilliant human resources will the nation-building tasks be successful. In other words, it is important for the country to possess both natural resources and human resources, he added.

In this connection, he quoted Head of State Senior General Than Shwe as saying that arrangements are to be made for producing intellectuals and intelligentsia in the respective regions for national development. Highly-qualified persons are able to bring about prosperity of the people. The Head of State spoke of the need for all nationals to possess high education, thoughts and capabilities in every sector of the nation.

In accord with the guidance of the Head of State, the Tatmadaw government is making endeavours for producing human resources and for fulfilling social needs such as to be able to work in peace and healthy living, creating economic opportunities and ensuring smooth transportation, he said.

This is why unprecedented progress and achievements have been made in the nation. In Kachin State, armed insurgency has ended and there is peace, understanding, sympathy and cooperation among the national races.

The entire Kachin State now enjoys fruitful results of peace and stability. Economic situations have improved due to correct policy of the government, supervision of those in charge and efforts of local people. Beginning from the last five years there is sufficient rice and edible oil. Considerable progress has also been made in education, health and transport sectors. It is obvious that Kachin State is on the right path to development.

Similarly, other states and divisions have developed. In accord with the slogan— Strength of the nation lies within such achievements have been made due to the harmonious efforts of the State, the people and the Tatmadaw.

It is important to ward off the destructive elements who fabricated news and drive a wedge between the State and people.

While nurturing the outstanding engineers, Bhamo Technological College is to preserve the national prestige and integrity. The Secretary-1 urged to build a peaceful, modern and developed nation with Union Spirit and patriotism.

Next, Commander Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe made a speech. He said that the State has opened the government technological college in Bhamo District and provided it with necessary new buildings under human resources development programme. As a result, students in Bhamo District and Katha District will be able to pursue higher education within their reach.

There are a degree college and a computer college in Bhamo in addition to a government technological college.

The higher learning institutions were established one after another with the aim of enhancing the education sector and ensuring human resources development.

There emerged degree colleges, technological colleges, computer colleges and 200-bed general hospitals in the 24 development zones for development of education, health, economic sectors in the region.

The higher learning institutions as well as basic education schools in Bhamo region will contribute much to development of human resources in the region.

It is obvious that Kachin State is on the right path to development. Similarly, other states and divisions have developed. In accord with the slogan— Strength of the nation lies within such achievements have been made due to the harmonious efforts of the State, the people and the Tatmadaw. Despite the political pressure, economic sanction and accusations, the government has been making efforts for the development of the State with patriotic spirit and the nation enjoys the fruitful results.
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Bago Division (West) WAO Chairperson Daw Win Win Mar addresses the Myanmar Women’s Day ceremony at Khittaya Hall in Pyay. — MNA

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Head of State Senior General Than Shwe gave guidance that the mass of women are to cooperate with the government in implementation of political, economic and social infrastructures and to oppose minorities of colonialists who attempt to mislead Myanmar women.

Myanmar Women’s Affairs Federation was founded on 20 December in 2003 with the aim of improving the living condition of the mass of Myanmar women. It comprises 17 women’s affairs organizations.

Now, MWAF is carrying out the tasks to achieve the seven objectives of the federation. MWAF is also making efforts for the improvement of social quality of women in cooperation with members of USDA, Red Cross Society, Maternal and Child Welfare Association and social organizations. At a time when the government and people are making efforts for the development of the State, internal and external destructive elements are attempting to perpetrate instability and disintegration of the State.

In conclusion, she urged the mass of women to make efforts in the interests of the State and Myanmar women and to safeguard national character under MWAF.

Said Myanmar is combating human trafficking after forming various committees.

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Leader of Bago Division (West) Women’s Affairs Organization Work Committee for Social and Culture and National Races Affairs Daw Khin Swe Oo made a speech on the occasion. In her speech she said all the national races residing in Myanmar are paying serious attention to dynamic propagation of mutual understanding, national consolidation, customs and traditional culture among them. The national races are to live peacefully and unitedly in their motherland with the Union Spirit in accordance with the guidance given by the Head of State and to preserve the significant characteristic that there is no racial prejudice in the country.

Colonialists instigated among the feudal lords and occupied Myanmar in late 19th century because they had known that Myanmar was rich in mineral resources. They practised divide and rule policy to enfeeble suspicions among the national races. The sighted national leaders struggled to regain independence due to rebuilding of national consolidation to ensure the establishment of the independent sovereign state. So, the government laid down the national policy for perpetuation of sovereignty of the state as long as the world exists. National armies kept entered into the legal fold after realizing the goodwill of the State. The central committee for progress of border areas and national races led by the Head of State is gearing up development works of national races. Patriotic spirit and national consolidation have been built in accordance with the guidance given by the Head of State is known to all, expatriates Sao Hkam Hpa and accomplices illegally announced Independent Shan State to secede from the Union on Internet on 18th April 2005. In connection with the acts, the government took actions against them legally while Myanmar Women’s Affairs Federation absolutely opposed their acts. So, the basic principle “not to secede from the Union” should be prescribed. Some big countries accused Myanmar of having forced

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UNSG hails G-8’s promise to boost aid for Africa

UNITED NATIONS, 9 July—UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan welcomed on Friday the agreement by the leaders of the world’s industrial powers in Scotland on a package doubling overall aid to Africa to 50 billion US dollars a year by 2010, but said it was “only a beginning”.

In a statement issued by a UN spokesman in New York, Annan expressed disappointment that the G-8 leaders did not commit themselves to a “clear, unambiguous date for ending export subsidies”.

“This G-8 was being closely watched by people everywhere. The leaders carried the hopes of people around the world who wanted progress towards reducing poverty in Africa, and today they got it,” UN spokesman Tony Blair said.

“I hope G-8 pledges will be remembered as the beginning of something very big, perhaps even the beginning of the end of mass poverty.”

The statement congratulated British Prime Minister Tony Blair and the other leaders at the summit for agreeing on the deal, which comprises both aid and debt relief and aims to ensure that African countries have a means to tackle the obstacles holding back progress towards halving poverty by 2015 and the other Millennium Development Goals.

“This is very good news,” Annan said, welcoming recent progress on debt relief, with final agreement coming in January on an earlier decision taken by the G-7 finance ministers to wipe out the debt of 18 of the most indebted countries, and the innovative Paris Club debt solution for Nigeria.

“Further, in the G-8 meeting with African leaders, the latter reaffirmed their commitment to good governance, democracy and the fight against corruption,” he said.

“I had hoped that G-8 leaders might also have committed themselves to a clear, unambiguous date for ending export subsidies. They will have another opportunity to do so in December, at the World Trade Organization (WTO) meeting in Hong Kong,” he said.

“But this is the beginning, not the end, for the people and the leaders who made today’s success possible. We got here through the hard work of many and we will. That must not be allowed to dispose of us if we are to keep on track for 2015,” he added.—MNA/Xinhua

Cypriot Govt, Hermes sign agreement to build new airports

NICOSIA, 9 July—the Cyprus Government signed on Friday a multi-million-euro deal with Hermes Consortium Airports to develop and run two airports on the island.

The build-operate-transfer (BOT) projects for the Larnaca and Paphos airports were signed by Minister of Communications and Works Haris Thrasou and Nicos Shocolas, on behalf of the Cyprus Trading Corporation Ltd under Hermes Consortium Airports.

The two airports will be run for a period of 25 years before the transfer.

Speaking after the signing ceremony, Thrasou said the agreement is considered “the biggest construction contract ever signed by the Cyprus Republic”.

It provides for the construction of two airports at a total cost of around 500 million euros (about 600 million dollars) and management with a total income for the republic of 2 billion euros (about 2.4 billion dollars), he said.

The new Larnaca Airport will be ready in around 4 years and construction at Paphos will take three years.

According to Thrasou, the first phase of the new Larnaca Airport will serve 7.5 million passengers yearly and the investor is obliged to follow with the second phase of the expansion to serve 9 million passengers yearly, whereas the Paphos Airport will be able to serve 2.7 million passengers yearly.

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Nepal launches CDMA telephone service

KATHMANDU, 9 July—Nepal Telecom (NT), the state-run telecommunications operator, launched CDMA based basic telephone or “C-phone” service in the capital of Kathmandu Valley on Friday.

“This will not only facilitate people to obtain telephone lines on demand at any time, but will also allow the laptop users to browse Internet and send and receive facsimile messages at any place without use of telephone wires,” said Managing Director of NT, Sugat Ratna Kansarsak.

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**G-8 leaders promise $50b aid to poor countries**

**Glenegles (Scotland), 9 July** — The leaders of the Group of Eight (G-8) industrialized nations on Friday agreed in this Scottish resort to increase aid to developing countries by around 50 billion US dollars a year to help lift Africa out of poverty.

“We agreed that we and our African partners had a common interest in building on that progress to create a strong, peaceful and prosperous Africa,” said the leaders in a joint statement issued after a two-day summit here.

The statement came after leaders of the G-8, a group of most industrialized countries comprising Britain, Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Russia and the United States, held a dialogue with seven African leaders from Algeria, Ethiopia, Ghana, Nigeria, Senegal, South Africa and Tanzania.

The G-8 leaders endorsed a plan to cancel all of the debts owed to international institutions by 18 heavily indebted poor countries, most of them in Africa. The leaders set out a comprehensive plan to support Africa’s progress and agreed to provide extra resources for Africa’s peacekeeping forces and boost investment in the sectors of health and education.

“We know this is only the beginning. We must take this spirit forward to the UN Millennium Review Summit in New York and ensure a successful conclusion to the Doha Development Agenda,” said the leaders.

British Prime Minister Tony Blair, who hosts the annual meeting of the G-8 leaders, has been pushing his counterparts to endorse a proposal to double aid to Africa.

The G-8 leaders agreed to strengthen the African Partners Forum and establish a Joint Action Plan to ensure the implementation of the measures.

However, some non-governmental organizations criticized the summit for its failure to deliver justice for Africa, claiming the deal announced will not tackle poverty effectively.

“The deal that has been announced falls way short of our demands. We have some aid, but not enough, some debt relief but not enough and virtually nothing on trade,” said Caroline Sande Mukulira from ActionAid’s Southern African programme.

“Once again Africa’s people have been short-changed,” she added.

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**US raises terror alert for mass transit following London blast**

**Washington, 9 July** — US Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff announced on Thursday to raise the terror alert level from yellow to orange, indicting high risk of terrorist attacks, for mass transit in the wake of the explosions in London.

“In light of today’s attacks in London, the US Government is raising the threat level from code yellow or elevated code orange, high, targeted only to the mass transit portion of the transportation sector,” Chertoff said at a news conference.

“This includes regional and inner-city passenger rail, subway, and intercity and metropolitan bus systems,” he added.

“We are also asking for increased vigilance throughout the transportation sector.”

Chertoff said there was no specific credible evidence pointing toward an attack in the United States.

He stressed that Americans need to avoid using subways and bus systems, saying there has been “a general elevated level of preparedness all across the country” since 11 September, 2001 attacks.

The increased alert level came hours after four blasts rocked the London subway and tore open a packed double-decker bus during the morning rush hour, killing about 40.

US President George W. Bush, now in Scotland attending the G-8 summit meetings, expressed condolences to the victims following the deadly blasts and vowed not to yield to terrorists.

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**Bush fails to help prevent attack on commuters**

**New York, 9 July** — New York senator Hillary Clinton on Friday criticized the Bush Administration for failing to deliver needed rail and subway security to deter a London-style attack on commuters.

Clinton, who is pushing for money and federal dollars for high-tech terror prevention, said the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) has been slow in distributing most of the 150 million dollars given by Congress for rail and transit protection.

“I am absolutely outraged by the failure of the administration to release the funding that Congress approved last year,” said Clinton. “I just don’t understand what the holdup is.”

Clinton and eight other Democratic senators sent a letter to DHS Secretary Michael Chertoff Friday urging him to distribute the unused money quickly.

The agency has looked at high-tech ways to improve transit security but has not instituted anything because testing a system last year. The United States has earmarked about 300 million dollars for rail security since 11 September terror attacks in 2001.

Senator Clinton argued that New York and other metropolitan areas should use more of the security cameras prevalent throughout London. Investigators pieces together clues from Thursday’s bombing are reviewing many tapes from those cameras to identify the culprits.

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**NY commuters undeterred by London terror attacks**

**New York, 9 July** — Undeterred by the terror attacks in London, New York commuters boarded trains, subways and buses as they got on with business as usual on Friday.

Security remains tight throughout the city, with law enforcement officials ramping up the police presence around town.

City officials said resources have been re-directed to secure mass transit, highways, waterways and air space.

Police Commissioner Ray Kelly said earlier that while police cannot be in every train car, they are doing everything they can to prevent a similar attack in the city, noting they do it on an unannounced, irregular basis.

He said all these are aimed at keeping somebody who is doing reconnaissance, or planning to do something “untoward, off balance”.

Many commuters said they have no choice but to get on with their lives, while police are continuing to remind people if they see something suspicious to call 911.

Drivers are seeing tighter security as well at all bridges and tunnels. Trucks, barges, even ferries on the Williamsburg Bridge, and officials have also set up security checkpoints in lower Manhattan.

The New York Police Department (NYPD) harbour units and Coast Guard vessels are escorting Staten Island ferry boats with more patrols posted at both of its terminals. Also, heavily-armed Hercules teams have been deployed and helicopters are patrolling the skies.

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**G-8 holds back on way to tackle climate change**

**Glenegles (Scotland), 9 July** — Leaders of the Group of Eight (G-8), concluding their three-day summit in Glenegles, central Scotland on Friday, seemed to hold back on the way to tackle climate change as their declaration lacks certain targets or timetable for carbon reduction.

They understood that “climate change is a serious and long-term challenge that has the potential to affect every part of the globe”.

In the text, the leaders acknowledged that an increased need and use of energy from fossil fuel, and other human activities, contribute in large part to global warming.

They reached consensus to take urgent action to reduce greenhouse gas emissions.

While uncertainty remains in our understanding of climate science, we know enough to act now to put ourselves on a path to slow and, as the science justifies, stop and then reverse the growth of greenhouse gas,” the declaration said.

But the statement only mentioned the Kyoto Protocol once which obligates the developed countries to cut greenhouse gas emission 5.7 per cent less than the level of 1990 by 2012.

The UN pact was signed by seven G-8 countries except the United States who opposed it for economic reasons.

At a Press conference after the summit, British Prime Minister Tony Blair said “we are not going to negotiate certain targets. We will never use the US to adopt the Kyoto Protocol”.

He put climate change, along with Africa, the two main issues for the summit agenda.

Environmentalists blamed his failure to get the United States lined up with other seven countries on Kyoto Protocol.

“Tony Blair has not succeeded in bringing the US back to the table. Instead it (the statement) highlights the divisions between Bush (President) and the rest of the world on tackling climate change,” said a statement released from Greenpeace on Friday. — MNA/Xinhua
South Africa stun Mexico 2-1 in Gold Cup opener

WASHINGTON, 10 July— South Africa started their campaign in the CONCACAF Gold Cup with a 2-1 victory over defending champions Mexico here on Friday. Goals from Philip Evans in the 79th minute and Elrio van Heerden in the 40th lifted South Africa, one of two special invitees to the 12-nation North and Central America and Caribbean regional soccer tournament. Francisco Rodriguez pulled one back in the 82nd for Mexico, which have won a total of four Gold Cup titles.

South Africa claimed their first victory over Mexico in three encounters. Mexico beat the South Africans 4-0 in a friendly in Los Angeles in October 1993 and 4-2 in a USA Cup match in Dallas, Texas, in June of 2000.

Campbell named European Tour Golfer of the Month for June

LONDON, 10 July— New Zealand's US Open winner Michael Campbell has been named the European Tour Golfer of the Month for June after his memorable win at Pinehurst.

"Obviously I am very delighted to receive this award," said the 36-year-old Campbell who became the first New Zealander to win the US Open.

"I've been on a rocket ride for the last few weeks and every so often I get flashbacks to what happened at Pinehurst. Campbell will return to St. Andrews next week hoping to defend his British Open title, and to highlight his performances on the European Tour, will receive the Rolex award," said the 36-year-old Campbell who became the first New Zealander to win the US Open.

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Bianchi denies he arrives in Spain as authoritarian coach

Buenos Aires, 9 July— Argentine Carlos Bianchi, the new coach of Spanish club Atletico Madrid on Friday, denied he is authoritarian with his players according to a sector of the Press in Spain.

"I don't like dictators," said Bianchi in remarks released by Argen-
tine news agency DyN and said he does not like "spying" on rival teams either, but admitted he could do it in matches of particular importance.

"I prefer that my team know what they have to do on the pitch better than spying on rivals," said the coach who had a successful career in Argentine clubs Velez Sarsfield and Boca Juniors. When he took the charge of Atletico Madrid, a sector of the Spanish media emphasized a certain fame of Bianchi in the sense he could be hard-handed in coaching. In reference to the first im-
pressions about the Spanish club which had a bad season last year, Bianchi said "it is a young group eager to work and that is what matters".

"I believe in working. I always say, hadn't I been a great professional, per-
haps I would not have played, as I had to work everyday. Not many players could play without working," said he.

Mexican defender Galindo has illegal substance without knowing

MEXICO CITY, 9 July— Mexican defender Aaron Galindo, who was banned by the Mexican Soccer Federation from professional activity for one year after testing positive in anti-doping controls, said Friday he ingested a substance without knowing.

Galindo told the Mexi-
can television that he is a healthy and traditional young man, and that "one week prior to leaving for Germany (for Confederations Cup) I told the doc-
tor about the substance I was given: I did not have any ill intention and I don't need those things to move on".

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Under the education promotion plan, education promotion programmes and education work programmes have been laid down and are being implemented for the youths in the region to have access to formal education, especially higher education.

The realization of objectives of the education sector depends on efficiency of universities and colleges the length and breadth of the nation. In conclusion, the commander called on the people and students to pursue their education in peace of mind and serve the national interest, realizing the nation’s goodwill towards them.

Next, Principal Dr. Okka reported on construction of the new building, courses being conducted, learning of the students and academic and administrative matters. To mark the opening of the new building, Managing Director of Shwethalan Win Co Ltd U Moe Kyaw Thu presented K 5 million. The principal accepted the donation.

Afterwards, a student expressed thanks for the opening of the new building and the ceremony ended.

After the ceremony, the Secretary-1 and party and members inspected computer room, language lab, library and classrooms at the main building. —MNA

General Course on Intellectual Property Rights DL-101 concludes

YANGON, 10 July — Organized by Education Working Group of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry, completion certificate-distribution ceremony of General Course on Intellectual Property Rights DL-101 sponsored by WIPO took place at the UMFFCCI on Bo Sun Pet Street in Pabedan Township this afternoon.

Secretary of the UMFFCCI U Sein Win Hlaing delivered a concluding speech. Next, U Sein Win Hlaing and officials presented completion certificates to the trainees who passed the course through the Internet.—MNA

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Saddhamaranasi Vipassana Centre (Yangon)

Age (77)

Daw Nu Nu Shwe, wife of (Colonel Thura Tin Maung (Air), No 26 (A)/52, Taymuin Avenue, 7½ miles, Yangon, mother of Dr Khin Maung Lwin (CHEB/DHP)-Daw Le Le Tin @ Pauline, Thura Kyaw Zwa-Daw Khin Thandar (BEHS/1 Yanakin), U Kyin Thaung (7 Stores Clinic)-Daw Wai Wai Tin, U Tin Maung Oo-Daw Thw Thw Thaw Tin, Daw Thein Thein Tin (Central Hotel), grandmother of Niyi Lwin Aung Sein-Thi Hlaing (Focus Energy Company), Winme (Dusit Inya Lake Hotel), Su Sandhi and Win Le` Phyu (Oriental Art Gallery) and May Khine Sint (IBTC), and great grandmother of Ingyin Thi, passed away at 5.15 pm on Monday, 11 July, 2005 and will be cremated at Yayaw Cemetery at 3 pm on 12-7-05.

Bereaved Family

WEATHER

Sunday, 10 July, 2005

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Chin State, lower Sagaing and Magway Divisions, rain or thunder showers have been isolated in Kachin and Kayah States and Mandalay Division, scattered in Shan and Kayin States, Bago Division and widespread in the remaining areas with isolated heavyfall in Rakhine State and upper Sagaing Division. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Hkamti (5.91) inches, Thandwe (3.03) inches, Maungtaw (1.38) inches, Kyauktaw (1.34) inches.

Minimum temperature on 9-7-2005 was 84°F. Minimum temperature on 10-7-2005 was 69°F. Relative humidity at 9:30 hrs MST on 10-7-2005 was 100%. Total sunshine hours on 9-7-2005 was nil. Rainfalls on 10-7-2005 were nil at Mandalay, (0.08) inch at Kaba-Aye and (0.08) inch at central Yangon. Total rainfalls since 1-1-2005 were 36.65 inches at Mandalay, (33.90) inches at Kaba-Aye and (38.15) inches at central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (4) mph from South at (17:50) hours MST on 9-7-2005.

Bay influence: Monsoon is moderate to strong in the Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of 11-7-2005: Rain or thunder showers will be isolated in Kayah State, lower Sagaing and Magway Divisions, scattered in Kachin, Chin and Shan States, Mandalay and upper Sagaing Divisions and widespread in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is 80%.

State of the sea: Temporary squalls with rough seas are likely off and along Deltaic, Gulf of Mottama, Mon-Tannithayi Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (35-40) mph. Seas will be moderate elsewhere in Myanmar waters.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Generally strong monsoon.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 11-7-2005: One or two rain or thunder showers. Degree of certainty is 60%.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 11-7-2005: Likelihood of isolated rain or thunder showers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

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Oppose minions of colonialists who attempt to mislead Myanmar women

Rakhine State WAO Chairperson Daw Kyi Kyi Wai speaking at the ceremony to mark Myanmar Women’s Day in Sittway.— MNA

YANGON, 10 July — The celebration of Myanmar Women’s Day organized by Rakhine State Women’s Affairs Organization was held at U Ottama Hall in Sittway on 3 July morning.

It was attended by Rakhine State Regional Organizer Daw Nu Mra Zan and Secretary of Cultural Sub-Working Group Daw Su Su Myat, Chairperson of Rakhine State WAO Daw Kyi Kyi Wai and members, USDA members, trainees of Nurses Training School, members of Red Cross and Auxiliary Fire Brigade, departmental persons, teachers, students, and local people totalling over 1,000.

Chairperson of Rakhine State WAO Daw Kyi Kyi Wai presided over the ceremony together with members of the Panel of Chairpersons.

Speaking on the occasion, Chairperson Daw Kyi Kyi Wai said that the Government has designated the Myanmar Women’s Day for enabling Myanmar women to enhance their role in the society. The Myanmar Women’s Day is to honour the entire Myanmar women, but not for individual.

On 3 July 1996 Myanmar National Committee for Women’s Affairs was established. Afterwards, the 3rd July was designated as Myanmar Women’s Day. In 20 December 2003, the committee was reorganized as Myanmar Women’s Affairs Federation with the lofty objectives. Now, the federation represents over 27 million Myanmar women.

Nowadays, the Government has laid down 12 objectives upholding Our Three Main National Causes. All-out efforts are being made for enabling the Union of Myanmar to keep abreast of the other nations, enhancing living standard of the people and emerging a peaceful, modern, developed and discipline-flourishing democratic nation. The Central...

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A ceremony to commemorate Myanmar Women’s Day in progress in Khittaya Hall in Pyay.— MNA

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