Four political objectives

- Stability of the State, community peace and tranquillity, prevalence of law and order
- National reconsolidation
- Emergence of a new enduring State
- 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

**MPF is to make endeavours unremittingly to carry out three duties**

Make necessary arrangements to be always ready for shouldering national defence and security duties hand in hand with the Tatmadaw.

**Yangon, 14 July —** Committee for Reforming Management System of Myanmar Police Force held its meeting at Ministry of Home Affairs today with an address by Chairman of the committee Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein.

Also present on the occasion were Minister for Home Affairs Maj-Gen Maung Oo, Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Phone Swe, Director-General of Myanmar Police Force Brig-Gen Khin Yi, directors-general of the departments under the ministry, the police deputy director-general, directors, heads of state/division police forces and officials.

The Secretary-1 said that as the Tatmadaw could not remain indifferent during the 1988 unrest that was pushing the nation towards disarray and disintegration, it had to take over the historic duty of shouldering the State responsibilities since then.

The Tatmadaw assumed State duties for three times — in 1958-59, in 1962 and in 1988 — just to carry out the historic task of saving the nation. The Tatmadaw has been working overtime for national development and transferring the power back to the rightful owner, the people, in a gentle way, which are duties it has been discharging in addition to its original duty of national defence. Because of the disunity among national people, armed insurgency broke out in the nation. The national unity was in a state of decline. The people had to live in fear. As the multi-colour insurgency broke out in many places, Myanmar was branded as the Yangon government.

With its all available forces, the Tatmadaw crushed the insurgents. Because of the disagreements, ideological differences and personal disagreements within the ruling party of the parliamentary democracy system plus the internal insurgency, the then government could not do anything good for the nation although 14 years had passed. As there were attempts to give priority to the federal policy to break away from the Union, the Tatmadaw saved the nation from falling apart. The agro-based economy, which the 1974 Constitution had adopted, was not adequate for the growing population then. When some neighbours were achieving rapid development due to establishment of the industrialised economy, Myanmar lagged behind in development in all aspects. In the end, the nation was out of control in 1988, and an unrest broke out together with random killings and looting. Thus the Tatmadaw had to take over the State duties in 1988. It has never been crazed with power, it has been carrying out the historic task of discharging the State duties. As soon as it took over the historic duty, the Tatmadaw designated Our Three Main National Causes as the national policy and set up a goal to build a new modern and developed nation according to the 12 political, economic and social objectives.

It is a common knowledge that national development and modernization drive will be impossible without State stability, the community peace and prevalence of law and order. As the Tatmadaw has given priority to this, 17 armed groups have returned to the legal fold. The Tatmadaw government and the people are joining hands for the development of the native places of the former armed group members. The result is the emergence of a number of major towns and infrastructures in various sectors of the border areas. The government has been implementing the short-term economic projects, and it is now in the final year of the third five-year economic project. Thanks to the economic projects, the nation (See page 8)

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

Being a strong national force, the Union Solidarity and Development Association, together with the government, the people and the Tatmadaw, is building a modern and developed nation. The USDA is made up of new generation youths and the youths must have correct thought and wide knowledge and be well-versed in technologies to be able to build a peaceful, modern and developed nation. Only when their capabilities and basic foundations are utilized harmoniously, will the perpetual existence of the country and the security of life and property of the people be assured.

The Union Solidarity and Development Association is conducting courses for the youths to be able to keep the national spirit alive and preserve the national character. At these courses, they can learn trades and technologies and hone their skills and widen their knowledge on national development.

The conclusion of Myanmar Affairs and International Studies Course No 8 of the Union Solidarity and Development Association was held at the Pyidaungsu Hall of the USDA training school in Hmawby Township on 13 July and it was attended by the member of the Central Panel of Patrons of USDA Prime Minister General Soe Win. In his address on the occasion, the Prime Minister said that each and every citizen should realize the value of the Union, Union Spirit, sovereignty and independence and are required to work for non-disintegration of the Union, non-disintegration of national solidarity and perpetuation of sovereignty.

The course on Myanmar Affairs and International Studies is to train the youths so that they can take part in building the future of the nation. At the recently-concluded course, lectures on national politics, national security, political, economic and social achievements of the nation and international affairs were given. The trainees were able to study the objective conditions of Myanmar internal affairs in the past and the present and the true colours and intentions of some big nations to interfere in our domestic affairs.

Nowadays, a handful of expatriates and some foreign nations, on the pretext of human rights and democracy, is criticising Myanmar and interfering in her domestic affairs. Their acts are disturbing the independent national stand of the nation. It is necessary for the youths to see through these destructive acts.

We would like to call on all citizens including the new generation youths to crush in unity all destructive elements who try to endanger the Union and harm the interests of the nation and the people.

Blood donation ceremony to be held

YANGON, 14 July— Organized by Myitta Byuha Association, a ceremony to donate blood will be held at Seikkan Dhammayon of Botahtaung Pagoda on 7 August morning. Everyone irrespective of race and religion may donate blood to the patients at various hospitals.

All this needs to be known

* Do not be frightened whenever intimidated
* Do not be bolstered whenever flattered
* Do not be softened whenever appeased

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

Information Minister receives foreign guests

YANGON, 14 July— Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan received Mr Fabio Papa, Area Manager of Digital Multimedia Technologies, Italy, and Asher Loy Chee Koon, regional marketing manager of MPL Pte Ltd, Singapore at the Ministry on Thanbyuzay Road here this evening.

Also present on the occasion were Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Aung Thein and officials of the Ministry.

Annual Meeting of Myanmar Hoteliers Association held

YANGON, 14 July— Minister for Hotels and Tourism Brig-Gen Thein Zaw delivers an address at the annual meeting of Myanmar Hoteliers Association.

Minister for Hotels and Tourism Brig-Gen Thein Zaw and officials of the Ministry were present on the occasion.

After the meeting, Minister Brig-Gen Thein Zaw and those present were served with dinner.

Talks on seven-point Road Map given

YANGON, 14 July— CEC member of the Union Solidarity and Development Association Deputy Minister for Information U Thein Sein gave a talk on seven-point Road Map to the trainees attending Basic Organization Courses No 22 and 23, organized by North Okkalapa Township USDA.—MNA
Vietnamese President to visit China

BEIJING, 13 July— Vietnamese President Tran Duc Luong will pay a state visit to China from 18 to 22 July at the invitation of Chinese President Hu Jintao. The Vietnamese leader will hold meetings with his Chinese counterpart and the two leaders will sign a number of agreements on economic and trade cooperation. "I believe the visit will play an active role in boosting the good-neighbourly and friendly cooperation between the two countries," he said.

In recent years, China and Vietnam have achieved a sound development in bilateral relations, with frequent high-level exchanges and increasing political trust. — MNA/Xinhua

Hun Sen calls on cooperation for energy security in region

PHNOM PENH—Cambodian Prime Minister Hun Sen on Wednesday urged the Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN) and its partners to seek measures to cope with the high energy prices.

Hun Sen said that "the region's overreliance on external sources of energy supply implies that we are facing the challenge of energy security".

The Premier made the remarks at the 23rd ASEAN Ministers on Energy Meeting (AMEM) and the ASEAN Energy Business Forum held here on Wednesday. In order to reduce "the impact of high energy prices on our economies", Hun Sen urged ASEAN and its three partners — China, Japan and South Korea — to focus on following issues.

First, taking necessary measures to respond to the high oil price; second, looking into effective tools for energy security such as the possibility of developing oil stockpiling; third, forging stronger partnership in new energy development; and fourth, while securing adequate supply of energy, environment issue should be taken into account.

Hun Sen encouraged all member countries to achieve the goals of the Vienitance Action Programme (VAP) as soon as possible, adding that "so that we can realize the operation of Power Grid in the region by 2010". The meeting and the forum took place at a moment when ASEAN member countries are focusing on regional energy security, both in terms of supply and price and in response to rising demands.

Besides ASEAN energy ministers, ASEAN Secretary General Ong Keng Yong also attended the meeting. The ministers also met with officials from the "plus three" group of China, Japan, South Korea, ASEAN groups Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, Singapore, Thailand, the Philippines and Vietnam. — MNA/Xinhua

Hong Kong police seize 2.35 kilos of heroin

HONG KONG, 13 July— Hong Kong police arrested two men and seized 2.35 kilos of heroin in an opera- tion in Sau Mau Ping on Tuesday.

Following prolonged investigations, officers from Narcotics Bureau intercepted a 32-year-old man outside a restaurant in the shopping centre of Shun Lee Estate on Tuesday afternoon and found 1.6 kilos of suspected heroin in his possession.

Subsequent to inquiries, police arrested another 27-year-old man inside a private car in Shun Lee Estate. Two blocks of suspected heroin weighing some 0.75 kilos were seized inside the glove box of the private car. It is believed that the heroin valued at $13,000 Hong Kong dollars is for local consumption.

The two men, arrested for trafficking in dangerous drugs, are still being detained for further inquiries. — MNA/Xinhua

Pentagon aide admits mistakes in Iraq

WASHINGTON, 14 July—A top Pentagon official who was deeply involved in planning the Iraq war said there were significant errors in the Administration's strategy, including the delayed transfer of power to an Iraqi government, and said he did not know whether the invading US force was the right size.

In an interview as he concludes his tenure as under-secretary of defence for policy, Douglas Feith acknowledged that there were "trade-offs" and "pros and cons" to the Pentagon's plan to use a relatively small invasion force in Iraq, voicing uncertainty about whether the invading US force was the right size.

He said here Tuesday that although the number of Chinese tourists to Maldives ranked third after Japan and South Korea in Asia, the growth rate is amazing compared with the previous year. China has had continuous eco-

World's oldest panda dies in S China zoo

GUANGXI, 13 July — A macabronian female giant panda passed away at the age of 36, equivalent to a human being aged 108, on Tuesday afternoon in Guilin City of south Chi-

An employee of Indonesian oil company Pertamina walks beside oil drums at an oil pump station in Jakarta on 12 July, 2005. — MNA/Xinhua

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Five giant pandas, including Meimei, had been living in the Wolong Natural Conservation area in southwest China’s Sichuan Province since being transferred to the Wolong-based zoo in September 1985.

MNA/Xinhua

An employee of Indonesian oil company Pertamina walks beside oil drums at an oil pump station in Jakarta on 12 July, 2005.

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"I am not asserting to you that I know that the answer is 'We did it right'. What I am saying is it's an extremely complex judgement to know whether the course that we chose, with its pros and cons, was more sensible," Mr Feith said.

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Hu confers Nightingale Award to Chinese nurses

BEIJING, 13 July — Five Chinese nurses who made great contributions to China’s medical cause were awarded Florence Nightingale medals here on Tuesday by Chinese President Hu Jintao at a ceremony of the 40th Florence Nightingale Medal.

The nurses included Liu Zhenhua, a nurse of leprosy for 28 years at a dermato-tosis hospital in east China’s Shandong Province, Chen Zheng, who has been fighting infectious diseases at Beijing’s Ditan Hospital for 40 years, as well as Peng Yujian from Hong Kong Hospital Authority, Wan Qi from the General Hospital of the Tibetan Military Area Command, and Wang Yali from under-developed Dingxi City of northwest China’s Gansu Province.

The Red Cross Society of China (RCSC) has done great humanitarian work, especially in fighting SARS and rescuing tsunami-hit countries.

It has been praised by the society and gained a good international reputation, said Chinese Vice-Premier Wu Yi at the ceremony held at the Great Hall of the People.

She hoped the RCSC would play a bigger role as an assistant to the government and make a greater contribution to the establishment of a harmonious socialist society and to the peace and progress of mankind.

RCSC president Peng Peiyun said she hoped that all Chinese nurses and Red Cross workers would follow the examples of the five awardees, and further carry forward the spirit of the Red Cross and improve their professional standard and service.

1,759 US soldiers killed in Iraq

WASHINGTON, 14 July — As of Wednesday, 13 July, 2005, at least 1,759 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 1,535 died as a result of hostile action. The figures include five military civilians.

The AP count is two higher than the Defense Department’s tally, last updated at 10 am EDT on Wednesday.

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 each.

Since 1 May, 2003, when President Bush declared that major combat operations in Iraq had ended, 1,620 US military members have died, according to AP’s count. That includes at least 1,244 deaths resulting from hostile action, according to the military’s numbers.

Thai Govt to announce new measures to stimulate economy

BANGKOK, 13 July — Thai Government on Tuesday will announce a package of new measures to stimulate the country’s economy, which has showed a slowdown tendency since the beginning of this year.

Thai Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra will personally announce the measures, which he and key ministers and economic experts already discussed Monday, Bangkok Post newspaper quoted him as saying on Tuesday.

The package includes a hike in the minimum wage as well as civil servant salaries, tax measures to reduce expenses for households, acceleration of spending plans for government agencies and state enterprises and new measures to promote energy conservation and the use of alternative fuels, said sources attended Monday’s meeting.

As a result of the rising oil price, which hit a record high of 60 US dollars a barrel last week, Thailand’s trade and current accounts turned red for the first five months of the year. From January to May, the country’s trade deficit totalled 6.6 billion US dollars, compared with a surplus of 1.7 billion US dollars in 2004.

Singapore builds fourth NEWater factory to meet water demand

SINGAPORE, 13 July — Singapore began to build its fourth and the largest NEWater factory on Tuesday, which is expected to provide more than half of the total NEWater supply to the city state upon completion in 2006.

Speaking at the foundation laying ceremony for the Ulu Pandan NEWater Factory, Minister for Prime Minister’s Office Raymond Lim said that it marks an important chapter in the history of NEWater.

When completed, the factory will supply NEWater and industrial water to industries in Jurong, Tuas and Jurong Island in southwestern Singapore, as well as to the commercial buildings in the Central Business District for air conditioning cooling.

Lim pointed out that the Public Utilities Board (PUB) has reduced the cost of NEWater production through economies of scale, productivity gains and more competitive membrane technologies, which has eventually benefited end users.

Singapore targets to have about 55 million gallons of NEWater per day to meet 15 per cent of the country’s total water demand by 2012, according to Minister for the Environment and Water Resources Yaacob Ibrahim.

Being one of the Four National Taps besides local catchment water, imported water and desalinated water, reclaimed NEWater in Singapore exceeds the international drinking water standards after dual membrane processes and ultraviolet treatment.

Singapore incumbent President pursues second term

SINGAPORE, 13 July — Singapore’s incumbent President S R Nathan submitted his application form for the Certificate of Eligibility on Tuesday to pursue a second term in office, said Channel NewsAsia report.

Under Singapore law, anyone who wants to be a candidate at the presidential election must obtain this certificate to show that the applicant is of integrity, good character and reputation.

The report said that the President is widely expected to be the only candidate in the third election to be held in the city state this year since the Constitution was amended to provide for a President elected by the people in 1992.

President S R Nathan, who celebrated his 81st birthday on 3 July, became Singapore’s second elected President in 1999 as the only eligible candidate.

Vietnam to export more breeding animals

HANOI, 13 July — Vietnam, which has to annually import a large number of breeding poultry, pigs and cattle, will import more high-quality animals, local newspaper Vietnam Agriculture reported on Tuesday.

The country, in the 2006-2010 period, will import more breeding bulls and milky cows from such countries as Australia and the United States. Among more than five million bulls and cows currently raised in Vietnam, some 30 per cent are of foreign origin or crossbred.

Recently, Vietnam set a target of increasing its total number of cows and bulls to 6.5-6.7 million by 2010, including 100,000 high-quality milky cows with annual fresh milk output of 300,000 tons.

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Air Nepal to begin int’l flights

KATHMANDU, 13 July — Air Nepal International, a private airliner, is all set to operate its services to four international destinations from 24 July, an official of the company said here on Tuesday.

The airline will fly to Bangkok, Kuala Lumpur, Doha and Dubai from 24 July, ending the state-owned Royal Nepal Airlines’ monopoly on these routes, said Pradeep Raj Pandey, the company’s chief executive officer. The company has acquired a Boeing 767 ER under one-year Aircraft Crew Maintenance Insurance lease from PB Air, Thailand, he said.

The Boeing with a seating capacity of 245 will fly thrice a week to Dubai, Doha and Bang-kok and twice a week to Kuala Lumpur, Pandey said, adding that the company has already ap-pointed its general sales agents in its four destinations and one in Abu Dhabi.

Once it begins its operation, the company will be the second private airline to fly to interna-tional sectors.

Bulgaria trains Iraqi troops

SOFEA, 13 July — An Iraqi Army battalion trained by Bulgarian and Polish troops in the coun-try has been put on active duty on Tuesday, accord-ing to a report by Bulgarian News Agency.

The battalion, which completed its training on Tuesday, took over the same day an area in south-ern Baghdad from foreign troops, it said.

Under an agree-ment among the Iraqi Gov-ernment, Bulgaria and Poland, the two East Eu-ropean countries will help train part of the new Iraqi Army and police forces, which, upon end of the training, would be able to provide security service in areas patrolled by foreign troops.

Bulgaria had sent a special mission formed by military training per-sonnel to Iraq and has also agreed to sell light arms to the new Iraqi Army and police forces.

9th China Int’l Investment, Trade Fair to be held in September

BEIJING, 13 July — The 9th China International Fair for Investment and Trade (CIFIT) will kick off on 8 September in Xiamen, said Ye Shuangyu, vice-governor of Fujian Province, here Tuesday.

Ye said at a press conference that up to now, the CIFIT has registered 11,270 projects for overseas in-vestment, outnum-bering those of last year, respectively.

He said major activi-ties will be held con-currently with the 9th CIFIT, such as the First Trade and Investment Exposition between China and Europe, International Investment Forum and APEC high-profile seminar on international intellectual pro-erty protection. Dignitaries from domes-tic and foreign gov-ernments, well-renowned experts and scholars, and other celebrities are ex-pected to deliver speeches at the aforementioned ac-tivities.

MNA/Xinhua

Bangladesh to corporatize state-owned railway

DHAKA, 13 July — Bangladesh intended to go ahead with corporatization of its state-owned Bangla-desh Railway, which has become almost ineffec-tive for modern railway service and produced huge deficit.

Bangladeshi Finance Minister M. Saifur Rahman has felt the ur-gent necessity of reorgan-izing immediately the structure of Bangladesh Railway, which is about 50 years old, local daily The New Nation reported on Tuesday.

“The Bangladesh Rail-way authorities do not know how much they earn and how much they spend... They only ap-proach to me whenever they need money,” the minister was quoted by the daily as saying.

“The railway track and signalling systems of Bangladesh Rail-way have almost become dilapidated and the quality of its service is going down day by day.”

Besides, there is no accountability and transparency of the present railway autho-rities due to its organizational weaknesses,” he said.

The minister dis-closed that the World Bank and the Asian Development Bank on Monday, Saifur was advised to corporatize the Bangladesh Railway to save the state-run organization from contin-ued losses, the daily reported.

The minister dis-closed that the World Bank and Asian Devel-opment Bank are going to provide 500 million US dollars for organizational restructuring of Bangla-desh Railway to modern-ize and expand its services, and also to make it profitable.

MNA/Xinhua

Vietnam to build first eye bank

HANOI, 14 July — Vietnam is establishing its first eye bank to actively conduct corneangraft, the country’s National Institute of Ophthalmology told Xinhua on Wednesday.

“We’re conducting a project on setting up an eye bank with the support of ORBIS. The project is carried out in the 2005-2009 period, involving many blindness treatment aspects such as training and cornea donation,” the Ha-noi-based institute’s Ex-ternal Relations Bureau said.

Under the project, ORBIS, a non-profit glo-bal development organization whose mission is to preserve and restore sight by strengthening the capacity of local partners to prevent and treat blind-ness, will give over 300 corneas free of charge, and technical and financial assistence to the insti-tute.

“After the project expires, we’ll have to run the bank by ourselves, including the mobilization of corneas from local do-nors,” the bureau said, noting that a large number of local people are in need of cornea graft every year. Now, Viet-nam’s cornea sources rely on foreign eye banks.

According to ORBIS, there are some 950,000 blind people in Vietnam. The organiza-tion has already helped strengthen the institute’s capacity as a key centre for eye care, resulting in improved service quality and delivery for cata-ract treatment and pediatric eye care in the country.—MNA/Xinhua

MNA/Xinhua

Trade ministers convene in Dalian to draw roadmap

DALIAN, 13 July — With only less than half a year left, 30 trade ministers gathered in this port city on Tuesday in an effort to draw a roadmap before the World Trade Organization top-decision body’s meeting in Hong Kong.

Around 350 delegates from 30 members of the World Trade Organization (WTO) attended the opening ceremony of the meeting, including WTO Director-General Supachai Panitchpakdi.

Delegates at the meeting are from industrial, develop- ing and the least developed nations and regions, representing the interests of WTO members at all levels.

Chinese Commerce Minister Bo Xilai, who co-chaired the meeting with John C Tsang, Hong Kong represented the interests of WTO members at all levels. Commerce, Industry & Technology, ad-dressed the ceremony that the prior objective of the meeting is to offer a chance for the WTO members to discuss and valuate the current process of the Doha Development Agenda (DDA) at “such a crucial mo-ment”.

“We are trying to convey an important message to the world that many trade ministers of WTO members are making efforts to promote DDA negotiation”, Bo said.

He also expressed the hope that the meeting would focus on the discussion of the key issues such as agricult-u- and some concrete consensus could be reached to maintain the negotiation momentum.

In November 2001, declaration of the Fourth WTO Ministerial Conference, an event held in Doha of Qatar provides the mandate for negotiations on a range of subjects and other work, including issues concerning the implementation of the present agreements.

To pave the way for an ambitious outcome for the conference, ministers attending the Dalian meeting will have in-depth discussions on the five core areas of the conference, namely agriculture, non-agricultural mar-ket access, development, services and rules.—MNA

MNA/Xinhua

Workers use plastic garbage pails to scoop up water out of their flooded shop in Bangkok, on 13 July, 2005 as rainy season began in the Southeast Asia.

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Farmers Akinori Takamitsu poses behind his 111-kilogramme watermelon which won the top prize at an annual watermelon competition held in the town of Ueki, Kamamoto Prefecture, western Japan, on 13 July, 2005.

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The Myanmar Women’s Affairs Federation has inherited the fine tradition of nationalistic fervour from the Myanmar women fully imbued with patriotic spirit. The nationalistic fervour of patriotic Myanmar women was visible in the periods of anti-colonialist movement and anti-fascist resistance for regaining independence, and in the period of building and protecting the nation after independence.

In the period of transition to democracy under the leadership of the Tatmadaw Government, the MWAF on 3 July 2005 issued the Myanmar Women’s Day declaration as follows:

(a) All Myanmar women will cooperate in all sectors of the Government’s nation-building tasks.
(b) In nation-building, only practical contribution will be acknowledged.
(c) Condemn external pressures that disregard national interest in favour of group or individual interests.
(d) Foreign countries and organizations are urged to approach responsible persons to learn the objective conditions in Myanmar.
(e) Myanmar Women’s Affairs Federation will unitedly cooperate with other social organizations with common purpose in serving the interest of the State and its citizens.
(f) Condemn terrorists and their supporters who target innocent civilians for whatever reason.

The stand exhibits the nationalistic fervour of the mass of Myanmar women.

With regard to the nationalistic fervour of Myanmar people, writer Sinbyuyyn Aung Thein submitted a paper to the paper reading session in 1992. According to the paper, nationalistic fervour means the pride in one’s national race and in lineage.

To amplify the statement.

(1) The pride stems from purity of Myanmar national races and strong roots.
(2) The pride originates in the motherland, home to various national races, that is blessed with temperate climate, natural resources in abundance, and fertile soil

(3) The pride is based on the fact that Myanmar is not a country founded just recently with diverse peoples from various parts of the world and Myanmar people do not lack fine cultural traditions, but Myanmar is a country that has been founded since thousands of years ago.

In building a discipline-flourishing democratic nation, Myanmar has to practise the sole policy to introduce democracy — placing emphasis on development of economic productive forces, and raising the living and education standards of the people. The nation cannot transform itself into a democratic one through any reliance on individuals or any external pressure.

There has not been any instance in the world history that an under-developed nation could practise a firm democratic system immediately. According to the social science, democracy can flourish in a nation only when it has developed economically and its people have enjoyed high living standard and high education standard.

Adhering to the above-mentioned point, the Tatmadaw Government striving for transition to a democratic nation with flourishing discipline has overcome various attacks of those relying on external elements and holding negative views and certain big nations through the might of national solidarity. It has chalked up success in building a discipline-flourishing democratic nation in conformity with the seven-point Road Map. Under the leadership of the government, the MWAF is taking an active role in the process and will make sustained efforts to see to the drive.

In this regard, I would like to present the noteworthy speech delivered by former Malaysian Prime Minister Mr Mahathir Mohamed at the international conference on human resources in Jakarta, Indonesia, on 17 September 1994.

He said that what is important is “not to be caught in the words of democracy defined by western nations”. Excessive practice of democracy can cause political unrest, economic crisis, cultural degradation and poverty. In such situations, a nation can come under threats and coercion of the west bloc. With unlimited practice of democracy, a human society will suffer deterioration of moral character, corrupt practices, and families with only one parent.

He added that democracy is very fruitful if people know the essence of democracy and how to practise it. But, if they cannot apply democracy correctly, it will become an evil system. Democracy does not mean unruly street demonstrations, setting fires on cars, and destroying houses that occur in some foreign countries.

To be able to avert such undesirable situations, Myanmar is transforming itself into a discipline-flourishing democratic nation through the State’s seven-point Road Map. Myanmar women want to see stability and peace in the State, national development, and emergence of a discipline-flourishing democratic nation. The MWAF will continue to make unremitting efforts to see to the seven-point programme in concert with the entire national people.

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The MWAF’s declaration represents the entire womenfolk that make up over half the nation’s population and the fine traditions nationalistic fervour of the mass of Myanmar women in the service of the nation and the people.

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Families of Ministry of Information offered Waso robes for the eighth time at Dagon Pariyatti in Dagon Township this morning.

Present on the occasion were Vice-Chairman of State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Aungmyaybonzan Monastery of Bahan Township Sayadaw Abhidhaja Maha Rattha Guru Abhidhaja Agga Maha Saddhamajotika Bhaddanta Paññindabhivamsa, Presiding Sayadaw of Dagon Pariyatti Sarthintaik Agga Maha Pandita Bhaddanta Gunananda and members of the Sangha, Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan, directors-general and managing directors of the departments and enterprises under the ministry, advisers, deputy directors-general, general managers, deputy general managers and directors, head of office of the ministry and officials concerned, chairmen of Myanmar Writers and Journalists Association, Myanmar Motion Picture Asiamon, Myanmar Music Asiamon, the chief editor of Myanmar Gonyi Magazine, guests and families.

First, the congregation received the Five Precepts from Sayadaw Agga Maha Pandita Bhaddanta Gunananda. Next, Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan offered Waso robes and alms to Sayadaw Abhidhaja Maha Rattha Guru Abhidhaja Agga Maha Saddhamajotika Bhaddanta Paññindabhivamsa.

Afterwards, Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Aung Thein and families donated Waso robes to Sayadaw Agga Maha Pandita Bhaddanta Gunananda and members of the Sangha. After that, the congregation shared merits gained and offered a ‘soon’ to the Sayadaws. The ceremony went into recess at twelve noon.

Ministry of Information families offer Waso robes

Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan offers robes and alms to Vice-Chairman Sayadaw Bhaddanta Paññindabhivamsa.

Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan and wife and congregation share merits gained from offering Waso robes.

Basic Fresh Water Prawn Breeding Course concludes

YANGON, 14 July — The Basic Fresh Water Prawn Breeding Course No 2 concluded at the hall of Myanmar Fishery Federation in Insein Township this morning.

Minister for Livestock and Fisheries Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein presented completion certificates to the trainees. Director-General U Than Tun of Fisheries Department and President MFF U Htay Myint gave gifts to the instructors.

At the ceremony to organize Myanmar Fish and Prawn Feedstuff Entrepreneurs Association, the minister and the president of the federation delivered addresses. General Secretary of the Federation U Kyee Ngwe read out the list of members of the panel of patrons of the association and CEC members. Director-General U Than Tun and President U Htay Myint accepted K 9.3 million for the funds of the association donated by 22 wellwishers. Chairman of the association U Ohn Lwin gave the concluding remarks.

Minister for Livestock and Fisheries Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein addresses concluding ceremony of Basic Fresh Water Prawn Breeding Course.

26th ASEAN Food Security Reserve Board Meeting concludes

YANGON, 14 July — Hosted by Myanmar, the 26th ASEAN Food Security Reserve Board Meeting continued at Sedona Hotel this morning and successfully concluded in the afternoon.

Present on the occasion were officials of the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation, heads of departments of the ministries, members of the board from the ASEAN countries and the delegates of East Asia Food Security Reserve Board.

Director U Kyaw Tint of Settlement and Land Records Department under the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation and Ms Adlina B. Arellano of the Philippines presided over the meeting.

Delegates from the ASEAN nations proved the records of the meeting and resolutions. The 27th board meeting would be held in the Philippines in 2006. The meeting ended with concluding remarks by the director.

The delegates to the meeting then visited the Shwedagon Pagoda and the Kandawgyi Natural Park.

The 26th ASEAN Food Security Reserve Board Meeting in progress.
The success of the Road Map is the most important part of the democracy transition. Thus, all will have to take part with patriotism and Union Spirit for its success. Peace and security is essential not only for national development drive, but also for democracy transition. Head of State Senior General Than Shwe gave guidance saying stability, security and the rule of law are of vital importance for the nation. The General also said that the Armed Forces, the police force and the administrative bodies should be in good shape. To have good Armed Forces, the Tatmadaw must be upgraded into a standard Army.

The committee was formed in 1994 with the aims of enabling MF to be a systematic force, to win admiration and adoration of the people, and the power, and the power of the Tatmadaw must serve as the State’s reserve force. Since then, the committee has taken supervisory measures in collaboration with six subcommittees.

In compliance with the guidance of the Head of State, the committee and the subcommittees have adopted the duties of the MF. They are:

1. Ensuring community peace and stability and prevalence of law and order
2. Enabling national people to earn their living with peace of mind under the shelter of law, and
3. Shredding national defence and security duty if the nation comes to crisis.

So, the MF is to take measures unerringly and to accomplish the three duties. In addition, the MF is to be fully equipped with patriots and courage so that the nation will be in modern force as some duties are to be discharged at risk to lives of its members. The genuine patriotic spirit means the spirit of aspiration for upholding Our Three Main National Causes. The MF members are to main duty of ensuring community peace and stability and prevalence of law and order, the members are to stay away from four types of partiality and three kinds of bêtes. In this regard, through strict supervision, the MF has to take preventive measures against the acts that can tarnish its dignity.

As in ascertaining culprits, the members are to communicate with the people and to thoroughly investigate the evidences at the scenes of the incidence. In the process, they are to cooperate with judges, law officers, prosecuting bodies, forensic experts, and laboratory experts. Only then, will severe actions be taken against those who really committed the crimes.

The causes of committing crimes are based on various reasons. So, the members are to ascertain the real culprits and to supervise the functions to eliminate the bad habits and to help the people.

As the crime of human trafficking has become a global menace, the MF will have to give priority to curbing the crime in cooperation with the local authorities and social organizations. The MF should be reformed both in form and essence. The members should always serve the interest of the people and always get in touch with the people.
Lt-Gen Ye Myint on inspection…

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they inspected thriving teak plants. They proceeded to Mandalay-Tagaung-Bhamo Road Construction Project in Tagaung. Senior Engineer U Aye Naing Tun reported to Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party on progress in tarring Tagaung-NgaO road section at mile post Nos 463, 420 and 83. Local authorities reported on regional development tasks.

Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party arrived at Tagaung People’s Hospital and oversaw patient wards, an operation theatre, a medical store and an X-ray room. Medical Superintendent Dr Than Than Htay and Head of Township Health Department Dr San San Aung conducted round the hospital. They then inspected development tasks in Tagaung.

On arrival at Tagaung Basic Education High School, Township Education Officer U Kan Khant Cim reported to Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party on arrangements for construction of two-storey structure in the compound of the school. Lt-Gen Ye Myint gave necessary instructions.

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As Pauk is located on gateway to Gangaw and Saw in Yaw Region and to Chin State, the bridge becomes vital link in the region.

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airports aimed at improving the economic and social infrastructures.

After 1988, the length of road in Pakokku District increased from 281 miles and 5 furlongs to 402 miles and one furlong. There was one bridge which is 180 feet long before 1988. Now, there are four bridges over 180 feet long including No 1 Pauk Bridge (Ohndaw).

Thanks to the today’s opened bridge, locals can travel easily from Pauk to Seikphyu and Pakokku through Seikphyu-Kandaw-Pauk Road, he said.

Next, on behalf of the locals, U Moe Ko Ko thanked the government for building the bridge.

At the auspicious time, Commander Maj-Gen Tha Aye, Minister Maj-Gen Saw Tun and Magway Division Peace and Development Council Chairman Col Phone Maw Shwe formally opened the bridge.

Maj-Gen Tha Aye delivers an address at the opening ceremony of No 1 Pauk Bridge (Ohndaw). — CONSTRUCTION

Afterwards, the commander and party sprinkled scented water on the stone plaque.

No 1 Pauk Bridge (Ohndaw) is 1,840 ft long, including earthen approach roads. The bridge, with one-way motor road, can withstand 20-ton loads.

Maj-Gen Tha Aye, Minister Maj-Gen Saw Tun and Col Phone Maw Shwe formally open No 1 Pauk Bridge (Ohndaw) in Pauk Township. — CONSTRUCTION

District-to-district earth roads under construction in Mandalay Division

YANGON, 14 July—Earth roads linking districts in Mandalay Division are being constructed by Development Affairs Department under the Ministry for the Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs.

Director-General of the Development Affairs Department U Myo Myint on 11 July went to Mandalay Division to inspect indispensable the construction of district-to-district linking roads. First, the director-general arrived at Kyaukse Township and inspected the construction of 30-foot-wide earth road in Phyaukseikbin Village in the township.

After hearing reports, he gave instruction on completion of the road meeting the set standard. Afterwards, Director-General U Myo Myint proceeded to Thazi Township and inspected the construction of the earth road in Hlinetet Village in the township.

The earth road linking Kyaukse Township and Taikton Township is 113 miles and 6 furlongs long. — MNA

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

The second best time is now.
YANGON, 14 July — The 14th Plenary Meeting of the Fifth 47-member State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee continued for the second day this morning and successfully concluded in the afternoon.

Present on the occasion were member Sayadaws, Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung, Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Thura Aung Ko, Adviser U Arnt Maung of Director-General for Promotion and Propagation of Sasana Dr Myo Myint and deputy directors-general and officials.

Chairman of State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Abhidhaja Maha Rattha Guru Abhidhaja Agga Maha Saddhammajotika Magway Sayadaw Bhaddanta Kumara presided over the meeting.

Afterwards, the report of the third branch of the Fifth Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee was submitted by member Sayadaws. Next, members of SSMNC discussed Vinicchaya affairs, religious affairs and academic matters.

In the afternoon, the plenary meeting ended and U Tun Ohn-Daw Pan Kyi and family of Shwegondine Street in Bahan Township offered ‘soon’ to members of Sangha. U Shwe Ho-Daw Than Gyi and family of Oakkyin Station Road in Hlaing Township will offer ‘soon’ to members of Sangha tomorrow. — MNA

YANGON, 14 July — Myanmar Women’s Affairs Federation donated weighing machines to Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association at MMCWA Multi-purpose Building in South Okkalapa Township this afternoon.

Vice-President of MWAF Daw Khin Lay Myint handed over weighing machines to Vice-President of MMCWA Dr Daw Tin Lin Myint. President of MMCWA Daw Khin Khin Win expressed gratitude.

Also present on the occasion were President of MWAF Daw Than Than Nwe and CEC members and personnel of MMCWA.

The weighing machines will be distributed to delivery rooms of MCWAs in border areas and rural areas. — MNA

The lie-infested media of wolves

- Don’t be drawn into sides
  - If utterly important
  - Stick to Kin — that’s us Myanmar.
- Don’t divide us
  - As long as the world lasts, its in the marrow
  - The Thagi spirit is part of history
  - Noble have we been — that’s us Myanmar.
- Don’t drive wedges
  - From origin, we’re fond of each other
  - Rally around, without dallying
  - Lend helping hands — that’s us Myanmar.
- With archaic thoughts
  - Not optimistic, but pessimistic
  - Like the wolf, finding fault
  - Try to hurt us, the Western group
  - The media, where lies infest
  - Hurts our hearts, we think not highly
  - They should be shunned, avoided.

Min Yin Su (Trs.)
China solicits for revising draft law on property rights

BEIJING, 12 July—Chinese legislature on Sunday released its draft law on property rights in full text to general public for soliciting revision opinions.

The draft law on property rights, with five chapters and 268 items, had been deliberated for three times by China’s lawmakers by the end of June. Citizens could offer their revision opinions on the draft law prior to 20 August.

Then, the Commission of Legislative Affairs of the Standing Committee of the 10th National People’s Congress (NPC) will revise the draft law according to public opinions and submit the revised draft law to the NPC Standing Committee for fourth deliberation.

The draft law will be submitted to the fourth plenary session of the 10th NPC, which will be held next March, for the fifth deliberation and will be voted for adoption at the session.

Normally, China’s law draft could be passed through after three times deliberation. The draft law on property rights was, however, arranged to be deliberated by lawmakers for five times before adoption.

The draft law, defining and safeguarding all the property rights, is related to every citizen’s fundamental rights.

According to the draft law, property owners shall be given reasonable compensation when their properties are taken over for public use. Those who refuse to make the compensation will bear legal responsibilities.

Over the past more than half century, China’s farmers are allowed to build their own houses. Howev
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MNA/Xinhua

London still at risk after suspected suicide bombing

London, 13 July—As Britons reeled from news that last week’s attacks on London may well have been the work of homegrown suicide bombers, police warned that the country was still under threat from Islamist militants. An anti-terrorism police spokesman said it would be “remarkably reckless” to rule out further attacks despite Tuesday’s stunning breakthrough in the bid to track down those who carried out the killings.

“There is a continuing threat to this city which is not going to diminish with the conclusion of this investigation,” he said.

Police have identified four men who they think carried out the London bombings, which killed 52 people and injured 700.

The focus is now expected to shift to unearthing the coordinator behind last Thursday’s blasts. Media reports suggest the four bombers were aged between 19 and 30 and were so-called “cleankins” — with no convictions or known terror involvement.

Police say it is “very likely” that one of the four died in the blasts on London’s transport network, and it is possible that all four bombers blew themselves up deliberately.

If they did, it would be the first time that suicide bombers, who have wreaked carnage from the streets of the United States to Iraq, have struck in western Europe.

The four suspects were all believed to be British nationals, a police source said. Three of them came from West Yorkshire in northern England, an area with a large Muslim population of south Asian origin. The fourth was a 22-year-old sports graduate, were apprenticed attackers, including a teen and a cricket-mad sports graduate, were apparently suicide bombers brought up in English suburban streets, shocked friends, and neighbours said the suspects were ordinary youths, more interested in sport than politics.

“Beast was a sweet guy who gets on with everyone,” “sounded as a pound” were some of the descriptions of one of the suspected attackers, a friend of a 19-year-old sports science graduate who occasionally helped out in his father’s fast food shop in the northern city of Leeds.—MNA/Xinhua

London bomb charity nears one million pounds

London, 13 July—A charity set up the day after last week’s multiple bomb attacks in London has already received close to one million pounds, organizers said on Tuesday.

The London Bombings Relief Charitable Fund is a joint initiative of London Mayor Ken Livingstone and the British Red Cross. But while the money is pouring in, no decisions have yet been taken on how it will be distributed.

“Today was an exceptional day and we won’t know yet. It is too early to say,” said a spokesman for Livingstone’s office.

“Obviously this has only been set up in the last couple of days. The main thing is to let people know this fund exists.”

At least 52 people were killed and 762 wounded — many critically — when bombs ripped through three underground trains and tore the roof off a double-decker bus during the height of the rush hour on Thursday morning.

Police named another two of the dead on Tuesday—city workers Jamie Gordon, 30, and Philip Russell, 29 — after naming 53-year-old mother of two Susan Levy on Monday.—MNA/Reuters

Fire in north Portugal leaves five firemen injured

Lisbon, 13 July—Five Portuguese firemen were injured in a fire fight against fire in Seia zone, in northern Portugal’s Guarda province, said the Rescue Operations Centre Monday.

Three firemen had burns all over their bodies, while the other two had light burns in arms and were poisoned, said the Rescue Operations Centre.

The two most seriously injured had to be taken to the burn-victim attention section of Coimbra University Hospital, it said.

The Fire Prevention Agency warned that 11 of the 18 districts of Portugal are in risk of catching fire, especially the northern and central parts, due to a severe drought affecting 97 per cent of the Portuguese territory and high temperatures in recent days.

MNA/Xinhua

Russia condemns arrest of two observers in Moldova

Moscow, 13 July—The Russian Foreign Ministry issued a statement on Monday condemning the arrests of two Russians in Moldova and demanding their immediate release.

The statement said Alexei Kochetkov, official of a non-governmental organization for monitoring elections in the CIS, and Vladimir Lebyodkin, a worker of that organization, were arrested Saturday on the outskirts of the town of Bendery.

The statement called the arrests “result of a totally irrational practice” and said that although the Russian Embassy in Moldova had repeatedly contacted the Moldovan Foreign Ministry, it got no official explanation.

MNA/Xinhua
Singapore to pilot new Chinese language curriculum

SINGAPORE, 13 July—Singapore will pilot a new Chinese language curriculum at Primary 1 and Primary 2 levels in 25 schools in 2006, said a statement by the Ministry of Education (MOE) on Tuesday.

In accordance with the natural progression in language learning, the new curriculum is based on four principles including listen and speak, more, recognize characters effectively, follow on with reading and writing, as well as enjoy Chinese language learning.

The ministry hopes to build up good listening and oral skills and develop proficiency in reading and writing, as well as put less emphasis on script writing in the lower primary years.

The MOE said that it will provide training to all primary Chinese language teachers by 2007 to prepare them for the new curriculum, and will encourage teachers and students to adapt and use different strategies for acquiring language skills to meet their needs.

The new curriculum will be rolled out to Primary 1 and Primary 2 in all schools in 2007 and be applied to all primary levels in schools nationwide by 2010. — MNA/Xinhua

Indonesia strives to overcome energy issue

JAKARTA, 13 July—Indonesia is trying to use crude palm oil palm (CPO) and other bio-mass fuel as an alternative energy source to tackle the fuel shortage across the country, The Jakarta Post reported on Tuesday.

According to State Minister of Research and Technology Kusmayanto Kadiman, the government would issue regulations to support the production and use of alternative fuel.

“Government intervention is needed to meet the target of reducing the country’s oil consumption to only 30 per cent by 2025,” he made the remark during an international conference on Indonesia’s automotive industry and the global environmental challenge on Monday.

Kusmayanto named several energy sources—coal, water, solar, nuclear power and green fuel or bio-mass—as energy sources that would supply the remaining 70 per cent for domestic consumption by 2025. He noted that CPO, which will be refined as bio-diesel, is the most feasible option due to its advantages.

Indonesia is the second largest CPO producer in the world. Last year, there was a total of 4.1 million hectares of oil palm plantations in the country.

Kusmayanto encouraged the private sector, particularly automotive manufacturers, to invest in developing bio-diesel to advance its mass production. — MNA/Xinhua

Chinese DM stresses friendly cooperation with Romanian Army

BEIJING, 13 July—Chinese Defence Minister Cao Gangchuan on Monday stressed the friendly cooperation with the Romanian Army.

The Chinese Army and Romanian Army have kept close contacts and cooperation for a long time, Cao said in a meeting with Eugen Badalan, chief of General Staff of the Romanian Army.

Cao, also vice-chairman of the central Military Commission and a state councillor, said that the Chinese Army highly values the development of ties with the Romanian Army and adopts an active attitude toward promoting traditional and friendly cooperation with Romanian Army.

“We are willing to work along with the Romanian Army and maintain a healthy, long-lasting and steady cooperation between the two armies in the new century,” Cao said. — MNA/Xinhua

China to train more overseas Chinese-language teachers as demand keeps increasing

GUANGZHOU, 13 July—In a big round of applause on Monday afternoon, 31-year-old Merita from Indonesia led her 28 classmates to the rostrum of a meeting hall at Guangzhou Preschool of the Normal School in this capital of south China’s Guangdong Province.

The 29 women, aged between 18 and 37, were the first batch of overseas pre-school teachers who finished a one-year language training course in China, received green-covered diplomas from Liao Peizhi, president of the Guangzhou normal school. They will return their homes in Indonesia within this month and teach Chinese at local kindergartens.

“Repetitive mechanics, script writing does not help students learn meaningfully nor will it enthuse the students to learn,” she said, adding that the new curriculum will put less emphasis on script writing in the lower primary years.

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France offers India joint defence equipment production

NEW DELHI, 13 July—India has received a proposal from France for joint production of defence equipment, Press Trust of India (PTI) reported on Tuesday.

“A proposal from France for joint production of defence equipment, which both the countries will use, is currently with the Indian Government,” the news agency quoted Indian Defence Minister Pranab Mukherjee as saying.

According to PTI, Mukherjee made the remarks while answering a question whether India would consider signing a co-operation deal with France to manufacture military equipment jointly. The minister also said that India would consider signing similar agreements with other countries, as long as they respect the national interest. — MNA/Xinhua

India, Pakistan talk on gas pipeline project

NEW DELHI, 13 July—Hoping to work out a framework that would take the Iran-Pakistan-India gas pipeline project further, Pakistan and India on Tuesday began talks on the ambitious tri-nation venture.

A seven-member Pakistani delegation led by Pakistan petroleum Secretary Ahmad Waqar called on Indian Petroleum Minister Mani Shankar Aiyar before the commencement of the bilateral talks on the 4.5 billion US dollars (196 billion rupees) Iran-Pakistan-India gas pipeline project that could finally extend to China.

The two-day working group talks, led by the petroleum secretaries of both countries, will study the financial, legal, technical, commercial, and contractual issues regarding the project “to realize a safe and secure pipeline project”, Aiyar said.

Mukhtar Ahmed, advisor to Pakistani Prime Minister Shaukat Aziz, and Sui Gas managing director A. Rashid Lone are part of the delegation.

Referring to the US opposition to the pipeline project, Pakistan Petroleum Secretary Ahmad Waqar told reporters on Tuesday: “We will proceed with the pipeline project as it is in our national interest. The meeting is intended to achieve a framework by which we can take this project forward.”

The memorandum signed between Pakistan and Iran recently in Islamabad “is to set the framework for the project, which is eventually set to be a tri-lateral project”, Waqar said, and added that the “MoU will take the project forward toward implementation.” — MNA/Xinhua

Competition in call rate promotion tends to ease in Thailand

BANGKOK, 13 July—Mobile phone operators here will ease stiff competition in the call rate promotion and turn focus to service quality and supplementary services, Centre received here on Monday.

The leading think tank reported competition in the mobile phone market had markedly intensified in the first half of this year with many operators offering a call rate at the lowest of 0.25 baht (0.6 cent) per minute. In the first four months of this year, the number of mobile phone users had increased by 18.75 per cent to 28.5 million from that of the same period of last year. Of this, 83 per cent are pre-paid phones and the remaining 17 per cent post-paid phones.

However, KRC believes that under the current economic downturn, consumers are likely to reduce the phone use to save costs, which will be another risk factors to the business in addition to stiff competition among operators. — MNA/Xinhua
Shelbourne take Irish honours at Glentoran

BELFAST, 14 July — Two goals by Jason Byrne gave Ireland’s Shelbourne a valuable 2-1 victory at Northern Irish rivals Glentoran in the first leg of their Champions League first qualifying round tie on Wednesday.

The match passed off without the violence some feared might be sparked by a game between teams from either side of the Irish border during the height of Northern Ireland’s marching season.

After a scrappy first half Shelbourne took the lead in the 55th minute with a goal by an un-marked Byrne, who was set up after a soloman down the left side from Glen Crowe. A foul on Crowe by Glentoran captain Paul Leeman in the box allowed Byrne to score Shelbourne’s second goal 10 minutes later from the penalty spot. It looked all over for a Glentoran side facing a fitter team in the middle of their season but Sean Ward replied for the home side in the 77th minute with a strike that whipped past keeper Dean Delaney to find the left corner of the net.

The match took place a day after annual celebrations in which pro-British Protestants mark historic victories over Catholics in parades that often spark violence. Shelbourne, currently second in the Eircom League, were favourites going into the match, with Glentoran yet to begin the defence of their league title.

Glentoran manager Robert Coyle said he was pleased with the way his side came back in the second half. “One thing these boys don’t know how to do is give in,” he said.

Shelbourne boss Pat Fenlon agreed next week’s return leg would be keenly fought, saying: “Glentoran aren’t going to go to Dublin and lie down. We know we’ve got a lot of work to do still.” — MNA/Reuters

London Games chief says security top priority

London, 14 July — Security arrangements for the 2012 Olympics are a top priority, Sebastian Coe, chairman of the London Olympic Committee, said on Wednesday.

Security was already high on the agenda before last week’s suicide bomb- ings in London that killed over 50 people but so far no changes have been made to current safety plans, said Coe. “Security has always been one of the most key things,” Coe told a news conference after meeting Bob Carr, premier of New South Wales, who oversaw the 2000 Olympics in Sydney.

“In practical terms it is what the Games hinge on,” Coe said. “We will look at all the issues related to security. Nothing has been altered.”

Just one day after London was awarded the 2012 Olympics, the British capital was hit by four suicide bombings, which also injured 700 people, on Thursday. Carr said before the Sydney Games, organizers from Australia came to Brit- ain to learn about security planning.

“In 2000, Australia was a long way from terrorism,” said Carr, pointing to Lon- don’s experience in coping with bombings by the na- tionalist Irish Republican Army. “There is an enor- mous amount for the Brits to learn but not about se- curity,” said Carr.

A British police divi- sion worked at the Sydney Games and also at the 2004 Games in Athens. Keith Mills, chairman of London 2012, said the Olympic Village in London would provide an example of bringing together as many facilities as possible in one place.

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Chelsea’s Big-Win for new season

LONDON, 14 July — Chelsea cruised to a 5-1 victory at Wycombe Wanderers in the Premier League championship trophy on to Anfield Stadium, Liverpool, on 13 July, 2005. Liverpool won 5-0. — INTERNET

Chelsea manager Jose Mourinho told Sky Sports News: “I’m happy, but I look at this as a training session and not as a game.”

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“We would like to state categorically that Mr Dein does not have any in- volvement within the FA’s Disciplinary or Compliance functions,” the FA said.

“If any club or official has any comment or com- plaint to make about the role of any individual within the game, there are channels available to do this through clubs to the football authorities — not by individuals in a Press conference,” it said. Though it has not charged the Portuguese coach, who also complained about the fixtures, the statement added: “The FA is currently studying the comments made by Mr Mourinho.”

Chelsea later sprang to Mourinho’s defence, say- ing it was aware of its re- sponsibilities in terms of the game’s image, that it did not seek a conflict with the FA or the Premier League and that it would raise any issues “via the appropriate channels”.

But the club said in a statement that Chelsea had five away matches in the Premier League after Mourinho’s team finished third last season and qualified for the Champions League.

Hat-trick for Gerrard as Liverpool beat TNS

LIVERPOOL, 14 July — A hat-trick from skipper Steven Gerrard could not disguise an unimpressive performance from European champions Liverpool who opened the crown with a 3-0 win over Total Network Solutions at Anfield on Wednesday.

The Welsh champions ended the first leg of this first qualifying round Champions League match as the moral victors after Liverpool lost direction following two early goals from Gerrard who com- pleted his hat-trick after 89 minutes following his strikes in the eighth and 21st minutes.

Liverpool though, making the earliest start to a season in their history after having to start this season’s Champions League at the opening stage, looked short of fit- ness and for periods in the second half were outpaced and out-paced by the Welsh minnows.

The club were granted a place in the competition after only finishing fifth in the Premier League last season. UEFA granted England an unprecedented third entry to the Europe League.

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Iran's top nuclear negotiator hints he may be removed

TEHERAN, 14 July — Iran's top nuclear negotiator Hassan Rohani has hinted that he may be removed by hardline president-elect Mahmoud Ahmadinejad when he takes office next month.

European diplomats have expressed concerns that the pragmatic secretary of Iran's Supreme National Security Council may be replaced by a more hardline official when reformist President Mohammad Khatami's term ends on 4 August, signalling a hardening of Iran's nuclear policy stance.

"The secretary of the Supreme National Security Council is appointed by the President and his term will automatically end by the end of the government," Rohani told state television on Tuesday night.

"Any further development would depend on the next government," said Rohani, who has led Iran's nuclear negotiations with the European Union since 2003.

Iran, which insists its nuclear ambitions are limited to peaceful purposes, has expressed concerns to the EU in August about the EU's intention to resume the enrichment issue. "Definitely, a new government will adopt new measures which will be announced later," he said after a meeting on Tuesday with parliamentarians to discuss his future Cabinet's composition.

Local media have said that former state broadcasting chief Ali Larijani, a hardliner close to Supreme leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, would replace Rohani and take charge of the nuclear negotiations with the EU. NMA/Reuters

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Obituary
Mr R Appa Rao
(Age 92 years)
(Retd Chief Accountant, Union of Myanmar Purchase Board)

Son of late Mr R P Naidu and late Mrs Nagamma, brother of late Mr R Eliah (Retd Suptd of Myanmar Custom), late R Ko Thaing (Prop. of Myanmar Saw Bwgaw Watch Material Co.), father of late R Lakshmi Amma (late K Singh), R Kumari-U Shwe Ba, R Krishna Veni (late Mani Rao), R Shankuntala-Prem Kumar, R Kalayam-Anoj Kanti Das, grandfa- ther of Raja (a) Mg Mg Htoo (Ko Hoo Building Ma- terials Shop-Saw Bwgawyrm), (2) 30 grand chil- dren and (2) 20 great grandchildren, passed away peace- fully at 5:05 am on Thursday 14 July 2005 at his residence No. 5, 120 Street, Yangon. Cremated on the same day at Yayway Hindu Temple. Please accept this as the only intimation.

Bereaved Family

S'porean crocodile lost to French peer in trademark dispute

SHANGHAI, 14 July — A court in east China's Shanghai Municipality ruled on Tuesday a French garment company's trademark dispute with its Singaporean counterpart over a lengthy dispute over using a crocodile logo as a trademark.

In response to an ap- peal filed by the French retailer Lacoste over an earlier verdict from the Shanghai No 2 Interme- diate Court, the Shanghai Higher People's Court decided on Tuesday to repeal the previous ruling in favour of the Singaporean-based Crocodile Interna- tional Pte Ltd (CI) and overturned CI's ac- cuision that the French company was illegally us- ing the crocodile logo. As two widely ac- cepted brands, the Singa- pore firm's crocodile logo faces left while Lacoste's faces right.

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WEATHER

Thursday, 14 July, 2005

Summary of observations recorded on 09-30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Chin State, rain or thunder- showers have been scattered in Rakhine State, lower Sagaing, Magway and Bago Divisions and widespread in the remaining areas with isolated heavyfalls in upper Sagaing and Mandalay Divisions. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Hkamti (3.58) inches, Lashio and Meiktila (2.13) inches each, Hpa-an (1.85) inches and Pindaya (1.46) inches.

Maximum temperature on 13-7-2005 was 90°F. Minimum temperature on 14-7-2005 was 70°F. Rela- tive humidity at 9:30 hrs MST on 14-7-2005 was 89%, Total sunshine hours on 13-7-2005 was nil. Rainfalls on 14-7-2005 were (0.15) inch at Mingaladon, (0.24) inch at Kaba-Aye and nil at cen- tral Yangon. Total rainfalls since 1-1-2005 were (37.32) inches at Mingaladon, (34.57) inches at Kaba- Aye and (40.24) inches at central Yangon. Max- imum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (8) mph from southwest at (15:35) hours MST on 13-7-

Bay inference: Monsoon is weak in the Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of 15-7-2005: Rain or thunder showers will be isolated in Chin State and Magway Division, scattered in Kayah and Rakhine States, lower Sagaing and Bago Divisions and wide- spread in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is 80%.

State of the sea: Seas will be moderate in Myanmar waters.

 outlook for subsequent two days: Weak monsoon. Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 15-7-2005: One or two rain or thunder- showers. Degree of certainty is 80%.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 15-7-2005: Isolated rain or thunder showers. Degree of certainty is (80%).
Yangon, 14 July — Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Ye Myint of the Ministry of Defence together with Chairman of Kachin State Peace and Development Council Commander of Northern Command Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe, Minister for Forestry Brig-Gen Thein Aung, senior military officers, officials of the State Peace and Development Council Office and heads of department went on an inspection tour of NgaO-Mabein road section in Shan State (North) on 11 July.

At the briefing hall, Lt-Gen Ye Myint heard reports on progress in building of NgaO-Mabein road section presented by Chief Engineer (Road) of Public Works U Maung Maung and Assistant Engineer U Myo Myint of Road Construction Project Special Group-14. Regarding the reports, Lt-Gen Ye Myint gave instructions on timely completion of the road section.

Next, Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party proceeded to NgaO Station Hospital in Mabein Township and checked operation theatre, laboratory and patient wards of the hospital. Health Assistant Daw Yi Yi Aung conducted them round the hospital. Lt-Gen Ye Myint gave necessary instructions.

On arrival at Shweli bridge (NgaO), Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party inspected durability of the bridge. Assistant Engineer U Than Myint briefed them on progress in building the bridge. In connection with the reports, Lt-Gen Ye Myint gave instructions on constant measures for maintenance of the bridge.

Afterwards, they arrived at Indaung 500-acre of teak reserved plantation at mile post No 75 in Htigyaing Township. Forest Officer U Myint Oo of Htigyaing Forestry Department reported to Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party on arrangements for growing 200 teak plants at Plot-A, 150 at Plot-B and 150 at Plot-C. In response to the reports, Lt-Gen Ye Myint gave necessary instructions.

After that, Lt-Gen Ye Myint oversaw the teak plantations and teak saplings, and gave instructions to officials. Upon arrival at mile post No 47/2,  

Locals can travel easily from Pauk to Seikphyu and Pakokku through Seikphyu-Kandaw-Pauk Road

Yangon, 14 July — No 1 Pauk Bridge (Ohndaw) across Yaw Creek in Pauk Township, Pakokku District, Magway Division, was inaugurated yesterday morning.

The bridge is located at Mile post No 42/6 on Pakokku-Pauk-Htilin-Gangaw Road and constructed by Public Works under the Ministry of Construction.

At the inauguration ceremony, Minister for Construction Maj-Gen Saw Tun delivered an opening address. In his address, he said the government is making efforts for improvement of transport infrastructure which supports the State’s economic growth.

No 1 Pauk Bridge (Ohndaw) is the 185th of the bridges that are 180 feet and above long in the country after 1988. There are above 180-foot-long 14 bridges in Magway Division including Ayeyawady Bridge (Magway) which is the second longest bridge in the country.

As Pauk serves as the gateway to Gangaw and Saw in Yaw Region and to Chin State, the bridge becomes vital link in the region. Work began on the construction of the bridge on 15 February, 2005. It took five months to complete the bridge. Thanks to the cooperation of people, implementation of the development tasks met with success, he said.

Afterwards, Chairman of Sagaing Division Peace and Development Council Commander of North-West Command Maj-Gen Tha Aye made an address. He said that construction of roads, bridges and

High tide Warning

Yangon, 14 July — The public are hereby informed that exceptionally high Spring of from 20.10 feet to 21.03 feet high above the datum are expected to occur in Yangon River during the period from 21 to 26 July, 2005. — MNA