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Four political objectives
- Stability of the State, community peace and tranquility, prevalence of law and order
- National reconciliation
- Emergence of a new enduring State Constitution
- Building of a new modern developed nation in accord with the new State Constitution

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

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

Senior General Than Shwe sends felicitations to Maldives

YANGON, 26 July—Senior General Than Shwe, Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr Maumoon Abdul Gayoom, President of the Republic of Maldives on the occasion of the 40th Anniversary of the Independence Day of the Republic of Maldives, which falls on 26 July 2005.—MNA

Senior General Than Shwe receives special envoy of Thai PM and party

YANGON, 25 July—Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Senior General Than Shwe, received special envoy of Thai Prime Minister, Thai Deputy Prime Minister Dr Surakiart Sathirathai and party at Credentials Hall of Pyithu Hluttaw Building on Pyay Road here this morning.

Also present on the occasion were Vice-Chairman of State Peace and Development Council Vice-Senior General Maung Aye, member of State Peace and Development Council General Thura Shwe Mann, Prime Minister General Soe Win, Secretary-I Lt-Gen Thein Sein, Deputy Ministers for Foreign Affairs U Kyaw Thu and U Maung Myint, Director-General of the State Peace and Development Council Office Lt-Col Pe Nyein, Director-General Thura U Aung Htet of Protocol Department, and the guests were accompanied by Thai Ambassador Mr Suphot Dhirakasal to the Union of Myanmar.—MNA

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For the New Light of Myanmar

BY REZABEIN NAZAR

July 26, 2005

For the New Light of Myanmar

Forging national unity
and safeguarding the State

It is a bounden duty for all the Union-born nationals to safeguard and defend their motherland with full national spirit as long as they live in order that independence and sovereignty of the State last forever. And now is the time when all the national brethren are constantly striving for the perpetual existence of the State and for more and more consolidated national unity.

History shows that the national people became suspicious of one another due to the divide-and-rule policy of the colonialists. However, armed groups of national races who realized the great intentions of the government, the Tatmadaw and the people and facility of armed struggle line have returned to the legal fold and are now taking an active and enthusiastic part in the regional development tasks.

Out of the armed groups that have come to the legal fold differentiating right from wrong and good from bad, SSNA Brigade 1 led by U Kan Na, Brigade 19 led by U Gou Khay and PSLA group led by U Aik Moe made bold decisions and unconditionally exchanged arms for peace. In the same way, SSNA Brigade 6 led by U Sai Ku and the SSA breakaway group led by U Sai Yee, who had returned to the legal fold since 1995, unconditionally exchanged arms for peace in Lashio, Shan State (North), on 23 July.

The national brethren’s return to the legal fold and unconditional exchange of arms for peace like this is a milestone in the history of the Union of Myanmar. It is good deed for which both the government and the entire national people should be proud of. This has proved that the national brethren are becoming more and more united in spite of the attempts of secessionists and their lackeys to drive a wedge, destabilize the nation, hamper its development and weaken national unity. We would like to call on the national people to forge the national unity stronger and stronger and to safeguard and defend the State, hand in hand with the government and the Tatmadaw.

PERSPECTIVES

Tuesday, 26 July, 2005

**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.

Yoeuon, 25 July — At the invitation of Chairperson of the 38th ASEAN Standing Committee Deputy Prime Minister and also Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Lao People’s Democratic Republic Mr Somavaravong, Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyun Win left here for Vientiane to attend the 38th ASEAN Foreign Ministers’ Meeting, 12th ASEAN Regional Forum (ARF), ASEAN+3 Foreign Ministers’ Meeting and meeting between ASEAN and dialogue partners to be held from 25 to 29 July in Vientiane.

The Minister for Foreign Affairs was seen off at the airport by Minister for Rail Transportation Maj-Gen Aung Min, Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Than Myint Maung, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Kyaw Thu, ambassadors of ASEAN countries and officials of MOFA. Together with the Minister for Foreign Affairs, Myanmar Ambassador to LPDR U Tin Oo, Director-General U Thaung Tun of Political Department, Secretary of UMFCCI U Sein Win Hlaing and other officials.

**Rice trading course opened**

Yoeuon, 25 July — Under the supervision of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry, Myanmar Rice Trading Course (Program-2) conducted by Myanmar Rice Growers Association was opened this afternoon at UMFCCI Training Centre on Bo Sun Pet Street.

Secretary-General of UMFCCI, President of MBCA U Sun Win Hlun made an opening speech. Next, CEC member U Nyein of UMFCCI explained facts about the course. The two-week course is being attended by 40 trances.

**Foreign Minister sends felicitations to Maldives**

Yoeuon, 25 July — On the occasion of the 40th Anniversary of the Independence Day of the Republic of Maldives, which falls on 26 July 2005, U Nyun Win, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr Fathulla Jameel, Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Maldives.

**Myanmar stands first in Invitational Archery Contest**

Silver medalist Myanmar archery team in women’s team compound event.

Yoeuon, 25 July — Myanmar archery team participating in the 29th International Invitational Archery Contest held in Kuala Lumpur in Malaysia from 27 to 31 July made an opening speech at the UMFCCI Training Centre on Bo Sun Pet Street.

Secretary-General of UMFCCI U Sun Win Hlun makes an opening speech at the UMFCCI Training centre on Bo Sun Pet Street.

**Cyber Game Exhibition on MICT Park**

Yoeuon, 25 July — With the aim of contributing to the development of Myanmar IT and enabling Myanmar youth to take part in international e-Sport, Cyber Game Exhibition 2005, the first ever in Myanmar, will be held with the assistance of Smart Computer Technology (SCT) and Leo Hsin Co from 27 to 31 July on MICT Park in Hlaing Township. The games will be held in two categories — amateur and professional levels. Those interested may view the games held from 27 to 30 July free of charge and prizes will be presented on 31 July after the final matches.

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Export to contribute less to China’s economic boom

Beijing, 24 July — China’s foreign trade is unlikely to surge as fast as it did in the first half of this year, and it will play a less important role in China’s economic growth later this year, an economist said on Friday.

Citing official figures from the National Bureau of Statistics (NBS), Zuo Xueliu, chief economist of China Galaxy Securities Company, said that China enjoyed a trade surplus of almost 59.6 billion US dollars the first half of the year, as against a trade deficit of 6.8 billion US dollars in the same period last year, increasing 46.4 billion US dollars year-on-year.

“Since each percentage point comes from over 62 billion yuan (7.64 billion US dollars) the increased surplus may have contributed some five out of the 9.5 percentage points of the GDP growth. In other words, a major part of the GDP growth derived from the exports, which deserves our concern,” he said.

“The favourable balance of 16 billion US dollars had a lot to do with the global textile liberalization this January that triggered the trade disputes between China and the Europe Union. We have to face the fact that the global market is not without limits,” she warned. “Agreements between governments also indicate the possible slowdown of export growth in the second half of the year. Therefore, the surge of exports is unlikely to continue for long,” she added.

“To maintain smooth and healthy economic growth, China should not focus on restraining investment in overheated industries. Instead, emphasis should be on supporting industries short of funds with capital and preferential treatment,” she suggested. —AFP/Beijing

Straw backs down on denial of Iraq connection

London, 24 July — Jack Straw, the Foreign Secretary, yesterday stepped back from his earlier denials that the war on Iraq had nothing to do with the terror attacks in London.

Prime Minister, Tony Blair, was believed to be concerned at Mr Straw’s refusal to admit that the two events could be linked last week, as he believed this clashed with wider public opinion.

But in a BBC interview yesterday, Mr Straw said that support for Mr Blair’s handling of the crisis had dropped by 14 per cent in just two weeks.

Yesterday, Mr Straw said he did not rule out the possibility that the Iraq war may have contributed to the threat of terrorism for Britain. “It is impossible to say for certain,” he told BBC radio. However, Mr Straw stressed that the bombings and terrorist atrocities had been carried out long before the war on Iraq in Afghanistan.

High-level Cabinet meetings were held last week to discuss the potential political fallout from further attacks in London.

Mr Blair was also alarmed at the comments from Mr Straw that there had been no connection between the Iraq war and the terrorist attacks.

Indian PM rejects incentive-base population control

New Delhi, 24 July — Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh said on Saturday that his government’s policy did not encourage incentive-based population control measures and coercion of any kind to achieve population stabilization.

He said human resource was an inevitable asset to a developing nation, and therefore there should be limits to the population in such a way that the environment should be able to sustain in the long run.

“Sustainability of development processes requires a degree of population stabilization,” he said.

He added, “We must not mistake population stabilization to be population control. There is widespread consensus that population stabilization entails a holistic, comprehensive approach towards education and healthcare, particularly of our women and children.” —MNA/India

Indian soldiers killed in Iraq

Washington, 24 July — As of Sunday, 24 July, 2005, at least 1,777 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 1,365 died as a result of hostile action. The figures include five military civilians.

The AP count is seven higher than the Defence Department’s tally, last updated at 10 am EDT on Friday.

The British military has reported 92 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, Kanakata and Latvia, one each.

Since 1 May, 2003, when President Bush declared that major combat operations in Iraq had ended, 1,638 US military members have died, according to AP’s count. That includes at least 1,286 deaths resulting from hostile action, according to the military’s numbers. —Internet

Car bombs kill 14 in Baghdad

Baghdad, Iraq, 25 July — Fourteen Iraqis were killed on Monday in two separate suicide car bombings in the country’s capital, police officials and the Ministry of Defence reported.

In the first attack, 12 Iraqis died and 16 were wounded when a suicide car bomb detonated near a checkpoint leading to a hotel in Baghdad, a Defence Ministry statement said.

The bomber drove his vehicle into the checkpoint for the Sadder Hotel around 6.15 am (10:15 pm ET Sunday), police said. The vehicle exploded near a building housing guards for the hotel. Several guards were among the casualties, police said.

The same area was targeted March 25, 2005, when a suicide bomber drove an explosives-laden garbage truck into a courtyard near the hotel. Two people died in that blast.

More than two hours later Monday, another suicide car bomb was detonated at an Iraqi police commands checkpoint, killing two commandos and wounding 11, according to an official with the Baghdad emergency police.

The official said the attack occurred on Kardi Street in west-central Baghdad.

Three injured in Kabul blast

Kabul, 25 July — A bomb that went off in a checkpoint and a civilian passing by were injured, officials said.

Mahbob Amiri, commander of Rapid Reaction Force, said the blast occurred at about 1.30 am, when a UN vehicle went past a checkpoint at No. 9 District, a crowded resident area in Kabul. Two police at the checkpoint and a civilian passing by were injured, he said.

The checkpoint is on the way to an airport, which is used heavily by the NATO-led International Security Assistance Force and US-led coalition forces.

It was not clear whether Taliban was behind the blast, while Afghan officials blamed it on the “enemy of Afghanistan”. —MNA/India

 Associated Press

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Provisions donated to monasteries, nunneries in Yangon East, West Districts

YANGON, 24 July

Families of Tatmadaw (Army, Navy and Air) and well-wishers today donated rice, edible oil, salt, medicine, beans, and cash to 15 monasteries and 2 nunneries in four Dagon Myothit townships: Yangon East District.

At the donation ceremony held at Nikaya Monastery in Dagon Myothit (South), Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe and Commissioner of Social Welfare, Yangon Command Maj-Gen Sein Htwa and officials presented offers to 15 monasteries and nunneries.

Maj-Gen Hla Shwe and General Staff Officer (Grade-I) Commodore Nyan Tun went to Phaya Myo Tin Medical House, Tun Shi Win Medical House, Hmancho Medical House and San Myanmar Medical House.

Next, well-wishers, Vice-Adju-tant-General Maj-Gen Myint Swe and Chief of Staff (Navy) Commodore Nyan Tun presented provisions to other monasteries and nunneries.

Provisions donated to monasteries, nunneries in Yangon East, West Districts — cont.

First, Vice-Adju-tant- General Maj-Gen Myint Swe presented provisions to monasteries and nunneries.

Nikaya Monastery, Bahan Township

Nikaya Monastery is a Buddhist monastery located in Bahan Township, Yangon City, Myanmar. It is a prominent monastery in the city and is known for its contributions to the local community.

Provisions included:

- 4220 bottles of traditional medicine
- 394 packages of tea mix
- 4500 bottles of coffee
- 3,200 viss of soap
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- 3,672,070 K.
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At a time when science and technology is advancing in leaps and bounds, the world has turned out to be a global village. A wave of economy, education, health, politics and military affairs of the world nations is spreading at a fast pace. Only when the nation is able to fully apply the IT will it be able to stand shoulder to shoulder with the world community.

The government is creating a constant learning society to keep pace with the Information Technology. A constant learning society capable of facing the challenges of the Knowledge Age since 2001-2002. The education sector is divided into two—basic education sector and higher education sector. The basic education sector plays the most fundamental role in the education sector. The Inclusive Education Programme is to be introduced widely in basic education sector with the aim of taking systematic steps on teaching and learning in post-primary schools, increasing the number of students in middle and high schools, of enabling students to attend school with full attendance, and of nurturing the outstanding students.

In the same way, the 30-year long-term plan is being implemented in the higher-education sector like the basic education sector.

In the past, students were able to pursue higher education in Yangon and Mandalay. In the time of the State Peace and Development Council, the 24 development zones have been designated and universities and colleges were established in those regions to enable the local youths to pursue higher education within their reach. The number of higher learning institutions has now increased up to 136. Over 200,000 students are pursuing higher education at those institutions.

The government opened more basic education schools and higher learning institutions in states and divisions for human resources development and for every citizen to have the opportunity to pursue education. It is incumbent upon the education staff to make all-out efforts for success of the short-term and long-term education plans to produce an adequate number of qualified human resources.

In keeping pace with developments of the present world, the country has to communicate with other nations. Therefore, there may be a lot of changes, he said. He urged the people to preserve the national value and the national character with the Union spirit.

Next, Secretary of MEC Deputy Minister for Education U Myo Nyunt reported on the previous meeting’s minutes for approval.

After that, members of MEC ministers and officials dealt with arrangements for teaching and learning, opening of the National Management College, measures taken for basic education and higher education sector, work carried out for school-age children to complete primary education, the 2005-2006 basic literacy campaign, international cooperation related to forestry sector.
YANGON, 25 July—Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein, the ministers, the deputy ministers, officials of the State Peace and Development Council Office and heads of department left here by air and arrived at Lashio Airport on 23 July.

They were welcomed by Chairman of Shan (North) State Peace and Development Council Commander of North East Command Maj-Gen Myint Hlaing, Deputy Commander Brig-Gen Hla Myint, senior military officers of NE Command, departmental heads and national race leaders from Shan State (North).

The Secretary-1, the commander and party attended the ceremony to unconditionally exchange arms for peace of the Brigade 6 of SSNA and SSA (breakaway group) in Lashio Township on 23 July.

The Secretary-1 and the commander inspected the plantations of Hsinshweli maize, sunflower and soybean of NE Command and bee keeping.

Deputy Commander Brig-Gen Hla Myint reported on cultivation of Hsinshweli maize. Commander Maj-Gen Myint Hlaing and Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Htay Oo gave supplementary reports.

The Secretary-1 and party arrived at seed zone in irrigated area of Humon Dam. Officials concerned reported on cultivation of Hsinshweli paddy on 764 acres.

Next, Secretary of Shan State Peace and Development Council (North) Lt-Col Kyaw Shwe reported on cultivation of Hsinshweli paddy. He said departments concerned and farmers are making efforts for development of agriculture sector in Shan State (North) under the leadership of the commander of NE Command. Emphasis is being placed on sufficiency of rice in the region in accord with the guidance of the Head of State. Percentage of sufficiency of rice increased year after year. In 2004-2005, quality strains were grown on 108,088 acres and production exceeded the targets.

He called for distribution of quality paddy, maize, sugar cane, soybean, sunflower and endeavours for improvement of the living standards of farmers.

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Next, member-2 of Shan State Peace and Development Council (North) additional Shan State Police Commissioner Police Col Win Nang and officials reported on provision of assistance to farmers and work done in districts and pilot plantation of rice.

Secretary-1 said out of the important basic needs — food, clothing and shelter, food is essential for living.

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Secretary-1 inspects regional development in North East Command

Chaired by the communication committee Police Col Win Naing and an official reported on tasks being carried out and expenditures.

After hearing reports, Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein gave instructions on construction work meeting the set standards. Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein and party attended the opening ceremony of the new building of Shan State (North) Women's Affairs Organization and Shan State (North) Maternal and Child Welfare Association Supervisory Committee.


Next, the Secretary-1 unveiled the signboard of the building. Afterwards, Lt-Gen Thin San and party viewed around the new building.

The new two-storey building is located on Railway Station Road, Ward-1, Lashio. It is 40 feet in length and 48 feet in width. The secretary-1 and party yesterday went to 1000 acres of opium substitute crops in Lashio and inspected the cultivation of 110 acres of coffee and 10,000 coffee saplings.

Afterwards, the secretary-1 and party inspected the fish breeding pond No 1 where 50,000 fingerlings were put in the pond.

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Minister for Hotels and Tourism Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan meeting with service personnel at Lashio District IPRD.

On 23 July morning, Minister for Hotels and Tourism Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan visited the office of Myanma Motion Picture Enterprise (Branch) at Lashio and inspected communication services and use of machinery. Similarly, Deputy Minister for Education Brig-Gen Aung Myo Min on 25 July afternoon visited the office of the joint-education officer and met with departmental staff. At the BEHS No-6 in Lashio he met with the township education officer and school heads and 500 teachers and briefed them on academic matters.

Ilackma, Deputy Minister for Health Dr Myo Oo visited the nurse training school and the people’s hospital in Lashio on the same day and left necessary instructions there. — MNA
YANGON, 25 July — Special envoy of the Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Thailand, Deputy Prime Minister Dr Surakiart Sathirathai and party arrived here by the special aircraft this morning to pay a good-will visit to the Union of Myanmar.

They were welcomed at the Yangon International Airport by Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Kyaw Thu and U Maung Myint, senior military officers and officials. Deputy Prime Minister Dr Surakiart Sathirathai was accompanied by Thai Ambassador Mr Suphot Dhirakaosal.

Also present on the occasion were Chief of Military Affairs Security Maj-Gen Myint Swe, Minister for Construction Maj-Gen Kyaw Tun, Minister for Home Affairs Maj-Gen Maung Oo, Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Col Thein.

YANGON, 25 July — General Thura Shwe Mann hosted a luncheon in honour of the visiting special envoy of the Prime Minister of Thailand, Deputy Prime Minister Dr Surakiart Sathirathai and party at Zeyathiri Beikman, Konmyinttha this afternoon.

Deputy Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Thailand Dr Surakiart Sathirathai leaves for Mandalay

YANGON, 25 July — Special envoy of the Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Thailand, Deputy Prime Minister Dr Surakiart Sathirathai and party who are paying a goodwill visit to the Union of Myanmar left here by special aircraft for Mandalay at 3.30 pm today.

They were seen off at the Yangon International Airport by Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Kyaw Thu and officials, Thai Ambassador Mr Suphot Dhirakaosal and embassy staff.

General Thura Shwe Mann receives Thai Deputy Prime Minister Dr Surakiart Sathirathai at Zeyathiri Beikman, Konmyinttha. News on Page 16...
Daw Mya Mya San attends merit sharing ceremony of... (from page 16)

Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Maung Aye, Daw Khin Saw Hnin, wife of member of the State Peace and Development Council Quartermaster-General Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo, Chairman of Sagyin Division Peace and Development Council Commander of North-West Command Maj-Gen Tha Aye and wife Daw Wai Wai Khine, Daw Khin Pyone Win, wife of the Commander of Central Command, Maj-Gen Thura Aye Myint, Deputy Commander Brig-Gen Tin Maung Ohn and senior military officers, local authorities, social organizations and others.

First, the ceremony was opened with the three-time recitation of Namo tassa. Presiding Sayadaw of Maha Jotika Yama Monastery Apsy Mahanandita Abihajaya Maho Rattan Gumi Bhandante Kavinda administered the Five Precepts to the congregation.

Daw Mya Mya San, wife of the Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and the wellwishers offered provisions to the Sayadaws. On behalf of the wellwishers, Daw Mya Mya San, donated K 6,680,000 to Commander Maj-Gen Tha Aye for the Sarthintaik, shared merits gained and offered ‘soon’ to the Sayadaws.

Daw Mya Mya San, wife of the Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Maung Aye, Daw Khin Saw Hnin, wife of member of the State Peace and Development Council Quartermaster-General Lt-General Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo and officials also planted the Bo Trees at designated places and poured scented water on them. Altogether 18 religious buildings were built in Shwetaung-U Tipitaka Dhamma Pala Maha Vihara.

Hydel power station commissioned into... (from page 16)

remember the evil sufferings resulting from the armed conflicts that destroyed villages, schools, hospitals, roads and bridges. Now the Kaungkha region is free from all sufferings, but enjoying the fruits of peace and stability — emergence of infrastructures in various sectors. In addition to health, education and social activities, the electricity generated by the station can be used in extending the cottage industry of the region. Myanmar was enslaved by the colonialists for over 100 years. Because of the racial and ideological prejudices, armed opposition broke out three months after the regaining of independence according to the scheme of the colonialists. There was no security in many parts of the nation, and the people had to live in fear.

When the Tatmadaw assumed the State duties in 1988, it began to carry out the task of transforming the power back to the people systematically and...
Hydel power station...

And when we study the objectives we can know that the KDA have returned to the legal field. As the members of the groups are joining hands with the Tatmadaw and the people, all regions including Kaungkha region are enjoying rapid development and peace and stability is prevailing there. As peace and stability prevails across whole nation, the government has been concentrating its efforts on ensuring proportionate progress in conformity with the traditions and culture of the people. According to its assumption, the Tatmadaw laid down its main national duties, non-disintegration of the Union, non-disintegration of national solidarity, and perpetuation of sovereignty — as the national policy. It is also laid down and is implementing the four political objectives, the four economic objectives, and the four social objectives to systematically and gently transfer the power back to the people.

Nowadays, the nation is witnessing the further flourishing of the spirit of unity and unprecedented progress in the State stability, community peace and tranquillity and the rule of law. All the nationalities will have to safeguard the sound foundations to endure till the time of posterity.

The power generation of the facility exceeds the local consumption, the surplus power can be used by cottage industries of the region.
Documentary photos of unconditional exchange of arms for peace of SSNA Brigade-6 led by U Sai Ku and SSA breakaway group led by U Sai Yee (News reported) — 2005.

National people warmly welcome members of Brigade-6 of SSNA led by U Sai Ku and SSA breakaway group led by U Sai Yee (News reported) — 2005.

Assorted arms and ammunition handed over by SSA Brigade-6 seen at the ceremony to unconditionally exchange arms for peace by SSNA Brigade-6 led by U Sai Ku and SSA breakaway group led by U Sai Yee (News reported) — 2005.
Stronger yuan will not help US deficit much

BEIJING—This week’s revaluation of China’s yuan currency will help smooth out global trade imbalances but will not have a big impact on America’s trade deficit, the head of the Chinese central bank said Saturday.

Zhou Xiaochuan, the governor of the People’s Bank of China, was making his first public remarks since Beijing revalued the currency by 2.1 per cent on Thursday in a move long anticipated in Washington but looked relaxed, said China a banking conference.

“After the change in the exchange rate, export companies should probably increase their prices, which will reduce the competitiveness of products produced in China,” Zhou told a news conference. Zhou explained the advantages that greater exchange rate flexibility could bring on China’s economy but acknowledged that a basket system, entailing daily changes in the yuan’s value, introduced a degree of uncertainty for companies.— MNA/Reuters

Three killed, one missing in north China tornado

Hunan, 24July—As of Friday afternoon, the tornado and rainstorms in Monticello Dance Autonomous Banner, north China’s Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region left three killed and one missing.

The local government said the banner was hit by a disastrous tornado at 10:00 am, July 16. The tornado and ensuing storm destroyed homes and farmland, causing a direct economic loss of 87 million yuan (about 10 million US dollars).— MNA/Xinhua

India says Iran gas pipeline a risky proposal

NEW DELHI, 24 July—India’s Oil Minister said on Saturday a proposed gas pipeline from Iran across rival Pakistan was a risky venture that would be difficult to finance, but added talks on the 7-billion-US-dollar project should continue.

The pipeline proposal is, the Prime Minister stated, fraught with terrible risks,” Mani Shankar Aiyar told a news conference.

Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh expressed concern about the project during his visit to the United States this week, when President George Bush recognized India as a responsible nuclear state and promised cooperation with its civilian atomic power programme.

Some officials suggested India may abandon plans to import Iranian gas in return of a nuclear energy deal with the United States, which has expressed concerns over the Iran-Pakistan project because it is opposed to Tehran’s nuclear programme.

Aiyar said the issues were not related.

MNA/Reuters

A D V E R T I S E M E N T S
**Austria seizes 97 kilos of cocaine**

Vienna, 24 July — Austrian Interior Minister Lieve Sprekel said on Friday that Austrian police have seized 97 kilos of cocaine, the third largest cocaine smuggling case in the country’s history.

The minister said that Austria has recently strengthened anti-drug cooperation with other European Union members and boosted surveillance over the so-called Balkan smuggling route, aiming to cut off the routes of drugs and human trafficking via Balkan countries like Hungary and Austria to Western European countries.

Police said that the drugs were found in the gas tank of a van.

They also said that drug traffickers spread gas tanks around packages of cocaine in order to cheat sniffing-dog and x-ray detection.

Police arrested a 37-year-old Turkish driver, who was admitted trafficking illegal goods but claimed knowing nothing about the drugs.  — MNA/Xinhua

**High DDT levels found in breastmilk of HK mothers**

BEIJING, 24 July — High levels of DDT were found in the breastmilk of new mothers in Hong Kong even though the pesticide has been banned in many places, including Hong Kong and China, a scientist said on Friday.

The findings by researchers from Hong Kong’s Baptist University suggest that DDT is still being illegally used in mainland China, from which Hong Kong depends for most of its food supplies, he said.

The study of a group of 73 Hong Kong mothers who gave birth between 1999 and 2000, but the research was published this month. The results still held good.

“You can compare it with similar studies in other countries. Hong Kong’s DDT problem is serious,” Chris Wong Kong-shiu, a biology associate professor at the Baptist University, told Reuters in an interview.

“It is found in human breastmilk, persistent organic pollutants such as DDT is easily absorbed by infants. DDT was burned in 1972 in the United States after it caused reproductive damage to birds such as the brown pelican and bald eagle, but it can remain in the environment for a long time. It also has been shown to increase the growth of breast cancer cells.”

“Even though the samples were taken in 1999 and 2000, the results definitely still apply and are representative,” said Chris Wong.

These pollutants accumulate in human breastmilk over a long period of time and even if we collect the samples again from the same subjects, they will show the same level of DDT concentrations,” he said.

**Chinese currency revaluation benefits Vietnam’s export, tourism**

BEIJING, 24 July — The appreciation weakening of China’s exchange rate against the US dollar and the Euro-zone will create favorable conditions for similar Vietnamesese exports, especially garments, textiles and footwear, to penetrate more deeply into the two markets.

**Industrial new orders down by 1.5% in euro-zone**

BRUSSELS, 24 July — The euro-zone industrial new orders index fell by 1.5% in May 2005 compared with the previous month, according to statistics released here on Friday by Eurostat, the statistical office of the European Union (EU).

The index rose by 1.1 per cent in April after a drop of 0.6 per cent in March.

For the EU25, however, new orders declined by 1.6 per cent in May 2005, after a rise of 2.1 per cent in April and a fall of 1.8 per cent in March.

**Polanski wins libel case against “Vanity Fair”**

Los Angeles, 24 July — Roman Polanski won his libel case against “Vanity Fair” on Friday, ending a week-long trial in which he gave tape evidence from Paris to avoid extradition to America where he is wanted for having sex with a girl at age 15.

The film director was awarded 50,000 pounds ($78,500 US dollars) in damages, and his solicitors estimate that Vanity Fair’s bill could run as high as 1.5 million pounds.

The 71-year-old went to court in London to sue the magazine’s publishers over an article in July 2002 alleging he had tried to seduce a woman in a New York restaurant while on his way to his slain wife’s funeral in August 1969.

**Over 500 overseas correspondents to cover six-party talks**

BEIJING, 24 July — More than 500 overseas correspondents will report on the fourth round of six-party talks on the nuclear issue of the Korean Peninsula which is scheduled to open in Beijing on 26 July, said sources from the Chinese Ministry of Foreign Affairs here Friday.

The international correspondents in China total over 100 residing in Beijing and another 200 who have registered with the Chinese Foreign Ministry from abroad.

The total number of domestic and overseas correspondents to cover the event in Beijing this time is expected to top 500. More than 500 journalists covered the previous round of the six-party talks held in Beijing in June last year.

China will open a Press centre for the six-party talks on the morning of July 25. The Press centre is located at the Diaoyutai Hotel, next to the venue of the talks in Diaoyutai State Guesthouse.

The six parties refer to China, North Korea, Japan, South Korea, Russia and the United States. — MNA/Xinhua

**Changes in the exchange rates of US dollar and Vietnamese dong against RMB will increase Vietnam’s exports to China, but has some side-effects on the country, local newspaper reported.**

On Thursday, China reported 1.9 per cent in March, year-on-year, industrial new orders declined in the euro-zone.

However, the appreciation weakening of China’s exchange rate against the US dollar and the Euro-zone will create favorable conditions for similar Vietnamesese exports, especially garments, textiles and footwear, to penetrate more deeply into the two markets.

The changes will also increase tourism, but has some side-effects on the country, local newspaper reported. It is expected to create more export to China, but has some side-effects on the country, local newspaper reported.

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For the EU25, however, new orders declined by 1.6 per cent in May 2005, after a rise of 2.1 per cent in April and a fall of 1.8 per cent in March.

**Four killed, 5 missing in collisions off Japan**

Tokyo, 24 July — The death toll in a collision between two ships of Japan’s eastern coast early Friday has reached four, with five remaining missing, the coast Guard said.

The accident took place at 5:10 am (2030 GMT) off Japan’s eastern coast about 1,400 kilometers south-southwest of Cape Tsubetsu on the Dea Pro-
**S P O R T S**

**Figo's penalty gives Real 3-2 win in China**

Beijing, 25 July— A late Luis Figo penalty gave Real Madrid a hard-fought 3-2 win over China's Beijing Guoan in the third match of their lucrative pre-season tour on Saturday.

England coach David Beckham did not play this time because of a hamstring injury sustained in the United States last week and Real began the match in rain-soaked Beijing.

"The pitch was very difficult to play on tonight because it was so wet," Real's coach Vanderlei Luxemburgo told reporters. "It was hard to play to our own level. If the match hadn't been so heavy the result might have been different." Real's twice marked the water-llogged pitch, but were given a wake-up call when a Lu Fang header held a shock lead after 32 minutes. The Spanish club took the lead back five minutes later, brought in through captain Raul, who had missed two defended corners before applying a clinical finish.

Serbian forward Branko Jelic restored the home team's lead with a solo effort in the 73rd minute, only for Guti to equalise from close range with just over 10 minutes left. Substitutif Figo, who had been linked with a move away from Madrid, scored victory for the visitors from the penalty spot in the 92nd minute.

The 70,000 capacity Beijing Workers' Stadium was only just over half full for the match despite the overreaction from around Real's visit. Real began their six-match pre-season tour with an 3-1 win over Mexico's Chivas Guadalajara in Chicago and a 2-0 victory against the Los Angeles Galaxy in California. The Spanish giants play two games in Japan next month before applying a clinical finish.

**Tomasson leads Trapatttoni's Stuttgart to Cup win**

Bonn, 25 July— Danish striker Jon Dahl Tomasson made an immediate impact for Stuttgart after coming off as a substitute to help his team win the pre-season Cup final against Hertha Berlin in the pre-season League Cup.

Tomasson, signed from AC Milan earlier this summer for a fee of 10 million Euros, came on after an hour to make his debut in the second of two semi-finals played in Dusseldorf.

He missed a good chance to break the deadlock in the 68th minute. But after the match had finished goalless in 90 minutes the Dane stepped up to give Stuttgart a 1-0 victory in the 122nd minute.

The Spanish giants play two games in Japan next month before applying a clinical finish.

**Keane double helps Tottenham beat Lyon to win Peace Cup**

London, 25 July— Robbie Keane scored twice to help Tottenham Hotspur clinch the Peace Cup pre-season tournament with a deserved 3-1 victory over French champions Olympique Lyon on Sunday.

The English Premier League club took the lead in the seventh minute after an early header from Tottenham captain Teddy Sheringham deflected into his own net. Two minutes later foresawok towards Keane made it 2-0 after meeting a cross from Heman Sheringham.

The Irish forward stepped up to give Tottenham a 2-0 lead in the 23rd minute after Tottenham captain Teddy Sheringham had headed the ball.

Tottenham sealed their 2-1 victory in the 73rd minute after midfielder Andy Reid scored after applying a clever pass from an unmarked Keane.

**Troussier takes over as Nigeria coach**

Lagos, 25 July— Frenchman Philippe Troussier, who left his post as coach of the Nigerian national soccer team, was confirmed on Saturday as the new technical adviser (coach) to the national teams, the Nigeria Football Association (NFA) said in a statement.

**US sneak past Panama on penalties in Gold Cup final**

EAST RUTHERFORD (New Jersey), 25 July— The giants of the United States were taken into a penalty shootout before beating underdogs Panama 3-1 in the CONCACAF Gold Cup final on Sunday.

Panama dominated the second half of normal time but the match ended scoreless after an extra 30 minutes as the sides battled for supremacy in the final match for North and Central America and the Caribbean countries.

US goalkeeper and captain Kasey Keller saved the first Panama penalty from Luis Tejada before the Central American team's second attempt from Jorge Luis Dely Valdes hit the bar. Although Paranagua's Felipe Bailey manegelled the goal and goalkeeper Jaime Penedo saved a weak effort by Chai Amus, the decision was made when Alberto Blanco blazed over the bar and Brad Davis beat Penedo in the fourth round of penalties.

Samir Quaranta and Landon Dona also scored for the Americans.

"The game was very ugly," said US assistant coach Glenn Myerson, standing in for head coach Bruce Arena who was suspended for his actions during Thursday's semifinal against Honduras.

"We had a number of guys with poor games today," Panama, who had beaten South Af-
Police suspect suicide in Berlin plane crash

BRUSSELS, 25 July — A pilot who died when he crashed a small aircraft near Germany’s Parliament building in central Berlin had been questioned about the disappearance of his wife and was probably on a suicide mission, police said on Saturday.

Officials said they had definitively ruled out the possibility that Friday’s crash onto a lawn between the Reichstag building and Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder’s office was in any way related to terrorism.

"Before taking off, the pilot supposedly spoke of his intention to kill himself," Gerald Neubeck, Berlin’s deputy police chief, told a news conference. "Every-thing points to a suicide."

The single-engine, ultra-light aircraft crashed shortly before 8:30 pm (1830 GMT) on Friday a couple of hundred metres from the glass-domed Reichstag and about the same distance from the Chancellery. Wit-nesses said the plane, which burst into flames on impact, appeared to be flying out of control. — MNA/Government

Strong quake jolts Indian offshore islands

New Delhi, 25 July — The central govern-ment of India said Sunday night that there was no cause of any alarm follow-ing the earthquake in India’s offshore Nicobar Islands region and that it was not issuing any tu-torn alert as that could lead to unnecessary panic.

"The police and the revenue officials in Andaman and Nicobar Is-lands are alert and are keeping a close watch on the situation," the Press Trust of India quoted an official as saying.

The official said the disaster management con-trol room has been acti-vated and the Home Min-istry was in touch with the concerned officials in Andaman and Nicobar and the situation," the Press Trust of India quoted an official as saying.

The quake was experien-ced as far as Chennai in southeast India and some other places in south India, Meteorological sources added.

WEATHER

Monday, 25 July, 2005

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, rain has been scattered in Shan and Kayah States, lower Sagaing, Mandalay and Magway Divisions and widespread in the remaining areas with locally heavyfalls in Rakhine and Mon States, isolated heavyfalls in Kachin State, Yangon and Taninthayi Divisions. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Minpyin (4.3) inches, Bank (4.09) inches, Thandwe (3.98) inches, Mawlamyine (3.86) inches, Ye (3.53) inches, Co-Island (3.54) inches, and Dawei (3.51) inches.

Maximum temperature on 24-7-2005 was 88°F. Minimum temperature on 25-7-2005 was 67°F. Relative humidity at 9:30 hrs MST on 25-7-2005 was 100%. Total sunshine hours on 24-7-2005 was nil. Rainfalls on 25-7-2005 were 0.75 inch at Mingaladon, 1.25 inches at Kaba-Aye, 2.00 inches at central Yangon. Total rainfalls since 1-1-2005 were 41.89 inches at Mingaladon, 40.91 inches at Kaba-Aye and 45.98 inches at central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was 14 mph from Southwest at (04-45) hours MST on 25-7-2005.

Bay influence: According to the observations at 09:30 hrs MST today, yesterday’s low pressure area over Northwest Bay still persists. Monsoon is strong to vigorous in the Bay of Bengal. Forecast valid until evening of 26-7-2005: Rain will be isolated in Kayah State, Magway and lower Sagaing Divisions, scattered in Kachin, Chin and Shan States, upper Sagaing, Mandalay, Bago and Ayeyawady Divisions, widespread in the remaining areas with locally heavyfalls in Rakhine and Mon States, isolated heavyfalls in Kayin State, Yangon and Taninthayi Divisions. Degree of certainty is 80%.

State of the sea: Squalls with rough sea will be experienced at times off and along Myanmar Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (40) mph. Outlook for subsequent two days: Strong monsoon. Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 26-7-2005: Some rain. Degree of certainty is 80%.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 26-7-2005: One or two rain. Degree of certainty is 80%.
YANGON, 25 July — Merit sharing ceremony of Tipitaka Dhamma Pala Maha Vitara Monastery at the foot of Showtang-U Hill in Yinmabin Township. It was attended by the Sayadaw, Daw Mya Mya San, wife of the Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council and Deputy Commander-in-Chief of the Defence Services, and the officials.

YANGON, 25 July — Kaungkha Hydel power plant was commissioned into service in Kaungkha town, Kutkai Township, Shan State (North) yesterday with an address by Chairman of the Work Committee for Development of Border Areas and National Races, Maj-Gen Thein Sein. The Secretary-I said that ten years ago the region was deprived of security because of the armed insurgency. Locals lost lives and property and could not earn their living in peace. They will still...