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

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

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

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

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Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein and congregation sharing merits gained at the ceremony to offer Waso robes and alms to members of the Sangha. — MNA
PERSPECTIVES
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Guard against destructive elements

The Union of Myanmar is home to over 100 national races. In the course of Myanmar history, the entire national races have been protecting and safeguarding the independence and sovereignty in unison.

In the present period also, Myanmar has never taken shelter of any big nations and has always decisively stood by the truth in dealing with the world nations. So the nation has been able to stand tall in dignity among the global nations.

Some big nations, which want to put Myanmar under their domination, are constantly attacking by putting pressure and imposing economic sanctions on her to undermine national unity instead of helping her.

In his address at the conclusion ceremony of the Special Refresher Course No 7 for Faculty Members of Universities and Colleges held at the Central Institute of Civil Service (Phaunggyi) in Hlegu Township, Chairman of Myanmar University Commission Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein said that at a time when there is a rivalry between constructive forces who are building a modern, developed and discipline-flourishing democratic nation and destructive elements who are resorting to various means and ways to jeopardize national unity and the Union and to put the nation under alien domination, is absolutely needed to further cement the unity of the government, the Tatmadaw and the people.

In this context, the entire national people including youths need to widen the horizons of their knowledge on international affairs and modern science and technology. Moreover, they should be endowed with patriotism and Union Spirit. Only then will they be able to safeguard the nation in accord with the four-point people’s desire.

To keep pace with changes and development, the nation is making constant efforts to create an education system capable of facing a series of challenges through development of human resources equipped with advanced technologies and skills.

At a time when remarkable progress has been made in various sectors of the nation, it is incumbent upon constructive forces to exert greater efforts to guard against perpetration of destructive elements with national awareness.

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

Foreign Minister back from Lao PDR

YANGON, 30 July—Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win arrived back here this evening from Lao People’s Democratic Republic after attending the ASEAN Foreign Ministers’ Meeting and other related meetings held in Vientiane LPRD, from 25 to 29 July.

The Minister for Foreign Affairs was welcomed back at the airport by Minister at the Prime Minister’s Office U Than Shwe, Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung, directors-general of MOFA and officials. — MNA

Myanmar and Thailand discuss anti-money laundering matters

YANGON, 30 July—Minister for Judiciary Mr Suwat Liptapanlop and party called on Minister for Home Affairs Maj-Gen Maung Oo at the latter’s office this afternoon.

Present on the occasion were Deputy Minister for Home Affairs Brig-Gen Phone Swe, Deputy Minister for Finance and Revenue Col Hla Thein Swe, Director-General of Myanmar Police Force Brig-Gen Khin Yi, Governor Thailand of the Central Bank of Myanmar U Kyaw Kyaw Maung, Director-General U Aung Saw Win of Bureau of Special Operation, Deputy Director-General of MPP Police Brig-Gen Zaw Win, Police Chief of Staff Police Brig-Gen Win Myaing, Head of CCBAC and Anti-narcotics Department Police Col Kham Aung and Head of Department for Transnational Crime Police Col Sit Aye.

A signing ceremony of Memorandum of Understanding between Central Control Board CCB of Myanmar and Anti-Money Laundering Office-AMLO of Thailand on exchanging information on financial intelligence related to money laundering took place at Sedona Hotel, here.

The MoU was signed by Director-General of MPP Brig-Gen Khin Yi and Secretary-General of AMLO Police Maj-Gen Peeraphan Prempooti.

A coordination meeting on anti-money laundering was held at the hotel. Myanmar and Thai delegates led by Director-General Brig-Gen Khin Yi and Police Maj-Gen Peeraphan Prempooti discussed matters on exchanging information on money laundering.

Wood-based Technology Courses conclude

YANGON, 30 July—Wood-based Technology Courses Nos 3 and 4 conducted by Myanmar Timber Entrepreneurs Association concluded at Wood-based Technology Training School in Panglong Road in Ward 36, Dagon Myothit (North) Township yesterday morning.

Vice-Chairman of MTEA U Than Htay made a speech and Principal of the school U Kaung Yin explained facts about the courses. Next, a trainee recalled his experience.

Chairman of MTEA U Aung Lwin presented certificate of honour to Sanfoco Wood Industries Limited which has provided necessary assistance to the training. Vice-Chairman U Htein Win presented gifts to instructors of Myanmar Timber Enterprise.

Managing Director U Win Tun of MTE presented awards to outstanding trainees, followed by presenting of course completion certificates to trainees. The four-week course was attended by 33 trainees. — MNA

Pabedan Township WVO provides cash assistance to its members

YANGON, 30 July—A ceremony to recall the experience of the conference of Myanmar War Veterans Organization 2005 was held in conjunction with the ceremony to provide cash assistance to WVO members at Pabedan Township WVO office on Anawrahta road this morning.

First, Chairman of Pabedan Township WVO Maj Tun Myint (Retd) made a speech and recalled the experience of the MWVO conference.

Next, the chairman of Township Peace and Development Council made a speech.

Afterwards, the chairman and vice-chairman of Pabedan Township WVO presented K 10,000 each to nine 75-year-old and above members, K 50,000 to a disabled WVO member and K 30,000 to a student of a disabled member. The cash assistance was provided by Myanmar War Veterans Organization Central Organizing Committee. — MNA

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Singapore scientists discover schizophrenia-related protein

SINGAPORE, 29 July — Singapore scientists have discovered a new type of protein which is believed to control the development of specialized brain cells relating to the nerve signalling network, according to a local report.

Naming the protein “juxtanodin,” the nine-member team from the Medicine School of the National University of Singapore (NUS) said this fundamental discovery will help them better understand neurological disorders such as schizophrenia and multiple sclerosis.

The report by Today, a local English newspaper, quoted the scientists as explaining that “if these brain cells develop abnormally, the shield protecting nerve fibres can dysfunction or get destroyed,” thus, “nerve pathways are affected and neurological disorders occur.”

US charges Dutch man for planning attacks in Iraq

WASHINGTON, 29 July — The US Justice Department on Friday charged a Dutch citizen with planning attacks on Americans based in Iraq, the first US criminal charges filed in connection with terrorist activities in the country.

The department said Wesam Al Delaema, an Iraqi-born Dutch citizen, was charged in a four-count criminal complaint with conspiracy to attack Americans in Iraq. The process of extraditing him from the Netherlands was underway.

The charges included conspiracy to kill US citizens abroad, conspiracy to use a weapon of mass destruction and possession of explosives during a crime of violence. Delaema, 32, was born in Fallujah, Iraq. He was arrested by Dutch officials in May and faces similar charges in the Netherlands.

According to a criminal complaint, Delaema traveled from the Netherlands to Iraq in October 2003 with a group calling itself the “Fighters of Fallujah.” The complaint said the group had “declared their intentions to kill Americans in Iraq using destructive devices and other means.”

Two US Marines killed in western Iraq

BAGHDAD, 30 July — Two US Marines were killed in clashes with guerrillas in western Iraq, the US military said in a statement on Friday.

The two, assigned to Regimental Combat Team-2 of the 2nd Marine Division, were killed on Thursday by guerrillas who used small arms and rocket-propelled grenades.

Six Iraqi soldiers killed in clashes

BAQUBA (Iraq), 29 July — Six Iraqi soldiers were killed in clashes with guerrillas in two towns north of Baghdad on Thursday, security sources said.

The fighting began when guerrillas fired mortars and light arms at three checkpoints in Baquba and two in Khan Bani Saad, the sources said.

Guerrillas have killed hundreds of policemen, security forces and soldiers in a bid to topple Iraq’s US-backed government.

Two bombs explode on Spanish roads

MADRID, 30 July — Two explosions were reported on Friday in south Spain after separatist group Basque Homeland and Freedom (ETA) warned of placing two bombs on roads of Extremadura and Puerto Lapice.

An anonymous call was received at 17:15 hours, local time, by Basque daily Gara to warn the placing of two explosive devices, the first of which exploded at 18:00 hours, local time, on kilometre 75 of N-5 road of Extremadura, near the locality of Maqueda.

The second bomb exploded minutes later on kilometre 132 of N-IV road, at the end of Puerto Lapice (Ciudad Real). In the cases there were not victims.

The placing of the bombs coincides with the arrival of summer vacationers.

A South Korean child looks at ‘finger fishes’ in an aquarium which is installed in a vending machine at ‘Aqua gallery’ in Seoul on 28 July, 2005. The exhibition shows daily life goods like mail box, vending machine, television and cook-pot converted to aquariums to attract visitors.

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Defence Minister says India not to fall in US trap

NEW DELHI, 29 July — India said on Thursday that it would not fall in the trap of the United States by signing the new framework on defence cooperation.

“Any participation of Indian troops in multinational operations outside the UN framework would be guided by national interests,” Indian Defence Minister Pranab Mukherjee said in the Parliament on Thursday.

Asserting there was no move to deploy Indian troops in near future in any theatre, Mukherjee told Lok Sabha, (Lower House) during question hour that though the new framework on defence cooperation signed with the United States provided for collaboration in multinational operations, it did not commit India to any specific action that is not in our national interest.

He said India would not fall in the trap of the United States by signing the new framework while asserting that it was absolutely in conformity with the common minimum programme (CMP) of the USA government.

The United States wants Indian troops’ participation in dealing with the war-ravaged Iraq, India has the fourth-largest military in the world and has taken part in UN-directed peacekeeping operations in Somalia, Cambodia and Angola.

However, the country’s Left Parties, which have a sizable number of Members of Parliament and are supporting the coalition government in New Delhi, are bitterly opposed to any participation of Indian troops in Iraq.

“There is no deviation from the CMP. We are not falling in any trap... We are mature enough not to fall in trap... India’s foreign policy is well-known and so is our stand on sending troops to Iraq,” Mukherjee said. No clause of the agreement can compel India to take a decision which is not in the nation’s interest, he stressed.

Responding to question whether the framework would imply that Indian Armed Forces would participate in any military action initiated by the United States against international terrorism, he said no such participation is contemplated or implied in the arrangement.

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China, Laos to deepen all-round friendly ties

VENTiane, 28 July — Visiting Chinese Foreign Minister Li Zhaoxing and Lao Prime Minister Bounnhang Vorachith on Wednesday pledged to expand bilateral cooperation in various fields to boost friendly ties.

During a meeting at the Prime Minister's house on Wednesday, Li reviewed the smooth development of Sino-Lao friendly relations over the recent years under the principle of "all-round cooperative relations of long-term stability, friendly neighbouring ties and mutual trust." He noted that China and Laos have become more frequent in recent years, which enhanced the mutual-political trust and mutual-beneficial cooperation. He said China has made efforts to solve the nuclear issue on the Korean Peninsula.

Bounnhang said Laos firmly supports China's stand on the Taiwan issue and would always pursue the "One-China Policy".

Iraqi PM calls for speedy withdrawal of US troops

BAGHDAD, 28 July — Iraqi Prime Minister Ibrahim al-Jaafari on Wednesday called for speedy and coordinated withdrawal of the US troops from the war-torn country.

At a joint Press conference held with visiting US Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld, Jaafari said it is time to work on a coordinated transition of military control in the country from Americans to Iraqis. "Firstly, we should quicken the pace of training the Iraqi security forces, and secondly, there should be a close coordination in planning between the US-led coalition and the Iraqi Government on security transition," Jaafari said.

"We do not want to be surprised by a withdrawal that is not in connection with our Iraqi timing," he added. For his part, Rumsfeld said there is no exact timetable for the US troops withdrawal, but he also said "we confirm and we desire speed in that regard."
China says to allow markets to decide yuan rates

SHANGHAI, 28 July—China’s Central Bank will allow market forces to decide its yuan exchange rates following a 2.1-per-cent revaluation of the currency last week, the official Shanghai Securities News said on Thursday.

Wu Xiaoling, vice governor of the central People’s Bank of China, said Beijing was preparing to launch foreign exchange derivatives, including options and futures, but did not offer a timeframe, the paper said.

“The foreign exchange rates will move along with changes in supply and demand on the markets, and you cannot expect the central bank to control its fluctuations,” Wu was quoted as saying by the paper.

“So we will prepare to launch forex derivatives as tools for financial institutions and enterprises to control risks.”

After the yuan’s revaluation, also known as the renminbi, was fixed near 8.28 per dollar since 1996, Beijing adjusted its value to 8.11 after trading closed last Thursday and said it was tying it to a basket of currencies of its main trading partners.

But to play down speculation of further moves, the central bank posted a statement on Tuesday saying the revaluation did not mean there would be more adjustments.

Wu said investment growth in the country was slowing although there were no signs of deflation for now. She did not specify the type of investment. Wu said China would count on domestic consumption to drive economic growth and reduce the potential of trade disputes.

She added that money supply growth was returning to “reasonable” levels, implying Beijing will not strengthen its efforts to cool the economy.

Vietnam to see greater fertilizer demand next year

HANOI, 28 July — Vietnam is likely to consume 6.3 million tons of chemical fertilizers next year, up from 5.5 million tons this year, the Vietnam Fertilizer Association told Xinhua on Wednesday.

In 2006, the country is estimated to use 1.9 million tons of urea, 2.5 million tons of nitrogen-phosphate-kalium (NPK) fertilizer, 700,000 tons of diammonium phosphate (DAP), 700,000 tons of kalium fertilizer, and 500,000 tons of sulfate ammonium (SA).

The respective figures predicted for 2005 are two million tons, 500,000 tons, 400,000 tons and 450,000 tons.

Chinese board game, competition in Seoul, on 29 July, 2005. — Inter-Net

Indonesian motorcycle production up 35% in first semester

JAKARTA, 28 July — Motorcycle production of seven leading manufacturers in Indonesia surged by 35.48 per cent to 2.46 million units in the first half of the year when compared to the year-ago period, an economic daily reported on Thursday.

Honda recorded output of 1.28 million to maintain its lead over six other producers grouping in the Indonesian Motorcycle Industries Association (AISI), said Bisnis Indoneisa. The six include Yamaha with first-half production of 566,326 units, Suzuki (556,577 units), Kawasaki (37,868 units), Kymco (93,688 units), Kanzen (9,275 units) and Piaggio (537 units).— MNA/Xinhua

Security costs sap Iraq’s rebuilding funds

WASHINGTON, 28 July—A tenuous security environment in Iraq has hindered reconstruction efforts there, with crude oil production and power generation still not reaching prewar levels of 2003 as of May, a report released on Wednesday.

The Government Accountability Office also said $1.8 billion intended for major electricity and water projects during the 2004 fiscal year had to be shifted to cover urgent security and law enforcement needs.

In a separate report, the agency said the United States missed some reconstruction and economic objectives in Afghanistan during that same period because of security problems and the illicit drug industry.

“Deteriorating security in some regions rendered large areas effectively inaccessible to the assistance community, despite efforts by US, Afghan, and international forces, attacks against aid workers, Afghan security forces, and international forces increased,” the report said.

“Further, a continued rise in opium production undermined legitimate economic activities and the establishment of the rule of law.”

It found the United States had planned to rebuild or build 286 schools in a year in Afghanistan but it completed only 8 new structures, while another 77 were refurbished. Likewise, despite a goal of 253 new health clinics, only 15 were built and none were refurbished.

In Iraq, guerrillas fighting democratization have attacked oil, water and electric infrastructure, threatened workers, promised the ability to safely transport materials and blocked access to work sites, the agency said.

Chinese government unit probed for abuse in Iraq

LOS ANGELES, 28 July — At least 23 members of a California National Guard battalion serving in Iraq are under investigation for the alleged abuse of Iraqi detainees and for a 30,000-US-dollar extortion scheme involving promises to protect shopkeepers from guerrillas, the Los Angeles Times reported on Wednesday.

Citing military officials and unnamed members of the unit, the newspaper said the abuse allegations focused on an incident in which a stun gun was apparently used to torture Iraqi detainees after an guerillas attack in June on a Baghdad area power plant. At least 17 soldiers are under investigation.

The allegations involve members of the 1st Battalion of the 184th Infantry Regiment, which is based outside Baghdad. The paper quoted California state Guard spokesman Colonel David Baldwin as confirming that investigations were underway into reports of extortion and mistreatment but declining to give details.

One soldier told the Los Angeles Times that the stun gun incident — apparently used on a man who was handcuffed and blindfolded — had been captured on videotape.

Vietnamese has quoted as saying by the paper.

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A South Korean student Sul Da-am, left, places a white stone while her South Korean opponent, Hwa Ju-wan, waits to place a black one during a final preliminary match of the World Elementary School Student Go game, the ancient Chinese board game, competition in Seoul, on 29 July, 2005. — Inter-Net

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An Iraqi crosses a street in front of a US military vehicle on patrol in Mosul, northern Iraq, on 28 July, 2005. — Inter-Net
China endeavours to reduce dependency on overseas resources

BEIJING, 28 July — China, a country suffering more and more and blame for its surging demand for energy resources, is launching an unprecedented large-scale move to increase energy efficiency around the country.

In recent months, a storm of building a more energy-efficient society swept the central government to individuals.

At the 23th collective study of members of the Political Bureau of the Communist Party of China (CPC) Central Committee held last month, international energy, the resource situation and China’s energy and resources strategy were earnestly discussed by top leaders of the country.

Soon after Premier Wen Jiabao made remarks at a video-phone meeting on recent major works of building more energy-efficient society on June 30, a notice was issued by the State Council demanding to do well those works around the country.

“It shows China’s decision to avoid a road featured by large investment, much energy consumption and serious pollution which many developed countries had taken during their industrialization process,” said Zhang Yansheng, director of research institute of foreign economy of the National Development and Reform Commission.

“A completely new economic growth mode, that is a mode of high-efficient use of energy, soil and other resources has been taken by the country as the only rational road in designing its development,” said Zhang. China’s booming economy is accompanied by highly dependency on large consumption of energy and the new resources.

According to statistics, China produced a 4.7 per cent of the world GDP by consuming 31 per cent of world coal, 29 per cent of world steel, 8 per cent of world crude oil and 45 per cent of world cement in 2004.

China imported 122.73 million tons of crude in 2004 and became the second largest oil consumer in the world.

Vietnam’s rice export surges in first seven months

HANOI, 28 July — Vietnam has so far this year sold overseas more than 3.1 million tons of rice worth $69 million US dollars in the first 7 months of this year, representing year-on-year respective rises of 13.4 per cent and 35.9 per cent. Vietnam association said, noticing that the volume does not include 300,000 tons being delivered to the Philippines under tenders won by them.

The Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Development has recently asked the government to raise the rice export cap, designated to ensure national food security, to 4.1 million tons, citing good crops as the main reason.

Suicide bomber kills at least 5 in Baghdad attack

BAGHDAD, 30 July — A suicide bomber killed at least five people and wounded 20, the police said.

The bomb exploded at a checkpoint set up near the National Theatre in the Karrada district in the centre of the capital.

No further details were immediately available.

On Friday, a suicide bomber strapped with explosives blew himself up among a group of Iraqi army recruits in the town of Kabila, in the far northwest of Iraq near the Syrian border killing 40 people and wounding 57, police said.

Tornado kills 15 in E China province

HEFEI, 30 July — At least 15 were killed and 37 others were injured by a tornado that ravaged an east China county on Saturday, according to local civil affairs department.

The tornado began to lash Lishu County of Anhui Province at 0:40 pm Saturday. Eight of the victims lost their lives on the spot when a township factory was flattened and pulled down by the powerful tornado, sources with the department said.

The overall loss remains unknown so far, but local governments are going all out to direct and carry out rescue work for the victimized people.

Jakarta wants old cars off street

JAKARTA, 28 July — Jakarta authorities are considering banning old cars on the capital’s roads, blaming aged vehicles for traffic congestion and pollution, a local newspaper reported on Wednesday.

We won’t renew registration documents of old cars here in Jakarta. We will transfer the registration process to regions outside Jakarta.

16 Killed in Mumbai stampede after rumours of dam burst

NEW DELHI, 29 July — At least 16 people, including seven children, died in a stampede in Mumbai on Thursday night after rumours spread in suburban Mumbai that heavy rains have burst a dam, the Press Trust of India (PTI) reported.

The accident occurred in the Nehru Nagar slum, where another 18 people were also injured following rumours that a dam on nearby Pawai Lake had burst, according to PTI. Official efforts have failed to quell the panic.

Devastating incessant rains have wreaked havoc in India’s western state of Maharashtra since Tuesday and brought the life in Mumbai, the state capital, almost to a standstill. So far hundreds of people have died and hundreds of others are still missing from the disaster.

South Korean children play at a water fountain to cool off in front of the City Hall in Seoul on 29 July, 2005. South Korea is set for soaring temperatures this weekend with the hottest day of the year so far predicted. — INTERNET
When a boat moves upstream, the helmsman and the boat’s crew need to do their bit, they will not reach their destination. Similarly, to win a battle, a commander and soldiers are to perform their respective duties based on discipline, unity, courage, obeying orders and skills. Otherwise, they will not win the battle. The crew of the Tatmadaw and the government is like the helmsman or the commander in building a modern, developed and discipline-flourishing democratic nation. Only when each and every one is dutiful will the destination be reached.

According to social science, nothing can be achieved without the public. Individual security, social development and prosperity cannot be realized without making any efforts.

In today’s world, stability of the State, national solidarity and proper evolution of the market-oriented economic system are imperative in ensuring the emergence of a modern, developed and discipline-flourishing democratic nation.

There cannot be stability of the State without national solidarity. So also, proper evolution of the market-oriented economic system cannot be assured without stability of the State and national solidarity. Democracy cannot be brought about without proper evolution of the market-oriented economic system. To democracy, there are politics, economy and military affairs in form and freedom, equality and justice in essence. Private goods production is the economic democracy while multi-party system and parliamentary administration is the political democracy. Building the Tatmadaw and relationship between battalions and units is military democracy. There are two different forms of freedom—one form that is free from political, economic and military subjugation of alien nations and another form that is free from reliance on others or reliance on economy of others. Equality means equally enjoying the human rights among the people. Only when there is freedom and equality will there be justice.

Struggle to be free from the yoke of colonialists could be achieved by fighting. But, struggle to be free from reliance on others and equally enjoying the human rights cannot be realized by just enacting law and awarding an individual.

Therefore, democracy is human rights which can be obtained only through proper evolution of the market-oriented economic system. So, it is required to boost production forces quantitatively and qualitatively through relentless efforts of the people under the leadership of the government.

The market-oriented economic system is a competitive production and sale of goods by the private sector. So, the capitalists constantly extend productive forces (factories and mills) to be able to make more profits. And the value of a product has been created by the volume of labour of the workers who are engaged in production of the products. The capitalists have been constantly inventing machines, which can automatically produce goods, instead of employing men to reduce the capital to be able to beat their competitors. Therefore, productive force is always developing quantitatively and qualitatively in the market-oriented economic system.

The social science states that there is a force which could not be suppressed by any other powers in the relationship between productive forces and productive relation. In other words, that productive relation (democracy and human rights) has to be in conformity with productive forces. It means that with a boost in the amount of raw materials the number of factories and mills increased. And the number of workers also increased. At the same time, the basic salary increased along with cultural values and political awareness of workers. This condition has brought about a better relationship between employers and employees. Based on this condition, democracy and human rights, which guarantee the rights of voting, freedom of press and expression and freedom of organizing and assembly will flourish.

The modern political science and economics states that in the world history, productive forces and productive relation were contradictory in the feudal period of England and the US. The form of productive relation often became an obstacle to productive forces.

At the time, there broke out a major revolution. With the changing of economic foundation, superstructures such as politics, administration and judicial system had to undergo a change sooner or later. Accordingly, when the economic system of feudalism faded away, the economic system of capitalism and parliamentary democracy emerged.

The First World War left 17 million people dead and a large number of factories and mills destroyed. Germany, Italy and Japan, which suffered economic deprivation due to the war, produced dictators in the form of fascism and Nazism. Thanks to proper evolution of the market-oriented economic system at the end of the Second World War, fascism and Nazism faded away and met with their end.

That is why the proper evolution of the market-oriented economic system has contributed to eliminating dictatorship and ensuring the emergence of democracy. Only when there is proper evolution of the market-oriented economic system in the nation will dictatorship meet its end. The US government, which is advocating democracy and human rights, intruded into Iraq with the sole intention of exploiting its oil, far from helping the latter for the emergence of proper evolution of the market-oriented economic system in the nation. As Saddam Hussein government was ousted and a government under its influence was installed, Iraqi people were in trouble and sorrow.

The US government imposed economic sanctions against over 60 countries. However, no country has yet become a democratic nation due to its economic sanctions.

When Myanmar regained its independence in 1948 democracy was conceived. At the time, multicoloured insurgency broke out under the sinister schemes of colonialists and national capitalists. In 1958, the country was out of control, for the ruling AFPFL split into two. And the caretaker government had to assume the State responsibilities and held the election. But, the AFPFL was in no position to keep the State under control and the parties that were opposed to the AFPFL were unable to lead the nation.

That was why the Tatmadaw had to assume the State responsibilities in 1962 for ensuring non-disintegration of the Union and perpetuation of sovereignty.

At that time, the market-oriented system was regarded as a reactionary system. Warding off capitalism and establishment of socialism were deeply in the minds of those in power and out of power, political parties and the people of Myanmar and those of the world. Hence, the Revolution Council Government practised the centralized economic system and the one party system with the introduction of Socialist System.

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**Energy Ministry offers Wazo Robes**

**Yangon, 30 July**— The 14th Wazo Robes offering ceremony of the Ministry of Energy took place at Energy Dhammayon on Kaba Aye Pagoda road this morning.

The ceremony was graced by the presence of members of the Sangha led by Kyimyindine Township Salin Monastery Pitakatyakyaung Sayadaw Agga Maha Saddhamma Joikathadha Bhaddanta Kandalabhisama. Also present were the Minister for Energy and wife, the deputy minister and wife, invited prominent guests and family members and guests of the Sayadaw.

The Sayadaw invested the congregation with the Five Precepts and members of the Sangha recited Paritta.

The congregation offered Wazo robes to members of the Sangha and shared the merits gained.

After the ceremony, “soon” was offered to the members of the Sangha.

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of external and internal destructive elements undermine peace and stability in the country and create bitter experiences for the people.

Efforts are to be made for strong political, economic and defence powers in building a nation. If the political situation is good, the nation is peaceful. This contributes towards the economic progress.

If economic situation is strong, defence power can be built. The defence power also benefits political power. Therefore, politics, economy and defence are inter-dependent. Strong economy is important and economic growth makes many sectors of the country strong. Therefore, the government has laid down yearly plans for economic development and is undertaking them with greater momentum.

In conclusion, he said at a time when the government is striving to build a democratic nation in conformity with historical tradition, national characters and own culture, the people are well aware of the danger of internal and external destructive elements trying to encroach on the nation’s territorial integrity. Therefore, he urged the people to crush all internal and external destructive elements as the common enemy with the united strength of the people.

Daw Win Mar Shwe, executive of Bago Division USDA, took part in the discussions on “Guard against the danger posed by destructrionists through united strength of the people”. She said Myanmar has been a sovereign state for many centuries. In the late 19th century, she lost her independence and sovereignty after she was colonized under the aggressive wars. With the strength of the people and Union spirit, she regained independence in the mid-20th century. Political, economic and social situations were oppressed over 100 years and the loss of national character and privileges of the people were the bitter experiences of the past. The desire of the people is to live peacefully, to have food sufficiency and to improve their living standard. The people are desirous of building a modern developed nation.

As is known to all, the government is implementing the national goal to establish a peaceful modern developed nation. The government after assuming the State duties, laid emphasis on unity, peace and stability and prevalence of law and order and built infrastructures for strong economy and human resource development. The government is also paving the way for discipline-flourishing democracy, she added.

In her discussion, Daw Phyu Pya Soe, representative of Bago Division Women’s Affairs Organization, said members of ABSDF, NCGUB and FTUB are operating in the border regions committed destructive acts such as armed opposition against the government, kidnap-
The desire of the people is to live peacefully, to have food sufficiency and to improve their living standard.

As Myanmar people have a tradition of living together in the country in unity and amity with its own monarchs and culture, they hate to interfere in the affairs of others. And they will not accept others’ interferences either. In addition, all national people have been committed to crushing all internal and external destructive elements as the common enemy.
Commander and Mayor inspect upgrading of Yangon

YANGON, 30 July — Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe and Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin this morning inspected tasks being carried out for betterment of drainage system in the city and upgrading of roads. The Commander and the Mayor inspected digging of drains for proper flow of water and laying of tar on roads in Hline Township, Kyiymyindine Township, Bahan Township, Tarmwe Township and Thiangyangyu Township.

The commander and mayor also inspected sanitation tasks carried out by officers and other ranks under the command and Ayeayawady Naval Command Headquarters and gave instructions to officials on cutting the branches of trees touching electric wire and lamp post and timely completion of laying of tar on roads.—MNA

A & I Minister inspects Kon Taung dam

YANGON, 30 July — USDA Secretariat Member Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Huay Oo, accompanied by Meiktila District Peace and Development Council Secretary Maj Myint Thein and township USDA CEC members, arrived at Shwe Hlan village basic education middle school in Thazi Township, Mandalay division and met with town elders and teachers.

Later, they made cash donation for the school.

On arrival at Makyi Pin village in Meiktila Township, the minister and party paid homage to Hmaa Monastery Sayadaw U Tilawka and offered Waso robes and provisions. Next, well wishers made cash donations for electric lighting.

After paying homage to Lawka Yanmaing Ancient Pagoda, they met with villagers.

When the minister and party arrived at the pagoda in Kon Taung village, they offered provisions. Later, the minister inspected the progress of repairing Kon Taung dam and met with departmental staff and USDA members after donating the books for the library in the village and cash for the BEPS in the village. —MNA

The desire of the people is...

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UNICEF also cooperated with the Ministry of Health in carrying out improvement of children’s and women’s lives. Except UN agencies, the Government has not taken assistance from abroad and is making efforts for development of the nation through united strength of the Government, the Tatmadaw and the people.

Bago District WVO representative Major Kyaw Kyaw (Retd) said that peace and stability, growth of economy, strength of force and emergence of the democratic society. The Head of State has given guidance that it is necessary to ensure stability and peace, develop the economy of the State and the people and enhance national education in building the democratic nation.

It can be seen that the Government is striving for gaining success in the above-mentioned facts after taking all responsibilities of the State.

Two resolutions were passed at the Bagan mass meeting to achieve success of development of the country and the seven-point Road Map. They are: to actively participate in the respective sectors for successful realization of the seven-point Road Map with the Union Spirit, upholding Our Three Main National Causes.

In conclusion, he tabled the motion calling for participation in the nation-building tasks and successful realization of the seven-point Road Map with the Union Spirit, patriotic spirit, nationalism and the spirit of national solidarity.

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Director-General Lt-Col Pe Nyein offers Waso robes and provisions to a Sayadaw.—MNA

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Bago Township USDA Executives
Daw Theingi Myint
Yi and Daw Aye Pa
Pa act as masters of ceremonies.

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Minister inspects Paper and Pulp Plant (Thabaung)

YANGON, 30 July — Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thaung together with officials arrived at Paper and Pulp Plant (Thabaung) of Myanmar Paper and Chemical Industries near Hlegyi Tat village, Pathein District in Ayeyawady Division yesterday morning. The minister and party then inspected the production process of the chlorine dioxide factory.

The minister also over saw the progress of constructing 50-ton Advanced paper factory and the site for the 60-ton newsprint factory. At the briefing hall of the Plant, the minister met with the secretary, the executives and organizers of Thabaung Town-ship Union Solidarity and Development Association. In the afternoon, he also met with the officials of the plant and gave necessary instructions.

This morning, the minister and party looked into the Puffin Glass Factory of Myanmar Ceramics Industries and left instructions.

At the meeting hall, he met with the officials of the factory and urged them to boost the production, perform the duty well and abide by the rules and regulations.

Accompanied by the minister and party, Chairman of Ayeyawady Division Peace and Development Council Commander of South-West Command Maj-Gen Thura Myint Aung, Deputy Commander Brig-Gen Tint Swe inspected Win Thura shop and gave necessary instructions. The commander and the minister also oversaw the Softdrink and Ice factory of Myanmar Food-stuff Industries.

MWAF donates books for village education centre in Kayin Seik Model village, Thanlyin

YANGON, 30 July — Dissemination and books donation ceremony for village education centre took place at Aung Mingala monastery in Kayin Seik model village in Thanlyin Township, Yangon South District this morning, attended by leader of social and cultural group of Myanmar Women Affairs Federation Daw Win Shwe.

Present on the occasion were Aung Mingala monastery Sayadaw Bhaddanta Mandalaya, the director-general of Myanmar Education Research Bureau, members of Yangon Division WAO, local authorities and the villagers. Pro-rector of Institute of Education (Yangon) Daw Htoo Htoo Aung explained the matters on the assistance, given by MWAF to the village education centre.

Headmistress of Kayin Seik village BEMS (Branch) Daw Thi Thi Aye clarified the efforts of the village for opening the centre.

Director-General U Myint Han then attended to the needs. Daw Win Shwe and Thiri Thudanna Theingi Daw Tin Nwe Oo (Hman Cho medical house) and the wellwishers donated the cash, the newspapers and the books to the centre.

Sayadaw Bhaddanta Mandalaya expressed thanks for the donation and the ceremony ended.—MNA

Rural dispensary in Twantay township opens

YANGON, 30 July — USDA CEC Member Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha formally opened the rural dispensary in Khalop village, Twantay Township this morning.

Afterwards, the minister inspected the dispensary and attended to the needs. Later, the minister went to the monastery in the village and offered Wasso robes and provisions to sayadaws.

On arrival at Shansu Village, the minister met with those who are carrying out the agricultural tasks and gave instructions on future plans. Next, the minister donated the various kinds of books for the library in the village.

The minister proceeded to Nyaungdaga Monastery in Twantay and offered the provisions to sayadaws. The minister also visited Shwe San Taw Pagoda in Twantay.

On arrival at town-ship USDA office, he met with USDA members and donated four tailoring machines for the training organized by Shansu Gyi Village Women’s Affairs Federation.

On arrival at the office of planning office, the minister met with the staff from the townships in Yangon South District and attended to the needs.—MNA

New school buildings in Shwepyitha, Hlinethaya handed over to No 3 BED

COMMANDER IN CHIEF (AIR), Brig-Gen Kyaw Aung of Toungoo Station presented championship shield to Mandalagon Air Force team.
Japan may impose duties on US goods


tokyo, 29 July — Japan is considering imposing retaliatory duties on US goods to counter subsidies paid by Washington to companies under an anti-dumping programme ruled illegal by the World Trade Organization, Japan’s top government spokesman said on Thursday.

The Nikko Keizai business daily reported on Thursday the tariffs could amount to some 76 million US dollars on steel and ball bearing products, and would be imposed from September.

“We are considering the move, in line with WTO regulations,” Chief Cabinet Secretary Hiroyuki Hosoda told a news conference.

He declined to say when and what goods would be subject to the levies.

It would be a first for Tokyo to impose retaliatory duties.

The plan is likely to call for a 15-per cent levy on about 10 steel products from the United States, including ball bearings.

Kyodo news agency said, citing sources familiar with the matter.

It would effectively reduce the value of Japanese imports of US steel products by about 5.6 billion yen (49.80 million US dollars), Kyodo said.

The United States has paid out more than 1 billion to US ball bearing, steel, seafood, pasta, candle and other companies under the Continued Dumping and Subsidy Offset Act of 2000 — otherwise known as the Byrd Amendment after one of its chief sponsors, Senator Robert Byrd, a West Virginia Democrat.

The programme distributes money raised by duties on imports the United States has determined are subsidized or unfairly priced to companies that sought the protection.

Previously, those funds went into the general US treasury.

In June, Washington began steps to pay hundreds of millions of dollars in new subsidies under the amendemnt.

The WTO has declared the programme to be illegal in a challenge brought by the EU, Canada, Japan and other trading partners.

Tokyo plans to keep any levies in place until the Byrd Amendment is repealed, media reports said.

In June, Tokyo called on Washington to repeal the amendment by the end of July.

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US chopper wrecked by hard landing in Afghanistan

KABUL, 29 July — A US military helicopter was destroyed by a hard landing during an operation to hunt down armed group in Afghanistan, but there were no casualties, the military said on Thursday.

The twin-rotor CH-47 Chinook made the hard landing on Wednesday due to “brown-out conditions” as the crew attempted to land forces near the Pakistani border south of the town of Spin Boldak, a military statement said.

“Hostile fire was not involved,” it said. “A fire, which is believed to have started from the hard landing, destroyed the aircraft. No one was injured.”

Brown-out conditions can refer to a situation in which dust and debris are kicked up by a helicopter’s rotors, obscuring visibility.

US-led forces have lost at least a dozen helicopters in Afghanistan due to technical problems, operating conditions or hostile fire since invading the country to overthrow the fundamentalist Taliban government in late 2001.

In April, a CH-47 Chinook crashed during a dust storm in Ghazni Province, killing 15 American servicemen and three civilian contractors aboard.

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Americans say big terrorist attack is likely to occur soon

New York, 29 July—Eighty-five per cent of American believe a terrorist attack causing many deaths is likely to occur soon somewhere in the United States, a poll released on Thursday said.

The Quinnipiac University poll of 920 registered voters asked how likely people felt “that in the near future there will be a terrorist attack in the United States causing large numbers of lives to be lost?”

Of those polled, 40 per cent said such a scenario was “very likely” while 45 per cent said it was “somewhat likely”.

The poll also showed that 64 per cent of Americans wanted Washington to distribute federal security funds based on risk of attack rather than population, as it does now.

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Philippine-Malaysia joint navy exercise kicks off

MANILA, 29 July — The Philippine and Malaysian navies officially began their two-week exercise in the Philippine waters, the military said Thursday.

The Armed Forces of the Philippines said in a statement that the joint exercise starting on Wednesday, dubbed as MALPHI LAUT 8/2005, is aimed at enhancing interoperability, mutual cooperation and understanding between the two navies through a series of cross training and field training activities.

The Philippine Navy team, composed of three vessels, two aircrafts and one Special Operations Group and Malaysian team will conduct the exercise in the waters of Cebu, Panay, Bohol and Boracay islands, the statement said.

Navy spokesman Captain Juan Jongerio Malaban said that the drills and executions for the three-day exercise include operations planning, harbour exercises, and in-port training activities for the harbour phase, work-up and tactical sub-phases for the sea phase, and post-exercise activities for the final phase.

According to the military, the 2005 joint exercise is the 8th conducted by the two navies to boost their efforts in combating piracy, smuggling and other crimes in the high seas since the Philippines and Malaysia share a common maritime area.

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Exxon Mobil second-quarter profit up sharply

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ConocoPhillips, the third-largest US oil company, said net income rose 51 per cent to a record 3.14 billion US dollars, and Chevron Corp, the second-largest US oil company, was scheduled to announce quarterly earnings tomorrow.

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Nicaragua declares state of alert in face of volcano eruption

**MANAGUA, 29 July** — The Nicaraguan Territorial Studies Institute (Ineter) on Thursday declared a state of “green” alert to warn citizens of a possible large-scale eruption of the Concepcion Volcano, some 120 kilometres southeast of Managua.

People from Ometepe Island in Nicaragua Lake were alarmed by the explosion they heard in the morning coming from the Concepcion Volcano, which sent ash raining down over their houses.

Ineter seismologist Virginia Tenorio told the Press that since Tuesday, the centre started to observe a small increase in the activity inside Concepcion Volcano on Ometepe Island. “What concerns us is that there have not been seismic (tremors) resulting from the volcanic activity, which means a major eruption could happen,” Tenorio said.

The 1,620-metre volcano is one of the most active in Nicaragua and has had permanent, low-intensity activity with small seismic tremors, constantly releasing gases and creating small explosions in the crater.

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**Big Athens forest fire spreads, destroys homes**

**ATHENS, 29 July** — A forest fire near Athens’ seaside suburbs burnt down homes and factories and threatened more damage as strong winds drove it towards heavily inhabited coastal areas on Thursday.

Officials said authorities in eastern Athens evacuated houses, summer camps and orphanages as the blaze approached.

Arsonists are believed to have started the fire, which swept through a thick pine forest near the eastern suburb of Rafina and gathered speed, fanned by strong northern winds. A second fire started nearby hours later.

“It certainly seems to be arson,” a fire brigade spokesman told Reuters.

Greek Prime Minister Costas Karamanlis, whose private residence is near the site of the fire, met fire officials and inspected operations in the area.

Hundreds of residents armed with water hoses and buckets tried desperately to save their homes as 15-metre (45-feet) flames raced toward them.

“This is arson. They are destroying everything I built my whole life,” a resident of Rafina told reporters in tears. “I now see my house burning down.”

Deputy fire brigade chief Andreas Koss said hundreds of firefighters rushed to the scene but strong winds hindered them.

“Everything is working against us. The wind is very strong and the fire is spreading too fast for us to fight it,” Koss told reporters.

He could not say whether the fire hurt anyone or how many homes it damaged.

More than 250 firefighters and soldiers, 50 fire trucks, eight airplanes and six helicopters have fought the blaze since Thursday morning.

More troops from around the country were called in to help.

The wealthy area, about 18.6 miles east of the city centre, is scattered with small, lush suburbs and thousands of holiday homes or close to the sea.

Athens International airport, which lies some 10 kilometres away, shut its western runway and redirected all flights to its eastern runway to help air firefighting operations.

**Scientists say bone marrow proves source of egg cells**

**WASHINGTON, 29 July** — Stem cells from bone marrow may serve as a source of egg cells, at least in mice, and scientists said their study published on Thursday may lead to new fertility treatments if the same proves true in people.

The study, published in the journal Cell, challenges long-held scientific belief that mammals including mice and humans generate egg cells only when they are fetuses—and are born with all the eggs they will ever have.

Here we show that adult mouse ovaries can produce hundreds of new oocytes within 24 hours,” the researchers wrote.

They also found evidence that these egg-generating stem cells also exist in human bone marrow.

“\"We may be ushering in a new era in the clinical management of female infertility and menopause,\" said Jonathan Tilly, director of the Vincent Centre for Reproductive Biology at Massachusetts General Hospital and Harvard Medical School, who led the study.

“This could lead to new treatment approaches based not on drugs but on regenerative medicine through adult stem cells,” he said in a statement.

Cancer patients whose ovaries have been surgically removed, might some day be helped by the finding—even though this is a long way off.

Tilly also believes adult stem cells found in bone marrow might turn out to be a source of eggs for therapeutic cloning—a way to generate more powerful and malleable embryonic stem cells that many researchers want to work with.

One limitation on human embryonic stem cell research is the need for female donors to undergo surgery to provide eggs for the process. Another is a law severely restricting federal funding of such work—which Congress has so far failed to either overturn or strengthen.

The same team of researchers had earlier been puzzled to report that female mice sterilized with chemotherapy spontaneously regenerated their ovaries and egg cells. They looked in the ovaries but could not find any evidence of oocyte stem cells—immature “master” cells that might be able to give rise to ova or oocytes. Then they looked in the bone marrow, a rich source of adult stem cells which have matured somewhat, but not as much as fully developed tissue.

**“Millennium bomber” gets 22 years in prison**

**SEATTLE, 29 July** — A federal judge on Wednesday sentenced Ahmed Ressam, the “millennium bomber” convicted of plotting to blow up Los Angeles Airport, to 22 years in prison for conspiracy to commit an international terrorist act, explosives smuggling and other criminal counts.

US Western District Judge John Coughenour had been expected to sentence Ressam, who stopped cooperating with federal authorities in 2003, to 35 years behind bars.

Prosecutors had asked for the longer sentence, saying that Ressam’s failure to work with them further jeopardized cases they were building against other terror suspects.

Ressam, who will get credit for the more than five years he already has in jail, did not speak at the hearing but offered a slight smile as he shook hands with his attorneys and interpreter after the sentencing.

“This period of confinement recognises the seriousness of the crimes and the cooperation of Mr. Ressam,” Coughenour said in sentencing Ressam, adding that he hoped the decision would reflect the fairness and transparency of the US justice system.

Ressam’s earlier deal with prosecutors would have resulted in a 27-year sentence in exchange for his testimony and information about other cases.

“We’re disappointed that the court did not accept our recommendation of 35 years,” US Attorney John McKay told reporters. The judge also imposed a 5-year period of supervision after Ressam’s release.

The 38-year-old Algerian was caught on the US-Canada border in December 1999 with nitroglycerin in the trunk of his rented car, and told authorities he planned to blow up Los Angeles International Airport on the eve of the new millennium.

The winner of the Miss Indonesia beauty pageant, Nadine Chandrawinata waves at the final in Jakarta on 29 July, 2005. Thirty-eight contestants from 33 provinces in Indonesia took part in the pageant on Friday.—INTERNET

Hu Xi dresses a cocker spaniel at a pet shop famous for dog accessories in China’s capital Beijing on 29 July, 2005.—INTERNET
Sevilla sell Baptista to Real Madrid

Madrid, 30 July— Sevilla agreed to sell Brazil forward Julio Baptista to Primera Liga rivals Real Madrid on Friday.

Sevilla said on their website they would receive a transfer fee of 20 million euros (24.20 million US dollars) from Real, raising to 24.5 million based on results and appearances.

Baptista, 23, joined Sevilla from Sao Paulo in 2003 for three million euros. “Madrid have offered me an opportunity that I can’t afford to let go,” the Sevila fans will understand,” Baptista told his former club’s website.

“I go hoping that one day I will be able to return,” Real confirmed Baptista had signed a five-year deal in Shanghai where Sevilla are on a pre-season tour. He will undergo a medical before being presented at the Bernabeu on Monday.

Baptista’s arrival places a question mark over the future of Real’s England striker Michael Owen.

With Santos forward Robinho still a transfer target, Real could end up with five big-name strikers in their squad alongside Brazil’s Ronaldo and Baptista and Spain’s Raul. Sevilla president Jose Maria del Nido said: “The only logical decision was to sell him.”

Julio’s representatives made it clear the player wanted to leave and they explained the new FIFA regulations coming into force after 1 July, 2006 that would affect the relations between clubs and players. — MNA/Reuters

Liverpool avoid Everton in Champions League draw

Nyon (Switzerland), 30 July— European champions Liverpool avoided city rivals Everton in Friday’s draw and should play CSKA Sofia in the Champions League third qualifying round.

Twice winners Inter Milan face a tricky trip to Ukraine for the first leg against Shakhtar Donetsk, while four-times European champions Ajax Amsterdam are likely to meet Danish double winners Brondby.

Liverpool were forced to start their defence of their title from the first qualifying round after finishing fifth in the Premier League. They have a 3-1 lead from the away leg of their second qualifying round match against Lithuania’s FBK Kaunas. Bulgarian champions CSKA Sofia also look likely to win through after a 2-0 first leg victory in Tirana.

“The main thing was avoiding Everton so that’s fine,” said Liverpool’s chief executive Rick Parry. “Inevitably we were relieved not to play someone at the top of the list but it’s a long way to travel.”

“We treat everyone with respect but not fear.”

Twice European champions Manchester United were drawn against the winners of the tie between Debrecen and Hajduk Split of Croatia with the Hungarian champions in the driving seat after a 3-0 win in the first leg.

“Last season was the first time in our history that we won the league title so this is a great reward,” Debrecen spokes- man Marton Esterhazi said.

Man United to play Debrecen or Hajduk Split

Nyon (Switzerland), 30 July— Twice European champions Manchester United were drawn on Friday against Hungary’s Debrecen or Hajduk Split of Croatia in the Champions League third qualifying round.

European champions Liverpool or FBK Kaunas face Tirana of Albania or CSKA Sofia of Bulgaria, Inter Milan meet Shakhtar Donetsk of Ukraine and England’s Everton take on Spanish side Villarreal.

Germany’s Werder Bremen meet Swiss team Basel and Ajax Amsterdam play Georgian side Dinamo Tbilisi or Brondy of Denmark. French club Monaco take on Spain’s Real Betis.

Anderlecht of Belgium or Nefctchi Baku of Azerbaijani face Czech side Slavia Prague.

Wins for Arsenal, Porto at Amsterdam tournament

Amsterdam, 30 July— Substitute Arturo Lupolis scored a late winner to earn Arsenal a 1-0 victory over Porto in the opening match of the Amsterdam Tournament on Friday.

Earlier, Porto defeated Argentina’s Boca Juniors 2-0 in the opening match.

“Arsenal controlled their game and broke through with three minutes to go when Italian Lupoli, who played most of his soccer in the youth and reserve teams last season, netted from the edge of the penalty area after good work by new signing Alexander Hleb.”

“It was a difficult match because we played with a closed roof and that is something I really don’t like,” Arsenal manager Arsene Wenger told reporters.

“We played well against a defensively well-organized team that aimed to play on the break.”

“Finally we scored a late goal after missing easier chances earlier in the match.”

Ajax coach Danny Blind was not surprised that Arsenal dominated.

“It was interesting to see how we did against a good team,” said Blind.

“It taught me a lot about how my team handles these situations and it was logical that Arsenal pushed us back in defence.”

Porto, the 2004 European Cup winners, opened the scoring against Boca when a deflected shot by Helder Postiga beat goalkeeper Roberto Abbondanzieri in the 19th minute.

The Portuguese team, coached by former Ajax boss Co Adriaanse, were top throughout and sealed their win in the 73rd minute.

New signing Fatih Sonkaya broke through on the right and his cross gave Hugo Almeida the opportunity to set up Brazilian Jorginho for the second goal. “The circumstances were difficult and my team is physically not 100 per cent but our performance satisfied me,” said Adriaanse.
Sharon seeks French support on M-E peace

PARIS, 30 July— Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon appealed to France on Thursday to press the Palestinian leadership to crack down on militants, and to push hard to stop Iran developing nuclear weapons.

During a visit to France, Sharon said Paris could use its influence in the Arab world to advance the peace process after Israel’s planned pullout from the Gaza Strip next month.

“France can make the Palestinians understand that the negotiations and the fight against terrorism must move forward,” he told TF1 television.

“There are good reasons why the French...are capable of advancing the peace process.” France has voiced its support for Sharon’s plan to withdraw from Jewish settlements in the occupied Gaza Strip as a step towards reviving negotiations on peace and Palestinian statehood.

President Jacques Chirac said before meeting Sharon on Wednesday that France was ready to assist in the revival of the peace process.

Sharon also called for a tough line on Iran’s nuclear programme to prevent its arch foe from developing nuclear bombs.

“Iran is doing everything to acquire nuclear weapons, despite the pressure of the French, the Germans and the British,” he told France 3 television.

“There will probably be no alternative but to take this problem to the UN Security Council and take sanctions against Iran,” Sharon added.

France is part of a European Union trio, with Germany and Britain, trying to resolve the dispute with Iran.

Teheran says it is not seeking atomic weapons and that its nuclear programme is for electricity.

Iran was “not yet at the point of no return” in efforts to develop nuclear weapons as it still had some technical problems to overcome, Sharon said.

Chirac told Sharon on Wednesday France wanted guarantees that Iran could not produce material usable in nuclear bombs and that it believed the UN Security Council should deal with the issue if this is not the case.

Sharon’s visit to Paris followed a row between France and Israel last year, sparked by the Israeli leader urging French Jews to escape anti-Semitism by emigrating.

MNA/Reuters

WEATHER

Saturday, 30 July, 2005

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Kachin State, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Lower Sagain Division, scattered in Shan and Kayah States, Mandalay and Magway Divisions and widespread in the remaining areas with locally heavyfalls in Rakhine and Mon States, isolated heavyfalls in Bago, Yangon and Taninthayi Divisions. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Ye (7.60 inches), Belin (6.98 inches), Dawei (6.06 inches), Thandwe (4.61 inches), Gwa (4.53 inches), Thayawaddy (3.78 inches), Mawlamyine (3.62 inches), Kyaukpyu (3.27 inches) and Hmawbi (3.15 inches).

Maximum temperature on 29-7-2005 was 86°F. Minimum temperature on 30-7-2005 was 67°F. Relative humidity at 9:30 hrs MST on 30-7-2005 was 100%. Total sunshine hours on 29-7-2005 was (0.8) hour approx. Rainfalls on 30-7-2005 were 2.32 inches at Mingaladon, 2.67 inches at Kaba-Aye, 2.00 inches at central Yangon. Total rainfalls since 1-1-2005 were 48.58 inches at Mingaladon, 48.50 inches at Kaba-Aye and 52.28 inches at central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was 15 mph from Northwest at (15:50) hours MST on 29-7-2005.

Bay influence: According to the observations at (09.30) hrs MST today, the low pressure area over North Bay has further intensified into a depression and it’s centred about (170) miles Southwest of Kolkatta, India. It is forecast to move West-Northwest wards and cross the Orissa Coast, India within next (24) hours commencing this morning. Monsoon is strong in the Bay of Bengal.

Special Features: According to the observations at (09.30) hrs MST today, the tropical depression over the Gulf of Tonkin has centered about (230) miles East of Vina. Vietnam. It is forecast to move West Northwestwards.

Forecast valid until evening of 31-7-2005: Rain will be isolated in Lower Sagain and Magway Divisions, scattered in Kachin, Chin, Shan and Kayah States, Upper Sagain Division and widespread in the remaining areas with likelihood of isolated heavyfalls in Rakhine and Mon States, Yangon and Taninthayi Divisions. Degree of certainty is 90%.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Likelihood of increase of rain in Eastern Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 31-7-2005: Some rain. Degree of certainty is 80%.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 31-7-2005: Likelihood of isolated rainfall. Degree of certainty is 60%.

Storm News

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According to the observation at (09.30) hrs MST today, the low pressure area over North Bay has further intensified into a depression and it’s centered about (170) miles South-West of Kolkatta, India. It is forecast to move West-Northwest wards and cross the Orissa coast, India within (24) hours commencing this morning.

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At a time when the government is striving to build a democratic nation in conformity with historical tradition, national characters, people need to be well aware of danger of internal and external destructive elements. People are to crush all internal and external destructive elements as the common enemy.

YANGON, 30 July — The mass meeting focusing “Guard against the danger posed by destructionists through united strength of the people” was held at the division gymnasium on Shwemawdaw Pagoda Road in Bago on 28 July.

Present were members of Division, District and Township Union Solidarity and Development Associations, Women’s Affair’s Organization, Maternal and Child Welfare Association, Red Cross Society, Fire Brigade and social organizations and local people.

Joint Secretary of Bago Division USDA U Nyi Nyi Myint presided over the meeting with member of Division WAO Daw Yi Yi Ohn Than, member of Division MCWA Dr Daw Soe Soe, Captain Thant Zin (Retd) and National Convention delegate U Kyin Thein, Secretary of Division Red Cross Supervisory Committee Dr Zeya and U Win Myint of Division Fire Brigade as members of the panel of chairmen.

Executive of Bago Township USDA Daw Theingi Myint Yi acted as master of ceremonies with Executive of Division USDA Daw Aye Pa Pa. Members of Panel of Chairmen and those present saluted the State Flag.

Chairman U Nyi Nyi Myint delivered an address. He said achievements and development have been made in economic, social, education, health and transport sectors due to the endeavours of the government, the people and the Tatmadaw with the spirit to live in peace and stability and to build the nation with national solidarity spirit, nationalistic spirit.

He said the government is implementing the seven-point Road Map, while fulfilling basic requirements needed for emergence of a discipline-flourishing democratic nation. At a time when the government and the people are building the nation, a handful of people and some nations are interfering in the internal affairs under the pretext of human rights, democracy and others and they are putting pressures on Myanmar to put her under their domination. It is seen that their acts are not in accord with the international norms. Terrorist acts (See page 8)

If economic situation is strong, defence power can be built. The defence power also benefits political power. Therefore, politics, economy and defence are inter-dependent. Strong economy is important and economic growth make many sectors of the country strong. Therefore, the government has laid down plans for economic development and is undertaking them with greater momentum.