The State prevented, wiped out or crushed almost all plots, attacks of underground, aboveground and expatriate elements. Public participation indispensable to deter terrorist acts.

Yangon, 28 Aug—The following is the clarification made by Chairman of the Information Committee of the State Peace and Development Council Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan at the Press Conference No 6/2005 today. At this Press Conference No 6/2005, I would like to make supplementary clarifications in connection with matters clarified by the Minister for Home Affairs and the Director-General of Myanmar Police Force; matters relating to measures to be taken by the State against internal and external terrorist destructive groups; and the releasing of news being practised today.

As known to you journalists, I clarified at the press conference No 4/2005 held on 15 May 2005 on the three-pronged attack of the foreign masters, internal and external terrorist destructive elements on the Government; how they synchronized expatriate and underground attacks when the State had exposed their above-ground conspiracies in time; how the entire nation totally refused to accept their acts and condemned them; how the terrorist destructive groups taking refuge at border areas colluded among themselves to commit terrorist acts of blasting bombs according to the underground attack plan. I also clarified in detail with evidences how they detonated time bombs on 7-5-2005 in Yangon; how those time bombs were made of advanced cordite with high technology and how it could be assumed that the terrorists were trained by foreign experts in a foreign nation. In review of clarifications of the Minister for Home Affairs and the Director-General of Myanmar Police Force today, it can vividly be seen that the anti-government terrorist destructive groups outside the country conspired to launch underground

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U-17 football tournament 2005 opens in Mandalay Division

Yangon, 28 Aug — The opening ceremony of Mandalay Division Peace and Development Council Chairman’s Cup U-17 football tournament 2005 was held at Paunglaung sport ground in Pyinmana Township on 25 August evening.

On behalf of the Chairman of Mandalay Division Peace and Development Council, Col Tin Ngwe of Pyinmana Station delivered an address on the occasion. Next, Sport and Physical Education Institute (Mandalay) team played against Mandalay Division Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein, on 27 August, visited Dagon University in Yangon East District and attended to the needs in academic matters, installation of teaching and learning aids, construction of buildings, greening of the campus, and better transport.

In his meeting with the rector and faculty members of Dagon University at the convocation hall, the Secretary-I said that since its assumption of State duties, the Tatmadaw Government has to make all-out efforts to ensure stability, peace and progress of the nation, and to raise the living standard of the people. Tatmadaw Government has been discharging nation-building duties in political, economic and social sectors.

Now, with the consolidated national solidarity, the people have enjoyed fruitful results of peace and tranquillity that has thoroughly covered the entire nation including border areas.

And the nation’s economy is developing cumulatively and the people’s education, health and social standards have risen, while the whole nation has seen infrastructures for development.

As the economic and social standards of the people has been raised, State’s seven-point Road Map is being implemented for emergence of a peaceful, modern, developed and discipline-flourishing democratic nation.

Systematic measures are being taken to flourish democracy that is in conformity to the history, culture, customs, traditions and prevailing situations of the nation and the people.

It is essential to build foundations for community peace and tranquillity, national progress, strong national economy, higher education standards and health of the people, and constant turning out of intellectuals and intelligentsia. We firmly believe that only when the people have high education standard and intellectual power alongside a vast knowledge, will they be able to distinguish between the good and the bad.

And a brighter future of the nation can be shaped only through the might of national intellectuals and intelligentsia. We firmly believe that teachers are well convinced of the important role of the education sector, and will discharge their educational duty successfully for ensuring sustainable achievement in nation-building tasks.

Mayor inspects Yangon city water supply project

Yangon, 28 Aug — Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin together with officials, inspected Yangon City Water Supply Project (Ngamoeik) and attended to the needs.

At the briefing hall of the project near Ahtayu village, the mayor heard reports on the progress of the tasks for more water supply, future tasks and models of machinery used for classifying the chemicals in water from Ngamoeik main dam.

Afterwards the mayor inspected the arrangements for installation of anti hammers, electric motors and machines at the water supply station, and switch gears at electrical control station. Next, the mayor gave instructions on timely completion, worksite safety, minimizing the loss and wastage and extended planting the shady and flowery trees around the station and attended to the needs.

Departmental, Tatmadaw vehicles checked on dry day

Yangon, 28 Aug — Member of the Dry Day Supervisory Committee Deputy Minister for Construction U Tin Swe together with Director-General of Myanmar Police Force Brig-Gen Khuin Yi, senior military officers and departmental heads, supervised tasks of the dry day teams at the main points of Yangon City this morning.

Similarly, members of the supervisory committee Deputy Minister for Hotels and Tourism Tan Hla, Provost Marshal Maj-Gen Saw Hla, senior military officers, departmental heads supervised tasks of the dry day teams.

The dry day teams inspected dry day pass, driver’s licence, wheel tax bill, wearing the departmental uniforms and breaking the traffic rules from 7 am to 5 pm today. — MNA

People’s Desire

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- 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

Ceremony of performing arts competitions opened in Insein Township

Yangon, 28 Aug — The opening ceremony of 13th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions took place in Insein Township, Yangon North District this morning, attended by Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Chairman Yangon Command Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe.

Also present on the occasion were Chairman of Committee for Holding Performing Arts Competitions Col Hla Aye, Commander of No.4 Military Region Command Col Hla Aye, Commander of No.1 Military Region Command Col Myat Thu, Secretary of Yangon Division PDC Lt-Col Myint Kyi and members, committee members, Yangon North District PDC Chairman Lt-Col Myat Min and departmental officials at the district level, Township PDC chairman, artistes, members of panel of judges and guests.

First, Yangon North district PDC Chairman Lt-Col Myat Min formally opened the competitions and explained the purpose of holding the competitions.

Next, those present were entertained by artistes with songs, dances and music.

Later, Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe presented the basket of flowers and cash of honour to the artistes who entertained, and the ceremony ended. — MNA

Members of the Dry Day Supervisory Committee supervise tasks of a dry day inspection team at the main point of Yangon City. — MNA

May-Gen Myint Swe presents the basket of flowers to the artistes.—MNA

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Hu Jingtao calls for learning lessons from war

BEIJING, 27 Aug — Hu Jingtao, General Secretary of the Communist Party of China (CPC) Central Committee, has called for summing up experience gained during the War of Resistance Against Japan (1937-1945) to educate CPC members and the whole Chinese people.

Hu made this call at the 24th "group study" of the CPC Political Bureau on Friday. Jiang Ying and Luo Yuan, two researchers from the Chinese Academy of Military Science, made lectures on the topic.

CPC Politburo members attended the lecture and had discussions on the topic.

The general secretary presided over the lecture and made a speech on the issue. He called China's struggle and paying an enormous national sacrifice, the Party leader said. In his speech, Hu called for "keeping in mind the history, never forgetting the past, cherishing peace, and opening up the future".

The great unity among the Chinese people of different ethnic groups has made an indelible historic contribution to the victory of the World Anti-fascism War by carrying out a very difficult task.

Chinese people unite and develop; to increase the comprehensive national power is the fundamental assurance for the Chinese Nation to stand up independently among all the peoples in the world; to take the road of peace and development is a correct road for the country to achieve its goal; and to closely rely on the people is the fundamental assurance for the Party to never be defeated, according to the general secretary.

Hu noted that anti-Japanese war was an important part of the World Anti-fascism War and a national liberation war for the Chinese people, as well.

The whole Chinese people, of different ethnic groups, closely united around the anti-Japanese and national united front initiated by the CPC, finally made an indelible historic contribution to the victory of the World Anti-fascism War by carrying out a very difficult task.

UN says social inequalities fuelling violence, terrorism

UNITED NATIONS, 27 Aug — Expressing concern over increasing poverty and schism between haves and have-nots in the developing countries, including India, the UN has warned that violence and terrorism would rise unless steps are taken to reverse economic and social inequalities.

The growing violence associated with "national and international acts of terrorism" is the result of stark economic and social inequalities and competition of over scarce resources, a report released by the world body said.

Inequalities within and between countries, it said, have "accompanied" globalization and have had negative consequences in many areas, including employment, job security and wages. "However, there is still a debate concerning the specific role liberalization and regulation policies in these trends," it added.

To prevent global conflict and violence, it said, attention should be paid to reducing inequalities in access to resources and opportunities. Violence is often rooted in political and economic inequality and it is dangerous for both international and national peace and security.

The report "The Inequality Predication" points out that 80 per cent of the world's gross domestic product belong to one billion people in the developed world and remaining 20 per cent is shared by 5 billion people in the developing countries.

"Failure to address this inequality predication will ensure that social justice and better living conditions for all people remain elusive and that the communities, countries and regions remain vulnerable social, political and economic upheaval," it emphasized.

52 global top 500 corporations sign up for N-E Asia Trade Expo

CHANGCHUN, 27 Aug — Fifty-two of the global top 500 multinational corporations will participate in the upcoming Northeast Asia Investment and Trade Expo to be held in northeast China from 2 to 6 September, according to the executive committee of the event on Friday.

They include such big names as General Motors, Siemens, Royal Dutch Shell Oil Co, and Wal-Mart coming from 10 countries, said Liu Haiyang, an official in charge of handling affairs relating to the world's top 500 firms coming to the First China Jilin-North East Asia Investment and Trade Expo.

Liu said, these corporations mainly engage in 13 industrial sectors and most of them are specialized in the automobile, electronics and petrochemistry fields.

The investment and trade expo, with a theme of "Opportunity, Exchange, Cooperation and Development," is scheduled to be held in Changchun, capital of Jilin Province, the cradle of China auto industry.

"It's the first time for many of these world renowned firms to come to northeast China, which are hoping to acquaint themselves with local investment environment and some have plans to invest in the region," said Liu.

The five-day expo consists of series of activities including forums on investment and cooperation, tourism development in Northeast Asia and development of the Tumen River.

The three provinces of Heilongjiang, Jilin and Liaoning of northeast China jointly put forward a group of projects in 10 industrial sectors for luring overseas investment. The 10 sectors cover modern manufacturing, petrochemical, processing of farm produce, traditional Chinese medicine, energy resources and new building materials, among others.

No information on terrorist threat to Singapore received

SINGAPORE, 27 Aug — Singapore's Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) said Friday that no specific information on imminent terrorist threat against the city state has been received by its security authorities.

A Financial Times article on Thursday quoted French terrorist investigator Jean-Louis Bruguiere as saying that "al-Qaeda is preparing an attack on a big financial centre in Asia, such as Tokyo, Sydney or Singapore, to undermine investor confidence in the region."

In response to media queries on the issue, the ministry stressed in a statement that the Singapore Government takes such kind of information seriously.

"In the light of a global terrorist threat and our own experience in the Jewish New Year's Eve episode, our security agencies have taken measures over the last few years to strengthen security at our borders, key infrastructure and iconic buildings," the statement said. — MNA/Xinhua

Bush warns of more sacrifice in Iraq, protests rally

CRAWFORD (TEXAS), 28 Aug — Thousands of Iraq war supporters and protesters staged competing rallies near President George W. Bush's Texas ranch on Saturday as he warned Americans to brace for more sacrifice in Iraq.

With almost 1,900 US troops killed in the Iraq war, Bush's job approval rating has plummeted to new lows. He is under increasing pressure from critics to finish training a new Iraqi security force and bring the soldiers home.

But in his weekly radio address, Bush acknowledged there was more work ahead for American soldiers in Iraq. "Our efforts in Iraq and the broader Middle East will require more time, more sacrifice and continued resolve," said Bush, who has spent most of August on vacation at his 1,600-acre (648-hec- tare) ranch.

Cindy Sheehan, whose son Casey was killed in Iraq last year and has camped outside Bush's ranch seeking a second meeting with him to press for the withdrawal of troops, said her efforts would ultimately yield at the end of the war in Iraq.

"I know that the Camp Casey movement is going to end the war in Iraq," she said after folk singer Joan Baez addressed protesters in singing "Amazing Grace." Rally organizers estimated the crowd of 2,000, although it appeared smaller.

How many more (soldiers) are you willing to sacrifice before you say enough is enough? How many more are you willing to sacrifice for lies and deception and bullcrap?" Sheehan asked, followed by chants of "Not one more!" — MNA/Reuters

Cowboys pray prior to the Barretos Rodeo International Festival competitions in Barretos, 438 km (272 miles) northwest of Sao Paulo, on 26 August 26, 2005. — INTERNET

An Iraqi man holds up a kerosene stove during a demonstration against the lack cooking fuel, electricity and water in the Sadr city district of Baghdad on 26 August, 2005. — INTERNET

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NCCUB, FTUB and ABSDF are terrorist groups which have been constantly committing terrorist acts to endanger lives and properties of innocent people

YANGON, 28 August— The following is the clarification made by Director-General of Myanmar Police Force Brig-Gen Khin Yi at the Press Conference No 6/2005 of the Information Committee of the State Peace and Development Council.

At this Press Conference today, I will present clarifications in two portions. The first part is on matters relating to conspiracies of terrorist destructive elements to destabilize the country and to create unrest and the arrests and seizures. The second part will deal with exposing of those involved in the Yangon bomb blasts.

In the first part, I will explain matters on how fugitive Maung Maung (alias) Pyithit Nyunt Wai who is the general secretary of NCUB (National Council of Union of Burma) and FTUB (Federation of Trade Unions—Burma), organized above-ground hardcores from service personnel and other strata via Thein Win who is in charge of the local news network of the so-called NDD (Network for Democracy and Development) terrorist group based in Maesot. Maung Maung mobilized them by giving attractive monetary assistance to destabilize the country and create unrest.

As known to you journalists, the anti-government groups based in foreign countries with financial assistance and instigations of some pessimists and some big western countries ignored the prevalence of peace and tranquility and the Tatmadaw Government’s endeavours in laying down good foundations for bringing about discipline-flourishing democracy. The anti-government groups are constantly attempting to wreck the National Convention and create crises and problems in order that the existing Government would face public unrest similar to that in 1988.

Of the terrorist destructive groups, I will first explain about the FTUB. It was formed in 1991 with seven members including Hla Oo as chairman, Maung Maung (alias) Pyithit Nyunt Wai as general secretary and Zaw Win Aung as assistant general secretary. FTUB opened offices in Chiangmai, Mae Hong Son and Maesot in a neighbouring country as well as in Washington, Sydney and Tokyo. Shouting labour affairs loudly, that group has all along been making attempts to create unrest within the country.

FTUB collected news on peasants, workers and others from Myanmar as much as possible and submitted these matters to ILO and trade unions in western countries for obtaining financial assistance. With these funds, the group has mobilized and utilized some Myanmar citizens in a neighbouring country and stealthily committing destructive acts and UG programmes to create unrest. With a view to launching more terrorist destructive acts within the country and obtaining more financial assistance from abroad, FTUB general secretary Maung Maung (alias) Pyithit Nyunt Wai tried for FTUB to become a member of NCUB. At the seventh NCUB conference held at a border area in the neighbouring country from 3 to 8 May 2004, he was elected as general secretary of NCUB.

Actually, NCUB comprises nine armed insurgent groups, 26 anti-government groups abroad, expatriate Hluttaw representatives union, NLD (Liberated Area), etc which are organized to launch anti-government movements in various ways. For Maung Maung (alias) Pyithit Nyunt Wai to become general secretary of NCUB, a big western nation spent huge amount of funds, it is learnt. It was aimed at enabling Maung Maung

Maung (alias) Pyithit Nyunt Wai to become general secretary of not only FTUB but also NCUB to have influence over anti-government groups abroad. Inasmuch as Maung Maung (alias) Pyithit Nyunt Wai becomes strong, the masters controlling him from behind can manipulate the elements as they wish.

As mentioned above, Maung Maung (alias) Pyithit Nyunt Wai who is general secretary of FTUB and NCUB obtained financial assistance secretly (See page 5)

Director General of Myanmar Police Force
Brig-Gen Khin Yi. — MNA

Documentary photos on scenes of bomb blasts at the ceremony at which the Buddha tooth relic was shown for public obeisance on 25-12-1996.

Hardcore UGs trained by FTUB Maung Maung (a) Pyithit Nyunt Wai and NDD Thein Win to destabilize the country and cause unrest. — MNA
Maesot, Thailand. He is a native of Bago and after the 1988 incidents he took part in the Bago NLD as a youth leader. For attempting to disturb peace in Bago he was sentenced to 4 years' imprisonment. In 1999, Thein Win who was in charge of bursting bombs sent a 4-man team led by Soe Thiha (alias) Thura Kyaw Zin and consisting of Ye Kyaw Swa, Naing Naing and Min Min (alias) Kyaw Kyaw to explode bombs near Maha Bandoola Park in front of Yangon City Hall at the crowded Independence Day celebrations on 4 January 2000. That team placed a time bomb near Maha Bandoola Park but the security members found and cleared it in time. Thus the innocent public escaped from the danger of bomb blast. Soe Thiha and his team narrowly got away. That team came back into Myanmar for the second time in April 2000. Our security forces found and cleared it in time. Moreover they confessed that they made interviews with BBC and spread exaggerated news many times. The satellite phone and related items sent from Thein Win to Wai Lin was hidden in a well at the back of his house by his younger sister Khin Myo Nwe. It was exposed by security members on 28-10-2000. It was reported in the newspapers of 16-4-2000 issue. It is confirmed that the three culprits were controlled by Thein Win.

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As regards the monetary assistance, Maung Maung (alias) Pyithit Nyunt Wai and Thein Win gave training on collecting local news to them and sent U Myint Lwin to Yangon giving him K 50,000. When he arrived back in Yangon he learnt that their trip to Maesot had been known to the authorities. He then training on how to incite unrest. On their return home, K 50,000 was given to Myint Lwin, K 200,000 each to Aung Myint Thein and Ye Myint, K 400,000 each to service personnel Aye Thi Khang and Daw Yin Kyi, and K 200,000 to Ma Aye Chan. The confessions of the hardcores on destructive plots of FTUB Maung Maung (alias) Pyithit Nyunt Wai and NDD Thein Win are displayed on the boards for the journalists to view.

The NDD (Network for Democracy and Development) was formed to destabilize the country and create unrest.

The three seized satellite phones revealed that Wai Lin’s phone (No 2008182) called six times to NDD Thein Win’s phone (No 095-669208) of Maesot. Win Myint’s phone (No 2005924) made six calls to Wai Lin’s phone of Maesot. Hla Myint Than’s phone (number is being scrutinized) contacted Maesot eight calls. These facts were learnt from memory of those phones. Contact lists of these phones were put on display for boards to journalists to see.

The seizure of the satellite phones revealed that Wai Lin had been masterminding the terrorist destructive acts committed in Myanmar. What happened to Wai Lin was that some NDD Thein Win was the mastermind of the hardcorps. FTUB Maung Maung (alias) Pyithit Nyunt Wai and NDD Thein Win are displayed on the boards for journalists to view. FTUB Maung Maung (alias) Pyithit Nyunt Wai and NDD Thein Win are displayed on the boards for journalists to view.

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(Y vigorous Burmese Student Warriors) and sent them to Yangon to blast bombs in Yangon with internal hardcores. Joining hands with some ABSDF members and some NDD members, they infiltrated into the country and colluded with internal UG hardcores.

As an evidence, we examined a video documentarily recorded up to a few minutes prior to the bomb blast at Yangon Trade Centre in Mingala Taungnyunt Township where Thai Trade Fair was being held. It was found that ABSDF members Zaw Win Lwin, Ko Paik, other two members of ABSDF and Aung Min of NDD were near the entrance stage. All of them were members of ABSDF and NDD terrorist groups. It was confirmed by evidence. ABSDF and NDD and their acquaintances. Moreover, our security units’ records showed that those recorded in that video were the persons near Bogyoke Market in Yangon on 20-12-2004.

It was found that NDD Then Win forwarded information received from hardcores inside the country through satellite phones, to ILO, FTUB, etc and obtained monetary assistance. Later Then Win received assistance mainly from Maung Maung (alias) Pyithit Nyunt Wai to carry out destructive acts. He mobilized more local hardcores and provided them with money in hundreds of thousands. He had many UG hardcores in the country. The security personnel have exposed them by interrogating the seized culprits.

who attended terrorist training course on explosives at the border of a neighbouring country. Documentary photos of those members of ABSDF and NDD terrorist groups are displayed on the boards for journalists to view.

VBWS which has been committing terrorist acts, audaciously has always been used to blasting of bombs. The group has declared that it carried out the bomb blast at Zaw Min’s residence in the area near Bogyoke Market in Yangon on 20-12-2004. Consequently, the bomb blast at Shwe Mann Thu higher, located near Zaw Min’s residence in South Okkalapa Township on 17-3-2005 and the bomb blast at Panorama Hotel on Pansodan Street in Yangon on 13-5-2005 were committed by VBWS. That group itself admitted in DVB (Democratic Voice of Burmas) website on 23-5-2005 that it exploded the bombs. They officially declared that they would continue to explode bombs in Yangon and Mandalay cities in order to stop the National Convention.

Soon the bomb blasts occurred and our journalists can see who were the culprits.

According to confessions of seized culprits of Yangon bomb blasts, information of local and foreign sources and confessions of terrorists themselves as mentioned above, the Yangon bomb blasts were committed by VBWS under the control of Maung Maung (alias) Pyithit Nyunt Wai and with his monetary assistance. ABSDF and NDD mercenary terrorists rendered help to VBWS to blast the bombs. According to further information, about ten days after the three bomb blasts in Yangon, an anti-government group based at the border area held a meeting and condemned three members of VBWS who exploded the bombs and escaped to a big western area. The vice-chairman and executive committee members sent an email condemning the bomb attacks and giving the names of the three members of VBWS. It was recounted by a member of the group who attended that meeting. Although we have exposed the culprits of Yangon bomb blasts, there are still many measures to be taken. Hence, remaining persons by name and further details are to be kept secret till appropriate time.

Now you are clear that NCGUB, FTUB and ABSDF are terrorist groups which have been constantly committing terrorist acts to harm lives and properties of innocent people so as to destabilize the country and create unrest.

I am going to brief on the loss of Replica of Buddha’s Tooth Relic at the Tooth Relic Pagoda on Dhammapala Hill in Mayangon Township, Yangon Division, and matters related to arresting that. As is known to you journalists, Replica of Buddha Tooth Relic together with golden circular tray with a stem and miniature golden temple kept at the pagoda was lost at 4.30 am on 14 August 2005.

The case was that U Tin Nyunt, aged 56, who is a security guard of the pagoda, while on his inspection duty on the platform of the pagoda, saw a suspicious-looking person who was standing and holding a plastic red brick at the top of the stairway at the north-west archway (Gondaw No.7). U Tin Nyunt ordered the person to step down and at the same time he screamed for help from other security personnel. The person made his way down to the platform and ran away through the stairway. He got through the bypass of the pagoda before leaping over the brick wall. And he made his way to the residential ward along a road in north-western Yangon. Even though U Tin Nyunt and some security members gave hot pursuit, the person managed to escape. He committed the crime skillfully.

At a time when information on the incident was being collected the length and breadth of States and Division, an owner of gold shop in Lewe, Mandalay Division, informed the Police Station at 9.30 am on 18-8-2005 that a suspicious person came to sell gold. The information led to the arrest of the person who smelt gold, the Rickshaw-man of Pyinmana who bought the gold. Further information led to the seizure of some gold at a gold shop in Toungoo to which the person sold gold worth K 4.6 million.

Upon further investigation, all the lost items including Tooth Relic were seized from Toungoo, Mandalay and Lewe Townships.

A combined team comprising members of CID and Mandalay MPF laying in wait managed to arrest the thief — fugitive Than Win Naing while he was stealthily entering the house of his parents and relatives near the Mandalay University at 1.15 am on 20-8-2005.

Than Win Naing, aged 25, was born of U Nyunt Han and Daw Aye May in Sakhanma village, Natmauk Township, Magway Division. He is the second son out of six siblings. He has no formal education earned his livelihood by carrying out farming works, climbing toddy palms and doing handy jobs. He has one daughter.

The last trip of Than Win Naing from his native village Sakhanma to Toungoo was in the last week of June 2005. He stayed at No 283 on 3rd Nawadya lane, Mayangon for about 15 days and at a house selling bricks, sand and gravel at the 9th Mile for about one month. On 12 August 2005, he studied in detail about the entrance and exit of the pagoda before committing the crime alone.

Here, the security members have advised and asked the people to get their guests staying overnight registered and to report on the strangers in respective wards and streets. However, some people did not comply with the advice. Such vagabond person stayed for months at a house and his stay was not reported. It was the beginning of the security lapse.

Although security personnel failed to carry out their duty fully due to lack of cooperation of some ignorant persons, the theft was exposed within 5 or 6 days and all the stolen objects were recovered together with Replica Tooth Relic because of duty-conscious citizens.— MNA

From the confessions of Wai Lin and Myint Lwin of Bago and Then Lin Win of Shwe Pawkkan and bank employee Aye Thi Khaiing, security personnel have learnt that fugitive Maung Maung (alias) Pyithit Nyunt Wai rented a room on fourth floor of Phontip Hotel. He hanged on the wall the construction projects of the Government, maps, data and charts of factories, mills, dams, reservoirs built by the Government. It is learnt from the testimonies of the four men that he was plotting to destroy these projects.
Information Committee of the State Peace and Development Council Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan, Minister for Home Affairs Maj-Gen Maung Oo, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Maung Myint, Deputy Minister for Labour Brig-Gen Win Sein, Deputy Minister for Health Dr Mya Oo, Director-General of Myanmar Police Force Brig-Gen Khin Yi, members of the Information Committee, heads of departments, officials of Myanmar Writers and Journalists Association, media persons, U Sein Win of Kyodo news agency, Patron of Myanmar Foreign Correspondents Club U Hla Htway, President U Sao Kai Hpa, and correspondents, editors of local journals and magazines and guests.

First, Director-General of MPF Brig-Gen Khin Yi clarified matters on conspiracies of terrorist destructive groups to destabilize the country and create unrest, on those involved in Yangon bomb blasts, and on investigations of loss of Replica Tooth Relic at Buddha Tooth Relic Pagoda in Yangon. (Clarification made by Brig-Gen Khin Yi is reported separately).

Next, Minister for Home Affairs Maj-Gen Maung Oo made a supplementary presentation in addition to the clarification made by Brig-Gen Khin Yi. (Clarification made by Maj-Gen Maung Oo is reported separately).

Afterwards, Chairman of the Information Committee of the State Peace and Development Council Minister for Information made supplementary presentation concerning clarification made by the Minister for Home Affairs and the director-general of MPF. The minister also clarified matters on actions of the State to be taken against internal and external terrorist groups and concept of releasing information. (Clarification made by Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan is reported separately).

Ministers Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan and Maj-Gen Maung Oo and Director-General of MPF Brig-Gen Khin Yi replied to queries raised by the journalists. The press conference ended at 12.15 pm.

Afterwards, the newsmen observed documentary photos on terrorist acts committed by the group led by SSA Ywet Sit and accomplices, exposing the plans of NCGUB and FTUB to create unrest and commit terrorist acts, bomb blast at Tooth Relic Pagoda on Kaba Aye Hill on 25-12-1996, burglary at Tooth Relic Pagoda and exposing the culprit, demon- stration of the culprit on the burglary, exposing of culprits who made counterfeit 1000 note, connection between NCGUB and NCUB in committing terrorist acts, conspiracies of terrorist destructive groups to destabilize the country and create unrest, witness given by those who participated in bombing, casualties in Yangon bomb blast on 7-5-2005, satellite phone and accessories seized from Wai Lin, satellite phone of Hla Myint, phone of Hla Myint son of Win Myint and satellite phone and accessories seized from Win Myint. — MNA

**BBC and other media fuelled unrest for spreading anarchy throughout the country**

(from page 1) terrorist attack with the assistance of foreign masters to destabilize the nation and create commotion. The aim of these plans were to create hardships and crises for destabilizing the country so as to incite commotion and unrests. In this way they tried to grab the State power by short-cut at the expense of the public. Such attempts are, in fact, to enslave our country. The State has successfully wiped out and crushed almost all the dangers of underground, aboveground and expatriate attack plans of foreign masters and internal and external terrorist destructive elements. The State has done so successfully with public participation.

Likewise, thanks to the public participation, the State has exposed networks engineered by expatriate terrorist destructionists Sein Win, Maung Maung (alias) Pyithit Nyunt Wai and Thein Win. Similarly, it is due to public participation, the State has been able to expose culprits who blasted bombs on 7-5-2005 and those who sponsored and funded the plot. Such active participation of the people with full nationalist fervour is deeply appreciated and put on record with high regards. Hence, to fully deter destructive and terrorist acts of internal and external terrorist destructive elements, public participation is indispensable and we earnestly welcome it.

As a saying goes, “the strength of a nation lies within” the combined force of the State, the people and the Tatmadaw can surely overcome all hardships and difficulties.

NCGUB led by expatriate Sein Win, FTUB led by Maung Maung (alias) Pyithit Nyunt Wai, ABSDF led by Than Khe by declaring them unlawful associations. I would like to continue to clarify points on the release of news being practised by the State. As regards the news releases, we have received suggestions made by the journalists in the interests of the nation and the people, the Government and the Ministry of Information. As regards news releases, they said the earlier the better and when we were late in releasing (See Page 9)
It meant he observed the situation to know whether it was known to the public. When he found out that the Government made no news release about the incident, he assumed that the people had not learnt about the incident, so it was safe for him to sell out the Replica of Tooth Relic and the golden tray he had stolen. Then he contacted gold shops in Mandalay and Toungoo and sold them out. Then, responsible personnel could easily trace and arrest him together with stolen objects. That is the reason news releases sometimes are not made immediately.

Similarly, we do not promptly release news as we need to take time in the interests of the nation. Some news naturally should not be released immediately in view of preventing undesirable effects. Thus, we sometimes release news after thorough investigations. Likewise, some news releases are not made immediately in view of protecting the national interests. Such news should be tackled subtly to prevent adverse effects. I would like to convince you of the fact that the Government is taking appropriate measures in releasing news in consideration of the interests of the nation and the people. We invite suggestions and advice from the journalists.

Nowadays, the government has to take a great care of all the measures to ensure harmony with prevailing situations in order not to harm the interests of the nation and the people. It is common knowledge that internal and external destructive elements in collusion with certain foreign broadcasting stations are constantly broadcasting fabricated, exaggerated, instigative and slanderous news with the aims of encroaching on the State stability and national solidarity, inciting public panics and misleading the people, and creating unrest for utter devastation. It is required to take unforgettable lessons without fail from the facts that in the 1988 incident, some broadcasting stations including BBC aired fabricated, instigative and slanderous news to fuel the unrest and to deal a devastating blow to the nation by means of worsening the situation leading to anarchy.

It is known to all that at 8.15 pm on 23 August 2005, BBC broadcast a fabricated news on State leaders and the nation together with supplementary comments. Indeed, such news poses a grave danger to the nation. Under the press ethics, a broadcasting station should find out whether such a story which is very important for a nation is correct or not, and whether it is substantive or not, as it is more important than normal news items. They should air such important news only after ascertaining the authenticity and accuracy. However, without doing so, BBC broadcasts fabricated news of internal and external destructive elements. Being a world famous news station, BBC should not have done that. That BBC news report can be found with links with the aboveground, underground and expatriate three-pronged attack. As you journalists are experienced ones, you can see the BBC’s real motive.

Our local politicians have passed various periods. They have experienced during the 1988 incidents how BBC and other media fuelled unrest for spreading anarchy throughout the country by broadcasting instigative, slanderous and fabricated news. I believed that our journalists know how BBC’s recent broadcasts were made timely with terrorist destructive elements’ plan for creating unrest. However, some so-called politicians in interviews with RFA, DVB, VOA and other broadcasting stations tried to aggravate the issue. It is regrettable for the country and the people.

Now, I will recount the explanations of the State-level officials made at Zeyathiri Beikman Hall in Yangon on 24 October 2004, which said: “The State Peace and Development Council continues to discharge its duties with collective leadership as well as individual responsibility in the respective sectors. The government has laid down the State policies and nation-building policies with the leadership of Head of State Senior General Than Shwe and collective responsibilities and coordination of Vice-Chairman Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and members of the State Peace and Development Council. Those policies...”

**Documentary photos on the break-in of the Tooth Relic Pagoda.—MNA**

**Statements of those arrested on conspiracies and bomb blasts committed by destructive elements.**

**Accused Than Win Naing, son of U Nyunt Han.—MNA**

**Journalists study seized satellite phones and accessories.—MNA**
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Today, the leadership of the State is as mentioned above, Head of State Senior General Than Shwe is discharging the State responsibilities in good health. The BBC news reports on 23-8-2005 were totally untrue. Based on BBC’s false news, other media broadcast slanderous and instigative news which were absolutely untrue. Therefore, BBC will be responsible for broadcasting the fabricated news intentionally.

As regards fabricated news, slanderous accusations and rumours, you journalists may contact Director-General U Nyan Lin of Consular and International Legal Affairs Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Tel: 222197), Head of Special Investigation Department of Myanmar Police Force.
Bomb blasts on ground floor of Zaygyo Market...

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Maung Maung often went to a west power where his master Sein Win takes refuge and usually stayed at the hotel in Mandalay. As Maung Maung and his master Sein Win are able to wield influence over NCUB and NCCGB, they are making attempts to create unrest and commit destructive acts in the nation under the pretext of restoring democracy in Myanmar. In this connection, the SSA Ywet Sit’s new recruitment. He said in Kengtung there were 67 men who got initiated into novices within 18 days from 8 to 25 August this year. That information received, FTUB Maung Maung is attempting to hold a press conference with four or five locals from DAB, secretary Kyaw Nyunt of DAB, Khaing Soe Naung of HLA, and chief of staff Mu Tu of KNL in Bangkok. To hold that meeting, Maung Maung of NCUB sent for these four as though authorized their arms to the State on 28-7-2005. The minister added that in a crusade against insurgents, 12 armed clashes broke out between Tatmadaw and the SSA members during the period from June to August 2005. Fourteen insurgents were shot dead and one was arrested with armed assault. The minister said local people had to suffer from internal insurgency again due to the destructive acts of the SSA group which is taking foothold in the border of the other country and trying to encroach on the border areas of Shan State, dividing into sub-groups. However, the government on its part is taking all possible measures to ensure the peace and stability of the State and rule of law in all regions of the country in which the entire national people are working together in unity and amity. That is why action will be taken against Yett Sit’s SSA. —MNA

The second one is that a group led by Ye Thiha (a) San Naing of VBSW sent three persons, who took part in of the Vigorous Burmese Student Warriors did not harm the government at all but caused casualties of Myanmar citizens.

Further investigations had been made based on the information received that fugitive Sein Win of NCCGB and FTUB Maung Maung (alias) Pyihtit Nyunt Wai were plotting a series of conspiracies to perpetrate terrorist acts with the use of VBSW members that are familiar with audacious destructive acts.

The audacious VBSW that is being exploited by renegade Sein Win of NCCGB and absconder Maung Maung (alias) Pyihtit Nyunt Wai of FTUB, in retaliation for the bitter experiences it faced in Thailand several years ago, detonated bombs in the Trade Centre, in which many pavilions were being staged by Thai delegates, and in two private sales centres in Myanmar with the intention of upsetting the friendship and relations between Myanmar and Thailand.

On 17 August 2005, Maung Maung of NCUB held a meeting with chairman Tamilabarw (KNU) of NCUB and DAB, secretary Kyaw Nyunt of DAB, Khaing Soe Naung of NDF, and chief of staff Mu Tu of KNL in Bangkok. To hold that meeting, Maung Maung of NCUB sent for these four as though authorized their arms to the State on 28-7-2005. The minister added that in a crusade against insurgents, 12 armed clashes broke out between Tatmadaw and the SSA members during the period from June to August 2005. Fourteen insurgents were shot dead and one was arrested with armed assault. The minister said local people had to suffer from internal insurgency again due to the destructive acts of the SSA group which is taking foothold in the border of the other country and trying to encroach on the border areas of Shan State, dividing into sub-groups. However, the government on its part is taking all possible measures to ensure the peace and stability of the State and rule of law in all regions of the country in which the entire national people are working together in unity and amity. That is why action will be taken against Yett Sit’s SSA. —MNA

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Furthermore, a person named Maximilian Wechsler pointed out on Internet a noteworthy fact as to the announcement of VBSW that the bomb blast that broke out in the Zawgyi House Restaurant in Yangon on 21 December 2004 was responsible for it. VBSW said it was in support of the introduction of democracy in the nation, but was committing destructive acts such as raiding embassies, hijacks, raiding hospital, and detonating bombs. However, it was found that Myanmar expatriates abroad supported such terrorist acts instead of protesting against them publicly. As a matter of fact, the terrorist acts of members of VBSW

According to the firm evidences and sources of information received, FTUB Maung Maung is attempting to accelerate anti-government movements including destructive acts with the foreign aids.

In conclusion, he said according to the findings received, it was made clear that the bomb blast that took place on the ground floor of Zaygyo Market in Mandalay on 26 April 2005, and the bomb blasts in three different sites in Yangon on 7 May 2005 were committed by ABSDF and other small groups under the control of absconder Sein Win of NCCGB and Maung Maung (alias) Pyihtit Nyunt Wai of NCUB and FTUB. So, the government will continue to take all necessary actions against the acts.

The Minister for Home Affairs said he would explain a situation in which local people are in trouble on account of the SSA Yett Sit’s new recruitment. He said some SSA insurgents arrested Sai Kyaw Lin and five other persons of Waru-5, Kengtung, Monai township, Shan State, on the evening of 31-5-2005, and they were forced to escape. Of the six, Sai Lin Kyaw and two other persons managed to escape on 14-6-2005. On 23-6-2005 also, the SSA arrested 40 villagers from Mesa and Ponsok village in Kadugyi/Kadutai region in Maungkau township for new recruitment. And only a person by the name of Ta Kyi escaped. Similarly, Kawi Liya who led a group of SSA nabbed 15 villagers on 16-7-2005 — 12 from Kadugyi village including the village council chairman, one from Kadugyi village and two from Kyakkyi village. Consequently, male villagers had to hide at village monasteries as novices for fear of the SSA members. The minister said in Kengtung there were 67 men who got initiated into novices within 18 days from 8 to 25 August this year. That was why responsible officials had to take measures for ensuring the rule of law, and staff members of Myawady military went down to the regions where they made interviews with 35 novices and made documentary videos.

The minister went on to say that Yett Sit led SSA members demanded before the month of June 2005 that if a household had three men, two were to be recruited into their group. Therefore, local people had to move to the town centre or hide in safer places. Seventy eight households from villages across the border of Shan State and Kayah State moved to some villages in Shadaw township, Kayah State. In spite of the fact that local populace want to live peacefully in their own regions, they have to fear the Yett Sit’s group. Now they are totally opposed to the group. Four privates including Phu Mar of Battalion-242 of SSA Brigade-759 surrendered their arms to the State on 28-7-2005. The minister added that in a crusade against insurgents, 12 armed clashes broke out between Tatmadaw and the SSA members during the period from June to August 2005. Fourteen insurgents were shot dead and one was arrested with armed assault. The minister said local people had to suffer from internal insurgency again due to the destructive acts of the SSA group which is taking foothold in the border of the other country and trying to encroach on the border areas of Shan State, dividing into sub-groups. However, the government on its part is taking all possible measures to ensure the peace and stability of the State and rule of law in all regions of the country in which the entire national people are working together in unity and amity. That is why action will be taken against Yett Sit’s SSA. —MNA

ever, their terrorist acts were foiled by members of Thai Commando and they—from three from VBSW and seven from OCA—were shot dead at point-blank range. That was why the VBSW harboured a grudge against Thailand.

The VBSW surfaced again with a blast at Zawgyi House Restaurant on 21 December 2004. The news on bomb blast at Zawgyi House Restaurant was issued on 22 December, and an AP report had it that the VBSW claimed that it was responsible for the blast the following day. In the claims the VOA at 6 am 24-12-2004 quoted as the VBSW saying that if its demands are not satisfied it will carry out further attacks. This was already clarified in a press conference held on 28-12-2004.

After the bomb blast at Zawgyi House Restaurant there occurred a bomb blast in the compound of the bus terminal in South Okkalapa and a bomb blast at Panorama Hotel on Pansodan Street in March 2005. As regards the terrorist acts, and so the countries warned him of penetrations.

The VBSW was formed in 29 August 1999 with 18 members. The number of its members increased to 24 as another 6 members joined it. Its members are Kyaw Oo of Tagaywng village as leader, San Naing (a) Khin, Aung Hsan, Ko Latt, Kyaw Naing, Tin Lwin Oo, Thant Zaw Oo, Naung Khan, Myint Then (a) Aung, Min Min Oo, Ye Tha Naing (a) Min, Tin Khin, Aung Soe, Cho Tu, Myo Myint, Than Htay (Canada), Kyaw Zin, Myat Aung Kyaw, Thitla, Min Naing (America), San Win and Maung Htay.

As members of VBSW are daredevil, they in collusion with those from God’s Children Army raided again Rachaburi Hospital, Thailand on 24 January 2000. How...
Vietnam unlikely to join WTO this year

HANOI, 27 Aug—Vietnam may not enter the World Trade Organization (WTO) this December as it hopes, since bilateral negotiations with some partners, including the United States, could not be completed until next June, said Vietnamese Deputy Trade Minister Luong Van Tu.

He added that the Vietnamese negotiation team, has recently told the National Assembly that the earliest timeline for Vietnam to compete all procedures to access the WTO is May or July 2006 instead of December this year, local newspaper Saigon Times Daily reported on Friday.

 Talks with the United States, one of the important partners, have been stalled, making it improbable to realize its entry bid, he added, saying that the 4th negotiation round with the foreign country, scheduled for July, did not happen, and the two sides have yet to reconvene the negotiating date.

In an interview with the central television last week, Trade Minister Truong Dinh Tuyen said the United States “obviously had problem” in pushing its negotiation with Vietnam. However, the US Ambassador to Vietnam, Michael Marine, still confirmed that the United States wants Vietnam to become a WTO member as soon as possible, and the two sides have been working hard to resolve remaining issues.

“Unlike Vietnam’s other major trading partners, we discuss multilateral and bilateral issues simultaneously during negotiations, so our bilateral talks take longer than those of other countries,” he said.

Some key issues, including WTO access in the finance, telecommunications and distribution sectors, remain unsolved, he said, noting: “We will be unable to reach an agreement until those differences are resolved.”

To date, Vietnam has concluded WTO bilateral negotiations with 20 partners, including the European Union, China, Japan, South Korea and Switzerland, the report said.

Key injectable malaria drug in short supply

LONDON, 27 Aug—The world urgently needs a quality-assured supply of injectable artemesate, a drug that tests have shown is significantly better than quinine in treating severe malaria, medical experts said on Friday.

Injectable artesunate, a drug that tests have shown is significantly better than quinine, has been worrying decline in medical entries,” said Ellie Whittaker, a senior research officer at the University of Oxford.

While the death rate in both groups remains high, Whittaker said injectable artesunate acted faster to clear parasites, and was safer and simpler to use than intravenous quinine.

It was also more effective than chloroquine, another artemisinin derivative.

Most people who contract malaria get an uncomplicated form of the disease in which the death rate is only around one in 1,000. For them, the standard treatment is tablets, with doctors increasingly using artemisinin-based combination therapies such as Novartis’ AgCoartem.

BR students achieve record results in GCSE exam
despite criticism

LONDON, 27 Aug—British pupils achieved record results in their GCSE exams this year, but employers and critics said standards in school were still sliding leaving students lacking basic skills.

Results showed a 0.2 per cent increase in the number of pupils achieving overall passes to 97.8 per cent, while there was a 1-per-cent rise in the proportion of top A* or A grades (18.4 per cent), and a 2-per-cent rise in grades A* to C (61.2 per cent).

But while the 594,650 students who took GCSE this year far bettered with an increase in entries for science subjects, exam chiefs said there had been worrying decline in entries for languages such as French, German and Spanish.

“The strong performance at grades A* to C is to be welcomed overall but the improvement in part reflects the decline in modern foreign language entries,” said Ellie Johnson Searle, director of the Qualifications and Curriculum Council for Qualifications.

“Less able candidates are increasingly less likely to take these subjects.”— MNA/Reuters

Uzbekis step up pressure on US to withdraw troops from border

TASHKENT, 27 Aug—Uzbekistan on Friday put further pressure on the United States to withdraw troops from an air base near the US military installation, as parliamentarians demanded that the American military go home.

The Central Asian state’s government told the United States in July to remove personnel, troops and equipment from the Khanshan airbase within six months, following US criticism of a bloody government crackdown in an eastern town.

Friday’s unanimous vote by the Uzbek senate, Parliament’s Upper House, comes a day before and other former Soviet states hold a summit in Kazan, Russia.

“Wherever American bases crop up, so does a fundamentalist mood and so do enemies of America, and we don’t want to be caught between the two,” Nurdin Zamlayev, the governor of Kashkadar Region where the base is located, told Parliament.

Buildings to be bulldozed in Mexican border town

LAS CRUCES (New Mexico), 27 Aug—A Mexican governor agreed on Friday to demolish abandoned buildings in a border village New Mexico Governor Bill Richardson wanted razed because it is said to be a centre for drug-smuggling.

The compromise was reached at a meeting of Richardson and Chihuahuahua state Governor Jose Reyes Bazza after Richardson’s 12 August declaration of a state of emergency along the New-Mexico-Mexico border due to what he described as an increase in crime and illegal immigration.

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Questions raised by local and foreign mediamen and clarification made by officials concerned at press conference (6/2005) of Information Committee of the State Peace and Development Council

YANGON, 28 Aug — Information Committee of the State Peace and Development Council held a press conference No (6/2005) at the meeting hall of the ministry on Theinbyu Road here this morning.

Present on the occasion were officials concerned of Myanmar Writers and Journalists, media persons, U Sein Win of Kyodo News Agency, Patron of Myanmar Correspondents Club U Hla Htay, Chairman U Sao Kai Hpa and reporters and editorial staff of local magazines and journals.

Foreign correspondepts raised questions in connection with clarification made by Chairman of Information Committee of the State Peace and Development Council Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan and Minister for Home Affairs Maung Maung Oo and Director General Brig-Gen Khin Yi of Myanmar Police Force and the following are the questions and answers.

U Hla Htay of Antara News Agency said that timely announcement of news about Senior General Than Shwe was better for the people. However, he said, the price of a egg went up from K 50 to K 75. Consumer goods had gone up about 50 per cent because of rumours. Likewise prices of gold and US dollar leapt. It ever, he said, the price of goods and foreign exchange rate. Home Minister Maj-Maung Oo re-plied that there were four cases as to fake 1000 notes. The first case occurred in Singaing. Bhandanta Eindasara (a) Naing Win of Shwe Wawin monastery visited U Myint Lwin of Thapyaykon village of Singaing and showed him two small-sized fake K 1000 banknotes and changed one note with about K 400 or K 500. When exposing this case, fake 503 notes of K 1000 were seized 8 July, 2005. 834 out of fake 924 notes of K 1000 were seized for the first time. The second case was in Yangon. A number of fake 260 notes of K 1000 were seized from Aung Zaw Tun (alias) Esa, 28, who was putting up Northern Star guest house, West Ward of Thakaya Township on 24 July, 2005. The third case was that fake 5 notes of K 1000 were seized from Ma Thandar living in Zeyathika Street, Zekon Village in Shwepyitha Township on 29 July, 2005. Inquiries were made, she got these from Min Thwe (a) Aung Kyaw Oo (a) Rahman. Raman was seized on 6 August, 2005. Another fake 25 notes of K 1000 together with computer, printer and its 20 accessories were again seized. The final case started in Myawady. A number of big-sized 4720 fake notes of K 1000 were seized from three Thai nationals with three hand phones, one 100 baht note and document. This was to hatch a plot for the State and its people economically.

Information Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan replied that he would like to add on the counterfeit note and high price of consumer goods. He said the Government managed to expose the cases. So, there was nothing to worry about the notes. Arrests and seizures have all been made. National traders should not raise price of goods though BBC announced false information on Myanmar. Aung Shwe Oo said the case should not be like this and the person should be a witness but arrested. Aung Shwe Oo was arrested. In the above-mentioned case, a certain person was supposed to be a witness but arrested. Aung Shwe Oo was arrested. In the above-mentioned case, a certain person was supposed to be a witness but arrested. Aung Shwe Oo was...
Inspired Bonano frustrates Barca in opening game

MADRID, 28 Aug — Barcelona failed to get their title defence off to a winning start when they were held to a 0-0 draw at promoted Alaves, thanks to an inspired performance by their former goalkeeper Roberto Bonano on Saturday.

The Argentine, re-leased by Barcelona two years ago, stopped every-thing his old teammates could throw at him, pro-ducing a succession of top-class saves to earn the Basque side an important point on their return to the Primera Liga.

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Ballack inspires Bayern to another win

MUNICH, 28 Aug — Bayern Munich maintained their perfect start to the season and moved two points clear at the top of the Bundesliga after Michael Ballack inspired the champions to a third successive victory when they thrashed Hertha Berlin 3-0 on Saturday.

A new-look Valencia netted their first goal of the season and 19 minutes from the end, were beaten 3-2 at promoted Alaves, thanks to an inspired performance by their former goalkeeper Roberto Bonano on Saturday.

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Answers to yesterday’s Crossword Puzzle

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Chelsea beat Spurs 2-0 as normal service resumes

LONDON, 28 Aug — Normal service was resumed as Tottenham Hotspur’s bright start to the Premier League season ended with a predictable 2-0 home defeat by Chelsea on Saturday.

Spanish defender Asier del Horno headed the opener after 39 minutes following a red card for Tottenham striker Mido and Irish winger Damien Duff set it for the champions 19 minutes from the end. Chelsea’s fourth win in a row stretched their unbeaten league run against their London rivals to 31 games.

Wigan Athletic secured their first-ever top-flight goal and points with a 1-0 home win over Sunderland, who have lost all four Premier League matches this season and 19 in a row, including 15 at the end of the 2003-04 season.

The goal for the promoted club came in the second minute via a Jason Roberts penalty.

Czech striker Milan Baros marked his Aston Villa debut with the goal in a 1-0 home win over Blackburn Rovers, Man-chester City came from behind to beat Portsmouth 2-1. Bolton Wanderers won by the same score at West Ham United and Fulham defeated Everton 1-0. Manchester United visit Newcastle United on Sunday, when Middles-borough host Charlton Athletic. Neither Arsenal or Liverpool are in league action this weekend.

Tottenham, as so often before, went into Saturday’s game with high hopes after starting the campaign with two wins and a draw but the weight of history, the class of Chelsea and the opinion of the referee combined to bring them down to earth.

Spurs had gone 30 league games against Chelsea without a win and had not beaten them since 1987.

Neither team had con-ceded a goal this season but things turned Chelsea’s way after 26 minutes when Egyptian striker Mido was shown a straight red card for elbowing del Horno. Mido claimed inno-cence and his anger was doubled six minutes later when the Spanish defender headed home Frank Lampard’s corner.

Spurs made a brave ef-fort to pull it back with some constructive attack-ing but their hopes ended when substitute Shaun Wright-Phillips crossed for Duff, whose mis-hit shot wrong-footed England goalkeeper Paul Robinson.

“We were very, very strong,” Chelsea coach José Mourinho told Sky Sports. “We didn’t make mistakes and scored a great goal from a set piece. People say it’s easy against 10 but they are a good side and they gave us a difficult game.

‘Sometimes against 10 you don’t play well but my team were very mature tacti-cally and psychologi-cally.’” — MNA/Reuters

World record for Bekele in Brussels

BRUSSELS, 27 Aug — World and Olympic champion Kenenisa Bekele smashed his world 10,000 metres record with a time of 26 minutes 17.53 seconds to the delight of the capacity crowd at the Brussels Golden League meeting on Friday.

Pole vaulter Yelena Isinbayeva was unable to add to her remarkable tally of world records though, failing at 5.02 metres.

The Russian has set nine records this year, the last, 5.01, at the world championships in Helsinki earlier this month.

Isinbayeva won the competition at the King Baudouin Stadium with a vault of 4.93.

Ethiopia’s Bekele had attempted to better his own world record of 26:20.31 set in Hengelo in May but gusting winds put paid to the effort.

This time, conditions were cool and still and with his younger brother Tariku acting as pace-maker, Bekele went through the halfway stage in five seconds inside record pace. Roared on by the crowd and running in rhythm to the pounding of African drums, Bekele then broke clear in an ex-traordinary display of solo running.

France’s Hassan El Lahtissi was second in a European record of 26:39.77. Kenyan teen-ager Sam Wanjiru was third in a world junior record of 26:51.87.

World champion Saafe Shaheen narrowly failed to beat his world record when he raced away to a comprehensive victory in the 3,000 metres steeplechase.

Qatari national Shaheen clocked seven minutes 55.51 seconds for the fastest time in the world this year and the fastest time in history.

The 22-year-old, who is unbeaten in the event for three years, was just outside his record of 7:53.63 set at the same meeting in 2004. Second-placed Simon Vroom of the Netherlands was more than nine seconds behind Shaheen in a European record of 8:04.95.

Olympic champion Meseret Defaf of Ethiopia comfortably won the 5,000 metres in 14:28.98, the third fastest time in history and an African record, as the distance record was produced by the performances.

Ballack inspires Bayern to another win

FRANKFURT, 28 Aug— Bayern Munich maintained their perfect start to the season and moved two points clear at the top of the Bundesliga after Michael Ballack inspired a 3-0 home win over Hertha Berlin on Saturday.

Ballack broke the deadlock early in the sec-ond half with a deflected free kick and the Germany captain set up Mehmet Scholl for the second five minutes from the break.

Roy Makaay sealed a third successive victory for the champions when he waltzed through the defence and scored the sixth goal of the season a couple of minutes later. The Bundesliga table already has a familiar look about it, with no one cap able of matching Bayern’s 100-per-cent record with three games played. Cologne, knocked out of the Cup last week end, were beaten 3-2 at home by Kaiserslautern, while the other three teams with maximum points from two games were held to 1-1 draws. Hamburg’s Tarkowski, lost last se-ason’s runners-up, fell be hind at home to Borussia Moenchengladbach but picked up a point when Ebbie Sand nodded pastKasey Keller nine min utes into the second half.

Werder Bremen started well against VfB Stuttgart and took the lead through Ivan Klasnic before Jon Dahl Tomasson’s first Bundesliga goal gave the visitors a deserved point.

Bundesliga points leader was left behind to Hanover 96 but a Mehdi Mahdavikia goal in the 22nd minute put them back level.

Bayern might have taken the lead in the fifth minute against Hertha but Makaay, picked up by perfect Ballack cross, had a header well saved by Gerhard Tremmel.

The Honda 125cc rider Thomas Luthi of Switzerland cuts a curve during the first qualifying session for the Czech Grand Prix at the Masaryk’s circuit in Brno, Czech Republic on 26 August, 2005. Luthi clocked the fastest fifth time in today's classification for 125cc category.—INTERNET
Questions raised by local and foreign mediamen…

(from page 13) The occurrences of May-7 bomb explosions was under the arrangements of NCGUB, FTUB, and NDD. The connections between these 10 terrorists and Vigorous group were under investigation. If there are any denials of the government’s accusations against the bomb blasts and acts to cause public demonstrations, the government will present firm evidences of the official confessions of the 10 terrorists arrested. Some monasteries involved in the perpetration of May-7 bomb blasts have been arrested. And there are also some sources of the government. So, there have been strong evidences that can confirm the clarifications.

Minister Maj-Gen Maung Oo in response to the second question said that the termination of the bank was because of its violation of banking rule and action taken against it under anti-money laundering law. The government has nothing to do with other private banks. He said he was sure to say so because he was the chairman of the central body formed by the State to deal with cases on money laundering.

Other private banks are being run within the frame of banking rules and regulations. Nwe Nwe Aye of the Myanmar Times asked if the property and money of MUB were confiscated and if the ministries concerned would be moved to Pyinmana in October next year or not.

Home Affairs Minister said that concerning money deposited in MUB accounts, 3 million is being issued one time and there is no limitation on withdrawing money deposited in private banks but inspection is being made.

Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan said that the government did so in order not to lose the money owned by the public. All need to be careful on this. There is no official instruction to us on the matter of moving ministries to Pyinmana.

U Myat Soe of Lewayupa News Journal said that the two ministers’ clarifications had made him clear of K-1000 banknotes. There should be a comparison of differences between authentic and counterfeit one of the K-1000 banknotes. Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan replied that the counterfeit banknotes and the places at which they were made and seized were displayed on boards to enable the public to view them.

Daw Hsint Hsint Aung of Nippon Television said that it is a great pleasure to nearly know the news on health of the Head of State and she would like to know where he is at home or abroad. Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan said that the Head of State who serves the duties of the State round the clock, is at the defence office with very good health. Thanks for your concern about the health of the Head of State. However, the people should realize the nature of foreign media that never state the truth. Therefore, I would like to stress the need for those from the media world to be conscious of the ulterior motives of the foreign media.

YANGON, 28 Aug — The AFF U-17 Youth Championship 2005 continued in Bangkok at 4 pm local time today.

Myanmar selected youth team beat Indonesian youth team 6-1 in the first half. Zaw Naing Tun scored the first goal. Zaw Naing Tun shot the sixth goal for Myanmar at 34th minute of second half and Myanmar youth team beat Indonesian youth team 6-1.

In the same group, host Thai youth team beat Indonesia 3-2 on 26 Aug and Myanmar and Thailand won three scores each. At 6 pm local time on 30 August, Myanmar youth team will play against Thai youth team. Both teams will reach the semi-final as first and second of the group (A).

Monday, 29 August

Tune in today:

4:30 pm News/Music: A new release of Myanmar’s famous and popular music (Kaba-Aye) was 6 mph from southwest at (17:30) hours at central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was 6 mph from southwest at (17:30) hours.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 29-8-2005: Rain or thundershowers will be isolated in Chir, Kayah and Mon States.


degree of certainty is 80%.

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

Outlook for subsequent two days: Weak monsoon.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 29 Aug 2005: Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 29 Aug 2005: One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Flood Bulletin

(issued at (12:30) hrs MST of 28-8-2005) According to the (06:30) hrs MST observation today, the water level of Chindwin River at Ma waik and Kalewa are (1163) cm and (1394) cm respectively. The water levels may reach their respective danger levels of Mawlaik (1230) cm and Kalewa (1550) cm during the next (48) hrs and (72) hrs commencing noon today.

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YANGON, 28 Aug.—The following is the clarification made by Minister for Home Affairs Maj-Gen Maung Oo at the Press Conference No 6/2005.

The director-general of Myanmar Police Force had already explained the schemes and destructive acts of Secretary of Federation of Trade Union of Burma (FTUB) fugitive Maung Maung (a) Pyithit Nyunt Wai who used in-charge of Network for Democracy and Development (NDD) Thein Win as a middle man in committing the atrocities.

I would like to explain the schemes and destructive acts of the said prime minister of NCGUB fugitive Sein Win and General Secretary of NCUB, FTUB Maung Maung (a) Pyithit Nyunt Wai and other terrorist groups such as ABSDF and VBSW.

The NCUB and NCGUB issued a joint policy declaration on 30-11-2003. In the declaration, it was revealed that the NCUB and NCGUB will jointly engage in shaping the future politics and destiny of Myanmar. Hence, it is obvious that the activities of Secretary of FTUB and NCUB Maung Maung (a) Pyithit Nyunt Wai and the attitudes and stands of fugitive Sein Win of NCGUB are the same. They are birds of a feather.

Maung Maung (a) Pyithit Nyunt Wai abandoned the country as a fugitive on 3-11-1988 and took refuge in Tin Maung Win of Committee for Restoration of Democracy in Burma (CRDB) and Maung Aung, son of U Nu. And then he joined the parallel government of NCGUB as a member in the hope of obtaining a position under the control of Sein Win. As NCGUB alone could not effectively carry out the anti-government activities, Maung Maung (a) Pyithit Nyunt Wai separately formed FTUB at the advice of fugitive Sein Win and attempted to acquire the cash assistance from the international community. (See page 10)

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The Government of the Union of Myanmar
Ministry of Home Affairs
Notification No (2/2005)
Yangon, 9th Waning of Wagaung 1367 ME
(28 August 2005)
Declaration of unlawful association

1. The Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council believes that the aims and acts of National Coalition Government of the Union of Burma (NCGUB), its members and other related groups and individuals endanger the law enforcement of the Union of Myanmar, stability of the State and peace and tranquillity of the entire people.

2. Hence, the Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council, acting under Section 16 of the Unlawful Associations Act, hereby declares the above-mentioned group and other related groups unlawful association as per interpretation of Section 15 (2) of the Unlawful Associations Act.

By order,
Maj-Gen Maung Oo
Minister
Ministry of Home Affairs

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The Government of the Union of Myanmar
Ministry of Home Affairs
Notification No (3/2005)
Yangon, 9th Waning of Wagaung 1367 ME
(28 August 2005)
Declaration of unlawful association

1. The Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council believes that the aims and acts of Federation of Trade Unions of Burma (FTUB), its members and other related groups and individuals endanger the law enforcement of the Union of Myanmar, stability of the State and peace and tranquillity of the entire people.

2. Hence, the Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council, acting under Section 16 of the Unlawful Associations Act, hereby declares the above-mentioned group and other related groups unlawful association as per interpretation of Section 15 (2) of the Unlawful Associations Act.

By order,
Maj-Gen Maung Oo
Minister
Ministry of Home Affairs

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The Government of the Union of Myanmar
Ministry of Home Affairs
Notification No (4/2005)
Yangon, 9th Waning of Wagaung 1367 ME
(28 August 2005)
Declaration of unlawful association

1. The Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council believes that the aims and acts of All Burma Students Democratic Front (ABSDF), its members and other related groups and individuals endanger the law enforcement of the Union of Myanmar, stability of the State and peace and tranquillity of the entire people.

2. Hence, the Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council, acting under Section 16 of the Unlawful Associations Act, hereby declares the above-mentioned group and other related groups unlawful association as per interpretation of Section 15 (2) of the Unlawful Associations Act.

By order,
Maj-Gen Maung Oo
Minister
Ministry of Home Affairs

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The Government of the Union of Myanmar
Ministry of Home Affairs
Notification No (5/2005)
Yangon, 9th Waning of Wagaung 1367 ME
(28 August 2005)
Declaration of unlawful association

1. The Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council believes that the aims and acts of Shan State Army (South) (SSA-S) (Ywet Sit’s group), its members and other related groups and individuals endanger the law enforcement of the Unions of Myanmar, stability of the State and peace and tranquillity of the entire people.

2. Hence, the Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council, acting under Section 16 of the Unlawful Associations Act, hereby declares the above-mentioned group and other related groups unlawful association as per interpretation of Section 15 (2) of the Unlawful Associations Act.

By order,
Maj-Gen Maung Oo
Minister
Ministry of Home Affairs