Lt-Gen Ye Myint inspects physic nut, teak and rubber plantations in Myitkyina

At Aungmye Rubber Farm, 637 acres of land has been put under 22,000 rubber plants. Latex yield stands at 800 pounds per acre. Arrangements are being made to grow rubber saplings on the remaining acres of land.

Lt-Gen Ye Myint gave necessary instructions and viewed rubber seeds and sample crumbs. He urged rubber growers to cultivate quality strain of rubber plants.

Lt-Gen Ye Myint viewed nurturing of 400,000 teak saplings and cultivation of teak and iron trees. A total of 252,000 teak plants have been grown on 420-acre land out of 1,500 acres allotted land and 18,000 iron trees on 30 acres. A total of 500 acres of land will be extended in 2007 and 400,000 teak saplings are being cultivated.

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Emergence of the State Constitution is the duty of all citizens of Myanmar Naing-Ngan.
Extended cultivation of high-yield crops

The government has been building dams and reservoirs, sluice gates, diversion weirs and canals based on the requirements of the regions in accord with the geographical conditions. By doing so, cultivation acreage has increased nationwide.

As a result of the construction of dams and sluice gates there are over seven million irrigated acres now.

The Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation is rendering assistance to farmers for boosting cultivation acreage and per acre yield of crops. Research on crop quality and quality strains with high yield potential is being conducted for cultivation.

Per acre yield has been on the increase as new strains of paddy discovered through agricultural research and other strains of paddy are utilized in states and divisions in conformity with climate and soil conditions of the regions. In 1988-89, per acre yield was only 56 baskets of paddy and now it increases up to over 100 baskets.

Farmers grow high-yield paddy including Hsinthwelat that yields over 100 baskets. Sixty-one per cent of 15 million monsoon paddy acreage are put under high-yield strains.

Paddy production in the country in 2005-2006 is over 1,200 million baskets of paddy due to the use of quality strains and modern cultivation methods.

The government is undertaking the tasks for earning more income of farmers and fulfilling agricultural requirements. It is believed that cultivation of high yield paddy can boost paddy production and uplift farmers’ socio-economic life.

To mark birthday of son Maung Wam Ko Ko, U Ahwam-Daw Khin Than and family of West Ward 1 in Kamayut Township recently donated K 100,000 to the funds of Hninzigon MBF U Maung Maung Myint, executives and family members.

The best time to plant a tree was 20 years ago.
The second best time is now.
ASEAN, Australia, NZ FTA could be ready in 2007


KUALA LUMPUR, 26 Aug — The comprehensive Free Trade Agreement (FTA) between ASEAN and Australia and New Zealand could be available in the year 2007, senior official said on Friday.

Economic ministers of all the 10 member countries of the Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN) and Australia and New Zealand collectively suggested the timetable after concluding their 11th consultations here. “Ministers recognised that with the right level of ambition and commitment to concluding the negotiations as a single undertaking, a comprehensive FTA could be done in 2007,” said a joint statement issued after the meeting in Malaysia’s capital of Kuala Lumpur.

ASEAN, Australia and New Zealand negotiations have “transcended the confidence-building stage and are now in the substantive critical phrase with discussions focused on the draft texts of the various chapters of the agreement, including economic cooperation provisions, and modalities for market access negotiations”, said the statement.

Meanwhile, ministers also acknowledged that “there could be some difficulties encountered in the negotiations given the diverse economic circumstances and broad range of interests of the participating countries”.

To address the challenges, ministers urged the Trade Negotiating Committee to find creative solutions to close the gap on difficult issues and called on participating countries to exercise greater flexibility in resolving difficult issues. — MNA/Xinhua

LONDON, 26 Aug — Chad has ordered two major foreign oil firms to leave the country on Sunday after a row over taxes.

President Idriss Deby gave the order to US firm ChevronTexaco and Malaysia’s Petronas after deciding on Saturday.

“Chad has decided that as of tomorrow ChevronTexaco and Petronas must leave Chad because they have refused to pay their taxes,” Mr Deby said. There was no immediate comment from the two firms, which are responsible for handling 60% of Chad’s production.

The decision leaves only Exxon Mobil remaining in the consortium which handles the country’s oil production. President Deby said his government would take control of the remaining reserves.

Chadian President Idriss Deby says the firms must go on Sunday. — Internet

A BBC correspondent in the capital, N’djamena, said the surprise decision sent shock waves around the oil industry.

Rows surrounding Chad’s oil revenues have been simmering for months. Earlier this year, Chad threatened to stop oil production if it did not immediately receive several months’ worth of oil revenues from the US-led consortium.

And last December the government fell out with the World Bank, after it changed a law which controlled how oil revenues were spent.

The bank, which financially backs the oil project, repeatedly asked Chad not to change the law but it went ahead anyway.

In response, the bank froze all payments of oil revenues to the government. — Internet

Arsons cause minor damages in Greece

ATHENS, 26 Aug — Two incidents of arsons in Athens, Greece, early Friday caused only minor damages without any injury, police here said.

Police said that unidentified persons threw homemade firebombs at the offices of a fan club of the AEK Athens soccer team and at a McDonald’s fast-food restaurant, causing minor material damage in both instances.

According to eyewitnesses, a group of about 10 youths on mopeds vandalized the AEK fan club office at 2:00 am, throwing stones and Molotov cocktails, which caused a fire resulting in minor material damage.

MNA/Xinhua

Bodies seen floating in Bay of Bengal

DHAKA, 26 Aug — Many bodies, believed to be of fishermen’s, were seen floating in the Bay of Bengal near Bangladesh’s southwestern Sundarbans coast, a private television channel reported on Thursday.

A private television channel Ntv in its evening bulletin said local people reported to Fishing Boat Owners Association President Golam Mostafa that they saw at least 10 bodies are floating in the Bay of Bengal.

The television said the number of bodies might be higher.

Ntv quoted Mostafa as saying that eight fishing boats went to fishing in the deep sea four days ago, but they did not return. — MNA/Xinhua

United Nations, 27 Aug — A United Nations General Assembly Committee Friday agreed on the draft text of a treaty to protect the rights of the world’s 650 million disabled people.

The committee including all 192 UN member nations has been working for the past five years on the text of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities designed to promote and protect the rights of disabled people.

“You are sending an absolutely wonderful message to the world. You’re sending the message that we want to have a life and dignity for all and that all human beings are equal.” General Assembly President Jan Eliasson said after the draft was adopted with consensus.

The text will be presented to the UN General Assembly, which opens its 61st session in September, for approval before being opened for signature and ratification.

Countries that join in the convention would be required to adopt laws and policies prohibiting discrimination on the basis of any form of disability and to abolish laws and regulations that constitute discrimination.

MNA/Xinhua

Anti-terror special force climb a cliff to assault “terrorists” in Yining, northwest China’s Xinjiang Uyghur Autonomous Region, on 26 Aug, 2006. — Xinhua

UNGA agrees on draft convention on rights of disabled
Two more suspects arrested in German bomb probe

BERLIN, 26 Aug — Authorities in Germany and Lebanon on Friday detained two more suspects in connection with a plot to detonate suitcase bombs on German trains last month.

Germany’s Federal Prosecutors Office said police in the southern state of Baden-Wuerttemberg had “taken into temporary custody” a new suspect and that they had searched a room in a student dormitory in the city of Konstanz.

“The federal prosecutors’ investigation in connection with the failed bomb attacks on regional trains in Dortmund and Koblenz focused today on another known person due to suspicion of membership in a terrorist organization,” the Prosecutors’ Office said in a statement.

Lebanese authorities have also arrested a new suspect they believe may have been involved in the plot, a senior Lebanese judicial source said in Beirut.

The Lebanese source said the 24-year-old Lebanese man, with the initials KHD, was arrested based on information provided by Jihad Hamad, a 20-year-old suspect who had turned himself in to Lebanese authorities on Thursday.

The detentions bring to four the number of suspects in custody, with two in Germany and two in Lebanon. No formal charges have been filed yet against any of the four.

Thousands search for India’s tigers

NEW DELHI, 26 Aug — Tens of thousands of forest workers are fanning out across India’s jungles and national parks to count the country’s endangered tigers, officials said on Friday.

The exercise involves 88,000 forest workers who have been given designated areas in various wildlife sanctuaries.

India has half the world’s surviving tigers, but conservationists say the country is losing the battle to save the big cats. There were about 4,000 tigers in India a century ago, but decades of poaching have cut their number to 3,700.

Concerns have again risen after a sharp decline in the number of the tiger population was reported—with one national park near New Delhi saying last year it had no tigers left.

Earlier tiger counts had been done solely by spotting their pugmarks but conservationists said that method was faulty, mainly due to varying soil and weather conditions. The new method involves actual sightings of the animal apart from spotting and capturing on camera their pugmarks and faeces. DNA sampling will also be used.

“The (new) methodology is a basket of all published techniques put together for application,” said YV Jhala of the Wildlife Institute of India.

Conservationists have in the past expressed reservations over the accuracy of government figures on tiger populations.

US Army Reserve officer pleads guilty in Iraq case

WASHINGTON, 26 Aug — A US Army Reserve officer pleaded guilty on Friday to improperly steering millions of dollars in Iraq reconstruction contracts as part of a conspiracy involving kickbacks, smuggling and sexual favours.

Lieutenant-Colonel Bruce Hopfengardner, 46, of Frederick, Virginia, was the first military officer to admit taking part in the scheme to defraud the US-led occupation authority.

He pleaded guilty to conspiring to commit wire fraud and money laundering in US District Court for the District of Columbia, the Justice Department said in a statement.

Hopfengardner, who had been a police chief in California, served as an adviser to the Coalition Provisional Authority.

His duties included recommending spending for law enforcement projects related to rebuilding Iraq, including a police academy in the south-central city of Al-Hilla, the government said in court papers.

Prosecutors said he and others plotted to steer millions of dollars to Philip Bloom, a US citizen with businesses in Romania and postwar Iraq. In exchange, they received money, plane tickets, jewellery, alcohol, cigars and sexual favours from women provided by Bloom at his villa in Baghdad and at least one other place, the government said.

Robert Stein, a former US Defence Department contract employee, pleaded guilty on 5 February to related charges. He controlled the spending of about 82 million US dollars in CPA funds reserved for reconstruction projects in south-central Iraq.

Iran opens nuclear facility saying no threat to Israel

TEHRAN, 26 Aug — President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad insisted that Iran is no threat to Israel as he inaugurated a heavy water production plant just five days before a UN Security Council deadline to suspend sensitive nuclear fuel cycle work.

Israel reacted bluntly, saying it was “not fooled” by Ahmadinejad’s assurances and recalling how the hardline leader has called for the destruction of the Jewish state.

Opening the controversial facility, which the West believes may be used to acquire an atomic weapon, Ahmadinejad repeated Iran’s desire for peaceful nuclear energy, saying his country posed no threat to arch-foe Israel.

“The message of the Iranian nation is peace, calm and co-habitation with all nations based on justice—We are no threat to any nation, even the Zionist regime,” he said.

“They must accept the reality of a strong Iran, developed and a supporter of peace,” he said as he opened the Arak plant, which will supply heavy water to be used as coolant for a 40 MW research reactor due to be used.

In a statement, MNA/Reuters

Two blasts in Pakistani city; five wounded

QUETTA (Pakistan), 26 Aug — Two bombs exploded in the Pakistani city of Quetta on Thursday slightly wounding five people and suspicion immediately fell on nationalist rebels seeking a greater share of the benefits of gas resources.

Bombs were placed under cars near a government media building in the capital of the southwestern province of Baluchistan, where rebels have been waging a low-key insurgency for decades.

The explosions went off about 10 minutes apart, police said.

“We’ve got some clues. Some people saw them planting explosives under vehicles,” deputy provincial police chief Salman Saeed said. Reuters

“According to the witness descriptions, they were Baluch. The BLA could be behind this,” he said, referring to the Baluch Liberation Army which is fighting for autonomy for the region.

MNA/Reuters

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Bolivia vows to continue nationalization of energy as planned

BRASILIA, 26 Aug— Bolivia would continue to carry out its plan to nationalize oil and natural gas by November despite great difficulties, and step up talks with Brazil’s Petrobras over disputed issues, the Bolivian Vice-President said on Thursday.

“Nationalization will not take a single step backward,” Garcia Linera said here after talks with Brazilian President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva. Garcia Linera, who is on a visit to Brazil, insisted that the nationalization process, started on 1 May, would conclude as planned on 1 November. “Six months are enough to reach good accords,” he said.

He also pledged to strengthen negotiations with Brazil’s Petrobras, the largest foreign oil company to have invested in Bolivia, to resolve a dispute over the increase of the price of natural gas that Bolivia supplies to Brazil, as well as other conditions imposed by Bolivia. Petrobras imports 25 million cubic metres of gas a day from Bolivia, accounting for about half of Brazil’s consumption.

Garcia Linera noted Petrobras remained “a strategic partner”.

Cyprus opens unclaimed container filled with antiques

NICOSIA, 26 Aug — Cyprus Customs officials are investigating the origins and destination of an unclaimed shipping container filled with antiques and paintings.

Chief Customs and Excise Officer Chrysostomos Hadjichristodoulou told reporters on Friday the 40-foot container was opened after it had remained unclaimed at Limassol Port for 45 days.

It was filled with antique furniture and paintings, and many of the boxes displayed labels from Sotheby’s and Christie’s auction houses.

Hadjichristodoulou said the container had arrived from Syria. Police believe the receiver of the container is likely of Arabic origin.

POLICE PROBE SECURITY ALERT ON AER LINGUS FLIGHT

DUBLIN, 26 Aug — Irish police questioned 239 passengers travelling on an Aer Lingus flight from New York to Shannon Airport in southwest Ireland on Friday after a bomb scare sparked a security alert.

Officials said the Airbus A-330 aircraft made a normal landing at Shannon Airport at 7.45 am after police received a call about the flight that referred to “some potential explosives”.

A spokeswoman for Irish state airline Aer Lingus said that all the passengers on board were taken off the plane and interviewed by police in the terminal building.

“There was a security alert on board one of our flights from New York to Shannon after gardai (Irish police) received a call at around 4 am,” the spokeswoman said.

Eugene Pratt, a spokesman for Shannon Airport told BBC television the phone call that triggered the alert was made to a police station in Dublin.

“It was simply a phone call referring to that flight by number and referring to some potential explosives,” he said. — MNA/Reuters

A supermarket employee pushes shopping carts in Wuhan, central China’s Hubei Province, on 25 Aug, 2006. —INTERNET

CHINA TO PRODUCE TURBINE BLADE FOR WORLD’S LEADING CIVIL AIRCRAFT

GUIYANG, 26 Aug — China will manufacture turbine blades for top civil aircraft in a joint venture with a top French company.

Snecma, the biggest subsidiary of France-based Safran Group, a Fortune 500 company, signed an investment contract with Guizhou-based Xinyi Machinery Factory under China Aviation Industry Corporation (CAIC) on Friday to form a turbine blade joint venture.

The first phase of the project involves an investment of 15 million US dollars which will be used to build a blade production line for CFM56 engines, the most widely used aero engine in the world.

“The joint venture represents a high-level cooperation between the two companies,” said Yang Rui, deputy director of the Engine Sector of CAIC.

Yang believed that the new venture will bring advanced knowledge in technology, business and management.

“We have enjoyed good cooperation with Xinyi in the past ten years and we see the cooperation in a long-term way,” said Marc Ventre, CEO of Snecma.

A fire raged through a 19th Century cathedral on 26 Aug, 2006.—XINHUA

Fire destroys St Petersburg Cathedral domes

ST PETERSBURG, 26 Aug — A fire gutted a 19th Century cathedral in the heart of Russia’s second city on Friday, destroying its famous azure domes which attract thousands of tourists every year.

As flames leapt from the main dome of the Troitsky (Trinity) Cathedral — one of the largest wooden domes in Europe — passers-by helped to rescue priceless artefacts from its renowned art and religious icon collection.

“The fire services don’t have long enough ladders to reach the top of the dome. They have been aiming their water guns at the middle section,” Reuters photographer Alexander Demianchok said by telephone from outside the cathedral.

The cathedral had been covered by wooden scaffolding during re-construction work when the fire started.

“The main dome has been destroyed but we could not stop the fire because it was so high and now other domes are in flames,” a spokesman for Russia’s Emergencies Ministry told Interfax news agency. Emergency services said there had been no casualties.

The Troitsky Cathedral, built overlooking one of central St Petersburg’s canals, is big enough to hold 3,000 worshippers and also housed the military uniforms of Russian 19th Century tsars. — MNA/Reuters
Oil jumps $1 on US Gulf storm threat

LONDON, 26 Aug—Oil leapt 1 US dollar on Friday as a storm brewing in the Caribbean threatens to sweep through the US Gulf next week and menace oil supplies yet to recover from last year’s hurricanes.

Support also came from Iran’s nuclear row with the West that could prompt United Nations sanctions against the world’s fourth-largest oil exporter, although Russia ruled out such punitive action for now.

US crude was up 1.13 per cent to $72.54 at 0948 GMT, after gaining 60 cents on Thursday. London Brent rose 93 cents to 73.61 US dollars.

A spinning band of squalls in the Caribbean was on the verge of becoming Tropical Storm Ernesto and was expected to head northwest towards the Gulf of Mexico by the middle of next week. A surge in demand in China, the world’s second biggest fuel burner, also underpinned oil’s rise.

Four killed in Pakistan’s building collapse

ISLAMABAD, 26 Aug.—A multi-storey building collapsed in central Pakistan Thursday, killing at least four people and scores others injured, TV channels reported.

The eight-storey building collapsed in the busiest Shah Ali Market in the city of Lahore, the capital of central Punjab Province, according to Geo TV report.

The injured victims were taken to local hospitals, few were in critical condition, the report said.

Eye witnesses said that the people buried under the rubble were construction labourers. They said that some 20 to 25 labourers were busy in work when the building collapsed.

Rescue teams were joined in the locals to pull the bodies and injured people from the rubble.

Several vehicles and motorcycles parked near the building were also damaged.

The shopkeepers in the area closed their shops after the building collapsed.

Immediately after the collapse, many people formed lines to carry away chunks of concrete and wooden scaffolding.

Emergency was declared in several hospitals to receive injured people, according to the report.

Four killed in Pakistan’s building collapse

France, Germany urge Israel to lift blockage against Lebanon

PARIS, 26 Aug—French President Jacques Chirac and visiting German Chancellor Angela Merkel Friday urged Israel to lift its sea and air blockage against Lebanon.

“The blockage is persisting and it is extremely harmful to Lebanon’s economy,” Chirac said at a joint news conference with the German Chancellor after their meeting at the French presidential palace L’Elysee.

“It is completely unjustified...We ask the Israelis to end this blockage,” he said.

The deployment of the German ship off the Lebanese coast, as part of the enlarged United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL), “could be important in moving towards a lifting of the blockage”, said Merkel.

A youth jumps during an exhibition during a recruitment rally organized by the Indian paramilitary force in Mandai Village, about 35 km (22 miles) from Agartala, capital of India’s northeastern state of Tripura, on 25 Aug, 2006.—INTERNET

Four killed in Pakistan’s building collapse

Pakistan-India train service suspended after India flooding

ISLAMABAD, 26 Aug—The cross-border train service Thar Express, linking India with southern Pakistan’s Sindh Province, has been closed due to flash flooding in India, local media quoting officials reported on Thursday.

Thar Express, the cross-border train, connects Karachi in Pakistan to Jodhpur in India. Six kilometres apart, Munabao and Khokhrapar are the two last metres apart, Munabao and Karachi in Pakistan to border train, connects for four weeks as the railway track had been washed away by flash flood in southern India’s Jodhpur and train travel was impossible, the GEO Television reported on Thursday.

The passengers arrived in Pakistan through Thar Express would now required to get permission from the authorities for alternate travel route to home, GEO said.

Pakistan-India train service suspended after India flooding

Brazil identifies bank accounts financing crime gangs

RIO DE JANEIRO, 26 Aug—Brazil’s Sao Paulo state authorities have detected a list of 400 odd bank accounts allegedly used to finance a series of organized gang crimes plaguing the state earlier this year, said local reports on Thursday.

More than 100 suspects named on the accounts and about 1,000 phone numbers linked to them, along with the bank accounts, were submitted to federal and state prosecutors, said Sao Paulo state’s public security body in a statement.

The accounts were believed to be used as a money laundering machine for the First Capital Command (PCC), an organized crime group which was behind waves of attacks on bus system, banks, court houses and police stations in Brazil’s richest state of Sao Paulo.

Authorities say whether to block the accounts and detain the suspects is yet to be determined, but they will definitely cut the flow of funds to the PCC to weaken it.

The PCC, originally formed in 1990s to press for improved prison conditions, has been engaged in crimes in and outside prisons.

The group is believed to have influence over 95 per cent of the 140,000 prison inmates in Sao Paulo state.

A Japanese kid performs the samba during the 26th annual Asakusa Samba Carnival in Tokyo on 26 Aug, 2006.—INTERNET

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The Working Committee for the Development of Border Areas and National Races held its meeting 2/2006 at Nay Pyi Taw on 27 July 2006, with an address by Chairman of the committee Prime Minister General Soe Win.

According to the speech of the Prime Minister and the clarifications about the efforts of the committee by Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Col Thein Nyunt, the committee is taking steps looking forward to national solidarity.

Recently, we pensioners met again to discuss these matters.

“Have you read the news about the meeting of the Na-Ta-La Work Committee?”

Yes, I watched that news on TV on 28 July and read it in the newspaper the following day.

“We three joined a meditation centre at that time. What was the news? Share what you have known with us, please.”

“I learnt the aims and how the committee is implementing for the development of border areas and national races and how much success it has achieved so far.”

“In this regard all I knew previously was that the Ministry for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs took responsibility for the progress of the national races. The Head of State laid down necessary policies. And the government formed the Central Committee and the Work Committee which carried on implementing the tasks. Now, I have learnt about that in further detail.”

“The committee’s efforts had been stated in the newspapers many times, but we did not notice the full context.”

“To tell you the truth, I realize much more than ordinary people how important national solidarity is for national development, what is going on at present, and what measures are required to be taken, because we servicemen discharged defence duties around border areas and among national races for many years.”

“Yes, I notice that in the time of the Tatmadaw government, the border areas and national races development project is the first of its kind the government has been putting into action for national unity.”

“That’s for sure. The Head of State experienced first-hand the real conditions of national races in border areas. So, he has paid serious attention to tasks for progress of border areas.”

“The government has taken such much-needed steps with correct views and ideas. So, 17 major national race area and groups and many small groups have returned to the legal fold.”

“It has been known to all that since peace and stability was restored in border areas, the implementa- tion of border areas and national races development projects has gained momentum.”

“Of course, it is due to the participation of the national race groups and the people.”

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“According to the Prime Minister, so far, the government has spent more than 84,750 million kyats on the tasks for the development of border areas. It has constructed 4068 miles of streets, watered roads and tarred roads stretching 5,911 miles. And it has upgraded old roads stretching 3,396 miles, and 70 large bridges, 975 medium bridges and 39 suspension bridges in border areas.”

“In order to enhance the abilities of the youth in border areas, it has opened 85 primary schools, 90 middle schools, and 92 high schools. Moreover, it has established 27 nationalities youth development schools and two degree colleges for development of national races so that the youth can have access to free education there.”

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Discussions of pensioners (19)

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Provisions donated to monasteries...

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Donations to monasteries in Kyimyindine Township totalled 172 bags of rice, 48 viss of edible oil, 484 viss of sodium salt, 3,234 bottles of traditional medicine, 96 viss of gram, 97 tubes of toothpaste and K 7,082,500.

Respects paying ceremony held at MMA (Pathein)

YANGON, 27 Aug — Myanmar Medical Association(Pathein) held its first respects paying ceremony at the association on 23 August.

Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence accepts cash donation from a wellwisher at the ceremony to donate rice and alms to fourteen monasteries and a nunnery in Hlinethaya Township. — MNA

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Next, MMA (Pathein) held discussions on publishing for raising funds.

MNA

Lt-Gen Myint Swe and congregation receive Five Precepts from a Sayadaw at the ceremony to donate rice and alms to 14 monasteries and a nunnery in Hlinethaya Township. — MNA

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Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence accepts cash donation from a wellwisher at the ceremony to donate rice and alms to four monasteries in Kyimyindine Township.— MNA

Lt-Gen Myint Swe and congregation receive Five Precepts from a Sayadaw at the ceremony to donate rice and alms to 14 monasteries and a nunnery in Hlinethaya Township. — MNA

Provisions donated to monasteries...

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Donated by Tatmadaw circles and relatives. And they persuade the international community to provide assistance for the nation only when there has been a democratic government and not to lift the sanctions till then. How narrow-minded they are! But, they are talking big that they will comply with the eradication of poppy cultivation and it plays a crucial role in the drive for national unity. So, in the concluding remarks, the Prime Minister said that ordinary people should not be complacent about present social and economic progress. And he urged regional working committees, ministries and work subcommittees to make sustained efforts in harmony in compliance with the guidance of the Head of State to expedite the progress of border areas that lag behind in development.

"That is for certain. The greater speed the border areas development project gains, the more national solidarity can be enhanced. If so, there will flourish Union Spirit, the spirit of national unity and patriotic fervour all the more."

"I am glad to learn from the speech of the Prime Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs that our country has been cooperating with international organizations such as UNDP, WFP, UNHCR and JICA in the drugs elimination plan and regional development tasks."

"The amount of those organizations' cash assistance is considerable. I learnt the exact amount of cash assistance in US dollar then."

"That is an evidence that it is convenient for Myanmar to cooperate with the international organizations that provide assistance without political motives for Myanmar."

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Tatmadaw families, well-wishers...

Next, members of the Sangha recited parittas. Afterwards, officials presented rice, edible oil, salt, gram, traditional medicines and offerings donated by departments and well-wishers to members of the Sangha. This was followed by the cash donation ceremony which included K 40,000 by the Tatmadaw families, K 100,000 by Pyinnana Township Naing (Asia World Co), K 300,000 each by Golden Flower Construction Co, U Tin Win-Daw San San Win, U Maung Maung and brothers (Great Wall Traditional Medicine) and U Chi Naing (Edin Co Group), K 200,000 each by U Bo Gyi-Daw Than Than (Shwepadetha Pyilonchantha Medical House), U Tin Aung-Daw Hla Hla Nwe (Win Yadan Travel), U Sein Maung-

Religious Affairs Minister Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung offers provisions to a Sayadaw. — MNA

Capt Myint Tun of the office of Commander-in-Chief (Navy) and Col General Staff (Air) Col Chan Maung presented rice and gram to the Sayadaws and provisions for home for the aged through officials concerned. After that, the commander, the minister, Vice-Adjutant-General Maj-Gen Hla Shwe and senior military officers presented offerings to members of the Sangha. Later, Vice-Adjutant-General Maj-Gen Hla Shwe, on behalf of families of Tatmadaw (Army, Navy and Air), thanked the minister, the vice-adjutant-general and senior military officers accepted the offerings.

Next, Col Chan Maung explained the purpose of the donations. Today’s donations are 121 bags of rice, 77.30 viss of edible oil, 271 tubes of toothpaste, 54.20 viss of gram, 1,420 boxes and packets of traditional medicine, 508 bars of soaps and K 7,076,000.

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Equalizer of Kyaw Thura, winning score...

Malaysia, coached by Norizan Bakar, scored in the 12th minute through a penalty that was awarded by Chinese referee Zhang Lei after Nor Farhan Muhammad was brought down in the Myanmar penalty box by Zaw Zaw. Indra Putra Maharuddin slotthead the ball past Myanmar goalkeeper Aung Aung Oo with ease. Kyaw Thura, who came in as substitute for Zaw Zaw, worked wonders for Myanmar and scored the equalizer in 52nd minute just two minutes after he had come on the field. Six minutes later Soe Myat Min buried the Malaysians with a well taken header off a corner kick by Min Thu that gave Malaysian goalkeeper Mohd Syamsuri Mustafa no chance of stopping.

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PME Co Ltd, Mitsubishi Electronic Co and U Bo Aye-Daw Mya Khin Mar, K 330,000 by U Thein Maung-Daw Par Par, K 110,000 by U Myo Aung-Daw Khin Yi Mon and U Aung-Zaw Myint-Dr Myat Myat Phone Khin, K 80,000 each by U Kyaw Than-Daw Toe Toe Mar and U Sai William Oo, K 60,000 by Daw Kyin Hwa Tun Shwe-Daw Thin Thin Swe, U Kyi Soe (Kethipanta), Teyit Construction, Myanmar Marine Product Producers and Exporters Association, U Maung Aung and family, and family, K 56,000 by U Bo Gyi-Daw Myint Than, K 50,000 each by U Zaw Oo-Daw Thida, U Win Naing-Daw Le Le, U Aung Than-Daw Mar Mar Win, Thukha Myaung Motel, Pyinnama Timber Shop of Myanmar Timber Enterprise, U Hla Tun-Daw Aye Aye, U Aung Cho, U Kyi Soe and families and U Myint Soe-Dr Mya Zin Zin Tun. The commander, the minister, the vice-adjutant-general and senior military officers accepted the offerings.

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with the recitation of Buddha Sasanan Ciram Tithatu three times.

The ceremony ended...
Development tasks of Taikkyi, Hmawby Townships inspected


Commander Brig-Gen Hla Htay Win and wife Daw Mar Mar Wai viewed a medical treatment given by specialists to local people at Taikkyi Township, Hospital (50-bed).

They also attended the cash donation ceremony for the hospital and accepted donations in cash and kind from wellwishers.

At No 1 Basic Education Primary School in Okpin Village of Taikkyi Township, the commander and wife attended the malaria control program organized by Yangon Division Maternal and Child Welfare Supervisory Committee.

Chairperson of Yangon Division MCWSC Daw Mar Mar Wai presented cash assistance and uniforms to MCWA members and accepted membership applications of Okpin Village.

Next, Patron of Yangon Division Women's Affairs Organization Daw Mar Mar Wai presented various kinds of books to the library and accepted membership applications. The commander and party inspected utilization of fertilizers in Ohinbinus Village.

At U Maung Yone-Daw Yin Home for the Aged in Okkan, the commander and wife heard reports on the home by Vice-Chairman of the Home U Khin Aung, and presented cash and kind to the aged persons.

They attended the presentation ceremony of Thbyu Village at its post-primary school in Hmawby Township.

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Dry day inspection teams check vehicles

YANGON, 27 Aug — Chairman of Dry Day Inspection Supervisory Committee Brig-Gen Myint Soe, Vice-Chairman Col Win Naung and members and heads of departments inspected dry day inspection teams checking use of vehicles of Tatmadaw and departments at the main points here today.

The inspection teams checked Dry Day pass, driver's licence, wheel tax bills and wearing of departmental uniform and took action against those who violated the traffic rules.

Myanmar-Indonesia business meeting held

YANGON, 27 Aug — The Ministry of Commerce, Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry and Embassy of the Republic of Indonesia to Myanmar held a business meeting at UMFCCI office tower on Min Ye Kyaw Swa Street in Lanmadaw Township this afternoon.

First, UMFCCI Vice-President U Win Aung gave concluding remarks.

Businessmen of the two countries held meeting and UMFCCI President U Win Myint and Indonesian Ambassador Mr Wyoso Prodjowarsito made speeches. Next, Ms Dewi Kamia Savi of Bandung Investment Board explained business opportunities such as water purifying work, education, health, fertilizers and wickerwork, and handicraft.

Indonesian Trade Fair opens

YANGON, 27 Aug — Jointly organized by the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry, the Ministry of Commerce and Indonesian Embassy to Myanmar, a ceremony to open a Trade Fair was held at UMFCCI Office Tower on Min Ye Kyaw Swa Street, here, this morning.

Present on the occasion were Deputy Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Aung Tun, departmental heads, President of UMFCCI U Win Myint and vice-presidents, CEC members, executives, ambassadors and embassy staff from Indonesia, the Philippines and Vietnam, those who organized the trade fair and guests.

First, Indonesian Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Wyoso Prodjowarsito made an opening speech after which President U Win Myint extended greetings on the occasion.

Next, Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Aung Tun opened Indonesian Trade Fair, and schoolgirls of Indonesian International School, Yangon presented Indonesian cultural dances.

Afterwards, Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Aung Tun, the ambassadors and the president of UMFCCI and responsible personnel viewed the products on display at the trade fair.

Sixth Performing Arts Competitions of DPRPW conclude

YANGON, 27 Aug — A ceremony to present prizes to winners in the Sixth Performing Arts Competitions organized by Directorate of Public Relations and Psychological Warfare of the Ministry of Defence was held at the theatre of No 3 Mobile Public Relations Unit in Mandalay on 25 August.

Lt-Gen Maung Maung Oo of the Directorate of Public Relations and Psychological Warfare gave a speech.

Officials presented first, second and third prizes to individual winners and troopers. Lt-Col Maung Maung Oo of the Directorate of Public Relations and Psychological Warfare gave a speech.

Indonesian Ambassador Mr Wyoso Prodjowarsito took awarded championship trophy to No 3 Mobile Public Relations Unit. Later, he also gave gifts to members of the panel of judges.

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Microsoft picks Toshiba to manufacture new music player

LOS ANGELES, 27 Aug — Software maker Microsoft Inc confirmed on Friday that it has chosen Toshiba to produce the forthcoming Zune music player, a product designed by the company to take on Apple Computer’s iPod.

The confirmation followed reports of a regulatory filing Toshiba made to the US Federal Communications Commission (FCC) that mentions the device and its features.

“Toshiba is manufacturing the device and the [FCC] report is legitimate,” a spokesperson for Microsoft’s public relations firm said. But the company declined to say if other hardware makers would also produce the players.

In addition to the name “Zune”, the device is also referred to in Toshiba’s filing by the code name “Pyxis”.

According to the Zune user’s manual included in the filing, the player will include 30 gigabytes of storage, wireless capabilities, and an FM radio tuner.

The wireless capabilities will allow users to search for other Zune devices within range and share music, photos, playlists, and other media content with those devices, according to Microsoft.

But the software giant did not further disclose what it planned to allow users to do with their wireless connection.

After months of speculation, Microsoft confirmed last month that it was developing a device and a music download software to compete with Apple Computer’s iPod player and iTunes music subscription service, a combination that is dominating the personal music player market.

Toshiba has long used Microsoft’s software in its products, dating back to its first laptop in 1980s. The company has also made portable media players and handheld computers using the slimmed-down Windows CE operating system.

Argentina moves to clean up its dirtiest river

BUENOS AIRES (Argentina), 27 Aug — A government cleanup scheme has inspired new hope for the 5 million people living in Argentina’s Matanza-Riachuelo River basin, where raw sewage, industrial waste and empty promises have created a toxic cesspool.

The plan, expected to be launched next week, responds to a Supreme Court decision demanding government action, 13 years after a former president vowed to make the Riachuelo River that runs through Buenos Aires safe for swimming and fishing.

Harsh weather causes flooding, power outages in New York area

NEW YORK, 27 Aug — A weak tornado hit part of Long Island, New York, uprooting trees and smashing cars on Friday, but no injuries were reported.

A strong thunderstorm produced some strong winds and some flash flooding in areas around New York City Friday.

The National Weather Service had issued a tornado warning for about 30 minutes Friday morning. The warning covered a section of northern Manhattan and Southwest Bronx, as well as part of northern New Jersey, and it was cancelled around noon.

The storm caused power outage across Long Island, part of Queens, Staten Island and Westchester.

According to Con Edison, power supplier in the New York area, 350 power outages were reported in Queens Friday afternoon. Westchester reported a similar number of outages. On Staten Island, storms briefly knocked out power to some 3,100 customers.

The Bronx was also hit hard by the bad weather. Heavy downpour caused lots of flooding, sending residents scrambling to stay dry.

Many local businesses complained that they lost money because of the weather.

False bomb threat halts flight in Argentina

BUENOS AIRES, 27 Aug — A false bomb scare delayed an international flight Friday at the Ezeiza Airport in Argentina’s capital Buenos Aires, airport security police said.

An anonymous caller rang Aeropuertos Argentinas 2000, the company that operates most of Argentina’s airports, warning of a bomb on the Copa Airlines flight to Panama, police said.
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Used in respect of:-
Perfumery, essential oils, cosmetics, in particular cosmetics articles, including lipsticks, eye make-up, eyeliner, make-up; blusher; hair lotions; soaps; (International Class 03).“Jewellery; costume jewellery; cufflinks; tie-pins; clocks and watches, cases for watches.” (International Class 14).“Stationery; writing and drawing instruments; writing cases; paper; printed matter; (International Class 16). “Handbags; bags; carrier bags; rucksacks; leather and imitations of leather; goods made of leather and imitations of leather; namely bags, small articles of leather, in particular purses, pockets, key wallets, trunks and travelling bags; travelling sets (leatherwear); umbrellas; parasols; walking sticks.” (International Class 18).“Clothing, headgear, footwear; clothing accessories, namely belts, expanding bands for holding sleeves, kerviches, gloves, ties and tie clothes, brakes, scarves, stockings, socks, headbands; prefabricated suit pockets.” (International Class 25).“Cloth, accessories, namely buttons; hair ornaments; hair bands; hair slides; badges; belt fasteners and belt buckles.” (International Class 26).

Russia says no need to discuss Iran sanctions

Moscow, 26 Aug—International concerns over Iran’s nuclear programme do not warrant any discussion at the moment of sanctions against Teheran, Russian Defence Minister Sergei Ivanov said on Friday.

“I know of no instances in world practice and previous experience in which sanctions have achieved their aim and proved effective,” Ivanov, shown on NTV television, told reporters in Russia’s far east.

“Moreover, I believe that the question is not an issue for the UN Security Council or the group of six to consider any introduction of sanctions. Russia stands for further political and diplomatic efforts to settle the issue,” Ivanov said on Tuesday to start serious talks over its nuclear programme but said it had agreed to a UN Security Council demand that it freeze uranium enrichment by 31 August or face the prospect of sanctions.“
China to produce 70,000 minutes of cartoons in 2006

BEIJING, 26 Aug — China’s cartoon industry is expected to produce 70,000 minutes of animation this year, a sign the industry is developing rapidly.

The country has produced more than 50,000 minutes of cartoons so far this year, exceeding the total output last year of 47,200 minutes.

“The rapid development of China’s cartoon industry is attracting more and more international attention,” said Jin Delong, an official with the State Administration of Radio, Film and Television (SARFT).

Earlier this year, the Sunchime Cartoon Group, a producer based in Changsha, signed a contract with British-based Eaglemoss Publications, selling its publishing copyright on the Blue Cat, a would-be Chinese rival of Mickey Mouse.

A popular syndicated programme called Little Magic Dragon.Club began purchasing domestically-made animations this year after previously offering a diet of purely foreign-made cartoons.

“The fast development of the industry can be attributed to the government’s favourable policies,” Jin said. The SARFT has banned foreign cartoons on prime-time television from September 1 in a bid to protect the domestic animation industry.

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Egyp'ts Al-Ahly triumphs over visiting Asante Kotoko

CAIRO, 27 Aug—Defending champion Al-Ahly of Egypt scored a big victory over visiting Asante Kotoko 4-0 on Saturday in a Group A game of the African Champions League because of injury, scored a quick goal for Ahly in the ninth with a penalty shot.

The 27-year-old then created goals for midfielder Mohamed Shawky and striker Osama Hosni in the 11th and 17th minutes respectively. In the 19th, Ahly's striker Flavio Amado from Angola scored the fourth goal to complete Ahly's rout. With the big victory, Ahly grabbed seven points in the last four games. CS Sfaxien of Tunisia, which took six points with three games, would be hosting JS Kahylie of Algeria, which tailed after four teams in Group A.— MNA/Xinhua

Inter Milan beat AS Roma 4-3 to win Italian Supercup

ROME, 27 Aug—Luis Figo converted a free kick four minutes into extra time to help Inter Milan rally from a three-goal deficit for a 4-3 victory over AS Roma to take the Italian Supercup title on Saturday.

It was a second consecutive victory for Inter in the traditional Italian season opener.

Roma led 3-0 after 34 minutes before Patrick Vieira scored the first of two just before halftime. Hernan Crespo pulled Inter within a goal in the 65th and Vieira equalized nine minutes later to force extra time for a second year.

Amantino Mancini headed in Roma's first in the 13th, beating Inter behind after 33 minutes.

However, the numerical disadvantage did not hinder The Toffees as they locked the lead on 33 minutes when Spurs defender Calum Davenport scored an own goal as he diverted Joleon Lescott's header past Paul Robinson.

The men from Merseyside sealed Spurs' second defeat in three games when Andy Johnson, celebrating his return to the England squad, finished expertly from Phil Neville's cross on 66 minutes.

Sir Alex Ferguson's Red Devils claimed their third victory in three games to stay top of the table with a win at Watford, but it was not easy going against Adrian Boothroyd's Hornets.— MNA/Xinhua

Manchester United keep winning while Arsenal lose

LONDON, 27 Aug—Manchester United avoided a shock with a 2-1 win over Premiership newcomers Watford on Saturday as Arsenal lost 1-0 away to Manchester City.

Tottenham Hotspur continued their stuttering start to the new campaign as they lost at home to ten-man Everton in a busy day in the English top flight which also saw two players dismissed as Charlton defeated Bolton, whilst Reading and Sheffied United both suffered defeats. Everton made it seven points from three games despite being reduced to ten-men as they condemned Martin Jol's Spur to a 2-0 defeat at White Hart Lane.

David Moyes employed five across midfield in anticipation of a hard afternoon, but that was soon reduced to four when Kevin Kilbane received his marching order as he picked up a second yellow card for fouling Lee Young-pyo from Ronaldo.

Henin-Hardenne takes New Haven title

WASHINGTON, 27 Aug—Justine Henin-Hardenne of Belgium won the New Haven title on Saturday after defending champion Lindsay Davenport retired with a shoulder injury.

Henin-Hardenne was leading 6-0, 1-0 when the American decided to quit for her right shoulder injury. Both Davenport and Henin-Hardenne entered New Haven after long layoffs because of injuries and it was the 24-year-old Belgian that picked up the momentum heading into the US Open. She did not lose a set in New Haven in reaching her eighth final in 12 events this season.

Davenport played five matches in five days but has to contend with pain in her serving shoulder just before the Open. She remains hopeful that she will be able to play next Monday.— MNA/Xinhua

China beat Dominica at Women's Volleyball Macao GP

MACAO, 27 Aug—World women's volleyball powerhouse China defeated Dominica 3-1 here on Saturday at the women's volleyball Grand Prix in Macao.

China came across a scary moment in the first set when the rival managed to lead 20-16 with the help of the outstanding block and smash. The Olympic and World Cup double champions bounced back and narrowed the gap to win 25-23 in the set.

Wang Yimei and Xu Yunli, two rookies in the Chinese team, displayed their determination and helped the seniors to seal the second set 25-20. The gritty Dominica was in a hard bid to drag China when they put up a gallant fight in the third set to win 25-20. The Chinese geared up their spiking power and blocking skill in the fourth set when the 18-year-old Wang Yimei dominated the net attributing to her jumping and the 1.90-metre figure to help China clinch the set 25-22.— MNA/Xinhua

Australia’s Shane Rose riding All Luck crashes into a jump during the cross country portion of the Eventing competition at the World Equestrian Games in Aachen on 26 Aug, 2006.—INTERNET

Massa grabs first career pole in Turkish GP

ANKARA, 27 Aug—Brazil's Felipe Massa snatched his maiden pole in his Formula one career at the Turkish Grand Prix in Istanbul on Saturday. The Ferrari driver grabbed top spot on the grid for Sunday's race at the end of a thrilling shoot-out leading teammate Michael Schumacher by 0.3 seconds.

Massa, 25, had finished second in qualifying four times this year in his first season as a Ferrari racer. But he clinched pole with a last-gasp flying lap to take advantage of a rare mistake by Schumacher who had drifted wide at the first corner.

Reigning champion Fernando Alonso had to settle for third for Renault as his championship battle with Schumacher heated up. Alonso leads Schumacher by just 10 points in the standings this year in his first season opener.

Ronaldo promises 30 goals for Real Madrid

MADRID, 27 Aug—Brazilian striker Ronaldo wants to stay at Real Madrid, the AS sports daily reported Saturday.

AS said that Ronaldo telephoned Ramon Calderon, president of the Spanish league run-up, to say he had not negotiated with anyone to leave. Ronaldo said if he stayed in Real to play, he felt capable of scoring 30 goals this season.

Ronaldo, 29, is currently in Brazil recovering from an operation. He scored 29 goals for Real in the 2002-2003 season but only found the net on 14 times last season.

Russia's Yulia Merkulova (C) spikes as Poland's Joanna Mirek (10) blocks during their Group E match at the 2006 FIVB Women's World Volleyball Grand Prix at Jamsil Gym in Seoul on 26 Aug, 2006.—INTERNET

Answers to yesterday’s Crossword Puzzle

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View attached images of the Crossword Puzzle Answer.
US military urged to tighten use, export of cluster bombs

WASHINGTON, 27 Aug — The New York Times on Saturday urged American military to tighten the use and export of cluster bombs, noting the “insidious” weapon should never be used in populated areas.

Commenting the State Department’s announcement that it will tighten its rules governing cluster bomb exports and use, Department spokesman Robert McFadden said: “We expect that it will be tightened and more ports and their use by Goose will be tightened, as well.”

Under the US rules, American-made cluster bombs are prohibited to be used in civilian areas. The New York Times noted that “Washington has strict rules about how American-made cluster munitions are supposed to be used by foreign buyers. But in the heat of combat, those rules are not always followed. Nor are US forces as careful as they should be. America has used cluster munition in Iraq, Afghanistan and Kosovo. Israel used them in past campaigns in Lebanon.”

Details of current understandings between the United States and Israel on when American-made cluster munitions can be used are secret. But in the past, Washington limited their use of cluster bombs to military emergencies, like the kind of attack on Israeli territory by multiple Arab armies that last occurred in 1973.

“But today’s dangers are different, and require different responses. At the moment, General Haas said, the regions of the world that call for cluster munitions are not a mission that calls for cluster weapons, and the United States should not supply them,” the newspaper said. — MNA/Xinhua

Weather

Sunday, 27 August, 2006

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Magway Division and rain and has been isolated in upper Sagaing Division, scattered in Rakhine State, fairly widespread in Kachin State, Mandalay, Bago and Yangon Divisions and widespread in the remaining areas with locally heavyfall in Bago Division, isolated heavyfalls in Kayin, Mon States and Taninthayi Division. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Toungoo (6.77) inches, Mawlamyine (6.30) inches, Dawei (4.73) inches, Hpa-an (4.09) inches, Ye (3.82) inches, Shweygin (3.15) inches, Thaton (2.80) inches, Pyymana (1.02) inches and Kyaukse (0.63) inch. Maximum temperature on 26-8-2006 was 84°F. Minimum temperature on 27-8-2006 was 76°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hours MST on 27-8-2006 was 92%. Total sunshine hours on 26-8-2006 was 1.0 hour approx.

Rainfalls on 27-8-2006 were (Tr) at Mingaladon, nil at Kaba-Aye and (0.04) inch at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2006 were (75.83) inches at Mingaladon, (88.62) inches at Kaba-Aye and (94.33) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (5) mph from Southwest at (10:30) hours MST on 25-8-2006.

Bay inference: Monsun is strong in Andaman Sea and Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of 28-8-2006: Rain will be scattered in Kayah State, upper Sagaing and Magway Divisions, fairly widespread in Chin and Shan States, Mandalay and lower Sagaing Divisions and widespread in the remaining areas with likelihood of isolated heavyfalls in Rakhine, Mon, Kayin States and Taninthayi Division. Degree of certainty is (80%).

State of the sea: Squalls with rough sea are likely at offshore and along Myanmar Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (35) to (40) mph.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Strong monsoon.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring areas for 28-8-2006: Isolated rain. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring areas for 28-8-2006: Some rain. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring areas for 28-8-2006: Isolated rain. Degree of certainty is (80%).

MAN held at Houston airport in dynamite scare

HOUSTON, 27 Aug — An American suspected of flying from Buenos Aires with dynamite in his luggage was questioned by FBI officials in Houston after bomb-sniffing dogs picked up a scent in his luggage on Friday, officials said.

A law enforcement official said the 21-year-old’s luggage appeared to contain dynamite and “other stuff” that could be used to detonate dynamite but said the items needed to be tested.

It was the latest in a series of scares — at least three of them on Friday — since police in Britain uncovered a suspected plot to blow up US-bound airliners this month.

Since then security has been tightened at airports and passengers have been jittery. — MNA/Reuters
Provisions donated to monasteries, nunnery in Hlinethaya, Kyimyindine Townships

Yangon, 27 Aug — Families of Tatmadaw (Army, Navy and Air) and well-wishers donated rice, edible oil, salt, medicine, gram and cash to 14 monasteries and one nunnery in Hlinethaya Township this morning, attended by Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence.

The donation ceremony was held at Maha Aungmye Yeiktha Monastery at the corner of Pho Yaza and Sein Yadana roads in Ward 7 of Hlinethaya Township.

Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence offered robes and provisions to three monasteries and one home for the aged in Pyinmana by families of Tatmadaw, well-wishers and others.

On behalf of Tatmadaw families, Lt-Col Myo Naing of Yangon Command Headquarters, Cmdr Htay Naing of Ayeyawady Naval Region Command and Lt-Col Swe Lin of Mingaladon Air Base offered rice, edible oil, salt, medicine and gram to the Sayadaw.

Well-wishers also presented offerings to the Sayadaw.

Lt-Gen Myint Swe, Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Brig-Gen Hla Htay Win, senior military officers and departmental heads accepted cash donations from well-wishers and presented certificates of honour to them.

Lt-Col Myo Naing of Yangon Command Headquarters, Lt-Col Myint Swe of Ministry of Defence offers alms to a Sayadaw at the donation ceremony of rice and cash to fourteen monasteries and a nunnery in Hlinethaya Township.

A similar ceremony for four monasteries in Kyimyindine Township was held at Thadu Pariyatti Monastery in Kyimyindine Township this afternoon.

Lt-Gen Myint Swe and party received the Five Precepts from Township Sangha Nayaka Committee Sayadaw Bhaddanta Uggamsa, and Lt-Gen Myint Swe donated robes and alms to the Sayadaw.

Next, the commander, senior military officers and departmental heads presented provisions to members of the Sangha.

Lt-Col Myo Naing of Yangon Command Headquarters, Cmdr Htay Naing of Ayeyawady Naval Region Command and Lt-Col Maung Maung Kyaw of Mingaladon Air Base offered provisions in Hlinethaya, Kyimyindine Townships.

Donations to monasteries in Kyimyindine Township totalled 172 bags of rice, 48 viss of edible oil, 484 viss of iodized salt, 3,234 bottles of traditional medicine, 96 viss of gram, 97 tubes of toothpaste and K 7,082,500.

Tatmadaw families, well-wishers donate provisions and cash to monasteries in Pyinmana

NAV PYI TAW, 27 Aug — A ceremony to donate provisions and cash to three monasteries and one home for the aged in Pyinmana by families of Tatmadaw (Army, Navy and Air) and well-wishers was held at Maha Dhammikarama Pariyatti Saripta in Ywakash Ward, Pyinmana this afternoon.

It was attended by members of the Sangha led by Chairman of Pyinmana Township Sangha Nayaka Committee Presiding Sayadaw of Mingalazeyon Pali Tekkatho Kyaungtaik Aggamahavacaka Pandita Bhaddanta Vimalabuddhi, Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Brig-Gen Wai Lwin, Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung, senior military officers of the Ministry of Defence, heads of department, social organizations, well-wishers and others.

The congregation received the Five Precepts from Bhaddanta Vimalabuddhi.

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Equalizer of Kyaw Thura, winning score of Soe Myat Min send Myanmar to final of Merdeka Cup

Yangon, 27 Aug — Malaysia failed to make it to the final of the 38th Merdeka Cup football tournament after they lost to Myanmar 1-2 at the Shah Alam Stadium in Malaysia, Sunday night.

In the final on Tuesday, Myanmar, who collected a total of five points in three matches in the league-format tournament, will meet Indonesia, who also ended up with five points.

Malaysia managed only a total of four points in three matches. In the previous two matches, they drew 1-1 with Indonesia and beat Thailand 2-1.

However, Myanmar had played both their earlier matches to draws, 2-2 with Thailand and a goalless one with Indonesia.

Myanmar, coached by U Hsan Win, woke up when they were 0-1 down and within a space of eight minutes scored two goals to earn their ticket to the final.

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Nay Pyi Taw Command Commander Brig-Gen Wai Lwin presents offertories to a Sayadaw. — MNA