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(The State Peace and Development Council Law No. 6/2007)

The State Peace and Development Council hereby enacts the following Law:

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Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein receives Vice-Chairperson of SCNPC of China

U Kyaw Thu, Deputy Minister for Transport
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Emergence of the State Constitution is the duty of all citizens of Myanmar Naing-Ngan.
**PERSPECTIVES**

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Boost bilateral cooperation through Myanmar-Yunnan trade

In his goodwill visit to the People’s Republic of China at the invitation of the Standing Committee of National People’s Congress of the PRC, Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein visited Yunnan Province on 7 and 8 June.

During his stay in Kunming, Yunnan Province, the Secretary-1 held talks with Governor of Yunnan Province Mr Qin Guangrong and Chairman of the Standing Committee of Yunnan Province People’s Congress Mr Bai Enpei. The talks focused on matters for economic growth and development in the mining, hydropower and tourism industry sectors of Yunnan and Myanmar.

Myanmar shares a border line with China, mostly with Yunnan Province. Now, a road is being built and plans are under way to build a railroad between Yunnan Province and Myitkyina.

The two peoples have an opportunity to enjoy more benefits by combining Myanmar’s rich natural resources and China’s technology and investments.

Since time immemorial, the two countries have been dealing with each other through fraternal relations. Reciprocal visits of leaders of the two sides have enhanced friendly relations and commercial cooperation of the two neighbours.

So, the visit of the Secretary-1 to China will create prospects for cooperation in the economic and trade sectors with China including Yunnan Province and foster the fine traditions of Myanmar-China cooperation based on mutual interests.

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INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Colin Powell says Guantanamo should be closed

WASHINGTON, 11 June — Former US secretary of state Colin Powell said on Sunday the US military prison at Guantanamo Bay for foreign terrorism suspects should be immediately closed and its inmates moved to the United States.

Powell, who in a 2003 speech to the UN Security Council made the case for war against Iraq for possessing weapons of mass destruction that were never found, said the controversial prison in Cuba had become a “major problem” for the United States’ image abroad and done more harm than good.

“Guantanamo has become a major, major problem … in the way the world perceives America and if it were up to me I would close Guantanamo not tomorrow but this afternoon … and I would not let any of those people go. I would simply move them to the United States and put them into our federal legal system,” Powell told NBC’s Meet the Press.

“Essentially, we have shaken the belief the world had in America’s justice system by keeping a place like Guantanamo open and creating things like the military commission. We don’t need it and it is causing us far more damage than any good we get for it,” he added.

The United States is holding about 380 foreign terrorism suspects at Guantanamo.

Rights groups and foreign governments have called for the prison to be closed, saying holding prisoners there for years without trial violated legal standards.

But Washington says the prison is legal and necessary to hold dangerous individuals.

“I would get rid of Guantanamo and the military commission system and use established procedures in federal law,” Powell said, saying some leaders around the world were using Guantanamo to hide their own misdeeds.

“It’s a more equitable way, and more understandable in constitutional terms,” he added. MNA/Reuters

Rival Palestinian factions battle in Gaza

GAZA, 11 June — Rival Palestinian factions battled in the Gaza Strip on Sunday, raising the weekend death toll to at least three and 39 injured in the fiercest internal fighting since a ceasefire was declared nearly a month ago.

Hours after Palestinian militants from the Gaza Strip infiltrated into Israel at a key border crossing, Israeli aircraft bombed a building used by Islamic Jihad, causing two injuries, local residents said.

The Army confirmed the airstrike targeted Islamic Jihad, which took part in Saturday’s cross-border raid.

The Army said a separate airstrike targeted a weapons production facility used by a militant offshoot of Fatah which joined Islamic Jihad in the raid. Local residents said a dairy truck was hit but no one was hurt.

The heaviest fighting between the ruling Hamas Islamist group and President Mahmoud Abbas’ secular Fatah faction took place in the southern Gaza town of Rafah, where hundreds of rival gunmen took up positions on street corners and rooftops. MNA/Reuters

Air Force jets collide in mid-air near Fairbanks

ANCHORAGE (Alaska), 11 June — A simulated war fighting mission ended in a mid-air collision nearly 100 miles east of Fairbanks and Eielson Air Force Base on Sunday. Both pilots are OK.

The simulated exercises are part of Red Flag Alaska, war games that involve more than 1,400 members of the military from the United States, Singapore and Australia.

The jets that collided were in an air warfare training mission in an air space known as the Pacific Alaska Range Complex.

The missions subject air crews to simulated threats they may encounter and cover every aspect of combat.

Sometime after 11 am, an F-15C from Langley Air Force Base in Virginia collided with an F-16C from Nellis Air Force Base in Nevada. The F-15’s split ejected and the jet crashed.

About an hour later the pilot was rescued uninjured, military officials said.

Meanwhile, the second jet returned to Eielson, where rescue crews met it on the tarmac. Officials there say that its pilot also was uninjured.—Internet

Three US soldiers killed in Iraq bridge bombing

BAGHDAD, 11 June — Three US soldiers were killed and six injured after a suicide bombing caused a bridge across a highway near the Iraqi capital, Baghdad, to collapse.

The soldiers were manning a checkpoint on top of the bridge when a car bomb exploded beneath, the US military said.

The attack on Sunday was the latest in a series by Iraqi militants on bridges.

Sunday’s attack on the bridge over the main highway linking Baghdad to southern Iraq brought to at least 28 the number of US troops killed in Iraq so far this month.—Internet

An Indonesian woman covers her nose while a health department worker fumigates at a resident’s house in Jakarta recently. Southeast Asian nations are battling a surge in dengue cases, amid signs that climate change could make 2007 the worst year on record for a disease that often gets less attention than some higher-profile health risks. —INTERNET

A detail from a new computer model of ancient Rome shows the Roman Forum from north to south, in an image released on 11 June, 2007. Rome reborn, the largest simulation of an ancient city ever made, was unveiled on Monday in a first release showing the city within the Aurelian walls at its peak in 320 AD, under the emperor Constantine when it had grown to a million inhabitants. —INTERNET
Shuttle crew boards
“ISS” for week-long stay
CAPE CANAVERAL (Florida), 11 June — The US space shuttle Atlantis ended a two-day journey to the International Space Station on Sunday, slipping into a berthing port to deliver more solar-powered panels and a new crewmember to the orbital outpost.
Docking was at 3:36 pm EDT (1936 GMT) as the two craft sailed 220 miles (354 kilometres) over the western Pacific Ocean.
After checking to make sure connections between the shuttle and station were airtight, the seven Atlantis crew floated through the connecting tunnel and into the welcoming arms of station flight engineer Sunita Williams and her two Russian crewmates.
"Atlantis, arriving," Williams sang out as her NASA colleagues scrambled aboard, beginning what is expected to be a week-long joint mission.
Before parking Atlantis, commander Frederick Sturckow slowly back-flipped the shuttle so the space station crew could photograph the ship's belly tiles, a key part of the protective shield needed to safely reenter the atmosphere. The pictures will help NASA determine if the shuttle sustained any damage from debris impacts during Friday's launch.

Syria questions seriousness of Israel’s desire to return Golan
DAMASCUS, 11 June—A Syrian official on Saturday questioned the seriousness of Israel’s desire to withdraw from the strategic Golan Heights, the independent Syria-news website reported.
Elias Murad, president and editor-in-chief of the ruling party’s organ al-Baath newspaper, raised the doubt in an interview with the website.
"Serious talk require Israel to declare publicly their desire to withdraw from all the occupied Arab territories, not only the Golan," Murad was quoted as saying.
"Those who want peace should not put conditions and interfere with other’s domestic affairs and its relations with another state," added the official.

Scientists make rice strain with cholera vaccine
WASHINGTON, 11 June — US war veterans are twice as likely to commit suicide than ordinary civilians, a study has found.
Researchers examined data on 320,890 men, of which a third served in the US military between 1917 and 1994.
Men who were white, better educated and older than the other men appeared to be at higher risk, as did those with a physical or emotional disability. Researchers say the findings emphasise the need for mental health care for those serving in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Pirates hijack Egyptian ship in Red Sea
NAIROBI, 12 June — Pirates have seized an Egyptian fishing ship with 23 fishermen and sailors aboard in the Red Sea, the latest incident since piracy stopped in this area in 2004, a Kenyan maritime official confirmed on Sunday.
Andrew Mwangura, coordinator of the Mombasa-based Seafarers Assistance Programme, said the vessel was hijacked last Thursday when it was sailing near the Eritrean waters as pirates attacked it and ordered its sailors to stop.
He said the hostages are from provinces of Damietta, Port Said and Suez, noting that the hijacking was the first reported incident in the area after almost three years.

Norway reaches new border agreement with Russia
STOCKHOLM, 11 June — Norway and Russia have reached an agreement on the disputed borderline between the two countries in the Varangerfjord, which opens into the Barents Sea, said reports reaching here from Oslo on Saturday.
This was announced by Norwegian Prime Minister Jens Stoltenberg in Moscow on Friday, according to Norwegian Broadcasting (NRK).
Stoltenberg, who is on an official visit to Russia, made the announcement after his meeting with his Russian counterpart Mikhail Yefimovich Fradkov.
"The agreement is both important and very gratifying," Stoltenberg told NRK.
The two nations have disagreed about this borderline for 50 years.

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**Economic News**

**Kuwait, Iran keen on strengthening ties of cooperation**

KUWAIT CITY, 11 June — Kuwait and Iran are keen on strengthening ties of cooperation, especially in economic, commercial and social fields, the official KUNA news agency reported on Saturday.

Kuwaiti National Assembly Speaker Jassem al-Kharafi and visiting Iranian Shura Council head Gholam Ali Haddad Adel expressed their keenness while speaking at a dinner reception in honour of Haddad Adel, KUNA said.

“Kuwait and its people are keen to have the best relations with Iran and its people,” said al-Kharafi, adding Kuwaiti Emir Sheikh Sabah al-Ahmad al-Jaber al-Sabah encouraged such an improvement in relations with Iran. He noted that the ground for such an improvement was already prepared with the agreements concluded with Iran, meaning that “all that is needed is to implement the agreements”. Haddad Adel, who arrived here Friday on a four-day visit, hoped that his visit to Kuwait would pave the way for more cooperation.

“The Kuwaitis are no strangers to Iran and the same can be said about the Iranians being not strangers to Kuwait,” he said, calling for making full advantage in improving ties of cooperation between the two countries.

**IBM bids $745 million for Telelogic**

STOCKHOLM (Sweden), 11 June — International Business Machines Corp said Monday it agreed to buy software provider Telelogic AB for $745 million in cash, bolstering IBM’s portfolio for the defence, telecommunications and automotive industries.

IBM said Telelogic will fit into its Rational software division, which also was boosted with IBM’s purchase last week of Watchfire Corp, a maker of security software. Overall, IBM plans to maintain an aggressive acquisition strategy as part of a drive to have software contribute half of the company’s profit by 2010.

Telelogic is IBM’s 43rd software acquisition since 2001. Telelogic products help companies develop and test software used in complex systems such as aircraft radar or antilock braking systems. Telelogic’s chief executive, Anders Lidbeck, said the deal will give its customers access to a “powerful” set of products and services.— Internet

**China mulls banning food in ethanol fuel production**

BEIJING, 11 June — China may entirely switch to non-food materials such as cassava, sweet potato, sorgo and cellulose in producing ethanol fuel as a substitute for petroleum, said a government official.

The country would approve no projects designed to produce ethanol fuel with food from now on, an official of the National Development and Reform Commission (NDRC) told a seminar on China’s fuel ethanol development held in Beijing on Saturday.

“Food-based ethanol fuel will not be the direction for China,” said Xu Dingming, vice-director of the Office of the National Energy Leading Group, who was also at the seminar. China has been trying to avoid occupation of arable land, consumption of large amount of grain and damages to the environment in developing the renewable energies.

The current four enterprises engaged in producing corn-based ethanol would be asked to switch to non-food materials gradually, according to the NDRC official who declined to be named.

The four enterprises in Jilin, Heilongjiang, Henan and Anhui have a combined production capacity of 1.02 million tons of corn-based ethanol per year. The country has become a big producer and consumer of ethanol fuel in the world after the United States, Brazil and European Union, according to the NDRC official.

**Schroeder says strong Russia is good for Europe**

ST PETERSBURG (Russia), 11 June — A strong and confident Russia is good for Europe because it will make a better and more reliable business partner, former German chancellor Gerhard Schroeder said on Saturday.

“In Europe and in Russia, people must understand that the Cold War is past,” Schroeder said in a speech to an annual economic forum in St Petersburg.

“Russia is no longer in a weak negotiating position ... Russia is self-confident in political and economic terms and this is good, not bad for Europe,” he added. The St Petersburg International Economic Forum, drawing more than 6,000 business leaders, diplomats and media from over 60 countries, is intended to showcase Russia as a dynamic location for trade and investment after months of political tension between Moscow and the West. Schroeder, who as chancellor formed a close friendship with President Vladimir Putin and now chairs a German-Russian consortium building a major gas pipeline under the Baltic Sea, said a stable Russia was essential for Europe’s wellbeing.

**Samsung Electronics to build TV plant in Russia**

SEOUL, 11 June — Samsung Electronics Co, South Korea’s leading electronics company, announced Sunday that it will build a television plant in Russia with an investment of 57 million US dollars to meet rising demand for digital TVs.

The plant will be built in the city of Kaluga, 85 kilometres southwest of Moscow, and Samsung plans to finish the construction by October 2008, the company said.

The plant is expected to produce 2.2 million digital TV sets annually by 2010, Samsung said.

Samsung has TV factories in seven foreign countries including China, Hungary and Brazil.

**A passerby waves with artistes, from the Excuse Theatre Company performing Homocatdous, along Orchard Road in Singapore on 11 June, 2007 as part of the Singapore Arts Festival. The act is a street video theatre performance in which the two actors go in search for love. — Internet**

**Jobs stands in front of an image of an early Apple desktop computer during his keynote address at Macworld Conference & Expo in San Francisco, on 9 Jan, 2007. Internet**
S Korean scientists develop “virtual cell” to make acids

SEOUL, 11 June — A group of South Korean scientists announced on Monday that they have developed a so-called virtual cell that can make acids used in food additives and dietary supplements.

According to South Korea’s Yonhap News Agency, a team led by Lee Sang-yup, a professor at the Korea Advanced Institute of Science and Technology (KAIST), said the artificial manheimia cell can produce large quantities of succinic acid or spirit of amber.

Once processed, the material forms a key ingredient in the making of spices, soft drinks, artificial favoring and various chemical products, the report said.

The professor of chemical and biomolecular engineering said that the discovery is noteworthy because it opens the door to replacing natural microbes with man-made materials to make useful biological materials on an industrial scale.

The findings are to be published in July’s issue of the international Bio-technology and Bio-engineering journal.

Lee said his team used high-tech computer models to design the virtual compound that mimics the actual manheimia cell. He said the new cell was created through careful study of the manheimia-succiniciproducens genome that is used as a natural source for succinic acid. Manheimiasucciniciproducens are found in the stomach of hanwoo or Korean meat cattle. Lee’s team deciphered its genome sequence in 2005 and that achievement was cited in the journal of Nature. — Xinhua

S African gunman in hostage drama killed in shootout

CAPE TOWN, 11 June— A gunman who shot and injured three people — including one of two hostages he held in a South African restaurant — was killed in a shootout on Saturday when police stormed the building, a police spokeswoman said.

Inspector Bernadine Steyn said a 26-year-old man from Khayelitsha squatter settlement outside the coastal city of Cape Town had held his wife and one other person at “Nyoni’s Kraal” restaurant in the city for nine hours. Police had initially said four people were being held.

The suspect shot and wounded his wife in the leg before a police squad threw stun grenades and forced their way into the restaurant.

“Several shots were fired in the building when police entered, and in the process the suspect was fatally wounded,” Steyn said. She said two other people were injured by the gunman: one male employee who was shot as he ran out of the restaurant and woman passerby who was also hit.

A paramedic said both were in a stable condition in hospital. — MNA/Reuters

NATO soldier killed in Afghan battle

KABUL, 11 June—A NATO soldier was killed on Saturday in combat in southern Afghanistan as the alliance launched an air strike against leaders of the country’s Taleban insurgency, a NATO statement said.

The NATO-led International Security Assis-tance Force (ISAF) said four of its troops had also been wounded in the southern battle with enemy fighters. It gave no more details.

NATO and a US-led coalition have deployed more than 50,000 troops to Afghanistan to try to defeat the Taleban, an Islamist militia that controlled the country until US-led forces invaded and drove them from power in 2001.

“A precision airstrike targeted several influential Taleban leaders today in Helmand Province,” ISAF said in a separate statement, referring to the southern province which has seen some of the heaviest fighting so far this year. — MNA/Reuters

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Wicked and deceitful ploys of colonialists and neo-colonialists

Kyaw Soe (All Myanmar Mawlawi Organization)

Let me unburden my feelings!
I am a Muslim. But I am not a hereditary Muslim and I deeply believe in Islam. I always follow the teachings of the Koran. In other words, I am the one who actively participates in the tasks for promotion of our religion.

I also recognize other religions such as Buddhism, Christianity and Hinduism. Every religion teaches two moral principles, ‘shame’ and ‘fear’ to do deeds.

A human’s life span is not very long. That is why for an individual, for a society, for members of the same religious faith or for members of different religious faiths, they need to be united. That unity can shape peace, thus contributing to peace and unity of villages, wards, townships, districts, states/divisions and the whole country. Likewise, peace and unity of every nation can contribute to global peace and unity. This is the same phenomenon of all the religions.

The Union of Myanmar is home to more than 100 national races, and there are four main religions — Buddhism, Christianity, Islam and Hinduism. All Myanmar citizens have religious freedom and they value it.

There are 2,266 mosques and 759 Islamic schools across the country. Similarly, Myanmar has 3,265 churches and 12 nunneries. As regards publications on Christian affairs, nine monthly journals, two bimonthly journals and three quarterly journals are being published.

Moreover, freedom of worship is allowed in the country. This can be witnessed when a visit is paid to mosques and churches. Respective religious ceremonies can also be held freely. The fact we should recognize is that on the days of religious significance and religious ceremonies, a minister or deputy minister and departmental heads grace them with their presence. This is a symbol of the government’s recognition of every religion. Besides, the Myanmar government has designated significant days of respective religions as gazetted holidays.

Although Buddhism is the religious faith of the majority of the people in Myanmar, the government donates rice and cash and kind to Muslim homes for the aged. It also annually organizes Haj pilgrimage, part of the five religious pillars of the Islamic faith.

There is no discrimination of race, colour and religious faith in Myanmar. All the nationals enjoy freedom of religion and worship. They can have job opportunities regardless of religion, race and colour. All the citizens can have job opportunities based on their qualifications. They are appointed in the positions they deserve. Democracy and human rights are not being shouted but they are being practised practically in daily life.

Nevertheless, the US government that is incapable of coping with its domestic racial discrimination but is interfering in the internal affairs of and invading weaker nations to disrupt their fundamental rights of independence and sovereignty under the pretext of democracy and human rights and certain powerful countries are accusing Myanmar of violating religious freedom and interfering in its internal affairs. In its scheme to make Myanmar its mission nation, the US is keeping, training and abetting national traitors and saboteurs from inside and outside the country and hampering the political, economic and social progress of the nation. Neglecting Myanmar’s prevailing conditions in the political, economic and social sectors, it is making baseless accusations with negative attitude instead of making positive comments and suggestions, thus failing to observe code of conduct of a big country. How shameless it is!

In reality, the US is preserving the traditions of the imperialists. In 1938 when the entire people in unison launched the 1300 Myanmar Era Uprising for regaining independence, the British government made up stories to break up the independence struggles. In addition, it failed on purpose to control the racial problem arising from publications attacking Buddhism, but fueled the incident. Its instigation led to the racial problems on 26 July 1938. Many people were caught in the trap of political trick set by the British government, and that affected mutual understanding and friendly relations among national races as a result. Therefore, patriotic national political leaders intervened in the conflicts in order that the issue the British government had stirred up to slow down the independence struggles did not grow into a racial clash. They had to take preventive measures so that the people were not confused about the problem.

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So, the entire national people of various religious faiths and races are participating in the successful implementation of the State’s seven-step Road Map that will guarantee a prosperous future of the nation. And they are collectively implementing the national goal of building a peaceful, modern and developed democratic nation with flourishing discipline.

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Lt-Gen Kyaw Win attends opening ceremony of Jivitadana... (from page 16)

Myint Maung and Deputy Minister for Health Dr Mya Oo formally opened the hospital.

After that, Lt-Gen Kyaw Win unveiled the signboard of the hospital.

Later, Lt-Gen Kyaw Win and ministers sprinkled scented water onto the stone inscription and the first session of the opening ceremony ended.

After the ceremony, Lt-Gen Kyaw Win, the commander, ministers, members of the Hospital Management Board and guests inspected the hospital.

The hospital complete with two operation theatres have been facilitated with modern hospital equipment including Ultra Sound, ECG, Nabilizer and Indoscope.

One 100 KV transformer, one 65.75 KV generator and one 10 KV generator are added to the hospital.

The hospital will give medical treatment round the clock and provide meals to monks and nuns free of charge.

The second session of the opening ceremony was held at the City Hall in Taunggyi with an address by Lt-Gen Kyaw Win of the Ministry of Defence.

In his address, Lt-Gen Kyaw Win said that the newly opened hospital will benefit both the Sasana and health sector as it provides medical treatment to monks and nuns free of charge, adding that the government is making all-out efforts for the emergence of a peaceful, modern and discipline-flourishing democratic nation.

He said that the government is giving priority to the development of socio-economic life of national races residing in the respective regions with the opening of universities.

The emergence of higher learning institutions in the regions will contribute to the development of human resources, he stressed.

At such a time, the opening of the Sangha Hospital in Taunggyi, Shan State (South) will contribute to regional development and the development of health sector, he disclosed.

In conclusion, he spoke of the need for well-wishers and local people to maintain the facility with Union Spirit for its durability.

Afterwards, Com-mander Maj-Gen Thaung Aye made a speech.

Next, Minister Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung and Deputy Minister Dr Mya Oo presented religious affairs and health care services being carried out by the government.

After that, a local expressed thanks.

Later, well-wisher Chairman of Kanbawza Bank Ltd U Aung Ko Win explained the purpose of building of the hospital.

Next, the general manager of Kanbawza Bank Ltd handed over the related documents to Head of Shan State Health Department Dr Sai Khin Hlaing.

Next, the donations towards the trust fund of the hospital followed. Lt-Gen Kyaw Win accepted the donations that included K 112 million by Shan State Peace and Development Council; K 100 million by Kanbawza Bank Ltd; K 50 million by Htoo Trading Co Ltd; K 50 million by Ruby Dragon Co Ltd; and K 50 million by Edim Group Co Ltd, and presented certificates of honour to the well-wishers.

After that, the commander, ministers and the deputy minister accepted the donations that included K 50 million by Ngarhsn Co; K 50 million by Shwe Than Lwin Co; K 10 million by U Tun Tun Thein; K 10 million by U Sein Oo; K 10 million by Ah Lein Kawt and others totalling K 433 million, and presented certificates of honour to the well-wishers.

After the ceremony, Lt-Gen Kyaw Win greeted departmental officials, members of social organizations and townselders.

Lt-Gen Kyaw Win inspects Jivitadana Sangha Hospital in Taunggyi. — MNA

Insurgent terrorists force villagers from Zinbon village of Kayin State to move to refugee camps

Tatmadawmen, local authorities, members of social organizations and local people render necessary assistance to escapes

NAY PYI TAW, 12 June — For their survival, the insurgent terrorists are committing destructive acts to harm stability of the State, community peace and tranquility and prevalence of law and order as well as forcing and threatening innocent local people to move to refugee camps and places under their influence.

A total of 58 villagers of Zinbon village of Thandaung Township arrived at Hantabin Township in Bago Division and Thabyayunt Tso village at the edge of Thandaung Township in Kayin State after escaping from the insurgent terrorists who forced and threatened them to move to so-called refugee camps at the other side of the border.

The escapes said that some 200 people were originally living in Zinbon village. For the past two years, insurgents have forced and threatened them to move to the edge of the border area or so-called refugee camps on the other side of the border area. Most of the villagers from Zinbon village had to go to the refugee camps as the insurgents forced and threatened them. The group of escapes moved from Zinbon village and lived on plantations at the hideouts as they had no wish to go along with the insurgents. Now, the insurgents again came to Zinbon village and forced and threatened the villagers to accompany them. The villagers did not trust the insurgents and they had no wish to accompany them. Thus, the villagers fled after pretending to pack their things and follow them. More local people from other villages who have no wish to accompany the insurgents may arrive.

Tatmadawmen, local authorities, members of social organizations and the local people provided necessary assistance to the escapes.

MNA

Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than presents... (from page 16)

Myint Maung and party proceeded to Maungtaw via Buthidaung by boat and met departmental staff, social organizations and local people at Thrimingla Hall of Maungtaw.

The District PDC chairman reported on facts about Maungtaw District and cultivation of paddy, physic nut and rubber.

Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than fulfilled the needs and the ministers gave supplementary reports. Later, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than spoke on the occasion and donated cash and stationery for educational purposes in Buthidaung Township.

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Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein shakes hands with Madame Gu Xiuliom, President of All China Women’s Federation, in Nay Pyi Taw (News on page 1). — MNA

Lt-Gen Kyaw Win attends opening ceremony of Jivitadana...
Ministers hold talks with Chinese businessmen on bilateral cooperation

NAY PYI TAW, 12 June — Ministers who accompanied Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein on his visit to the People’s Republic of China from 5 to 10 June held talks with officials of China during the visit.

Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Tin Naing Thein met with Vice-Chairman of China Chamber of International Commerce, China Council for the Promotion of International Trade (CCPIT) Mr Wang Ruo Gang of Yunan Province, at 2 pm on 8 June, and discussed matters related to cooperation in mining sector in Myanmar.

Minister for Mines Brig-Gen Ohn Myint held a meeting with Mr Boa Ki of YMC at the hall of Empark Grand Hotel in Kunming, Yunnan Province, at 2 pm on 8 June and discussed matters on exploration of Namtu graphite and zinc oxide. The minister met with the Vice-Chairman of Kis Co Mr Hu Xia and party and discussed feasibility study on exploration of graphite and zinc in Hamheng region. At 3 pm the minister received Mr Hu Jian Feng of Zang Bao Mining Industry Group Co Ltd and party, and Mr Wang Ruogang of Yunan Hengyi Industry Group and party and discussed matters on mineral exploration.

Also present at the meetings were Member of UMFCCI U Teza.

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Ministers hold talks with Chinese …

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discussed matters on mutual cooperation in mineral exploration in Myanmar at 4 pm.

Minister for Electric Power No 1 Col Zaw Min and Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lun Thi called

China Power Grid (CCPG) Co and Vice-Chairman of CCPG Mr Lo Haiping, Director of CCPG Mrs Pusang and officials at Room 6151 of Grand Hotel Beijing.

The minister thanked the company for supply of necessary equipment to be installed in Hlinethaya-Myaungdaka-Athoke power line and sub-power station.

The minister discussed purchase of T&D instrument for 230 and 132 KV power lines with General Manager Mrs Gao Hongyuan Jin and discussed power grid project and establishment of windmills in Myanmar coast.

The minister met Chairman and CEO Mr Fu Chengyu of China Huanqui Construction Engineering Corporation Ltd. They discussed cooperation in energy sector. On 8 June, the minister met Chairman Mingle Zuo of Yunnan Science and Technology Corporation Ltd and Vice-chairman Mr Sun Sue Gong of China Petroleum and Chemical Industry Co Ltd.

Minister Col Zaw Min meeting with officials of electric power companies and corporations in Beijing and Kunming at Grand Hotel Beijing in Beijing. — MNA

Minister Col Zaw Min and Minister Brig-Gen Lun Thi meeting with Vice-Chairman of National Development & Reform Commission (NDRC) Mr Jiang Kho Pao. — MNA

Minister Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint holds talks with officials of electric power companies and corporations in Beijing and Kunming at Grand Hotel Beijing. — MNA
Reid says US strike on Iran would be destabilizing

WASHINGTON, 12 June — Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid rejected on Monday another prominent senator’s call for a military strike against Iran, saying a US attack would destabilize the Middle East.

Senator Joseph Lieberman, an independent from Connecticut and chairman of the Homeland Security Committee, said over the weekend the United States should be prepared to use military force to stop Iran from training and equipping Iraqi militants blamed for the deaths of US troops in Iraq.

Iran has denied supplying Iraqis with armour-piercing munitions and US officials say they cannot prove

Study says global military spending hits $1.2t

STOCKHOLM, 12 June — Global military spending rose 3.5 per cent last year to $1.2 trillion US dollars as US costs for operations in Iraq and Afghanistan mounted, on a European research body said on Monday in an annual study.

The United States spent $529 billion US dollars, slightly less than the entire GDP of the Netherlands, on military operations in 2006, up 5 per cent over the previous year, the Stockholm International Peace Research Institute (SIPRI) said in its latest year book.

“Taking both immediate and long-term factors into account, the overall past and future costs until year 2016 to the USA for the war in Iraq have been estimated at $2,267 billion US dollars,” it said.

Military spending in China, which is modernizing its People’s Liberation Army, climbed to an estimated 49.5 billion US dollars last year from 44.3 billion US dollars in 2005.

“China’s military expenditure continued to increase rapidly, for the first time surpassing that of Japan and hence making China the biggest military spender in Asia and the fourth biggest in the world,” the institute said.

The institute, which conducts independent research on international security, armaments and disarmament, said Japan cut military expenditure in 2006 for a fifth year running and was focusing its military budget primarily on missile defence.

China and Japan, Britain and France accounted for about 4 to 5 per cent each of global military expenditure last year, SIPRI said. The five biggest spenders’ share of global military expenses was nearly two-thirds of the total.

Hamas, Fatah truce collapses in bloodshed, 8 dead

Gaza, 12 June — Palestinian gunmen fought inside a hospital and fired on the Prime Minister’s offices after a truce collapsed on Monday, killing eight people in factional violence that cast fresh doubt over the future of the unity coalition.

“Everybody is shooting at everybody,” a doctor at the Beit Hanoun hospital in the northern Gaza Strip said as a gunbattle raged between the Islamist Hamas and secular Fatah groups.

A member of Hamas’s Executive Force, two Fatah fighters and another person, who was not immediately identified, were killed and 19 people wounded, hospital officials said.

The heavy fighting doomed an Egyptian-brokered ceasefire announced just hours before and threw a shadow over long-term prospects for the unity coalition that Hamas and Fatah formed three months ago.

Thai deportation raises fears for 8,000 Hmong

BANGKOK, 12 June — The United Nations said on Monday it was "deeply concerned" about Thailand's deportation of 163 ethnic Hmong to Communist-ruled Laos, where US-based Hmong exiles groups say they face persecution and torture.

Hmong groups are linking this weekend's deportation to the recent arrest in California of former guerrilla leader Vang Pao, 77, who led his people in an anti-Communist jungle Army trained by the Central Intelligence Agency during the Vietnam War.

Vang Pao, who was arrested along with nine others, including a retired US Army officer and Vietnam War veteran, is accused of masterminding a plot to overthrow his lifelong foes in the Lao Government.

The future of another 8,000 Hmong still in a makeshift refugee camp in Thailand now hangs in the balance.

Two relief workers killed in Lebanon camp battle

NAHRE AL-BARED (Lebanon), 12 June — Two relief workers were killed and a Palestinian mediator was wounded in fierce fighting on Monday between Lebanese troops and al-Qaeda-inspired militants at a Palestinian refugee camp.

Security sources said the two Lebanese Red Cross workers were killed and a third was wounded when they were hit by a shell during fighting between the Army and Fatah-al-Islam militants at Nahar al-Bared camp in northern Lebanon.

The Red Cross along with other local and international aid agencies almost daily help civilians flee the camp and take in medical and food supplies. The two slain workers had been at the northern entrance of the camp, the sources said.

In a separate incident, a Palestinian cleric, Sheikh Mohammad al-Hajj, was shot in the thigh by a sniper after he entered the camp to hold talks with the militants on ways to end the 23-day-old conflict.

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Brunel’s Sultan Hassanat Bokhia (R) stands next to newly wed royal couple Pengiran Khalir Khalid and Princess Majeedah Naurul Balqiah during their wedding ceremony at Nurul Iman Palace in Bandar Seri Begawan on 10 June, 2007. — XINHUA

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Depression-osteoporosis link still unclear

New York, 11 June—Older women who take certain antidepressants are at increased risk of fracturing a bone, but it’s not clear whether the association is due to the drugs, depression itself, or some other factor, according to a new report in the Harvard Women’s Health Watch.

Nevertheless, while women shouldn’t stop taking antidepressant drugs for the sole reason of protecting their bones, those who suffer from depression should get their bone mineral density (BMD) checked out, the report’s authors state.

They cite a study published this January in the Archives of Internal Medicine that found women over 50 who were taking selective serotonin reuptake inhibitors (SSRIs), a class of antidepressant drugs that includes Prozac and Zoloft, were twice as likely to suffer fractures compared with their peers who weren’t taking SSRIs.

However, the researchers add, just 137 of the more than 5,000 study participants were on SSRIs, and these women were also more likely to take other drugs that could contribute to bone loss.

13% of China’s chilli products fail safety tests

BEIJING, 11 June—Thirteen per cent of all chilli products in China have failed safety tests, the General Administration of Quality Supervision, Inspection and Quarantine announced on Sunday.

The quality watchdog said it had inspected 46 chilli products produced by 38 firms in 12 provinces and municipalities, including Beijing, Shanghai and Jiangsu, and had found excessive amounts of preservatives in 13 per cent of the products.

MNA/Xinhua

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MV MARINA STAR-2 VOY NO (709-N)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV MARINA STAR-2 VOY NO (709-N) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 13.6.2007 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of M.I.T.T where it will lie at the consignee’s risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm up to Claims Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the vessel.

No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

Frontier
Study: Vitamin D cuts risk of some cancer types

BEIJING, 11 June — New research that reveals vitamin D cut the risk of several types of cancer by 60 percent overall for older women strengthens the case made by some specialists that most people should get more of it, but experts are not sure how much to take.

“The findings ... are a breakthrough of great medical and public health importance,” declared Cedric Garland, a prominent vitamin D researcher at the University of California-San Diego. “No other method to prevent cancer has such a powerful impact.”

The study is the most reliable to date, but does have limitations. It was designed primarily to monitor how calcium and vitamin D improve bone health, and the number of cancer cases overall was small, showing up in just 50 patients.

“It’s a very small study,” said Dr. Edward Giovannucci, who researches nutrition and cancer at the Harvard School of Public Health. “I don’t think it’s the last word.”

The study takes an important step in extending several decades of research that began with observations that cancer rates among similar groups of people were lower in southern latitudes than in northern ones. Scientists reasoned that had to do with more direct sunlight in southern regions.

The skin makes vitamin D when exposed to sunlight’s ultraviolet rays. This study used that same form of the vitamin, known as D3 or cholecalciferol. Multivitamins usually carry a much weaker variant known as D2, but D3 is available in stand-alone dietary supplements.

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Henry agent dismisses Barca claim

LONDON, 11 June—Thierry Henry's management group has rubbished reports from France that the Arsenal star has agreed a provisional three-year contract with Barcelona.

But Jeff Weston, from the SEM Group which looks after Henry, told BBC Sport on Tuesday: "No such meeting took place. That is absolute rubbish. "There's never been any question of him not being at Arsenal next season."

Henry, 29, signed a new four-year contract with the Gunners last year but appeared to cast doubt on his future last week when he said he was flattered by interest from AC Milan.

The European champions and Barcelona have both publically declared their interest in the player.

France Football claims SEM's Jerome Anderson has agreed a three-year deal, worth £6.7m (10m euros) a season, with Barcelona, with an option of a fourth year.

"It is all just media speculation, as it was last year, and the year before," Weston added of the latest reports. Anderson added that he would consider legal action against France Football over their report, which claimed that a transfer would go through for £37m after a meeting between Henry's people and Barca in the south of France.

"I can categorically state that I never had a meeting with anyone representing Barcelona," Anderson told The Sun newspaper. "The whole thing is garbage."

Tired Federer pulls out of Halle

HALLE (Germany), 12 June — Roger Federer pulled out of his regular Wimbledon warm-up event in Halle on Monday, blaming fatigue after losing to Rafael Nadal in Sunday's French Open final.

"In an attempt to prevent injury after the long final in Paris, I cannot defend my title at the Gerry Weber Open in Halle," the Swiss world number one wrote on his website, www.rogerfederer.com. "I look forward to returning in 2008."

Federer has won the German grass-court event for the past four years before going on to claim the Wimbledon crown on each occasion.

Organisers said the change in his pre-Wimbledon preparation was down to a problem with his adductor muscles, but an ATP spokesman put the withdrawal down to "general fatigue".

"Of course we really regret it," co-organiser Ralf Weber said at a news conference on Monday. "Roger had played here for the last seven years and he gave everything for the tournament. — MNA/Reuters

Promotion joy shortlived for banned Genoa President

MILAN, 12 June — Genoa president Enrico Preziosi has been banned from football for five years because of financial irregularities, the Italian league said on Monday.

It was a shame he's going. He has blundered over their treatment of Beckham, Capello told sports daily The Sun. "For all players being in the national side is important, but more so for the English."

"I look forward to returning in 2008." — MNA/Reuters

Japan's Siapeli Lokotui (R) breaks away from South Africa's Emerging Boks players during their semi final at the Tuskers Safari Sevens rugby tournament in Nairobi on 10 June, 2007. — Internet

China's Lin Dan returns the shuttlecock during the first day match against Poornpat Sapkulchananart of Thailand at the Sudirman Cup World Team Badminton Championships in Glasgow, Scotland, on 11 June, 2007. Lin won the match 2-0. — Internet

Robbers kidnap, release Argentine soccer star Ariel Ortega

BUENOS AIRES, 12 June — Ariel Ortega, of Argentine soccer's River Plate, was kidnapped and robbed in Martinez, in the northern part of the greater Buenos Aires region, official sources said yesterday.

Ortega, 33, was attacked at about 9 p.m. local time on Friday while driving to his home in Martinez.

The attackers threatened him with death and forced him to drive around several Martinez neighbourhoods. After two hours they stole his car, money, documents, mobile phone and some personal effects and released him unharmed.

Ortega had been in treatment for alcoholism, but on Thursday he had started drinking again and was ordered to return home without training by manager Daniel Passarella.

Ortega played in Argentina's World Cup squads in 1994 in the United States, in 1998 in France and in 1994 in the United States, and has scored 17 goals for the national team. — MNA/Xinhua

Capello says Real blundered over treatment of Beckham

MADRID, 12 June — Real Madrid misjudged David Beckham this season and blundered over their treatment of the player, according to coach Fabio Capello.

"We all made mistakes over Beckham," Capello told sports daily AS on Monday.

"The sporting staff decided things and I'm responsible for that section of the club, but the truth is, we got things wrong with him.

"It's a shame he's going. He has now recovered his best physical and psychological form. He is a great player and is now playing as he did when he was at Manchester United."

After playing a bit-part role at Real in the first half of the season, Beckham announced in January that he would be leaving the club to sign a five-year deal with LA Galaxy.

He was immediately told by Capello that he would never play for Real again because he would not be focused on the club.

However, Capello reversed his decision to sideline the 32-year-old a month later, citing the player's professional attitude in training as the reason for his U-turn.

Capello said that England coach Steve McClaren's decision to drop Beckham after last year's World Cup had taken its toll on the former national captain in the first part of the season.

"He was very upset at not being in the national team," he said.

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Madrid, 12 June — Real Madrid misjudged David Beckham this season and blundered over their treatment of the player, according to coach Fabio Capello.

"We all made mistakes over Beckham," Capello told sports daily AS on Monday.

"The sporting staff decided things and I'm responsible for that section of the club, but the truth is, we got things wrong with him.

"It's a shame he's going. He has now recovered his best physical and psychological form. He is a great player and is now playing as he did when he was at Manchester United."

After playing a bit-part role at Real in the first half of the season, Beckham announced in January that he would be leaving the club to sign a five-year deal with LA Galaxy.

He was immediately told by Capello that he would never play for Real again because he would not be focused on the club.

However, Capello reversed his decision to sideline the 32-year-old a month later, citing the player's professional attitude in training as the reason for his U-turn.

Capello said that England coach Steve McClaren's decision to drop Beckham after last year's World Cup had taken its toll on the former national captain in the first part of the season.

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Bangkok, 12 June — Suspected insurgents Monday stormed into a school and shot dead two female teachers in front of students in Thailand’s violence-plagued southern province of Narathiwat.

The Nation reported that the shootings took place at 12:10 pm (0510 MT) Monday in front of a lot of terrified students.

The two teachers, identified as Yupa Sengsaw and Tipporn Tangsopha, were shot dead while they were about to have lunch in the teachers’ office.

Tipporn had applied for a transfer to nearby province of Songkhla for fear of her safety, the report said.

The latest wave of insurgent-violence has flared in Thailand’s three southernmost provinces — Narathiwat, Yala and Pattani, for about three and a half years, killing over 2,200 people in the region.

Police capture Asia terror leader

JAKARTA, Indonesia, 12 June — One of Southeast Asia’s most wanted terrorists is in police custody, an anti-terror police official in Indonesia has told CNN.

Abu Dujana, believed to be the leader of Jemaah Islamiyah’s military unit, was one of seven suspected terrorists detained in central Java over the past few days, the official said Tuesday.

Jemaah Islamiyah (JI) is a militant Islamist group active in several Southeast Asian countries. In 2002, it was added to a United Nations list of terrorist organizations linked to al Qaeda or the Taliban.

New Rainfall Record

Issued at 11:00 hours MST on 12 June 2007

The amount of rainfall (321.1 mm) (12.64 inches) observed at 09:30 hours MST on 12 June 2007 in Kyauktaw is the (24) hours new maximum rainfall record at the station for the month of June during last (21) years. The former record was (253) mm (9.96) inches on 26 June 2005.

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring areas

WEATHER

Tuesday, 12 June, 2007

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST:

During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Kayah State, Tanintharyi Division, fairly widespread in Kayin and Mon States and Ayeyawady Division and widespread in the remaining States and Divisions with locally heavyfalls in Magway Division and Rakhine State. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Nay Pyi Taw (0.35) inch, Kyauktaw (12.64) inches, An (6.34) inches, Thandwe (5.04) inches, Sinphyukum (3.19) inches, Myitkyina (2.95) inches, Haka and Kyaukpyu (2.40) inches each, Yangon (Central) (2.05) inches, Chauk (1.85) inches, Pyay (1.70) inches, Magway (1.57) inches, Hpa-an (1.45) inches, Kyaukpaduang (1.96) inches, Mibin (1.34) inches, Yamethin (0.99) inch, Ninpyi (0.79) inch, Moektla (0.63) inch and Pyinum (0.47) inch.

Maximum temperature on 11–6–2007 was 88°F. Minimum temperature on 12-6-2007 was 72°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hours MST on 12-6-2007 was 93%. Total sunshine hours on 11-6-2007 was (3.5) hours approx.

Rainfall on 12-6-2007 was (0.87) inch at Mingaladon, (0.43) inch at Kaba-Aye, (2.05) inches at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2007 was (36.22) inches at Mingaladon, (40.47) inches at Kaba-Aye and (38.94) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (12) mph from Southwest at (12:15) hours MST on 11-6-2007.

Bay inference: Monsoon is weak to moderate in the Andaman Sea and South Bay and strong elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of 13-6-2007: Rain or thundershowers will be scattered in Mon and Kayah States, Tanintharyi Division, fairly widespread in Kachin and Shan States and widespread in the remaining States and Divisions with likelihood of isolated heavyfalls in Rakhine and Chin States, Sagaing, Mandalay and Magway Divisions. Degree of certainty is (80%).

State of the sea: Squalls with moderate to rough seas are likely at times off and along Rakhine Coast. Surface wind speed in squall may reach (35) mph. Seas will be moderate elsewhere in Mynamar waters.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Moderate monsoon.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring areas for 13-6-2007: One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring areas for 13-6-2007: One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring areas for 13-6-2007: One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).
Lt-Gen Kyaw Win attends opening ceremony of Jivitadana Sangha Hospital (Taunggyi) of Kanbawza Bank Ltd

NAV PYI TAW, 12 June—A ceremony to open Kanbawza Specialist Hospital of Kanbawza Bank Ltd as Jivitadana Sangha Hospital (Taunggyi) was held in the compound of the hospital in Taunggyi, Shan State (South) this morning, attended by members of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Kyaw Win of the Ministry of Defence.

Also present on the occasion were Chairman of Shan State Peace and Development Council Commander of Eastern Command Maj-Gen Thaung Aye, Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Tin Naing Thein, Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung, Deputy Minister for Health Dr Mya Oo, Shan State level departmental officials, members of the Shan State, District and Township Women’s Affairs Organizations and Maternal and Child Welfare Associations, members of Red Cross and Fire Brigades and nurses, teachers, townswelders, well-wishers, local people and others. The first session of the opening ceremony was held in front of the hospital. Head of Shan State Health Department Dr Sai Kham Hlaing explained the salient points of the hospital.

Lt-Gen Kyaw Win unveils signboard of Jivitadana Sangha Hospital in Taunggyi. — MNA

Next, Commander Maj-Gen Thaung Aye, Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura (See page 8)

Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than presents relief aid to storm victims in Pauktaw Township, Rakhine State

NAV PYI TAW, 11 June — Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than of the Ministry of Defence, accompanied by Rakhine State PDC Chairman Western Command Commander Maj-Gen Maung Shein, Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement and for Immigration and Population Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe, Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint and departmental officials, visited Pauktaw Township on 9 June morning. Next, they inspected the delivery room, X-ray unit, operation theatre and medical store, and comforted the patients.

Next, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than attended a ceremony to provide relief aid for storm victims held at Saitok Village BEPS in Pauktaw Township. The township PDC chairman reported on being able to give early warnings of storm news, preventive measures and relief aid being provided for the victims and repairs of damaged buildings. Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than presented relief aid to the victims. Minister Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe also presented relief aid including cash assistance to the victims and Minister Dr Kyaw Myint medicine and medical equipment. The donations were clothing worth K 555795, 11 items of consumer products and cash by the Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement and medicine and medical equipment worth K 2000000 by the Ministry of Health totaling K 2555795.

Afterwards, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than and party went to the rural health centre in Laungchaung Village in Yathetaung Township. The Township PDC chairman reported on providing of relief aid and repairs of damaged property. Speaking on the occasion, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than stressed the need for the public to listen to the radio and read newspapers and called for public cooperation in taking relief measures if natural disaster falls. He then donated clothing and 11 items of consumer products. Ministers Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe and Dr Kyaw Myint also presented relief aid to the victims through officials concerned. The donations (See page 8)

The entire national people of various religious faiths and races are participating in the successful implementation of the State’s seven-step Road Map that will guarantee a prosperous future of the nation. And they are collectively implementing the national goal of building a peaceful, modern and developed democratic nation with flourishing discipline.