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NAY PYI TAW, 11 July — It is learnt that the Taiwan authorities led by Chen Shui-bien have recently been pushing hard for a referendum on joining the United Nations in the name of “Taiwan”.

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MWVO members to ensure success of National Convention

The Myanmar War Veterans Organization is a consolidated auxiliary force for national defence. The Central Organizing Committee and State, Division, District and Township Organizing Committees have been formed and their membership is on the increase. They are carrying out the respective duties.

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We would like to urge the members of MWVO with such noble spirit, experiences and fine traditions to do their bit for the success of the National Convention.

Minister receives German Ambassador

NAIP YI TAW, 10 July — Minister for Home Affairs Maj-Gen Maung Oo received Ambassador of Germany to Myanmar Mr Dietrich Andreas at his office here today.

Also present at the call were Director-General of General Administration Department U Myat Ko, Director-General of Myanmar Police Force Brig-Gen Khin Yi, Director-General of Bureau of Special Investigation U Aung Saw Win and officials concerned.

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Deputy Minister for Health attends WHO SEA regional meetings

NAIP YI TAW, 10 July — Deputy Minister for Health Dr Mya Oo and party attended the Health Secretaries’ Meeting of WHO South-East Asian Region member countries and the 44th Senior Officials Meeting for Health Plan Management in New Delhi of India from 2 to 6 July.

On 2 July, WHO SEA Regional Director Dr Samlee Pflaum and Dr. delivered an address at the opening ceremony of the meeting. Health secretaries and representatives discussed health plans to be implemented with the use of WHO funds in 2008-09, management and financial matters, reviewing of the resolutions adopted by the 60th WHO Conference and the topics to be discussed at the 60th WHO SEA Regional Committee Meeting.

Deputy Minister Dr Mya Oo also discussed the plans to be implemented in Myanmar with the use of WHO funds in 2008-09, preventive measures being taken against bird flu and dengue fever and its success.

The deputy minister tabled a motion calling for providing preliminary health care services to be discussed at the 61st WHO SEA Regional Committee Meeting in 2008. All the participants seconded the motion. The meeting ended on 6 July.

In memory of late U Ba Thwin-Daw Thaung Nyunt, Daw Win Yi, Ko Maung Maung Oo and Ko Zaw Win, bereaved families of Ahlon Township donated Ky 100,000 to Hninzigon Home for the Aged recently. Joint Treasurer U Maung Maung Gyi of the Home accepts cash donated by the wellwishers. — H

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A 17 May, 2006 file photo shows the USS Enterprise in the Adriatic sea, near the city of Split, Croatia. The US Navy has sent a third aircraft carrier to its Fifth Fleet area of operations, which includes Gulf waters close to Iran, the Navy said on 10 July, 2007. —XINHUA

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China pledges to further cooperation with Vanuatu

BEIJING, 10 July—Chinese President Hu Jintao on Monday pledged to enhance cooperation with Vanuatu and other countries in the Pacific Ocean. “It has been our consistent policy to cement the relationship with Vanuatu and other Pacific island countries,” Hu said during a meeting with Vanuatu’s President Kalkot Mataskelekele who arrived here on Sunday for a six-day state visit to China.

Hu encouraged Chinese entrepreneurs to increase investment in Vanuatu in agriculture, forestry, fishery, telecommunication and infrastructure.

He expressed appreciation of Vanuatu’s adherence to the one-China policy and its opposition to “Taiwan Independence.” Hu said China and Vanuatu respected each other, had cooperated in the economic domain, and supported each other in international and regional affairs.

“China would like to work with Vanuatu to improve long-term friendship and cooperation in all areas,” Hu said. Vanuatu is a country in the southwest Pacific Ocean with a population of about 200,000.

Mataskelekele expressed gratitude to China for its support during Vanuatu’s campaign for national independence and the country’s construction.

He hoped to deepen the cooperation with China on agriculture, fishery, and tourism. He also said Vanuatu would like to take an active part in the forum between China and Pacific island countries on economic development.

MNA/Xinhua

Embattled US Hurricane Centre boss ousted

MIAMI, 10 July—The director of the US National Hurricane Centre, a critical government agency that issues hurricane and tropical storm forecasts, was ousted on Monday after a staff mutiny.

Bill Proenza, who was appointed to the top hurricane job about six months ago, was embroiled in controversy, after criticizing his Washington bosses for spending money on public relations while an aging weather satellite needed replacement.

After vowing not to be silenced, Proenza faced a revolt at the Miami Hurricane Centre last week, when 23 staff members, about half the work force, issued a petition calling for him to resign.

They said Proenza had “poisoned the atmosphere” at the Hurricane Centre, which also issues weather information widely used by countries throughout the Caribbean basin.

“We need to move forward,” said Dennis Feltgen, the Hurricane Centre’s spokesman. “Effective immediately, Ed Rappaport will serve as acting director on an interim basis.”

Rappaport, a veteran hurricane forecaster, was the Centre’s deputy director. — MNA/Reuters

Attack on lone nurses rising in Britain

LONDON, 10 July—A third of nurses have been assaulted or harassed while working alone over the last two years and many feel the dangers are rising, a survey said on Monday.

Two-thirds said their boss did not always know where they were, and three-quarters wanted more information about the possible risks of each home visit.

The survey, for the Royal College of Nursing (RCN), which represents more than 300,000 health workers, found that a third sometimes felt unsafe at work. “Attacks on nurses, whether physical or verbal, are completely unacceptable,” said RCN General Secretary Dr Peter Carter. “The results of this survey are extremely disappointing.”

Carter criticized the government for failing to give most nurses mobile security devices that can record evidence of an attack and silently ring for help. Only three per cent of NHS trusts have invested in the system, he said. — MNA/Reuters

Giant panda Tai Shan walks towards a special fruit-filled ice treat presented to it by zoo staff to celebrate its birthday at the National Zoo in Washington, on 9 July, 2007. —Xinhua

China turns back US drink mix shipment

BEIJING, 10 July—China has sent back a shipment of sugar-free drink mix from the United States, after tests in Shanghai showed the presence of too much red dye, the Xinhua news agency said on Tuesday.

The shipment was produced by Sturm Foods Ltd, it said, a manufacturer of powdered drinks and cereals based in Manawa, Wisconsin.

China warned last month it would apply greater scrutiny to food shipments from the United States, even as international concern grows over the safety of Chinese food, drug and toy exports.

A chemical additive to pet food caused the deaths or illnesses of pets in the United States, sparking greater attention to Chinese export and quality controls. — MNA/Xinhua
HKIA names Asia-Pacific’s most efficient airport

HONG KONG, 10 July—Hong Kong International Airport (HKIA) has won the Airport Transport Research Society’s 2007 Asia-Pacific Airport Efficiency Excellence Award for its outstanding efficiency and service, the Airport Authority Hong Kong said in a statement on Sunday.

Meanwhile, HKIA has won the Best International Airport Prize in the 2007 TravelWeekly (Asia) Industry Awards, it said.

“These awards, which were presented by both academics and our peers in the travel industry, are a testament to the hard work and dedication of the 60,000 people who comprise the airport community,” said Stanley Hui, chief executive officer of Airport Authority Hong Kong.

“Every day, we and our business partners at HKIA deliver an efficient, friendly and customer-focused experience for our passengers and business partners,” he added.

HKIA won the Airport Transport Research Society award after receiving the top score in a field of 30 major Asian airports. Conducted by international aviation experts, the Global Airport Benchmarking Project measured productivity and efficiency, costs and competitiveness, financial results and airport charges.

HKIA was nominated for the Best International Airport award by a panel of travel industry experts. The final award was determined in a polling process that saw readers of TravelWeekly magazine cast more than 160,000 individual votes.

Switzerland recognizes China as market economy

GENEVA, 10 July—Switzerland has recognized China as a market economy, easing the way for an expansion of trade between the two nations, their governments said on Monday.

The move, Switzerland’s third in Europe as a market economy, will lay an even firmer foundation for creating a fair environment for the compreensive development of China-Swiss economic and trade ties”, Bo said in a statement issued in Beijing.

A statement from Leuthard’s ministry in the Swiss capital Berne said the two sides also decided “to conduct internal feasibility studies towards a possible free trade agreement, at some point in the future”. Leuthard and Bo had further agreed, it said, to bolster protection of intellectual property rights by setting up a regular dialogue through a working group of government and industry representatives from the two countries.

This is a key issue for Switzerland’s pharmaceutical and watchmaking industries who have been urging the government to make more efforts to protect their products from piracy.

The Swiss statement said the ministers also agreed to set up another working group to help Swiss businesses invest in China and to attract Chinese investors to Switzerland.

Geneva, 10 July—Iran and Iraq officially signed an agreement on Sunday to set up their first joint power plant in Baghdad, the official IRNA news agency reported.

The agreement was signed by Managing Director of Iranian SANIR Company Reza Ebadzadeh and the Iraqi Deputy Electricity Minister Salam al-Qazaz.

Based on the agreement, SANIR Company, affiliated to Iran’s Energy Ministry, is obliged to establish the 315-mega-watt power plant in Sadr City, a suburban area of Baghdad.

The Iranian side has agreed to implement the project in almost two years to supply two districts inhabited by the low-income strata of Sadr City, Ebadzadeh told IRNA.

The project is to cost $150 million US dollars, he said.

Apple to launch Nano-based iPhone

BEIJING, 11 July—The enthusiasm of die-hard Apple fans can gear up for the next product release — a less expensive version of iPhone based on the iPod Nano music player later this year, saida JP Morgan report Tuesday.

Apple Inc plans to introduce the new type of iPhone, which is described as a handheld device with a circular touch pad displaying illuminated symbols that could change depending on the mode in use.

The company designs themodel along the lines of the iPod nano and prices it at 300 dollars or lower, said Kevin Chang, an analyst at JP Morgan.

Unlike the current iPhone, which is controled by a 3.5 widescreen touch screen display, the new model will likely be controlled by a scroll wheel and might have limited functionality.

Long lines of people turned out 29 June when US sales began for the iPhone, a mobile phone with a music player and Web browser. Analysts have estimated that sales in the first weekend were as high as 700,000 units.
Chinese V-PM calls for improved management of Qinghai-Tibet railway

BEIJING, 10 July— Chinese Vice-Premier Zeng Peiyan said the management of the Qinghai-Tibet railway should be further improved to ensure safe operation and better environmental protection.

Zeng made the remarks at the 10th meeting of the Qinghai-Tibet railway construction group held on 7 and 8 July, on which the project of the Golmud-Lhasa section passed national acceptance review.

The railway stretches 1,956 kilometres from Xining, capital of Qinghai, to Lhasa, capital of Tibet, with the project of the 1,142-kilometre Golmud-Lhasa section being built from 2001 to 2006.

The Xining-Golmud section was completed in 1984.

Since going into operation in July 2006, the railway had carried 2.6 million passengers and 13 million tons of cargo, going through the test of seasonal changes without serious accidents, said Zeng.

Managing the railway is “more difficult and arduous” than building it, said Zeng, adding that railway departments should improve their services and transportation efficiency.

Safety measures and environmental protection work must be strengthened along the railway.

The opening of the railway should be considered as a rare opportunity for social and economic development of Qinghai Province and Tibet Autonomous Region, said Zeng.

Fuel truck crash kills 13 in southeast Iran

TEHERAN, 11 July— An explosion in southeast Iran killed 13 people when trucks smuggling gasoline crashed on Tuesday, a police official was quoted by the official IRNA news agency as saying.

Police General Salah Asgarpour said the accident occurred when a truck carrying smuggled gasoline lost control and plunged into three other trucks also carrying smuggled material, including gasoline and fabrics.

“There was a fireball in the place of the accident in the southeastern province of Sistan-Baluchestan,” Asgarpour said. Three people were injured, he added.

Iran has one of the highest road accident rates in the world. Frequent crashes are blamed on poor police supervision, poor quality roads and reckless driving.

Heavy rains kill 11 in Central India

NEW DELHI, 10 July— At least 11 people have been killed and six women are feared to have been washed away by a swollen river in Central India’s Madhya Pradesh (MP) region following heavy rains, Indo-Asian News Service (IANS) reported Monday.

Eight people died Sunday evening in Hoshangabad District when a jeep in which they were travelling overturned while crossing the overflowing river Denwa.

Earlier Sunday, a child drowned in Harda District while two children died after being struck by lightning in Ratlam. The feared deaths of women were reported from Harda.

With rivers in spate and many roads submerged in towns, normal life was paralyzed in Harda, Rajgarh, Khandwa, Betul, Indore and Jhabua districts of MP as torrential monsoon rains continued for the third consecutive day Monday.

Revenue Minister Kamal Patel told IANS that the Indian Army has been urged to help the civilian administration to carry out relief and rehabilitation work in Harda area, where 20 villages were submerged by floodwater.

Five people killed in landslide in south Philippines

MANILA, 10 July— Five people were killed, including a pregnant woman, after heavy rains triggered a landslide in a famous goldrush area in the southern Philippines, officials said on Tuesday.

Franco Tito, a village captain on Mount Diwata, about 600 miles (965 kilometres) south of Manila, said the victims were killed in an avalanche of boulders and soil while eating dinner on Monday evening.

One of the victims was four months pregnant, a police spokesman said.

The lure of gold has attracted tens of thousands of small-scale miners to Mount Diwata, or Diwalwal as it is commonly known, honeycombing its rocky soil with a warren of tunnels and making their settlements susceptible to landslides.

The 8,100-hectare reservation is believed to have the richest gold deposit in the Philippines, according to the government.

Three killed, 10 injured in Malaysian pile-up accident

KUALA LUMPUR, 10 July— An elderly woman and her two children have been killed while 10 others injured in an accident involving five vehicles, local media reported on Monday.

V Neelaveney, 64, and her children S Poongody, 36, and S Chandra Mohan, 42, in a car, were on their way from their house in Merlimau, Malacca State to Kuala Lumpur when the accident happened on the expressway on Sunday.

Their two other family members who were also in the car escaped with minor injuries.

The collision also involved an express bus, which was on its way from Malacca to Kuala Lumpur, a van and two other cars, said a police spokesman.

It is believed that one of the cars was hit from behind by another car.
Grow more trees to mitigate global warming

Rector U Win Kyi -1

The article “Concerted efforts to mitigate global warming” states that global warming is the result of the increase in the emission of greenhouse gases including carbon dioxide into the atmosphere; that green plants turn carbon dioxide and water into food using energy obtained from sunlight for their existence; that they absorb 1.63 grams of carbon dioxide from the atmosphere to make one gram of biomass. The article appeared in Kyemon daily on 5 June 2007 and in Myanmar Alin daily the next day.

If you and your relatives and friends totalling 54 grow saplings each with your persuasion, the 540 trees you and your group have planted equal the number of trees that are cultivated 9-ft apart on an acre of forest plantation. In other words, you have established a one-acre tree plantation. Don’t worry about space problem. You can grow trees in the compound of your house, a monastery or a pagoda or on either side of a road. You do not need to have a stretch of one-acre vacant land.

Depending on tree species, the average mean annual increment-MAI of a tree plantation varies from 1.5 cubic tons to 9.4 cubic tons. If the MAI of the 540 trees is at about four cubic tons that equal 2.84 metric tons of wood containing 1.42 tons of carbon, it means that your 540 trees absorb 5.21 metric tons of carbon dioxide from the air to form 2.84 tons of wood within a year.

So, you and your relatives and friends have helped reduce five cubic tons of carbon dioxide that trees are absorbing. As the atmosphere covers the whole earth, your efforts will benefit not only the nation, but also the entire mankind of the planet. As a gesture hailing the tree planting month, I would like to urge all to grow trees to mitigate global warming.

(Translation: TMT)

5th cash donation to monastery in Paris

YANGON, 11 July — Donors are invited to attend the 5th cash donation ceremony for construction of a Myanmar monastery in Paris, France, to be held at Wizaya Mingala Dhamma Hall near Kaba Aye Cave here on 13 July.

Chairman of State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Abhidhaja Maha Rathitha Guru Abhidhaja Agga Maha Suddhamma Jotika Magway Sayadaw Bhaddanta Kumara will deliver a sermon and Ashin Nandasiri, a missionary to France, will explain conditions of the monastery, which is under construction in Paris.

More information related to construction of the monastery is available at 09 5192468, 09 5197474, 09 5002983.

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Monsoon sales promotion at Gamonepwint Shopping Mall

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In their resignation letters sent to Sagaing Division Multi-party Democracy General Election Subcommission, they said that they had no confidence and interest in the party and its leaders and they no longer wished to stand as party members. That was why they resigned from the party of their own volition, they said.

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Indian delegation leaves for Mandalay

Nay Pyi Taw, 11 July — A goodwill delegation led by General Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Lieutenant-General KS Jamwal, AVSM, VSM, of Eastern Command (Kolkata) of the Indian Armed Forces, accompanied by Indian Defence Attaché Col Manoj Mukund Maravan, left here by air for Mandalay this morning. The Indian delegation was seen off at Nay Pyi Taw Airport by Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Maj-Gen Wai Lwin and wife Daw Swe Swe Oo, senior military officers of the command headquarters and station. — MNA

Minister receives guest

Nay Pyi Taw, 11 July — Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thaung received President General Manager Mr Zhao Qin Lei of Shandong Boshan Yin Shan Porcelain Co Ltd of the People’s Republic of China at his office here yesterday.

Also present at the call were directors-general of the departments and the managing director of the Myanmar Ceramics Industries under the ministry. — MNA

VOV delegation arrives

Yangon, 11 July — Under the cooperation programme between Radio the Voice of Vietnam (VOV) and Myanmar Radio and Television, a four-member delegation led by Mr Pham Duy Hung of the Voice of Vietnam (VOV) arrived here by air on 9 July evening. They were welcomed at Yangon International Airport by Director (Broadcasting) U Ko Ko Htway of MRTV and officials. — MNA

Secretary-1

Lt-Gen Thein Sein welcomes Foreign Minister of Sri Lanka Mr Rohitha Bogollagama in Nay Pyi Taw. (News on page-1)

Minister attends ceremony of World Population Day for 2007

Nay Pyi Taw, 11 July — A ceremony to mark World Population Day for 2007, jointly-organized by the Ministry of Immigration and Population and UNFPA, was held at the City Hall of Nay Pyi Taw Development Committee this morning, with an address by Minister for Immigration and Population Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe.

First, Minister Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe made a speech on the occasion and then resident representative Mr Daniel B Baker to those in essay competition. After the ceremony, Minister Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe and guests viewed the documentary photos on display in the hall. Next, Minister Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe together with diplomats and resident representatives and prize winners posed for a documentary photo. — MNA

Mr Daniel B Baker reads message sent by Executive Director of UNFPA Ms Thoraya Obaid.

MNA

The delegation of Radio the Voice of Vietnam (VOV) being welcomed by officials at Yangon International Airport. — MNA

Comrade Maj-Gen Wai Lwin sees off General Officer Commanding-in-Chief Lt-Gen KS Jamwal, AVSM, VSM, of Eastern Command (Kolkata) and party at Nay Pyi Taw Airport. — MNA

Minister Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe delivers an address at a ceremony to mark World Population Day.

MNA

Mr Daniel B Baker to those in essay competition.
F&R, PBANRDA, Information win in First Nay Pyi Taw Inter-Ministry Football Tournament

NAY PYI TAW, 11 July — Ministry of Finance and Revenue team eased through Ministry of Foreign Affairs team 8-0 in the first round of the First Nay Pyi Taw Inter-Ministry Football Tournament at Paunglaung Sports Ground in Pyinmana this morning.

Likewise, Ministry of Progress for Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs team beat Ministry of Home Affairs team 3-2 at the same venue in the afternoon.

At Lewe Township Sportsground, Ministry of Information team stunned Ministry of Hotels and Tourism team 4-0 in the afternoon.

Among the spectators were Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan, Minister for Finance and Revenue Maj-Gen Hla Tun, Deputy Minister for Hotels and Tourism Brig-Gen Aye Myint Kyu, departmental heads and staff. Ministry of Religious Affairs team and Ministry of Defence team will meet in the morning match, and Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement team and Ministry of Sports team in the afternoon match at Paunglaung Sports ground tomorrow. At Lewe Township Sportsground, Ministry of Health team will play against Attorney-General’s Office team in the afternoon. — MNA

Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan and Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Aye Myint Kyu watch a football match of Ministry of Information and Ministry of Hotels and Tourism. — MNA

Meetings of Task Force Alternative Development and Task Force Law Enforcement commence

YANGON, 11 July — Under the arrangements of the ASEAN and China Cooperative Operations in Response to Dangerous Drugs—ACCORD, the Fifth Meeting of Task Force Alternative Development and the Sixth Meeting of Task Force Law Enforcement were opened at Parkroyal Hotel, here, this morning. Deputy Director General of Myanmar Police Force Police Brig-Gen Zaw Win, Coordinator Mr Koe Chhoea of ASEAN Secretariat and Senior Adviser Mr Quanrong Wang to UNODC Regional Center for East Asian and the Pacific delivered addresses.

These meetings will continue up to 13 July. Also present at the meetings were Ambassadors of ASEAN countries and the People’s Republic of China, diplomats, representatives of ASEAN countries, PRC, UNODC, ASEAN Secretariat and INTERPOL. — MNA

Minister inspects Nawngkhio hydropower project

NAY PYI TAW, 11 July — Minister for Electric Power No 1 Col Zaw Min inspected Nawngkhio hydropower project, 29 miles and two furlongs South of Nawngkhio in Shan State (North) through Yeywa hydropower project on 7 July.

First, Project Director U Myint Zaw and Deputy Director (Geology) U Kyaw Nyein briefed the minister and party on feasibility study and geographical condition and flow of water in the river.

After hearing the reports, the minister gave instructions on requirement of the project and feasibility study. Nawngkhio hydropower project is located on Dokhtawady River, 25 miles upstream of Yeywa hydropower project.

The technicians are conducting feasibility study to implement the project. — MNA

Lt-Gen Myint Swe of Ministry of Defence accepts cash donated by a wellwisher. — MNA

Trust funds set up for child patients...

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The government is taking all necessary measures for improvement of the health sector. The National Health Plan embodies the programme to upgrade the present hospitals.

To ensure a fall in the maternal mortality rate and infant mortality rate is an indicator of the Millennium Development Goals. The infant mortality rate is largely due to pneumonia, diarrhoea, measles, and dengue hemorrhagic fever, which are curable diseases.

Now, dengue hemorrhagic fever is common, and without any effective treatment, the infant mortality rate can get high. So, it is needed to set up trust funds for providing better health care. Yangon Division has formed work committee and subcommittees for control of dengue hemorrhagic fever.

The government and various programmes are providing medicines and medical equipment for mothers and children. However, it is still needed to launch a self-reliant system with the support of the people for adequate supply of medicines and medical equipment. So, trust fund for needy patients has been founded in every hospital.

He thanked the well-wishers for donating medicines and medical equipment and cash and Yangon Division Union Solidarity and Development Association for donating blood.

Lt-Gen Myint Swe urged respective administrative bodies, the Ministry of Health and other relevant ministries, social organizations, and the people to work together to contribute towards the State’s health policy, uplift public health standard and provide better child health care.

Wellwishers made cash donations to the child patients through Lt-Gen Myint Swe, Yangon Division PDC Chairman Yangon Command Commander Maj-Gen Hla Hay Win, Vice-Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Vice-Mayor Col Maung Pa and officials. — MNA

Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan delivers an address at opening ceremony of 5th Meeting of Task Force Alternative Development and 6th Meeting of Task Force Law Enforcement. — MNA

Police Brig-Gen Zaw Win delivers an address at opening ceremony of 5th Meeting of Task Force Alternative Development and 6th Meeting of Task Force Law Enforcement. — MNA
Plan under way to cultivate 550,000 acres …

(from page 16) authorities and officials to coordinate their tasks to prevent against floods at Sittoung and Myitmakha valleys and its surrounding areas.

On completion of flood prevention and land reclamation tasks, 110,000 acres of land can be reclaimed for monsoon paddy in Sittoung Valley and surrounding areas in Bago Division (East) and 17,000 acres of land for monsoon paddy in Myitmakha Valley and surrounding areas in Bago Division (West).

In Bago, they met departmental officials, members of social organizations and townswolders. After hearing the reports of officials, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than gave instructions. He said that the Khin Maung Than urged reports of officials, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than urged departmental personnel to make field trips to grass-root levels for gaining success in five rural development tasks.

Afterwards, they cordially greeted those present.

Next, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than and party viewed maintenance tasks being carried out along Nay Pyi Taw-Yangon Road.

UNFPA Resident Representative calls on NPED Minister

Minister U Soe Tha receives Resident Representative of UNFPA Mr Daniel B Baker. — MNA

Fingerlings released into Ayeyawady River

USDA Secretary-General U Hlay Oo and Col Phone Maw Shwe release fingerlings into Ayeyawady River. — MNA

First Meeting of Joint Commission for Bilateral cooperation between Myanmar and Sri Lanka organized

NAY PYI TAW, 11 July — The First Meeting of the Joint Commission for Bilateral cooperation between the Union of Myanmar and the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka was held at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, here, this morning, with opening ceremony to put fish into Ayeyawady River organized by Magway Division Fisheries Department, was held at Kandawgyi jetty, Magway Division on 7 July. Present on the occasion were Secretary-General of the Union Solidarity and Development Association U Hlay Oo and Chairman of Magway Division PDC Col Phone Maw Shwe. Arrangements are being made for releasing a total of 13.5 million fingerlings into the dams of Magway Division this year. MNA

Minerals Minister greets gem merchants

YANGON, 11 July — Patron of Central Committee for Organizing the Myanmar Gems, Jade and Pearl Special Sales Minister for Mines Brig-Gen Ohn Myint, accompanied by Vice-Chairman of the Central Committee Col Kyaw Kyaw Tun and Secretary Managing Director U Thein Swe of Myanmar Gems Enterprise, cordially greeted gem merchants at Myanmar Convention Centre on Mindhamma Road in Mayangon Township this afternoon after inspecting sales of jade, gems and pearl lots through tender.

At MCC, a total of 716 lots of jade were sold today. From 6 July to date, 3,737 lots of jade have been sold. The remaining jade lots will be sold tomorrow.

A total of 4,055 gem merchants — 527 at home and 2,431 abroad — have arrived here and attended the Myanmar Gems, Jade and Pearl Special Sales. More gem merchants will arrive here to the sales. — MNA

Merchants evaluate value of gems at Jade, Gems and Pearl Special Sales. — MNA
The special plane that brings back Team Alinghi in Switzerland is sprayed with water by the airport fire brigade during a ceremony at Geneva airport on 8 July, 2007. Alinghi won the 32nd America’s Cup on Tuesday, beating Team New Zealand by one second in a thrilling seventh race to take the series 5-2. — INTERNET

Interpol chief blasts Britain cooperation on terrorism

LONDON, 11 July — Britain’s counter-terrorism efforts are “in the wrong century”, the head of Interpol said on Monday, accusing it of failing to share information on militants and consult a vital global police database.

The harsh and embarrassing criticism from Ronald Noble, boss of the 186-nation police organization, came as investigations into a suspected al-Qaeda car bomb plot involving Indian and Arab medics stretched from Britain as far as Australia.

Prime Minister Gordon Brown has stressed the need for countries to exchange information on suspected militants, but Noble said Britain was not passing on such data.

“The UK has not shared its terrorist watch list with Interpol,” he said in an open letter on the organization’s website, www.interpol.int.

He said this could have damaging consequences if other countries approached Interpol for information on suspects.

“The UK might lose a significant investigative lead; the country consulting Interpol would obtain no or incomplete information; and those individuals on the UK terrorist watch list would remain free to plan and carry out more terrorist attacks.”

Noble also slammed a failure by British authorities to systematically check the passports of foreign visitors against an Interpol global database containing details of more than seven million lost and stolen passports. There was a “clear link between stolen passports and al-Qaeda-linked terrorist activity”, he told the BBC.

“The UK’s anti-terrorist effort is in the wrong century.”

McCain’s top two aides quit 2008 campaign

WASHINGTON, 11 July — Republican John McCain’s top two aides quit his struggling presidential bid on Tuesday, dealing a sharp blow to the Arizona senator and casting the future of his 2008 campaign in doubt.

The campaign announced the resignations of manager Terry Nelson and longtime chief strategist John Weaver while McCain was on the Senate floor defending President George W. Bush’s strategy in Iraq.

“I believe that our military in cooperation with Iraqi security forces is making progress in a number of areas. In other areas they are not,” McCain said as the Senate launched a new debate on the future of the increasingly unpopular Iraq war. — MNA/Reuters

Roche antibiotic plus calcium may endanger babies, says US report

BLOOMBERG, 11 July — Babies are at increased risk of death if they are given Roche Holding AG’s Rocephin along with products containing calcium, according to the US Food and Drug Administration.

Roche sent doctors a letter on the danger of administering calcium within 48 hours of using Rocephin, an injectable antibiotic, after reports of deaths of both premature and full-term babies. The FDA posted the letter on its Web site today.

Rocephin is prescribed to treat gonorrhea, bacterial septicemia, urinary tract infections, and acute ear infections, according to the letter from the Basel, Switzerland-based drugmaker.

Ear infections are a common childhood illness. Antibiotics are recommended for children under the age of two with ear infections, according to the National Institutes of Health. — Internet
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**Claims Day Notice**

MV PULAU CEBU VOY NO (1)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV PULAU CEBU VOY NO (1) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 12.7.2007 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY 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.

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**Syrian-Iranian joint car factory to be inaugurated in August**

**Damascus**, 10 July—A new car factory is due to be inaugurated in mid August in Hessya industrial city in Syria’s midland city of Homs as a result of “fruitful cooperation” between Syria and Iran, the official *Syria Times* newspaper reported on Monday.

The factory, the second of its kind in Syria, would have an annual production capacity of 15,000 cars and a preliminary cost of 50 million US dollars.
**Fruit, fish protect teens’ lung function**

**BEIJING, 11 July** — Dell gained a larger share of the small business market Tuesday by launching the “Vostro” brand of notebook and desktop personal computers designed to simplify tech support to small business with 25 or fewer employees. Vostro, a Latin word meaning “yours,” joins Dell’s existing product lines, which include Inspiron for consumers, the Latitude and Optiplex for large companies, and the XPS for gamers. Vostro PCs will come with a suite of subscription-based services and a dedicated tech support staff, said Frank Muehleman, senior vice president of Dell’s small and medium business group. Vostro systems will be available with Windows Vista or XP operating systems, but won’t come with any so-called “trialware,” or sample versions of software that expire after a few weeks or months, Muehleman said.

**Dell launches “Vostro” for small business market**

![An image of Rolling Stones guitarist Keith Richards is projected on a screen as he performs on stage during a concert of the band’s “A Bigger Bang” European Tour in Budva on 9 July, 2007. —Xinhua](image)

**West Nile virus spreads in California**

**LOS ANGELES, 10 July** — West Nile virus has already spread to 26 counties in California, infecting three people, health officials confirmed on Tuesday. The spread prompted health officials to call on the public to take aggressive preventive measures, including immunizing their animals, draining standing water, putting screens on windows and doors and preventing mosquito bites. All three infected people were reported in Kern County which leads in the number of cases reported of the mosquito-borne disease. The county also reported 41 dead birds that tested positive for the virus. No other county has reported human cases so far this year, but health officials warn that high temperatures that have hit much of the state could prompt a more rapid spread of the disease than last year.

Sixty new cases of dead birds testing positive for the virus were reported last week across the state, according to the Los Angeles Times.

West Nile virus, unheard of in California before 2002, is now endemic in California and there is no hope of eradicating it. It spreads most rapidly in July and August. "The hot spells we are having now are definitely good for the virus," said Stan Husted, a supervising public health biologist with the California Department of Public Health. "What we want is to have fewer cases than last year, not more."

The disease is named after the West Nile district of Uganda, where the virus was first isolated; it is commonly found in Africa and Asia. —Internet

The systems include three notebooks with screens ranging from 14 to 17 inches and starting prices from 449 to 799 dollars. A desktop version will be available starting at 319.—Internet

**The best time to plant a tree was 20 years ago. The second best time is now.**
**SPORTS**

**China thrash Malaysia 5-1 in Group C opener**

KUALA LUMPUR, 11 July — China stormed to an emphatic 5-1 victory over Asian Cup co-hosts Malaysia on Tuesday, putting on the most impressive display of the tournament so far as they cruised to victory in their Group C opener. The 2004 runners-up became the first of the favoured teams to score a victory in the tournament after Australia and defending champions Japan were held to respectively 1-1 draws by Oman and Qatar in their opening group matches.

Despite enjoying home advantage, Malaysia failed to emulate the performances of fellow southeast Asian co-hosts Vietnam and Indonesia, both of whom scored surprise victories in their first games. Thailand are the other nation hosting the 16-team tournament that culminates with the final in Jakarta on 29 July. Although happy with the victory, China coach Zhu Guanghu said his team lost their discipline in allowing Malaysia to score after leading 4-0. China’s goal rush began after just 15 minutes when striker Han Peng headed in Wang Dong’s high cross from the right after Malaysia’s defence was split open by some dynamic approach play.

Midfielder Shao Juyi, who plays for Energie Cottbus in the German Bundesliga, doubled the lead after 36 minutes with another free header. Any hopes of a Malaysian comeback were dashed six minutes after the break when Wang made it 3-0 with a snap-shot from outside the box that deflected in off defender Faustine Nan.

Han made it 4-0 with his second goal of the match four minutes later, when he turned in Mao Jianqing’s cross from the left. Malaysia scored a consolation goal in the 73rd minute when substitute Indra Putra beat Li Leixi with a low shot from the edge of the penalty area, but Wang restored China’s four-goal advantage with a looping header in the final minute.

China play their next match on Sunday against Iran, who open their Group C campaign against Uzbekistan on Wednesday. — MNA/Reuters

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**Indonesia opens Cup campaign with Bahrain win**

JAKARTA, 11 July — Indonesia forward Bambang Pamungkas’s second-half strike gave the Asian Cup co-hosts a 2-1 victory over Bahrain in a lively Group D opener on Tuesday. In sweltering heat in the Gelora Bung Karno stadium, both sides had chances as the play swung swiftly from end to end. But it was Pamungkas, who had troubled the visitors with his trickery around the box, sealed Indonesia’s win 18 minutes into the second half when he blasted home a rebound after the Bahrain keeper could only parry a ferocious Firman Utina shot onto the post.

Indonesia coach Ivan Kolev played tribute to his side’s desire and said all the team played well. “They wanted to win. They proved to all of us that they can win,” Kolev told a post-match news conference, where he also thanked the noisy home fans who had filled much of the 88,000-capacity stadium in the capital.

Asked about his strategy for the game, he said: “We did study how Bahrain played. And then we tried to anticipate clearly with the ability of Indonesian players.”

The home team had struck first in the 14th minute after midfielder Utina threaded a defence-splitting pass through to Budi Sudarsono, who chested the ball beyond the goalkeeper and slotted home from inside the penalty area.

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**Real Madrid agree deal for Porto defender Pepe**

MADRID, 11 July — Real Madrid reached an agreement to sign centre-back Pepe for a fee of up to 30 million euros on Tuesday.

Both clubs confirmed the deal with the Portuguese champions detailing the amount offered for the one of the world’s most expensive defenders. Pepe, who is set to sign a five-year contract, is the second centre-back Real have signed in the close season with German international Christoph Metzelder due to be presented on Wednesday. Real’s move for Pepe could signal the end of attempts to sign Romania defender Cristian Chivu due to be presented on Wednesday.

Porto defender Pepe was confident with the AFC’s arrangements at the Asian Cup are being tightened. The Australian Government has also warned its citizens to reconsider traveling to Indonesia, which will host the Asian Cup final on 29 July, because of the imminent threat of a terrorist attack.

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**Liu Xiang of China competes to win the men’s 110m hurdles at the IAAF Super Grand Prix in Lausanne, Switzerland, on 10 July, 2007. Liu Xiang won the victory of 110m hurdles here in 13.01 seconds, the season’s third-best time. — INTERNET**

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**Bamboo messages**

China’s Han Peng (L) plays a shot against Malaysia during the AFC Asian Cup Group C soccer match in Kuala Lumpur, capital city of Malaysia, on 10 July, 2007. China crushed Malaysia 5-1. — INTERNET

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Greek police break up human trafficking ring

ATHENS, 11 July —
Greek police said on Monday they had broken up a human trafficking ring that forced women from Eastern Europe and the Balkans to work as prostiutes.

Nine people were arrested in Greece and two in Ukraine, charged with sexual exploitation, they said.

They were still searching for seven other people abroad, helped by Interpol, the international police agency.

“Greek security forces uncovered members of an international criminal group that has been operating for the last two years,” Greek police security chief Drossos Bougoudis told reporters.

“They were trafficking women from Eastern Europe and Balkans,” he said.

Three Ukrainian women, held against their will in an Athens apartment, were freed and now in safe hands, police said.

A further 62 people were arrested in a related anti-vice raid and were charged with facilitating and

prostituting from illegal sexual activity.

“Members of the gang were luring women from these regions promising them legal work and were keeping them in several apartments in Athens,” Bougoudis said.

MNA/Reuters
Lt-Gen Ye Myint and wife host dinner in honour of General Officer Commanding-in-Chief of Eastern Command (Kolkata) of Indian Armed Forces

NAY PYI TAW, 11 July — Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Ye Myint of the Ministry of Defence and wife Dr Daw Tin Lin Myint hosted a dinner in honour of the goodwill delegation led by General Officer Commanding-in-Chief Lieutenant General KS Jamwal AVSM, VSM of Eastern Command (Kolkata) of Indian Armed Forces and wife at Myat Taw Win Hotel in hotel zone, here, yesterday evening.

The dinner was also attended by Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Maj-Gen Wai Lwin and wife Daw Swe Swe Oo, Vice-Chief of Armed Forces Training Maj-Gen Zaw Win, Vice Adjutant-General Maj-Gen Hla Shwe, Vice Quartermaster-General Maj-Gen Khin Maung Tun and their wives, senior military officers and Indian Defence Attache Col Manoj Mukund Naravane.

After the dinner, Lt-Gen Ye Myint and wife presented souvenirs to Lieutenant General KS Jamwal AVSM, VSM, wife and party.

Lt-Gen Ye Myint hosts dinner in honour of General Officer Commanding-in-Chief Lt-Gen KS Jamwal AVSM, VSM of Eastern Command (Kolkata) of Indian Armed Forces, and party at Myat Taw Win Hotel in Nay Pyi Taw. — MNA

Plan under way to cultivate 550,000 acres of edible oil crops including 150,000 extended acres in Bago Division in 2007-08

NAY PYI TAW, 11 July — Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than of the Ministry of Defence, accompanied by Chairman of Bago Division PDC Commander of Southern Command Maj-Gen Ko Ko, arrived at Nyaunglebin Township Irrigation Department yesterday.

Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than heard reports on forming of the committee and subcommittees for taking preventive measures against floods at Sittoung valley, Myitmahta valley and surrounding areas and reclamation of farmland, construction of embankments at Sittoung River and Mokkhamu Creek, dredging of Yenwe and Leinbin creeks and blocking task at Chauktan Creek in Bago Division (East), construction of the embankment at Myitmakha River, use of heavy machinery and fuel, arrangements for extended cultivation of monsoon and summer paddy, and others presented by Director U Aye Myint of Bago Division Irrigation Department.

The commander gave a supplementary report.

After hearing the reports, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than instructed local (See page 10)

YANGON, 11 July—Yangon Division Health Committee this afternoon organized a ceremony at Yangon Children’s Hospital in Dagon Township here to set up the trust funds for the children receiving treatment at Yangon Children’s Hospital, North Okkalapa General Hospital and Insein General Hospital. Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence said that after designating “Uplift of health, fitness and education standards of the entire nation” as a social objective, the government formed the National Health Committee to raise the health standard of the people. Then, it laid down the National Health Plan to expedite the functions.

The health care services the government is implementing for regional development cover the entire nation including rural areas.

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