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NAV Pyi Taw, 19 July — Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Ye Myint of the Ministry of Defence, accompanied by Kachin State PDC Chairman Northern Command Commander Maj-Gen Ohn Myint, Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs Brig-Gen Thein Zaw and Col Khin Maung Cho of Phakant Station and officials of the SPDC office, attended a physic nut plant growing ceremony held at Lonekhin Village in Phakant Township, Kachin State, on 16 July morning. Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party presented physic nut plants to members of social organizations and Union Solidarity and Development Association. Next, Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party grew the plants and encouraged those participating in the physic nut tree-planting. The township has grown 13,602 acres of physic nut against the target of 23,000 acres in 2006-2007 and 2007-2008. They inspected monsoon paddy plantations on both sides of the township. The target of 23,000 acres in 2006-2007 and 2007-2008. They inspected monsoon paddy plantations on both sides of

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Everyone who loves the martyr leaders should respect their qualities of uprightness, loyalty, patriotism and perseverance. Taking lessons from the history, we must beware of instigation of the imperialists and plots of internal traitors.
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Strive for emergence of new State constitution

A constitution is the principal law that regulates political, economic and social systems being practised by a nation. Moreover, in the process of transition to a new system from an old one a constitution to be in line with the new system is indispensable.

At present, the government is striving for the emergence of a peaceful, modern, developed and discipline-flourishing democratic nation. In this regard, the National Convention is being held for the drawing of an enduring State constitution.

The National Convention, which was temporarily adjourned in 1996, was reconvened from the years of 2004, 2005 and 2006. The delegates to the National Convention held discussions on their experience and knowledge, and unanimously laid down basic principles and detailed basic principles.

The National Convention in session will be able to discuss and adopt detailed basic principles for Election, Political Parties, Provision on State of Emergency, Amendment of the Constitution, State Flag, State Seal, National Anthem and the Capital, Transitory Provisions and General Provisions.

Over 1,000 delegates from all walks of life are attending the National Convention. Being the final meeting, the National Convention is holding discussions on basic principles and detailed basic principles in all seriousness so that they will be in harmony with one another.

As all the delegates are trying their best to finalize the discussions with patriotism and Union Spirit the State constitution will emerge shortly after the National Convention is completed.

Ayemyanchantha Mahasi Sasana Yeiktha Monastery to offer Waso robes

YANGON, 19 July — A ceremony to offer Waso robes will be held in conjunction with cash donation for building two-storey refectory at Ayemyanchantha Mahasi Sasana Yeiktha Monastery in Dagon Myothit (East) Township on 29 July.

Anyone can donate cash and kind to the funds for ceremony, and the Sayadaw of the monastery will deliver a sermon to the congregations.—MNA

Hindu Thanantana Dhammapalaka Organization to offer Waso robes

YANGON, 16 July — Hindu families will offer Waso robes to 472 monks from State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee and State Pariyatti Sasana University at Kaba Aye Hill, here, at 9 am on 5 August.

Wellwishers may donate a set of Waso robes worth K 12,000 and K 8,000 for a cost-share of a day meal not later than 28 July (Tel: 525165, 242751 and 245605). — MNA

Provisions, cash to be donated to monasteries, nunneries, homes for the aged

YANGON, 19 July — Defence Services (Army, Navy and Air Force) will donate provisions and cash to monasteries, nunneries and homes for the aged in Yangon during Buddhist Lent from 29 July to 26 October.

A work coordination meeting on organizing the donation ceremonies was held today at Yangon Command Headquarters, and Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Hla Htay Win delivered an address.

In his address, Commander Maj-Gen Hla Htay Win said donation ceremonies will be held in two places each on scheduled days during the Buddhist Lent, and Defence Services (Army, Navy and Air Force) will donate provisions and cash to monasteries, nunneries, homes for the aged, schools for the blind, and homes for the aged in Yangon East, West and North districts. Yangon Command will transport provisions to monasteries, nunneries, homes for the aged, schools for the blind, and social welfare departments in coordination with departments concerned.

At the meeting, the commander also urged officials to inform wellwishers about agenda of the donation ceremonies in time.

Lt-Col Myo Naing of the command headquarters reported on the list of the members of the work committee for organizing cash and kind donation ceremonies.

A total of 4,763 bags of rice, 32 barrels and 98 viss of edible oil, 38,109 viss of iodized salt, 254 bags and one viss of gram and over K 3.6 million will be donated to 363 monasteries and 38,109 monks, nuns and aged persons from 29 July to 26 October.

A wellwishers donate K 5 million to the fund for construction of three-storey Magga Dhamma Building. — MNA

Waso robes donated to Mogok Vipassana Thunyata Dhamma Monastery

YANGON, 19 July — The Waso robe offering ceremony was held in conjunction with the cash donation ceremony at Mogok Vipassana Thunyata Dhamma Monastery in Thakayta Township today.

The Chairman Sayadaw of Township Sangha Nayaka Committee administered the Five Precepts.

Wellwishers offered Waso robes and alms to Sayadaw of the monastery Bhaddanta Çandasena, and they donated over K 12 million to the funds for construction of three-storey Magga Dhamma building.

Later, the congregations shared the merits gained. — MNA

Myanma Gonyi Magazine in circulation

YANGON, 19 July — Myanma Gonyi Magazine has come out today. It has covered articles about general knowledge and health sectors, articles in English and short stories of famous writers. The book also contains literature and award-winning novels and works of famous cartoonists.

Those wishing to send the manuscripts to the magazine may contact Chief Editor, Myanma Gonyi Magazine at No 445/457, New University Avenue in Bahan Township.— MNA

All this needs to be known

* Do not be frightened whenever intimidated
* Do not be bolstered whenever flattered
* Do not be softened whenever appeased
Pakistan, Iran discuss gas pipeline cooperation

ISLAMABAD, 17 July—The Foreign Minister of Pakistan Khurshid Mahmood Kasuri emphasized the need for an early agreement on the Iran-Pakistan-India (IPI) Gas Pipeline Project when meeting visiting Iranian Deputy Foreign Minister Dr. Mehdi Safri on Tuesday, a statement made by Pakistani foreign ministry said.

Kasuri said an early agreement on the IPI Gas Pipeline Project will have a strategic bearing on the progress in other areas of cooperation between Pakistan and Iran. Safri expressed Iran’s desire to further strengthen its relations with Pakistan in various fields.

The situation in Afghanistan was also one of the issues the two sides discussed. Both sides reiterated their resolve to continue to assist Afghanistan in its endeavours to restore peace and stability.

The Iranian Deputy Foreign Minister is visiting Pakistan for the periodic bilateral consultations between the Foreign Ministries of the two countries.

Warsaw, 18 July—More than half of Poles oppose the location of part of a US anti-missile shield on Polish soil, a poll showed on Tuesday, a day after the Polish President said the project was a “foregone conclusion.”

Pollster CBOS said 55 per cent of those surveyed opposed the anti-missile shield plans, while 28 per cent had no objections.

Washington wants to place up to 10 ground-based interceptor missiles in northern Poland and a radar facility in the Czech Republic to protect against attacks from what it calls “rogue states” such as Iran and North Korea.

President Lech Kaczynski expressed confidence over the proposed system, although Poland has held off on a formal agreement to host it and has pressed for concessions on issues such as related military contracts.

The Czech Republic has already agreed to the radar site.

The Polish Parliament must approve the plan to host the missile interceptors before the project can go forward. Securing parliamentary approval could be difficult, however, as one of the ruling coalition’s junior partners, the Far-right League of Polish Families (LPR), opposes the shield plan.

An opposition party, the Democratic Left Alliance (SLD), has said it will attend the Polish Government’s tentative agreement to the project, without revealing what Poland would get in return, demonstrates “a disregard for public opinion and Parliament”.

“Poland has agreed on the anti-missile shield location without negotiating,” SLD deputy Jolanta Szmytkowska was quoted as saying by PAP news agency.

The other junior coalition partner, rural leftists Self-Defence (SO), and Poland’s largest opposition party Civic Platform (PO) are adopting a wait-and-see approach, with PO calling for a referendum on the matter.

LONDON, 19 July — Russia is to expel four UK diplomats in the continuing row over Moscow’s refusal to extradite the man suspected of Alexander Litvinenko’s murder.

The four diplomats must leave Russia within 10 days, and Moscow is to review visa applications for UK officials.

Foreign ministry spokesman Mikhail Kamynin said co-operation in counter-terrorism would no longer be possible. On Monday four Russian embassy staff were expelled from the UK as part of the row over the murder in London.

Mr Kamynin also said Moscow would not apply for any UK visas for Russian officials.

He said Britain’s decision to expel the Russian diplomats was based “not on good sense or pragmatism”.

Earlier Tony Brenton, Britain’s ambassador in Moscow, was summoned to Russia’s foreign ministry and given “certain messages” to pass on to the Foreign Office in London.

After that meeting he said he had outlined “our continuing disappointment at Russia’s reaction so far to our request for the extradition of Mr Lugovoy and our continuing hope that Russia will find a way to cooperate”.

Alexander Litvinenko, an ex-KGB agent who had taken UK citizenship, died of exposure to radioactive polonium-210 in London in November 2006.

Warsaw, 18 July — Two journalists among 85 people killed on Monday by a massive truck bomb in the northern Iraqi city of Kirkuk, their newspaper said on Tuesday.

Sports reporter Majeed Mohammed, and writer/researcher Mustafa Gaimayani were killed when the blast damaged the offices of the Hawal Media Institute, its chairman Hashwan Dawoudi said.

Gaimayani had a Swedish passport and his family all live in that country, but he had moved to Kirkuk about five months ago to join the institute, Dawoudi said.

Hawal produces a weekly newspaper from Kirkuk in Kurdish and a sister newspaper in Arabic called Al-Nabaa.

Cars are trapped on a flooded road in Jinan, capital of east China’s Shandong Province, on 18 July, 2007. A heavy rain hit Jinan on Wednesday, causing a traffic breakdown in many areas of the city.

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MNA/Xinhua

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Two-thirds of Americans against Bush’s troop “surge” in Iraq

NEW YORK, 17 July—President Bush may be trying hard to rally support for his strategy in Iraq, but his efforts are not faring well with the American public, according to a new poll. Nearly two-thirds of poll respondents believe that the President’s troop “surge” has been a failure. The survey, conducted by Newsweek, also found broad public support for cutting the number of troops deployed on the battlefield. But in a bright spot for the President, less than 20 per cent favoured immediate withdrawal.

Nearly seven in ten (68 per cent) Americans disapprove of the way the President is handling the war in Iraq. Public approval of the President’s handling of Iraq has remained below the 30-per-cent mark since January, when he announced his plans to increase the number of troops deployed there. According to the poll, 64 per cent of Americans feel the surge in troops has been a failure, while less than a quarter (22 per cent) deem it a success. Even a third of Republicans surveyed (31 per cent) declare the surge a failure, which may help explain why several high-profile senior Republicans have defected from the White House on support for the war. While Bush’s overall approval rating remains low — just 29 per cent — it is up three points from another Newsweek sounding earlier this month.

Still, Americans remain cautious about the prospect of a hasty withdrawal from Iraq, fearing it would leave the country in chaos. Out of four possible options in the poll, 19 per cent of the respondents chose immediate total withdrawal. Slightly fewer (13 per cent) do not want any cutbacks at all. — MNA/PTI

Bomb kills one, wounds 18 in Thai South

BANGKOK, 18 July—A motorcycle bomb killed a policeman and wounded 18 people in Thailand’s rebellious Muslim-majority far south on Tuesday, an Army spokesman said.

Most of the wounded were forensic police, soldiers and journalists drawn to the scene by an earlier bomb blast at the site, Colonel Acaza Tiproch told Reuters. MNA/Reuters

Urn of human ashes leads to Miami Airport evacuation

MIAMI, 17 July—A concourse at Miami International Airport was briefly evacuated on Monday after a luggage screener mistook an urn of human ashes and other suspicious items for a possible bomb, officials said.

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RIM launches Wi-Fi enabled BlackBerry

BEIJING, 18 July — BlackBerry maker Research In Motion (RIM) on Tuesday announced a new model that can operate on both cellular and Wi-Fi networks.

The dual-mode BlackBerry 8820, as the device is known, will be RIM’s first dual-mode smartphone and its thinnest with a full keyboard. It will be launched by AT&T in the United States later this summer.

“The BlackBerry 8820 complements our carrier partners’ cellular networks with the added ability to stay connected via Wi-Fi at home, through hotspots and corporate campuses,” RIM President and Co-CEO Mike Lazaridis said in a statement.

The new BlackBerry also features GPS satellite navigation and “latest media player enhancements,” the company said.

Waterloo-based RIM has been targeting the consumer market after enjoying success in the corporate market for years. Its push e-mail software allows customers to access their e-mail on their wireless devices in real time. Last month, the company announced that its BlackBerry subscriber accounts grew by about 1.2 million during the first quarter for a total of 9.2 million.

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**ECONOMIC NEWS**

**Indonesia drafting regulation for domestic palm oil supplies**

Jakarta, 17 July—The Indonesian Government is drafting a regulation to ensure domestic supplies of crude palm oil (CPO) following cooking oil shortage that caused price to soar in recent months, local Press said on Monday.

According to the draft, the government obliges all producers to supply up to 3.3 million tons of CPO to domestic markets a year, reported leading economic daily Bisnis Indonesia.

Indonesia, which has targeted to surpass Malaysia as the world’s largest CPO supplier by 2008, has been hit by cooking oil shortage in domestic markets in recent months.

The CPO pricing at distributor level will lie in the hand of the Trade Ministry with reference to the international price, according to the draft.

“But domestic price will be lower because it’s not liable to the 6.5 per cent export tax,” said Chairul Rachman, a senior official with the Agriculture Ministry who joins a special team tasked with drafting the regulation. The Indonesian Government has projected CPO production to increase by 7.8 per cent to 17.44 million tons this year from 2006. Indonesia is aiming to grab 44.4 per cent of global CPO market share to surpass Malaysia. Both Southeast Asian countries currently control more than 80 per cent of global CPO supplies. —INTERNET

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China’s university graduates are going to undertake voluntary work in the country’s western regions recently, growing at the fastest year-on-year rate of 13.6 per cent.

The primary sector posted a growth rate of 4.0 per cent and the tertiary sector, including transport, telecommunications, catering, tourism, banking and insurance, recorded an increase of 10.6 per cent. —INTERNET

**Dubai’s rough diamond trade hits $2.24b in first half of 2007**

Abu Dhabi, 17 July—The total trade in rough diamonds in Dubai hit 2.24 billion US dollars in the first half of 2007, up 17 per cent over the same period in 2006, Emirates News Agency reported on Sunday.

According to statistics by the Dubai Diamond Exchange (DDE), rough diamond imports into Dubai reached 937 million dollars in the first six months of 2007, up 26 per cent over the previous year, the report said.

In the same period, exports of rough diamond from Dubai worth more than 1.3 billion, an increase of 12 per cent.

In terms of carat value, a total of 43.6 million carats were traded in the first half of 2007, growing 9.55 per cent compared with 39.8 million in the same period in 2006.

“The local rough diamond market has continued to witness significant growth,” DDE’s deputy chairman Ahmed bin Sulayem was quoted as saying.

“We are also witnessing a considerable growth in direct imports from leading mining countries like Russia and Angola, which clearly point to Dubai’s rapid emergence as a global centre for the trade in rough diamonds,” he added. —MNA/Xinhua

**China’s GDP grows 11.5% in first half year**

Beijing, 19 July—China’s gross domestic product (GDP) grew 11.9 per cent in the second quarter of the year, bringing the first half growth to 11.5 per cent, according to figures released by the National Bureau of Statistics on Thursday.

The country’s GDP reached 10.68 trillion yuan (1.39 trillion US dollars) in the first half, with growth rate of 0.5 percentage points higher from the same period of 2006.

The primary, secondary and tertiary sectors reported 947.5 billion, 5.55 trillion and 4.18 trillion yuan in added value in the first half, with the secondary sector, including manufacturing, mining and construction, targeted to surpass Malaysia as the world’s largest CPO supplier by 2008, has been hit by cooking oil shortage in domestic markets in recent months.

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**Asda, Primark, Tesco accused of breaching labour standards**

London, 18 July—Britain’s three largest supermarkets were accused of breaching international labour standards by forcing Bangladesh workers who make clothes for their supermarkets to work up to 84 hours a week for as little as four pence (about eight US cents) an hour, the Guardian reported on Monday.

Employees of the factories in Bangladesh making clothes for Asda, Primark and Tesco, three largest supermarkets in Britain, said that they were forced to work 12-hour days, and sometimes all night to finish an order, the paper reported.

All of the eight workers interviewed by the Guardian said they were paid well below 22 pounds a month considered by experts to be the minimum living wage in that country.

All three British supermarkets have signed up to the Ethical Trade Initiative, a voluntary code of conduct, which sets out basic rights for employees, including a working week of no more than 48 hours, voluntary overtime not exceeding 12 hours a week, and payment of a “living wage”, the paper said.

The three supermarkets said that they were doing their best to improve workers’ rights, the report said. —MNA/Xinhua

**Number of tourists to Cambodia up 20% in first half of 2007**

Siem Reap (Cambodia), 18 July—The number of tourists visiting Cambodia has increased about 20 per cent in the first half of 2007, Cambodian Minister of Tourism Thong Khon said here recently, Monday.

For the first six months in 2007, there were 975,349 tourists visiting Cambodia, increasing 19.91 per cent compared to the same period in 2006, Thong Khon said at a Press conference held outside the Angkor Wat temple.

Out of this number, there were 598,929 foreign visitors to Siem Reap, which is 1.49 per cent up compared to the same period in 2006, he added.

In 2006, there were 1,700,041 international tourists to Cambodia, which increased at 19.59 per cent compared to the same period in 2005, Thong Khon said, adding that of all foreign visitor arrivals in 2006, 50.3 per cent visited the Siem Reap Angkor complex. —MNA/Xinhua
Gunmen kill 29 in northeast Baghdad

Baghdad, 18 July — Gunmen wearing Iraqi Army uniforms stormed a town in the volatile Diyala Province late on Monday, killing 29 people and wounding four others, an Iraqi military source said on Tuesday. “Dozens of gunmen disguised as Iraqi Army troops but in civilian vehicles stormed the Dwailiyah Village north of the city of Baquba late on Monday,” Colonel Raghib al-Omari, spokesman of Diyala operations command, told Xinhua.

The attackers opened fire on the residents, killing 29 of them, many were women and children and wounding four others, he said, adding that some people were mutilated before they were shot dead. Baquba, the capital city of Diyala Province, which stretches from Baghdad to the Iranian border to the east, has long been the hotbed of insurgency and sectarian violence since the US-led invasion broke out in 2003.

At least 10 killed in Baghdad by car bomb

Baghdad, 18 July — At least 10 people were killed on Tuesday by a suicide car bomb targeting an Iraqi Army patrol in east Baghdad, police said.

Four of the dead were soldiers and a further 11 people were wounded in the attack in the religiously mixed neighbourhood of Zayouna, including five soldiers, police added. US and Iraqi forces have launched a major security clampdown in and around Baghdad targeting Islamist militants and Shi’ite militias, but violence has continued to flare. — MNA/Reuters

China says WB’s death-by-pollution figures baseless

Beijing, 18 July — World Bank estimates of hundreds of thousands of premature Chinese deaths each year from polluted air and water are baseless, a Vice-Minister of China’s State Environmental Protection Administration said on Tuesday.

The Financial Times said this month the Chinese Government, which conducted the survey in partnership with the World Bank, had asked the lender not to publish the estimates for fear they could trigger social unrest.

China, beset by growing public alarm about acrid air and toxic water, has promised to cut major industrial pollutants by 10 per cent between 2006 and 2010.

But last year the country failed to meet the annual target.

The survey says about 460,000 Chinese die prematurely each year from breathing polluted air and drinking dirty water. — MNA/Reuters

Heavy rains kill eight in Indian southern state

New Delhi, 18 July — Eight people have died after heavy monsoon rains sweeping the Indian southern state of Kerala since Monday, the Indo-Asian News Service (IANS) reported on Tuesday.

According to the report, rains have been particularly heavy in north Kerala, which also caused losses to property and crops in the state.

Heavy downpour has also disrupted traffic movement in some areas as the roads were damaged. — MNA/Xinhua

Housewife's daydream - a head in the clouds

GERMANY: A housewife's daydream — A woman wakes up with a mind full of things. — Internet

Elementary students swim to cross the Han River

Seoul, 18 July, 2007. — Xinhua

A giant Chinese Sturgeon was released back into the Yangtze estuary on 17 June, 2007 after receiving a treatment. — Internet

World’s biggest Chinese Sturgeon discovered in Shanghai

Beijing, 18 July — A Chinese Sturgeon measuring 3.37 metres long has been accidentally caught by a fisherman at Jinshan, near the Yangtze River estuary, in Shanghai. The fish has been sent to the Yangtze River Estuary natural reserve area for Chinese sturgeon for further treatment.

According to Xinhua news reports, the Chinese sturgeon weighs about 250 to 300 kilograms and is believed to be the largest living sturgeon ever discovered in Shanghai.

It was mis-captured on Monday by a fisherman surnamed Pan. Failing to identify the big fish, Pan dragged it to Longqian harbour before he dialled 110, an emergency police hotline.

Having been dragged for more than two hours in the water, the sturgeon was hurt on the outside of its body. Although it waited eight hours for treatment, its condition is better than a sturgeon caught some time ago, authority of the Yangtze River Estuary natural reserve area for Chinese sturgeon said.

The last captured sturgeon was 23-years-old and was found at Hangzhou Bay. It was 3.35 metres long and weighed 220 kilograms. It had a badly wounded tail and fins after being out of the water for 40 minutes, and suffered dehydration. Experts said great challenges must be overcome to save this Chinese Sturgeon due to the hot weather and higher than normal water temperatures. Presently, water temperatures can only be controlled at 27°C, much higher than the ceiling temperature of 22-23°C at which a sturgeon is able to adapt. — Internet

A chimpanzee walks on a treadmill in this undated handout. Chimpanzees scampering on a treadmill have provided support for the notion that ancient human ancestors began walking on two legs because it used less energy than quadrupedal knuckle-walking, scientists said on 16 July, 2007. — Xinhua
WHO officials say food safety a big problem worldwide

GENEVA, 19 July — China should not be singled out for particular concern over food safety, a big problem that rich and poor countries alike must tackle through better regulation, top World Health Organization (WHO) officials said on Tuesday.

Margaret Chan, WHO Director-General, said the United Nations agency receives about 200 reports of tainted food products each month in its 193 member states. But many food-borne diseases go unreported and outbreaks of salmonella or E. coli bacteria can take on massive proportions according to the WHO, which backs “farm to fork” food safety.

“I have to say that food safety is a big problem for both developed and developing countries,” Chan told a news briefing, adding that the WHO was working with countries to strengthen their regulatory frameworks.”

China, where poorly regulated food and drug safety standards have been a problem for years, is reeling from health scandals. On Friday Chinese authorities told food and drug companies to put safety first and urged the media to paint a rosier picture.

But Jorgen Schlundt, director of the WHO’s department of food safety, said China had been seriously addressing shortcomings since 2001 and was starting to implement some of the WHO’s suggestions.

“They are working on it. There is a high-level political commitment to do something about it,” Schlundt told Reuters, stressing that food safety was an issue in all countries. “We are not expressing any concern especially about China.”

Landslide kills 34 in western Nepal

KATHMANDU, 19 July — The Nepali Home Ministry said at least 34 were confirmed dead by Tuesday evening in the landslide that took place in Baglung District situated some 180 kilometres west of Kathmandu.

The ministry told the local media, the rescue and relief operations in the affected regions have been intensified despite the bad weather.

At the same time, the Natural Disaster Mitigation Committee (NDMC) is preparing to send additional relief to the affected areas. The ministry has also ruled out the possibility of locating five people still missing in Baglung. It has been estimated that around 88 families have been displaced in Baglung due to the landslide.

Meanwhile, according to the Home Ministry, 15 families have been left homeless due to landslides in Ramechhap District, some 100 kilometres east of Kathmandu. Landslides and floods are common in Nepal during the annual monsoon season which begins in June and ends in September.

China warns against illegal surveys by foreigners

BEIJING, 19 July — China’s state-controlled media have warned citizens to raise their awareness and prevent leakage of state secrets.

“Many Chinese mistakenly believe that geographic information is not secret because satellites are commonly used to gather such information,” the English-language China Daily said on Wednesday, quoting the Chinese-language tabloid Global Times.

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“Aging population poses problems for Canada

OTTAWA, 19 July — Canada’s population is aging so quickly that in a decade, there could be more people leaving the work force than entering it, a factor which will pose major challenges for employers, Statistics Canada said on Tuesday.

The central statistics agency, releasing the results of a 2006 census, said about one in seven Canadians was 65 or older, and the number of people reaching retirement was at a record high.

Low fertility rates and increased life expectancy has pushed up the median age to 39.5 years from 37.6 in 2001, when the last census was held.

“Population projections show that in about 10 years, Canada may have more people at the age where they can leave the labour force than at the age where they can begin working. This presents considerable challenges for Canadian employers and for society in general,” Statscan said.

The aging work force has caught the attention of Bank of Canada Governor David Dodge, who last month urged policy-makers to knock down barriers to labour mobility and allow senior citizens to work longer.

Dodge said Canada’s potential rate of growth would decline as the baby boom generation retired, which means inflationary pressures could be triggered at a lower pace of growth.

Donate blood
Lt-Gen Ye Myint attends…

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Phakhtaw-Myatkyina road by car and attended a monsoon ploughing ceremony held in Lepyin Village in Lonekhin village tract. Also present on the occasion were local nationals from the neighboring villages of Phakhtaw Township. The township PDC chairman reported on cultivation of 129 acres of paddy against target of 546 acres and ploughing work being done in the village. Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party viewed ploughing work and paddy planting competition. Afterwards, Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party presented clothing to the members of social organizations and the participants of the contest.

Phakhtaw Township cultivated 19,387 acres of monsoon paddy and 228 acres of summer paddy in 2006-2007. A total of 2,079 acres of monsoon paddy have been cultivated against the target of 25,613 acres in 2007-2008. Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party went to Nantnyaw village in Kamaing Township and presented clothing to officers and other ranks and their family members of local battalions and units and uniforms and books to USDA members.

In meeting with departmental personnel, social organizations and townships from Kamaing Township in Moehnin District, Lt-Gen Ye Myint heard reports by officials on cultivation of 15,076 acres of monsoon paddy in 2006-2007, cultivation of 14,135 acres of monsoon paddy against the target of 25,613 acres in 2007-2008 and condition of agricultural supply sectors. The command and the minister gave supplementary reports. Speaking on the occasion, Lt-Gen Ye Myint stressed the need for cooperation of local authorities, departmental staff and the public in working for development of various sectors. He said necessary assistance would be rendered for extended cultivation of crops, paddy and physic nut. Next, the commander and the minister presented gifts to those present.

Later, Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party visited Kamaing Township Hospital. He then chose the site for construction of an X-ray room and donated K 1 million. Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party viewed rubber plantations along Kamaing-Mogaung-Topin road and arrived in Mohnyin. — MNA

Wellwishers invited to donate Waso robes at Shwephonepwing Pagoda

YANGON, 19 July— The Board of Trustees of Shwephonepwing Pagoda in Pazundaung Township will hold the 50th Waso robes donation ceremony on 29 July to Ovadaçaarya Sayadaws and members of the Sangha who will stay at monasteries in the precinct of the pagoda during the Buddhist Lent. Wellwishers may contact the Pagoda Board of Trustees dialing Tel 290425 to donate Waso robes one set per K 1,000. — MNA

Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin formally opens a free clinic in Dawbon Township. — YEDC

First Nay Pyi Taw Inter-Ministry Football Tournament held

NAY PYI TAW, 19 July—The second round of the first Nay Pyi Taw Inter-Ministry Football Tournament started from 17 July.

In (BB) group, the Ministry of Commerce team will play against the Ministry of Forestry team on 20 July. The venue is Paunglaung Sports Ground in Pyinmana.

The second round matches will continue up to 11 August and the quarterfinals will be held from 14 to 17 August.

The semifinals will be held on 20 and 21 August at Nay Pyi Taw Sports Ground-1, and the third place match on 23 August at Paunglaung Sports Ground in Pyinmana.

The final match and prize distribution ceremony will be held on 24 August at Nay Pyi Taw Sports Ground-1. — MNA

District-level instructors course on Prevention of DHF opens

YANGON, 19 July— Organized by Yangon South District Maternal and Child Welfare Supervisory Committee, the opening ceremony of the district-level instructors course on Prevention of Dengue Haemorrhagic Fever was held at Yangon South District Peace and Development Council Office this afternoon, with an address by Chairperson Daw Mar Mar Wai of Yangon Division Maternal and Child Welfare Supervisory Committee and members of District Maternal and Child Welfare Supervisory Committee and Township MCWAs, trainees and guests. After delivering an address, Chairperson Daw Mar Mar Wai of Yangon Division MCWSC presented pamphlets on Dengue Haemorrhagic Fever to chairpersons of township MCWAs.

The Chairperson of Division MCWSC viewed the providing of lectures to the trainees. A total of 150 trainees from departments and social organizations are attending the course. — MNA

Deputy Minister attends coord meeting on extension of national blood unit

YANGON, 19 July— A coordination meeting on extension of national blood unit was held in Dagon Township yesterday, attended by Secretary of National Health Committee Deputy Minister for Health Dr Mya Oo.

Director Dr Nay Win of Public Health Department reported on matters related to the blood and Dr Thada Aung on accomplishment of the tasks.

Next, the deputy minister inspected the national blood unit at Yangon General Hospital, and attended to the needs. — MNA

Deputy Minister Dr Mya Oo delivers an address at work coordination meeting on extension of national blood unit. — MNA

Five members quit Dabayin and Ayadaw township NLDs

YANGON, 19 July— Four members of Dabayin Township National League for Democracy and one member of Ayadaw Township NLD resigned from the party of their own accord on 25 and 27 July respectively. Members U Thein Swe, U Soe Win, U Thaung Aye and U Kyi Than of Dabayin Township NLD and U Tin Soe of Ayadaw Township NLD sent their resignation letters to NLD Headquarters and local authorities.

In the letters of resignation sent to Dabayin and Ayadaw Township Multi-party Democracy General Election Sub-commissions, they said that they had lost their interest and faith in acts of the NLD, and that was why they resigned from the party. — MNA
As token of paying tribute to martyrs

Zarni Bwa

In every nation, every race love their own race. Every patriotic citizen will rise up and fight back the intruders and enemies who are trying to interfere. On the other hand, those who are not patriotic would be ready to betray the nation and the people wishing to rely on the aliens; they would be expecting outsiders wishing to intrude on the country and interfere.

Traditionally, the people of Myanmar have an aversion to intruders or imperialists. In the history of the nation, the national brethren such as Kachin, Kayah, Kayin, Chin, Bamar, Mon, Rakhine and Shan with the strong anti-imperialist spirit joined hands to repulse the alien aggressors. In connection with the historic traditions, the first Myanmar-Anglo war of 1824, the second Myanmar-Anglo war of 1852 and the third Myanmar-Anglo war of 1885 stand witness to this fact. Moreover, events that took place during the independence struggle also reflect the anti-imperialist spirit of Myanmar national races.

The struggle for independence of Myanmar people was replete with events worthy of note. They fought against the colonialists to regain the national independence. Patriotic associations and organizations namely, the Young Men’s Buddhist Association (YMBA), General Council of Burmese Associations (GCBA), Doh Bamar Asayan, Thirty Comrades, Pha Ta Pa La, BDA, Burma Army and Anti-Fascist People’s Freedom League (APFL), led the people in crossing nationalisms patriotism, nationalist fervour, independence spirit and anti-imperialist spirit of the people.

It will be endless to describe the anti-imperialist tendency, view and struggles of Myanmar people. Brilliant efforts of the patriotic Myanmar martyrs of the past reflecting the anti-imperialist tendencies and views have gone down in the annals of the Myanmar history.

There have been a large number of martyrs with fine records. The tragic event about the assassination saddened the people who felt a great loss. The brutal act angered the people much. The assassination was committed by Galon U Saw and his followers but there were those manipulating the strings from behind. Firm historical evidences are there to prove this.

After the anti-Fascist resistance, the entire mass of Myanmar people were organized under the banner of the resistance. The ultimate goal of the resistance or movement was not only to fight the imperialists but also to carry on the work to regain national independence.

After the war Governor Dorman-Smith returned to Yangon. He persuaded Bogyoke and his colleagues to work together to rebuild the nation. Sir Paw Tun and some politicians who accompanied the governor on his return from India did not know the nature and qualities of Bogyoke Aung San. They thought Bogyoke would accept a position if offered. They advised Dorman-Smith to resort to threat if the offer was refused.

Bogyoke did not hang on for power or position. When Bogyoke could not be bought the governor thought otherwise. A minister on the Legislative Council accused Bogyoke Aung San of executing a person at a summary trial in the battle field when he marched on with the Burma Independence Army. But the plot did not work. Gradually, Sir Dorman-Smith became governor only in name. Since he was unable to raise Bogyoke as a stooge he tried to find another one, who would follow his dictates. He lifted the restriction on U Saw who was under house arrest in Uganda. The governor put U Saw back in Myanmar politics. This vividly shows the tricks and crookedness of the colonialists. At present as well, one will realise the moves if one is thoughtful.

While he was in London, Bogyoke Aung San planned to broadcast the news about the signing of the Aung San-Attlee Treaty through the BBC. After Bogyoke had arrived at the BBC the plan was thwarted. Unforgettable events indeed.

There were senior British officials who were going back to England after the declaration of independence. Some were dishonest with negative attitude. Some British army officers of the troops waiting to go back to England wanted to engage in politics through tricks. The nearer the country’s regaining of independence, the more they interfered in the affairs of the country. Those officers frequented the house of U Saw. At that time in Yangon there were rumours about a plot to assassinate Bogyoke Aung San. News spread that about 200 arms were taken out from the British arsenal and that foreign organizations would be abetting the traitors.

On the morning of 19 July, there would be a meeting of ministers at which the theft of arms would be discussed. But it was never discussed. At 10.30 am on that day, Bogyoke and some ministers were assassinated by U Saw and his men. So, it was heart-rending to hear the news about the assassination. A celebration of victory was held at U Saw’s house. He seemed to be waiting for the invitation of the governor to form the Cabinet on 19 July. U Saw did not go hiding and he did not order his men to disappear. At about 3 pm on that day, U Saw and the assassins were arrested.

U Saw made contact with Major Young, one of the British army officers, to get arms. Major Young consulted with arms officer Captain Vivian. In May 1947, U Saw and Vivian held discussions on arms. On 24 June, arms and ammunition were taken out of Botataung ordnance depot. Later, Major Young and Captain Vivian were sent to court. It was then laid bare that Bogyoke and other leaders were assassinated by minions of the imperialists. Power man in collusion with the imperialists plotted to assassinate Bogyoke and other leaders.

The imperialists have made continuous attempts to weaken the national solidarity in Myanmar through various means. They have tried to break up unity. They also support axe-handles in the country. At present, they are still trying to commit such acts. Those who try to gain political profit under the pretext of unforgettable Martyrs’ Day are the ones supported by the imperialists and their lackeys.

Everyone who loves and cherishes the nation must be patriotic and has to lay emphasis on unity and peace that martyr leaders desired so much. They have to guard against external intrusion with unity and must be cautious about outside instigation. A society that relies on unity will be peaceful and the country will also be strong.

If unity breaks up, jealousy grows bigger among the people. One begrudges other’s enjoyment. There will be greed, anger and ignorance. If one is weak, one will depend on others and long for external assistance. There will be decline in such a society.

Everyone who loves the martyr leaders should respect their qualities of uprightness, loyalty, patriotism and perseverance. Taking lessons from the history, we must beware of instigation of the imperialists and plots of internal traitors.

Those who destabalisate the country are the enemies of martyr leaders and the citizens. If we really love the martyr leaders who lost their lives due to the instigation of the imperialists, we are to build national solidarity and to make efforts for national development. We must prevent with national awareness any danger of neo-colonialists and internal traitors who would harm the country.

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Myanmar Alin and Kyemon: 19-7-07
Tribute paid to fallen Arzanis

U Aung San Oo and Daw Lè Lè Nwe Thein pay tribute at the tomb of Bogyoke Aung San. — MNA

Minister Maj-Gen Khin Aung Myint and Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin lay a wreath at the tomb of the fallen leaders. — MNA

Family of Thakin Mya lays a wreath at the tomb of Thakin Mya. — MNA

Family members of U Ba Cho lay a wreath at the tomb of U Ba Cho. — MNA

Family of U Ba Win lay a wreath at the tomb of U Ba Win. — MNA

Family of Mongpawn Sawbwa lay a wreath at the tomb of Mongpawn Sawbwa. — MNA

Family members of Mahn Ba Khaing pay tribute at the tomb of Mahn Ba Khaing. — MNA

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Kachin State WAO observes Myanmar Women’s Day

YANGON, 19 July — Kachin State Women’s Affairs Organization held a ceremony to mark Myanmar Women’s Day on 3 July. Chairperson Daw Tin Tin Ohn of Kachin State WAO delivered an address at the ceremony. Next, members of the Kachin State WAO presented awards to outstanding students in central level article contest for 2006, the 14th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competition, the 4th Myanmar Olympic Committee Chairman’s Championship tournament, the 2nd State and Division Track and Field events, University, Degree College and College level essays contests and matriculation examination for 2006.

Later, the chairperson accepted 1,500 membership applications presented by the chairperson of Myitkyina Township WAO. Afterwards those present viewed the documentary photos of Kachin State WAO.

Outstanding students, employees and inmates awarded

YANGON, 19 July — A ceremony to present cash awards to outstanding students in examination for 2007 and employees and inmates in nation-building task was held at the hall of Myanmar Correctional Department under the Ministry of Home Affairs on 13 July.

Director-General U Zaw Win of Myanmar Correctional Department and Chairperson of Maternal and Child Welfare Association (Branch) Daw Nwe Ni San, the deputy director-general and wife and directors presented over K5 million to outstanding students, five engineers, 23 skilled workers and 76 inmates.

Man injured in mine blast

NAY PYI TAW, 19 July — A man was wounded in the mine blast planted by the insurgents on 15 July.

The man, U Maung Lay Gyi, 32, son of U Tin Ngwe of Mae Htawthalay village in Myawady Township trod on the insurgent-planted mine when on his way to collect some fruits in the forest. He lost left foot in the mine explosion and his right calf was injured.

The mine victim was rushed to the hospital in Myawady Township and treatment was given to him. Officials and local residents are in pursuit of the insurgents who are undermining the stability of the State, community peace and tranquility with the intention of killing the innocent people.
**MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT**

**Directorate of Water Resources and Improvement of River Systems**

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For further detail information and purchase of tender forms please contact Deputy Director, Procurement division by phone or in person at below mentioned address.

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Tel: 95-01-291533, Fax: 95-01-290230  
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**CLAIMS DAY NOTICE**

**MV XIANG FENG VOY NO (7041)**

Consignees of cargo carried on MV XIANG FENG VOY NO (7041) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 20.7.2007 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of A.W.P.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.

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**Worst rainstorm in history batters Xinjiang**

Urumqi, 18 July—Northwest China’s Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region is suffering the worst rainstorm since historical records began, with traffic and communications disrupted in some areas and more than 1,000 people stranded. The regional capital Urumqi alone received an average of 63.2 millimetres of rainfall between 6:00 pm on Monday and 11:00 am Tuesday, the largest volume ever in its history, the municipal meteorological bureau said.

Urumqi’s roads were seriously congested on Tuesday, with rain water pouring down either sides of local highways.

The rainstorm also hit the northern, southern and eastern parts of Xinjiang and triggered floods that damaged roads and communications. At midday Tuesday, more than 1,000 people and 3,000 vehicles were stranded on state highway No. 312 in Hami Prefecture of eastern Xinjiang. — MNA/Xinhua
Global warming could trigger hurricanes, or tropical cyclones, over the Mediterranean Sea, threatening one of the world’s most densely populated coastal regions, according to European scientists.

Hurricanes currently form out in the tropical Atlantic and rarely reach Europe, but a new study shows a 3 degrees Celsius (5.4 degrees Fahrenheit) rise in average temperatures could set them off in the enclosed Mediterranean in future. “This is the first study to detect this possibility,” lead researcher Miguel Angel Gaertner of the University of Castilla-La Mancha in Toledo, Spain, told Reuters on Monday. “Most models in our study show increasing storm intensity and if you combine this with rising sea levels, as are projected, this could be damaging for many coastal settlements.”

As well as being home to millions, the Mediterranean coast is also a major centre of tourism, which would be under threat. Factors influencing hurricanes include warm sea surface temperatures and atmospheric instability. In the past, they have been confined to a limited number of regions, such as the north Atlantic and north Pacific, where they are known as typhoons. Recently, however, they have been forming in unusual places, which Gaertner sees as a clear danger signal.

In 2004, Hurricane Catarina formed in the south Atlantic and hit land in southern Brazil. A year later, Hurricane Vince formed next to the Madeira Islands and became the first to make landfall in Spain.
Saudi Arabia crush Bahrain to reach quarters

JAKARTA, 19 July — Saudi Arabia brushed aside Bahrain 4-0 in Palembang on Wednesday to reach the Asian Cup quarterfinals as Group D winners.

The Saudis dominated the match, taking the lead on 18 minutes through striker Ahmed Al Mousa and doubling the advantage just before halftime with a goal by Abdulrahman Al Qahtani.

Al Mousa took advantage of a defensive mix-up to finish calmly from close range and Al Qahtani clipped the ball home at the far post following a teasing cross from the right. Striker Taisir Al Jassam added the third goal with a superb 25-metre strike on 68 minutes and he completed the rout with a coolly-taken second 11 minutes from time. — MNA/Reuters

Iran overpowers Malaysia to top Asian Cup Group C

KUALA LUMPUR, 19 July — Iran struck once in each half to ease to a 2-0 victory over Malaysia and march into the Asian Cup quarterfinals as Group C winners on Wednesday.

Javad Nekounam converted a penalty on 29 minutes and Andranik Teymourian jinked past two defenders before drilling the ball low into the net 11 minutes from time to emphasize Iran’s superiority.

Malaysia rarely threatened the Iranian defence, the co-hosts limping out of the tournament after conceding 12 goals in three matches and scoring just one.

Iran will play South Korea in the quarterfinals in Jakarta on Sunday. — I NTERNET

Naito wins WBC crown to end Pongsaklek’s reign

BANGKOK, 19 July — Japanese challenger Daisuke Naito ended Thai Pongsaklek Wongpajiam’s 11-year unbeaten run to win the WBC flyweight title in Tokyo on Wednesday.

A determined Naito battled through all 12 rounds to win a unanimous decision from the judges, who scored him at 116-113, 115-113 and 116-113 to deny Pongsaklek a record 19th-straight title.

The Thai southpaw, who has dominated most of his professional fights, was sluggish at the start and was taken aback by Naito’s tenacity and indomitable spirit.

It was third time lucky for Naito (33-2-2), who has twice been knocked out by Pongsaklek, the first time in a record 34 seconds.

Pongsaklek (65-3) looked to be in control midway through the fight as the Japanese started to tire, but Naito never gave in and had an answer for everything the Thai threw at him.

With both fighters suffering cuts above their eyes, Pongsaklek tried to gain the advantage after the eighth round and hurt Naito with a series of tiers left hooks. — MNA/Reuters

South Korea scrape into Asian Cup quarters

JAKARTA, 19 July — South Korea scraped into the Asian Cup quarter-finals with a 1-0 win over Indonesia on Wednesday.

The victory sent the co-hosts into the last eight after going into the last round of matches bottom of the standings.

Kim Jung-woo scored the priceless goal for South Korea in the 34th minute, but they were made to sweat in a torrid second half as Indonesia threw everything into attack.

South Korea were the stronger team throughout at a hostile Gelorla Bung Karno Stadium but failed once again to kill the game off. The Koreans had surrendered one-goal leads to Saudi Arabia and Bahrain through defensive lapses in earlier group games.

Indonesia failed to create any real clear-cut chances but gave a good account of themselves against what coach Ivan Kolev said was one of the strongest teams in Asia.

With so much at stake it was always going to be a ferocious contest. The 90,000 fans inside the cavernous stadium in the Indonesian capital let their feeling show too, tearing down a banner reading “Korea Indonesia Friendship”.

Blake through, Gonzalez sent packing at LA classic tennis

WASHINGTON, 19 July — American James Blake advanced into the second round on his favourite hardcourt surface, while top seed Fernando Gonzalez crashed out of the ATP Los Angeles event on Tuesday.

The 27-year-old Blake needed only one hour 12 minutes to beat Alexander Peya of Austria 7-5, 6-4 in his opening match.

Blake is now the highest seed left in the draw after Chilean Gonzalez lost 7-6 (5), 6-4 to wild card Zach Fleishman of the United States. — MNA/Xinhua

China exit Asian Cup

MNA/Reuters

China’s Zhou Haibin (C) controls the ball during a Group C match against Uzbekistan at Asian Cup 2007 in Kuala Lumpur, capital of Malaysia, on 18 July, 2007. — I NTERNET

KUALA LUMPUR, 19 July — Uzbekistan knocked Group C favourites China out of the Asian Cup with a stunning 3-0 upset victory at the Shah Alam Stadium on Wednesday.

All three goals came via free kicks as Dynamo Kiev striker Maksim Shatskikh, midfielder Timur Kapadze and veteran Alexander Geynrikh struck late in the second half to break the hearts of the 2004 runners-up.

Iran finished top of the group on seven points after their 2-0 win over hosts Malaysia earlier on Wednesday, with Uzbekistan second on six points. China finished with four points and Malaysia lost all three matches.

China needed only a draw to qualify after a 5-1 victory over Malaysia and a 2-2 draw with Iran. Uzbekistan, who thrashed Malaysia 5-0 after losing 2-1 to Iran, needed to win to reach the last eight.

The match was marred by a serious neck injury to Chinese forward Han Peng who was taken to hospital after a collision with Uzbek goalkeeper Hayrulla Karimov in the final minutes.

Uzbekistan travel to Jakarta to face Saudi Arabia in the quarterfinals on Sunday. Iran stay in Malaysia to take on South Korea.

After a do or die first half, Uzbekistan stunned the Chinese fans by taking the lead in the 72nd minute.

Substitute Victor Karpenko floated a free kick into the box and Shatskikh rose to head goalwards. Chinese stand-in keeper Yang Jun failed to hold on and Shatskikh volleyed in the rebound for his third goal of the competition. — MNA/Reuters

South Korea had the best of the early exchanges, but Indonesia’s counterattacks were posing a problem and Elie Aybek should have done better than curl the ball over the bar on the half hour.

The co-hosts were made to pay when Korea took the lead four minutes later.
Russia says US missile defence deployment in Europe "anti-Russia"

Moscow, 19 July — The plan of establishing components of the US missile defence system in Europe is clearly anti-Russian, a senior Russian Defence Ministry official said on Wednesday.

"Any Iranian missile threat does not exist at present, and it will not exist for 15-20 years. The scientific and industrial base of Iran is unable to create either intercontinental ballistic missiles or long-range missiles," the head of the ministry's international cooperation department, Lieutenant-General Yevgeny Buzhinsky, was quoted by the ITAR-TASS news agency as saying.

"For this reason we have proposed to the Americans to jointly use the radar station in Gabala (Azerbaijan) and the station that is being built in Armenia for watching the progress of missiles programmes of Iran and other Middle East countries," he said.

"As soon as we register the first test launch of a long-range missile, we shall have a minimum five-years in order to jointly prepare for the repulsion of the missile threat," Buzhinsky added.

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WEATHER

Thursday, 19 July, 2007

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in lower Sagaing and Magway Divisions, rain have been isolated in Chin and Kayah States, upper Sagaing and Mandalay Divisions, scattered in Kayin State, fairly widespread in Shan State, Bago, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi Divisions and widespread in the remaining areas with isolated heavyfalls in upper Sagaing Division. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Nay Pyi Taw (0.79) inch, Hkamti (11.53) inches, Kayakawk (2.95) inches, Bago (2.40) inches and Thaton (1.97) inches. Maximum temperature on 18-7-2007 was 87°F. Minimum temperature on 19-7-2007 was 74°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hours MST on 19-7-2007 was 87%. Total sunshine hours on 18-7-2007 was (1.4) hours approx.

Rainfall on 19-7-2007 was (0.40) inch at Mingaladon, (0.79) inch at Kab-Aye, (1.26) inches at Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2007 was (74.49) inches at Mingaladon, (79.31) inches at Kaba-Aye and (80.12) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (8) mph from Southwest at (15:10) hours MST on 18-7-2007.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Moderate monsoon.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring areas for 20-7-2007: Rain will be widespread in Kachin, Rakhine and Mon States, Yangon Division, fairly widespread in Bago, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi Divisions, scattered in Chin, Shan and Kayin States and upper Sagaing Division and isolated in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (80%).

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

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring areas for 20-7-2007: Isolated rain. Degree of certainty is (80%).
60th Anniversary Arzani Day observed

Yangon, 19 July — The 60th Anniversary Arzani Day 2007 was held at the Arzani Mausoleum, here, this morning.

On behalf of the State Peace and Development Council, Chairman of the 60th Anniversary Arzani Day 2007 Organizing Committee Minister for Culture Maj-Gen Khin Aung Myint attended the ceremony, saluting the State Flag, laying wreaths at the tombs of the National Leaders Bogyoke Aung San and his fallen comrades, paying tribute to them, and dispensing Metta. Also present on the occasion were Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin, Vice-Chairman of the Executive Committee for Organizing the Arzani Day Secretary of YCDC U Tin Soe and members, secretaries of subcommittees, senior military officers, members of the Guard of Honour, senior officers of Myanmar Police Force and Fire Services Brigade.

At 7:55 am, the Organizing Committee Chairman arrived at the mausoleum by car and took the position together with Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin.

Minister Maj-Gen Khin Aung Myint and Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin together with those present at the ceremony saluted the State Flag of the Union of Myanmar.

On behalf of the State Peace and Development Council, Minister Maj-Gen Khin Aung Myint together with Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin laid wreaths at the tombs of Bogyoke Aung San and national leaders, paying tribute to them. — MNA

Weather Forecast for 20-7-2007

Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring areas
Isolated rain. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Yangon and neighbouring areas
One or two rain. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Mandalay and neighbouring areas
Isolated rain. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Hotel Zone being connected with more power cables

Nay Pyi Taw, 19 July — Minister for Electric Power No 2 Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint inspected supply of electricity and connecting cables to Hotel Zone here today.

According to the report of Project Director of Nay Pyi Taw Special Development Project Daw Tin Myint to the minister, the connection of cables to the hotel zone with the newly constructed 33 KV/11 KV Sub Power Station No 4 was completed and the zone was supplied with electricity. Minister Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint fulfilled the requirements for the connection of more 33 KV/11 KV cables to the zone.

Afterwards, the minister visited Sub Power Station No 4 and inspected condition of power cables linking the hotel zone and tasks being carried out for connection of cables to the zone.

On his inspection, Director-General of Electric Power Department Dr Thein Tun and Managing Director of Electric Power Supply Enterprise U Tin Aung reported to Ministry Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint on progress of work for connection of cables. — MNA