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Wellwishers offer Waso robes to monks

YANGON, 29 July — The 2nd Waso robes offering ceremony of Phaungtaw U Monastery was held at the monastery in Bahan Township today.

The congregation took the Five Precepts from Presiding Sayadaw Bhaddanta Suzana and members of the Sangha recited parittas. Next, Chairman of the Monastery Board of Committee Lt-Col Ba Than (Retd), committee members and wellwishers presented Waso robes and provisions to the Sayadaw and members of the Sangha. The congregation shared merits gained. — MNA

Emergence of the State Constitution is the duty of all citizens of Myanmar Naing-Ngan.
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**Strive for national development making better use of already-achieved peace and progress**

The National Convention, a prerequisite for shaping the future of the State and the people, is being convened at Nyaungnapin Camp, Hmaubwy Township, Yangon Division.

Upholding the interests of the State and the people, over 1,000 delegates to the National Convention are holding discussions for the emergence of an enduring State constitution which plays an important role in building a modern, developed and discipline-flourishing democratic nation.

At a time when the NC is being held the Shan State Nationalities People’s Liberation Organization (SSNPLO) led by Chairman U Chit Maung, that had returned to the legal fold, unconditionally exchanged arms for peace in support of the NC.

To bring about peace and stability in the nation the entire national people need to be united. In this regard, the State, the people and the Tatmadaw are making concerted efforts together with the leaders of national races. As a result, the whole country including far-flung border areas is now enjoying the fruits of development. Furthermore, there are fruits of peace that could lead to successful realization of democracy.

Realizing that it would be better to march to democracy without carrying arms, (SSNPLO) led by Chairman U Chit Maung that had returned to the legal fold unconditionally surrendered arms for peace.

This being so, all the national brethren who have returned to the legal fold are to strive together with local people for national development, making better use of the already-achieved peace and development.

**Myanmar delegation leaves for PRC**

**NAY PYI TAW, 29 July—**A Myanmar delegation led by Minister for Education Dr Chan Nyein left here by air for the People’s Republic of China yesterday afternoon to attend UNESCO regional conference on global literacy to be held in China.

The delegation was seen off at Nay Pyi Taw Airport by Minister for Transport Maj-Gen Thein Swe, Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint, Deputy Minister for Education Brig-Gen Aung Myo Min and officials.

The minister was accompanied by Director-General U Ohn Myint of Myanmar Education Research Bureau.—**MNA**

**Minister Dr Chan Nyein being seen off by Minister Maj-Gen Thein Swe, Minister Dr Kyaw Myint and Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Aung Myo Min at Nay Pyi Taw Airport.—**MNA

**Buddhist association of courts offers Waso robes**

**YANGON, 29 July—**Under the patronage of Chief Justice U Aung Toe and wife Daw Aye Kyi, members of the Buddhist association of courts offered Waso robes to the monks at the association in Bahan Township today.

The congregation received the Eight Precepts from Presiding Sayadaw Bhaddanta Zanita of the Suga Pariyatti Monastery.

Chief Justice U Aung Toe, Deputy Chief Justice U Soe Thein and law officers donated Waso robes and offertories to members of the Sangha and they shared merits gained.

After donation ceremony, they offered alms food to members of the Sangha.—**MNA**

**Finance and Revenue Minister meets district level departmental officials**

**YANGON, 29 July—**Minister for Finance and Revenue Maj-Gen Hla Tun met with the district level and above departmental officials under the Ministry of Finance and Revenue at the meeting hall of the Central Bank of Myanmar here this morning.

At the meeting, the district level departmental officials reported on progress of work and future tasks.

Next, Minister for Finance and Revenue Maj-Gen Hla Tun made a speech. He said that the management level departmental officials are to try their best to be capable, polished, dutiful and loyal as they are to deal with the public.

The minister went on to say that all measures need to be taken in line with the law, rules and regulations and procedures in boosting work efficiency, making the best of the advanced science and technology, and spoke of the need for officials at different levels to try their utmost to be exemplary in supervising their subordinates.—**MNA**

**Waso robes offered**

**YANGON, 29 July—**The 11th Waso robes offering ceremony of Pantapwintaung Tawa Sasana region was held at Pantapwintaung Sasana region in Taikkyi Township, Yangon North District, today.

Wellwishers presented Waso robes to members of the Sangha. Pantapwintaung Sayadaw Saddhamma Jotica Dhaja Bhaddanta Paññasara presented certificates of honour to wellwishers who donated cash for Nagayon pagoda and Koetaunggyay pagoda.

Afterwards, the Sayadaw and members of the Pagoda Board of Trustees presented cash awards to six students who passed the matriculation examination for 2007 academic year.

The wellwishers donated Waso robes and provisions to the Sayadaw and shared merits gained.—**MNA**

**Donate blood**
INTERNATIONAL NEWS

WHO says environmental hazards kill four mln children a year

GENEVA, 28 July — Four million children under the age of five die every year due to environmental hazards including polluted air or water, or exposure to chemicals, the World Health Organization (WHO) said on Friday. Poisonings, acute respiratory infections, diarrhoeal diseases and malaria carried by mosquitoes which thrive in dirty water account for most of the toll, the United Nations agency said in a technical report.

This is something that intuitively we have always recognized, but we never put a number to it,” WHO expert Jenny Pronczuk told a news briefing.

Some 30 per cent of illnesses and deaths in children due to disease can be attributed to environmental factors, according to the report. But chemicals have different effects as children grow, and often the effects of exposure to toxins while in the womb only emerge later in adolescence, the WHO said in the report drawn up by 24 scientific experts.

“For example if you look at lead exposure, the effect will be different if the child was exposed in utero because the lead of the mother goes into the bones of the child,” Pronczuk said. MNA/Reuters

British policeman charged with murdering barrister’s clerk

LONDON, 28 July — A policeman has been charged with the murder of a barrister’s clerk in a packed City of London bar. Adam Lowe, 26, from Hertfordshire, a serving officer with the City police, was charged over the death of Lee Cook, 21, who died last week after an attack at the Alibi bar in Shoe Lane, off Fleet Street.

“We are deeply disappointed that one of our officers has been charged in connection with this investigation,” City of London Police Commander Patrick Rice said in a statement.

“He has been suspended from duty and justice must now take its course.

“The community can rest assured that we will continue to carry out a robust and thorough inquiry to ensure those responsible for Lee Cook’s death are brought to justice.”

Administrator Lloyd Moore, 26, and Rick Maynard, a 27-year-old product designer, both from Essex, have also been charged with murder.

Lowe and Moore are due to appear before City of London magistrates later on Friday. Maynard was remanded in custody to 1 November.

Mysterious illness kills eight in Indonesia

JAKARTA, 28 July — A mysterious illness has claimed eight people’s lives and forced 23 others out of hospital in the Indonesian town of Magelang, while doctors have still yet known the name of the disease, local Press reported Friday.

A health official has confirmed the mysterious outbreak was neither SARS nor bird flu, English daily The Jakarta Post said. Officials first suspected of poisoning, but assessment of food and water in the scene in the Central Java town did not find any toxic substances.

In the past three days, 31 people in the remote Kanigor Village in Magelang have been hospitalized with similar symptoms — severe nausea and seizures.

But the first eight people with the symptoms died because of delayed treatment, Marwan Nusri of the Health Ministry was quoted as saying.

The ministry is currently looking at the possibility of a virus or bacteria that targets a specific internal organ, but declined to give details. The illness had quickly spread through the village but did not appear to have any obvious infection pattern.

Tissue samples from the victims would be sent to Jakarta this week for further examination. MNA/Xinhua

Three ISAF soldiers killed in Afghanistan

KABUL, 28 July — Three soldiers of the NATO-led International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) were killed on Friday in Afghanistan, an ISAF statement said.

Two ISAF soldiers and one Afghan soldier were killed during fighting in eastern Afghanistan, the statement said, adding 13 ISAF soldiers were injured.

Meanwhile, an ISAF soldier was killed during an engagement with enemy fighters in southern Afghanistan. In accordance with NATO policy, ISAF does not release a casualty’s nationality prior to the relevant national authority doing so.

The statement also did not say in which provinces the incidents occurred.

Due to rising Taliban violence, over 110 foreign soldiers have been killed in Afghanistan so far this year. MNA/Xinhua

Indian villagers use a raft made of banana plants to navigate through floodwaters near the village of Bordoloni in Dhemaji district, some 500 km from Guwahati recently. At least 27 people have died and nearly dozens of people have been killed and nearly three million hit by floods triggered by torrential monsoon rains in India and Nepal. MNA/Reuters

A Macedonian helicopter extinguishes a forest fire near the village of Kopance, 25 km (15 miles) from Skopje on 27 July, 2007. MNA/Reuters

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Sunshine ‘protective’ against MS

LONDON, 28 July—People who spend more time in the sun as children subsequently have a lower risk of developing multiple sclerosis (MS), a US study shows.

The University of Southern California team suggest UV rays offer protection by altering the cell immune responses or by boosting vitamin D levels.

An earlier study found women who took vitamin D supplements were 40% less likely to develop MS.

The latest research is published in the journal *Neurology*.

MS is among the most common neurological diseases affecting around two million people worldwide.

For the study, researchers surveyed 79 pairs of identical twins who had the same genetic risk of MS.

In each pair, one of the twins had MS.

Deaths in US TV helicopter crash

LONDON, 28 July—Four people have died after two helicopters, owned by rival US television channels, collided in mid-air while covering a car chase.

Both helicopters went down in Steele Indian School Park in Phoenix, Arizona, and caught fire as they were covering the police pursuit of a pick-up truck.

Everyone on board the two craft was killed.

No-one on the ground was hurt.

Within moments of the collision, other TV news helicopters were broadcasting pictures of the burning wreckage.

Vietnam jails six for trafficking 126 women

HANOI, 28 July—A Vietnamese court has jailed six people, including a Chinese national, for up to 12 years for trafficking 126 women to Malaysia.

The gang, led by a 35-year-old Vietnamese woman and her Chinese husband, had defrauded the women by offering them marriage brokering services and then sold them to Malaysian men for about 2,000 US dollars each.

The Ho Chi Minh City People’s Court on Thursday sentenced Tran Thi My Phuong and her husband Tsai I Hein to 12 years and 10 years in jail respectively, the court said in a statement.

WWII flying bomb found in London

LONDON, 29 July—Police closed streets near London’s Canary Wharf financial district on Saturday after an unexploded German flying bomb from World War II was found on a construction site.

WWII bombs are unearthed across Europe, often during building excavations, such as this one in France.

WM4.3m for Indian youths undergo skills programmes

KUALA LUMPUR, 29 July— The government has approved a RM4.3 million allocation for Indian youths to undergo skills training programmes at public vocational institutes until end of 2007.

MIC president Datuk Seri S Samy Vellu said that of the total, RM1.16 million was for 200 Indian youths, who failed in last year’s Sijil Pelajaran Malaysia (SPM) examinations, to undergo six-month skills training at four institutes to be determined later.

“The government will also provide a special loan fund totalling RM3 million through Yayasan Tekun for 500 Indian youths to undergo skills training at public vocational institutes until end of 2007.

Each trainee can apply for between RM500 and RM150,000 to train 600 Indian youths in micro businesses at Pusat Giat Mara and ITI.

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Samy Vellu said the government, through the National Entrepreneur Institute, had allocated RM150,000 to train 600 Indian youths in micro businesses at Pusat Giat Mara and ITI.

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**Economic News**

**Indonesia, Australia to conduct feasibility study for free trade**

JAKARTA, 28 July — Indonesia and Australia agreed on Friday to conduct a joint feasibility study on the benefits of their plan to conclude a bilateral agreement on free trade, a release from the Trade Ministry said here.

Indonesian President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono and Australian Prime Minister John Howard gave their approval on the plan during their meeting in Bali Island, said the release.

The study would begin next month and be expected to give recommendations at the mid of next year, said the release.

The plan would evaluate the benefit that can be obtained by both countries in dealing with the implementation of free trade by considering the impacts of the agreement on trade, foreign policies and other strategic issues, it said.

The study would also evaluate how the Free Trade Agreement among Australia, ASEAN (Association of South-East Asian Nations) and New Zealand, which now is under negotiation, could become a basis, said the release.— MNA/Xinhua

**Lenovo to increase new manufacturing plants in India, Mexico**

NEW DELHI, 28 July — Global PC maker Lenovo said here on Thursday that it would invest 31 million US dollars to set up two new manufacturing plants in India and Mexico, in order to meet the growing demand in those regions.

Lenovo said the new plant in India will be opened in Baddi, a city in India’s northern state of Himachal Pradesh, and expected to be operational in the third fiscal quarter of 2007, with an approximate annual production capacity of two million PCs.

Meanwhile, the new plant in Mexico will be set up in Monterrey, a city in the north of Mexico, and is anticipated to carry out production by mid-2008, with a planned annual manufacturing capacity of five million PCs.

Baddi manufacturing facility is Lenovo’s second plant in India. “India is an integral part of Lenovo’s global manufacturing strategy. With our second plant in India, we expect to improve our supply chain efficiently and better serve our growing base of customers in this region,” said Jeff Gallinat, vice-president of Lenovo’s global manufacturing. MNA/Xinhua

**China’s Baidu says net profit more than double in Q2**

BEIJING, 28 July — Baidu.com, China’s leading Chinese language Internet search engine, said its net profit surged 111 percent year on year to 141.9 million yuan (18.6 million US dollars) in the second quarter of 2007. The company’s total revenue rose 109.4 percent over the corresponding period in 2006 to 401.3 million yuan (52.7 million US dollars), the Guangzhou Daily quoted the company’s quarterly report as saying.

Li Yanhong, Chairman and CEO of Baidu, attributes the leap in profit to the successful implementation of strategic improvement made over the last two quarters.

“During the second quarter, we saw robust revenue growth and a healthy increase in online marketing customers,” Li said.

The company’s share price rose sharply on Friday to 216.8 US dollars per share, representing a 18.32 percent increase. Baidu also expects its total revenue to reach between 492 million yuan (64.6 million US dollars) to 506 million yuan (66.5 US dollars) in the third quarter, up 106 percent to 111 percent year on year.

Baidu continued to be No. 1 in China’s search engine market in the first half of this year with a 57.6 percent share of the market, up 10.2 percentage points from the year-earlier period, according to the latest report by the Beijing-based research firm Analysys International.

**India’s State Bank profit jumps 78% on loan growth**

MUMBAI, 29 July — India’s largest bank, the State Bank of India, said Saturday its net profit climbed 78.5 percent in the first quarter thanks to strong loan growth.

The bank reported net profit for the three months to June of 12.29 billion rupees (353 million dollars), on total income of 122.29 billion rupees, up 27 percent on the same period last year.

Operating profit for the quarter rose 31 percent to 23.61 billion rupees.

The bank last month said it may sell shares at the end of 2007 as part of a plan to dilute the government’s stake to 51 percent from the current 64.8 percent and raise capital to expand in order to counter competition.

Over the past decade State Bank has lost market share, faced with stiff competition from private sector rivals such as ICICI Bank.


**A family collects Shapla (Water lilies), the national flower of Bangladesh, growing in flood waters to sell at Madartake on the outskirts of Dhaka on 28 July, 2007. — Internet**

**A spent fuel pool is seen inside the No 3 reactor of TEPCO’s Kashiwazaki-Kariwa nuclear power plant in Kashiwazaki, Japan on 28 July, 2007. — Internet**
Australian PM to launch eye hospital in Indonesia

JAKARTA, 28 July — Australian Prime Minister John Howard visited Bali, Indonesia, Friday to inaugurate an eye hospital dedicated to the victims of the October 2002 bombings on the resort island, and to hold talks with the Indonesian leader.

Howard said the hospital in the Bali capital of Denpasar would facilitate free eye surgeries for the poor.

He said the Australia Bali Memorial Hospital symbolizes friendship between Australia and Indonesia which holds stronger after the bombings that killed 202 people, including 88 Australian citizens.

The facility was a living, practical memorial to the victims, he said.

On the same occasion, Indonesian President Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono thanked the Australian Government for the donation that is very meaningful for the Bali people.

"About 50,000 people in Bali are suffering from cataract blindness, but most of them are too poor to get treatment."

"This hospital has two mobile clinics that will come to them," Susilo was quoted by leading news website Detik.com as saying.

School fees rise at twice rate of inflation in London

LONDON, 28 July — School fees have risen by more than twice the rate of inflation in the past five years, new figures show.

Private school fees have increased 41 percent since 2002, while inflation has run at just 18 percent, according to Halifax Financial Services.

Fees have risen by 6 per cent in the past year alone — a third more than the increase in retail prices, at 4 per cent. The average annual cost of private school day fees is now 9,627 pounds, compared to 6,820 pounds in 2002.

Boarding fees are more than twice those for day pupils. The annual cost of boarding fees is 20,970 pounds, up 36 per cent on the 15,364 pounds of 2002. The above-inflation increases have made it more difficult for average earners in many occupations to send their offspring to private school.

Five years ago, the average worker in 23 occupations could afford to send his or her child as a day pupil to private school but that number is now down to 13.

Scientists, police officers, tax experts, engineers, journalists, clothes designers, teachers and lecturers, writers, trading standards officers and computer programers can, on average, no longer afford the fees without help from other sources.

Three killed in plane crashes in US

WASHINGTON, 28 July — Three people were killed Saturday in two separate plane crashes in the United States, media reports said. In Dayton, Ohio, a plane crashed on a runway of the Dayton International Airport while performing stunts during the Vectren Dayton Air Show. The pilot, Jim LeRoy, was taken to Miami Valley Hospital and was pronounced dead.

The air show was cancelled for the rest of Saturday. In Oregon City, Oregon, a seaplane crashed, killing two people inside, fire officials said.

In other developments, a medical helicopter with four people onboard crashed early Saturday in Mississippi, injuring one person aboard, and in Phoenix, Arizona, on Friday, two news helicopters covering a police chase collided and killed all four people aboard.

Also on Friday, two single-engine war planes at an experimental air show collided in Wisconsin while landing, killing one of the pilots and injuring the other.

Vietnam unearths 1,100-year-old antiques

HANOI, 28 July — Vietnamese archaeologists have discovered many antiques, including two sandstone elephant statues, a horseman statue and some decorative relieve made in the late 9th Century in central Quang Nam Province, local newspaper Young People reported Friday.

The antiques were unearthed at a ruined Cham Tower named Khuong My in Nui Thanh District. The archaeologists are continuing to search for antiques.

Vietnam will spend over eight billion Vietnam dong (500,000 US dollars) restoring the ancient tower late this year, said the newspaper.

Quang Nam is home to the World Heritage site of My Son, an imperial city during the Cham Dynasty, between the 4th and 12th centuries. My Son Sanctuary is a large complex of religious relics which comprises over 70 architectural works, mainly tower temples built to reflect the divinity of the king.

The most well-known tower at My Son Sanctuary, destroyed in wartime in 1969, was 24 metres tall, of sandstone carved with elephants, lions, girl dancers and other images.

People gather near the site of a suicide bomb attack in Pakistan’s capital Islamabad, on 27 July, 2007. — Xinhua

This artist’s impression of NASA’s next Mars mission, Phoenix Mars Lander, is shown in this undated photograph released by NASA on 26 July, 2007. The Mars spacecraft is scheduled to be launched on 3 Aug, 2007 from Kennedy Space Centre in Florida to dig into the soil near the northern pole of Mars to check for conditions favourable to microbial life now or in the planet’s past. — Xinhua

Boats carrying sand for land reclamation move along the river Sitalakha on outskirts of Dhaka city, on 28 July, 2007. — Internet

Daneshch arrive at the 21st World Scout Jamboree at Highlands Park near Chelmsford in south-eastern England on 28 July, 2007. — Internet
Lt-Gen Myint Swe and wife Daw Khin Thet Htay...

Also present on the occasion were State Ovadaçariya Presiding Nayaka of the monastery Abhidhaja Maha Rattha Guru Bhaddanta Sobhana and members of the Sangha, the commander and wife, senior military officers and wellwishers.

After taking the Five Precepts, Lt-Gen Myint Swe and wife offered Waso robes and alms to Sayadaw Bhaddanta Sobhana.

The commander and wife, senior military officers and wellwishers also donated Waso robes and offerings to members of the Sangha.

Lecturer Sayadaw of the monastery Bhaddanta Naradabhivamsa delivered a sermon, and the congregation led by Lt-Gen Myint Swe and wife shared merits gained. — MNA

Dhammaçakka Day observed at famous...

Dhammaçakka Day at the respective places by reciting Dhammaçakka Pavattana Sutta, Anatatalakkhana Sutta and religious verses.

Furthermore, people in various townships organized the Waso robes offering ceremony. Wellwishers served meals and refreshments to the people. Pilgrims and devotees practised Sabbath and meditation and performed meritorious deeds. — MNA

Minister inspects issuing of Citizenship Scrutiny Cards in Meiktila

NAV Pyi Taw, 29 July — Minister for Immigration and Population Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe met the head of Immigration and National Registration Department of Mandalay Division and departmental officials of Meiktila District and Township, local authorities, social organization members and staff at Meiktila Township INRD yesterday morning.

The minister inspected the record room of the district office. Next, he viewed tasks of the staff to issue the cards to the people and gave necessary instructions. Afterwards, the minister cordially greeted the local people and staff.

In Meiktila Township CSCs were issued to 326 people on 28 July. — MNA

Two members quit Wundwin Township NLD after losing trust and faith in party’s activities and leaders

YANGON, 29 July — Members U Ko Ko and U Chit Ko of Wundwin Township National League for Democracy of Mandalay Division resigned from the NLD on 17 July of their own volition, sending letters of resignation to the NLD (Headquarters) and local authorities.

In their letters of resignation sent to Wundwin Township Multi-party Democracy General Election Subcommission, they said that the unity of NLD is breaking down and that they had lost trust and faith in activities of the party and its leaders. That is why they resigned from the party of their own volition, they said.

NPE holds Waso robes offering ceremony

YANGON, 29 July — Under the aegis of Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan and wife Daw Kyi Kyi Win, staff families of News and Periodicals Enterprise held Waso robes offering ceremony at Dagon Pariyatti Monastery in Dagon township here today.

First, the congregation took the Five Precepts from Presiding Sayadaw Agga Maha Pandita Bhaddanta Gunananda of the monastery. The members of the Sangha recited parittas.

Next, the departmental officials of the ministry and employees of the enterprise donated Waso robes and provisions to the Sayadaw and members of the Sangha and they shared merits gained. They offered a day meal to members of the Sangha. — MNA

Inspection teams perform dry day functions

YANGON, 29 July — Chairman of the Dry Day Supervisory Committee Brig-Gen Myint Soe, departmental officials and members of the Supervisory Committee supervised Tatmadaw and departmental vehicles at the main points in downtown Yangon this morning and afternoon.

The team supervised the tasks for examining Dry Day passes, driving licences, wheel tax bills of departmental and Tatmadaw vehicles. — MNA
I enjoyed the lunch served by Bagyi Soe and Kyee Kyee Mya so much that I ate my fill. As I am a single, mostly, I finish my daily meals as appropriate. My participation had livened up the lunch and it seemed that Bagyi Soe and Kyee Kyee Mya enjoyed their dishes more than usual. The custom of hosts having a meal together with guests is a lovely Myanmar tradition showing warm friendship.

A traditional dessert of salad, palm sugar and green tea, prepared by Kyee Kyee Mya, awaited us after the lunch. While having the dessert, Kye Kye Mya started the discussion.

Kye Kye Mya: Let’s continue, Maung Kyaw. We have reached to the slander saying that more refugee camps were being opened due to Tatmadaw’s offensive.

Soe Mya Kyaw: Yes Kyee Kyee.

Bagyi Soe: OK, let’s continue, to talk about the refugee camps. Actually, the so-called refugee camps and the Tatmadaw’s offensives have never originated in the Tatmadaw. The KNU started all the problems to arrive at the situation. As you know, there is not a single insurgent camp even in the border areas of Myanmar at present. The Tatmadaw can now station bases at the border for national defence and security with ease. In this situation the KNU has been committing various forms of terrorist acts attacking trains and highway cars and some towns and villages. Hence, the Tatmadaw under its security arrangements has to patrol and comb the areas where KNUs are hiding. The Tatmadaw has been making patrols to provide security for public lives and property. Obviously, it is not launching major offensives as accused by those elements.

Soe Mya Kyaw: Clear as crystal Bagyi. All the people know about it. Isn’t it true Kyee Kyee?

Kyee Kyee Mya: Yes, it is absolutely true.

Bagyi Soe: As we all know, the Tatmadaw had to battle for many times with a large number of insurgents in the past. During the period from 1988 to 1990, the institution had to use a lot of manpower and firepower to overrun many fortifications of BCP and KNU at the border. It had to use infantry divisions, artillery support and aerial support to fight major battles. Even in that time we had never heard of villagers fleeing their homes to refugee camps en masse.

KNU tried to name its camps “refugee camps” in seeking international pressures on Myanmar government. Moreover, the organization is tricking international donors to receive aids. As the refugee camps are located inside the terrority of the other country, the KNU does not need to be afraid of Tatmadaw’s attack. KNUs are enjoying both security and foreign aids. They are famous all over the world for their lies and tricks.

Soe Mya Kyaw: Have you heard that the US was trying to accept the so-called KNU refugees in it?

Bagyi Soe: It’s true. The US tried to amend its immigration law with exception to accept the so-called refugees living in the other country. As the so-called refugees are the KNUs and their families and relatives who are also the hard-cores, they all will be able to reach the US if the said law is amended. But the amendment covered only the refugees at the border of the other nation bordering Myanmar. So, it is food for thought.

Kyee Kyee Mya: Is the US sincere in providing privileges that are better than other refugees around the world to the so-called KNU refugees?

(See page 9)
Bagyi Soe: As you know, the US is not sincere. To explain the matter, I will give “Bay of Pigs Invasion” as an example. The revolutionaries of the current Castro government of Cuba were able to overthrow the then government in 1959. The defeated the then president and his followers had to flee the country. The US organized and accommodated those Cuban expatriates. It provided food for them. Moreover, it conducted military training for them and provided them with arms. In 1961, it asked them to attack Castro through Bay of Pigs, south of Cuba. But, Castro’s troops managed to crush the expatriate troops, so the expatriate group would never be able to rear its head again.

This was a tactic of the US — to attack the foe with his own weapons. Maung Kyaw, I am sure by now it is clear to you that why the US accepts and is keeping Kayin national refugees in its territory.

Soe Mya Kyaw: Yes, it is. By the way, Bagyi, I think many KNU members felt depressed and returned to the legal fold, and many more members will follow suit.

Bagyi Soe: In practice, there were many events KNU members were disunited and downhearted and tried to flee and return to the legal fold. And there will be many similar events. But, KNU forcibly dislocated the families and relatives of its members to the border areas and is keeping them as refugees so that its members dare not flee and enter the legal fold. In this way, they take control over the members and receive foreign assistance through political gains.

Soe Mya Kyaw: Bagyi, I wonder why KNU members have remained for such a long time up to now.

Bagyi Soe: Myanmar has many large and small armed groups. Of them, the armed groups of other national races have made peace with the government for national reconsolidation. But, there is no sign that the KNU remnant group will do so. Apparently, it is because their western masters and their lackeys are aiding and abetting the KNU remnants, and the neighbouring country still accepts the so-called refugee camps in it. Another point is that western masters are polishing the role of the KNU remnants who have been committing various forms of atrocities such as torching the villages, murders, robberies, rapes and trafficking in persons, and propagating through some broadcasting stations as if KNU members have remained.

Kyee Kyee Mya: That’s right. Western powers are aiding KNU remnants, KNPP, SSA-S and local anti-government groups so that they can install a puppet government in Myanmar in complicity with NGOs under their influence, expatriates, and certain radio stations. I am sure, they will keep on putting pressure on our country under various pretexts including democracy and human rights.

Maung Kyaw, you should take into consideration the fact that they will continue to provide funds on the pretext of democracy movements so that KNU remnants staying hidden in the border areas of the certain neighbouring country can survive and get all necessary things including weapons.

Bagyi Soe: She is right, Maung Kyaw. As a matter of fact, funds are provided for these so-called refugee camps through expatriate national traitors such as director (policy) Chit Ko Ko (a) Aung Din of the US Campaign for Burma, general secretary Maung Maung (a) Pyithit Nyunt Wai of FTUB and NCU, and Dr Cynthia Maung who is mediating in internal affairs in the border areas. And they are inventing and broadcasting stories to make the international community misunderstand Myanmar’s internal affairs. All I have told you about these expatriate national traitors is very disappointing. Maung Kyaw, I would say the youth like you should have to be aware of such evil schemes.

Soe Mya Kyaw: Rest assured, Bagyi. When do you think those KNU remnants will give up their armed struggle line? And how long do you think it will take for border areas of Kayin State to enjoy peace?

Kyee Kyee Mya: He took my words, Ko Soe. I would also like to know that.

Bagyi Soe: Firstly, I want to tell you about the collapse of Burma Communist Party (BCP) troops that took a stronghold in the northeast regions of Myanmar around 1988-90 to rise against the government. At that time, the BCP was very strong with good strategy and tactics. But, the Tatmadaw government addressed the problem of BCP through three tactics.

Soe Mya Kyaw: Very interesting, Bagyi. What are they?

Bagyi Soe: Okay, I will tell you. The first tactic is “making peace through talks. Due to that tactic, Wa, Kangk and Kachin national race armed groups who were members of BCP made peace in groups with the government. Now, the representatives from these armed groups that have returned to the legal fold are now attending the National Convention and taking part in the discussions.

Kyee Kyee Mya: It worked beautifully. These national race groups are really attending the National Convention together with you Ko Soe, aren’t they? It is good news. What about the second tactic?

Bagyi Soe: The second tactic is to mobilize cooperation of neighbouring countries. The People’s Republic of China, for instance, has strictly honoured the policy “Non-interference in the internal affairs of other countries” and stood firmly by our country. It is a friendly country with genuine goodwill. That was why the Tatmadaw managed to uproot the BCP remnants. Now, the entire northeast region is enjoying peace and stability with all-round development. In other words, local national race people are now enjoying the fruitful results of peace.

Soe Mya Kyaw: Fantastic, very effective tactics. They worked very well.

Kyee Kyee Mya: The Tatmadaw government has expressed its benevolent attitude. So, it has overcome all sorts of crises. These successes are due to the Tatmadaw government’s stance and genuine goodwill.

Bagyi Soe: Certainly! The third tactic also concerns with the goodwill your Kyee Kyee explained to you. Stability and peace have been restored in border areas. So, the government is working hard for development of border areas.

Myanmar has many large and small armed groups. Of them, the armed groups of other national races have made peace with the government for national reconsolidation. But, there is no sign that the KNU remnant group will do so. Apparently, it is because their western masters and their lackeys are aiding and abetting the KNU remnants, and the neighbouring country still accepts the so-called refugee camps in it. Another point is that western masters are polishing the role of the KNU remnants who have been committing various forms of atrocities such as torching the villages, murders, robberies, rapes and trafficking in persons, and propagating through some broadcasting stations as if KNU members have remained. (See page 10)
We strongly believe that as the government’s stance is to open the peace door, the existence of those KNU remnants will soon come to an end, thereby contributing to peace and stability of the border region in Kayin State.

Bagyi Soe: You’re right. It is important that to address the issue of KNU remnants needs goodwill cooperation of the other country and foreign nations and organizations. In reality, KNU remnants have to survive with the assistance of the other country and those international organizations. Therefore, like China, if foreign big nations, the other country and international organizations are to follow and respect the policy of non-interference in other nations’ internal affairs, the issue of Kayin State’s border region will be addressed and that region will become peaceful and stable. If so, the government will be able to implement regional development tasks in earnest and INGOs will also render more humanitarian aids to the country.

Kkyee Kyee Mya: In that case, the issue of IDPs and refugees will be automatically addressed as well and perpetual peace can be achieved.

Bagyi Soe: That’s right. To produce such good results depends on the stance of the other neighbouring country. Now there is cooperation between our two countries. Our citizens go to that country to work. There are also frequent visits to that country that has a lot of interesting places. Those going there on business or paying visits are not refugees at all. Under the cooperation of the government of the other country, passports are being issued for our citizens to be able to visit there. That’s why the issue is not totally concerned with the problem of refugees. So, if the other country will not accept the KNU insurgents, the issue of refugees will also be addressed immediately.

Kkyee Kyee Mya: Right, Maung Kyaw. Sincere and goodwill cooperation is the only way to solve the problems in Kayin State, and thus its border region will achieve lasting peace.

Soe Mya Kyaw: As you have said, there is the most suitable way to address the issue. Is it possible that the other country will sincerely cooperate with us?

Bagyi Soe: I don’t think this issue cannot be addressed. You see, we have five neighbour countries, China, India, Thailand, Bangladesh and Laos. Between those countries and us there has been no problem of IDPs and refugees. We do have this problem only with the neighbour situated to the east of our country. This is because that country is giving KNUs the chance to live there. I, however, think this is the best way to accept if the border region of Kayin State is to be peaceful and stable and the issue of IDPs and refugees is to be addressed. Our government, out of goodwill, always understood and forgave the insurgents and anti-government groups like parents who always forgive their children when they get out of the house as they are cross with their parents. Besides, our country has always regarded the other country as its good neighbor. Due to the goodwill and correct attitude of the government, success will surely be achieved one day. I believe so.

Soe Mya Kyaw: We strongly believe that as the government’s stance is to open the peace door, the existence of those KNU remnants will soon come to an end, thereby contributing to peace and stability of the border region in Kayin State.

I would like to ask internal and external anti-government groups which are making accusations through BBC and VOA whether they really love the country and its national races and whether they really want the border regions to become peaceful and prosperous.

Bagyi Soe: Absolutely right. What we have discussed all day has been complete and perfect only through your Kyee Kyee’s concluding remarks.

Soe Mya Kyaw: Yes, I also have been dissatisfied with the smears of VOA this morning. But now I have come to feel easy only when you both have explained to me.

Kkyee Kyee Mya: It is so disgusting for the patriotic people who know the true situation of the country to hear the fabricated news of such foreign broadcasting stations. OK, hang it. Their voices will die down as time goes by.

Soe Mya Kyaw: All right, Kyee Kyee. I will turn my back on such accusations as you have said.

Bagyi Soe: Well, Maung Kyaw, have some pickled tea.

Soe Mya Kyaw: No, thanks, Bagyi. Let me go home as I have not only gained a lot of knowledge from you but also had coffee and lunch. Won’t you take a rest?

Bagyi Soe and Kkyee Kyee Mya: OK, see you.

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USDA Secretariat member attends prize-presentation ceremonies

NAY PYI TAW, 29 July — Secretariat member of the Union Solidarity and Development Association, Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thaug and wife Daw Khin Khin Yi attended the ninth prize-presentation ceremonies of SEMIKAN BEHS (Branch) and Yonetaw BEHS (Branch) in Taungtha Township in Myingyan District at Semikan BEHS (Branch) hall yesterday. The secretariat member spoke on the occasion.

Nay Pyi Taw Command Commander attends physical nut growing ceremony, tree planting ceremony

NAY PYI TAW, 29 July — Commander of Nay Pyi Taw Command Maj-Gen Wai Lwin attended the rainy season physical nut cultivation ceremony in Taungnoyo Station yesterday morning.

Station Commander Col Myint Kyaw reported on progress in growing of physical nut plants for 2007. The commander planted a physical nut sapling to mark the ceremony in the compound of No 2 Basic Education Middle School (Moe Swe).

Next, he viewed progress in construction of Taungpyoo Dam in Taungnoyo Station. In the afternoon, the commander inspected the thriving 25 acres of sugarcane plantation in Thabyebin Village of Nay Pyi Taw Leue Township.

This morning, the commander attended the rainy season tree planting ceremony in Pyisanauk Model Village of Nay Pyi Taw Tatkon Township. The commander viewed the participation of local people in growing the trees. They planted 12,974 trees at the ceremony.

Later, the commander and party inspected the thriving 100 acres of maize plantation in Kyarthlay-ang Village of Nay Pyi Taw Tatkon Township. — MNA

Christian delegates attend service at a Church in North Okkalapa Township — MNA

NC delegates pay homage to Shwedagon Pagoda, attend service at church

YANGON, 29 July — Under the arrangement of the Invitation and Reception Subcommittee, the delegates to the National Convention paid homage to Shwedagon Pagoda and attended the service at the church yesterday and today.

Officials of the Invitation and Reception Sub-committee, the NC delegates paid homage to Padanya Myetshin Buddhasa Image on the upper terrace of Shwedagon Pagoda yesterday.

After visiting round the pagoda, they offered flower, water, lights and joss sticks to the Buddha images and made cash donations.

Christian delegates also attended the service at Po Kayin Baptist Church on Nwene Road in North Okkalapa Township this morning. — MNA

Education seminar on Sunway University College to be held

MANIPUR HYDEL POWER PROJECT IN KALAY TOWNSHIP INSPECTED

NAY PYI TAW, 29 July — Deputy Minister for Electric Power No (1) U Myo Myint on 25 July inspected Manipur Hydel Power Project near Hsedaung Village, Kalay Township, Sagaing Division.

At the briefing hall, Director of Hydel Power Implementation Department U Victor reported on the project.

Next, Deputy Minister U Myo Myint looked into the site chosen for building of power station, embankment to be built and axes of the embankment, feasibility and geographical condition.

The deputy minister inspected construction of Diversion Tunnel No 2 Outlet and arrangements for construction of Diversion Tunnel No 1 Outlet. — MNA

Manufacturing and selling of locomotive parts discussed

Nay Pyi Taw, 29 July — A ceremony to display parts of engines and transmission to maintain passenger trains and rail buses running the circular railroad of Yangon and the routes from Nay Pyi Taw to Bagan, Pyay, Myingyan, Mandalay and Mawlamyine was held at Insein Locomotive Shed here yesterday.

Present on the occasion were industrial and rubber entrepreneurs who wished to manufacture parts of locomotive engines and transmission and to sell these products to the Ministry of Rail Transportation.

First, Deputy Minister for Rail Transportation U Thaung Lwin delivered an address and invited good suggestion from the entrepreneurs. General Manager of the Shed U Saw Valentine explained annual requirements of spare parts for locomotives and rail buses.

Industrialists and rubber entrepreneurs observed spare parts and other machine parts and participated in the discussions. The deputy minister and officials replied to the queries raised by the entrepreneurs.

The parts of engines and transmission to maintain passenger trains and rail buses will be put on display at the factory up to 3 August. — MNA
China donates $30,000 to Cambodian Red Cross for dengue control

Pnom Penh, 28 July — The Red Cross Society of China on Friday donated $30,000 US dollars to the Cambodian Red Cross to support the operations in terms of dengue fever control, Chinese Ambassador to Cambodia Zhang Jinfeng handed over the donation to Bun Rany Hun Sen, President of the Cambodian Red Cross, at its headquarters in Phnom Penh.

Bun Rany expressed her thanks for the donation, adding that it will help them addressing the urgent needs in their fight against the current dengue fever outbreak in Cambodia. According to the statistics from the Cambodian Health Ministry, the 182 death toll from the virus in the first six months of this year already surpassed that of the whole year of 2006, namely 158.

Raul Castro sees economy reforms, talks with US

Camaguey (Cuba), 28 July — Acting President Raul Castro asserted his leadership of Cuba on Thursday with promises of economic improvement and an offer of talks with the United States when the Bush Administration is gone.

“Raul, Raul, Raul!” some 100,000 government supporters chanted during a Revolution Day speech one year after taking over from his brother.

He said Cuba’s 80-year-old leader Fidel Castro, who is 76 and considered to be more pragmatic than his ideologically-driven brother, told Cubans.

“Fidel is not here, but it’s the same. We have him in our hearts and Raul is doing a good job,” said Dignora, a labour union official wearing a red T-shirt and waving a Cuban flag.

Cuba’s most important holiday marks the near-spectacular results. Time is needed,” Raul Castro, who is recovering from life-threatening surgery, said.

China rejects US accusation of illegal arms trade

Beijing, 28 July — China on Thursday voiced its opposition to US claims that it is involved in illegal arms trade.

“We are firmly opposed to such statements being made,” Liu said.

China always takes a prudent and responsible attitude towards arms exports and imposes rigid self-control in terms of arms exports according to China’s international obligations and domestic laws, said Liu.

China adheres to three principles when selling armaments: it should help enhance the self-defense capability of importing countries, should not impair regional and global peace, security and stability and should not be used to interfere with the internal affairs of countries, he said.

The spokesman emphasized that China only exports arms to sovereign states and no arms can be transferred to third countries without the Chinese Government’s permission. China has also set up a system to clarify the identity of end users of its exported arms, he said. — MNA/Xinhua
China to issue new standards for cooking oil

BEIJING, 27 July — New standards for cooking oil are due to take effect soon, a government official said yesterday.

“We are looking at a total of 92 standards for the cooking oil industry and we expect the standard regulatory authority to issue some shortly,” Du Zheng, director of the Standards and Quality Center of State Administration of Grain, told China Daily. “Thirty of the standards are almost decided upon, 10 of which address the edible oil sector,” he added.

The 10 edible oil standards will address product quality and the manufacturing processes of four categories of edible oil—sesame oil, olive oil, palm oil and multi-purpose nutrition oil. China has already issued product standards for eight kinds of plant-based oil, such as soybean and peanut oil.

“The new standards will help guide manufacturers and ensure the market as a whole is well regulated. Of course, since the manufacture of cooking oil is complicated, the healthy development of the segment will also depend on self-regulation,” Du stressed.

Zhang Zhentao, general manager of COFCO Food Sales & Distribution Co Ltd, said his company has been actively involved in drafting the new standards and has provided the regulator with technical details for Fortune Cooking Oil, an edible oil brand managed by COFCO.

US deadly cans of food bursting from botulism

BEIJING, 27 July — Sounds like a sci-fi movie: cans of food bursting because of something deadly growing in them. But it’s not something alien, it’s home-grown botulism.

The bursting cans were among those being held by Castleberry’s Food Co, among those being held accountable by Castleberry’s. The recall covers an estimated 200,000 cans of chili sauce, salsa, and other products.

“Out for terrorists practicing to carry explosive components onto aircraft, based on four curious seizures at airports since last September,” — Internet

Air pollution links to heart disease

BEIJING, 27 July — People with high cholesterol are especially vulnerable to heart disease when they are exposed to diesel exhaust and other ultra-fine particles that are common pollutants in urban air, media reported on Friday.

“Their combination creates a dangerous synergy that wreaks cardiovascular havoc far beyond what’s caused by the diesel or cholesterol alone,” said Dr André Nel, chief of nanomedicine at the David Geffen School of Medicine at UCLA in US and a researcher at UCLA’s California NanoSystems Institute. He led a team of 10 scientists who conducted the study.

Although diet, smoking and other factors contribute to the risk of cardiovascular disease—the leading cause of death in the Western world—scientists have long believed that air pollution, particularly tiny pieces of soot from trucks and factories, plays a major role, too.

For years, scientists around the world have reported that on days when fine-particle pollution increases, deaths from lung diseases, heart attacks and strokes rise substantially.

The scientists say their study, conducted on human cells as well as in mice, is the first to explain how particulates in the air activate genes that can cause heart attacks or strokes. “Our results emphasize the importance of controlling air pollution as another tool for preventing cardiovascular disease,” said Ke Wei Gong, a UCLA cardiology researcher. — Internet

Scienitists find ozone-depleting chemicals in Antarctica

LONDON, 26 July — British scientists have discovered large quantities of ozone-depleting chemicals in the Antarctic atmosphere.

Researchers from the University of Leeds, the University of East Anglia, and the British Antarctic Survey carried out an 18-month study of the makeup of the lowest part of the earth’s atmosphere on the Brunt Ice Shelf, about 20 kilometres from the Weddell Sea, and found high concentrations of halogens—bromine and iodine oxides—which persist throughout the period when there is sunlight in Antarctica (August through May), according to a report Thursday on the science news website of AlphaGalileo.

The study was carried out in a new atmospheric observatory at Halley Station, operated by the British Antarctic Survey. Using high-tech measuring equipment, the scientists projected a beam of light across the ice shelf, analyzed the spectrum of the reflected light and measured chemical levels.

The scientists said the source of the halogens is natural—sea-salt in the case of bromine, and in the case of iodine, almost certainly bright orange algae that coat the underside of the sea ice around the continent.

In this photo released by the Wildlife Conservation Society, a Chinstrap penguin named ‘Becker’ cuddles with her two chicks, one hatched on 14 July, visible at left, and the other, obscured under it’s mother, hatched on 10 July, at the Central Park Zoo in New York, on 24 July, 2007. — Internet

Internet
Rangers beat Chelsea 2-0 with late goals in friendly

Glasgow, 29 July — Rangers beat Chelsea 2-0 with both goals coming in the last four minutes of their pre-season friendly at Ibrox on Saturday.

Spanish substitute striker Nacho Novo fired home the opening goal with a 20-metre shot after taking a neat pass from Chris Burke in the 86th minute.

Three minutes later Slovakian striker Filip Sebo cracked home another goal from 20 metres out which appeared to be flying wide until it took a deflection off a defender and went into the net.

The match was played in a competitive spirit with several tough tackles flying in from the two sides who finished runners-up in their respective Scottish Premier and English Premier leagues last season.

Chelsea's best chance came with a first half header from Didier Drogba which flashed across the face of the goal.

Munich's team captain Oliver Kahn, left, raises the trophy during the winning ceremony after the German League Cup, Ligapokal, final between German first division, Bundesliga, soccer clubs FC Schalke 04 and Bayern Munich at the Zentralstadion in Leipzig, Germany, on 28 July, 2007. Munich won the match by 1-0. — Internet

Bayern beat Schalke to win pre-season League Cup

Berlin, 29 July — Miroslav Klose scored his first goal for Bayern Munich to lead his new team to a 1-0 victory over Schalke 04 in the pre-season League Cup final in Leipzig on Saturday.

Klose, who joined Bayern in the close season from Werder Bremen, took advantage of defensive blunders by Schalke defender Mladen Krstajic and goalkeeper Manuel Neuer, tapping in from just inside the box as he fell backwards in the 29th minute.

But Bayern, hungry for silverware after finishing a disappointing fourth last season, showed little of the flair they had displayed in thrashing Werder 4-1 and Bundesliga champions VfB Stuttgart 2-0 euros to the final.

They were sorely missing injured France midfielder Franck Ribery who joined Bayern in a Bundesliga record 25-million-euro (34-million-US-dollar) transfer in the close season and has scored three goals in his first two matches for Bayern.

Munich's futsal team celebrates after winning the record 57,857 home crowd as Barcelona wrapped up their Scottish pre-season tour with a convincing 3-1 win over Hearts before a record 57,857 home crowd on Saturday.

The Brazilian put Barca ahead with a 21st-minute penalty and restored their lead with a 40th-minute header after Finn Juho Makela had staked in a quick equalizer from Christophe Berra's header across goal.

Second half substitute Thierry Henry, who scored in Barcelona's 1-0 win over Dundee United on Thursday, set up the third six minutes after the interval for Mexican teenager Giovani Dos Santos.

The Frenchman ended a fine run by squaring a pass to the 18-year-old who slotted home from close range. — MNA/Reuters

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Iraq crowned Asian Cup champions

JAKARTA, 29 July — Iraq defied seemingly impossible odds to beat Saudi Arabia 1-0 in the Asian Cup final in Jakarta, providing a fairytale ending to the tournament and a rare moment of celebration in their war-torn homeland.

Iraqi captain Younis Mahmoud scored the winner in the 71st minute when he climbed above the defence at the far post and headed a perfectly-weighted corner from Hawar Mulla Mohammed into the net.

Thousands of Iraqis, including members of the security forces, defied a strict government ceasefire to welcome their team’s victory with a barrage of gunfire.

Saudi Arabia had been bidding to become the first country to win the Asian Cup four times but were outplayed by an Iraqi team riding high on a wave of national support.

It was a coaching triumph for Brazilian Jorvan Vieira, 54, who only signed a two-month contract with the Iraqi Football Federation and said on Saturday he intended to quit the job after accomplishing what he had set out to achieve.

It was a combustible opening 45 minutes with Australian referee Mark Shield issuing five yellow cards — three to Iraq and two to the Saudis — as tackles flew in with a take-no-prisoner approach from both teams.

Earthquake report

(Issued at 07:00 hr MST today)

An earthquake of slight intensity (4.8) Richter Scale with its epicentre inside of Myanmar about (275) miles northeast of Kaba-Aye Seismological observatory was recorded at (04) hrs (05) min (25) sect MST on 29th July 2007.

Iraq’s players celebrate after their win over Saudi Arabia in the final match at the 2007 AFC Asian Cup soccer tournament at the Gelora Bung Karno stadium in Jakarta on 29 July, 2007.

WEATHER

Sunday, 29 July, 2007

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hour MST: During the past 24 hours, rain or thunder showers have been widespread in Kachin State, scattered in upper Sagaing and Taninthayi Divisions, isolated in Chin, Rakhine and Kayah States, lower Sagaing and Mandalay Divisions and weather has been partly cloudy in the remaining areas. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Dawwe (0.83) inch, Khamti (0.82) inch, Putao (0.40) inch, Myitkyina, Machankaw and Myeik (0.27) inch each.

Maximum temperature on 28-7-2007 was 93.5°F. Minimum temperature on 29-7-2007 was 76.0°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hrs MST on 29-7-2007 was 82%. Total sunshine hours on 28-7-2007 was (0.0) hours approx.

Rainfall on 29-7-2007 was (Nil) at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and Central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2007 was (77.56) inches at Mingaladon, (81.34) inches at Kaba-Aye and (82.44) inches at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (41) mph from Northwest at (03) hours MST on 29-7-2007.

Bay inference: Monsoon is weak in the Andaman Sea and Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of 30-7-2007: Rain or thunder showers will be fairly widespread in Kachin State, scattered in Shan and Rakhine States, upper Sagaing and Taninthayi Divisions, isolated in Chin, Kayin and Mon States, Mandalay, Bago, Ayeyawady and Yangon Divisions and weather will be partly cloudy in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (80%).

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

Outlook for subsequent two days: Weak monsoon.

Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw and neighbouring areas for 30-7-2007: Likelihood of isolated rain or thunder showers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring areas for 30-7-2007: Isolated rain or thunder showers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring areas for 30-7-2007: Likelihood of isolated rain or thunder showers. Degree of certainty is (60%).
1st Waning of Second Waso 1369 ME

Monday, 30 July, 2007

YANGON, 29 July — Today is Dhammaçakka Day which falls on Fullmoon Day of Second Waso in 1369 ME. From morning to evening of today, Buddhist people observed the Dhammaçakka Day, offered Shwekyar robes and Waso robes to the Buddha Images and members of the Sangha and performed meritorious deeds at pagodas and religious buildings here.

Shwedagon
Pilgrims and devotees donated Shwekyar robes and ‘soon’ to the Buddha images at Shwedagon Pagoda this morning. Religious associations recited Dhammaçakka Pavattana Sutta and Anattalakkhana Sutta. In addition, the opening ceremony of emergency clinic and tobacco free zone was held on the platform of the pagoda. Furthermore, religious and social organizations served the pilgrims and devotees with refreshments on the platform.

Maha Wizaya
The Pagoda Board of Trustees organized the Waso robes offering ceremony at Maha Wizaya Pagoda and made arrangements for reciting religious verses within three months at the pagoda.

Kaba Aye
Likewise, the Dhammaçakka Day was observed at Thiri Mingala Kaba Aye Pagoda. Members of religious associations recited Dhammaçakka Sutta and Anattalakkha Sutta.

Shwephonepwin
The Pagoda Board of Trustees held the 50th Waso robes donation ceremony at Shwephonepwin Pagoda in Pazandaung Township. The Managing Director and officials of Myanmar Motion Picture Enterprise donated Waso robes and alms to members of the Sangha.

Moeguung
The Waso robes offering ceremony took place at Moeguung Pagoda in Yankin Township. On the occasion, wellwishers offered 20 sets of Waso robes to members of the Sangha and K 6.8 million to the funds of the respective monasteries.

Koedatgyi
Likewise, devotees offered ‘soon’, flowers and lights to the Buddha image and recited religious verses at Koedatgyi Pagoda in Sangyoung Township. Similarly, famous pagodas such as Sule, Chaunghtayyi, Melamya, Yanmyoaung, Shwachen, South Okkalapa MyoU, Kyaikkasan and other stupas were packed with devotees and pilgrims. They observed the Dhammaçakka Day observed at famous pagodas, religious buildings in Yangon.

Devotees visit Shwedagon Pagoda on Fullmoon Day of Waso. — MNA

30th Dhammaçakka Day observed

YANGON, 29 July — The All Myanmar Buddhist Missionary Organization observed the 30th Dhammaçakka Day at the Sasana Beikman at 222 on Shwegondaing Road in Bahan Township this morning.

Rector Agga Maha Pandita Bhaddanta Vannita of State Pariyatti Sasana University (Yangon) and members of the Sangha consecrated the Buddha Image in the Beikman. Chairman of the organization U San Tun and the congregation offered ‘soon’, Waso robes and alms to members of the Sangha and shared merits gained.

They also donated Shwekyar Thingan, lights, water and fruits to the Buddha image. Later, members of the religious association recited Dhammaçakka Pavattana Sutta. — MNA

Tatmadaw govt always keeps its peace door open to KNU remnant insurgents

If they continued to go the wrong way, they would be a long way to the truth. But, there are still a few KNU remnant members. They are stationed at the so-called refugee camps in the other country. And they are still trying to ambush and attack our country from those refugee camps. But I have said the Tatmadaw government has always kept its peace door open to the KNU remnant insurgents.

Want to see border areas of Kayin State achieve peace, stability putting end to IDPs and refugees? — (3)

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