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## Foreign Heads of State send felicitations to Senior General Than Shwe

YANGON, 5 Jan—The following are messages of felicitations from foreign Heads of State sent to Senior General Than Shwe, Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar, on the occasion of the 56th Anniversary Independence Day of the Union of Myanmar.

**From Megawati Soekarnoputri, President of the Republic of Indonesia:**

On behalf of the Government and People of the Republic of Indonesia, I have the great pleasure of extending to you and, through you, to the Government and People of Myanmar my sincere greetings and heartfelt felicitations on the auspicious occasion of the Independence Day of the Union of Myanmar.

I am pleased to observe that over the years, the relations between our two countries have been growing

steadily both on bilateral basis and within the framework of ASEAN. I am confident that such cooperative relations will continue to strengthen in the years ahead as we strive for National Development and to contribute to the security and prosperity of our region.

Please accept, Your Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration and best wishes for your good health and personal well-being as well as for the Progress and Prosperity of the People of Myanmar.

**From S.R. Nathan, President of the Republic of Singapore:**

On behalf of the people and the Government of the Republic of Singapore, I am delighted to convey to Your Excellency and the people of Myanmar our best wishes and warmest congratulations on this auspicious occasion of the 56th Independence Day of the Union of Myanmar.

Singapore-Myanmar bilateral relations have always been close. I am confident that our strong ties will continue to grow in the coming years for the mutual well-being and prosperity of our peoples.

Please accept, Your Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

**From Gyanendra Bir Bikram Shah Dev, King of Nepal:**

On the happy occasion of the Independence Day of the Union of Myanmar on behalf of the people and the Government of Nepal and on our own we extend to your excellency our cordial felicitations and best wishes for your excellency's personal health and happiness and for the progress and prosperity of the People of Myanmar. We are confident that the friendly relations between our two countries will grow further in the years to come.

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## About 300,000 people get opportunity to carry on their studies at home through ICT between 2000-2001 and 2003-2004 fiscal years

### Prime Minister attends opening of Special Refresher Course No-4 for University, College Teachers

YANGON, 5 Jan— The opening of Special Refresher Course No-4 for University and College Teachers was held at the Nawarat Hall of Central Institute of Civil Service (Phaunggyi) in Hlegu Township, Yangon Division, this morning with an address by Chairman of Myanmar Education Committee Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt.

Also present were Vice-Chairmen of MEC Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Soe Win, Secretary-2 Lt-Gen Thein Sein, ministers, the Chief Justice, the Attorney General, the Chairman of Civil Service Selection and Training Board, the Yangon mayor, deputy ministers, members of CSSTB, officials of the State Peace and Development Council Office, departmental heads, rectors and principals of universities and colleges, the rector, head of departments, instructors of CICS (Phaunggyi) and trainee teachers.

In his address, the Prime Minister said that nurturing the new generation youths who will take shape the future of the State to be equipped with academic spiritual and social powers is a prime task for the State and it is a national need in order to see that the Union of Myanmar to stand tall in international community.

To fulfil the need, the role of basic education teachers and university and college teachers who have been nurturing the students from primary level to graduates level is very important, he said.

The teachers who are nurturing the students in accord with the needs of the State must fully digest the objective conditions of the State, prospects of the State, and educational goal of the State, and in this way, they will be able to perform their national duties in the education sector energetically, he noted. Therefore, the government has opened refresher courses, three times for uni-

versity and college teachers and 54 times for basic education teachers.

With the concept that human resource with high calibre and human resource that is needed in the respective regions must be nurtured in various regions of the Union, 154 universities and colleges have been opened the length and breadth of the nation. As there are new university and college teachers and those who have been promoted to higher ranks, refresher courses for university and college teachers have been opened again.

In this 21st century, science and technology develop with rapid momentum without stopping in their respective fields but penetrate into and overwhelm other sectors such as politics, economy, social, defence and culture and create interchanges. At such a time like this, academicians cannot bury themselves in their own fields.

Moreover, only human

resource with high qualification can brave the challenges of today's world and face future challenges and serve the interests of the State and the people.

The Prime Minister also spoke of the need for teachers not to lose sight of scientific and technological de-

velopment in international sphere. Realizing the prospect and goal of the State, teachers must lend themselves with their academic skill to realization of national objectives.

With this concept, the teachers are to nurture their students, he said.

With the aim of promoting science and technology in such development sectors as economic, social and defence fields, uplifting the education standard of the entire nation and emerging good foundations for education that emphasizes on

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Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt addresses the opening of Special Refresher Course No-4 for University and College Teachers at CICS (Phaunggyi) in Hlegu Township, Yangon Division.—MNA



**Emergence of the State Constitution is the duty of all citizens of Myanmar Naing-Ngan.**

## PERSPECTIVES

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### For greater success of national education promotion measures

In the 21st century, the development of science and technology has been so great that it has become the sine qua non for development of health, educational, economic, social, cultural and military sectors. The whole socioeconomic life of society has now been influenced by knowledge. Therefore, only well-qualified human resources can contribute to and welfare of a nation and its people.

With this end in view, the Government of the Union of Myanmar has been systematically implementing the national education promotion plans and projects laid down for the all-round development of new generation students and honouring the outstanding students every year.

The School Family Day prize-distribution ceremony was held at the Diamond Jubilee Hall in Kamayut township, Yangon, on the afternoon of 3 January, 2004, and Chairman of Myanmar Education Committee Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt attended it and gave away the prizes to the outstanding students. In his speech on the occasion, the Prime Minister said that the students' display of various skills in literature, science and technology, sports and culture was a proof that the goal of the education sector was being achieved.

In the basic education sector, there are over 40,000 schools, more than 226,000 teachers and over 7.6 million students. A student has from 720 to 945 learning hours annually. Now is the time when the government is leading the entire nation along the right path that can serve the best national interests. Moreover, it is also the time when student youths are being systematically trained so that they will be able to take the responsibilities of the future State.

We would like to urge all the students, teachers and parents to actively take part in the projects and plans for raising the national education standard, especially the teachers to nurture their charges in such a way that the latter will become well-qualified and patriotic persons who love and cherish their traditional culture.

### Workshop on Application of progressive Zoning Approach to FMD Control begins

YANGON, 5 Jan — Workshop on the Application of the progressive Zoning Approach to FMD Control in the Union of Myanmar jointly sponsored by the Livestock Breeding & Veterinary Department of the Ministry of Livestock & Fisheries and SEAFMD Regional Coordination Unit was held at Traders Hotel here today. The Director General of Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department attended the opening ceremony of the workshop and delivered an opening address.

The SEAFMD Regional Coordination Unit Dr. John Edwards was the main facilitator of the workshop. He stressed the importance

of progressive Zoning Approaches to the FMD control in the South East Asia Region. Dr Masao Sasaki, Senior Adviser of Thai-JICA project from Japan International Cooperation Agency, also presented the project support of its agency to the ASEAN countries including Myanmar. The states and divisions responsible personnel from the Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department discussed various pattern of animal movement within their own regions with assessment of the degree of risk spreading the disease across the border. The workshop continues tomorrow.

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### 56th Anniversary

#### Independence Day Objectives

- All the national people to collectively safeguard the national independence and ensure perpetuation of sovereignty,
- All the national people to be united to ensure non-disintegration of national solidarity,
- All the national people to strive for the emergence of enduring State Constitution and for the building of a new modern and developed nation,
- All the national people to participate with full sense of Union Spirit and patriotism in the successful implementation of the seven-point roadmap of the State.

### People's Desire

- \* Oppose those relying on external elements, acting as stooges, holding negative views
- \* Oppose those trying to jeopardize stability of the State and progress of the nation
- \* Oppose foreign nations interfering in internal affairs of the State
- \* Crush all internal and external destructive elements as the common enemy

### Indonesian Vice-President sends felicitations to Vice Senior General Maung Aye

YANGON, 5 Jan — The following is the message of felicitations to Vice Senior General Maung Aye from Hamzah Haz of the Republic of Indonesia Vice-President.

On the auspicious occasion of the Anniversary of the Independence Day of the Union of Myanmar, I have the great honour to convey to you my warm greetings and heartfelt felicitations.

It is my desire that the excellent relations and cooperation which exist between our two countries should be further developed for the mutual benefit of our two countries and peoples.

Please accept, Your Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration. — MNA

### Foreign Heads of Government send felicitations to PM General Khin Nyunt

YANGON, 5 Jan — The following are messages of felicitations from foreign Heads of Government sent to General Khin Nyunt, Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar, on the occasion of the 56th Anniversary Independence Day of the Union of Myanmar.

**From Megawati Soekarnoputri, President of the Republic of Indonesia:**

On the commemoration of the Anniversary of the Independence Day of the Union of Myanmar, it is indeed and distinct pleasure to convey to you my heartiest felicitations and warmest congratulations.

Let me also seize this opportunity to assure you that the excellent cooperation existing between Myanmar and Indonesia will be further enhanced along with our joint endeavours to attain greater accomplishment in the coming years.

Please accept, Your Excellency, the assurances of my most distinguished consideration.

**From Goh Chok Tong, Prime Minister of Singapore:**

I am pleased to convey, on behalf of the Government of the Republic of Singapore, our best wishes to you and the people of Myanmar on the occasion of the 56th Independence Day of the Union of Myanmar.

Our two countries enjoy an excellent relationship. Our close ties are underscored by cooperation in many areas, both bilaterally and within ASEAN. I look forward to continuing this partnership with you.

**From Dato Seri Abdullah bin Haji Ahmad Badawi, Prime Minister of Malaysia:**

On this joyous occasion of the 56th National Day of the Union of Myanmar, I wish to extend, on behalf of the Government and the people of Malaysia, my sincere congratulations and warm felicitations to you, the Government and the people of the Union of Myanmar.

I am confident that under your able leadership, Myanmar will continue to enjoy greater progress and development. I am pleased to note the progress in the implementation of the Road Map of Myanmar, and I wish to assure you that Malaysia stands ready to support the process in whatever way you consider appropriate.

It is also my sincere desire and hope that the close relations between Malaysia and the Union of Myanmar will be further strengthened for the mutual benefit of our two countries.

Please accept, Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration.

**From Surya Bahadur Thapa, Prime Minister, Kingdom of Nepal:**

On the occasion of the independence Day of the Union of Myanmar on behalf of the Majesty's Government of Nepal and on my own I extend to your excellency and the people of Myanmar my sincere congratulations. I wish you good health and happiness as well as progress and prosperity of the people of Myanmar. — MNA

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The educative committee gave lectures to and trained the basic education high school teachers in 40 projected townships in 2003 under the SHAPE project co-sponsored by the Ministry of Education and UNICEF; that the educative course on narcotic drugs for the basic education teachers in Kawthoung and Bokeypin townships was conducted under project for building of Kawthoung District Drug Free Zone and altogether 5,500 students were given lectures on scourage of drugs, AIDS, stimulant tablets and tobacco. Similarly, the drug educative course was opened in Mandalay, attended by the basic education teachers from three townships in Mandalay Division and altogether 55,188 students were given educative lectures by

the teachers who had completed the course as a result.

Likewise, the rehabilitation committee was able to carry out the tasks at the rehabilitation centres't on a regular basis in 2003 and opened the Tachilek rehabilitation centre on 9 January 2003 under the Project for building of drug free zone in border areas; that the educative lectures were given to 25 members of the Tachilek District Anti-Drug Association. The working committee for giving education to the public carried out the media task relating to activities on control of drug and education through Myanmar Television, Myawady Television, MRTV-3, Myanmar Motion Picture Enterprise, News and Periodicals Enterprise, Printing and Publishing Enterprise and Information and Public Relations Department; that three video

plays on control of drugs and HIV/AIDS were taped and screened in 2003.

Under the New Destiny project, the government distributed 6,000 bags of rice and 150 bags of salt to the farmers who quitted cultivation of poppy in Lashio and Laukkai regions of Shan State (North) in 2003 to fulfil their food, shelter and clothing needs; that the four deputy ministers who made the field trips to the respective regions themselves handed over the funds necessary out of the Work Committee for Development of Border Areas and National Races to the farmers.

Likewise, under the arrangement of WFP and NGOs such as World Vision Care and ADRA, 760 tons of rice worth US\$ 186,000 were distributed to the farmers who are no longer engaged in poppy cultivation in Kokang Special Region-I, Shan State (North) in Octo-

ber and November 2003; that the ceremony to donate 760 tons of rice was held at the Drug Elimination Museum in Laukkai, Kokang region on 15-11-2003 and the donation reflects that the international communities acknowledged Myanmar's efforts for eradication of drugs and provided necessary assistance.

In addition, the State Peace and Development Council enacted the Money Laundering Law on 17 June 2002 under the Law No 6/2002; that the Ministry of Home Affairs issued the Control of Money Laundering Rules under the Notification No 1/2003 and at the same time, the investigation body was formed and assigned duties to conduct investigation into the money laundering on Asia Wealth Bank and Myanmar Mayflower Bank in Myanmar.

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# Gunfire kills woman helicopter pilot from South Carolina in Iraq

COLUMBIA (South Carolina), 5 Jan—An Easley High School graduate has become the first woman pilot killed in Iraq.

Capt. Kimberly Hampton, 27, died Friday after her OH-58 Kiowa helicopter went down in enemy fire near Fallujah, her parents said Saturday. The other pilot on the helicopter was injured in the crash.

Hampton also was the first woman from South Carolina killed in combat in Iraq.

Dale and Ann Hampton said the Army called them Friday afternoon and then put them in touch with Kimberly's boyfriend, who also is an Army pilot stationed in Baghdad. The Hamptons said they were told

that witnesses identified that missile fire brought down Hampton's helicopter. The Kiowa, which must be operated by two people, is designed for reconnaissance and observation missions and is often used to spot targets for Apache attack helicopters.

Kimberly Hampton was stationed in Iraq with the 82nd Airborne Division. She was based in Fort Bragg, N.C., and lived in Fayetteville, N.C., before she left for Iraq on Aug. 31.

She had also served in Korea and Afghanistan. *Internet*



Employees inspect the debris of a restaurant in Baghdad where a car bomb exploded during a New Year's Eve dinner.—INTERNET

## Thai Govt to pour \$253m into "knowledge centres"

BANGKOK, 5 Jan — Thai Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra revealed the Thai Government is to pour 10 billion baht (253 million US dollars) into the creation of an office for knowledge management and development, beginning with the establishment of a design centre to produce a new generation of designers able to compete at an international level.

Announcing the government's plans on his weekly radio broadcast, the Prime Minister said that the government would establish a central agency for knowledge management and development, with subsidiary agencies including a design centre, which would not only help produce Thai designers but would also house exhibitions and design books from across the world, according to the *Thai News Agency* reported Sunday.

At the same time, the government will set up a learning centre to act as a "library plus". Subsidiary learning centres will be developed in other provinces, and will be used by both children and adults.

Stressing the need for the Thai public to read more books, Prime Minister noted that

reading was essential to keep up with rapid global developments. The government would now promote wider reading, he said, conceding that reading was not a popular pastime in Thailand. Thirdly, the government would establish an excellent centre for life sciences, as well as a "National Knowledge Museum" bringing together several different museums in a single complex. The focus would be on eradicating old images of dry and boring museums, instead creating somewhere fun and lively, the Thai leader said.

Thaksin also said the possibility of establishing a national centre for gifted and talented children, to encourage gifted youngsters to use their talents for the benefit of the nation.—*MNA/Xinhua*

## North China city opens reading room for the blind

SHIJIAZHUANG, 5 Jan — The library of Zhangjiakou City in north China's Hebei Province has opened a special reading room for the blind.

The library has spent more than 4,000 yuan (482 US dollars) buying 120 Braille books and VCDs, mostly of classic literary works.

For easier access of blind readers, the reading room is on the ground floor and is open every working day and public holidays. "We hope to give blind readers the same opportunities of acquiring knowledge and information they need, so they know what's

going on in the world and pick up skills to make a better living," said Feng Zhonghua, curator of the library.

Zhangjiakou has nearly 30,000 blind people, but Braille books, normally much more expensive than normal books, are rarely available on the local market.

The *Shenzhen Business Daily* based in Shenzhen City, the southern Guangdong Province, published the coun-

try's first newspaper supplement in Braille in 2002.

In 2003, China developed a Chinese Braille-based computer system in a bid to cater to the increasing communication demands of the blind and people with eye diseases.

Education authorities have also prepared exam papers in Braille so blind students can sit the national college entrance examination in the last two years.—*MNA/Xinhua*

## HK approves first COCEPA application

HONG KONG, 5 Jan—The Trade and Industry Department (TID) of Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Government has approved the first Application for Certificate of Hong Kong Origin-CEPA (COCEPA), which is related to medicine products, the department told *Xinhua* Saturday.

To claim zero import tariff under Closer Economic Partnership Arrangement (CEPA), products exporting to the Chinese Mainland must be accompanied by a COCEPA issued by the Trade and Industry Department or one of the Government Approved Certification Organizations (GACO).

By the end of 11:00 pm Friday, the TID has received 18 applications. Of which, 11 are related to medicine products, four to paint and the other three to electronic, chemical and plastic products, the TID said.

*MNA/Xinhua*

## Iranian Parlt Speaker inspects Bam

BAM (Iran), 5 Jan—Iranian Parliament Speaker Mahdi Karrubi led a group of lawmakers to inspect Bam, a southeastern Iranian city devastated by a powerful earthquake on December 26, calling for increased government funding for the reconstruction of the city.

Speaking to reporters during the inspection, Karrubi said increased government funding is essential for the reconstruction of Bam, but he did not specify an expected increment.—*MNA/Xinhua*



Colorado Department of Transportation employees Lee Metzger, left, and Steve Schaefer look on 3 Jan., 2004, as a rotary snowplow clears snow after a mid-morning avalanche covered the westbound lanes of Interstate 70 near Vail, Colorado.—INTERNET

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## Train attacked by guerillas in western Iraq

BAGHDAD, 5 Jan— A train derailed after being attacked by guerillas in western Iraq, the US military said on Saturday.

The Iraqi train en route to Habbaniyah was attacked with a rocket-propelled grenade on Friday, the 82nd Airborne Division said in a statement.

Insurgents had previously ambushed trains ferrying goods and equipments for the US Army.

Habbaniyah, 80 kilometres west of Baghdad, is located in the al-Anbar Province, home to the restive towns of Ramadi and Fallujah.

On Friday, an oil tanker travelling in convoy caught fire near Ramadi after it was hit by a roadside bomb and ensuing fire. Three US soldiers were wounded.

One US soldier was killed and another wounded when a US reconnaissance helicopter was brought down by ground fire in Fallujah midday Friday. — *MNA/Xinhua*

## US troops raid Kurdish party offices in Kirkuk

TIKRIT (Iraq), 5 Jan — US troops raided the offices of Kurdish parties in the oil-rich city Kirkuk, where six people died in ethnic clashes last week, and seized AK-47 rifles and rocket-propelled grenades, officials said on Sunday.

One senior member of the Kurdistan Democratic Party (KDP) was taken into custody after the raids on Saturday night, Sergeant Robert Cargie of the 4th Infantry Division told reporters.

A KDP office and an adjacent office of the Patriotic Union of Kurdistan — the two key parties representing the Kurdish minority in Iraq — were both raided, he said.

Tension surfaced on Wednesday in Kirkuk, 155 miles north of Baghdad, after Arab and Turkish-speaking Turkmen residents marched on the headquarters of a Kurdish party to protest a Kurdish political push for more control in the area.

At least six people have since been killed in ethnic clashes though tension seemed to abate after US troops imposed a night curfew on Saturday. Kirkuk sits on Iraq's richest oil reserves. — *MNA/Reuters*

## Thai Press says PTT exploration mulls expanding to Iraq

**BANGKOK (Dow Jones), 5 Jan**—PTT Exploration & Production PCL (PTTEP.TH) is exploring the opportunity of forming an alliance with Asian energy companies to bid for a slice of Iraq's oil business, the *Bangkok Post* reports, quoting company President Maroot Mrigadat.

"We are keeping a keen eye on opportunities which may emerge in Iraq," said Maroot, noting the war-torn country is one of a number of Middle Eastern countries in which PTTEP is seeking to establish a presence to build up its global petroleum portfolio.

The company is in talks with Asian national oil firms such as PetroVietnam and PetroChina, which already had business interests in prewar Iraq, about the possibility of forming an alliance to compete for a share in the oil and gas projects in Iraq.

PTTEP is open to whatever opportunities that may be available in Iraq, from rehabilitating existing oil fields to exploring the potential of new areas, he said.

But given the current situation, Maroot said the company can't throw caution to the wind and jump into Iraq.

He believes the chaos that has plagued Iraq will be straightened out by 2006, paving the way for international oil companies, including PTTE, to contribute to the rehabilitation of its shattered oil industry.

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## China boosts grid investment to ease power shortage

**SHANGHAI, 5 Jan**—The Chinese Government plans to invest a record of 18.85 billion yuan in the construction of the East China Power Grid in 2004 to relieve power shortages in the eastern region.

The region contributes one-third of the country's economic strength, but consumes just a fifth of the power supply. Since 2000, the East China Power Grid has run at full capacity.

In the summer of 2003, the region suffered the worst power shortage in history.

This winter, because of

year-end maintenance and the scarcity of coal for generating, the power grid faces a shortage of nine million kilowatts. The figure is expected to reach 10 million kilowatts in the days with the lowest temperatures.

To ease the shortage, the East China Power Grid Corporation plans to merge the

Fujian power grid into its own and put 23 generating units, with a total capacity of 7.79 million, into operation in 2004.

The corporation will also build a total of 1,672-kilometre, 500-kilovolt line and bring into operation 18.5 million-kilovolt-ampere transformer equipment.

MNA/Xinhua

## Tourism in Cambodia shows strong signs of recovery

**PHNOM PENH, 5 Jan**—Cambodia's tourism was affected seriously at the height of the severe acute respiratory syndrome (SARS) scare in April when tourism was down 40 per cent, but as the dry season travel continues, business has shown strong signs of recovery with foreign visitors going up 45 per cent in November from October.

"The situation has improved much after we had a big faint in the wake of SARS," the *Cambodia Daily* quoted Thong Khon, secretary of state of the Tourism Ministry, as saying Friday.

Cambodia hosted 620,000 international arrivals between January and November in 2003, down 12 per cent from the same period in 2002, according to the Tourism Ministry.

Though the Ministry of Tourism esti-

mates the total number of visitors will drop 10 per cent in 2003 compared to 2002, officials are hoping that one million foreign visitors will arrive this year.

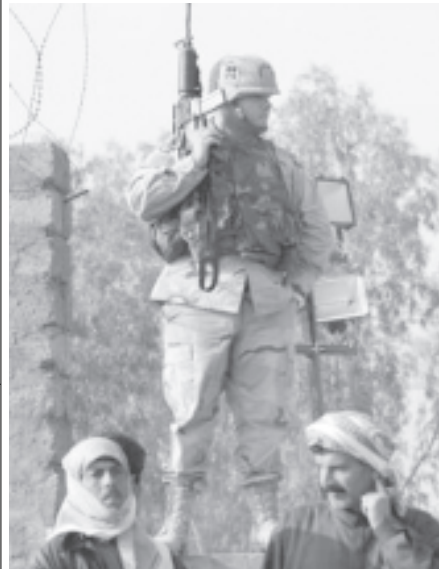
Tourists are flocking back to Cambodia after the tourism industry slumped earlier in 2003 due to the threat of SARS.

In 2002, Cambodia had 780,000 international arrivals, generating 560 million US dollars in revenue.—MNA/Xinhua



Australian skydiver James Freeman leaps from atop the Kuala Lumpur Tower, on 2 Jan 2004. Some 53 BASE (Building, Antenna, Span and Earth) jumpers from Asia, Europe and the United States participate in a competition in which they jump from the world's third tallest tower and the world's second tallest building, the Petronas Twin Towers, in the Malaysia's capital.—INTERNET

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A US Army paratrooper from the 101st Airborne Division guards the division's headquarters in the northern Iraq city of Mosul, some 400 km north-west of Baghdad, on 4 January, 2004.

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## Jordanian-Iraqi electricity liaison office opens

**AMMAN, 5 Jan**—Jordan and Iraq have set up a liaison office handling electricity cooperation between the two countries, the local *Jordanian Times* newspaper reported on Sunday.

The two sides inked a memorandum of understanding on Saturday in an inauguration ceremony for the office, which will provide local and foreign investors with information on Iraq's electricity industry's need, the report said.

Meanwhile, the liaison office, which is directly linked to Iraq's Electricity Ministry, will also be in charge of Iraqi electricity staffers' training and technical, financial

and administrative assistance for Iraq.

The Iraqi Government has been stressing that it is ready to cooperate with Jordan in an electric grid project that will be finished by the end of 2004.

Jordan hopes that Iraq will soon join the regional electricity grid, which is expected to group Jordan, Syria, Lebanon, Turkey, Egypt and Iraq. Four of these countries are already linked in the grid. —MNA/Xinhua

## HK health departments maintain vigilance against SARS

**HONG KONG, 5 Jan**—Representatives from Hong Kong Medical Association, Hospital Authority, Hong Kong Doctors Union and 12 private hospitals met and agreed Saturday to continue their close collaboration in the prevention and early diagnosis of SARS.

They will maintain tight vigilance and surveillance against the disease.

Acting Deputy Director of Health Regina Ching met representatives of those medical groups in Hong Kong Saturday and briefed them on the developments concerning the suspected SARS (severe acute respiratory syndrome) case in Guangzhou, Guangdong Province.

A spokesman for the Department of Health said the department continued to maintain close contact with its Guangdong counterparts with a view to obtaining the latest information on the suspected SARS case.

Noting that precautionary measures had been stepped up at all the immigration control points, the spokesman said seven had been found to have a fever and 44 were reported to be unwell Friday.

Among these people, three were referred to hospitals for further examination.

"But none of them was suspected of having contracted SARS, and only one of them was admitted for treatment," the spokesman said.

The Department of Health's SARS hotline 187 2222 has received 86 inquiries from December 27 to 12:00 Saturday.

The hotline is operated during office hours.

"For safety's sake, recent travellers to Guangdong who have fever and symptoms of respiratory tract infection should consult their doctors at once," the spokesman said.

The Department of Health has reminded the Hospital Authority, private hospitals, private doctors and laboratory personnel in Hong Kong to maintain vigilance in infection control and disease reporting.

MNA/Xinhua

## Indonesia's foreign tourist arrivals decrease in November

**JAKARTA, 5 Jan**—The number of foreign tourists visiting Indonesia in November 2003 reached to 305,500 or 14.2 per cent down from the previous month, but still 27.4 per cent higher than the same month in 2002, said the Central Bureau of Statistic (BPS) Friday.

The director of statistic for trade and services of the BPS, Rusman Heriawan, said that the cumulative figure by November last year was 3.33 million people or 12.70 per cent lower than the same period in 2002.

The director said that the decrease of the figure in November compared to October was because of the low travelling season in the northern part of the world, as people there usually prefer to stay at home during winter rather than travel to the south.

The number of foreign tourists coming into the beautiful resort of Bali Island in November also decreased to 102,900 or 13.7 per cent down from the previous month, Heriawan said.

MNA/Xinhua



# IRAQ UNDER US OCCUPATION



US paramedic soldiers from the 1st Battalion, 22nd Regiment of the 4th Infantry Division carry an injured soldier for treatment at their base in Tikrit, 180 kilometres (110 miles) north of the Iraqi capital Baghdad. According to unconfirmed reports, the soldier was shot in the leg by an unidentified gunman while he was taking part in a foot-patrol in Tikrit.—INTERNET



Iraqi children from al-Jubary family look at a crater made by US Army mortar outside their home in Baghdad's Arab Gboor District on Sunday, 4 Jan, 2004.

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Iraqi children from al-Jubary family check an unexploded US Army mortar that landed on their farmland in Baghdad's Arab Gboor district on Sunday, 4 Jan, 2004.

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An Iraqi man looks at a huge plume of smoke from an oil refinery in Basra, 550km south from Iraq capital of Baghdad on 4 January.—INTERNET

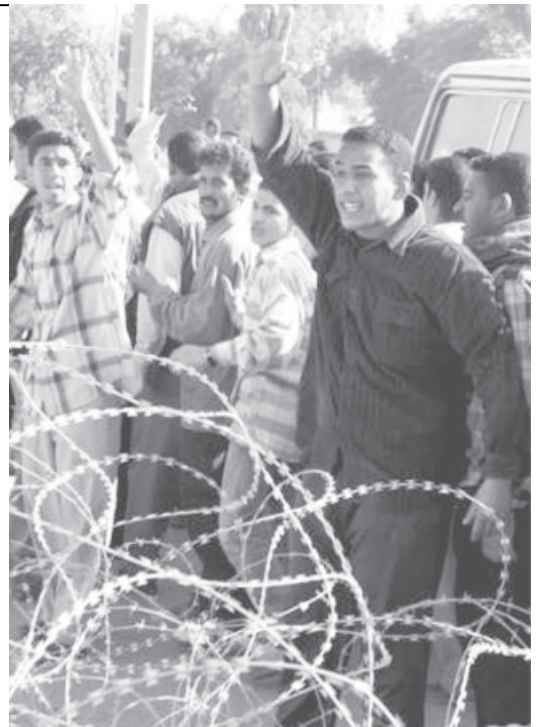
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A US soldier stands guard on top of a Humvee in Baghdad's densely populated area of Karada on Tuesday, 30 Dec, 2003, after their convoy was targeted with a roadside bomb.—INTERNET

Iraqi paramilitary police protest in front of the mayor headquarters in the southern city of Basra on 4 Jan, 2004.

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148. Maj Soe Tint, Deputy Director, State/Region Development Supervisory Office, Myitkyina, Border Areas and National Races Development Department, Ministry for PBANRDA.
149. Capt Aung Tin Kyaw, Assistant Director, State/Region Development Supervisory Office, Myitkyina, Border Areas and National Races Development Department, Ministry for PBANRDA.
150. U Soe San, Principal, Border Areas and National Races Development Training School, Loikaw, Ministry for PBANRDA.
151. U Than Aung, headmaster, Border Area Youths Development Training School, Layshi, Ministry for PBANRDA.
152. Daw Than Than Lwin, principal of Women's training school of domestic science, Yay, Ministry for PBANRDA.
153. U Hla Myo, Deputy Director, Lashio Township Development Affairs Committee, the Ministry for PBANRDA.
154. Daw Cho Cho Khin, senior engineer, Myingyan Township Development Affairs Committee.
155. U Saw Tun, manager, Myanma Five Star Line, Ministry of Transport.
156. U Tun Aye, captain (coastal vessel), Myanma Five Star Line, Ministry of Transport.
157. U Thiha, captain (coastal vessel), Myanma Five Star Line, Ministry of Transport.
158. U Ko Ko Maung, captain (coastal vessel), Myanma Five Star Line, Ministry of Transport.
159. U Ko Ko Aung, chief engineer (sea-going) Myanma Five Star Line, Ministry of Transport.
160. U David Grendall, chief naval officer, Myanma Port Authority, Ministry of Transport.
161. U Tin Hut, tutor, Institute of Marine Technology, Ministry of Transport.
162. U Aung Soe, assistant manager, Myanma Airways, Ministry of Transport.
163. U Tun Tun, second officer, Myanma Port Authority, Ministry of Transport.
164. Daw Than Than Nwe, manager, Myanma Five Star Line, Ministry of Transport.
165. U Myat Thura, Director (admin), Fine Arts Department, Ministry of Culture.
166. U Sein Win, Director (production), Fine Arts Department, Ministry of Culture.
167. Daw Khin Kywe Oo, Professor (Myanmarsar), University of Culture (Yangon), Ministry of Culture.
168. Daw Aye Aye Nwe, Professor (History), University of Culture (Yangon), Ministry of Culture.
169. Daw Khin Kyi Pya, Professor (admin), University of Culture (Yangon), Ministry of Culture.
170. U Tin Htwe, deputy general manager, Planning & Training Department, Myanma Telecommunications, Ministry of Communications, Posts & Telegraphs.
171. U Soe, principal, head-office-based refresher camp, Myanma Telecommunications, Ministry of CPT.
172. U Aye Kyaw, deputy general manager, Myanma Telecommunications, Ministry of CPT.
173. U San Tin, Head of Office of the Ministry of CPT.
174. U Khin Maung Nyunt, assistant general manager, Myanma Telecommunications, Ministry of CPT.
175. U Zaw Win (Ma-1894), Director, Fire Services Department, Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement.
176. U Kyaw Soe (Ma-6943), Director, Fire Services Department, Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement.
177. U Mya Thein (Ma-1891), Deputy Director, Fire Services Department, Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement.
178. U Win Maung (Ma-0701) Deputy Director, Fire Services Department, Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement.
179. U Maung Maung Soe (Ma-0673), Deputy Director, Fire Services Department, Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement.
180. U Win SWE, executive engineer (B), Htauksharbin oil field, Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise, Ministry of Energy.
181. U Ye Win, executive engineer (B), Thargyitaung oil field, Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise, Ministry of Energy.

182. U Myint Wai, assistant executive engineer, Indaw oil test well, MOGE, Ministry of Energy.
183. U Ban Chein (0066) deputy assistant director, engineer-in-charge, Myanma Petroleum Products Enterprise, Ministry of Energy.
184. U Shwe Myat Tha, assistant geologist, Technical Development and Cooperation Department, Ministry of Science & Technology.
185. U Aye Ko, assistant geologist, Technical Development and Cooperation Department, Ministry of Science & Technology.
186. U Myint Win, assistant lecturer, Insein GTI, Ministry of Science & Technology.
187. Dr Aye Aye Khaing, demonstrator, Government's technical college, Kyaukse, Ministry of Science & Technology.
188. U Khin Maung Cho, pro-rector, Myeik University, Ministry of Education.
189. U Sein Myint, Director (admin), No 1 Basic Education Department, Ministry of Education.
190. U Aye Thein, Director, No 2 Basic Education Department, Ministry of Education.
191. U Hla Aung, Director, No 2 Basic Education Department, Ministry of Education.
192. U Kyaw Hoe, Director, No 3 Basic Education Department, Ministry of Education.
193. Daw Mya Mya Kyi, principal, Taunggyi Education College, Ministry of Education.
194. U Hla Than, retired Education Officer, Ministry of Education.
195. Daw Khin Myo Myint, Education Officer, Ministry of Education.
196. U Tin Win, Myanmar Educational Research Bureau, Ministry of Education.
197. Daw Myint Myint, assistant secretary, Myanmar Board of Examination, Ministry of Education.
198. U Khin Maung Sein, assistant secretary, Myanmar Board of Examination, Ministry of Education.
199. Daw Htwa Tin, Township Education Officer, Pyay, Bago Division (West), Ministry of Education.
200. Daw Tin Aye Hsint, Principal, No 2 Basic Education High School, Kamayut Township, Ministry of Education.
201. U Kyaw Soe Myint, Director, Sports and Physical Education Department, Ministry of Sports.
202. U Than Zaw, Director, Sports and Physical Education Department, Ministry of Sports.
203. U Zaw Lin, Director, Sports and Physical Education Department, Ministry of Sports.
204. U Nyan Tun, Director, Sports and Physical Education Department, Ministry of Sports.
205. U Maung Win, Director, Sports and Physical Education Department, Ministry of Sports.
206. U Tin Win, Deputy Director, Sports and Physical Education Department, Ministry of Sports.
207. Dr Sein Win, Director (Research/Development), Traditional Medicine Department, Ministry of Health.
208. U Khin Maung Win, Director, Traditional Medicine Department, Ministry of Health.
209. BC 16521, Lt-Col Kyaw Phyo, Chairman, Kawthoung District Peace and Development Council, Taninthayi Division.
210. BC 21380, Maj Aung Zaw Latt, Chairman, Namhkan Township Peace and Development Council, Shan State (North).
211. Maj Chit Myaing, Secretary, Maubin District Peace and Development Council, Ayeyawady Division.
212. U Ta Lote Gyi, Chairman, Pauktangyi Village-tract Peace and Development Council, Hinthada Township, Ayeyawady Division.
213. U Myint Ko, Chairman, Kyontwan Village-tract Peace and Development Council, Hinthada Township, Ayeyawady Division.
214. U Hla Myint, Chairman, Layeintan Village-tract Peace and Development Council, Dedaye Township, Ayeyawady Division.

## **Medal for Excellent Performance in Social Field** **(First Class)**

1. U Win Myint, President, Union of Myanmar Federation of Chamber of Commerce and Industry, Ministry of Commerce.
2. U Sein Tun, President, Myanmar Rowing Federation, Ministry of Sports.
3. U Tin Han, Chief Coach, Myanmar Football Federation, Ministry of Sports.
4. U Khin Zaw (Kaythipan), Film director.
5. U Shwe Nan Tin, Cultrual Theatre, Nanshe Ward, Mandalay.
6. U Ye Dwe, Building T-1, Room 101, Thumingala Housing Estate, Nanwington Ward, Thangangyun Township.
7. A1 U Soe Myint, No 33 Sittathukha Road, Kyaukmyaung, Tamway Township.
8. Harp U Thein Han (Pyapon Thein Han Gyi), 365-B, Shwehninsi Kyauing Street, 8 1/2th mile, Mayangon Township.

9. Saing U Sein Hla Myaing, No 41 Bo Ottama Road, Kyimyindine Township.
10. U Mya Gyi (Oboe), Building 18/room 3, Wailuwun Housing Estate, Sangyoung Township.
11. U Tun Shwe (Singer), No 1426, Kyanmaryay Hospital Road, Ward-1, Htuparyon, Thakayta Township.
12. U Min Naung, No 218, Dhammathukha Kyauing Road, Ward-13, Thaming Post Office, Hline Township, Yangon.
13. U Maung Maung Gyi, Building H, Room 304, Second Floor, Manawhari Yeiktha, No 47 Baho Road, Ahlon Township.
14. U Lay Nyunt, No 84, Min Road, Maubin.
15. U Maung Maung Latt, Building 68, Room 5, AFPFL Quarter, Mingalar Taungnyunt Township, Yangon.
16. Daw Tin Aye (Htar), No 9, Nawaday Road, Mayangon Township.
17. Daw Nwe Nwe San, Building 80, Room 1, Pawhsanmhw Road, Thuwunna, Thangangyun Township.
18. Daw Amar Sein, No 152, 34th Street, Yangon.
19. Daw San Shar Tin, 42/9-B-3, New University Avenue Road, Yangon.
20. U Myint Thein, No 1339, Bogoyoke 3rd Road, Banyadhala Ward, Dalla Township, Yangon.
21. U Tin Maung Myint, No 641 Min Zeti 1st Lane, Ywama (West) Ward, Insein Township, Yangon Division.
22. U Win Myint, near Bawga Bala Rice Mill, Watway Ward, Myitnge, Mandalay Division.
23. U Khin Soe, Security, No 4 Basic Education Middle School, Ward-2 Mayangon Township, Ministry of Education.
24. U Min Khaing Than, Junior Assistant Teacher, BEHS, Kamawat, Mudon Township, Ministry of Education.
25. U Nyunt Wai, Deputy Supervisor, No 1 Saw Mill, Ministry of Forestry.
26. U Saing Myint Aye (Retd, Defence Services), No 203, Mya Thandar Ward, Wuntho, Sagaing Division.
27. U Mya Maung (Retd, Myanma Electric Power Enterprise), No 365, Lower Kyimyindine Road, Saw Yan Paing North Ward, Ahlon Township, Yangon Division.
28. U Sein Than, technician 4, Sarpay Beikman Press, Printing and Publishing Enterprise, Ministry of Information.
29. Daw Than Than Nwe, Auditor, Auditor-General's Office.
30. U Tin Aye (Retd), 24/20 Yanpyay East 5th Street, Ward 2 (South), Thakayta Township, Yangon Division.
31. U Myint Aung (a) Myo Myint Maung, Staff Officer (Admin) Bureau of Special Investigation, Ministry of Home Affairs.
32. U Soe Myint, Deputy Supervisor, Passengers Transportation, No 8 Line, Road Administration Department, Ministry of Rail Transportation.
33. U San Oo, (Technician, Production), No 2 Machine and Machine Tool Factory (Yangon), Workshop 1, Ministry of Industry-2.
34. Air/18849 Sergeant Nyan Win, Computer Division, Office of Commander-in-Chief (Air), Ministry of Defence.
35. Army/299432 WO I Tun Min, Defence Services Records Office, Ministry of Defence.
36. U Myint Than, No 25, Pyithaya Street, Ward 19, Dagon Myothit (South).
37. U Soe Shein, Myanmar Writers and Journalists Association, No 337, Hlawga Street, Ward 54, Dagon Myothit (South), Yangon Division.
38. U Myint Tun, Sa La Ka 32065, Junior Engineer 2 (Electrical), Yangon West District Public Works, Ministry of Construction.
39. U Than Kyaing, Foreman, Engineering Section, No 2 Plywood Factory, Ministry of Forestry.
40. U Kan Nyunt, Records Keeper, Education Planning and Training Department, Ministry of Education.
41. U Thein Shwe, Laundry 4, President's Office.
42. U Tin Hla, Driver, 7/10/217 (Kha), Shwe Wah Phu Park, Shwepyitha, Yangon Division.
43. U Win Myint, Technician 5, No 1 Furniture Factory, Myanma Timber Enterprise, Ministry of Forestry.
44. U Kyaw Tun, Division Education Officer (Examination) (Retd), No 2 Basic Education Department, Ministry of Education.
45. U Khin Maung Shwe, Assistant Engineer (Electrical), Mandalay General Hospital, Ministry of Health.
46. U Cittara (a) U Ye Hsu, Monk, Maha Weikzaydaya Kyauingtaik, Phayalan Ward, Kawhmu, Yangon Division.
47. U Tin Win, No 754, Ponnami Street, Ward 88, Dagon Myothit (Seikkan) Township, Yangon Division.
48. U Myint Swe, Technician 1, Myanma Agriculture Service, Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation.
49. U Tun Myint, Supervisor, Myanma Timber Enterprise, Ministry of Forestry.

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50. U Tin Myint, Welding 5, Myitnge Carriage and Wagon Shed, Ministry of Rail Transportation
51. U Kyi Lin, Supervisor (Security), Yangon Technological University, Ministry of Science and Technology
52. U Saw Aung, Technician 3, Sagaing Textile Factory No 1, Ministry of Industry-1
53. U Thein Han, Assistant Supervisor, Myanmar Agriculture Service, Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation
54. U Win Htay, Technician 5, No 1 Furniture Factory, Myanmar Timber Enterprise, Ministry of Forestry

**Medal for Excellent Performance in Social Field**  
**(Second Class)**

1. Dr Than Toe, Secretary, Myanmar Rowing Federation, Ministry of Sports
2. U Moe Myint, Secretary, Myanmar Rowing Federation, Ministry of Sports
3. U Aung Soe, President, Myanmar Weightlifting Federation, Ministry of Sports
4. U Zaw Min, Vice-President, Myanmar Karatedo Federation, Ministry of Sports
5. U Soe Myint, President, Myanmar Billiard and Snooker Federation, Ministry of Sports
6. Daw Kyu Kyu, Vice-President, Myanmar Judo Federation, Ministry of Sports
7. Ma Khaing Khaing Maw, Athlete, Myanmar Wushu Federation, Ministry of Sports
8. Ma Swe Swe Thant, Athlete, Myanmar Wushu Federation, Ministry of Sports
9. Ma Kathy Win, Athlete, Myanmar Weightlifting Federation, Ministry of Sports
10. Ma Khin Moe Nwe, Athlete, Myanmar Weightlifting Federation, Ministry of Sports
11. U Soe Myint, President, MFF Co, Kachin State
12. U Aw, No 51, Mingalar Street, Alekyun Ward, Myeik, Taninthayi Division
13. U Hla Than, Director, Pyae Phyto Tun Co, No 57, Bo Ba Htoo Street, Tatpyin Ward, Myeik, Taninthayi Division
14. Professor Dr U Ko Lay, Eye Specialist, Myanmar Medical Association (Mandalay), Chairman, Mandalay Division
15. Daw Thin Thin Myat, No 865 (B), Myitta Street, Ward 10, South Okkalapa Township, Yangon Division
16. Daw Khin Soe Win, No 365 (B), Shwe Hninsi Kyau Street, 8 1/2th Mile, Mayangon Township, Yangon Division
17. U Maung Maung Lay, No 197, Malar Nwe Street, Nwe Aye Ward, Dawbon Township, Yangon Division
18. U Yu Tin (a) Yu Khin, Merchant, No 56/B, Thant Zin Street, Ward 3, Mayangon Township, Yangon Division
19. U Soe Han, China-Myanmar Furniture Factory, South Dagon Township, No 1281, Nawarat 2nd Street, Ward 9, Tarkayta Township, Yangon Division
20. U Aung Gyi, Tailor, 9403/B, Aungsupan Street, Ward 19, Dagon (South), Yangon Division
21. U Tin Maung Win, No 397, Thanlyet Hmaw West, Mahaangmye Township, Mandalay Division
22. Ma 7502 Private Kyi Nyunt, Fire Services Department, Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement
23. U Aung Myint, Office Boy, Administration Department, Public Works (Head Office), Ministry of Construction
24. U Soe Myint, No 9/479, Zarni 14th Street, South Okkalapa Township, Yangon Division
25. U Win Naing, No 60, Ywale Street, Ponnagon Ward, Tamway Township, Yangon Division
26. U Tin Aye, No 36, sixth floor, Innwa Street, Kyaukmyaunggyi Ward, Tamway Township, Yangon Division
27. U Kyaw Kyaw Win, Carpenter, 371, Kanthaya Street, Ward 5 Mayangon Township, Yangon Division
28. U Tin Maung, Retd, Ministry of Industry-1, 13/1027, Yatthawady 15th Street, Ward 13, South Okkalapa Township, Yangon Division
29. U Thein Kyi, Trishaw-man, No 416, Aungmingalar 5th Street, Shwegon Ward, Kyauktan, Yangon Division
30. U Ohn Thauang, Technician 4, Transmission, Ywahtaung Diesel Locomotive Shed, Ministry of Rail Transportation
31. U Tin Nyunt, Technician 4, Carriage and Wagon Shed (Myitnge), Myanmar Railways, Ministry of Rail Transportation
32. U Thein Aung, Technician 3, Diesel Locomotive Shed (Ywahtaung), Ministry of Rail Transportation
33. U Aung Khin Myint, Supervisor (Admin) Soap Factory, No 1 Okkyin Station Street, Ministry of Industry-1
34. La-68109 Police Lt-Corporal Hla Tun, Yangon Division Myanmar Police Force, Ministry of Home Affairs

35. U Aung Maw, No 621, Hemazala Ward, Tayoktan Street, 80, between 29 and 30 Streets, Chanayethazan Township, Mandalay Division
36. U Oo Myint, 64/Kha, Cherry Street, Pyidawtha Ward, Taunggyi, Shan State
37. U Hla Soe, Ahlon Furniture Factory No 3, Myanmar Timber Enterprise, Ministry of Forestry
38. U Sein Win, Technician 5, Civil Engineering Department, Myanmar Railways, Ministry of Rail Transportation
39. U Hla Ko (Ra-2/Da/0427), Supervisor, Electrical and Electronic Appliances Factory (Dagon), Ministry of Industry-2
40. U Tin Maung Win (Ah/73987), Accounts Department, Tatmadawtha Purified Water Factory, Mandalay, Ministry of Defence
41. U Myo Htet, Vocalist, No 48, 2nd Floor, 22nd Street, Ward 5, Latha Township, Yangon Division
42. U Khin Maung Oo, No 68, Block 255, 30th Street, between 89th and 90th Streets, Eastern Pyigy Pywebwe, Chanayethazan Township, Mandalay Division
43. U Kyi Shein, Supervisor, No 3 Saw Mill, Shwepyitha, Ministry of Forestry
44. U Tin Win, Supervisor, Production 2, No 2 Plywood Factory, Ministry of Forestry
45. U Golahm (a) U Zaw Min, No Kha/197, Everest Street, No 6 Region, Chanmyathazi Ward, Taunggyi, Shan State
46. U Aung Khin Swe, Technician 3 (Retd), Myanmar Hotels and Tourism Service, Kandawgyi, Ministry of Hotels and Tourism
47. U Tin Hlaing, No 2/Ka, Sethmu 2nd Street, Myittanyunt Ward, Tamway Township, Yangon Division
48. U Kovida (a) U Maung Hlaing, Monk, Popayon Kyaungtaik, Western Ward 7, Maha Theindawgyi (Thakayta), Yangon Division
49. U Htay Ngwe, No 1/367, Hninsi Street, Toeche Ward 1, Htaukkyant, Mingaladon, Yangon Division
50. U Kusala, Monk, Maha Hmankin Kyaung, Thayettaw Kyaungtaik, Lanmadaw Township, Yangon Division
51. U Win Thein, Technician 4, Central Press, Printing and Publishing Enterprise
52. U Kyaw Sein, Security 3, Supply Division, Myanmar Railways, Ministry of Rail Transportation
53. U Win Thein, Technician 4, Mandalay Technological University, Ministry of Science and Technology
54. U Kyaung Ni, Production 4, Paleik Textile and Finishing Plant, Ministry of Industry-1
55. U Hla Aye, Ma-2/0241 Supervisor, Myanmar Automobile and Diesel Engine Industries (Head Office), Ministry of Industry-2
56. U Myint Thein, Deputy Head, Mining Department, Ministry of Mines
57. Air 18621 Sergeant Tin Aung, Office of Commander-in-Chief (Air), Ministry of Defence
58. U Thet Lwin Oo, No 15, Hsinbyushin Street, Saik/Mway 1 Village, Dagon Myothit (South), Yangon Division
59. U Sein Hlaing, Merchant, No 125, Room No 102, 52nd Street, Ward 1, Pazundaung Township, Yangon Division
60. U Ye Lin, Region 12, Kanshei Ward, Taunggyi Township, Shan State
61. Chindwin Ashin Kaljanavamsa, Monk, Dhamma Rakkhita Sarthintaik, Taungwaingyat, Zaygyo Ward, Mawlamyine, Mon State
62. U Aung Phylo, Worker, Environmental Conservation and Cleaning Department, Yangon City Development Committee
63. U Tin Maung Than, Supervisor, No 6 Saw Mill, Myanmar Timber Enterprise, Ministry of Forestry
64. U Than Hlaing, Forester, Timber Sales Section, Myanmar Timber Enterprise, Ministry of Forestry
65. U Aye Ko, Technician 4, Engineering Department, Ministry of Forestry
66. U Thein Aung, Technician 4, No 4 Furniture Factory, Ahlon, Ministry of Forestry
67. U Tin Win (a) U Aung Gyi Tun, Primary School Head, Shwepyitha BEPS-38, Ministry of Education
68. U Htay Nyunt, Assistant Township Education Officer, Myaung, Ministry of Education
69. Daw Than Than Htay, Teacher, Dawbon BEMS-3, Ministry of Education
70. U Ko Ko Oo, lecturer, Maths Department, Yangon Institute of Economics, Ministry of Education
71. U Aung Myint Soe (a) U Phone Thit Kyaw, Chief Reporter, Market Manager, No 209 Baho Road (Sangyoung Shan Road), Yangon Division
72. U Myint Soe, Janitor, Latha Township Environmental Conservation and Sanitation Section, No 729, Manpyay 1st lane, Thaketa Township, Yangon Division
73. U Aung Myint, Merchant, No 388, Yupayon Street, ward 47, Dagon Myothit (North) Township, Yangon Division
74. U Than Htay, Seaman, No 129 (B), Min Mahaw Road, Dawbon Township, Yangon Division.

75. U Tin Oo, Retired WOII, No 186, MGathi 21st lane, Ward 12, South Okkala Township, Yangon Division
76. U Zaw Lwin, Merchant, No 462, Yazadirit Road, Ward 40, Dagon Myothit (North) Township, Yangon Division
77. Daw Sanda Win (a) Min Min Maung, Merchant, Room 7, Quarter 83, Health Staff's Quarter, Dala Township, Yangon Division
78. Daw Than Than Sint, Room 303, Building 36, Yuzana Garden City, Dagon Myothit Seikkan Township, Yangon Division
79. U Toe Kywe, Branch Clerk, BSI, Ministry of Home Affairs.

**Medal for Excellent Performance in Social Field**  
**(Third Class)**

1. U Aye Ko, Sculpture Technician-1, Myanmar Gems Enterprise, Ministry of Mines
2. U Nyunt Aye, Sculpture Technician-1, Myanmar Gems Enterprise, Ministry of Mines
3. U Kyi Lwin, Coach, Myanmar Football Federation, Ministry of Sports
4. U Tun Tin Aung, Coach, Myanmar Football Federation, Ministry of Sports
5. Maung Tun Tun Lin, Selected Myanmar Athlete, Myanmar Football Federation, Ministry of Sports
6. Maung Soe Paing Phyto, Selected Myanmar Athlete, Myanmar Football Federation, Ministry of Sports
7. Maung Han Win Aung, Selected Myanmar Athlete, Myanmar Football Federation, Ministry of Sports
8. Maung Zaw Htet Aung, Selected Myanmar Athlete, Myanmar Football Federation, Ministry of Sports
9. Maung Nyan Lin Kyaw, Selected Myanmar Athlete, Myanmar Football Federation, Ministry of Sports
10. Maung Paw Tun Kyaw, Selected Myanmar Athlete, Myanmar Football Federation, Ministry of Sports
11. Maung Kyaw Zeya Min, Selected Myanmar Athlete, Myanmar Football Federation, Ministry of Sports
12. Maung Min Min Tun, Selected Myanmar Athlete, Myanmar Football Federation, Ministry of Sports
13. Maung Tun Tun Win, Selected Myanmar Athlete, Myanmar Football Federation, Ministry of Sports
14. Maung Bo Bo Aung, Selected Myanmar Athlete, Myanmar Football Federation, Ministry of Sports
15. Maung Kyaw Kyaw Soe, Selected Myanmar Athlete, Myanmar Football Federation, Ministry of Sports
16. Maung Myo Min Tun, Selected Myanmar Athlete, Myanmar Football Federation, Ministry of Sports
17. Maung Tun Min Oo, Selected Myanmar Athlete, Myanmar Football Federation, Ministry of Sports
18. Maung Kyaw Zin Win, Selected Myanmar Athlete, Myanmar Football Federation, Ministry of Sports
19. Maung Sithu Win, Selected Myanmar Athlete, Myanmar Football Federation, Ministry of Sports
20. Maung Naing Win, Selected Myanmar Athlete, Myanmar Football Federation, Ministry of Sports
21. Maung Aung Zaw Myo, Selected Myanmar Athlete, Myanmar Football Federation, Ministry of Sports
22. Maung Marla, Selected Myanmar Athlete, Myanmar Football Federation, Ministry of Sports
23. Ma Yin Yin Khaing, Athlete, Myanmar Track and Field Federation, Ministry of Sports
24. Maung Ha Hone, Athlete, Myanmar Wushu Federation, Ministry of Sports
25. Ma Mya Sandar Oo, Athlete, Myanmar Weightlifting Federation, Ministry of Sports
26. Ma Cho Cho Win, Athlete, Myanmar Weightlifting Federation, Ministry of Sports
27. Maung Min Zaw Oo, Athlete, Myanmar Body Beauty and Physical Culture Federation, Ministry of Sports
28. Maung Kyuu, Athlete, Myanmar Shooting Federation, Ministry of Sports
29. Maung Kan Shwe, Athlete, Myanmar Rowing Federation, Ministry of Sports
30. Maung Phone Myint Tezar, Athlete, Myanmar Rowing Federation, Ministry of Sports
31. Maung Aung Kyaw Moe, Athlete, Myanmar Rowing Federation, Ministry of Sports
32. Maung Khin Maung Myint, Athlete, Myanmar Rowing Federation, Ministry of Sports
33. Maung Yan Paing, Athlete, Myanmar Rowing Federation, Ministry of Sports
34. Maung Myo Zaw, Athlete, Myanmar Rowing Federation, Ministry of Sports
35. Ma Khin Mar Oo, Athlete, Myanmar Rowing Federation, Ministry of Sports
36. Ma Thein Htay Win, Athlete, Myanmar Rowing Federation, Ministry of Sports
37. Ma Naw Ar Lela Shi, Athlete, Myanmar Rowing Federation, Ministry of Sports
38. Ma Khin Mar Thin, Athlete, Myanmar Rowing Federation, Ministry of Sports
39. Maung Saw Khay Sha, Athlete, Myanmar Rowing Federation, Ministry of Sports
40. Maung Aung Lin, Athlete, Myanmar Rowing Federation, Ministry of Sports

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## About 300,000 people get opportunity to carry on...

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constant learning, the government is implementing national education promotion plans, he elaborated.

As regards national plan in the higher education sector, he said, the National Education Promotion Special 4-year Plan (2000-2001 to 2003-2004) is being implemented in the higher education sector by linking the basic education sector with the higher education sector. The plan has been implemented in the third phase of education promotion programme which has been accelerated year by year in the basic education sector.

Under the National Education Promotion Special 4-year Plan, modern teaching facilities based on computer science and electronic technology have been installed, laboratories, research departments and e-libraries established in universities and colleges for the students to reach the international standard.

Especially, e-learning centres and resource centres that used satellite communication system based on modern information and communication technology were systematically established. e-Education system was first launched on 1 January 2001.

In 2001-2002 fiscal year, the Head of State gave guidance on implementation of the 30-year long-term plan

on education, health and social sectors for future national interest in line with economic plans on agricultural, industrial, mineral and energy sectors. Therefore, the 30-year education plan linking the activities of the second year of special four-year national education promotion project was undertaken, he said.

There were only 32 universities and colleges in 1988 and there are now 154 universities and colleges due to the government's encouragement to the education sector. Efforts for promotion of human resource development are being made with greater momentum.

He said the regions that lagged behind in development were designated as special development regions and universities and colleges were opened there. Therefore, new generation youths there got opportunities to learn higher education.

Better foundations on education that can realize Myanmar Education Vision "to create an education system that can generate a learning society capable of facing the challenges of the Knowledge Age" have emerged in the whole education sector, he said. He said Myanmar ICT Park and Mandalay ICT Park, infrastructures for information and communication technology were established in Lower and Upper

Myanmar. Various information and communication technologies can widely be used in learning of higher education and education management system. This is the huge basic foundation for realization of the Myanmar Education Vision, he added.

In Myanmar there are 455 e-learning centres using electronic data broadcasting system, 44 centres using V-SAT system, 11 centres using fibre optic network, 20 centres using iPSTAR broadband system, 630 centres consisting of 100 basic education schools linking the Internet and seven centres where video conferencing can be held make use of wireless communication system.

Anyone can enjoy opportunity of leaning at any time in their respective regions because of ICT network throughout the country. Between 2000-2001 and 2003-2004 fiscal years, about 300,000 people got opportunity to learn their studies at home through ICT, saving travelling and living expenses of over K 4,430 million.

Database on educational information and management was established and homepage on higher education is uploaded on the Internet. It is very convenient and easy for managers and those wishing to seek knowledge.

At a time when the better

foundations for gaining science and technologies of international standard and highly-qualified human resource, faculty members of universities and colleges are to train their pupils to raise their education standard and teach them morale, social ethics and responsibilities in accord with the State's education objectives.

In making efforts to bring more dignity to the nation and national people in international community, it is needed to train today's youths to be endowed with modern technical know-how and to have national spirit and patriotism. It is a must to nurture them to become intellectuals and intelligentsia who will serve the nation's interest with their knowledge and wisdom. Teachers are to train new generation students to become noble-minded intellectuals and intelligentsia with high morality who cherish social norms and value national spirit and national reconsolidation and Union Spirit so that the Union will make progress more in future. Nowadays, the government has already laid down and is implementing the seven-point future political programme to strengthen the long-existing firm national reconsolidation, to preserve the independence and sovereignty and to build good infrastructures for stability of the nation.

To successfully imple-



Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt greets Special Envoy of Vietnamese Mr Le Van Bang.  
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ment the seven-point future political programme that will shape the future of the national people, national people's active participation and support with full national spirit are needed.

Teachers together with students and the public, knowing the international affairs and the true situation of the nation, the tradition, culture and future prospects of the nation, are to realize that the seven-point future political programme is the correct national path and to organize all to actively take part in the tasks.

Especially, all teachers, viewing the international incidents with national awareness, are to lead students and the public to have a wide range of knowledge to be able to safeguard the national interests, aware of the intention of instigation and avoid it. In addition, teachers at universities and colleges, realizing the role of new generation youths which is importance for perpetuation of the Union and to stand tall among international community, are to nurture student youths to follow the correct national path in accord with national objectives.

In conclusion, he urged all,

- to participate in the tasks with firm national spirit for successful implementation of the seven-point future political programme for emergence of modern, discipline-flourishing democratic nation
- to strive for producing the outstanding intellectuals and intelligentsia continuously who will safeguard the modern and developed nation with national spirit and Union Spirit,
- to unitedly strive for successful implementation of national education programmes in accord with the Myanmar education motto "building the modern and developed nation through education", and
- to earnestly study, discuss and keep in mind the nation's situation, the international affairs and other political, economic and social affairs to be conducted at this course.

After the opening ceremony, Myanmar Education Committee Chairman Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt greeted trainee university/college teachers and left there at 10 am.

Altogether 1,490 teachers from universities and colleges are attending the one-month course. —MNA



Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt cordially conversing with university and college teachers. —MNA



Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan and Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Aung Thein inspect Yeku Transmitter in Mayangon Township. —MNA

## Minister inspects Yeku Transmitter

YANGON, 5 Jan — Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan, accompanied by Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Aung Thein and officials, inspected the Yeku Transmitter in Mayangon Township this morning.

At the meeting hall of the station, officials and engineers reported on the location and area of the station, the launching of radio programmes, condition of the machinery, security measures, and fire prevention

measures.

After hearing the reports, the minister gave instructions on smooth operation of the machinery, the keeping of the surrounding areas of the station clean, and the taking of fire preventive measures through coordination with officials of the fire services department.

Next, the minister, the deputy minister and officials inspected round the station and left instructions.

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## CCDAC holds...

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He said after the announcement of rules on money laundering worries arose among the people and monetary organizations. In connection with this, a press conference was held to deter making profits by unscrupulous elements spreading rumours.

Minister Col Tin Hlaing went on to say that CCDAC actively participated in narcotic drugs control in cooperation with ASEAN countries and other countries including China and India in 2003. As a result, Myanmar was chosen as a member of Commission on Narcotic Drugs (CND). Myanmar delegation attended the 46th ministerial level meeting of CND held in Vienna, Austria from 8 to 17 April 2003. The commission agreed to choose Myanmar as a member of CND at the meeting of the United Nations Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific held on 29 April. The choice of Myanmar as CND member was the first in the founding of CND since 1946. Myanmar will perform duties for four years from 1 January 2004 to 31 December 2007. He said altogether 109 Myanmar delegates attended the conferences on narcotic drugs control held in foreign countries five times, seminars four times, meetings 11 times, training courses four times, workshops seven times and made study tours three times.

He said international meetings included the ministerial level meeting on narcotic drugs control of Myanmar, China, India, Thailand and Laos held in Thailand from 22 to 26 July 2003 and MoU ministerial level meeting and senior officials meeting of six countries held in Vietnam from 22 to 25 September 2003.

In 2003 Myanmar hosted the 24th ASEAN Senior Officials Meeting on Drug Matters (ASOD) from 14 to 15 October. The meeting of ACCORD work group for ASEAN-China cooperation in anti-narcotic drugs was held on 16 October. After the

meetings arrangements were made for the delegates to observe narcotic drugs control and regional development tasks in Myanmar-China border areas in Shan State (North).

The eighth Myanmar-Thailand law enforcement officials meeting was held in Taunggyi from 10 to 11 November 2003. Resolutions on cultivation of opium substitute crops, cooperation in control and exchange of information were passed. Yaungkha Model Village construction project was successfully implemented in Shan State (East). Moreover, the 16-bed hospital was opened on 26 December.

Similarly, the second senior officials meeting on narcotic drugs control between Myanmar and China was held in Tachilek on 26 November 2003. The meeting discussed exchange of news of seizures of narcotic drugs, conducting courses, purchase of products of opium substitute crops by China, sending of follow-up news of Myanmar citizens who are arrested in connection with narcotic drugs cases in China and assistance from China. China was pleased to see Myanmar's efforts for narcotic drugs control and provided 500,000 yuan and handed over two vehicles for use in narcotic drugs control in Chinshweh. Myanmar has handed over 22 culprits who were wanted in China for their involvement in narcotic drugs since 2001. Myanmar is participating in control of paraphernalia in cooperation with India, China, Laos and Thailand. The meeting on control of paraphernalia of Myanmar, China and India was held in Yangon and the meeting agreed to enhance control of carrying illegal paraphernalia through border areas.

Myanmar conducted opium yield survey beginning 1996 in cooperation with the US. As a result, cultivation and production of opium decreased. Poppy cultivation in Myanmar dropped by 26 per cent from 105,000 hectares in 2001 to 77,700 hectares in 2002. Poppy cultivation also decreased by 39 per



Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt greeting Academy Award winners at the dinner. — MNA

## Prime Minister attends dinner hosted in honour of Academy Award winners

YANGON, 5 Jan — Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt attended the dinner hosted in honour of the Myanmar motion picture Academy Award winners for 2002 awarded by Myanmar Motion Picture Asiayon held on the lawns in front of Myama Motion Picture Museum of Myanmar Motion Picture Asiayon on Wingaba Street in Bahan Township, here, this evening.

Also present on the occasion were Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Soe Win, Secretary-2 Lt-Gen Thein Sein, Yangon Division PDC Chairman Yangon Command Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe, ministers, the Yangon mayor, deputy ministers, officials from the SPDC Office, departmental heads, patrons of MMPA, president and executives, Academy Award winner artists, members of MMPA and invited guests.

The Prime Minister was welcomed there by the patrons, the president and executives of MMPA and artists.

MMPA President U Sein Tin explained the purposes of

the ceremony. He presented honorary gifts to Best Music Award winner Gitalulin U Ko Ko, Best Sound Award winner Po Htaung, Best Cinematography Award winner Kyaukpyu (Padetha) and Best Music Award winner to Khin Maung Gyi; Vice-President-1 U Myint Naing to Best Director Award winner Bagyi Soe Moe, Best Supporting Actor Award winner Nyunt Win, Best Actress Award winner Khin Zarchi Kyaw, Best Scriptwriter Award winner Nyein Min and Best Film Editing Award winner Zaw Min (Hanthamye); Vice-President-2 U Hla Myo (A-1 Maung Hla Myo) to Best Director Award winner Kyi Soe Tun, Best Actor Award winner Lu Min, Best Supporting Actress Award winner May Than Nu, Film Producers Daw San San Swe (Kyetagun film production) and Academy Daw Myint Myint Khaing (Sein Wa Ni film production).

On behalf of Academy Award winners, Lu Min and May Than Nu spoke words of thanks and the ceremony came to an end. — MNA

cent to 47,134 hectares in 2003. Poppy production was 630 tons in 2002 and 484 tons in 2003. According to the ground data collection of poppy cultivation conducted in cooperation with UNODC poppy cultivation was 81,400 hectares in 2002 and 62,200 hectares in 2003. This indicates 24 per cent decrease in poppy cultivation. Poppy production decreased from 828 tons to 810 tons. This shows that poppy cultivation and production in Myanmar is decreasing, according to the results of opium yield survey conducted in cooperation with the US and UNODC.

Poppy growing ground data collection will be made

in cooperation with UNODC this year to expose illegal poppy plantations in 18 townships in Taunggyi zone of Shan State (South), nine townships in Kengtung zone of Shan State (East), six townships in Lashio zone of Shan State (North), 6 townships in Wa special region, and other Wa targeted zones. Training was provided to members of the operation teams in respective zones starting from 1 January. The outcome of endeavours made by the respective work committees of the CCDAC in 2003 was encouraging. The 2003-2004 fiscal year is the last fiscal year of

the first 5-year period of the 15-year plan for narcotic drugs eradication. Therefore, efforts are to be made with added momentum to exceed the target of the first 5-year period.

Next, Minister for Labour U Tin Winn also took part in the discussions. He said after drawing up the New Destiny Project for eradication of poppy cultivation, the team made up of four deputy ministers conducted field tour of project areas, giving supervision and attending to the requirements. As a result, the cultivation of poppy was on the decline. However, steps

are to be taken to make a plan for a field trip to solve the ongoing problem of stimulant tablets produced with chemicals. Efforts are to be made to render assistance to the establishment of drug rehabilitation centres in Tachilek as well as in Myawady and Kawthoung, and to fulfil the food, clothing and shelter needs of farmers who no longer engage in cultivation of poppy. Care should be taken to obtain precise data concerning the poppy cultivation so as to release correct news. Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint reported on tasks carried out for drug addicts treatment in Tachilek, Myawady and Kawthoung in 2003 and arrangements made for opening a drug addicts treatment centre in Lashio, Kutkai and Muse in Shan State (North).

Later, Director-General of Myanmar Police Force Brig-Gen Khin Yi reported on progress made in the implementation of the resolutions of the CCDAC's meeting No 3/2003 held on 9 October 2003. The chairmen of the work committees of the CCDAC and those present at the meeting also reported on tasks being carried out by their respective work committees and future tasks. Afterwards, the meeting ended with the concluding remarks of the chairman of the CCDAC. — MNA

## Independence Day Exhibition continues

YANGON, 5 Jan — The 56th Anniversary Independence Day Exhibition continued for the third day at Tatmadaw Convention Hall on U Wisara Road here today.

Booths on the independence struggles sacrificing much of lives and blood, origins of mankind starting from Myanmar, ancient Myanmar, the first, second and third Myanmar empires, struggles for the independence and regaining of it, safeguarding of the independence, scenic Myanmar and booths of respective ministries were displayed there.

The booth of the Minis-

try of Information, "Let's march towards the new nation unitedly", displays "Objectives of the 56th Anniversary Independence Day", "Myanmar's relations with international community", "Towards the new nation", "Developing Myanmar", "Significant activities of the five departments under the ministry", "Graphic exhibit highlighting the deeds of imperialists" and Cartoons.

Today, 4,600 people including students and USDA members visited the exhibition, which will continue till 11 January. Admission is free.

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Visitors through the 56th Anniversary Independence Day Exhibition. — MNA

## Progressive Zoning Approach to Foot and Mouth Disease Control in the Union of Myanmar

OIE which stands for International Des Epizootics also means World Animal Health Organization. OIE is one of the international organizations established in 1924. There are 155 member countries at present. The Union of Myanmar is one of the member countries. Myanmar always participates actively in the activities of OIE. Headquarters of OIE is situated in Paris, France. General Meeting of OIE is held every year to analyze the global status of animal health and for the future programme. To ensure the implementation of the animal health programme, OIE also organizes regional offices all over the world. Myanmar is included in East Asia and Pacific Region.

Among the Trans-boundary Animal Diseases (TADs), Foot and Mouth Disease (FMD) is endemic in most of South-East Asian countries. It causes significant economic losses through clinical disease and death of large (cattle and buffalo) and small ruminants (sheep and goats) and also pigs. The disease is a

major barrier to the trade of livestock and livestock products. Because of its rapid spreading nature and the difficulty in controlling trans-boundary movement of livestock mean that one country alone can not undertake effective control of this disease. For this reason, OIE has established a Sub-commission for FMD

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control in South-East Asia region and set up a Regional Coordination Unit for FMD in South-East Asia (OIE RCU for SEA FMD). This office plays a regional coordination role by assisting countries to develop harmonized plans and to implement effective FMD control measures.

The 21st Meeting of the ASEAN Senior Officials (SOM) and ASEAN Ministers of Agriculture and Forest (AMAF) in April 2000 endorsed OIE's campaign to eradicate FMD in South-East Asia. Member countries were encouraged to support and commit necessary re-

sources and to accord priority to the implementation of their respective national programmes for the control and eradication of FMD in their territories. OIE has assisted SEA FMD member countries (Myanmar, Thailand, Vietnam, Cambodia, Laos, the Philippines, Malaysia and Indonesia) to develop this regional plan for 2001-2004. This regional plan outlines defined activities and outputs required delivering the longer term strategy of FMD control and eradication. OIE SEA FMD Campaign has been an active regional campaign since 1994. This campaign has achieved significant success in the Philippines, the Visayas, Mindanao, Palawan and Batanese regions have been accepted by OIE as FMD free zones. This means that two-thirds of the Philippines now have achieved FMD-free-zone status. Indonesia is totally free of FMD at present.

The next step in the strategic plan for SEA FMD is Myanmar-Thai-Malay Peninsular (MTM) Campaign for FMD Freedom. The aim of the cam-

paign is to establish a FMD free zone on the MTM Peninsular according to OIE standards. From Myanmar site, Myeik District and Kawthoung District of Tanintharyi Division will

areas of southern China including Hainan Island. Another possible zone is the Upper Mekong area which involves Myanmar, China, Laos and Thailand. Myanmar has to participate

January 2004. Senior Regional Coordinator of OIERCU for SEA FMD control and other FMD experts from Food and Agriculture Organization of United Nations (FAO) and



An FMD infected animal being inspected.

be included in this campaign. Myeik District will be a buffer zone and Kawthoung District will be the control zone. Director Generals of the three countries (Myanmar, Thailand and Malaysia) have already signed an agreement at Hat Rai, Thailand in November 2003. Director General of Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department (LBVD), Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries, attended the signing ceremony. The first step for this FMD campaign is now in progress with public awareness programme in Tanintharyi Division.

The SEA FMD Campaign of OIE RCU aims to establish at least two other free zones in areas that are the watersheds of livestock flows. The two other zones identified are the lower Mekong zone (involving Vietnam, Cambodia and possibly southern Laos) and a zone from Hanoi running west that will include

for establishing FMD control zones in these areas because of transboundary nature of the disease.

OIE RCU considered the improvement of animal health will be an important benefit to the people of rural areas. Although rice production in some of the member countries are based on mechanized farming to some extent still most of the farmers in the region rely on cattle and buffalo as draught power. For many of the rural populace, the sale of livestock is often the only source to earn cash income. Therefore member countries of OIE SEA FMD control wish to create more FMD free zones in South-East Asia region by international collaboration. Therefore a workshop for "Progressive Zoning Approach to FMD Control in the Union of Myanmar" is being held at the Traders' Hotel in Yangon, Myanmar from 5th to 6th

Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA), Director General and senior LBVD officials including the State/Division Veterinary Officers will be attending this meeting. The objective of the workshop is to define the patterns of animal movement, FMD risks and to identify future FMD zoning proposals for Myanmar as part of the SEA FMD regional zoning approach to FMD control. It is hoped that the outcomes of this workshop will provide a more strategic future plan to control and eventually eradicate FMD in Myanmar.

Therefore the workshop "Progressive Zoning Approach to Foot and Mouth Disease Control in the Union of Myanmar" being held in Yangon from 5th to 6th January 2004 is hailed as a great step forward by all of us who are involved in the livestock production of Myanmar.

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Officials inspecting FMD infected draught cattle.



Wushu boys and girls showing skills at School Family Day celebrations for 2003-2004 academic year at the National Indoor Stadium-1 (Thuwunna) on 3 January 2004. — NLM

### Sweater-knitting course opens

YANGON, 5 Jan — Domestic sweater-knitting course of the Ministry for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs was opened at the central training school in Dagon Myothit (North) this morning.

Director-General of Department for Progress of Border Areas and National Races Col Than Swe gave a speech. Twenty trainees from Haka, Mindat and Matupi in Chin State are attending the four-week course. — MNA

### Myanmar Rice Milling Industry Fair previewed

YANGON, 5 Jan — Representatives of Industrial Zones from states and divisions previewed the Myanmar Rice Milling Industry Fair-2004, organized by the Ministry of Commerce, to be opened soon at Yangon Trade Centre on Upper Pazundaung Road here this afternoon.

Chairman of the leading committee for observing the fair Deputy Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Aung Tun made an opening speech. Secretary of the committee Managing Director U Min Hla Aung of Myanmar Agricultural Produce Trading explained display of the booths.

The deputy minister and President of UMCCI U Win Myint and representatives viewed the display of exhibits there.

The fair will be held from 8 to 11 January daily. Papers on developing rice milling will be presented from 8 am to noon on 9 and 10 January.

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Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt inspects Tennis Court in Yangon yesterday (News reported). — MNA



Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt speaks at the meeting to discuss all-round upgrading of Kandawgyi and Zoological Gardens on 4 January. (News reported) — MNA



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Soe Win, Secretary-2 Lt-Gen Thein Sein and party pose for photo together with students who won prizes in Independence Day commemorative competitions (News reported). — MNA

## Ministry of Transport computer course concludes

YANGON, 5 Jan — The closing of the basic computer course No 5/2003 of the Ministry of Transport was held in conjunction with the opening of the basic computer course No 1/2004 at the meeting hall of the Myanmar Shipyards on Bayintnaung Road this morning.

Present on the occasion were Minister for Transport Maj-Gen Hla Myint Swe, Deputy Ministers U Pe Than and Col Nyan Tun Aung, Officer on Special Duty Brig-Gen Myo Tin, departmental heads, and officials.

Speaking on the occasion, the minister said according to the functional nature of the ministry, there are many processes in which modern communication systems are used to contact foreign nations. The Government is making huge investment in the promotion of the national education programme. The courses are being conducted with the aim of sharpening the abilities of the staff, he said. Next, the deputy ministers and Brig-Gen Myo Tin presented course completion certificates to trainees of the course No 5/2003. — MNA

Maj-Gen Hla Tun, Minister for Finance and Revenue, addresses the work coordination meeting of the Internal Revenue Department. — MNA

## Indonesia's textile industry to lose more workers

JAKARTA, 5 Jan — Textile producers have painted a grim picture of the outlook for the Indonesia's textile industry this year, predicting the closure of dozens of factories and 50,000 job losses in West Java alone.

The slump will result in a reduction of national output by around 20 per cent, according to a senior official of the Indonesian Textile Association (API).

Apart from West Java, the other major textile centre in the country is in Central Java. Lili Asdjuredja, chairman of API's West Java chapter, was quoted Saturday by

*The Jakarta Post* as saying that around 20-30 per cent of the total textile factories in the industry might choose to close down in 2004 due to an inability to face cutthroat competition in local and international markets from producers in other countries.

Lili said that around 121 members of the association had reported closures in the past four years. Lili predicted textile production would decline by around 20 per cent this year. Automatically, this would mean an additional reduction from the present capacity utilization of around 60 per cent. — MNA/Xinhua



## Internal Revenue Department holds coord meeting

YANGON, 5 Jan — The Internal Revenue Department held its work coordination meeting for the 2003-2004 fiscal year at the meeting hall this afternoon, with

an address by Maj-Gen Hla Tun, Minister for Finance and Revenue.

It was attended by Deputy Minister Col Hla Thein Swe, Director-General

of the IRD U Win Naing, departmental heads and officials.

In his speech, the minister urged the departments to keep high the efficiency of

their employees. He also spoke of the need to serve the interest of the country.

The meeting continues tomorrow.

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## US holds "Reuters" staff near chopper crash in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 5 Jan— American soldiers on Friday detained three Iraqis working for Reuters as they covered the aftermath of a US helicopter crash near the volatile town of Falluja.

A Reuters driver who was working with the three said they had earlier been fired on by US troops as they filmed a checkpoint close to the site where a Kiowa observation helicopter was shot down by guerillas.

One pilot was killed and another injured in the crash.

"We were fired on and we drove away at high speed," driver Alaa Noury said. He said Reuters cameraman Salem Uraiby had been filming the checkpoint using a camera on a tripod, and had been wearing a flak jacket clearly marked with the word "Press".

Noury said a second car driven by another Iraqi journalist had been fired upon in the same incident.

Noury returned to Baghdad with the footage that had been shot while Uraiby remained in Falluja to continue filming along with an Iraqi stringer and driver.

Reuters was later told by the US military that the three men had been detained, but was not informed of any allegations against them.

A US Army spokesman separately told a news conference in Baghdad that gueril-

las posing as journalists had fired on American paratroopers guarding the crash site and four were later detained.

"Paratroopers securing the Kiowa helicopter crash site were fired upon by enemy personnel posing as media this afternoon at approximately 1400 hours (1100 GMT)," Kimmitt said.

"The five enemy personnel pulled up to the crash site driving black and blue dark Mercedes. They were wearing black Press jackets with 'Press' written in English. The enemy personnel fired upon US forces with small arms and RPGs."

Kimmitt said no US soldiers were wounded in the incident.

"We tracked one of the Mercedes to a nearby house and captured four enemy personnel who are now being questioned," he said.

In August, award-winning Reuters cameraman Mazen Dana was shot dead by a US soldier as he filmed in a town on the western outskirts of Baghdad. The US military said the soldier who killed him believed his camera was a grenade launcher. —MNA/Reuters

## Quake-stricken Iranian city requested to watch for diarrhoea

BAM (Iran), 5 Jan— Southeast Iran's Bam City, which was hit by a powerful earthquake measuring 6.3 on the Richter Scale on December 26, has been requested by the United Nations to watch for diarrhoea, a disease of excessive and frequent evacuation of watery faeces.

A situation report released here Friday by the United Nations On-Site Coordination and Operation Centre (UNOSCO) said there is a mobile surveillance officer moving between field hospitals to collect information.

The International Federation of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) has set up a field hospital here to receive patients for treatment of injuries they sustained during the earthquake. The hospital is expected to remain operational in Bam for the next 12 months.

Besides the IFRC, a number of countries and international organizations have also established field hospitals here.

The affected area were di-

vided into 12 sectors by the Red Crescent Society of Iran and the humanitarian aid work in each of these sectors is being shared among different branches of the Red Crescent Society. The World Health Organization (WHO) has initiated active disease surveillance for 17 priority diseases in all the 12 sectors and their surrounding zones. Each of the sectors is managed by a neighbouring university of medical sciences and health services. A coordination meeting is held everyday in the conference room of the UNOSCO, with the participation of the heads of the 12 sectors, reporting their daily work.

WHO representatives regularly attend these meetings to make sure that the guidelines and standards on

disease control and surveillance are in place. Also on Friday, the death toll from the earthquake was revised down to 26,500 from 28,000 as previously announced.

Thanks to efforts of the Iranian Government and international humanitarian aid organizations, all the earthquake survivors have been allocated tents and settled down in the vicinity of their former homes. Some have sought refuge and are now staying with their relatives outside the city, which had a population of 80,000 to 100,000 before the earthquake struck.

Bam used to be a popular tourist spot with a historic citadel and other centuries-old buildings along the ancient Silk Road.

MNA/Xinhua

## US Army buys \$30m in anthrax shots

WASHINGTON, 5 Jan — The US Defence Department announced on Friday a 29.7-million-US-dollar order for anthrax vaccine based on the assumption that a federal judge's ban on mandatory inoculations will be reversed.

Privately held Bio Port Corp of Lansing, Michigan, was awarded the Army order on Wednesday as part of a 245.6-million-US-dollar contract, the Pentagon said.

The move demonstrates confidence "we will resume the anthrax vaccination programme as it existed before the judge's order", said Bryan Whitman, a Defence Department spokesman.

MNA/Reuters



Siberian white swans swim on an artificial lake during an overcast winter morning in the Croatian capital of Zagreb, on 2 Jan, 2004. Each year hundreds of swans arrive to Croatia in search of unfrozen waters, during their regular winter migrations. —INTERNET

## Report says massive US troop rotation may invite attacks

WASHINGTON, 5 Jan — The US Defence Department is gearing up for a massive rotation of troops in Iraq this year, and this may lead to opportunistic attacks on US soldiers as they arrive and depart, USA Today reported Friday.

From late January to May, some 123,000 US troops will be pulled out of Iraq and replaced by about 110,000 fresh soldiers. In addition, 11,000 US forces in Afghanistan will be brought home and replaced with about the same number of soldiers.

Guerillas fighting the US-led occupation forces in Iraq may view the massive arrival and departures as a unique opportunity to inflict further casualties on Americans, the report quoted Pentagon officials and analysts as saying. A total of 212 US soldiers have been killed in combat since President George W. Bush declared an end to major combat operations in Iraq on May 1, 2003. —MNA/Xinhua

## China sends third batch of relief materials to Iran

BEIJING, 5 Jan — The third batch of relief materials offered by China left Shijiazhuang City for earthquake-stricken Iran Friday evening, according to sources with the Ministry of Commerce.

The materials include 40 tons of water-purification equipment, tents, blankets, clothes and quilts, and medical equipment.

The sources said that China would also send the fourth and fifth batches of materials to Iran on January 4 and 6 respectively.

A strong earthquake rocked the city of Bam in Iran's Kerman Province early

December 26, leaving tens of thousands dead. The Chinese Government decided on the day of the disaster to offer five million yuan (600,000 US dollars) worth of relief assistance. In response to a request from the Iranian Government Tuesday, China offered a further 10 million yuan (1.2 million US dollars) worth of relief materials to Iran. —MNA/Xinhua

## Henry Tang optimistic about HK's economy in 2004

HONG KONG, 5 Jan— Hong Kong Financial Secretary Henry Tang Saturday expressed cautious optimism about Hong Kong's economic development this year and predicted an over 3.5-per-cent gross domestic growth for 2004.

Attending a radio programme Saturday morning, Tang said recovery signs have been witnessed in a number of sectors, including tourism, restaurants and retail sectors and the government revenue also improved recently.

He said though the deficit reached more than 70 billion Hong Kong dollars (9.02 billion US dollars) by the end of November 2003, the figure is less than expected.

The financial secretary expressed his belief that with steady economic development of the Chinese Mainland and further improvement of the US economy, Hong Kong's economy is expected to be pushed ahead.

MNA/Xinhua

## Virus variation found in suspected SARS case

GUANGZHOU, 5 Jan— The results of a gene sequencing test show the coronavirus found in the suspected severe acute respiratory syndrome (SARS) case in Guangzhou is a virus variation with new sequence, according to the Centre for Disease Prevention and Control in southern China's Guangdong Province Friday evening.

That is to say, it is possible that the man with the suspected case of SARS in the province have contracted SARS, according to the centre. The centre had carried out a series of tests on the case. Using the method of reverse transcription-polymerase chain reaction (RT-PCR), scientists obtained S, M and N genes of coronavirus from the suspect.

Comparing the sequences of the gene section with all those of the SARS coronavirus published by the international gene bank, experts found that 98.8 to 99.4 per cent of 3,768 bases of S gene obtained from the sus-

pect, 99 per cent of 658 bases of M gene, and 99 per cent of 1,068 bases of N gene, are isogenous with those of S, M and N genes published by the gene bank.

"The results point to the possibility of the suspect infected by SARS coronavirus, but our sequence test shows that the S gene is a new sequence that has not been published," said Dr Chen Qiuxia with the centre.

Professor Zhong Nanshan, an academician of the Chinese Academy of Engineering, also said the test result showed a possibility that the SARS coronavirus has a variation. —MNA/Xinhua

## SPORTS

## Bolton close to signing Moreno

LONDON, 5 Jan—Bolton Wanderers are close to signing Atletico Madrid's Javier Moreno on loan, the English Premier League club said on its web site on Saturday.

The 29-year-old former Alaves and AC Milan striker has struggled for first team opportunities this season and Bolton manager Sam Allardyce is confident he will join his multi-national squad.

"We hope to have him before Monday," Allardyce said after his side's 1-1 draw with Tranmere Rovers in the third round of the FA Cup on Saturday.

"We have sorted it out with him verbally and it will be approved on Monday. It is important to have a player like him in our squad."

Moreno, who has played five times for Spain, would provide cover for Nigeria international Jay-Jay Okocha who will join up with his country for the African Nations Cup later this month.

MNA/Reuters



Japanese soccer star Hidetoshi Nakata, left, shows his new Bologna soccer club jersey, with team president Renato Cipollini, at a press conference in Bologna, Italy, on 3 Jan, 2004. Nakata, who played with Parma in Italy's Serie A top league last season, has joined rival Bologna club on an annual loan, the two clubs announced Friday.—INTERNET

## Celtic close on title after Old Firm victory

GLASGOW, 5 Jan—Celtic took an enormous stride towards regaining the Scottish Premier League title when they beat their only real rivals Rangers 3-0 on Saturday to open an 11-point lead.

The victory was secured by Stilian Petrov's 19th-minute diving header, which trickled over the line after bouncing off both posts, another header by Stanislav Varga after an hour and Alan Thompson's stunning 84th-minute free kick.

It was Celtic's second Glasgow derby success of the season — they won 1-0 at Ibrox in October — and although the campaign is only at the halfway point it makes them odds-on favourites to reclaim the championship after Rangers pipped them on the last day of last season.

It was also a club record 18th successive league win for Celtic — a run starting after they drew their opening game of the season with Dunfermline — beating the 17 set by Jock Stein's European Cup-winning side in 1968. Celtic now have 55 points from 19 games with Rangers a distant second on 44 and they were rightful winners of an absorbing Old Firm encounter.

Rangers goalkeeper Stefan Klos produced an outstanding block to deny Bobo Balde as Celtic dominated the opening exchanges.

But Celtic were rewarded after 19 minutes when Henrik Larsson floated a neat cross

deep into the box and although the excellent Klos tipped Petrov's header onto his right hand post the ball spun back across the line.

The home side continued to turn the screw after half time and Larsson had a volley crash off the post from Thompson's freekick. From the ensuing Thompson corner Balde headed the ball back across goal and Varga

leapt highest to nod into the net. Thompson piled on the misery for Rangers when he curled a free kick beyond Klos with six minutes remaining. Shota Arveladze cracked a shot against the crossbar late on as the visitors, who have now won only one of the past 12 Old Firm league meetings, failed to even grab a consolation.

MNA/Reuters

## Battling Telford toast of minor leagues

LONDON, 5 Jan—Telford United were the toast of the English minor league clubs on Saturday as they provided one of the biggest shocks of the FA Cup third round.

Veteran striker Lee Mills' second-minute goal sealed a 1-0 victory for the Conference club at First Division Crewe Alexandra, their 13th League scalp in the world's oldest cup competition.

Telford, who reached the fifth round in 1985 when they lost to winners Everton, also disposed of League opposition in round two when they beat Second Division Brentford.

"It was a one-off chance, if we were going to beat Crewe it had to be today," Telford manager Mick Jones told Sky Sports. "We knew if we played how we normally play they would have murdered us. This is a fantastic day."

Telford will be joined in Monday's fourth-round draw by fellow Conference clubs Scarborough and Accrington Stanley and Third Division Kidderminster Harriers.

Scarborough, who have never gone beyond the third round, drew 1-1 at Third Division Southend United, while Accrington Stanley, who dropped out of the Football League in 1962, earned a replay with Second Division Colchester after a 0-0 draw.

Kidderminster, managed by former Liverpool double winner Jan Molby, looked set for a famous victory over their illustrious local rivals Wolverhampton Wanderers when substitute John Williams gave them the lead in the 77th minute.—MNA/Reuters

## Algerian footballer first to gain from FIFA rule change

JOHANNESBURG, 5 Jan — French-born defender Antar Yahia has become the first footballer to profit from the change in FIFA's rules on international eligibility when he made his debut for Algeria in an Olympic Games qualifier.

Yahia, from the French First Division club Bastia, scored the only goal of the 1-0 win over Ghana with a 19th minute header for the Algeria Under-23 side in Blida on Friday.

Yahia is a former French Under-18 international but benefits from a change in the FIFA statutes, brought into effect in October after the organization's congress in Qatar.

Previously, a footballer who had played for one country in a competitive international at both senior and junior level was not permitted to change nationality and go on and play for another.

But FIFA have introduced a new rule that allows a footballer capped at junior level to be able to later represent another country, but only as long as he possesses dual nationality and makes the request to change nationality under the age of 21.

FIFA have waived the age limit until October, allowing Yahia, who turns 22 in March, to start his international career over again in the colours of Algeria, from where his parents had migrated to France.

Yahia, who spent a season at Inter Milan in Italy, is also included in Algeria's

preliminary squad for the African Nations Cup finals in Tunisia in January, along with two other players seeking to benefit from the change of regulations.

Samir Beloufa, now with Belgian club Excelsior Mouscron, and Ajaccio's Nader Ouadah also played in competitive internationals at junior level for France but are now standing by to make their full international debuts for Algeria.

Officials from the North African country lobbied hard for FIFA to change their statutes in time for the players to be included in the squad for the Nations Cup finals.

It is also under the same ruling that Mali are seeking

to use striker Frederic Kanoute of English Premier League side Tottenham Hotspur at the Nations Cup finals.

Kanoute was capped several times by France's Under-21 side in the European Championship qualifiers in 1999 and would not have been able to represent Mali, where his parents were born, until the statutes were changed.

The same ruling also effects Liverpool's Djimi Traore, who is also being sought by Mali for the upcoming tournament in Tunisia, and the St. Etienne defender Herira Ilunga, who is likely to play for the Democratic Republic of Congo.—MNA/Reuters

## Lokomotiv's Loskov voted Russia's top player again

MOSCOW, 5 Jan—Lokomotiv Moscow captain Dmitry Loskov has been voted Russia's top player for a second year in a row in a nationwide poll of coaches and other soccer experts.

The 29-year-old playmaker, the league's top scorer with 14 goals last season, beat Spartak Moscow captain and 2000 winner Yegor Titov and CSKA Moscow skipper Sergei Semak.

Loskov, who was also named the country's best player by his colleagues, has helped Lokomotiv to the knockout phase of the Champions League where they meet French Ligue 1 club Monaco.

MNA/Reuters

## Barthez returns to Marseille in triumphant style

PARIS, 5 Jan—France goalkeeper Fabien Barthez celebrated his Olympique Marseille return by saving twice and scoring once as his team beat RC Strasbourg 4-3 on penalties in their French Cup first round tie on Saturday.

The two Ligue 1 teams had been deadlocked at 1-1 after extra time before Barthez palmed away Strasbourg's third kick and then dived full length to block a powerful shot from Senegalese striker Mamadou Diang.

Barthez, whose loan transfer from Manchester United was approved only the day before, applied the finishing touch by taking his team's last penalty, blasting the ball past Richard Dutruel.

"I had been waiting to return to club football for so many weeks that I felt a lot of pressure," the 32-year-old told French television.

"I had the feeling I was going back to the beginning of my career and I didn't want to disappoint the staff, the players and the fans."

A 1998 World Cup and Euro 2000 winner, Barthez won the 1993 European Cup with Marseille in the first of his three seasons at the club.

He left for a five-year spell at Monaco before moving to Manchester United in 2000 for a world record fee for a goalkeeper of 7.8 million pounds (13 million US dollars). He has won two league titles with United, but was dropped by manager Alex Ferguson at the tail-end of last season.

Marseille and United reached agreement on a nine-month loan transfer in October, but FIFA blocked the move because it had not been registered during the transfer window.

In Saturday's two other Ligue 1 head-to-heads, RC Lens beat Le Mans 1-0 and holders AJ Auxerre eased to a 2-0 home win against Sochaux, who had been unbeaten in 14 consecutive matches.

Olivier Kapo opened the scoring for Auxerre on the hour and Teemu Tainio sealed the result in the 77th minute.—MNA/Reuters



Olympique Marseille goalkeeper Fabien Barthez reacts during their French Cup soccer match against Strasbourg, on 3 Jan, 2004 in Marseille, southern France. Barthez, the former goalkeeper for Manchester United in England, was playing his first match with his new team.—INTERNET



**MRTV-3**
**6-1-2004 (Tuesday)  
(Programme Schedule)  
Morning Transmission  
(9:00 - 10:00)**

- 9:00 Signature Tune  
Greeting
- 9:02 Song of Myanmar  
Beauty & Scenic  
Sights "Mingalabar"
- 9:06 Pya Tho Festival
- 9:10** **Headline News**
- 9:12 Easily Cooked Tasty  
Dishes (Feather back  
clean soup with tender  
Gourd Leaves)
- 9:15** **National News**
- 9:20 Around Bagan by Pony  
Cart (Ananda Temple)
- 9:25 Kham Traditional  
Cultural Dance
- 9:30** **National News**
- 9:35 Parahita Tiger School  
Song "Missing you so  
much"
- 9:45** **National News**
- 9:50 Traditional Food of the  
Region Myeik
- 9:58 Song of Myanmar  
Beauty & Scenic  
Sights "Come and See  
Myanmar"

**6-1-2004 (Tuesday)  
Regular Programmes for  
Viewers from Abroad  
Evening Transmission  
(15:30 - 17:30)**

- 15:30 Signature Tune  
Greeting
- 15:32 Song of Myanmar  
Beauty & Scenic  
Sights "Myanma Pano-  
rama & Myanma Sen-  
timent"
- 15:36 Pya Tho Festival
- 15:40** **Headline News**
- 15:42 Easily Cooked Tasty  
Dishes (Feather back  
clean soup with tender  
Gourd Leaves)
- 15:45** **National News**
- 15:50 Around Bagan by Pony  
Cart (Ananda Temple)
- 15:55 Kham Traditional  
Cultural Dance
- 16:00** **National News**
- 16:05 Parahita Tiger School  
Song "Missing you so  
much"
- 16:15** **National News**
- 16:20 Traditional Food of the

- 16:25 Region Myeik  
Song of Myanmar  
Beauty & Scenic  
Sights  
"Mingalabar"
- 16:30** **National News**
- 16:35 Quality Rice Production  
in Myanmar
- 16:40 Myanmar Cuisine  
"Squid Salad"
- 16:45** **National News**
- 16:50 Tour In Myanmar  
"Patheingyi"
- 16:55 Dance of the Royal  
Page
- 16:58 Women with Remark-  
able Necks
- 17:00** **National News**
- 17:05 The Decoration of  
Lacquerware (Stylus  
Drawing)
- 17:10 Myanmar Modern  
Song "Lover's Life"
- 17:12 Myanmar Profile "Su-  
permarkets"
- 17:15** **National News**
- 17:20 Fabulous Bagan (II)
- 17:28 Song of Myanmar  
Beauty & Scenic  
Sights "Come and See  
Myanmar"

**Evening Transmission  
(19:30 - 23:30)**

- 19:30 Signature Tune  
Greeting
- 19:32 Song of Myanmar  
Beauty & Scenic  
Sights "Mingalabar"
- 19:36 Equestrian Festival
- 19:40** **Headline News**
- 19:42 Easily Cooked Tasty  
Dishes (Sour Soup of  
tender Tamarind  
Leaves with head of  
Fish)
- 19:45** **National News**
- 19:50 The Myanmar Turban-  
Unique
- 19:55 Kontala-Aingnan
- 20:00** **National News**
- 20:05 Ancient City MraukU
- 20:10 Song "The Outstanding  
Ones"
- 20:15** **National News**
- 20:20 Fantastic Scenic Sun-  
sets of Myanmar
- 20:25 Song "Beauty of  
Wakema"
- 20:30** **National News**
- 20:35 Myanmar Orchestra  
(Thichinkhant)
- 20:40 Myanmar Cuisine  
"Carrot Pudding"
- 20:45** **National News**
- 20:50 Spirulina Products
- 20:55 Lon Yuu Festival  
Dance
- 20:58 Unforgettable Cust-  
oms of the Chins

- 21:00** **National News**
- 21:05 The Beauty and The  
Chinlone
- 21:10 Myanmar Modern  
Song "Crying of the  
Sarus Crane"
- 21:12 Myanmar Coffee
- 21:15** **National News**
- 21:20 Fabulous Bagan (I)
- 21:25 Song of Myanmar  
Beauty & Scenic  
Sights "Myanma Pano-  
rama & Myanma Sen-  
timent"
- 21:35 Pya Tho Festival
- 21:40** **Headline News**
- 21:42 Easily Cooked Tasty  
Dishes (Feather back  
clean soup with tender  
Gourd Leaves)
- 21:45** **National News**
- 21:50 Around Bagan by Pony  
Cart (Ananda Temple)
- 21:55 Kham Traditional  
Cultural Dance
- 22:00** **National News**
- 22:05 Parahita Tiger School  
Song "Missing you so  
much"
- 22:15** **National News**
- 22:20 Traditional Food of the  
Region Myeik
- 22:25 Song On Screen "A  
Diamond-studded  
Song"
- 22:30** **National News**
- 22:35 Quality Rice Production  
in Myanmar
- 22:40 Myanmar Cuisine  
"Squid Salad"
- 22:45** **National News**
- 22:50 Tour In Myanmar  
"Patheingyi"
- 22:55 Dance of the Royal  
Page
- 22:58 Women with Remark-  
able Necks
- 23:00** **National News**
- 23:05 The Decoration of  
Lacquerware (Stylus  
Drawing)
- 23:10 Myanmar Modern  
Song "Lover's Life"
- 23:12 Myanmar Profile "Su-  
permarkets"
- 23:15** **National News**
- 23:20 Fabulous Bagan (II)
- 23:25 Song of Myanmar  
Beauty & Scenic  
Sights "Come and See  
Myanmar"

**6-1-2004 (Tuesday) &  
7-1-2004 (Wednesday)  
Evening & Morning  
Transmission  
(23:30 - 1:30)**

- 23:30 Signature Tune  
Greeting

- 23:32 Song of Myanmar  
Beauty & Scenic  
Sights "Myanma Pano-  
rama & Myanma Sen-  
timent"
- 23:36 Pya Tho Festival
- 23:40** **Headline News**
- 23:42 Easily Cooked Tasty  
Dishes (Feather back  
clean soup with tender  
Gourd Leaves)
- 23:45** **National News**
- 23:50 Around Bagan by Pony  
Cart (Ananda Temple)
- 23:55 Kham Traditional  
Cultural Dance
- 24:00** **National News**
- 00:05 Parahita Tiger School  
Song "Missing you so  
much"
- 00:15** **National News**
- 00:20 Traditional Food of the  
Region Myeik
- 00:25 Song of Myanmar  
Beauty & Scenic  
Sights  
"Mingalabar"
- 00:30** **National News**
- 00:35 Quality Rice Production  
in Myanmar
- 00:40 Myanmar Cuisine  
"Squid Salad"
- 00:45** **National News**
- 00:50 Tour In Myanmar  
"Patheingyi"
- 00:55 Dance of the Royal  
Page
- 00:58 Women with Remark-  
able Necks
- 01:00** **National News**
- 01:05 The Decoration of  
Lacquerware (Stylus  
Drawing)
- 01:10 Myanmar Modern  
Song "Lover's Life"
- 01:12 Myanmar Profile "Su-  
permarkets"
- 01:15** **National News**
- 01:20 Fabulous Bagan (II)
- 01:25 Song of Myanmar  
Beauty & Scenic  
Sights "Come and See  
Myanmar"

**7-1-2004 (Wednesday)  
Morning Transmission  
(03:30 - 07:30)**

- 03:30 Signature Tune  
Greeting
- 03:32 Song of Myanmar  
Beauty & Scenic  
Sights "Mingalabar"
- 03:36 Equestrian Festival
- 03:40** **Headline News**
- 03:42 Easily Cooked Tasty  
Dishes (Sour Soup of  
tender Tamarind  
Leaves with head of  
Fish)


**Tuesday, January 6**
**View today:**

- 7:00 am**
1. Recitation of Parittas by  
Missionary Sayadaw U  
Ottamathara
- 7:15 am**
2. တိပိဋကဓမ္မစာအုပ်တိုက်ခွက်  
ပဏ္ဍိတအရှင်တို့၏အောင်မြင်မှု  
(သောသရာတော်) ပေးကြားတော်မူ  
အပ်သောဥပသေသတို့
- 7:25 am**
3. To be healthy exercise
- 7:30 am**
4. Morning news
- 7:40 am**
5. Nice and sweet song
- 7:50 am**
6. တေးပညာပွဲ
- 8:00 am**
7. အစောင့်အရှောက်
- 8:10 am**
8. Song of yesteryears
- 8:20 am**
9. စောင့်တောရဲလှောင်တစ်
- 8:30 am**
10. International news
- 8:45 am**
11. Grammar Made Easy

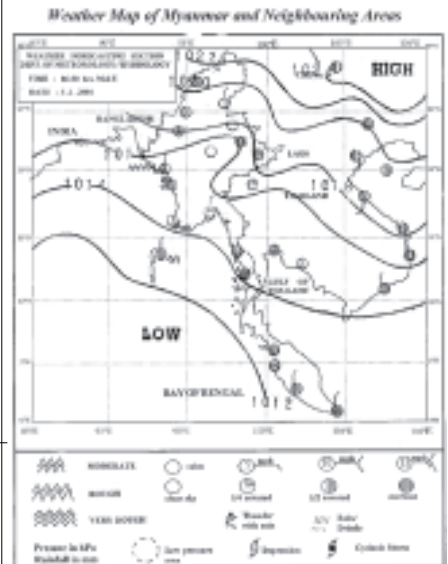
- 4:00 pm**
1. Martial song
- 4:15 pm**
2. Song to uphold National  
Spirit
- 4:30 pm**
3. English for Everyday  
Use
- 4:45 pm**
4. Musical programme
- 5:00 pm**
5. အစောင့်အရှောက်တို့၏အောင်မြင်မှု  
သတ္တိတော်မူကြောင်းအသိပေး  
(သို့မဟုတ် ပြောကြားရန်)  
(ပုဂံခေတ်)
- 5:15 pm**
6. Dances of national races
- 5:30 pm**
7. စောင့်တောရဲလှောင်တစ်
- 5:45 pm**
8. Sing and Enjoy
- 6:30 pm**
9. Evening news
- 7:00 pm**
10. Weather report

- 7:05 pm**
11. Milo success in soccer
- 7:10 pm**
12. ဂုဏ်ထူးဆောင်များ  
ပညာရေးနှင့်အားကစား  
(အပိုင်း-၂)
- 7:20 pm**
13. ထွန်းလင်းစရာဝါသနာများ  
(အပိုင်း-၂)
- 7:40 pm**
14. အမျိုးသမီးအားကစားနှင့်  
ပိုက်စပေးမှု နှင့်အားကစား  
"ကျားလက်ရှိပြုပြင်မှုအစောင့်အရှောက်"  
(အပိုင်း-၁)
- 8:00 pm**
15. News
16. International news
17. Weather report
18. နိုင်ငံခြားစာတမ်းတစ်  
(အပိုင်း-၁)
19. မင်းတုန်းခေတ်တော်စာအုပ်ကြီး  
နှစ်သစ်နှစ်သစ်များ၏အစောင့်အရှောက်  
ဗဟိုဌာနများအားကစားနှင့်  
တေးဂီတ
20. The next day's  
programme

**အိမ်တိုင်းမှာသစ်ပင် ရွာစဉ်မှာတောတန်း**
**တစ်တောင်တစ်တောင်ဆက်**
**မြို့တက်မယ့်လမ်း။**

**Tuesday, January 6**
**Tune in today:**

- 8.30 am** Brief news
- 8.35 am** Music
- 8.40 am** Perspectives
- 8.45 am** Music
- 8.50 am** National news/  
Slogan
- 9:00 am** Music
- 9:05 am** International news
- 9:10 am** Music
- 1.30 pm** News/Slogan
- 1.40 pm** Lunch time music  
-Where you are?  
(Jessica Simpson)  
-Have you ever been  
in love (Celine Dion)
- 9:00 pm** English  
Lesson : Look  
Ahead (5)
- 9.15 pm** Article/Music
- 9.25 pm** Weekly sport reel
- 9:35 pm** Music for your  
listening pleasure  
-My heart keeps  
following you (The  
Serenity Singers)
- 9.45 pm** News/Slogan
- 10.00 pm** PEL


**WEATHER**
**Monday, 5 January, 2004**

**Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST:**  
During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in the upper Myanmar areas and generally fair in the remaining areas. Night temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) above normal in Rakhine and Northern Shan States, Mandalay and upper Sagaing Divisions, (3°C) below normal in Kayin State and Yangan Division and about normal in the remaining areas.

Maximum temperature on 4-1-2004 was 34.0°C (93°F). Minimum temperature on 5-1-2004 was 14.4°C (58°F). Relative humidity at 9:30 hrs MST on 5-1-2004 was 62%. Total sunshine hours on 4-1-2004 was (8.7) hours approx. Rainfall on 5-1-2004 was nil at Yangan Airport, Kaba-Aye and central Yangan. Total rainfall since 1-1-2004 was nil at Yangan Airport, Kaba-Aye and central Yangan. Maximum wind speed at Yangan (Kaba-Aye) was 12 mph from East at (09:00) hours MST on 5-1-2004.

**Bay inference:** Weather is partly cloudy to cloudy in the Bay of Bengal.

**Forecast valid until evening of 6-1-2004:** Possibility of isolated rain in Kachin, Rakhine States, Sagaing and Mandalay Divisions and weather will be partly cloudy in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (40%).

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

**Outlook for subsequent two days:** Likelihood of isolated rain in upper Myanmar areas.

**Forecast for Yangan and neighbouring area for 6-1-2004:** Partly cloudy. **Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 6-1-2004:** Partly cloudy.

**Four political objectives**

- \* Stability of the State, community peace and tranquillity, prevalence of law and order
- \* National reconsolidation
- \* Emergence of a new enduring State Constitution
- \* Building of a new modern developed nation in accord with the new State Constitution

**Four economic objectives**

- \* Development of agriculture as the base and all-round development of other sectors of the economy as well
- \* Proper evolution of the market-oriented economic system
- \* Development of the economy inviting participation in terms of technical know-how and investments from sources inside the country and abroad
- \* The initiative to shape the national economy must be kept in the hands of the State and the national peoples

**Four social objectives**

- \* Uplift of the morale and morality of the entire nation
- \* Uplift of national prestige and integrity and preservation and safeguarding of cultural heritage and national character
- \* Uplift of dynamism of patriotic spirit
- \* Uplift of health, fitness and education standards of the entire nation



Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt receives Mr Le Van Bang, Special Envoy of the Prime Minister of Vietnam, and party at Zeyathiri Beikman Hall on Konmyinthta. — MNA

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## Prime Minister receives Special Envoy of Vietnamese PM

YANGON, 5 Jan — Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar General Khin Nyunt received visiting Mr Le Van Bang, a Special Envoy of the Prime Minister of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam, and party at Zeyathiri

Beikman Hall on Konmyinthta here this afternoon.

Present at the call were Minister for Foreign Affairs U Win Aung, Deputy Minister U Khin Maung Win and Director-General of the Protocol Department Thura

U Aung Htet.

The Special Envoy of the Vietnamese Prime Minister and party were accompanied by Mr Pham Quang Khon, Vietnamese Ambassador to Myanmar. — MNA

## CCDAC holds its meeting 1/2003

YANGON, 5 Jan—The Central Committee for Drug Abuse Control held its meeting 1/2004 at the meeting hall of the Ministry of Home Affairs this afternoon.

It was attended by Chairman of CCDAC Minister for Home Affairs Col Tin Hlaing, Minister for Labour U Tin Winn, Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint, Chairmen of the Working Committee deputy ministers, guests and others.

Reviewing measures taken by the CCDAC and the Working Committee in 2003, CCDAC Chairman Minister Col Tin Hlaing said that steps were taken with added momentum for cultivation of poppy-substitute crops in 2003 under the 15-year narcotic drugs eradication plans and the New Destiny Project, adding in the process, altogether 8,221 baskets of seeds of high yield paddy, maize, wheat and gram, 395,756 kilos of seeds of hybrid paddy and maize, edible oil crops and vegetables, and 13,656 viss of seeds of kitchen crops were distributed; that 1616.6 tons of fertilizer, 765.5 litres of pesticide and 80 kilos of pesticide powder were distributed for 559,323 perennial plants; that 2175.5 acres of model cultivation plots, 76.5 acres of pilot cultivation plots were under taken and 6,017 acres of land were reclaimed for cultivation of poppy-substitute crops; that 19,473 acres of monsoon crops were cultivated in

2003-2004 against the targeted acres of 19,327, accounting for 101 per cent; that 4,993 acres of winter crops were cultivated up to 30 November against the targeted acres of 10,570, representing 47 per cent; that cultivation of monsoon crops and winter crops was completed 82 per cent.

In the livestock breeding sector, vaccines and treatment were given to animals in villages of the project area in 2003 and pedigree pigs were distributed to Mongpyin and Lweyong region, Monghsat and Mongtung townships in Shan State (East), Kunheing and Hamein region, Pangsan of Wa region, Namtit, Mongmaw, Pangsaing and Dimar region in Shan State (South), spending K 12.5 million disbursed out of the funds of the New Destiny Project; and under the Kokang Region Livestock Breeding Project, milch cows, sheep

and poultry were distributed with the funds of the respective ministries and 0.11 million fingerlings distributed by the Fisheries Department in 2003.

In the health care services, the Ministry of Health issued Order No 1/2003 relating to control of drugs and psychotropic substances on 7-3-2003 to ensure the systematic control of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances and enable the patients in need of medicines to buy and use medicines easily; that workshop on Order No 1/2003 was held at the auditorium of Myanmar Medical Association, Yangon on 19-9-2003, attended by delegates from State and Division Committees for Drug Abuse Control, heads of State and Division Health Departments and specialists of the respective drug control centres.

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Minister for Foreign Affairs U Win Aung receives Mr Le Van Bang, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs and special envoy of the Prime Minister of Vietnam. — MNA

## Foreign Minister receives Vietnamese Deputy Foreign Minister

YANGON, 5 Jan — Minister for Foreign Affairs U Win Aung received Mr Le Van Bang, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs of Vietnam and special envoy of Mr Phan Van Khai, Prime Minister of the Socialist Republic of Vietnam

at Ayeyawady Room, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, this morning.

Present on the occasion were Director-General U Thauang Tun of the Political Department and officials of the ministry.

In the evening, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Khin Maung Win hosted a dinner in honour of visiting Vietnamese Deputy Foreign Minister and delegation at Karaweik Palace.

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Chairman of the Central Committee for Drug Abuse Control Minister Col Tin Hlaing delivers an address at the CCDAC meeting. — MNA