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

YANGON, 6 Jan — The following are the 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 King Narodom Sihanouk of Cambodia:

The glorious celebration of the 56th Anniversary of the Independence Day of the Union of Myanmar, give me the opportunity to extend to Your Excellency our warmest congratulations and sincere good wishes for your health, happiness and every success in your high office on behalf of the Cambodian people, the Royal Government of Cambodia and on my own behalf.

We also wish for the continued peace, progress and prosperity of the friendly people of Myanmar.

We have confidence that the traditional relations of friendship and cooperation between our two countries will be strengthened.

Please, accept, Mr President, the assurances of my highest consideration.

### From Mr Khamtay Siphandone, President of the Lao PDR:

On behalf of the Government of the Lao People's Democratic Republic and the Lao ethnic group as well as on my own behalf, I have a great pleasure to convey to Your Excellency my warmest congratulations and the best wishes and through Your Excellency to the Government and the entire friendly people of Myanmar on the auspicious occasion of the 56th Anniversary of the Independence Day of the Union of Myanmar.

I am very satisfied to note that the good traditional relations of friendship and the efficient cooperation between the peoples of our two nations have been further enhanced and continuously flourished while bringing about tangible benefits to the peoples of our two nations and important contribution to the cause of the peace, stability and cooperation for the development in the region and in the world.

May I take this opportunity to wish Your Excellency good health, happiness and greater progress and prosperity to the people of the Union of Myanmar.

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

## Present-day youths need to possess modern technical know-how and to have national spirit and patriotism Special Refresher Course No-1 for University, College Teachers opens

YANGON, 6 Jan — Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt, accompanied by State Peace and Development Council member Lt-Gen Ye Myint, ministers, the Chairman of Civil Service Selection and Training

Board, deputy ministers, officials of the State Peace and Development Council Office, departmental heads and officials, left here by air and arrived at Mandalay International Airport in TadaU, Mandalay Division at 8.45 am today.

The Prime Minister was welcomed there by Mandalay Division PDC Chairman Central Command Commander Maj-Gen Ye Myint, Mandalay Mayor Brig-Gen Yan Thein and military and civil officers.

The Prime Minister and party, accompanied by the commander, headed for Central Institute of Civil Service (Upper Myanmar)

in PyinOoLwin Township, Mandalay Division by Tatmadaw helicopter.

The opening of Special Refresher Course No-1 for University and College Teachers was held at the Yadana Hall of the Central Institute of Civil Service (Upper Myanmar) this morning with an address by Chairman of Myanmar Education Committee Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt.

Also present were SPDC member Lt-Gen Ye Myint, Commander Maj-Gen Ye Myint, ministers, the Chairman of Civil Service Selection and Training Board, deputy ministers, the deputy chief

justice, the deputy attorney-general of the Supreme Court (Mandalay), senior military officers, officials of the SPDC Office, departmental heads, the rector, the pro-rector and heads of departments, instructors of CICS (Upper Myanmar) and trainee teachers.

In his address, the Prime Minister said that nurturing the new generation youths who will 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 to see the Union of Myanmar stand tall in international community. (See page 8)

### 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

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Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt addresses the opening of the Special Refresher Course No 1 for University, College Teachers at the Central Institute of Civil Service (Upper Myanmar). — MNA



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

## PERSPECTIVES

Wednesday, 7 January, 2004

### Towards emergence of citizens able to serve the best national interests

Since its assumption of the national responsibilities, the State Peace and Development Council has been striving for the Union of Myanmar to be able to stand proudly among other nations of the world.

Realizing that the student youths who will shape the future of the State are required to be all-rounders, it is necessary for the State to nurture them to be highly-educated and strong morally as well as socially.

Needless to say, the teachers in both the basic and the higher education sector play a very important role in training the new generation youths so that they will develop to be able to meet the national requirements. Therefore, special refresher courses for the teachers are being held.

The main purpose of these courses is to enable the teachers to keep abreast with the international situation, the absolute conditions and potentials of the State and our national goals on education.

Three refresher of courses university teachers and 54 for the teachers of the basic education sector have been held up to now. The fourth refresher course for university teachers was opened at the Central Institute of Civil Service (Phaunggyi) in Hlegu Township on the morning of 5 January. The opening ceremony was attended by Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt.

In his address on the occasion, Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt said that it was necessary for the teachers to watch international developments with constant national vigilance, to protect and promote the long-term interests of the Union and its national people and to try their best to broaden the horizons of their students and train them to become really patriotic citizens.

Nowadays, science and technology has been experiencing such a rapid development that it has come to play a pivotal role in the development of other sectors — political, economic, social, cultural, etc. Therefore, the teachers are required not only to be well-versed in their respective specialties but also to be able to keep abreast with the development of science and technology.

We would like to urge all the teachers to learn constantly to train their students to become men of wide knowledge and good moral character who can serve the best interests of the Union and the entire national people.

### Appointment of Thai Ambassador to Myanmar agreed

YANGON, 7 Jan — The Government of the Union of Myanmar has agreed to the appointment of Mr Suphot Dhirakaosal as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Kingdom of Thailand to the Union of Myanmar.

Born on 18 August, 1949, Mr Suphot Dhirakaosal graduated with Bachelor of Arts Degree in International Affairs and Law from Thammasak University, Bangkok. He joined the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Thailand in 1973 and served in various capacities in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and in the Thai Missions in Hanoi, Geneva, Rome, and Los Angeles. He was appointed as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Thailand to the State of Kuwait in 2000. He is currently serving as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of Thailand to the United Arab Emirates. Mr Suphot Dhirakaosal is married. — MNA

### The 57<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Union Day objectives

- for all national races to safeguard the national policy— non-disintegration of the Union, non-disintegration of national solidarity and perpetuation of sovereignty
- to keep the Union spirit ever alive and dynamic among the national people
- for all national people to defend and safeguard the Union for its perpetual existence
- to prevent, through national solidarity, the danger of internal and external destructive elements undermining peace and stability of the State and national development, and
- for all national races to make concerted efforts for successful implementation of the seven-point future policy programme.

### Efficient use of fuel

- \* Saving one gallon of fuel per car per month will save the nation one US dollar
- \* Thus, a total of 455,822 cars in Myanmar can save US\$ 5.5 million in a year
- \* The amount, US \$ 5.5 million, can build a major bridge across Ayeyawady River

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#### From Mr A B Vajpayee, Prime Minister of India:

I extend warm felicitations on the occasion of the National Day of the Union of Myanmar.

India attaches great importance to its close and cordial relations with Myanmar.

In recent years, we have worked together bilaterally and regionally to create a mutual beneficial partnership oriented towards economic development and greater commercial cooperation. Recent high-level interactions underlined India's commitment to this relationship.

Please accept, Excellency, my best wishes for your personal well being and for the continued progress and prosperity of the people of Myanmar.

With the assurances of my highest consideration.

### Traditional Medicine Magazine comes out

YANGON, 6 Jan — The Traditional Medicine Magazine No 17 published by the Traditional Medicine Department of the Ministry of Health has come out with superb features such as stories, poems and articles by Paragu, Tet Toe, Nu Yin, Dr Thein Swe, Shwe Oak Aw, Dr Myat Myat Ohn Khin, Theikpan Min Kyi, Win Myint, Mang Lu Mun, Wai Phyo Win, Hla Myint Aung, Maung Nyo Hmaing, Khin Maung Myint, U Kyaw Sein, U Hla Myint, U Min Shwe, Kyaw Tint Swe, San Thu Myat and Tin Htut, etc.

The magazine as well as the book on papers read at the Third Traditional Medicine Practitioners' Conference and the book on practical medi-



The Traditional Medicine Magazine No 17.

nal plants are available at the Traditional Medicine Department on U Wisara Road, Dagon Township, Yangon; at Research & Development Branch on Kyaikkasan Road, Tamway Township, Yangon and Mandalay University of Traditional medicine.

MNA

### 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

### Efficient use of electricity

- \* Use daylight as the main source of light
- \* Use the least possible amount of electricity only if there is not enough natural light
- \* Use the least possible amount of electricity required in production and service enterprises
- \* Preventing waste of electricity benefits the user and others

There are about 500,000 households using electricity in Yangon. Thus, saving a four-foot fluorescent lamp every day by each household amounts to saving power that is equal to the capacity a 20-megawatt power station can supply.

### From Mr Bounnhang Vorachit, Prime Minister of the Lao People's Democratic Republic:

On behalf of the Government, the people of the Lao PDR and on my own behalf, I have a great pleasure to convey to Your Excellency my warmest congratulations and best wishes and through Your Excellency to the Government and the entire friendly people of Myanmar on the occasion of the 56th Anniversary of the Independence Day of the Union of Myanmar.

I am very pleased to note that in recent years, the friendly relations and the efficient cooperation between our two countries both at bilateral and ASEAN levels have been developed and continuously expanded and I believe that such good cooperative relations will further enhance and flourish for the common interests of the peoples of our two nations and strong dynamism of the ASAEN family.

May I take this opportunity to wish Your Excellency good health, happiness and greater success in your noble tasks. Please, accept, Your Excellency, the assurances of my highest consideration. — MNA

### All this needs to be known

- \* Do not be frightened whenever intimidated
- \* Do not be bolstered whenever flattered
- \* Do not be softened whenever appeased

### Shwe Naing-Ngan Journal comes out

YANGON, 6 Jan — The Vol 2 No 19 issue of Shwe Naing-Ngan Journal, published by the Education Group of the Union Solidarity and Development Association (Head Office), came into circulation today.

The journal includes news of State Peace and Development Council Chairman Commander-in-Chief Senior General Than Shwe inspecting the tasks for Yeywa hydel power project and attending the opening of Myanma Farm Machinery Factory, news of the USDA Secretary-General attending the opening of Myanmar Development Study Coach Course, articles by Nyunt Han (Kyudaw), Chit Naing (Psychology), San Nila Win, Saya Aye (Geography), Aung Zeya (Technological University), Hmwe Nanttha, Tekkatho Myat Thu, Hnin Thitsa Kyaw and Dr Hla Maung, poem of Maung Maung Han (Magway), news on activities of state, division, district and township USDAs, international affairs and by-line articles. — MNA



## Three US soldiers discharged for abusing Iraq POWs

KUWAIT CITY, 5 Jan—The US Army discharged three soldiers for abusing prisoners at a detention centre in Iraq, a US military spokesman said Monday.

The three soldiers, all from Pennsylvania, were scheduled to face courts-martial this month but opted instead to submit to a nonjudicial hearing, in which their conduct was judged by a commander without a jury, Lt Col Vic Harris said. Such hearings are common practice, he said.

Brig General Ennis Whitehead III, the acting commander of the 143rd Transportation Command, found the three soldiers had maltreated prisoners at Camp Bucca, southern Iraq, on 12 May. He demoted two of the soldiers and ordered that all three forfeit their salaries for two months.

The general found that Master Sgt Lisa Marie Girman, 35, of Hazelton, Pa, knocked a prisoner to the ground, "repeatedly kicking him in the groin, abdomen, and head, and encouraging her subordinate soldiers to do the same," Harris said.

Girman received an "other-than-honourable conditions" discharge from her immediate commander.

Staff Sgt Scott A McKenzie, 38, of Clearfield, Pa, was found to have dragged a prisoner by his shoulders and then to have held his legs apart "and encouraging others to kick him in the groin while other US soldiers kicked him in the abdomen and head," Harris said.

McKenzie was also found to have thrown the detainee

face-down to the ground and have stepped on "his previously injured arm."

The general also found McKenzie made "a false sworn statement to a special agent of the US Army Criminal Investigation Division."

McKenzie was demoted to sergeant and later received a "general, under honourable conditions" discharge.

Spc Timothy F Canjar, 21, of Moscow, Pa, was found to have made a false statement to the army's criminal investigators and to have held a detainee's legs apart "while others kicked him in the groin," in addition to "violently twisting his previously injured arm and causing him to scream in pain."

Canjar was demoted to private — a rank two lower than specialist — and received a "general, under honourable conditions" discharge from his commander, Harris said.

The findings were handed down at Camp Arifjan in Kuwait on 29 December. The three soldiers have now returned to the United States.

A fourth soldier was charged in the same case, but Sgt Shawna Edmondson, 24, requested and received an "other-than-honourable" discharge from the military last year rather than face a court-martial. —Internet

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## Death toll for British troops in Iraq reaches 55

BAGHDAD, 6 Jan—The deaths of two soldiers in a New Year's Day car crash brings the number of fatalities among British servicemen in Iraq to 55.

Major James Stenner, 30, of the Welsh Guards and Sgt Norman Patterson, 28, of the Cheshire Regiment, were killed when their vehicle hit a wall in Baghdad, the Ministry of Defence disclosed today.

Their deaths brought the total number of British accidental fatalities during the conflict to 23 — only four less than the number of servicemen killed in combat. Five others have died of natural causes, according to the Ministry.

Two helicopter crashes in March last year accounted for 14 of the 23 accidental deaths.

On March 21, eight British servicemen died when their United States Sea Knight helicopter crashed south of the Kuwait border. The next day a further six lost their lives when two Royal Navy Sea King helicopters collided over the northern Arabian Gulf.

The deaths of five soldiers who were killed in so called friendly fire attacks are among the 27 categorised as being "killed in action" by the MoD. —Internet.



An Iraqi Kurdish worker grinds metal used to reinforce one of one hundred US Army vehicles, to protect them against roadside bombs and other attacks by Iraqi guerrillas, in Tikrit, Iraq, on Monday, 5 Jan, 2004. —INTERNET

## Vajpayee suggests SAARC nations to end petty rivalries

ISLAMABAD, 6 Jan—Calling for an end to "mutual suspicions and petty rivalries" that have "haunted" the South Asian region, Indian Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee Sunday suggested "greater sensitivity" among the SAARC nations to the security concerns of one another as a landmark summit of the seven-nation regional grouping opened here.

Unprecedented security measures were in operation as Vajpayee and the other leaders of South Asian region assembled in the swanky Jinnah Convention Centre to debate over the next three-day issues of economic cooperation, terrorism and other concerns.

Even before the summit

opened formally Sunday morning, agreements have already been reached on free trade among them and also on additional obligations of each state to tackle terrorism.

Pakistan made a significant break from the past by not raising the Kashmir issue in compliance with its

promise, but Prime Minister Zafarullah Khan Jamali, in his inaugural address, emphasized that political disputes needed to be addressed "in a just and realistic manner" failing which ideas like a common economic and monetary union would remain a distant dream.

MNA/PTI

## Thailand targets \$7.25b investment for 2004

BANGKOK, 6 Jan — The Board of Investment (BoI) said the Thai Government had set the goal of drawing up to 290 billion baht (7.25 billion US dollars) in both local and foreign investments this year, the *Businessday* newspaper reported Monday.

BoI's secretary-general Sompong Wanapa was quoted as saying that even though the targeting number of 2004 was slightly lower than 2003's total investment figure of 317 billion baht (7.93 billion dollars), investments would still increase by 15 per cent when compared with the average annual investment between 1999 to 2003.

The BoI said it planned to draw 40 per

cent from domestic direct investment (DDI) and another 60 per cent from foreign direct investment (FDI), while giving support to local investors to expand investments overseas in order to link their markets tighter as well as open new markets for Thai producers. Thailand has set the goal of being one of Asia Pacific's top five foreign investment destinations within three years (by 2006).

MNA/Xinhua

## Four US troops hurt in Iraq blast, ambush

BAGHDAD, 5 Jan—Three US soldiers were wounded when a roadside bomb exploded near a US military convoy west of Baghdad, and guerillas shot and wounded another soldier in an ambush northwest of the capital, the military said Monday.

In London, Foreign Secretary Jack Straw said British forces would likely remain in the country for years to come. He said he could not give an "exact timescale" for their withdrawal but added "it is not going to be months. ... I can't say whether it is going to be 2006, 2007."

In northern Iraq, a roadside bomb killed an Iraqi man Monday and wounded three others outside the city of Kirkuk, said Iraqi police Lt Abdel Salam Zangana. Such bombs are a favoured weapon of Iraqi guerillas, and Zangana said he believed the bomb was intended for US soldiers but detonated early.

The violence underscored remarks by British Prime Minister Tony Blair that the US-led coalition must "get on top of the security situation" in Iraq as the country prepares for self-rule. Blair was in the southern city of Basra on Sunday for an unannounced visit to the 10,000 British troops serving in Iraq, the vast majority stationed in and around Basra in southern Iraq.

Blair's top envoy in Iraq, Sir Jeremy Greenstock, warned Sunday that guerillas likely will stage bigger and more sophisticated attacks.

Blair, also speaking Sunday, said: "The important thing is to realize we are about to enter into a very critical six months. We have got to get on top of the security situation properly and we have got to manage the transition. Both of those things are going to be difficult."

On New Year's Eve, a car bomb killed eight people celebrating in an upscale restaurant in Baghdad.

On 27 December, coordinated strikes including four car bombs struck the southern city of Karbala, killing 19 people, including seven coalition troops, and wounding about 170.

Greenstock said he thought 75-80 percent of attacks were being carried out by loyalists of ousted Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein and the rest by foreign terrorist groups that were putting in place "cell structure."

Internet



British soldiers patrol a road in the southern Iraqi city of Basra on 5 January, 2004.

INTERNET

## Syria warns against carving up Iraq to free Kurds

ANKARA, 6 Jan—Syria is opposed to any attempt to carve up its neighbour and fellow Arab state Iraq, and in particular to the creation of an independent Kurdish state, Syrian President Bashar al-Assad said in a television interview.

"We are opposed, not only to a Kurdish state but also to any action against the territorial integrity of Iraq," he told the Turkish-language station of CNN television on the eve of a historic visit to Turkey, the first by a Syrian leader for 58 years.

Turkey is home to about half the Kurds — an ethnically distinct people numbering between 25 and 35 million and living in a mountainous region stretching into Syria, Iraq and Iran.

"Iraq's future is bound to the future of all of us," Assad said. "For that reason, the break-up of Iraq would be a red line, not only as far as Syria and Turkey are concerned, but for all the countries in the region."

Iraq's Kurdish minority — estimated at between four and five million — was

brutally repressed by the dictatorship of Saddam Hussein, but its leaders have been brought into the interim governing council established since the US-led invasion of Iraq and some have voiced demands for autonomy.

On Saturday, the current president of the 25-member council, Adnan Pachachi, urged the Kurds to be patient, saying: "We have accepted federalism in principle, but there are different forms of federalism in the world and I cannot tell you for the moment what the final form will be in Iraq."

Pachachi, a Sunni Muslim Arab, said in a broadcast on Iraqi television that the status of the Kurdish region of northern Iraq would be "defined by the constitution

which will be drafted by a freely elected body," but noted that such a body was not due to be elected until March 2005.

Asked whether Syria was worried about Kurdish aspirations for autonomy and "a possible independent state," Assad told CNN-Turk, "obviously yes."

Between one and one and a half million Kurds live in Syria; another six to eight million live in Iran and between 13 and 19 million in Turkey.

While each host country has traditionally kept its own Kurds down, rivalries involving the two Arab states, the Islamic Republic of Iran and pro-Western Turkey have sometimes led them to exploit each others' Kurdish minorities as cross-border irritants. —Internet

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A US soldier mans a machine gun as his vehicle leaves a coalition base for a mission in Tikrit. —INTERNET

## Two French nationals killed, third wounded in Iraq

PARIS (AFP), 6 Jan— Two French nationals were killed and a third wounded in a drive-by shooting in the restive Iraqi town of Fallujah, French foreign ministry spokesman Herve Ladsous said Tuesday.

The French nationals, who were in Iraq working for US companies tasked with rebuilding infrastructure in and around the capital Baghdad, were driving in a convoy near Fallujah when their car broke down, diplomats said.

The occupants of a passing vehicle shot at the French men, killing two and wounding the third, the diplomats said. —Internet

## Two British soldiers killed in traffic accident in Iraq

LONDON, 6 Jan— Two British soldiers were killed in a traffic accident in Baghdad on New Year's Day, the Ministry of Defence announced Monday.

The two soldiers were identified as Major James Stenner of the Welsh Guards and Sergeant Norman Patterson of the Cheshire Regiment.

Their vehicle was believed to have struck a concrete barrier forming part of a security

chicane, the Defence Ministry said without giving further details.

The accident brought the death toll of British soldiers to 55 since the beginning of the Iraq war last March.

Britain sent about 45,000 troops to Iraq to fight side by side with US soldiers during the war. There are still about 10,000 Britons serving in the country.

MNA/Xinhua

## Brigantine, NJ, soldier killed in ambush in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 6 Jan—A soldier from Brigantine, NJ, was identified yesterday as one of two soldiers killed Friday in an ambush in Iraq, according to the Department of Defence.

Marc Seiden, 26, a specialist with the Second Battalion of the 82d Airborne Division's 325th Airborne Infantry Regiment at Fort Bragg, NC, died while patrolling with a convoy in Baghdad, officials said.

Also killed was Solomon Bangayan, 24, of Jay, Vt., a member of the same battalion, said Lt Col Cynthia Scott Johnson, a De-

fence Department spokeswoman.

Three others were wounded in the attack, which is under investigation. "The enemy used improvised explosive devices, small arms fire, and rocket-propelled grenades," Johnson said, "but I don't have any more details."

Internet



Chrysler Group introduces the new mid-engine ME Four-Twelve quad turbo concept super car at the 4 Jan, 2004 Press day of the North American International Auto Show in Detroit, Michigan. —INTERNET

## Democrats agree Bush taking wrong economic path

WASHINGTON, 6 Jan—The improving economy may undercut the ability of Democrats to take on President George W Bush over a lack of jobs, forcing a crowded field of White House hopefuls to rely more on arguments that growing budget deficits pose a future risk.

"FDR ran on the New Deal, Harry Truman promised a Fair Deal," retired General Wesley Clark said in outlining his economic plan a few months ago. "George W Bush ran on the free lunch. The free lunch it turned out was a bunch of baloney."

For months the candidates have hammered Bush over the millions of US jobs lost under his watch.

Bush knows how dangerous that is. The United States was successful in the 1991 Gulf War in Iraq but his father, President George Bush, lost re-election in 1992 because of the economy.

This time around, the economy has

been recovering but job creation has lagged. At its peak, 2.6 million jobs had been lost during the Bush Administration, but that number has improved lately to 2.3 million jobs lost.

Even the battered manufacturing sector is showing signs of vigour. A report on Friday from the Institute for Supply Management showed factory activity expanded at its fastest pace in 20 years last month.

Many analysts think the recovery will prove strong enough for the electorate to set aside its pain from the 2001 recession and subsequent slow recovery, stealing an issue Democrats had thought would be ripe. —MNA/Reuters

## Indian, Pakistani PMs hold one-on-one meeting

ISLAMABAD, 6 Jan — The Prime Ministers of nuclear-armed rivals India and Pakistan on Sunday held their first one-on-one meeting since their countries nearly went to war in 2002, bolstering hopes for peace.

India's Atal Behari Vajpayee and Pakistan's

Zafarullah Khan Jamali talked briefly along with aides before meeting alone, Jamali's Press Secretary Rai Riaz told Reuters.

"It was a good meeting," Pakistan's Foreign Minister Khurshid Mehmood Kasuri told reporters.

Vajpayee is also expected to meet Pakistani President Pervez Musharraf at a state

dinner later on Sunday evening.

He last met Musharraf at a failed summit in the Indian city of Agra in July 2001, and briefly shook hands with the Pakistani President again at a South Asian summit in Nepal two years ago, but is not known to have had any contact since

then.

He spoke to Jamali by telephone last year shortly after launching what he called a final bid for peace in his lifetime. India and Pakistan resumed full diplomatic relations and reestablished transport links after 2002.

MNA/Reuters

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## Four major hotspots for guerilla attacks on US military convoys in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 6 Jan—Major Thomas Sirois, chief intelligence officer of the US Army's 3rd Corps Support Command, identified these four major hotspots for guerilla attacks on US military convoys in Iraq.

—South of Baghdad: Between the towns of Iskandariyah and Mahmudiyah, and six to 10 miles north of Mahmudiyah, along alternate highway 8, which parallels the main highway. Highway 8 travels through both towns, frequent ambush hotspots.

“We don't typically take that route because it goes through both of those places,” Sirois said. “We typically drive on the (the main highway) to the east.”

—On the main roads through Baghdad: With most north-south and east-west routes passing through the Iraqi capital, it remains a high threat area for US troops and their convoys.

“There are lots of opportunities to attack,” Sirois said. “There are plenty of places to hide and conduct an attack — lots of bridges and overpasses and lots of escape routes for threat forces.”

—West of Baghdad, between the western cities of Ramadi and Fallujah, and sometimes as far east as the Baghdad suburb of Abu Ghraib. Army convoys came under frequent attacks on the main highway, as well as the smaller highway that passes through both cities.

“Both highways are main supply roads, and we've seen a lot of attacks on both of those roads,” Sirois said. “Our

convoys were getting beat up, especially in October and early November, getting routinely attacked out there, especially our fuel tankers.”

—North of Baghdad: The main highway, as it passes between the town and former Iraqi air base of Taji, through Balad and to Samarra, has been an ambush zone for the past two months. In recent weeks, guerrillas based in Samarra have even begun attacking U.S. convoys on the highway bypass outside the city. Previously, rebels focused their attacks on US military patrols and convoys inside the city limits. —Internet

### Several explosions shake central Baghdad

BAGHDAD, 6 Jan—Several loud blasts shook central Baghdad on Monday afternoon, but it was not immediately clear if they were caused by US military or Iraqi guerilla activity.

US forces from the 1st Armoured Division, which is responsible for Baghdad, have shelled and mortared sparsely populated areas to the southwest of the capital in recent days as part of Operation Iron Grip, a move to root out guerillas.

US military commanders said last week that guerilla attacks on coalition forces had fallen to an average of around 20 a day, from as many as 50 a day in November, but had grown more sophisticated at the same time. —MNA/Reuters

### Iran to rebuild ancient citadel destroyed by earthquake

BAM, 6 Jan—A senior Iranian official said here recently that Iran will rebuild a 2,500-year-old citadel in the southeastern city of Bam, which was seriously destroyed by the devastating earthquake on December 26.

In an interview with *Xinhua*, Dr Mohammad Beheshti, director of the Department of Cultural Heritage under the Iranian Ministry of Cultural and Islamic Guidance, said competent Iranian authorities will spend the next three months making documentary assessment of the damage to the citadel.

“On the basis of the documentary assessment, we will determine what can be done in the reconstruction of the citadel,” said Beheshti, who was accompanying Ahmad Masjed Jamei, Minister of Cultural and Islamic Guidance, on an inspection tour in Bam. —MNA/Xinhua



An injured US soldier is helped by fellow soldiers as he arrives at a US base for treatment in Tikrit. The top British official in Iraq Jeremy Greenstock, has warned that guerillas will conduct 'big bang' attacks against the US-led coalition. —INTERNET

### Iran considers moving capital

TEHRAN, 6 Jan—Alarmed by the high death toll and level of destruction caused by the recent Bam earthquake, Iran's top policymakers are considering moving the nation's capital away from quake-prone Teheran, newspapers reported on Monday.

“The Supreme National Security Council (SNSC) will shortly discuss a plan to move the capital from Teheran,” SNSC chief Hassan Rohani was quoted as saying by the *Hayat-e No* newspaper.

Rohani said a plan to move the capital, which lies on a major seismological fault, was proposed by the SNSC in 1991, but due to resistance from certain entities in the establishment, the plan was halted.

Even before the December 26 earthquake in Bam, which measured 6.8 on the Richter Scale and killed more than 30,000, seismologists had warned that a strong

earthquake in Teheran would have catastrophic consequences for the city of 12 million people.

Bahram Akasheh, professor of geophysics at Teheran University, has said a quake of similar magnitude of that in Bam would kill over 700,000 people. Government buildings would be destroyed, leaving the state powerless to respond.

Akasheh has written to President Mohammad Khatami to propose moving the capital to the central city of Isfahan, which was the country's capital in the late 16th Century under monarch Shah Abbas the Great. The capital was moved to Tehe-

ran in 1788.

Teheran was last hit by a major earthquake in 1830, but seismologists say a major fault line is located along the base of the Alborz mountains in the north of the capital. Numerous small tremors jolt the city each year.

The *Aftab-e Yazd* newspaper on Monday reported Health Ministry estimates that a quake measuring 7 on the Richter Scale would destroy 90 per cent of the city's hospitals. Rohani said the SNSC would update its 1991 proposal on moving the capital and submit it for consideration by the end of the current Iranian calendar year in March 2004. —MNA/Reuters

### 800,000-year-old fossil trees found in Thailand

BANGKOK, 6 Jan — Thai Natural Resources and Environment Minister Prapat Panyachatraksa disclosed recently that fossil Malabar ironwood trees thought to be over 800,000 years old had been discovered in Tak Province, north Thailand, the *Thai News Agency* reported. Prapat said that reports from the Department of Mineral Resources suggested that the fossilized Malabar ironwood

logs, discovered in the Mae Salit-Pong Daeng Forestry Reserve, were the largest and most complete of their kind found in Thailand.

The giant logs have a diameter of around 1.80 metres, and are 20 metres long. They are buried in sediment, believed to be from an ancient river which preceded the Ping River, and are thought to date back 800,000 years.

Prapat said that other fossilized logs of different sizes had also been discovered in the same area, and that the Department of Mineral Resources and the Botanical Gardens Agency had now been asked to carry out a thorough review of the area. Prapat called on local people to protect the fossils as part of the nation's natural heritage.

MNA/Xinhua

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### Iraq police chief says US Army gunned down family

TIKRIT, 6 Jan—The police chief investigating the deaths of an Iraqi family gunned down in their car in northern Iraq said on Monday he was convinced US troops were responsible, although the army has denied involvement.

Tensions have been rising in Tikrit, the hometown of Saddam Hussein, since the bodies of the family were found on a nearby highway on Saturday. Coalition forces said the bodies were of a man, a woman and a child.

General Mazhar Taha al-Ganaim, police chief of Salahaddin province, said four people were killed — two men, a woman and a nine-year-old boy.

A fifth man who survived and was taken to Tikrit hospital has told local soldiers the car was fired on by a US Army convoy. Mazhar said he had interviewed other witnesses and was “100 percent” sure this was true.

“The civilian car tried to by-pass the convoy. Because they tried to by-pass, they (the army) opened fire,” Mazhar said, through an interpreter. The machine gunner on the rear vehicle of the convoy must have suspected the car posed a threat, he said.

The Army's 4th Infantry Division (4ID) which patrols the area has denied any of its forces were involved in the attack. But a spokeswoman for the 4ID said other troops could have been involved.

The incident has increased tensions in Tikrit, according to a US commander in the town.

“It was definitely more tense yesterday,” Lieutenant Colonel Steven Russell said.

One of his soldiers was shot in the leg on Sunday as he patrolled the town, which may be a sign of increased hostility in a town where anti-US activity has dropped off in the last few weeks, he said. —Internet

### Bragg soldiers killed in Iraq convoy attack

RALEIGH, 6 Jan—The Pentagon has identified two more of the soldiers killed in Iraq last week as troops based at Fort Bragg.

Specialists Solomon Bangayan of Vermont and Marc Seiden of New Jersey were killed Friday when their convoy was attacked by insurgents south of Baghdad.

The military has said three others were wounded in the attack that involved a bomb, small arms fire, and a rocket-propelled grenade.

Spec Bangayan and Spec Seiden were assigned to 2nd Battalion, 325th Airborne Infantry Regiment of the 82nd Airborne Division.

The Defence Department also confirmed the name of an 82nd Airborne soldier killed when her Kiowa scout helicopter was shot down and crashed on Friday. Capt Kimberley Hampton was the first woman piloting a US aircraft to be killed in Iraq.

Capt Hampton was assigned to 1st Battalion, 82nd Aviation Battalion at Fort Bragg. —Internet



US soldiers remove a car that was destroyed in car bomb blast in Baghdad on Thursday, 1 January, 2004. A car bomb exploded Wednesday as a US convoy passed on a street full of shops, killing an 8-year-old Iraqi boy and wounding 21 people, including five US soldiers and five Iraqi civil defence personnel, authorities said. —INTERNET

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41. Maung Maung Aye, Athlete, Myanmar Rowing Federation, Ministry of Sports.
42. Maung Tha Poe, Athlete, Myanmar Rowing Federation, Ministry of Sports.
43. Maung Tun Tun Naing, Athlete, Myanmar Rowing Federation, Ministry of Sports.
44. Maung Saw Satay Pha Nu, Athlete, Myanmar Rowing Federation, Ministry of Sports.
45. Maung Maung, Athlete, Myanmar Rowing Federation, Ministry of Sports.
46. Maung Than Tun, Athlete, Myanmar Rowing Federation, Ministry of Sports.
47. Maung Aung Lwin Soe, Athlete, Myanmar Rowing Federation, Ministry of Sports.
48. Maung Kyaw Swa Lin, Athlete, Myanmar Rowing Federation, Ministry of Sports.
49. Maung Zeya Hein, Athlete, Myanmar Rowing Federation, Ministry of Sports.
50. Maung Win Htaik, Athlete, Myanmar Rowing Federation, Ministry of Sports.
51. Maung Khin Maung Yee, Athlete, Myanmar Rowing Federation, Ministry of Sports.
52. Maung Thant Sin, Athlete, Myanmar Rowing Federation, Ministry of Sports.
53. Maung Shwe Hla Win, Athlete, Myanmar Rowing Federation, Ministry of Sports.
54. Maung Thaug Win, Athlete, Myanmar Rowing Federation, Ministry of Sports.
55. Ma Tin Tin Oo, Athlete, Myanmar Rowing Federation, Ministry of Sports.
56. Ma Myint Myint Than, Athlete, Myanmar Rowing Federation, Ministry of Sports.
57. Ma Myo Myo Hsan, Athlete, Myanmar Rowing Federation, Ministry of Sports.
58. Ma Thin Thin Kyu, Athlete, Myanmar Rowing Federation, Ministry of Sports.
59. Ma Nan Thidar, Athlete, Myanmar Rowing Federation, Ministry of Sports.
60. Ma Aye Mi Khaing, Athlete, Myanmar Rowing Federation, Ministry of Sports.
61. Ma Yin Yin Htwe, Athlete, Myanmar Rowing Federation, Ministry of Sports.
62. Ma Chaw Su, Athlete, Myanmar Rowing Federation, Ministry of Sports.
63. Ma Tin Tin Nwe, Athlete, Myanmar Rowing Federation, Ministry of Sports.
64. Ma Myint Myint Win, Athlete, Myanmar Rowing Federation, Ministry of Sports.
65. Ma Soe Yu Maw, Athlete, Myanmar Rowing Federation, Ministry of Sports.
66. Ma San San Maw, Athlete, Myanmar Rowing Federation, Ministry of Sports.
67. Ma Aye Aye Maw, Athlete, Myanmar Rowing Federation, Ministry of Sports.
68. Ma Myint Myint Htwe, Athlete, Myanmar Rowing Federation, Ministry of Sports.
69. Ma Hlaing Hlaing Maw, Athlete, Myanmar Rowing Federation, Ministry of Sports.
70. Ma Naw Le Kaphaw, Athlete, Myanmar Rowing Federation, Ministry of Sports.
71. Ma May Thin Aung, Athlete, Myanmar Rowing Federation, Ministry of Sports.
72. Ma Thidar Hnin, Athlete, Myanmar Rowing Federation, Ministry of Sports.
73. U Pe Ram (a) U Phun Yar Pe Ram, Saw Milling, Chairman, Rawan Literature and Culture Committee, Kachin State.
74. Daw Phyu Phyu Shein, JAT, BEMS, Thayetchaung, Taninthayi Division.
75. U Mya Than, Merchant, No 7, 27th Street, Htangan Ward, Pyu Township, Bago Division.
76. Daw Kyi Lay, Secretary, Einme Township Maternal and Child Welfare Association, Ayeyawady Division.
77. U Win Myint, Deputy Brigade Commander, Nyaungdon Township Red Cross Society, Ayeyawady Division.
78. U Kin Han, Rice Miller, Kyaiklat, Ayeyawady Division.
79. U Wa Gyi, England Kya Fishing-Net Weaving Industry, Khapyat Village, Pyapon Township, Ayeyawady Division.
80. U Thein Hla, 214, Thiri Malar West Ward, Aungmyethazan Township, Mandalay Division.
81. U Silacara, Monk, Aungpinle Pariyatti Sathintaik, No 2 Compound, Pinya Street, Ward 5, South Okkalapa Township, Yangon Division.
82. U Okkamsa, Monk, Thaddhamma Wanthayon Kyaung, Nguwa Street, Ahlon Township, Yangon Division.
83. U Tin Hsaung, Tailor, Kha/123, Myothit 4th Street, Ward 1, Mayangon Township, Yangon Division.
84. U Htin Kyaw, Company Commander, Red Cross Society, Block 323, Gawwein, Seinban, Mahaangmye Township, Mandalay Division.
85. U Nandiya, Monk, Kaythaya Yama Kyaung, Za/ South Ward, Thingangyun Township, Yangon Division.
86. U Myat Moe, Grade 2 (Electrical-MEPE), Chanayethazan Township, Mandalay Division.
87. U Thant Shinn Maung, Deputy Head, Information and Public Relations Department, Mongkhok Township, Ministry of Information.
88. U Aung San Ngwe, Test (Second Class), People's Hospital, Thanetpin Township, Ministry of Health.
89. U Khin Maung Oo, No 1 Saw Mill, Kyimyindine, Ministry of Forestry.
90. U Chit Hlaing, No 24, Malar Street, Ward 2, Thamaing, Mayangon Township, Yangon Division.
91. U Maung Maung, Myanma Petrochemical Enterprise, Ministry of Energy.
92. U Kesava, Monk, Taung Talu Kyaung, Thayettaw Kyaungtaik, Lanmadaw Township, Yangon Division.
93. U Kyaw Than, No 4/29, Maha Myaing 2, between 35 and 36 Streets, Ooyindan Ward, Mahaangmye Township, Mandalay Division.
94. U Min Aung, No 7/471, Region 5, Parami Street, Shwedaung Ward, Taunggyi, Shan State.
95. U Subhoga (a) U Thar Htwa, Monk, Ketumati Taik 1, Ward 6, Pandaw Kyaung, Shwehlaygyi Village-tract, Hmawby Township, Yangon Division.
96. Daw Tin Nyunt, No 18/B, U Lugalay Street, Sawyanpaing East Ward, Ahlon Township, Yangon Division.
97. U Tun Kyi, No 1142, Myinzu 2nd Street, Ta/15 Ward, Shwepyitha Township, Yangon Division.
98. U Ni Htut, Files Keeper, Accounts Division, Public Works, Ministry of Construction.
99. U Hla Win, Test II, Blood Bank, People's Hospital, Mandalay, Ministry of Health.
100. U Khin Maung Swe (Ma-7604), Fire-fighter, Fire Services Department, Yangon Division, Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement.
101. U Tin Maung Htwe, Painting Enterprise, No 7/446, 22nd Street, South Okkalapa Township, Yangon Division.
102. U Thein Aung, Technician 4, Civil Engineering Department, Myanma Railways, Ministry of Rail Transportation.
103. U Win Kyi, Supervisor, Public Works, Yangon West District, Bahan Township, Ministry of Construction.
104. U Than Soe, Driver 2, Myanma Petrochemical Enterprise, Ministry of Energy.
105. Ashin Gunavumsalankara, (Pahtamagyi), Abbot of Culamuni monastery, Taunggyi, Shan State.
106. U Soe Win, Merchant, No 60 1st floor, 17th street, Ward-1, Latha Township, Yangon Division.
107. U San Thwin, Farmer, Muthin Village (East), Bilin Township, Mon State.
108. U Zaw Tun, Private Entrepreneur, No 216-3 (A), Nguwa Road, Saw Yan Paing (North) Ward, Ahlon Township, Yangon Division.
109. U Kyaw Than, Farmer, No 1666/A, Thalawady 4th street, 10/South Ward, Thakayta Township, Yangon Division.
110. U Kyi Thaug, Merchant, No 116, Insein Road, Ward 9, Hline Township, Yangon Division.
111. U Win Htay, Merchant, Upotetaw Plot-20, Aungmyaythazan Township, Mandalay Division.
112. U Thein Zaw, No 9 Saw Mill, Myanma Timber Enterprise, Ministry of Forestry.
113. U Tin Maung Oo, Store Keeper-4, Bridge Special Group-1, Public Works, Ministry of Construction.
114. U Nyunt Aung, General Hospital, Mawlamyine, Ministry of Health.
115. U Myint Tun, Instructor (Art), Fine Arts Department, Mandalay Branch, Government School of Fine Arts, Ministry of Culture.
116. U Sein Win, Press Technician-4, Botahtaung Newspaper, Ministry of Information.
117. U Myat Htway (a) U Mya Htway, Myanma Posts and Telecommunication, 370 Manpyay 9th street (East), Ward-3, Thakayta Township, Yangon Division.
118. Bhaddanta Nandavumsa, Monk, Dhammavisodhi monastery, Myayni 3rd lane, Thaketa Township, Yangon Division.
119. U Than Tun, Art and Sculpture, 739 (A) Kutkai Road, Ward-10, Shwepyitha, Yangon Division.
120. U Myo Myint, Health Care Services Cooperative Ltd, 129, 28th street, Pabedan Township, Yangon Division.
121. Daw Khin Aye Thaik, Junior Assistant Teacher, BEHS-1, Hlinethaya, Ministry of Education.
122. U Tun Myint, Head Master, BEHS-1 Katha, Ministry of Education.
123. Daw Than Aye, No 47-I, U Po Kya Road, Theinbyu Railway Compound, Mingalar Taungnyunt Township, Yangon Division.
124. U Zaw Win, Merchant, No 38, Marlarmyiaing 4th street, Ward-16, Oakkyin, Hline Township, Yangon Division.
125. U Soe Moe, Student, No 24, Thantzin 4th street, Ward-3, Mayangon Township, Yangon Division.
126. Daw Khin Myint, Production Technician-4, Leatherware Factory, Ministry of Industry-1.
127. U Ohn Shwe, Market In-charge-1, Bago Township Development Affairs Committee, Ministry for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs.
128. U Pyi Sone, Timber Sale Section-1, Myanma Timber Enterprise, Ministry of Forestry.
129. U Kyaw Kyaw, Pharmacist-4, Medicine Storage Department, People's Hospital, Mandalay, Ministry of Health.
130. U Sein Hla, Myanma Port Authority (Retd), No 24, 149th street, Pyayegon Ward, Tarmway Township, Yangon Division.
131. Daw Mu Mu Sein, SAT (Retd), No 946, Aung Thabyay 11th street, Ward-7 (East), Thakayta Township, Yangon Division.
132. U Nay Win Tun, Merchant, 37, Zeya 2nd street, Kyauktan Township, Yangon Division.
133. U Aung Htay, Technician-4, Senior Engineer (Workshop), Civil Engineering Section, Myanma Railways, Ministry of Rail Transportation.
134. La 65269, Police Sgt Hla Oo, Central Institute of Civil Service (Phaunggyi), Civil Service Selection and Training Board.
135. U Kyin Win (Sa-La-Ka 39782), Building Construction Special Group-5, Ministry of Construction.
136. Daw Marlar Kyaw Myint, Pabedan Township Cooperative Society, No 129, 28th street, Pabedan Township, Yangon Division.
137. U Naing Oo, Slipper Production, No 71, Plot (0/5), Ward-A, Pyigyitagun Township, Mandalay Division.
138. U Maung Myint, No 2 Saw Mill, Myanma Timber Enterprise, Ministry of Forestry.
139. U Kyaw Win Myint, Coporal, Fire Brigade, No 6 Saw Mill, Myanma Timber Enterprise, Botahtaung, Ministry of Forestry.
140. U Kyaw Yin, Ward Executive (USDA), No 21 West Baho Street, Saya San (North), West Ward, Bahan Township, Yangon Division.
141. U Myo Zaw (a) Myo Zaw Aung, Auto Part Trading, No 946, Aungthabyay 11th street, Ward-7 (East), Thakayta Township, Yangon Division.
142. U Kyaw Soe, Company Staff, Building-14, Room-14, Industrial Yeiktha, Ward-12, Hline Township, Yangon Division.
143. U Tin Aung, Construction, No 634 Nweni 13th street, Nga Ward, North Okkalapa Township, Yangon Division.
144. Daw Yi Yi Aye, 4/370, Thuta 8th street, South Okkalapa Township, Yangon Division.
145. U Thein Htay Oo, Auditor, Township Account Office, Labutta Township, Auditor-General's Office.
146. U Tin Hlaing, Technician-4 (Lathe Machine), Civil Engineering Section, Myanma Railways, Ministry of Rail Transportation.
147. U Tin Than, Production Technician-3, Match Factory, Mandalay, Ministry of Industry-1.
148. U Kyaw Sein, Slipper Production, Plot-541, Yadana Bumi (East) Ward, Maha Aungmyay Township, Mandalay Division.
149. U Win Ko Ko, Merchant, Malamyiaing 1st street, Ward-6 (A), Maha Aungmyay Township, Mandalay Division.
150. U Kyi Win, primary school head, No 2 Basic Education Department No 1 BEPS, Ministry of Education.
151. U Tin Aung, Foreman, Mayangon Township Inland Freight Handling Committee Office, Yangon Division.
152. U Kyaw Oo, Gardener, No 1 pre-primary school, Yangon Social Welfare Department, Ministry of Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement.
153. U Visuta Nana, Monk, Aletawya monastery, Dhammacedi Road, Bahan Township, Yangon Division.
154. U Than Aung, Fire Service Member, No 0727 (A+B) Hnagyi Ward 14, Shwepyitha Township, Yangon Division.

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156. U Khin Aung San, retired service personnel of Prisons Department, No 122, Yanpyay 9th street, ward 3, Thaketa Township, Yangon Division.
157. U Aung Pe, Platoon Commander, Township Red Cross Society, No 53 Kyansit Road, ward 3, Thongwa Township, Yangon Division.
158. U Sein Win, merchant, No 6/702, Konbaung 16th street, South Okkalapa Township, Yangon Division.
159. U Silavamsa (a) U Thein Tun, member of the Sangha Maha, Vijayarama monastery, Letpadan Township, Bago (West) Division.
160. U Aye Kyaw, Operator-4 Saw Mill, Myitnge, Myanmar Railways, Ministry of Rail Transportation.
161. U Win Lwin, section head, Dagon Myanmar Machine Tool and Electrical Industries, Ministry of Industry-2.
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163. Daw Kyi Kyi Wai, JAT, Aungmyethazan BEHS-25, No 2 Basic Education Department, Ministry of Education.
164. U Than Win, No 313, Mahtatha ward, Thankin Khin Zaw 1st lane, Dagon Myothit (East) Township, Yangon Division.
165. U Thein Htoo, tin industry, No 337, Seikta Thukha Street, Kyauktan, Yangon Division.
166. U Tin Ngwe, lower divisional clerk, Minkin Township, Information and Public Relations Department, Minkin Township, Ministry of Information.
167. U Myat Tun, businessman, No 128, Arthawka Road, ward 13, Hline Township, Yangon Division.
168. Bhaddanta Aggavamsa, Thiriwela Pariyatti monastery, Thirikhema ward, Sangyoung Township, Yangon Division.
169. Daw Zeya Theingi, nun, Aung Beikman nunnery, Mogok Yeiktha, Hlawga, Shwepyitha Township, Yangon Division.
170. U Khin Nyunt, retired person of No 5 ward consumers' cooperative society, No 493, Malayan street, ward 12, Hline Township, Yangon Division.
171. U San Lwin, store keeper (Botahtaung Daily), Myanmar Alin Daily Press, Ministry of Information.
172. U Win Maung, passenger carriages and wagons factory (Myitnge), Myanmar Railways, Ministry of Rail Transportation.
173. Daw Than Than Aye, staff officer, Myanmar Farms Enterprise, Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation.
174. U Aung Thuang Hlaing (a) Aung Aung, photo studio owner, Dawnathwa Ward, Aungmyethazan Township, Mandalay Division.
175. U Indacara, member of the Sangha, west Htilin monastery (Shwedinga monastery), Chanayethazan Township, Mandalay Division.
176. U Han Naing Tun, store keeper (grade-4), construction, special project team-5, Public Works, Ministry of Construction.
177. U Tin Htwe, labour head, No 2 Saw Mill, Myanmar Timber Enterprise, Ministry of Forestry.
178. U Aye Kyu, labour head, security division, No 2 Plywood Factory, Ministry of Forestry.
179. U Tin Hla, clerk (second grade), Thanatpin People's Hospital, Ministry of Health.
180. U Than Win, vendor, No 100, Mahlwagon, Kyaukmyaung, Tamwe Township, Yangon Division.
181. U Than Myint, Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries, No 843, Thamadi Street, Myittanyunt Ward, Tamwe Township, Yangon Division.
182. U Khin Maung Lin, deputy assistant engineer (electric), Myanmar Electric Power Enterprise in Thazi, Ministry of Electric Power.
183. U Ko Ko Naing, lower divisional clerk, cargo transport section (Mandalay), Road Transport, Ministry of Rail Transportation.
184. U Tin Maung Tun, driver, Road Transport, Rail Transportation.
185. U Khin Maung Win, Glass Factory, Ministry of Industry-1.
186. Daw Hla Myint, security guard, Okkyin Gunny Factory, Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation.
187. Sergeant Tin Win (No-385246), military service personal, No 2 Motor Transport Battalion, Ministry of Defence.
188. Daw Yin May, retired service personal, No 1391, Khayay Street, HtulaOo Ward, Meiktila, Mandalay Division.
189. U Khin Maung Than, deputy assistant supervisor, Myanmar Timber Enterprise, Ministry of Forestry.
190. U Aung Min Oo, welder (grade-4), Myanmar Timber Enterprise, Kawlin Timber Extraction Area, Ministry of Forestry.
191. U Bo Bo Thwin, Plumber (grade-3), Yangon Institute of Education, Ministry of Education.
192. Daw Ni Ni Than, merchant, No 370, Theingi fourth street, Ward 24, Dagon Myothit (South) Township, Yangon Division.
193. U Khin Oo, seller, No 6/885, Byamaso Street, South Okkalapa Township, Yangon Division.
194. U Hla Naing Oo, machine operator (maintenance), Top Soap, No 49, Sapai Street, Nweaye Ward, Dawbon Township, Yangon Division.
195. Daw Khin Yi, sale clerk, Setmye Trading Cooperatives, No 63, Mahabandoola Road, Bayintnaung Ward, Dalla, Yangon Division.
196. U Thuang Nyunt, clerk, Section 7/2 (Health), Auditor-General's Office.
197. U Naing Aye, military service personal (retired), No 1140, Khayay Street, 38 Ward, Dagon Myothit (North) Township, Yangon Division.
198. U Myint Aye, machine operator, engineering section, Myanmar Oil and Gas Enterprise, Ministry of Energy.
199. U Jotika, member of the Sangha, Thirimingala Monastery, Thatipahtan Street, Patheinyunt Ward, Tamwe Township, Yangon Division.
200. U Myint Sein, video service, No 27, Thirimyaing Road, Hline Township, Yangon Division.
201. Daw Than Than Aye, housewife, USDA executive, No 9, Yawmingyi Street, Dagon Township, Yangon Division.
202. U Indaka, member of the Sangha, Zambuyadana Pali University, Alon Township, Yangon Division.
203. U Thein Htay, businessman, No 62, Settwin Street, Hsinmin Ward, Alon Township, Yangon Division.
204. U Aye Win, seller, No 16/4, No 2 Saw Mill Compound, West Sawyanpaing Ward, Alon Township, Yangon Division.
205. U Nyunt Min, electrician, No 7/108, 7th Street, South Okkalapa Township, Yangon Division.
206. U Ko Ko Gyi, retired supervisor at Myanmar Port Authority, Room 201, Building A/1, Banyadala Street, Tamwe Township, Yangon Division.
207. U Hla Win, businessman, No 662, 15th Anawma Street, Ward 1, Thaketa, Yangon Division.
208. U Zaw Win, storekeeper (grade-3), Road Transport (North Dagon), Ministry of Rail Transportation.
209. U Win Tint, production (grade-4), matches factory, Mandalay, Ministry of Industry-1.
210. U San Hlaing, Production technician-4 (Production), No 1 Gas Plant, Ministry of Industry-1.
211. U Htay Win, head of section, No 2 Machine and Machinery Factory (Yangon), Workshop-1, Ministry of Industry-2.
212. U Myo Min, General Manager, Myanmar Agricultural Machinery Industries, Ministry of Industry-2.
213. U Hla Myint, Staff Officer, Myanmar Farms Enterprise, Administration Section, Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation.
214. U Myo Win Nyunt, (Ah/81403), financial accountant-3, Defence Services Paints Factory, Ministry of Defence.
215. U Aung Myint, private teacher, No 80, Old Yedashe Road, Bahan Township, Yangon Division.
216. U Nyi Nyi Oo, Printing Works, No 217, 32nd Street, Pabedan Township, Yangon Division.
217. U Khin Maung Win, merchant, flat-19, room 102, first floor, Zawtika Road, Hantha Yeikmon, Ward-4, Kamayut Township, Yangon Division.
218. U Myo Kyi, Furniture mart, 610 (Kha) Minye Kyaw Swa Road, Ward 70, Dagon Myothit (South), Yangon Division.
219. U Tin Win, company commander, auxiliary fire brigade, No 192/1, Shwegbwa-3, South Yemon Ward, Mahh Aungmye Township, Mandalay Division.
220. Daw Win Mon Than, junior typist, Myanmar Timber Enterprise, Pyay Timber Extraction region, Pyay, the Ministry of Forestry.
221. U Ohn Zaw, No 5 Furniture Factory, the Ministry of Forestry.
222. U Win Kyi, Deputy Assistant Supervisor, No 4 Saw Mill (Production), Ahlon Township, the Ministry of Forestry.
223. U Mya Nyein, Saw Mill-4, No 4 Saw Mill Godown, the Ministry of Forestry.
224. U Aye Hlaing, general worker, No 2 Basic Education Department, No 32 BEPS, Chanaye Thazan Township, the Ministry of Education.
225. U Saw Oo, shopper, Gagy/145 Aungsekkya Street, Zaygyi Ward, Hlegu, Yangon Division.
226. U Tin Maung Naing, trader, No 27, Kyaungmyetshin Steet, Kaikkasan Ward, Bahan Township, Yangon Division.
227. U Soe Than, driver, Ga/158(B), 4th Thukhamein Street, Ward-8, Shwepyitha, Yangon Division.
228. Daw Soe Soe Myint, teacher, 199/Sibin Street, Ward-18, Dagon Myothit (South), Yangon Division.
229. U Aung Htu, seaman, 6/335, 1st Minkhaung Street, South Okkalapa Township, Yangon Division.
230. U Thuang Nyunt, Foreman (Chinsu Myanmar Co Ltd), Gagy/097 (Mayansu), Sabai Street, Ward-3, Bayin Nyaung PO, Mayangon Township, Yangon Division.
231. U Tin Ohn, electrician, No 924, U Kyin Oo Street, Ward 32, Dagon Myothit (North), Yangon Division.
232. U Hsaung(a) U Sein Myint, trader, No 1 Seikkantha Road, Ward 11, Thongwa Township, Yangon Division.
233. U Mya Thuang, security guard (Retd), Hsanthiri Cinema, 102 Ka Dhamma Zedi Road, Bahan Township, Yangon Division.
234. U Thein Naing, Head of Office, Sanitation Services, Pabedan Township, Yangon City Development Committee.
235. Ashin Obasa, Thantaya Aye Kyaung, Sabaichan, Ward 11, Hline Township, Yangon Division.
236. U Soe Than, businessman, No 1543/Nagyi, 1st Kaukhit Street, Ward 14, Shwepyitha Township, Yangon Division.
237. U Tin Win (Retd), No 27 Nwethagi Street, Saw Yan Paing Ward (West), Ahlon Township, Yangon Division.
238. U Tin Maung Soe, poem, the Auditor-General's Office.
239. U Moe Moe Lwin, Mechanic Grade-4, Coach and Wagon Shed (Myitnge), the Ministry of Rail Transportation.
240. U Aung Myint, Sale Grade-4, Passenger Transport Branch-8, Road Transport, the Ministry of Rail Transportation.
241. U Aung Than Oo, Mechanic Grade-4, Coach and Wagon Shed (Myitnge), the Ministry of Rail Transportation.
242. U San Win, Mason Grade-5, Civil Engineering Department, Myanmar Railways, the Ministry of Rail Transportation.
243. BC/22362 Maj Bo Lay, No 3 Military Hospital (100-bed), Indaing, Hlegu Township, the Ministry of Defence.
244. U Thein Myunt, Technician Grade-5, Myanmar Paper and Chemical Enterprise, the Ministry of Industry-1.
245. U Soe Thein, Technician Grade-5, No 1 Gas Factory, the Ministry of Industry-1.
246. U Sein Win, Technician Grade-3, Hmawby Asbestos Factory, Myanmar Ceramics Industries, the Ministry of Industry-1.
247. U Thet Wai, Head of Section, No-2 Soap Factory, the Ministry of Industry-1.
248. Daw Khin Ohmma Soe, Head of Division (Finance), No 19 Garment Factory, Thanlyin, the Ministry of Industry-1.
249. U Aung Thein Htu, Auditor Garde-3, Myanmar Agriculture Service, the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation.
250. Daw Htwe Htwe Wah, Superintendent, Myanmar Farms Enterprise, the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation.
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252. U Hla Kyaing, technician, jade cutter, Myanmar Gems Enterprise, Ministry of Mines.
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## Present day youths need...

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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 university 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.

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 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.

Better foundations on education that can realize Myanma Education Vision "to create an education sys-



Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt having a cordial conversation with the trainees at the opening of Special Refresher Course No 1 for University, College Teachers at the Central Institute of Civil Service (Upper Myanmar). — MNA

tem 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 Myanma 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.

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 morals, 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 possess 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.

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 implement 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 people, realizing the international affairs and prevailing situations of the nation, historic trend, culture, future prospects of the nation and the seven-point future political programme as the correct national path, are to organize all to actively take part in successful realization of the seven-point roadmap of the State.

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 and avoid the instigations.

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 Myanma 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, MEC Chairman Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt greeted trainee university/college teachers and left there at 10.15 am.

Altogether 993 teachers from universities and colleges are attending the one-month course.

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## Heroin seized in Muse

YANGON, 6 Jan — A combined team comprising members of the local intelligence unit and Special Anti-drug Squad, acting on information, searched the house of Tan Li Yok in Manwun Ward, Muse, on 30 December.

The authorities did not find Tan Li Yok in the house but seized 7.6 kilos of heroin from Khaung Shin

(a) Hon Yi Pyin, son of U Ma Kan of Ward 3, Ponpaw village, Muse, and Aik Yi, son of U Mai Kham of Swansaw ward, Muse who were at the house.

Action is being taken against the two by the police station concerned under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.

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Khaung Shin (a) Hon Yi Myint and Aik Yi with seized heroin. — MNA

## Independence Day Exhibition continues

YANGON, 6 Jan — The 56th Anniversary of Independence Day Commemorative Exhibition continued today for the fourth day at the Tatmadaw Hall on U Wisara Road here from 9 am to 5 pm.

Deputy Ministers for Information U Thein Sein and Brig-Gen Aung Thein visited the exhibition today.

A raft of visitors came to the exhibition and viewed round the booths with great interest. Moreover, students took part in the computer quiz at the computer booth.

Book shops of the News and Periodicals Enterprise and Sarpay Beikman under the Ministry of Information are also kept open for bookworms.

A total of 7,511 monks

and people visited the exhibition today.

The exhibition will be kept open daily till 11 January from 9 am to 5 pm. Admission is free.

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Visitors at the 56th Anniversary Independence Day Commemorative Exhibition. — MNA



## Systematic efforts required...

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Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt said the Yangon City Development Committee and the Mandalay City Development Committee have been formed for Yangon, the capital of Myanmar, and Mandalay, the second capital, to have the characteristics of a modern city of the world.

Systematic efforts are required for Mandalay, the second largest city in Myanmar, to become a clean and pleasant city having the required characteristics. The multi-sectors including sanitation, water supply, sewage disposal system, health and transport sectors of the Mandalay city must be improved and developed.

Arrangements will have to be made for ensuring benefits for both the investors for city development infrastructure projects and the people who use them. The sanitation system, water supply system, garbage collection system, and sewage disposal systems must be extended to meet the needs of the growing population of the city.

The MCDC should extend its fish and livestock breeding and agricultural projects to distribute food to the city dwellers at reasonable prices.

The Prime Minister and party inspected the scale model of the condominium.

At the Traditional Medi-



Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt meets with the commander, the mayor of Mandalay, local authorities and officials at the hall of Mandalay City Development Committee. — MNA

cal University Project, the Prime Minister heard reports on progress in construction of the four-storey main building, the four-storey No 1 Hall, the three-storey No 2 Hall, and the two-storey No 3 Hall.

Minister Dr Kyaw Myint reported to him on academic and management affairs of the university.

The Prime Minister spoke of the need to upgrade the herbal garden of the university and to grow various species of herbal plants and trees.

During inspection of the Government Technological College Project, the Prime Minister heard reports on completion of the buildings up to 80 per cent at the

project presented by Minister for Science and Technology U Thaung and Managing Director of MICS U Ye Tun. He then inspected the three-storey main building.

The Prime Minister and party arrived back here by air in the evening from Mandalay International Airport. — MNA

## Yangon Command holds sport competitions

YANGON, 6 Jan — Families of Yangon Command held sport competitions on a grand scale at Aung San Stadium on 4 January morning to mark the 56th Anniversary of Independence Day.

Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council and Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe and wife Daw Khin Thet Htay attended the ceremony and presented prizes to winners.

Also present on the oc-

casian were Deputy Commander Col Wai Lwin and wife, Commander of No 1 Military Region Col Tun Kyi, senior military officers of Yangon Command and their wives, officers and other ranks and their wives and members of the families.

Among the sport competitions were track and field, greased pole climbing competition, volleyball, table tennis, and snack eating competition for children.

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## Independence Day reception hosted in Kunming

YANGON, 6 Jan — To mark the 56th Anniversary Independence Day of the Union of Myanmar, the Myanmar Consul-General hosted a reception in Kunming, Yunnan Province, the People's Republic

of China, on 4 January evening.

Deputy Governor of Yunnan Province Mr Shao Qiwei and officials, departmental personnel, those of various companies, diplomats from

Kunming-based foreign consulates-general and members of Myanmar Consulate-General.

Myanmar Consul-General U Thein Zaw extended greetings at the reception.

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## Minister receives UN resident representative

YANGON, 6 Jan — Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Col Thein Nyunt received Resident Representative of

UNDP and UN Negotiator Mr Charles James Petrie at his office this afternoon.

Also present at the call were Director-General Col Than Swe of Progress of

Border Areas and National Races Department, Director-General Col Myo Myint of Development Affairs Department and officials.

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## Rural hand-pump opened

YANGON, 6 Jan — Hailing the 56th Anniversary Independence Day, the hand-pump with a diameter of one and a half inch, dug by Hmawby Township Devel-

opment Affairs Department for supplying clean drinking water, was opened at Nyaunghnabin Village in Hmawby Township on 1 January morning. — MNA



Mandalay City Development Committee's city hospital construction project. — MNA



The construction site of three-storey main building of Mandalay Government Technological College. — MNA

# Myanmar wushu in the golden age

Min Oo

Myanmar sports contingent took part in 32 events of the XXII Southeast Asian Games in Hanoi, Vietnam, and won 16 gold, 43 silver and 50 bronze totalling 109 medals. The SEA Games is the biggest sports event in the Southeast Asia region. The sports contingent won the gold medals in five events. The wushu team of the sports contingent won five gold, six silver and six bronze totalling 17 at the Games. In the recent years, the Myanmar wushu is winning even in the world level competitions in addition to the regional contests. It can be said that the sporting event is helping realize the motto — Myanmar sports: the world to conquer.

The Myanmar Wushu Federation was founded in 1993. The Myanmar wushu athletes started to take part in the international sports events in 1995. Up to now, they have won 28 gold, 33 silver and 36 bronze totalling 97 in the 12 international competitions. The Myanmar wushu has won the national support and acknowledgment after it bagged three gold, one silver and two bronze at the Sixth World Wushu Championships held in Armenia in 2001. The Myanmar wushu also won two gold and four silver in the Seventh World Wushu Championships in Macao in 2003. It has been taking part in the SEA Games since 1997, and winning more and more medals since then. Thus, the Myanmar wushu has become the most successful sporting event within a short span of time.

At present, all the countries of the world acknowledge the success in sports as the pride of the nation and the people. Thus, they are making all-round efforts for the development of the sports. At the recent ceremony to honour the gold medalists of the XXII SEA Games, Chairman of Myanmar National Olympic Council Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt said that the all-round assistance rendered by the national entrepreneurs, playing a key role in developing the respective sports events, was most satisfactory.

Thanks to the efforts of U Khin Maung Lay, who has been looking into the requirements of the Myanmar wushu, the sporting event is winning great victories at present. He has been the President of the MWF since it was founded in 1993.

The Myanmar wushu team has been participating in all the wushu competitions of the international games — the Asia Junior Wushu Championships; the SEA Wushu Championships; the Asia Wushu Championships; the World Wushu Championships; the SEA Games and the Asian Games — and has been winning medals.

In wushu, there are two main events — daoshu and sanshou. Myanmar athletes won gold mostly in

daoshu. But Ha Hone won gold in 56-kilo event after beating the world champion from the Philippines in the semifinal and defeated the host Vietnamese in the final. Thus, Myanmar will win victories in both the daoshu and the sanshou in the future. As the athletes have won gold medals, the Myanmar

and the wushu, the Myanmar women are winning medals one after another not only in Southeast Asia and Asia levels, but also in the world level competitions. They are indeed honourable, and the success is a pride for all the womenfolk." In Myanmar, women are standing shoulder to shoulder with their



Members of victorious Myanmar wushu team seen at the XXII SEA Games in Hanoi, Vietnam.

Wushu Federation is standing tall among the world nations.

MWF President U Khin Maung Lay is a member of the Asia Wushu Federation. He is trying to host the international wushu competitions in Myanmar to help promote the sporting event. Myanmar hosted the 1999 SEA Wushu Championships, and is preparing to host the Asia Wushu Championships in November 2004. Thus, the MWF has won the respect and acknowledgment of the world nations.

The Federation has sent the Myanmar athletes to China, the native of wushu, for long-term training programmes. Even the world's wushu powers — China and Vietnam — have acknowledged Myanmar as the most successful country in the sporting event within a short period. Wushu has become a popular sports among the people of Myanmar. Youngsters are especially interested in the daoshu.

The winning of 10 gold medals by women out of the total of 16 gold the Myanmar contingent had bagged at the XXII SEA Games has proved their growing role in the Myanmar society. In his address, the Prime Minister said, "In the weightlifting

male counterparts, and are playing a greater role in the national development undertakings. They have formed associations to actively take part in the social activities. In addition, women athletes are bringing honour to the nation. The players of Myanmar women soccer team won the hearts of the Myanmar people for their excellent performances at the XXII SEA Games.

As the Myanmar wushu is winning victories one after another, the Federation is striving to win more medals in the 29th World Olympic Games in China in 2008. Myanmar has not won a medal yet in the World Olympic Games, the highest sporting competition in the world. Thus, all will have to render assistance to the efforts of the MWF to win medals at the World Olympic Games.

With this article, I honour the Myanmar wushu athletes who have helped the Myanmar sports to reach the golden age, MWF President U Khin Maung Lay, Vice-President Daw Kyu Kyu and members, and urge everyone in Myanmar to render assistance to the propagation and progress of the wushu in Myanmar.

(Translation: TMT)

## India, Russia clear decks for sale of aircraft carrier

NEW DELHI, 6 Jan — After weeks of hard negotiations, India has cleared the acquisition of the 45,000-ton aircraft carrier *Admiral Gorshkov* from Russia, according to the *Press Trust of India* (PTI). India has reportedly resolved the contentious issues and drawn up a comprehensive agreement to cover the sale, after-sale services and supply of spares for the carrier.

Sources were quoted as saying that the over two billion US dollars deal covering the complete refitting of the carrier, sale of 28 MIG-29K fighters and six *Kamov 31* anti submarine helicopters would be signed during the visit of the Russian Defence Minister Sergei Ivanov to India from January 20. Besides the *Gorshkov* deal, Indian Defence Ministry is on the threshold of concluding a 2.1-billion-US-dollar deal for the manufacture of six French 1,500-ton *Scorpene* submarines under licence from the Paris-based DCN International. Another major deal is that for acquisition by India of 66 *Hawk 115Y* advanced jet trainers for the Indian Air Force. — MNA/Xinhua

## Water storage project benefits China's western provinces

HONJOT, 6 Jan — Villagers in Qingshuihe County, Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region, can now wash and bathe in comfort after a national charity project helped build water storage tanks serving 776,000 people.

Launched by the All-China Women's Federation and the China Women Development Fund in August 2000, the project aims to build water cellars for women and their families in China's 15 western provinces. To date, the project has built 90,000 water cellars and 1,070 small water supply facilities serving over 900,000 people, says

the fund. Meanwhile, it also helped many poor children back to school with its education aid fund.

China's west is the poorest and least developed part of the country and is one of the most drought-hit regions in the world. The annual precipitation is less than 300 millimetres, but the evaporation is about 2,000 millimetres in most

western areas.

The lack of water with which to make a living has forced most men to leave their families to look for work. Moreover, those remaining spend a third of each day buying and carrying water to their homes, says the fund.

The government has been fighting water shortages since 1949. About 250

million people in dry areas have adequate drinking water supplies.

However, due to natural and economic conditions, at least 20 million people still lack drinking water in the central and western regions and over 300 million farmers drink untested water nationwide, says the fund.

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1. La 149314 Inspector Soe Win, Muse Special Anti-drug squad

**Ye Bala Medal**

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10. La 151930 Sub-Inspector Myo Nyunt Than, Tachilek Special Anti-drug squad, Ministry of Home Affairs
11. La 167452 Sub-Inspector Chit Ko Ko, Tachilek Special Anti-drug squad, Ministry of Home Affairs
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19. U Saw Lon Shwe, Sgt, Township Auxiliary Fire Bri-

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**Lieutenant-General,**

**Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council**

**Nepal's garment export to US slips in December**

KATHMANDU, 6 Jan — Nepal's ready-made garment export to the United States decreased by 18 per cent in December 2003 against the same period in 2002, according to the latest figures released by the Garment Association of Nepal on Monday.

Garments valued at 10.19 million US dollars were exported to the United States in December 2003, while the figure was 12.35 million dollars in December 2002, the data revealed.

This is the fifth straight month that the country's garment exports to the United States experienced a downfall. The United States is the largest overseas market of Nepal's garment items, consuming some 85 per cent of its total garment export.

During 2003, a total of Nepali ready-made garments worth 123.12 million dollars were exported to the United States, an increment from 105.91 million dollars recorded in the year 2002.

However, Nepali exporters stated that the increment for the year does not reflect the real picture of the industry, as in the base-year of 2002 itself, the exports had declined by over 22 per cent, and in 2001, it had slipped by 17 per cent.

Nepal's garments industry is entirely export-oriented and accounts for 40 per cent of the country's foreign exchange earnings. It employs over 100,000 workers and sustains the livelihood of over 350,000 people.

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**A new strength for tourism industry**

*Kyaw Myo Naing*



*The Eden BBB Restaurant with traditional architectural design.*

In trying to achieve success in tourism industry, attractive and scenic spots as well as hotels and restaurants are essential. Indeed, tasty food and regional cuisines and good accommodations are truly required for drawing more and more visitors.

Nowadays, new hotels and restaurants run by

Myanmar entrepreneurs are mushrooming in response to the encouragement of the Government for promoting the tourism industry. Eden BBB Restaurant is one of them which was opened recently.

Eden BBB, the cosy and modern restaurant opened on 25 December 2003 in Bagan, is one of the

posh restaurants. With superb architectural design and smooth service, the restaurant at Wetgyi-in on Bagan-NyaungU motor road is ready to serve the visitors with delicious European and Myanmar dishes prepared by experienced chefs.

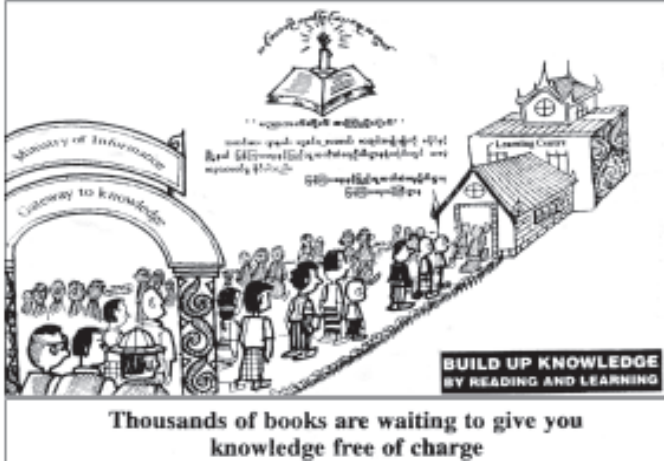
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*Visitors enjoying delicious food at Eden BBB Restaurant.*

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## Police says illegal migration ring smashed in Cyprus

NICOSIA, 6 Jan — Cypriot authorities said on Sunday they had smashed a crime ring suspected of smuggling at least 500 people illegally to the island from neighbouring countries.

Four people were arrested on Sunday in connection with the case, in which illegal mi-

grants paid between 2,000 and 2,500 US dollars each for safe passage to the island.

Cyprus, perched on the edge of the Middle East, will be on the front line in the battle against illicit migration when it joins the European Union in May.

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## Thailand to merge state-owned commercial banks in 2004

BANGKOK, 6 — Thai state-owned commercial banks this year are likely to be reduced to around three or four through mergers, with each having an asset size as large as 25 billion US dollars, according to Thai Finance Minister.

Thai Finance Minister Suchart Jaovisidha was quoted as saying by the *Businessday* newspaper Monday that the ministry had a policy to increase efficiency of state-owned commercial banks by focusing on strengthening them through mergers.

Suchart said he thought banks with similar forms of business should merge with each other, with the appropriate asset size of new banks being around 25 billion US dollars to cover services across-the-board.

MNA/Xinhua

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AGENT FOR: TOKO KAIUN KAISHA LTD JAPAN**  
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AGENT FOR: M/S PREMIER SPECTRUM**  
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### Pakistan's PIA resumes flights to Nepal

KATHMANDU, 6 Jan — The Pakistan International Airlines (PIA) has restarted its flights from Karachi to Kathmandu from Sunday after an interval of three years.

"The Pakistani national flag carrier will operate its flights twice a week, every Wednesday and Saturday, between Kathmandu and Pakistani city of Karachi at present, and additional flights will be added after three months," said G N Lashari, manager of the PIA's Kathmandu Office.

Nepali Minister for Culture, Tourism and Civil Aviation Sarbendra Nath Shukla said that with the resumption of the PIA flights, a new ray of hope has been sparked not only to meet the increasing demand to cater the tourists but also to further enhance the healthy growth of the tourism industry in Nepal.

"We are looking forward to see the resumption of the Singapore Airlines, Lufthansa and Aeroflot to Nepal in the near future," he added.

MNA/Xinhua

## New Zealand uses speed cameras as road safety tool

WELLINGTON, 6 Jan — New Zealand has used speed cameras as an efficient road safety tool and a decade of the tool used has netted the government about 195 million US dollars from 44 cameras deployed around the nation, according to *Sunday Star-Times* here Sunday.

The roadside devices were introduced in late 1993 and a year later police officers were operating 31 mobile cameras and started rolling out 13 fixed cameras over a six-month period.

The same number are in use today and each camera has raked in an average of about 481,000 US dollars in fines every year since 1999.

Despite the low number of cameras, New Zealand police are officious in enforcing speed laws.

Kiwi drivers are more than five times as likely to be fined than motorists in Britain, where an estimated 5,000 speed cameras are used.

About 11 per cent of New Zealand's four million population receives speed camera tickets every year in contrast to just 2 per cent of the 60 million people in Britain.

The network of speed cameras in New

Zealand snapped 400,232 motorists breaking the speed limit during their first full year of operation in 1995 and this year more than 461,000 vehicles have been snapped.

The last five financial years have seen officials net more than about 106 million US dollars in fines, with the money going into a consolidated fund to address transport matters.

Acting national road policing manager Inspector John Kelly was quoted as saying that the devices had proven to be very effective.

He did not envisage the number of cameras would increase but said they could be replaced with more high-tech models.

"We might soon have digital cameras rather than film cameras and the images will then be sharper so offenders will get notification much sooner than currently is the case," Kelly said.—MNA/Xinhua

## Private business develops fast in Zhejiang Province

HANGZHOU, 6 Jan — Zhejiang Province in east China witnessed fast development of private enterprises in 2003, with the total number of private businesses and self-employment businessmen reaching 1.89 million, the provincial administration for industry and commerce said Sunday.

The administration attributed the rapid increase of the private sector to incentive policies that removed all barriers for private investment to enter all sectors except those under government restrictions.

According to the administration, private enterprises in the province have become stronger economically, and an increasing number of them are engaged in high and new technological sectors.

MNA/Xinhua



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## US rover beams more photos after Mars landing

PASADENA (California), 6 Jan — Hours after a safe but bouncy landing, the robotic explorer *Spirit* briefly awoke from a martian slumber on Sunday to beam more photos of the red planet back to Earth as scientists prepared the rover to search for ancient signs of life-sustaining water.

The craft landed Saturday night — mid-afternoon Mars time — almost exactly on target, at Gusev Crater, a massive basin the size of Connecticut that scientists believe may have once been a giant lake bed fed by a long, deep martian river.

Besides being an ideal place to search for evidence of water, and possibly life, the landing zone is an area free of large boulders and scoured clean by martian winds of thick accumulations of dust, making it easier to manoeuvre the rover. "We're in a marvelous place," Steve Squyres, NASA's jubilant but weary chief mission investigator, told reporters during a morning news conference. "We hit the sweet spot."

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Project managers at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory said *Spirit* appeared to have come through its rough-and-tumble descent and touchdown in good working order, exceeding expectations with an early burst of more than 60 images from its barren, rock-strewn landing zone. —MNA/Reuters



NASA Administrator Sean O'Keefe (in red) and Dr Charles Elachi, Director, JPL embrace while looking at the first images arriving from Mars after the landing of the Mars Exploration Rover Spirit on 3 January, 2004. The rover will explore the surface of the planet — INTERNET

## Bacterial protein has potential for cancer treatment

CHANDIGARH, 6 Jan — Scientists in US have isolated an anti-cancer protein from a bacteria and showed that it enters only cancer cells, thus providing hope for its use in cancer therapy in the future.

"It has long been known that when tumours get infected by bacteria, they regress," Professor A M Chakrabarti from the University of Illinois at Chicago, US, told a plenary on the New Frontiers in Biotechnology at the 91st Indian Science Congress here. Few years ago it was realized that micro-organisms did something active by secreting anti-cancer agents, which possibly could be isolated and used for treating cancer, Chakrabarti said.

"Now our team has isolated a protein from a specific kind of bacteria, 'Pseudomonas' and found that when tumour cells are incubated with this protein, most of them, except some brain tumour cells, get killed," he said.

The experiment was repeated to see its implications on human cancers. Mice were transplanted with human cancer cells, which led to development of tumours in them. The mice with tumours were then injected with this protein and it was found that tumour size regressed, he said.

MNA/PTI



A bride waits in the drive-through wedding chapel at A Little White Wedding Chapel on the Las Vegas Boulevard strip, on Sunday, 4 Jan, 2004. Pop star Britney Spears was married Saturday in the chapel but quickly arranged to have the marriage annulled. — INTERNET

## Malaysian state bans mini-skirts for working women

KUALA LUMPUR, 6 Jan — Authorities in Malaysia's conservative Terengganu State plan to ban non-Muslim women wearing mini-skirts or figure-hugging dresses to work as part of a drive against indecency, state officials said on Monday.

Muslim women will have to wear headscarves and loose dresses to office, they said, adding employers risked losing their business licences and face fines if the staff flouted the rules.

"The general policy is that non-Muslim women should dress decently," said Hadi Awang, chief minister of the northeastern state and leader of the hardline Islamic party PAS. "The PAS government will not tolerate females, including those from different religions, wearing such clothes during working hours," one state official said. It was not immediately known when the ban would come into force.

MNA/Reuters

## Indian scientists develop experimental malarial vaccine

NEW DELHI, 6 Jan — Indian scientists have developed an experimental vaccine against malaria which is likely to undergo clinical trials early next year, according to the Press Trust of India (PTI).

It would probably be for the first time that a vaccine would go from the lab to trial site in a developing nation, V S Chauhan, Director of International Centre for Genetic Engineering and Biotechnology, Delhi, was quoted as saying.

Chauhan was cited as saying that this is the first cocktail malarial vaccine as it has two antigens (proteins)

of the parasite and it has been found to be effective against falciparum strain of malaria-causing organism. This strain affects brain of the malaria patients.

Chauhan said that the proteins they have chosen are common to both the strains of the parasite. However, this vaccine was being tested against the vivax strain.

The malaria parasite has

three stages which make it difficult for a vaccine to succeed, he said, adding that this experimental vaccine targets the blood stage of the parasite.

Chauhan added that the vaccine had undergone testing in mice and monkeys in terms of generating an immune response. But it needed to be tested in human beings to see its safety.

MNA/Xinhua

## Hollywood ticket sales down since 1991

LOS ANGELES, 6 Jan — Ticket sales at the North American box office last year fell for the first time since 1991, despite higher ticket prices and aggressive marketing that ensured strong opening weekends for Hollywood movies.

According to data issued on Sunday by tracking firm Exhibitor Relations, sales in 2003 fell 0.5 per cent to 9.27 billion US dollars, from 9.317 billion US dollars in 2002. Those were the only two years where sales exceeded nine

billion US dollars, Exhibitor Relations President Paul Dergarabedian said.

Attendance — or the number of tickets sold — slid by 4.5 per cent to 1.53 billion from 1.6 billion in 2002. A drop is not uncommon, but Dergarabedian said the slide was unusually steep. It now costs about 6.03 US dollars to attend a movie, up from 5.85 US dollars in 2002, and the 10 US dollars threshold has been broken in major markets.

MNA/Reuters

## Two more Nepali villagers killed by wild elephants

KATHMANDU, 6 Jan — With two more deaths, the toll of those killed by wild elephants in Nepal's central district of Dhanusha has reached five in the past three days, *The Kathmandu Post* newspaper reported Monday. A 60-year-old woman was killed by wild elephants last Friday night and her body was recovered next morning, while another person was killed last Saturday, the independent English daily quoted Santosh Rai, a local villager as saying.

MNA/Xinhua

## 80 Nepali women rescued from being trafficked to India

KATHMANDU, 6 Jan — At least 80 Nepali women were rescued from being trafficked to Indian brothels in 2003, according to statistics provided by Maiti Nepal, a non-governmental organization for women's welfare in Nepal.

Among the rescued women, 23 were from Bara District in central Nepal, *The Himalayan Times* newspaper on Monday quoted Mina Dhungana, who is in charge of the organization, as saying.

"We have set up an anti-trafficking network along the Nepal-India border area with the assistance provided by the two governments," said Dhungana. Cases of Nepali girls being sold into Indian brothels were escalating in recent years due to the 1,800 kilometre-long open border between the two countries where no visa is needed to cross the border. According to statistics, about 7,000 to 10,000 Nepali women were trafficked to India for prostitution last year and an estimated 200,000 Nepali women are now forced to work in many Indian brothels. — MNA/Xinhua

## SPORTS

## Celta coach apologizes for 5-0 home defeat

MADRID, 6 Jan—Celta Vigo coach Miguel Angel Lotina has apologized to fans for his side's humiliating 5-0 defeat at home to local rivals Deportivo Coruna on Saturday and left his future in the hands of club president Horacio Gomez.

"All I can do is ask forgiveness from the supporters," Lotina told reporters after the defeat. "We didn't play at the level required in this division."

Celta self-destructed to their fellow Galicians, trailing 2-0 at the break and then conceding three goals late in the game as they slumped to their worst defeat of the season.

Lotina's side have now won just three of their 18 league matches this season and discontented fans were left calling for the coach's dismissal following Saturday's game.

"The president has to do what he believes is best for Celta," Lotina replied when asked about his future at the club who are 17th of 20 in the standings.

"If he thinks it is best to change the coach then he has to do it. I'm not going to make any excuses and I am prepared to take my part of the blame for what has happened." —MNA/Reuters

## Wenger hails Arsenal response in Cup comeback

LONDON, 6 Jan—Arsenal manager Arsene Wenger praised his team's response after the holders recovered from a goalkeeping error which left them 1-0 down to thrash Leeds United 4-1 in the third round of the FA Cup on Sunday.

Mark Viduka put Leeds ahead in the eighth minute following a blunder by goalkeeper Jens Lehmann, but Arsenal regained their composure with a performance inspired by Thierry Henry, who first equalized then created two of the other goals.

Edu scored Arsenal's second before late strikes from Robert Pires and Kolo Toure wrapped up the away win.

"It was a very good performance. Leeds made a good start but we responded well," Wenger told the club's web site. "Leeds gave everything and the game was never completely relaxing."

Arsenal, hoping to become the first club since 1886 to win the FA Cup three years in a row, are also seeking success in the League, Champions League and League Cup.

"We do not have priorities," said Wenger. "We are in all the competitions and always want to win the next one. We love the FA Cup."

Leeds manager Eddie Gray told Sky Sports TV: "I'm disappointed but sometimes when you lose to a team like that you have to hold your hands up and say 'well, they're a top-class side'."

Alex Ferguson hailed midfielder Paul Scholes, who scored two second-half goals in Manchester United's 2-1 comeback at Aston Villa after Gareth Barry had put the home side ahead.

"The second goal was a marvellous finish," Ferguson told United's web site. "He's so clever in his timing at getting into the box. He rescued us and won us the game."

Liverpool manager Gerard Houllier felt his side deserved their victory after scraping a 2-0 win at third division Yeovil who hung

on for 70 minutes before being sunk by a goal from Emile Heskey and a penalty by Danny Murphy.

But Houllier said: "I can understand why Yeovil are renowned giantkillers and I can see why teams can lose here if they don't prepare properly."

MNA/Reuters



Arsenal's coach Arsene Wenger waves to the fans. Arsenal manager Arsene Wenger believes that England coach Sven-Goran Eriksson will ultimately have his way and English football will have a winter break by next year. —INTERNET

## Quick-fire Valencia keep pressure on Real

MADRID, 6 Jan—Valencia staged an impressive second-half fightback to secure a 4-2 win over local rivals Villarreal on Sunday, keeping the pressure on leaders Real Madrid at the top of the table.

A well-drilled Villarreal appeared to be on course for a rare victory at the Mestalla after Argentine playmaker Juan Roman Riquelme put them ahead with a sweetly struck free kick in the first half. But the game was turned on its head after the break when Valencia midfielders Ruben Baraja and Pablo Aimar scored two quick-fire goals early on.

Villarreal suffered a further setback when Sergio Ballesteros was sent off soon after for a foul on Carlos Marchena. Baraja took full advantage of their weakened defence to grab his second with a clever angled finish on 73 minutes. Villarreal refused to fold, however, and hit back with a well-crafted effort from defender Julian Belletti before Valencia added their fourth, striker Mista guiding home a Ricardo Oliveira pass for his 10th goal of the season.

The win leaves Rafa Benitez' side just two points down on Real, who scraped a 1-0 victory over lowly Murcia at the Bernabeu on Saturday, and four ahead of Deportivo Coruna, who handed Galician rivals Celta Vigo a humiliating 5-0 defeat.

Osasuna lead the chase for the final Champions League berth a distant eight points back in fourth, following their 1-1 draw away to Athletic Bilbao. In contrast, Barcelona continued their slide into mid-table obscurity after slumping to a 3-0 defeat away to a lively Racing Santander. They now lie 18 points adrift of pacesetter Real.

The Catalans paid a heavy price for failing to cash in on their early domination and Racing took full advantage of some nervous keeping by Rustu Recber to score three times in the second half. —MNA/Reuters

## Cruzeiro bring Rivaldo home to Brazil

RIO DE JANEIRO, 6 Jan—World Cup winner Rivaldo has ended speculation about his future by joining Brazilian champions Cruzeiro.

Cruzeiro said on their official web site on Monday that the former Deportivo Coruna, Barcelona and AC Milan striker had signed a one-year contract which brings him home after seven years in European club football.

The Foxes, who are based in Brazil's third-largest city of Belo Horizonte, said a local pharmaceutical company was helping to sponsor the signing of the 31-year-old who spent most of the last 18 months warming the substitutes' bench at AC Milan.

Rivaldo's signing is a tremendous boost for Brazilian domestic football which has become used to seeing nearly all of its top players depart for wealthier European clubs.

Brazilian media said the deal was settled at a meeting on Sunday involving Cruzeiro coach Vanderlei Luxemburgo, president Alvimar Perrela and Rivaldo's agent Carlos Arini. The former World Player of the Year, who at the weekend was linked with a move to Saudi Arabian club Al Ittihad, had been a free agent since being released by AC Milan last month.

He joined the Italian Serie A club after helping Brazil to win their fifth World Cup title in Japan and South Korea in 2002 but was relegated to the reserves by coach Carlo Ancelotti and sat out last year's Champions League final win over Juventus.

Despite this, Rivaldo kept his place in the Brazil team and scored in the 1-1 draw away to Peru in November's World Cup qualifier. Rivaldo has played in Europe since 1996 when he joined Spain's Deportivo Coruna. He then spent five seasons with Barcelona before trying his luck in Italy.

Monday's move will reunite Rivaldo with Luxemburgo, his mentor earlier in his career.

Rivaldo played under Luxemburgo at Palmeiras in the mid-1990s and again in the Brazil team which won the Copa America in 1999.

He will now spearhead Cruzeiro's attempt to win the Libertadores Cup, South America's equivalent of the European Champions League, for a third time. —MNA/Reuters



World Cup winner Rivaldo of Brazil has agreed a one-year deal with newly-crowned Brazilian champions Cruzeiro. —INTERNET

## Paris St Germain edge through after late fight-back

PARIS, 6 Jan—Last season's runners-up Paris St Germain survived a nightmare start to come back from 2-0 down a minute from time and edge out Second Division Troyes 3-2 after extra time in the French Cup first round on Sunday.

Benjamin Nivet scored Troyes first goal in the 21st minute after a swift counter-attack and striker Helder Estevez made it two from the spot after he was brought down in the penalty area three minutes later.

PSG, who ended 2003 third in the Ligue 1 standings after a six-match unbeaten run, stepped up a gear in the second half and managed to force extra time in a desperate last rush. Gabriel Heinze blasted a free kick

under the crossbar in the 89th minute and Bartholomew Ogbeche equalized two minutes into injury time.

Troyes suddenly lost their composure and Portugal striker Pedro Pauleta sealed the PSG victory in the 95th minute, heading home a perfect cross from Fabrice Fioresse.

"The fans scored the winning goal because they supported us until the end," said Pauleta. —MNA/Reuters

## United overcome Villa, Liverpool save blushes

LONDON, 6 Jan—Manchester United recovered from a rocky start to beat Aston Villa 2-1 and Liverpool avoided an embarrassing early exit when they scraped a late 2-0 win at lowly Yeovil in the FA Cup third round on Sunday.

Renowned giant-killers Yeovil looked set for a replay at Anfield after holding out for 70 minutes against the Premier League side but Emile Heskey preserved Liverpool's dignity when he scored with a right-footed shot from the edge of the area.

Danny Murphy made it two seven minutes later when he coolly converted from the penalty spot after striker Harry Kewell had

been brought down inside the box by the Third Division side's defender Hugo Rodrigues.

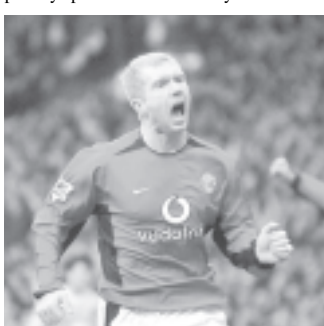
Two late goals from Paul Scholes secured United's passage to the fourth round after Gareth Barry had given Villa a first-half lead in a similar comeback to their tie at the same stage two years ago.

Barry scored after 19 minutes when his right-footed shot deflected off United defender Wes Brown and wrong-footed goalkeeper Tim Howard.

United, record 10-times winners of the competition, started with a weakened side but manager Alex Ferguson brought on top scorer Ruud van Nistelrooy and captain Roy Keane early in the second half to turn the game around.

The visitors levelled on 64 minutes when Scholes tapped in a cross from Ryan Giggs and the England midfielder doubled his tally four minutes later, again blasting in from a Giggs cross.

In Sunday's other FA Cup matches Fulham were hosting Third Division Cheltenham, while holders Arsenal travel to struggling Premier League rivals Leeds United in the day's last tie. —MNA/Reuters



Two goals in five minutes from Paul Scholes saw Manchester United come from behind to beat Aston Villa 2-1 in a thrilling FA Cup third round tie here. —INTERNET



# MRTV-3



## 7-1-2004 (Wednesday) (Programme Schedule) Morning Transmission (9:00 - 10:00)

- 9:00 Signature Tune
- Greeting
- 9:02 Song of Myanmar Beauty & Scenic Sights "Myanma Panorama & Myanma Sentiment"
- 9:06 Peaceful & Developed Dawei
- 9:10 **Headline News**
- 9:12 Easily Cooked Tasty Dishes (Loach fish curry in oil)
- 9:15 **National News**
- 9:20 Breeding of Mythun
- 9:25 The Solo Dance
- 9:30 **National News**
- 9:35 Aungpan Oranges
- 9:40 Song "Everlasting"
- 9:42 Shan Market Day
- 9:45 **National News**
- 9:50 Nipa Palm Forest
- 9:58 Song of Myanmar Beauty & Scenic Sights "Come and See Myanmar"

## 7-1-2004 (Wednesday) 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 "Mingalabar"
- 15:36 Peaceful & Developed Dawei
- 15:40 **Headline News**
- 15:42 Easily Cooked Tasty Dishes (Loach fish curry in oil)
- 15:45 **National News**
- 15:50 Breeding of Mythun
- 15:55 The Solo Dance
- 16:00 **National News**
- 16:05 Aungpan Oranges
- 16:10 Song "Everlasting"
- 16:12 Shan Market Day
- 16:15 **National News**



Wednesday, January 7

### View today:

- 7:00 am 1. Recitation of Parittas by Missionary Sayadaw U Ottamathara
- 7:15 am 2. ဗုဒ္ဓကဗျာတေးဂီတအဖွဲ့မှ ပရိတ်တေးဂီတအဖွဲ့မှ (သောသ ဂုဏ်တော်) ဝေဟနကြီးတော်မှ အပ်ဆောင်ချီးမြှင့်ပါသည်
- 7:25 am 3. To be healthy exercise
- 7:30 am 4. Morning news
- 7:40 am 5. Nice and sweet song
- 7:55 am 6. အတိတ်မှ
- 8:10 am 7. ဗုဒ္ဓကဗျာတေးဂီတအဖွဲ့မှ
- 8:20 am 8. ယုဒမင်းတော်
- 8:30 am 9. International news
- 8:45 am 10. Learning English the easy and happy way for children and beginners

- 16:20 Nipa Palm Forest
- 16:25 Song of Myanmar Beauty & Scenic Sights "Myanma Panorama & Myanma Sentiment"
- 16:30 **National News**
- 16:35 Electronic Library (Sagaing)
- 16:40 Myanmar Cuisine "Monhinga"
- 16:45 **National News**
- 16:50 The Zingyike Waterfall
- 16:55 Kayan Dance
- 17:00 **National News**
- 17:05 Preservation of Myanmar Star Tortoise
- 17:10 Song "Lovely Dusk"
- 17:12 Fisheries work in Pyapon
- 17:15 **National News**
- 17:20 Fabulous Bagan (III)
- 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 "Myanma Panorama & Myanma Sentiment"
- 19:36 Pya Tho Festival
- 19:40 **Headline News**
- 19:42 Easily Cooked Tasty Dishes (Feather back clean soup with tender Gourd Leaves)
- 19:45 **National News**
- 19:50 Around Bagan by Pony Cart (Ananda Temple)
- 19:55 Kham Traditional Cultural Dance
- 20:00 **National News**
- 20:05 Parahita Tiger School
- 20:10 Song "Missing you so much"
- 20:15 **National News**
- 20:20 Traditional Food of the Region Myeik
- 20:25 Song "Mawlamyaing The Jewel of the Crown"
- 20:30 **National News**
- 20:35 Quality Rice Production in Myanmar
- 20:40 Myanmar Cuisine "Squid Salad"
- 20:45 **National News**

- 20:50 Tour In Myanmar "Patheingyi"
- 20:55 Dance of the Royal Page
- 20:58 Women with Remarkable Necks
- 21:00 **National News**
- 21:05 The Decoration of Lacquerware (Stylus Drawing)
- 21:10 Myanmar Modern Song "Lover's Life"
- 21:12 Myanmar Profile "Supermarkets"
- 21:15 **National News**
- 21:20 Fabulous Bagan (II)
- 21:25 Song of Myanmar Beauty & Scenic Sights "Mingalabar"
- 21:35 Peaceful & Developed Dawei
- 21:40 **Headline News**
- 21:42 Easily Cooked Tasty Dishes (Loach fish curry in oil)
- 21:45 **National News**
- 21:50 Breeding of Mythun
- 21:55 The Solo Dance
- 22:00 **National News**
- 22:05 Aungpan Oranges
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- 23:05 Preservation of Myanmar Star Tortoise
- 23:10 Song "Lovely Dusk"
- 23:12 Fisheries work in Pyapon
- 23:15 **National News**
- 23:20 Fabulous Bagan (III)
- 23:25 Song of Myanmar Beauty & Scenic Sights "Come and See Myanmar"

## 7-1-2004 (Wednesday) & 8-1-2004 (Thursday) Evening & Morning Transmission (23:30 - 1:30)

- 23:30 Signature Tune

- 7:05 pm 13. Milo success in soccer
- 7:10 pm 14. Strong and healthy Myanmar
- 7:20 pm 15. ဂုဏ်ထူးဆောင်များ ပညာရေးနှင့် ဖွံ့ဖြိုးတိုးတက်ရေးအဖွဲ့မှ
- 7:30 pm 16. Musical programme
- 7:40 pm 17. အမျိုးသမီးအားကစားနှင့် ဖွံ့ဖြိုးတိုးတက်ရေးအဖွဲ့မှ
- 8:00 pm 18. News
- 19. International news
- 20. Weather report
- 21. နိုင်ငံခြားသတင်းနှင့် ကိုယ်ပိုင်သတင်း
- 22. The next day's programme

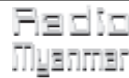
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- Greeting
- 23:32 Song of Myanmar Beauty & Scenic Sights "Mingalabar"
- 23:36 Peaceful & Developed Dawei
- 23:40 **Headline News**
- 23:42 Easily Cooked Tasty Dishes (Loach fish curry in oil)
- 23:45 **National News**
- 23:50 Breeding of Mythun
- 23:55 The Solo Dance
- 24:00 **National News**
- 00:05 Aungpan Oranges
- 00:10 Song "Everlasting"
- 00:12 Shan Market Day
- 00:15 **National News**
- 00:20 Nipa Palm Forest
- 00:25 Song of Myanmar Beauty & Scenic Sights "Myanma Panorama & Myanma Sentiment"
- 00:30 **National News**
- 00:35 Electronic Library (Sagaing)
- 00:40 Myanmar Cuisine "Monhinga"
- 00:45 **National News**
- 00:50 The Zingyike Waterfall
- 00:55 Kayan Dance
- 01:00 **National News**
- 01:05 Preservation of Myanmar Star Tortoise
- 01:10 Song "Lovely Dusk"
- 01:12 Fisheries work in Pyapon
- 01:15 **National News**
- 01:20 Fabulous Bagan (III)
- 01:28 Song of Myanmar Beauty & Scenic Sights "Come and See Myanmar"

## 8-1-2004 (Thursday) Morning Transmission (03:30 - 07:30)

- 03:30 Signature Tune
- Greeting
- 03:32 Song of Myanmar Beauty & Scenic Sights "Myanma Panorama & Myanma Sentiment"
- 03:36 Pya Tho Festival
- 03:40 **Headline News**
- 03:42 Easily Cooked Tasty Dishes (Feather back clean soup with tender Gourd Leaves)
- 03:45 **National News**



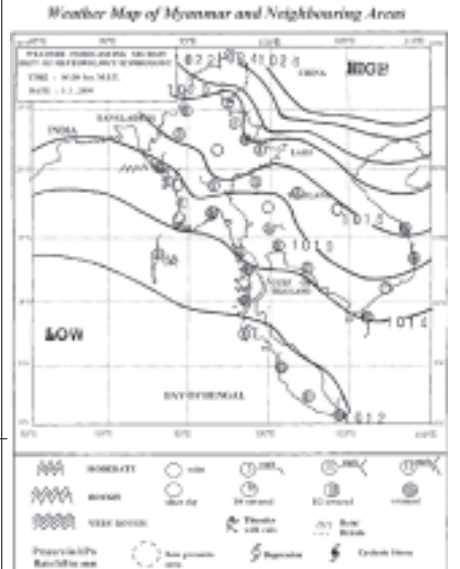
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### Tune in today:

- 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
- I won't it that way B S B
- Don't calm the storm - West Life
- 9:00 pm Variations on a tune: "From a distance"
- Elvis Presley
- Billy Vougham
- 9:15 pm Article/Music
- 9:25 pm Music at your request
- Heaven for every one - Queen
- This ain't love song - Bonjovi
- 9:45 pm News/Slogan
- 10:00 pm PEL

- 03:50 Around Bagan by Pony Cart (Ananda Temple)
- 03:55 Kham Traditional Cultural Dance
- 04:00 **National News**
- 04:05 Parahita Tiger School
- 04:10 Song "Missing you so much"
- 04:15 **National News**
- 04:20 Traditional Food of the Region Myeik
- 04:25 Song "Mawlamyaing The Jewel of the Crown"
- 04:30 **National News**
- 04:35 Quality Rice Production in Myanmar
- 04:40 Myanmar Cuisine "Squid Salad"
- 04:45 **National News**
- 04:50 Tour In Myanmar "Patheingyi"
- 04:55 Dance of the Royal Page
- 04:58 Women with Remarkable Necks
- 05:00 **National News**
- 05:05 The Decoration of Lacquerware (Stylus Drawing)
- 05:10 Myanmar Modern Song "Lover's Life"
- 05:12 Myanmar Profile "Supermarkets"
- 05:15 **National News**
- 05:20 Fabulous Bagan (II)
- 05:25 Song of Myanmar Beauty & Scenic

- Sights "Mingalabar"
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- 06:00 **National News**
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- 06:15 **National News**
- 06:20 Nipa Palm Forest
- 06:25 Song "A Compassionate Love Boat"
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## WEATHER

Tuesday, 6 January, 2004

**Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST:**  
During the past 24 hours, weather has been generally fair in the whole country. Night temperatures were (3°C) below normal in Chin State, upper Sagaing and Yangon Divisions, (3°C) to (4°C) above normal in Ayeyawady Division, Northern Shan and Mon States, (5°C) above normal in Taninthayi Division and about normal in the remaining areas.

Maximum temperature on 5-1-2004 was 34.0°C (93°F). Minimum temperature on 6-1-2004 was 14.0°C (57°F). Relative humidity at 9:30 hrs MST on 6-1-2004 was 73%. Total sunshine hours on 5-1-2004 was (8.7) hours approx. Rainfall on 6-1-2004 was nil at Yangon Airport, Kaba-Aye and central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2004 was nil at Yangon Airport, Kaba-Aye and central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was 12 mph from Northeast at (12:40) hours MST on 6-1-2004.

**Bay inference:** Weather is partly cloudy to cloudy in the West and South Bay and partly cloudy elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.  
**Forecast valid until evening of 7-1-2004:** Possibility of isolated light rain in Kachin, Chin, Rakhine States, upper Sagaing Division 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:** Generally fair in the whole country.  
**Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 7-1-2004:** Partly cloudy. **Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 7-1-2004:** Generally fair.



Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt inspects Traditional Medicine University Project in Mandalay. — MNA

## Systematic efforts required for Mandalay to become clean and pleasant having the required characteristics

### Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt inspects city development in Mandalay

YANGON, 6 Jan — After attending the opening ceremony of the Special Refresher Course No 1 for University and College teachers at Central Institute of Civil Service (Upper Myanmar) in Pyin Oo Lwin Township, Mandalay Division, this morning, Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt and party flew to Mandalay by helicopter.

Accompanied by Chairman of Mandalay Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Central Command Maj-Gen Ye Myint, the Prime Minister and party inspected Central Women's Hospital, where they welcomed by Medical Superintendent Dr Maung Win and specialists.

Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint reported to them on renovation project of the hospital.

Managing Director of Myanmar Industrial Construction Services U Ye Tun explained the architectural design of the hospital, emergency and outpatient wards, diagnosis,

midwifery training school, nurses hall, conference hall, other wards, administrative office, doctor's common room, delivery room, progress in implementing the major renovation project, surgical theatre and infant ward. The Prime Minister spoke of the need to ensure satisfaction of the patients and greening of the hospital environment.

The Prime Minister and party visited maternity ward, emergency and outpatient wards, blood bank, laboratory, x-ray room, gynaecological ward, infant ward, delivery room and operation theatre.

On arrival at the city hospital project site of the MCDC, the Prime Minister and party were welcomed by Mandalay City Mayor Brig-Gen Yan Thein and officials.

Next, the Prime Minister met Chairman, Secretary, Joint-Secretary and members of Mandalay City Development

Committee and heads of departments at the meeting hall of MCDC.

Mandalay Mayor Brig-Gen Yan Thein reported on organizational set-up of MCDC, strength of staff appointed, financial matters, instructions on renovation of city hospital by the Prime Minister and implementation of directives given by the Prime Minister during his inspection tour on 7 July 2003, measures taken for cleaning of Shweta Creek and Thingaha Creek, dumping of waste from industrial zone into six waste stabilization ponds, sewerage system, construction of water treatment plant, 24 million gallons of daily water supply, arrangements for construction of 500,000 gallons capacity reservoir and water-pumping station, supply of water in some townships, extended projects for water supply in Mandalay city, dumping of garbage, planting of trees during the monsoon and greening tasks.

He also reported on upgrading of roads in Mandalay, paving of 52.4 miles ring road, construction of No 1 and 2 Shwe Kyin Creek Bridge and Aungchantha Bridge, construction of Kandawgyi ring road, turning Kandawgyi region into a recreation centre, vegetable patch and livestock breeding, construction of 25-storey Zegyo Plaza condominium. Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt took part in the discussions.

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### Win Thuzar Shop (Thakayta) opened

YANGON, 6 Jan — The opening of Win Thuzar Shop (Thakayta) under the Ministry of Industry-1 took place at No 2 North Ward in Thakayta Township, Yangon East District, yesterday morning.

Present on the occasion were Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thaung, Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Thein Tun, local authorities, departmental heads, officials,

members of social organizations and others.

Director-General of the Regional Industrial Coordination and Inspection Department U San Kyi and Yangon East District Chairman Lt-Col Aung Pyi formally opened the shop. The minister then unveiled the signboard of the shop.

Next, the minister and guests viewed the goods on sale. — MNA

### English proficiency course opened

YANGON, 6 Jan — The opening of the English proficiency course No 1/2004 organized by the Ministry of Industry-1 was held at the training hall of the ministry yesterday morning, with an address by Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thaung.

Also present were Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Thein Tun, departmental heads, course instructors and trainees. A total of 31 trainees are attending the eight-week course. — MNA



Minister U Aung Thaung formally unveils Win Thuzar Shop (Thakayta). — INDUSTRY-1

Minister U Soe Tha delivers a speech at the opening of on-job training course No 1/2003-2004 for planning technician level-2. — MNA

### Training course for planning technician (level-2) opened

YANGON, 6 Jan — The opening of on-job training course No 1/2003-2004 for planning technician level-2 of the Planning Department under the Ministry of National Planning and Economic Development was held at the ministry on

Theinbyu Road here this morning.

On the occasion, Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha delivered a speech. Altogether 46 trainees are attending the course. — MNA



### Rural roads, tube-wells opened to hail Independence Day

YANGON, 6 Jan — Hailing the 56th Anniversary Independence Day, newly-constructed Anawrahta gravel road undertaken by Magway Division Development Affairs Committee was opened in Soekawmin Ward in Magway on 4 January.

Chairman of Magway Township Peace and Development Council U Myo Nyunt and EO of Township DAC U Kyi Thein formally opened the road with 995 feet in length and 16 feet in width. Also present were departmental heads, students, ward dwellers and members of social organizations totalling 3,000.

Similarly, hailing the 56th Anniversary Independence Day, under the drinking water supply project for rural areas, a tube-well sunk by Minbu Township DAC with cash donations of Myanma Economic Holdings Ltd was opened at Aukkyauing Village on 9 January morning. The 2-inch diameter tube-well can pump 1,500 gallons an hour. Likewise, a 580 feet long and 18 feet wide gravel road in Paukkon Village, Minbu Township, and a 1,730 feet long and 12 feet wide tar road in Yenangyaung Township were opened in the same morning. — MNA