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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

Emergence of more academics in respective fields amounts to reinforcing new strength to national development drive Doctorate degree holders honoured

YANGON, 8 Jan — The academics who got the doctorate degrees from the universities under the Education Ministry, Health Ministry and Science and Technology Ministry were honoured at the Diamond Jubilee Hall here this morning, with an address delivered by Chairman of the Myanmar

Education Committee Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt.

Also present were Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe, ministers, the Chief Justice, the Attorney-General, the Auditor-General, the chairman of

Civil Service Selection and Training Board, the Yangon mayor, deputy ministers, members of the MEC, officials of the State Peace and Development Council Office, directors-general, chairmen of the respective organizations, rectors, pro-rectors, professors, paper supervisor professors, faculties, doctorate degree holders and guests.

Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt said, at present, self-reliant efforts are being made for the Union of Myanmar to become a modern and developed nation. In doing so, endeavours for all-round development of the advanced sciences and technologies and continu-

ous emergence of highly qualified human resources play a key role to reach this end.

Continuous emergence of highly qualified human resources or in other words the doctorate degree holders, who have the ability to practically develop the advanced sciences and technologies, is the education sector's practical efforts to implement the national task — to develop the nation.

Moreover, at a time when self-reliant efforts are being made with full confidence in the national forces, emergence of more academics in the respective fields of development amounts to reinforcing new strength to the national development drive. In this world that is changing and advancing at a high speed, with knowledge as the base, not only the sciences and technologies are advancing with a wide range of subjects, but also the developments in the respective fields of knowledge are benefiting the areas of development, based on common interest, without taking a recess.

Instead of concentrating

on a single field of knowledge as in the past, the Government is making arrangements in advance for harmonious development of rapidly advancing multi sectors of science and technologies.

The two objectives — to create human resources capable of constructing a peaceful and modern state; and to create an academic environment that is endowed with dynamic knowledge and utilizing the technology that will emerge with the times — are included in the 12 visions of the 30-year long-term education promotion plan.

According to the visions, new universities and colleges are being built in the nation, and the number of the institutions of higher learning in the whole country has reached 154 at present. Institutions of higher learning have been emerging in the fields of arts and science, economics, education, forestry, farming, agriculture, culture and co-operatives. The health sector now has institutions of higher learning in the various fields including medi-

cal science, pharmacy, paramedical sciences, primary health and dental science. Institutions of higher learning in the technological sector, computer, aerospace engineering and maritime are being built around the nation. Human resources development centres have been opened at the universities and colleges, and the centres have been

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Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt delivers a speech at the ceremony to honour academics who got doctorate degrees from the universities under Ministry of Education, Ministry of Health, and Ministry of Science and Technology. — MNA



PERSPECTIVES

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To totally wipe out scourge of narcotic drugs

The State Peace and Development Council has been fighting against the danger of narcotic drugs as a national duty by laying down the 15-year plan and implementing it with added momentum. According to this plan and the New Destiny Project, altogether 8,221 baskets of seeds of high yield paddy, maize, wheat and gram, 395,756 kilos of seeds of edible oil crops, 13,656 viss of kitchen crops, 1,616.6 tons of fertilizer, 765.5 litres of pesticide and 80 kilos of pesticide powder were distributed up to November, 2003. Moreover, 2,175.5 acres of model cultivation plots and 76.5 acres of pilot cultivation were undertaken and 6,017 acres of land were reclaimed for the cultivation of poppy-substitute crops.

In the livestock breeding sector, vaccines and treatment were given to animals in the villages in the project area and pedigree pigs were distributed to Mongpyin and Lweyong region, Monghsat and Mongtung townships in Shan State (East), Kunheing and Hamein region, Pangsan of Wa region, Namtit, Mongmaw, Pangsaing and Dimar region in Shan State (South), spending K 12.5 million disbursed out of the funds of the New Destiny Project. Not only that, under the Kokang Region Livestock Breeding Project, milch cows, sheep and poultry were distributed with the funds of the respective ministries and 0.11 million fingerlings distributed by the Fisheries Department in the year 2003.

Under the SHAPE project cosponsored by the Ministry of Education and the UNICEF, teachers from 40 basic education high schools were given lecture and training on prevention of HIV/AIDS and measures were taken to establish Kawthoung District as a drug-free zone. Moreover, the instructor course on drug education was also opened in Mandalay.

A total of 760 tons of rice were distributed to former poppy growers of Kokang Special Region-1 in Shan State (North) in October and November in 2003.

The measure was jointly undertaken by the World Food Programme and non-governmental organizations, namely, World Vision Care and ADRA. This may be seen that the international organizations have extended assistance to our country in recognition of our determined drug elimination drive.

We believe that, as the Union of Myanmar is fighting the danger of narcotic drugs with the cooperation of international organizations and world nations with added momentum, the evil legacy of imperialists will be wiped out from our soil once and for all soon.

ကုသကာကွယ် မူးယစ်အန္တရာယ်

- ၁။ မူးယစ်ဆေးဝါးသုံးစွဲလျှင် အသက်ရှောင် အသားဝါရောဂါ၊ အသည်းရောင်ရောဂါ၊ အဆုတ်ရောင်ရောဂါ၊ သွေးဆိပ်တက်ခြင်းနှင့် နှလုံးရောဂါ၊ အဆုတ်ရောင်ရောဂါများ၊ ခုခံအားကျဆင်းမှုရောဂါ (AIDS) နှင့်၊ စိတ်ပိုင်းဆိုင်ရာရောဂါများ စသည်တို့၊ ဖြစ်ပွားနိုင်သည့်အပြင်၊ စီးပွားရေးနှင့် လူမှုရေးများ ထိခိုက်ပျက်ပြားခြင်း၊ ဥပဒေအရ အရေးယူခံရခြင်းတို့ဖြစ်နိုင်သည်။
- ၂။ ထို့ကြောင့် အဆိုပါဒုက္ခများမှတစ်ဆင့်မရနိုင်၊ မူးယစ်ဆေးဝါးကို လုံးဝ ရှောင်ကြဉ်ပါ။
- ၃။ မူးယစ်ဆေးဝါးသုံးစွဲသူများသည် သတ်မှတ်ဆေးရုံများတွင်၊ မှတ်ပုံတင်၍ ဆေးကုသမှုခံယူပါ။ ကျန်းမာရေးဝန်ကြီးဌာန

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

The 57th 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.

MYANMAR GAZETTE

YANGON, 8 Jan —The State Peace and Development Council has appointed Deputy Director-General of Political Department of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs U Nyan Lin as Director-General of the Consular, International Law & Treaties and Research Department of the same ministry on probation from the date he assumes charge of his duties.

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Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan receives Conductor & Music Director Mr Mitch Markowitz. — MNA

Information Minister receives Conductor & Music Director

YANGON, 8 Jan — Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan received Conductor & Music Director Mr Mitch Markowitz at his office on Theinby Road, here at 5 pm today. Present on the occasion were Deputy Minister for

Information Brig-Gen Aung Thein, directors-general and managing directors of departments and enterprises under the ministry, Officer on special duty, the deputy director-general and the Head of Office of the Ministry of Information.

MNA

Thirty tourists arrive by air

YANGON, 8 Jan — Lauda Air (Italy) S.p.A carrying 30 tourists, group of Rotary Club Treviso has landed at Myanmar International Airport (Mingaladon) on 8-1-2004 morning under the supervision of the Ministry of Hotels & Tourism, with the assistance of the Ministry of Transport and Myanmar Kipling Tours Ltd. The tourists will visit around Yangon, Inlay, Mandalay and Bagan and leave on 15-1-2004 morning. — MNA

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

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.

Ambassador U Thane Myint presents credentials to Bangladeshi President

YANGON, 8 Jan — U Thane Myint, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Union of Myanmar to the People's Republic of Bangladesh, presented his credentials to Dr Iajuddin Ahmed, President of the People's Republic of Bangladesh, on 28 December 2003, in Dhaka.

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Ambassador U Kyi Thein presents credentials to Indian President

YANGON, 8 Jan — U Kyi Thein, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Union of Myanmar to the Republic of India, presented his credentials to Shri A P J Abdul Kalam, President of the Republic of India, on 30 December 2003, in New Delhi.

MNA

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Iraq mortar attack wounds 35 US soldiers

BAGHDAD, 8 Jan—Anti-American insurgents fired mortar rounds at a US military camp Wednesday night, wounding 35 US soldiers, the US command said.

Six mortar rounds exploded about 6:45 p.m. at Logistical Base Seitz west of Baghdad, a US military spokesman said in a statement. The camp is located in the so-called Sunni Muslim triangle that is a stronghold of resistance to the US occupation of Iraq.

"The wounded soldiers were given first aid and have been evacuated from the site for further medical treatment," the statement said. The Pentagon added that the soldiers were from the Army's 541st Maintenance Battalion, based in Fort Riley, Kan, and part of the 3rd Corps Support Command. The mortars hit "a living area where they have their sleeping quarters," the spokesman said.

A Pentagon spokesman said that some of those wounded returned to duty shortly after the attack, while others were hospitalized. The spokesman, Lt Col James Cassella, said he did not know how many were seriously or lightly wounded. Earlier Wednesday, US troops said they destroyed a home in Fallujah, the center of the anti-American insurgency west of Baghdad, where enraged neighbors said a married couple was killed and their five children were orphaned.

The neighbors insisted the couple was innocent in an

attack on the troops that led them to shell the house.

"This is democracy? These corpses?" Raad Majeed asked at the hospital, gesturing at the remains of the couple, on gurneys covered with bloody sheets. "It's a crime against humanity." The 82nd Airborne Division said its paratroopers acted after receiving "two rounds of indirect fire" around 9 p.m. Tuesday.

"Paratroopers from our Task Force engaged the point of origin with a grenade launcher and small arms, causing two personnel to flee into a nearby building, which was also engaged and destroyed," division spokeswoman Capt. Tammy Galloway said in a statement.

"The building was searched and no weapons or personnel were found. Upon questioning, civilians in the area reported two dead personnel were taken to a nearby hospital," the statement said. Civilian deaths in the counterinsurgency campaign have enraged many Iraqis at a time when the U.S.-led coalition is trying to win popular support.

On Wednesday, the coalition announced it was freeing 506 of 12,800 prisoners in a goodwill gesture also aimed at encouraging more Iraqis to come forward with intelligence against anti-American guerrillas. —Internet

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484 US service members killed since beginning of military operations in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 8 Jan—As of Wednesday, 7 Jan, 484 US service members have died since the beginning of military operations in Iraq, according to the Defence Department. Of those, 332 died as a result of hostile action and 152 died of non-hostile causes, the department said.

The British military has reported 55 deaths; Italy, 17; Spain, eight; Bulgaria, five; Thailand, two; Denmark, Ukraine and Poland have reported one each. Since May 1, when President Bush declared that major combat operations in Iraq had ended, 346 US soldiers have died — 217 as a result of hostile action and 129 of non-hostile causes, according to the Defence Department's figures. Since the start of military operations, 2,431 US service members have been injured as a result of hostile action, according to the Defence Department. Non-hostile injured numbered 383. —Internet

US accused of killing Iraqi couple

FALLUJAH, 8 Jan—US troops shelled a house after coming under fire in this hotbed of the anti-American resistance, killing an Iraqi couple, witnesses said Wednesday.

No immediate comment was made by the US military, despite telephone calls and e-mail messages to troops based in the restive town of Fallujah, 30 miles west of Baghdad.

Footage from Associated Press Television News showed a wall of collapsed concrete bricks and two walls splattered with blood where neighbors said Ahmed Hassan Farhoud, 37, and his wife Suham Omar, 28, were sitting when the house was hit by a shell. They said the couple's five children were in bed in an adjoining room and survived unhurt.

"This is democracy? These corpses?" angry neighbor Raad Majeed asked at the hospital, gesturing to the couple's remains on gurneys covered with bloody sheets. "It's a crime against humanity."

Other neighbors, who said they were too scared of retaliation to give their names, said it appeared someone fired at the soldiers in

the suburb Tuesday night, and that the troops, on a routine raid in the district, thought the fire had come from the Hassan household.

"They just brought in their tank and fired at their house from 200 meters (yards) away," Majeed said. "What did these people do wrong?"

Tuesday's attack came as coalition officials said they would become increasingly aggressive with guerrilla forces. The statement came with an announcement that the US-led coalition will release 506 of its 12,800 detainees.

A US military statement, sent Tuesday before the overnight attack, said American troops had been fired on during a routine cordon-and-search operation in Fallujah that day. "While conducting the operation, an Iraqi male walked out of a house with an automatic weapon and pointed it at the soldiers. The paratroopers immediately engaged and wounded the man. —Internet



A relative of Ahmed Hassan, 36, and his wife Suham Omar, 28, reacts as she walks through rubble of Hassan's home in Fallujah, 30 miles west of Baghdad, Iraq, on 7 Jan, 2004. US troops shelled a house after coming under fire in this hotbed of the anti-American resistance, killing an Iraqi couple, witnesses said Wednesday. They have five children aged between 1 and 12 years. —INTERNET

Scots soldier dies in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 8 Jan—A Scots soldier died yesterday after what the Ministry of Defence called a "tragic incident" on a training range near Basra.

The identity of the serviceman was being withheld until relatives have been informed.

An MoD spokesman said: "We regret to confirm that a British serviceman died following a tragic incident on a training range near Basra. The incident is under investigation."

The death brings the number of British soldiers killed in Iraq since the start of hostilities to 55. It is the first since two members of the SAS died in the early hours of New Year's Day in Baghdad, when their vehicle crashed into a wall.

In November, Royal Marine Corporal Ian Plank died while taking part in a joint special forces operation with United States troops.

Fusilier Russell Beeston, from Govan, died in August when a convoy of troops from the King's Own Scottish Borderers and the 52nd Lowland Brigade was lured off the main highway and into an ambush.

In the same month Corporal Dewi Pritchard, from Bridgend, south Wales, died when he was ambushed in Basra. Private Jason Smith, 32, from Galashiels, died in southern Iraq on 13 August.

Three military policemen died also died in August when their vehicle was ambushed in Basra, two months after six military police officers were killed by a gun-wielding mob in Majar, 120 miles north of Basra.

Of the 55 British fatalities, 22 have died since George Bush, the US president, announced the end of major combat operations on 1 May, 12 of them in action. —Internet

US Navy charges sailors with theft in Gulf search

MANAMA, 8 Jan — The US Navy said on Wednesday it had charged two US sailors with stealing personal items from the crew of a Singapore-flagged vessel during a search in the Gulf.

A US Naval Forces Central Command statement said the sailors were investigated after the vessel's master reported that three digital cameras, a wristwatch and more than 200-US-dollar cash were missing after the boarding by the US Navy on Tuesday.

"The boarding team members were questioned and searched upon their

return... The missing items were found in the possession of two of the boarding team members," it said.

The two could be dismissed from the Navy if found guilty, the statement added.

US-led navies intercept ships in the Gulf region suspected of carrying illegal oil and arms in and out of Iraq.

MNA/Reuters



British soldiers from the 1st Battalion of the Light Infantry Division patrol in the outskirts of Iraq's second-largest city of Basra, 550kms south of the capital Baghdad recently. —INTERNET

Direct air route links Guangzhou, Paris

GUANGZHOU, 8 Jan — Air France became the first European airline to fly into the south China city of Guangzhou on Tuesday, when it launched a link to Paris.

Travellers from Guangzhou can take the AF107 flights every Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday at 11:30 Beijing Time and arrive in Paris at 17:25 local time.

The AF108 return flights take off on every Sunday, Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday at 13:40 Paris Time and arrive at 8:20 Beijing Time.

The Airbus 340 used in the service can carry 252 passengers.

Air France has opened two air routes from Paris to China, landing at the capital of Beijing and the economic centre of Shanghai.

MNA/Xinhua

Iraq most dangerous for journalists in 2003

PARIS, 8 Jan—Reporters without Borders (RSF), the French-based press freedom watchdog, said Tuesday that a record 42 journalists died on assignment in 2003, and labeled the Middle East the worst region in terms of freedom of press.

The report, released in Paris, counted 16 media professionals killed in the Middle East; 14 in Iraq, and two at the hands of the IDF in the Palestinian territories.

2003's total is the highest toll since 1995 and up from 25 in 2002.

"A seat of international tension and terrorist violence, the Middle East is the worst case region for press freedom this year" said an RSB spokesman.

The report cites violations of press freedom in the Middle East, for instance in Yemen, Syria, and the Palestinian Authority, where "the capture of Saddam Hussein was only very cautiously and partially reported by the government press agencies."

"The Arabic language press contin-

ues to groan under the weight of repressive and sclerotic regimes (Saudi Arabia, Syria) or sham democracies (Jordan, Yemen, the Palestinian Authority), while Lebanon, for so long a haven of media freedom, is displaying an ever more worrying contempt for the rule of law. In the Maghreb and Iran, expressing an opinion or publishing a cartoon can lead to prison."

Worldwide arrests of journalists were up to 766, from 489 in 2001. At least 50 were detained in Iran.

Iraq was way ahead of the next highest destinations for press killings in the list, which are Colombia (4) and India (3). The 14 journalists and other media professionals killed covering the Iraq war and its aftermath represent the larg-

est number killed in a single country since 24 journalists were killed in Algeria in 1995 at the height of civil strife between the government and Islamic militants, according to statistics of the New York-based Committee to Protect Journalists (CPJ).

RSB claim that the US can be blamed for the deaths of at least five of these journalists but "in no case did they hold any investigation worthy of the name."

Their report also notes that on the third day of the conflict, two journalists working for the British ITN television, French cameraman Frederic Neric, and Lebanese interpreter Hussein Othman, all mysteriously disappeared. —Internet

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Policeman killed in northern Iraq

BAGHDAD, 8 Jan—Iraqi police were ambushed on the road between the northern oil refinery of Baiji and the town of Hawjah, 80 kilometres (50 miles) northeast of Kirkuk yesterday.

"Unknown gunmen sprayed automatic weapon fire at a police checkpoint ... killing a policeman and one civilian," said police officer Ahmed Hassan Ali. The civilian's car was stopped at the checkpoint when the gunfire erupted at 7:10 am (0410 GMT), the officer said. The attackers immediately fled.

A policeman was also killed on his way to work near the northeastern city of Baqubah on Tuesday.

Since a wave of suicide car bombings kicked off in August, Iraqi security forces have established checkpoints on the highways to search for suspect individuals. —Internet

Jordan's transport sector hit in wake of Iraq war

AMMAN (Jordan), 8 Jan—Jordan's transport sector is suffering as truck drivers avoid entering Iraq following armed attacks on the road linking the Red Sea to Baghdad, Amman officials say.

"Before the war hundreds of Jordanian trucks travelled the road every day," said Alaa Bataneh, director general of Jordan's Transport Ministry. "Now we see between 30 and 50 a day."

Jordanian trucking companies say that since the war in Iraq business has plummeted. By comparison, it thrived during the Iran-Iraq war, when Jordan became Iraq's corridor to the outside world and 60 per cent of the kingdom's fleet was assigned to transporting goods to Iraq.

"Business was a hundred times better before the war [against Iraq]. More than 65 per cent of my fleet is just sleeping in the garage," said Marouf Abu Famra, director of the Amman-based International Barter Company (IBC) which operates 170 trucks.

He suspended trade with Iraq after seven of his drivers were injured in gun attacks, two trucks were stolen and the windscreens of dozens smashed. To save costs he said he had cut his workforce from 225 to 145.

Before the March war, Jordanian officials say 10,000 Jordanian truck and fuel tanker drivers plied the 1000-kilometre journey between Baghdad and the Amman area, ferrying millions of tonnes of UN rations to Iraq and bringing all Jordan's oil needs out.

Now Jordan imports its oil by sea and many Iraqis have turned to the newly-opened border with Kuwait to import supplies. Jordanian drivers also face stiffer competition from their Iraqi counterparts.

The downturn comes despite increased traffic along the desert road. —Internet



Iraqi Civil Defence Corps soldiers stand guard at a checkpoint next to an Iraqi flag in the northern Iraq city of Mosul, some 400 km northwest of Baghdad, on 7 January, 2004. — INTERNET

China to boost rural book markets

BEIJING, 8 Jan—The Chinese Government has moved to boost the book markets in the countryside through a series of new policies and measures, in order to meet the growing needs of farmers for cultural progress, an official said here Tuesday.

Liu Binjie, deputy director of the State Administration of Press and Publications, said at a workshop the number of books specially published for rural readers is too small, while farmers have to buy books they do not need due to government interference in some areas.

Moreover, the book distribution network has kept shrinking in rural areas and is being hampered by various

factors, he added.

The administration will draw up favourable policies for publishing books for farmers and rebuilding the distribution network. He called for joint efforts by governments at all levels and people of different walks of life to reach the goal. Governments at all levels will continue to help poverty-stricken areas with financial assistance, he noted.

MNA/Xinhua

China protecting harbour seals online

JINAN, 8 Jan—China has opened a web site to spread knowledge on harbour seals and call on general public to protect the endangered species migrating each winter to water off Miaodao islets, the gate to Bohai Bay in Changdao County in east China.

The web site at www.cdseal.net was launched by the environmental protection bureau of the island county

in east China Shandong Province and the local harbour seal protection office to inform netizens of the animal's life cycle, diet, habitat and distribution, as well as China's protection efforts.

Netizens are also encouraged to hold online talks on the species and other related issues pertaining to wildlife and environment protection

MNA/Xinhua

Najib Tun Razak appointed as Malaysian Deputy Prime Minister

KUALA LUMPUR, 8 Jan—Malaysian Defence Minister Najib Tun Razak is appointed as Deputy Prime Minister, Prime Minister Abdullah Ahmad Badawi announced on Wednesday.

"I handed over the appointment letter to Najib yesterday and went with him to the Istana Negara (State Palace) this morning for an audience with the Yang di-Pertuan Agong (Paramount Ruler)," Abdullah told the packed media conference in Putrajaya after the Cabinet meeting.

The announcement ended months of speculation after Abdullah became Prime

Minister following the retirement of his predecessor Mahathir Mohamad on October 31, 2003. Najib, 50, is one of the three UMNO vice-presidents besides Domestic Trade and Consumer Affairs Minister Muhyiddin Yassin and a former Selangor Menteri Besar (State Chief Minister) Muhammad Muhammad Taib who had been widely speculated to be picked as the Deputy Prime Minister. —MNA/Xinhua



Rob Van Bolklund of the Netherlands installs a video globe at the Phillips booth at the Las Vegas Convention Centre on 7 Jan, 2004. The giant Consumer Electronics Show opens Wednesday night with a keynote address by Bill Gates of Microsoft. —INTERNET

Megawati to send trade team to Zimbabwe

JAKARTA, 8 Jan—Indonesian President Megawati Soekarnoputri will send a team to Zimbabwe as an effort to enhance economic ties since the trade volume between the two countries reaches only an average of 18 million US dollars annually, a government minister said Wednesday.

"President Megawati will send a team to enhance bilateral ties," Minister of Foreign Affairs Hassan Wirayuda was quoted by state news agency Antara as saying.

He made the remarks shortly after accompanying Megawati in a meeting with visiting Zimbabwean President Robert Mugabe at the State Palace here.

Hassan said Megawati also invited Mugabe to attend the 50th commemoration of the Asia-Africa Conference in 2005.

Hassan said Mugabe has decided to open Zimbabwe's embassy in Jakarta late this year. —MNA/Xinhua

IRAQ UNDER US OCCUPATION



An Iraqi passes on his bicycle between two British soldiers from the 1st Battalion of the Light Infantry Division as they patrol the outskirts of Iraq's second-largest city of Basra, 550kms south of the capital Baghdad, on 7 Jan, 2004. —INTERNET



A US Army soldier, of the 1st Battalion, 22nd Infantry Regiment of the 4th Infantry Division looks at Iraqi people, during a foot patrol in Tikrit, Iraq, in this Saturday, 3 Jan, 2004 file photo.—INTERNET



A US Army soldier of the task force Iron Horse walks on a foggy morning in Tikrit, Iraq, on 7 Jan, 2004. Sniper attacks and driveby shootings are the new hit-and-run tactics confronting the US occupiers of Saddam Hussein's birthplace, punctuating an eerie calm that has settled on this tense town since the former Iraqi's President's capture. —INTERNET



A British soldier from 1st Battalion of the Light Infantry Division takes position inside a military vehicle during a patrol in the outskirts of Iraq's second-largest city of Basra recently.—INTERNET



A US Army soldier sits inside a Humvee as he talks with Delshat Peerot Aziz, owner of the Iraqi company contracted to re-inforce about 100 of the vehicles with 8mm.-thick steel to protect them against roadside bombs and other attacks by Iraqi guerillas, in Tikrit, Iraq, on 5 Jan, 2004.—INTERNET



Neighbours of Ahmed Hassan and his wife Suham Omar check their house in Fallujah, on 7 Jan, 2004 after US troops shelled the house after coming under fire in this hotbed of the anti-American resistance, killing an Iraqi couple, witnesses said Wednesday. The witnesses said the couple's five children were in bed in an adjoining room and survived unhurt.—INTERNET.

Loud blasts heard in Baghdad

BAGHDAD, 8 Jan—Two loud blasts within seconds of each other shook Baghdad on Tuesday, rattling windows across the centre of the city.

There was no immediate word on what had caused the blasts. Tuesday was the anniversary of the founding of the Iraqi Army and police have been on high alert for attacks by guerillas opposed to the US occupation. Police have said guerillas usually plan major attacks on significant dates.

In Baghdad on Monday, a series of loud booms shook the city shortly before sunset. A US military spokeswoman said the blasts were caused by controlled US detonations and not by guerillas.

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Ex-Iraqi soldiers protest in Basra, four injured

BASRA (Iraq), 8 Jan—Iraqi police opened fire on soldiers of the former Iraqi Army in the southern city of Basra on Tuesday as they staged a protest demanding payment of salaries, witnesses said.

At least four people were injured, they said.

Hundreds of former soldiers protested in front of three banks in Basra after being told their salaries had not been received.

They said the last time they were paid was in September, a 150-US dollars one-off payment for three months' wages.

"We are bread-earners and have families and want to feed our families," said Ahmad Abdul Aziz, a former Army officer. "Which is better, armed conflict or getting our rights peacefully?"

The witnesses said the four injured were taken to hospital and British Army tanks took up position near the banks.

A spokesman for British forces in Iraq said he was aware of a demonstration in Basra but had not so far received any reports of shots being fired. Basra is part of a southern region of Iraq controlled by British forces, which supported US troops in their invasion of Iraq last March.

Iraq's US Governor Paul Bremer abolished the 400,000-strong Iraqi Army in May and the United States is recruiting and training an Army it envisions as a force of about 40,000, along with larger numbers of police and border guards.

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Australian troops guard their country's embassy in Baghdad recently.

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UNSG plans on US participation at Iraq meeting

UNITED NATIONS, 8 Jan — Secretary-General Kofi Annan said he expected the United States to participate "at a senior level" in a forthcoming UN meeting on Iraq, despite American reluctance to cede any control.

Annan has scheduled a January 19 session in New York with leaders of the Iraqi Governing Council, headed by Adnan Pachachi, a former foreign minister, to discuss UN involvement in Iraq over the next six months.

He has also invited the US-led Coalition Provisional Authority, but the Bush Administration has been noncommittal about the meeting, which the Iraqis want before the occupation ends in July and a provisional government takes power. "I am looking forward to a good and constructive meeting on the 19th and I expect all the parties to attend," Annan told reporters. "I expect the US to participate. I expect the meeting to be at a senior level."

He said he hoped for an American delegation from Baghdad and believed Sir Jeremy Greenstock, the senior British envoy in Iraq, would come to the one-day session.

Diplomats said the United States had no choice but to attend and the question now was who would come and at what level.

US officials have said that Washington's representation

would depend on the agenda. But Annan said "all this will be resolved before they get here".

Annan first proposed the meeting last month in a phone call to President George W. Bush, who was positive but noncommittal, UN spokesman Fred Eckhard said.

But the decision then appeared to be caught in conflicting strategies in Washington, with some officials, particularly in the Pentagon, worried about another clash on Iraq with the Security Council and any ceding of control before the occupation ends in June, the diplomats said.

In Washington, State Department spokesman Richard Boucher said, "US representatives from Washington and the coalition have been invited to the meeting."

We are currently considering appropriate ways to support this meeting and are looking at the issue of our representation."

At the same time the United States has said repeatedly it wanted UN help in the political transition.

MNA/Reuters

Another 17 Bulgarian soldiers refuse peacekeeping mission to Iraq

SOPIA, 8 Jan—Another 17 Bulgarian soldiers have refused to go to Iraq on a peacekeeping mission, bringing the total number of soldiers refusing to join the mission to 47, Bulgarian Defence Minister Nikolai Svinarov said Tuesday.

The minister made the announcement after inspecting Kazanluk peacekeeping camp, the *Bulgarian Telegraphic Agency* said. About 500 Bulgarian soldiers stationed there are scheduled to rotate the first batch of peacekeepers in mid-January.

A senior officer accompanying Svinarov said the 47 soldiers' refusals would not affect Bulgaria's peacekeeping mission in Iraq as a whole, but might create some difficulties.

The minister also said the military was taking measures to improve the weapons and equipment, and strengthen the security of Bulgarian soldiers in Iraq.

MNA/Xinhua

NASA shows off Spirit's 'post card' from Mars

PASADENA (California), 8 Jan — NASA scientists on Tuesday showed off their first colour "post card" of Mars taken by the robot explorer *Spirit*, a high-definition portrait revealing the rocky, wind-swept surface of the red planet in greater detail than ever seen before.

The photograph, actually a mosaic of a dozen three-colour frames shot by *Spirit*'s twin panoramic cameras, brought into sharp focus such vivid details as the shape and texture of rocks, the soil trails left by dust

devils, nearby hills, and a tantalizing but distant mesa.

One of the most intriguing features noticed by scientists

was a darkened patch of the martian surface at the edge of the lander, where the soil had been scraped by *Spirit*'s air bags, leaving a crinkled pattern with a mud-like cohesive appearance.

"It looks like mud but it can't be mud," said Steven Squyres, the principal investigator for the team at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory. "It's very cohesive. It holds together well."

The picture also revealed that the surface of the rocks surrounding *Spirit* in its landing site at Gusev Crater appeared to have been worn clean by the sand-blasting effects of high winds. A close-up of one small rock showed it to be pitted with tiny craters of its own.

Jim Bell, the team's leading camera specialist, said the "post card" image was 16 times higher resolution than the earlier black-and-white panoramic photos

taken by *Spirit*'s navigation cameras and three to four times sharper than the best pictures ever shot on Mars before, those taken by the *Mars Pathfinder* mission in 1997.

Still, scientists said the best is yet to come. Tuesday's 12-million-pixel photo, though higher definition than earlier pictures, represents about one-eighth of the entire 360-degree panorama that the twin pan cameras are capable of shooting.

In a matter of days, the JPL teams expects to acquire a full 360-degree shot in three-dimensional, four-colour, splendour, Bell said.

"This is just the tip of the iceberg," Squyres added.

Earlier on Tuesday, the mission managers at JPL received a telephone call from US President George W. Bush, who congratulated the team on their accomplishments.—MNA/Reuters

British soldier dies in training incident in Iraq

LONDON, 8 Jan — A British soldier died on Wednesday in an incident at a training range in Iraq, Britain's Ministry of Defence said, giving no further details.

"We regret to confirm that a British serviceman died following a tragic incident on a training range near Basra on January 7," a spokesman said. "His family are being informed and no further details will be published until this is complete."

The spokesman said the incident was under investigation.

At the height of last year's war in Iraq Britain deployed some 45,000 troops in the Gulf, its largest deployment since the Korean War 50 years ago. It currently has about 9,500 troops in the Gulf.

MNA/Reuters



NASA's planetary geologist Dr Amitabha Ghosh speaks on the Mars Odyssey Mission that is orbiting Mars and about working with mission operations for the Mars Exploration Rovers at a media gathering in Bombay on 7 Jan, 2004. The first of NASA's rovers 'Spirit' (as seen on screen behind Ghosh) successfully landed on the surface of Mars on 4 January and the second rover 'Opportunity' is en route to Mars.—INTERNET

To harmoniously drive out the danger of narcotic drugs

Maung Waing

Since days of yore, Myanmar has been a lovely place to live in, where the law protecting the mankind has been flourishing, as it has the human resources and natural resources, fine traditions of high civilization, and its own language, customs and religious teachings.

Myanmar society has been enjoying the pleasantness and prosperity, as the over 100 national races in the country born of the single stock, and binding one another with amity and attachment, are living together in unity and happiness, having the high moral and vision. But the narcotic drugs are the worst danger for the pleasant and prospering society. As the menace of the narcotic drugs is also threatening the entire mankind of the world, it is the duty of all the peoples around the world to unitedly eradicate the narcotics and solve the deadly problem.

Also an effective weapon of the colonialists, the narcotic drugs had been the goods the greedy businessmen, and the Dutch and Roman traders were distributing through India starting from the 16th Century. After the First Anglo-Myanmar War in 1824, the colonialists occupied Rakhine and Taninthayi regions and opened licensed opium dens in both regions. The occupiers taught the locals the habit of opium smoking, and distributed opium free to the people and issued license to Chinese and Bengali people to run

opium dens. The colonialists applied various means to raise opium poppy cultivation and opium consumption in Myanmar to weaken the Myanmar, who had strong patriotism and spirit to love the nation, and the fine traditions, and to prolong their occupation of the country. Since the regaining of independence, the successive Myanmar governments have been striving to root out the narcotic drugs as a national task of the people.

The Myanmar kings took measures against the drug abuse in ancient times. King Bodaw Phaya (King Badon) (1782-1829) issued an order, strictly prohibiting the sale of narcotic drugs and related substances. During the Second Anglo-Myanmar War in 1852, King Bagan prohibited gambling and use of intoxicating agents including alcohol and drugs among his troops. He also ordered his soldiers to eliminate the practice of gambling and abuse of intoxicating agents. King Thibaw (1875-1885) issued the five-point law prohibiting the use of any kind of narcotic agent. Since the opium dens had started to exist in the nation, the Myanmar people who knew the danger of the drugs in advance, protested the colonial government, that made the running of the dens possible in the nation, through various means. The people and the members of the Sangha of Rakhine and Taninthayi regions that were the ear-

liest to face the problem of opium, made requests to the colonial government to close all opium shops and dens. When newspapers came into being in Myanmar, journalists and nationalist politicians contributed news reports and articles urging the colonialist government to stop the opium business in the country. In December 1885, Myanmar Christian Missionary made a request to the governor to stop or limit the import of opium to Upper Myanmar. In 1886, the opium prohibition association in Britain requested the Secretary of Indian Affairs to end the opium trade and consumption in Myanmar. In compliance with the request, the colonialists issued an order, prohibiting the operation of opium dens in Myanmar except in Yangon, Sittway, Mawlamyine, Patheingyi and Myeik, with effect from 1 April 1887. The British government enacted the Opium Act in 1909, the Excise Law in 1917, and the Dangerous Drugs Act in 1931. In 1924, the Second Opium Conference was held under the sanction of the League of Nations in Geneva, Switzerland, and the agreement on the harmful drugs was signed in February 1925. The colonialist government in Myanmar enacted a law in February 1931 to be in conformity with the agreement to mete out more severe punishment to the offenders. The Young Men's Buddhist Association opened a drug rehabilitation centre

in Kyaunggon in 1920.

At a meeting of the Social Welfare Ministry held on 11 February 1948, after regaining of the national independence, a decision was made to root out the abuse of opium within five years. A ward was opened at the Psychiatric Hospital in Yangon to treat drug addicts. In 1951, the then government formed an opium investigation body to end opium abuse, cultivate opium substitute crops, to run rehabilitation centres for drug addicts, and for the enforcement of the Burma Opium Act in Shan State. Myanmar made all-out efforts to eradicate the drugs and signed the 1961 Single Convention on Narcotic Drugs on 30 March 1961.

The Revolutionary Council Government formed the opium investigation committee on 15 August 1962 and made arrangements to treat the drug addicts and amend the outdated Opium Act. The Revolutionary Council Government enacted the 1974 Narcotic and Dangerous Drugs Law on 20 February 1974.

At the Fourth Meeting of the First Pyithu Hluttaw, that was held on 28 October 1975, it was decided to launch the drug elimination drive, with national outlook, as a national movement. On 3 February 1976, the Central Committee to Control Drugs, and the state/division, township and central working bodies were formed to curb the danger of the drugs. The then Myanmar government

amended the laws and by-laws to be in conformity with the UN agreement to enable the nation to join hands with the international community to root out the drugs. At the same time, the Tatmadaw columns launched military operations in the border areas frequented by the insurgents to root out poppy cultivation and opium production.

The Tatmadaw launched Operation Moe Hein from Phase I to Phase XII, Operation Ngaye Pan from Phase I to Phase VIII, Operation Taungyanshin from Phase I to Phase IV, and Operation Taung Hteikpan from 11 December 1977 to 30 April 1978 to root out the narcotic drugs. The State Peace and Development Council Government formed the Central Committee for Drug Abuse Control, and has been implementing the 15-year narcotics elimination plan from 1999-2000 to 2014-2015. Thanks to the endeavours of the Government, 17 armed groups have returned to the legal fold, and they are now taking part in developing their own regions. The groups have returned to the legal fold in response to the sincere goodwill and correct deeds of the Government. So, the opportunities to develop the nation in all aspects and fulfil the basic requirements of the people of the border areas have emerged. Because of the peace and stability that is prevailing in the entire nation, the rule of law has reached the remote border areas

where poppy was cultivated, leading to a change for the better in their situation.

In the past, eradication is the sole method of the State Peace and Development Council to drive out the problem of drugs. But it soon came to understand that the introduction of the opium-substitute crops cultivation project would gradually reduce the drug supply. Thus, the Head of State has laid down two drug elimination strategies as a national task, and given guidance to combat the menace of drugs on all fronts, to improve the social standard of the people of the border areas, and to end cultivation of poppy for opium. Three tactics — supply elimination; demand elimination; and law enforcement — have been laid down and employed to implement the two strategies. The three methods — to enlighten the producer and abuser of narcotic drugs on their belief, their conviction and psychological make-up for the better; to facilitate accessibility and communication between those national races on the highlands and those in other regions; and to develop the socio-economic condition of the national races in border areas — will be employed in implementing the strategies and tactics.

(To be continued)

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A & I Minister inspects construction of pulp and paper plant

YANGON, 8 Jan—Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Nyunt Tin, on 6 January, inspected maintenance tasks for the leading channel of Panhlaing Sluice Gate in Nyaungdon Township, Ayeyawady Division and supplying of water for summer paddy and precise agricultural static.

After leaving necessary instructions on growing of summer and winter crops, the minister inspected maintenance tasks for Chaungtha Nos 1 and 2 reservoirs.

In meeting with farmers at Myinkaseik Village in Kangyidaunt Township, the minister heard reports by Managing Director U Tun Than of Myanma Agriculture Service on harvesting of monsoon paddy, growing of summer paddy and making utilization of natural fertilizer. The minister gave instructions on utilizing machinery power and natural and chemical fertilizers.

Yesterday, the minister visited Myaungmya Gunny Factory. The head and officials of the factory

reported spare parts for the machinery, production line of gunny, gunny twine and making of gunny bags.

At the briefing hall of Bamaw-Thongwa river-water pumping project on the east bank of the Myanaung river, Director-General U Win Shwe of Water Resources Utilization Department, the division in-charge and the project in-charge briefed on saving of fuel oil tanks to the river-water pumping project, growing of summer paddy on 4,000 acres of land and multiple-cropping. Myaungmya District Peace and Development Council Chairman Lt-Col Kyi Htut Win presented a supplementary report.

After giving instructions on tasks for supplying water and forming of committees for sharing of water, the minister inspected running of the factory and distribution of water through the main canal.

In meeting with industrialists from Myaungmya Industrial Zone at the hall of Myaungmya District PDC Office, the minister heard reports by the chairman of

the zone on production of the zone and requirements.

Afterwards, the minister inspected summer paddy fields and mass scattering of natural fertilizer at Summer Paddy Cultivation Special Zone in Kangyi Village-tract in the township. He gave instructions on growing of summer paddy and boosting of per acre yield.

At Kwinyatagundaing Village in Einme Township, the minister met with farmers and discussed matters on utilization of natural fertilizer and water supply tasks.

Summer paddy will be grown on 1.66 million acres of land in Ayeyawady Division in 2003-2004. At present, land reclamation tasks and water pumping are being carried out. Paddy has already been grown on 730,000 acres of land so far and are thriving. The minister also visited the paper plant of Myanma Jute Enterprise in Maubin. The head of the plant presented a report and the minister left necessary instructions there.

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Emergence of more academics...

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create a constant learning opportunity and pave the way for the people to study advancing knowledge. Master's degree courses, master of research degree courses and doctorate degree courses of the different branches of education are being conducted at the universities.

The Yangon University, the Mandalay University, the Yangon Institute of Economics and the Yangon Institute of Education are conducting doctorate degree courses in 31 different fields; the medical universities, seven PhD courses and 30 Dr MedSc courses; the technological universities, five science doctorate degree courses on engineering and 16 architecture and engineering doctorate degrees courses, and one IT course.

Comprehensive programmes are being launched to enable the academics retired from their active duty, retired and in-service rectors, pro-rectors, professors, associate professors and senior lecturers to present papers for doctorate courses during four years. Dr Chit Hsaing in his seventies is the first person to get the doctorate degree under the programme. A retired research executive of the Myanmar Oil Corporation, he is the honorary professor of the Geology Department, Yangon University. He is included in the doctorate degree holder to be honoured at the ceremony.

The opportunity to attend master's degree and doctorate degree courses in multi fields of knowledge have been extended in the whole nation. In addition, the whole nation is being covered by the programmes to install and run international level laboratories, electronic-based resource centres, e-libraries, Internet and Intranet.

As a result, there have arisen many opportunities and means to get required data and pursue education at one's convenience as Myitkyina, Dawei and Sittway, which were once considered as remote areas, have been linked to Yangon and Mandalay through computer network. Therefore, the intellectuals serving in such areas now have as equal opportunities to compile research papers for their PhD theses as those in Yangon City.

These achievements are the fruitful results of the Government's efforts to realize the lofty Myanmar education goal that reads 'the society of Myanmar must be developed into a constant learning society capable of meeting the challenge of the education age'. In this process, assistance has been rendered to the drive that will ensure the harmonious development of infrastructure such as the creation of constant learning opportunities for the continuous emergence of highly-qualified intellectuals in every sector and the nationwide use of educational media and network.

The number of well-rounded persons with doctorates, who were highly qualified resources and were produced in the country, has now reached 364. Moreover, over 2,600 persons are studying for their doctorates at universities under the Ministry of Education, some 180 persons at universities under the Ministry of Health, and 470 persons at universities under the Ministry of Science and Technology, totalling more than 3,250. Therefore, the number of intellectuals with doctorates will rise in the not too distant future.

It is safe to assume that human resources with high calibre that are capable of developing the international-level science and technologies in the country and speeding up the development momentum of the State effectively are on the increase. In other words, it reveals the success gained in the implementation of the national education promotion programmes. Therefore, it can also be said that these are the achievements in which the entire national people should take pride.

As the government, recognizing the achievements and perseverance of the doctorate degree holders, is convinced that it is the pride of all nationals, it presents awards to doctorate degree holders. The doctorate degree holders, on their part, are to serve the interests of the State and the people through their knowledge.

In this knowledge age, human resources with high qualification are invaluable for the State and they are the ones who will shape the future of the State, he noted. This being so, doctorate degree holders are to uplift their qualifications while making efforts for constantly turning out the outstanding human resources. Nowadays, national development and perpetuation of independence and sovereignty of the State depends mainly on united efforts of all the citizens, and thus under the leadership of the government, doctorate degree holders, like other citizens, are to actively participate in successful implementation of the seven-point future policy programme of the State.

In conclusion, the Prime Minister urged the doctorate degree holders to make efforts for development of the Union of Myanmar through their know-how and wished them to become the ones who serve the interests of the State and the people as they are the scholars with high qualification awarded by the State.

Next, Prime Minister

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On behalf of the doctorate degree holders, Honorary Professor Dr Chit Hsaing of Geology Department of Yangon University spoke words of thanks and the ceremony came to a close.

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Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt presents a gift and a certificate of honour to Doctor Naing Naing Oo. — MNA

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officials offered provisions to the Sayadaw and members of the Sangha.

Next, the Sayadaw delivered a sermon, followed by sharing the merits gained. After the ceremony, the commander and officials offered 'soon' to the Sayadaw and members of the Sangha.

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Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt poses for documentary photo together with academics who got doctorate degrees from universities under Ministry of Science & Technology. — MNA

Site chosen for construction of bridge inspected

YANGON, 8 Jan — Minister for Construction Maj-Gen Saw Tun, accompanied by Brig-Gen Khin Maung Aye of Kale Station and officials of Public Works, inspected the plot chosen for construction of Kangyiwa bridge in Tamu on 4 January.

At the briefing hall of the construction project, the

minister heard reports on tasks to be carried out for construction of the bridge and gave instructions on speedy implementation of the project.

Kangyiwa bridge is being built on Mahuya creek and will link Tamu and Nanphalon village and is on the Tamu-Zedi motor road.

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YANGON, 8 Jan — A ceremony to pay homage to Tipitakadhara title recipient Sayadaws took place at a temporary pandal in Ward-71, Dagon Myothit (South) Township, Yangon East District, this morning.

Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council and Commander of Yangon Com-

mand Maj-Gen Myint Swe attended the ceremony.

Also present on the occasion were Tipitakadhara Dhamma Bhandagarika Agga Maha Pandita Tipitaka Mahagandayon Monastery Sayadaw Dr Bhaddanta Sumanagalankara, four Tipitaka title recipient Sayadaws, Commander of No 2 Mili-

tary Region Brig-Gen Myo Myint, local authorities and officials, social organizations, wellwishers, laity and others.

Sayadaw Dr Bhaddanta Sumanagalankara administered the Five Precepts to the congregation led by Maj-Gen Myint Swe. After the Sayadaws had recited parittas, the commander and

Tipitaka title recipient Sayadaws honoured

Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Soe Win attends...

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been rendering assistance to rice millers by sending technicians of government bodies to seminars of rice millers, conducting training courses for rice millers and holding exhibitions on rice and paddy industry, he said.

The minister said rice mills, machinery units and accessories of rice milling industry were on display at the fair. Small rice mills for urban and rural use were special items of the fair. Moreover, Myanmar Rice Millers Association displayed the development of Myanmar rice milling industry, he added.

As is known to all, the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation is also rendering technical and other assistance with the aims of enhancing the quality of Myanmar rice, he said. Industrial development plays an important role in building Myanmar into a peaceful, modern and developed nation. So does the fair in turning the agricultural country into an industrialized country.

The minister said he believed that the fair would be invaluable for rice millers and merchants, for they would have opportunity, at the fair, to learn where to buy high-quality rice mills and accessories produced as import substitute items by local manufacturers. Moreover, foreign rice mill and accessories manufacturers such as Satake Co of Japan, Nexus Agricultural Resources Co and Cimbria Fareast

Co of Malaysia and Jing Yong Co of Korea would also take part in the fair together with local companies including Sieinni International, Watana Trading, ThaungWin Industry, Soe Electric, Han Sein Thant Engineering and Good Brothers Co.

During the fair, technicians from Myanmar, Japan and Malaysia would read 12 papers for three days. By participating in such a paper reading session on technologies and methods of rice and paddy industry, participants could exchange experience and knowledge. In reality, the fair was an international one, the minister said.

In conclusion, the minister said thanks to the efficiency of rice mills, Myanmar rice was at the top of the international market previously. The fair was an assistance to promote the rice milling industry being undertaken by private entrepreneurs in accord with the new rice and paddy marketing policy of the State. The minister expressed his belief that the development of rice milling industry, in accord with the motto of the fair "Development of rice milling industry in the interest of the nation", would contribute towards the State by enabling it to export quality rice.

Afterwards, the minister presented a commemorative gift of the fair to the Secretary-1.

Next, the minister presented commemorative gifts to four foreign entrepreneurs who take part in the fairs.

Later, honouring the fair, President U Win Myint of

UMFCCI donated a K 677000-worth small rice mill with the capacity of ten bags of rice per hour, Chairman U Tin Win of MRMA a K 500,000-worth small rice mill with the capacity of six bags of rice per hour, U Thaung Win of Thaung Win Industry a K 1,200,000-worth rice and unpolished rice separator which won gold medal for quality in the Industrial Exhibition-2003 in Mandalay, U Nyunt Win and U Hin Bi of Exotic Wings Co a K500,000-worth small rice mill with the capacity of six bags of rice per hour. The minister accepted the donations and presented certificates of honour to the wellwishers.

Afterwards, the Secretary-1 and party, diplomats and guests viewed round the fair. The Secretary-1 left the fair at 10 am.

A total of 36 companies from China, Japan, India, Korea, Malaysia and Thailand, and local companies have opened 150 booths at the fairs. Moreover, rice mill and accessories manufactured by industrial zones in Ayeyawady Division, Bago Division (East), Bago Division (West), Mandalay Division, Sagaing Division, Yangon Division and Mon State are also on display. The fair will be kept open to the public from 9 am to 5 pm daily till 11 January. Paper reading session on enhancement of the quality of Myanmar rice will be held from 8 am to noon on 9, 10 and 11 January. Interested persons can attend the paper reading sessions.

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Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Soe Win formally unveils the signboard of Myanmar Rice Milling Industry Fair-2004. — MNA

Hydel power station projects inspected

YANGON, 8 Jan — Minister for Electric Power Maj-Gen Tin Htut, accompanied by officials, inspected the installation of machines, the power control room, the power substation, progress in construction of the tunnel, construction of the regulating dam and emergency spillway, and the bridge at Mone Creek Hydel Power Station Project being implemented in Magway Division on 3 January. The minister also met with employees at the project, giving instructions on tasks to be carried out and attending to the requirements.

On 4 January, the minister and party arrived at Yenangyaung industrial zone in Magway Division, where he met with officials and industrialists of the zone and gave instructions on assistance being rendered by the State to the industrial growth. He also looked into automobiles, motorcycles and spare parts, which were produced at the zone and attended to the needs.

Next, the minister and party went to Taungdwingyi Main Power Substation that will distribute the electricity sent by Paunglaung Hydel Power Station. At the substation, the minister



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Soe Win attends the opening of Myanmar Rice Milling Industry Fair-2004 and Minister Brig-Gen Pyi Sone delivers a speech. — MNA

oversaw the tasks being carried out to upgrade the substation and the condition of electricity distribution and gave instructions.

On 5 January, the minister and party arrived at Paunglaung Hydel Power Station, where he inspected the installation of machines at the underground power station and gave instructions.

On 6 January, the minister and party proceeded to Yenwe hydel power station project, where he looked into earth work being carried out for construction of the power station, construction of the tunnel and regulating dam and gave instructions.

The minister and party

Measures for greater success in agricultural services coordinated

YANGON, 8 Jan — A co-ordination meeting organized by the Myanmar Agriculture Service under the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation, took place at Yangon Division Vegetables Cultivation and Livestock Breeding Special Zone near Nyaungnapin Village in Hmawby Township at noon today, with an address by Chairman of

also inspected Shwekyin hydel power station project and heard reports on tasks being carried out at the project and future tasks. After hearing the reports, the minister met with staff of the project and gave instructions. — MNA

Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe.

Also present on the occasion were No 1 Military Region Commander Col Tun Kyi, Managing Director of MAS U Tun Than, Commander of Hmawby Station Lt-Col Tin Oo, officials, local authorities, national entrepreneurs and guests.

Managing Director U Tun Than reported on research tasks, distribution of seeds and conducting courses on agricultural methods.

In response to the report, Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe said that respec-

tive ministries and national entrepreneurs are engaged in the special zone. The MAS is making arrangements for dissemination of agricultural methods to national entrepreneurs. He called on the national entrepreneurs to carry out the tasks in accordance with the agricultural methods. The Government has provided basic infrastructures for their convenience. The national entrepreneurs are to make combined endeavours in implementing the goal of the special zone, he noted.

Next, the responsible officials replied to the queries of the entrepreneurs.

The commander and party viewed the plantations

round the special zone and left necessary instructions.

They proceeded to Wanetkon Village, Hlegu Township, and inspected the summer paddy fields. Officials reported on supply of water from Ngamoeyik canal (left) to the plantations through Wanetkon Sluice Gate, and dissemination of agricultural methods to the farmers.

The commander called for extended cultivation of crops, growing of summer paddy at all the fields that can be irrigated, full scale cultivation of beans and pulses, edible oil crops, vegetables and cash crops, and fulfilling the requirements of the farmers. — MNA

Drug traffickers sentenced

YANGON, 8 Jan — A combined team comprising members of the local intelligence unit and Tachilek Special Anti-drug Squad, acting on information, searched the house of Myat Tun in Lwaisaton Village in Tachilek Township on 17 February 2003 and seized 270 stimulant tablets, which he said he had bought from Joye.

Action was taken against Myat Tun, son of U Nyunt Maung and Joye, son of U Chetbo of Lwaisaton Village in Tachilek Township under Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law by Tachilek Police Station.

Tachilek District Court handed down 5 years' imprisonment and 13 years' imprisonment to serve separately on Myat Tun under Section 15 and Section 19 (A) of the law and 13 years' imprisonment on Joye under Section 19 (A) of the law on 13 March 2003.

Similarly, a combined team comprising members of the local intelligence unit, Yangon Special Anti-drug Squad and Mingaladon Police Station, acting on information, searched the house of Nay Myo Aung and Ma Myint Myint Nyo in Market Ward, Mingaladon Township, on 3 June 2003 and seized 97.975 grams of marijuana. Action was taken against Nay Myo Aung, son of U Hla Thein, and Ma Myint Myint Nyo (a) Ma Nyo, daughter of U Kyi Soe of the above-mentioned ward under Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law by Mingaladon Police Station. Yangon North District Court handed down 20 years' imprisonment on Nay Myo Aung under Section 19 (A) and 5 years' imprisonment on Ma Myint Myint Nyo (a) Ma Nyo under Section 15 of the law on 5 November 2003.

MNA



Minister inspects forest plantations

YANGON, 8 Jan — Minister for Forestry Brig-Gen Thein Aung inspected Paleik yard for storing logs in Mandalay Division on 5 January morning.

Next, the minister inspected forest plantations in Sagaing. Director-General of the Arid Zones Greening Department U Tun Tun and officials conducted the min-

ister round the sites. In the afternoon, the minister looked into District Forest Department Office in Kyaukse. On 6 January, the minister inspected No 103 Saw Mill in Amarapura, Mandalay Division timber extraction yard, and Hi Tech finished wood furniture factory in Maha Aungmye Township. —MNA

Asian Tennis C'ship 2004 (Zone-2) 12-20 January

YANGON, 8 Jan — The U-14 Asian Tennis Championship 2004 (Zone-2) organized by the International Tennis Federation and Myanmar Tennis Federation will be held at Theinbyu Tennis Court here from 12 through 20 January.

Myanmar, Malaysia, Nepal, Sri Lanka, Bhutan, Maldives, Mongolia, Pakistan and Lao PDR will take part in the tournament. It comprises men's singles and doubles and women's singles and doubles events. Those who stand first to

fourth in each event will be awarded and selected into the ITF Team. The outstanding ones can directly join the Asian Championship Zone (1) to be held in Hong Kong.

The tournament will be sponsored by Max Myanmar Co Ltd, Htoo Trading Co Ltd, Ayer Shwe Wah Co Ltd, SSc Shwe Gon Dine Specialist Centre, Traders Hotel, Canon, Loi Hein (Alpine), Myanmar Distribution Group Co Ltd (Gold Roast Coffeemix) Wilson and Adidas. —MNA

Independence Day Exhibition continues

YANGON, 8 Jan — The 56th Anniversary Independence Day Commemorative Exhibition continued for the sixth day at the Tatmadaw Convention Centre on U Wisara Road from 9 am to 5 pm today.

Deputy Minister for Culture Brig-Gen Soe Win Maung visited the exhibition today.

At the booth of the Central Committee for Drugs Abuse Control, excerpts from the address on eradication of narcotic drugs by Senior General Than Shwe and paintings and photos depicting the threat posed to mankind by narcotic drugs, efforts for eradication of narcotic drugs, endeavours for es-

Myanmar National Women's Affairs Federation President Dr Daw Khin Win Shwe speaks at the cash and kind presentation to MNWAF on 7-1-2004. (News reported) — MNA

China to hold first int'l online game expo

BEIJING, 8 Jan — The China Digital Entertainment Expo and Conference, the first of its kind launched by the Chinese Government, will be held here January 16-18.

Kou Xiaowei, a senior official with the State Administration of Press and Publications, said Wednesday that all the related departments are co-operating to sponsor this expo, including the State Administration of Press and Publications, National Copyright Administration, Ministry of the Information Industry, Ministry of Science and Technology and Ministry of Education, in a bid to show that they intend to devote themselves to developing the local online game industry, fight against digital piracy and lead online game players to play such games in a healthy way.

Kou said China is currently one of the

world's largest online game consumption markets, but its capability of self-designing game software is still weak. In a bid to promote the enthusiasm of domestic game companies to independently design and produce online game software, the Chinese Government should intensify its fight against piracy.

"Moreover, only when we protect intellectual property better will foreign companies be more enthusiastic about investing in China," he said.

So far, 130 domestic and overseas companies, including Sony, Nokia, Shenda and Sohu, have applied to attend the expo.

Ding Lei, head of

Netease, and Chen Tianqiao, head of Shenda — both on the list of China's Top 50 Richest Men last year due to their success in online game business — will give speeches at the expo.

In 2003, China's online game industry was worth two billion yuan. But 70 per cent of the market share was occupied by South Korean game software, and the China-made online game software only occupied 10 per cent of the market.

In the same year, the Chinese Government wrote its online game software development plan into its "863 High-Tech Programme". —MNA/Xinhua



Students at the booth of the Central Committee for Drugs Abuse Control. — MNA

ဆောင်းကုသီတွင်ဖြစ်ပွားတတ်သောကူးစက်ရောဂါများ

ကာကွယ်နိုင်ရန်နှင့် ရှောင်ရှားရန်

- ၁။ ဆောင်းရာသီတွင် အအေးမိနွားစေး ချောင်းဆိုးရောဂါ၊ ဦးနှောက်အမြှေးရောင်ရောဂါ၊ ဝက်သက်ရောဂါ၊ ဆုံဆုံနာရောဂါ၊ ကြက်ညာချောင်းဆိုးရောဂါ၊ ရေကျောက်ရောဂါ၊ နမိုးနီးယား အဆုတ်ရောင်ရောဂါနှင့်မျက်နှာရောင်ရောဂါစသည့်ကူးစက်ရောဂါများအဖြစ်များတတ်ပါသည်။
- ၂။ ၎င်းရောဂါများကိုကြိုတင်ကာကွယ်ရန်အတွက်
 - * ပွဲလမ်းသဘင်လူထုထပ်သောနေရာနှင့် ဖုတ်ထပ်သောနေရာများကို တတ်နိုင်သမျှ ရှောင်ကြဉ်ပါ။
 - * နှာစေးချောင်းဆိုးလျှင် ရောဂါမြေ့နွားစေးရန် လက်ကိုဝတ်လျှင် အသုံးပြုပါ။
 - * တစ်ဦးအသုံးပြုထားသော အသုံးအဆောင်နှင့်အဝတ်အထည်များကို အခြားတစ်ဦးမှအသုံးပြုခြင်းကို ရှောင်ကြဉ်ပါ။
 - * ၅-နှစ်အောက် ကလေးများအား ပုံမှန်ကာကွယ်ဆေးထိုး၍ ကာကွယ်၍ရသောရောဂါများဖြစ်သည့် ဆုံဆုံနာ ကြက်ညာချောင်းဆိုး ဝက်သက်ရောဂါ ကာကွယ်ဆေးများထိုးနှံပါ။
 - * တစ်ကိုယ်ရေ သန့်ရှင်းရေးကို အလေးထားဆောင်ရွက်ပါ။
 - * အာဟာရပြည့်ဝသော အစားအစာများကိုစားသုံးပါ။
 - * လုံလောက်စွာအနားယူပါ။
- ၃။ ရောဂါလက္ခဏာများရှိလျှင် အသက်ဆုံးရှုံးမှုနှင့် ရောဂါပြန့်ပွားမှုများမှကာကွယ်နိုင်ရန် နီးရာကျန်းမာရေးဌာနတွင် ဆေးလျှင်ခွာဆေးကုသမှုခံယူပါ။

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GIS and Remote Sensing Technologies Seminar held

YANGON, 8 Jan—The GIS and Remote Sensing Technologies Seminar, organized by Myanmar INGR Trading Co Ltd (Myanmar Intergraph), was opened at IBC on Pyay Road here this morning, attended by President of e-National Task Force Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs Brig-Gen Thein Zaw.

Also present on the occasion were Deputy Minister for Defence Maj-Gen Aung Hlaing, e-National Task Force Vice-President Civil Service Selection and Training Board member U Aung Myint and senior military officers, departmental heads, technicians and officials of Myanmar Intergraph. President of e-National Task Force Minister Brig-Gen

Thein Zaw made a speech on the occasion. General Manager U Zaw Naing of Myanmar Intergraph briefed on latest advancement in GIS and remote sensing technology.

Then, paper-reading session was held. Technical Consulting Manager Mr Edward D Bitao of Image Map Australia Pte Ltd, Assistant Head Daw Tin Tin Pyone of YCDC City Planning and Land Reclamation, Senior Application Specialists Mr Desmond Pansul of Intaragrafik Systems, Malaysia, Application Support Manager U Win Ko Ko of Myanmar Intergraph and Assistant Lecturer U Thet Tin Tun of Mandalay University presented papers.

The seminar continues tomorrow. — MNA



Minister Brig-Gen Thein Zaw addresses the opening of paper reading session on GIS and Remote Sensing Technologies Seminar. — MNA

Prizes presented to winners of extempore talks contest, essay contests

YANGON, 8 Jan—The prize-presentation of the Third Extempore Talks contests (English) for teachers and the Essay Contests (English) for eighth and ninth graders, organized by the Office of the Director-General of Public Relations and Psychological Warfare,

the Ministry of Defence, was held at Aung San Thuriya Hla Thang Hall of No 2 BEHS in Mingaladon Township on 31 December morning.

The ceremony was attended by Maj-Gen Khin Aung Myint of the Ministry of Defence, senior military officers, Rector Dr Soe Win of the University of Foreign Languages and officials, invited guests, teachers and students.

Maj-Gen Khin Aung Myint made an opening speech. He then presented first, second and third prizes respectively to Daw Nan Yin Yin Mon of No 7 BEHS

in Patheingyi Township, Daw Ni Ni Than of BEHS in Bahtoo Tatmyo, Daw Mya Mya Thein of No 7 BEHS in Taunggyi Township in the extempore talks contest (English) for teachers; Ma May Chan Oo of No 2 BEHS in Mingaladon Township, Maung Zaw Myo Aung of No 2 BEHS in An and Maung Tun Kyaw Htwe of No 3 BEHS in Meiktila Township in the essay contest (English) for ninth graders; and Maung Soe Thiha of No 2 BEHS in Mingaladon Township, Maung Laphine Zaw Khun of No 3 BEHS in Pyin Oo Lwin Township and

Maung Sit Naung of No 4 BEHS in Kengtung in the essay contest (English) for eighth graders. He also presented honorary gifts to the members of board of judges.

Professor Daw May Kyaw Myint of English Department of Yangon Institute of Education and Head U Tun Aung Kyaw of English Department of Defence Services Medical Academy reviewed the performance of competitors.

Altogether 21 teachers and 41 ninth and eighth graders took part in the contests. — MNA



Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Aung Thein accepts donations of books from wellwishers. MNA

Publications donated to IPRD libraries

YANGON, 8 Jan — Wellwishers donated publications to libraries of the Information and Public Relations Department under the Ministry of Information at the IPRD on Pansodan Street here this afternoon.

Deputy Minister for Information Brig-Gen Aung Thein expressed words of

thanks at the ceremony.

Also present on the occasion were Director-General of Myanmar Radio and Television U Khin Maung Htay, Managing Director of the News and Periodicals Enterprise U Tin Kha, Managing Director of Printing and Publishing Enterprise U Myint Thein,

Deputy Director-General of the IPRD U Aung Hsan, departmental heads, officials and wellwishers.

Wellwishers presented publications worth K 1,164,746 to the deputy minister, who next presented certificates of honour to them and spoke words of thanks.

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Arab League chief says Syria has no WMD

DUBAI, 8 Jan — Syria has no weapons of mass destruction but it and other Middle East countries have the right to acquire defensive measures against Israel's nuclear capabilities, Arab League chief Amr Moussa said on Wednesday.

Moussa, in an interview with Dubai-based Al Arabiya television, also took a swipe at the United States, saying it was wrong to assume Syria had nuclear weapons without proof.

"Syria does not have weapons of mass destruction or nuclear weapons," he said. "We can't presume Syria has nuclear weapons just like that, that's wrong."

"There is just one country with WMDs in the Middle East — Israel. And in that case, perhaps in the near future, other countries will try — and it is their right — to protect themselves against such weapons."

Syria denies US charges that it already has weapons of mass destruction. But in a British newspaper interview on Tuesday, Syrian President Bashar al-Assad said it was natural for Syria to find means to defend itself against Israeli aggression and that WMDs were readily available in the world.

During a trip to Turkey, Assad also called for a ban on WMDs in the Middle East. Moussa told Al Arabiya that Israel was creating a "huge and serious security imbalance" by being the only country in the region to possess such weapons.

Israel has peace treaties with only two Arab countries — Egypt and Jordan. It occupies the Golan Heights which it seized from Syria in 1967 and in October, Israeli forces bombed an alleged training camp for Palestinian militants near Damascus.

MNA/Reuters

Indian scientists claim to have found "cure" to diabetes

CHANDIGARH, 8 Jan — A group of Indian researchers have claimed to have developed a cure for diabetes from a plant found in Purulia hills in the eastern state of West Bengal.

Its therapeutic properties first came to the notice of scientists after they observed tribals in the area use the plant as a traditional cure for diabetes. Dr S Bhattacharya of the Indian Institute of Chemical Biology in Kolkata told a session of the Science Congress.

His team developed the drug from the plant and named ICB201. He did not identify the plant.

Bhattacharya, delivering the B C Guha Memorial Award Lecture on "Confronting Diabetic Type II: A global Epidemic", claimed "probably the answer to 'Type-II' diabetes has been found".

Asserting that earlier there was "practically no drug to treat the Type II diabetes", he said 'ICB201' acts by lowering the fatty acid levels in blood. Higher levels of fatty acids in blood diminish activity of insulin which causes diabetes.

The Phase I toxicity studies on mice have been

carried out and the data would be submitted to authorities.

Phase II studies would start in about three months

and the drug is likely to hit the market in next two to three years, Bhattacharya said.

MNA/PTI

ကျန်းမာပျော်ရွှင် ဘဝတစ်ခွင်

ကျန်းမာခြင်းဆိုသည်မှာ - ရောဂါဘယကင်းရှင်းရုံသာမက၊ ကိုယ်၏ကျန်းမာကြံ့ခိုင်ခြင်း၊ စိတ်ချမ်းသာခြင်းနှင့် လူမှုရေးသုခ ပြည့်ဝခြင်း ကိုဆိုသည်။

ဘဝတစ်ခွင် ကျန်းမာပျော်ရွှင်စေရန် အောက်ပါအတိုင်း လိုက်နာဆောင်ရွက်ပါ။

- (၁) တစ်ကိုယ်ရည်သန်ရှင်းမှုကိုဆောင်ရွက်ပါ။
- (၂) အန္တရာယ်ကင်း၍ အဟာရပြည့်ဝသော အစားအသောက်များကိုစားသုံးပါ။
- (၃) ခိုမှားကင်းစင်၍ သန့်ရှင်းသောရေကို သောက်သုံးပါ။
- (၄) ရာသီဥတုနှင့် လိုက်လျောညီထွေစွာဝတ်စားဆင်ယင်နေထိုင်ပါ။
- (၅) အသက်အရွယ်နှင့်လိုက်လျောညီထွေရှိသည့် သင့်တင့်မျှတသော ကိုယ်လက်လှုပ်ရှားမှုကို မှန်မှန်ဆောင်ရွက်ပါ။
- (၆) နေ့စဉ်လုပ်ငန်းဆောင်တာများ ဆောင်ရွက်ခြင်းကြောင့် ပင်ပန်း နှမ်းနပ်မှုကိုပြေပျောက်စေရန် အနားယူပါ။
- (၇) ခြင်္အန္တရာယ်မှကာကွယ်ရန် ခြင်္တောင်ဖြင့်အိပ်ပါ။
- (၈) ကျန်းမာရေးနှင့်ညီညွတ်သော ယင်လုံအိမ်သာကိုသုံးစွဲပါ။
- (၉) အရက်သောက်ခြင်း၊ ဆေးလိပ်ဆေးရွက် သောက်သုံးခြင်း၊ ကွမ်းစားခြင်းတို့ကိုရှောင်ကြဉ်ပါ။
- (၁၀) မူးယစ်ဆေးဝါးနှင့် စိတ်ကိုပြောင်းလဲစေသည့် ဆေးဝါးများ သုံးစွဲခြင်းကို ရှောင်ကြဉ်ပါ။
- (၁၁) အပျော်အပါးလိုက်စားခြင်းကို ရှောင်ကြဉ်ပါ။
- (၁၂) ရေ၊ မြေ၊ လေ သဘာဝပတ်ဝန်းကျင်နှင့် နေထိုင်မှု၊ အသက်မွေးမှုပတ်ဝန်းကျင်တို့အား ညစ်ညမ်းစေသည့် အပြုအမူများကို ရှောင်ကြဉ်ပါ။

ကျန်းမာရေးဝန်ကြီးဌာန

■ ချီငဲ့ဒင်ကိုပြည်၊ ခြေမြှင့်ကိုညှိ၊ ခဏာခါတို့ခဏက်၊ ခရောင်းကျိတ်၊
မြစ်ကိုကျော်၊ တည်ခဏာကိုခဲသည့် လမ်းဘဲကားပျားမြင့်

■ စာရား၊ ကျောင်းကန်၊ သာသနိက အဆောက်အအုံများ၊ သည်ခြောင်း
တာဝန်၊ စက်မှုဦးများ၊ သင်ရောင်လှပသော အဆောက်အအုံများမြင့်

■ မြန်မာနိုင်ငံ၏ ခရစ္စတိယာန်လောကဓာတ်အစိုးရအဆောင်ရွက်ချက်များကို
ဝကတိအဆိုင်း ခေ့မြင်နိုင်သုံ

ဖွံ့ဖြိုးစေစည် မြန်မာပြည်
(၁၉၈၈- ၂၀၀၃)

✽ ပြီးစီးနေသော လမ်းဆုံတို့ ဖွံ့ဖြိုးတိုးတက်မှုများကို မာတ်မုန်း၊
ကိန်းကလေးများပုံပြင်ချင်များ၊ ဝယားများမြင့်ပုံချင်ထုတ်ဝေထားပါသည်။

ထွက်ပြီ

✽ စာပေစီမံခန့်ခွဲမှုအဖွဲ့ချုပ်၊ ၂၀၂၀ တွင်သည့်လမ်း၊ ရန်ကုန်မြို့၊
ပုန်း- ၃၈၀၄၅၀

✽ သတင်းနှင့် စာနယ်ဇင်းလုပ်ငန်းဓာတ်အဖွဲ့ချုပ်၊ ၂၀၂၁ သိမ်မြူလမ်း၊
ရန်ကုန်မြို့၊ ပုန်း- ၂၇၄၃၀၆

✽ စာပေစီမံခန့်ခွဲမှုအဖွဲ့ချုပ်၊ ရတနာပုံနှိပ်စက် (၃တိယဆင့်)၊ ဝန္တလေးမြို့၊

hopes such efforts will continue.

The Pakistani President and Indian Prime Minister held an hour-long meeting in Islamabad on the sidelines of the SAARC on Monday. And the two leaders reached an agreement to resume process of the composite dialogue in February 2004 over all bilateral pending issues, including Jammu and Kashmir. —*MNA/Xinhua*

accounted for 37.4 per cent of the digital electronics products exports, followed by semiconductors (17.5 per cent), digital home appliances (17.3 per cent) and computers (15.8 per cent), according to ministry data.

MNA/Xinhua

To prevent suppliers, distributors and retailers from raising medicine prices by themselves, Vietnam has planned to label price tags on the products.

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A man studies a large video image of an eye. A blind 15-month-old Pakistani baby boy got the gift of vision from a deceased Indian woman whose eye was transplanted after a complicated surgery at a hospital in Madras city, doctors said. — INTERNET

ASEAN vows to harmonize efforts to fight transnational crimes

BANGKOK, 8 Jan—Member countries of the Association of South-East Asian Nations were determined to harmonize their efforts to fight against transnational crimes despite great challenge in the process, a high official of ASEAN said here Wednesday evening.

It is very timely and significant for ASEAN ministers to meet on the fight of transnational crimes when the region had witnessed a rise of the untraditional crime, the ASEAN Deputy Secretary-General Wilfredo Villacorta told a Press conference after a preparatory session by senior officials for ASEAN ministerial meeting on Thursday.

Transnational crime

was a broad problem involving drug trafficking, arms smuggling, illegal immigration, money laundering and terrorist attack, and therefore required regional cooperation to address the issue, said Villacorta.

Wednesday's preparatory meeting would recommend ASEAN ministers to reach an agreement on improving legal coordination to curb transnational crimes.

A joint communique was also drafted on how to improve the region's cooperation to fight against transnational crimes. The communique would be forwarded to Thursday's ministerial meeting on the issue.

The other ASEAN ministerial meeting on transnational crime plus China, Japan and Korea would be held Saturday following the ASEAN ministerial meeting.

rial meeting.

But Villacorta admitted that ASEAN still had a long way to go to eventually harmonize their legal systems to fight transnational crime, noting the communique only mentioned tentative proposals on how to improve the region's cooperation in this fight. — MNA/Xinhua

Singapore expands

Human Organ Transplant Act

SINGAPORE, 8 Jan—Singapore's Human Organ Transplant Act has been expanded to include more than just kidneys for transplant, the local Press reported.

Under the revised act, surgeons can also remove corneas, hearts and livers, and not just from accident victims but anyone declared brain dead, said Channelnewsasia, a local English language TV station, on its web site.

The Human Organ Transplant Act, based on the concept of presumed consent, or an opt-out scheme for organ donation, was first enacted in 1987.

Figures from Singapore's Health Ministry show that there are more than 700 people in the city-state who are on the waiting list for cornea, heart, kidney and liver transplant. — MNA/Xinhua

BP to sell petrol stations in Singapore

SINGAPORE, 8 Jan—Oil giant British Petroleum (BP) has said it plans to sell its 30 petrol stations and related marketing assets in Singapore, local TV station Channelnewsasia reported.

BP was quoted by Channelnewsasia as saying that the divestment is part of its global strategy to concentrate on markets and segments where it can build a significant presence.

The move will not impact the company's other activities in the city-state, said Channelnewsasia, citing Wu Shen Kong, BP's president in Singapore.

BP's office here will remain a "knowledge hub" for the region, hosting key businesses and functions, said Wu. BP is vying for the International Headquarters Status Award from the Singapore Government this year. — MNA/Xinhua

China to step up supervision to secure consumers' rights

BEIJING, 8 Jan—China Consumers' Association (CCA) will conduct a nationwide inspection on ten industries to ensure business credit and consumer rights and interests, its secretary-general Teng Jiacai said Tuesday.

The inspection will, according to Teng, focus on quality, sanitation, safety, prices, logos of the commodities or services provided by the ten industries and see whether there is any fraud incurred.

The ten industries are

all closely related with daily life, including food, commercial housing, construction materials and house fitting-up, travel service, insurance, medicine and medical instruments, telecommunication and auto.

The CCA will, added

Teng, launch a quarterly inspection drive on possible problems emerging from the four sectors of food, medicine, commercial housing and travel services that could violate the principle of creditable business practices.

Those articles of contracts unfavourable to legal consumer rights will also be discussed and law brochures handed out to improve the rural people's legal knowledge, he said.

The CCA has conducted the yearly campaign to better serve consumers since 1997. — MNA/Xinhua

China issues regulation to protect historical city streets, buildings

BEIJING, 8 Jan—China's Ministry of Construction has issued a new regulation to strengthen the protection of historical city streets and buildings, which will take effect on 1 February, 2004.

A city should set specific protection areas for historical streets and buildings in city planning, and all construction activities in these areas should be supervised, according to the regulation.

It says that damaging, demolishing and restructuring historical buildings, construction of new buildings to change the traditional style of the old buildings, and illegally occupying or damaging gardens, grasslands, lakes, roads and ancient and rare trees are all forbidden in protection areas.

Anyone who is in breach of the regulation shall face punishment or charges according to law, the regulation says. — MNA/Xinhua

US study shows coffee lowers diabetes risk

WASHINGTON, 8 Jan—People who gulp several cups of coffee a day can greatly lower their risk of developing diabetes later in life, even if they are overweight, according to a US study published on Tuesday.

The study of 125,000 people suggests that caffeinated coffee — not caffeine-free — may affect the body's metabolism in positive ways, the researchers at the Harvard School of Public Health said.

Men who drank more than six cups of full-caffeine coffee a day cut their risk of diabetes by more than half over 12 to 18 years, the study found. Women who drank that much coffee reduced their risk

by 30 per cent. Writing in the *Annals of Internal Medicine*, the researchers said it was not clear what caffeinated coffee does to reduce the risk of type-II or adult-onset diabetes.

An estimated 15 million Americans have type-II diabetes, the sixth leading cause of death in the United States. Linked strongly with being overweight and with a lack of exercise, diabetes can lead to heart disease, stroke, blind-

ness, limb loss and other disabilities.

Type-I or juvenile diabetes is a different disease, affecting an estimated one million to two million Americans. It is caused by the destruction of key pancreatic cells. In type-II diabetes, the body loses its ability to use insulin properly to metabolize food, especially sugar.

The researchers, led by Dr Eduardo Salazar-Martinez, Dr JoAnn Manson and others

at Harvard and Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston, said caffeine is known to affect how the body handles sugar.

Caffeine also raises metabolism, they said, and may affect other aspects of metabolism such as fat oxidation and mobilization of glycogen in muscle. "Coffee contains many other ingredients that may contribute to the inverse association," they wrote in their report. — MNA/Reuters

Washington DC council bans cell phone use by drivers

WASHINGTON, 8 Jan—Motorists soon will have to holster their cell phones while driving in the US capital or face a fine under legislation approved on Tuesday by the District of Columbia City Council.

The measure, effective 1 July, would limit cell phone use by drivers to those who use "hands-free" devices or people making emergency calls; violators would be fined 100 US dollars, local media reported.

Mayor Anthony Williams supports the measure and will sign it into law, *The Washington Post* reported, citing a mayoral spokesman.

Only New York has a state-wide prohibition against the use of hand-held cell phones while driving.

Recent highway safety research has found that cell phones, children, rubbernecking and adjusting the radio or CD player created distractions that contributed to accidents.

However, large surveys for the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration last year found few drivers considered those activities potentially dangerous.

MNA/Reuters



Jefa, a Maned Wolf (*Chrysocyon brachyurus*) cub sits in a bucket while being weighed at the zoo in Frankfurt, Germany, on 7 Jan, 2004. Quadruplets of the species originally living in South America were born in Frankfurt on 20 Nov, 2003. — INTERNET

SPORTS

Romario denies choosing Fluminense signings

RIO DE JANEIRO, 8 Jan—Former Brazil striker Romario has denied reports that he picks the new signings for his club Fluminense.

"I'd like to make it quite clear that I didn't choose who should sign for Fluminense, all I did was to say what I thought of them," he told Radio Globo in an interview.

"Some agreed terms with the club and some did not. But I want to make it clear that the people who build the team are the coach, the directors and (team sponsors) Unimed."

Romario, who will 38 at the end of this month, has often been criticized for the privileges he enjoys at the club.

The former Barcelona and PSV Eindhoven striker enjoys the right to skip training on the days after matches and to travel to away games on his own, often arriving shortly before kickoff.

Romario, who was plagued by nagging muscular injuries last year, said he would play on for at least one year and possibly longer if he thought there was a chance of scoring 1,000 goals in his career.

He currently claims to have scored 890 in his career, although it has been suggested this total includes friendly and even youth team matches. "I still want to reach 1,000 goals," he said. "Depending what happens this year, I will decide whether to retire or not."

MNA/Reuters



Real Madrid's Juanfran, right, challenges for the ball with Eibar's Kepa Zarraga during a Copa del Rey soccer match at Ipurua Stadium in Eibar, Spain, on 7 Jan, 2004.—INTERNET

Shadow Real side claim 1-1 Cup draw at Eibar

MADRID, 8 Jan — A second-string Real Madrid side claimed a 1-1 draw away to Second Division Eibar in an entertaining King's Cup third round, first leg clash on Wednesday.

Real took the lead through Guti after 37 minutes, with Eibar equalizing with a Roberto Cuevas header in first-half injury time.

Eibar had the better chances throughout the game but could not find a second goal and had to settle for a result that will see Real go into next week's second leg as strong favourites.

Dortmund to fine trio of absent players

BERLIN, 8 Jan—Borussia Dortmund plan to fine Brazilian players Dede and Evanilson and Argentinian Juan Ramon Fernandez after they failed to turn up for training at the start of this week.

Dortmund's sporting director Michael Zorc said on Tuesday there was no chance of the three being pardoned, adding that their efforts to contact coach Matthias Sammer had been inadequate.

"We will reward this behaviour appropriately," he said.

The 1997 European champions said on Monday they had contacted all three players and appeared to be letting the matter rest.

The midfield trio had cited injuries as reasons for not turning up for initial training.

Dortmund's squad had tests on Tuesday morning before heading to Marbella in Spain for a training camp.

Fernandez, who has a sore knee, was expected to join the squad later, while left-sided Dede's presence was unclear given his injured left ankle.

MNA/Reuters

Struggling Celta Vigo eased the pressure on coach Miguel Angel Lotina with a 1-0 win away to Malaga.

Celta, through to the knockout stage of the Champions League but in the relegation places in the Primera Liga, got the only goal nine minutes into the second half when Wagner cracked in a 25-metre shot via the bar.

In other all-First Division ties, Real Zaragoza beat Real Betis 3-1 to give themselves a handy lead to take into the away leg next week, while Valencia drew 2-2 with Osasuna.

Barcelona, looking for a good Cup run after a poor start to the league season, face a tricky game away to Second Division promotion favourites Levante on Thursday.

Real Madrid coach Carlos Queiroz, denied the services of David Beckham and Zinedine Zidane because of injury, opted to do without most of the rest of his first team, with goalkeeper Iker Casillas the only regular making the starting lineup.

Casillas was in outstanding form early on, turning a Cuevas shot round the post after seven minutes and then blocking a weak shot from the same player after he had been put through on goal.

Real capitalized when Guti, making a rare start, brilliantly controlled a cut-back from Juanfran and tucked in his shot.

Eibar managed an equalizer from a corner but Casillas continued to deny their forwards after the break to give Real the advantage going back to the Bernabeu.

MNA/Reuters



Chelsea's Glen Johnson (C) watches as Liverpool's Bruno Cheyrou scores against Chelsea's keeper Carlo Cudicini (R) during their premiership match at Stamford Bridge.—INTERNET

United go clear as Arsenal draw, Chelsea lose

LONDON, 8 Jan—Manchester United beat Bolton Wanderers 2-1 to go three points clear in the Premier League on Wednesday as Arsenal were held 1-1 at Everton and Chelsea slumped to a surprise 1-0 home defeat by Liverpool.

Goals from England midfielder Paul Scholes and Dutch striker Ruud van Nistelrooy earned champions United their victory at The Reebok, while a 75th-minute equalizer from Everton's Canadian forward Tomasz Radzinski denied Arsenal all three points at Goodison Park.

Chelsea, who were beaten by Frenchman Bruno Cheyrou's first-half goal, are now seven points off the title pace having lost three and drawn one of their last six league games.

The results were all good news for Alex Ferguson's United, who head the table with 49 points, ahead of second-placed Arsenal on 46. Chelsea stay third on 42.

Charlton Athletic are fourth on 31 points after Paolo Di Canio earned them a 1-1 draw with Manchester City but Liverpool and Newcastle United, who beat Leeds United 1-0 with a goal by skipper Alan Shearer, have now both closed to within two points on 29.

Manchester United confirmed their status as title favourites as Scholes and van Nistelrooy, scoring his 14th league goal of the season, established a two-goal lead at the break.

Bolton finished strongly and French playmaker Youri Djorkaeff pulled one back in the 89th minute, but as their boss Sam Allardyce admitted: "It was down to our poor defending in the end...and that against Manchester United is criminal."

A buoyant Ferguson told Sky Sports: "Collectively we are playing some really good football, not many teams will win at Bolton."

"It's been a good night for us with the bonus of other teams dropping points."

Arsenal, whose 30-match unbeaten run was ended by Everton last season, lacked

their usual sparkle at Goodison Park despite Nigerian forward Nwankwo Kanu giving them a first-half lead.

Their consolation, after Radzinski's late equalizer, was to maintain their unbeaten start to this season, now 20 matches.

The real surprise, though, came at Stamford Bridge where Liverpool had lost their last eight games against Chelsea.

The visitors were missing injured skipper Steven Gerrard and had to replace injured keeper Jerzy Dudek in the second half, while England striker Michael Owen was on the bench.—MNA/Reuters

Kings Cup boost for Celta Vigo

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Real Madrid, fielding a shadow side, were in action against Second Division Eibar in a later kick-off on Wednesday.

MNA/Reuters

Leeds striker Smith banned for two games

LONDON, 8 Jan—Leeds United striker Alan Smith received a two-match ban on Tuesday for throwing a plastic water bottle into the crowd during a League Cup match against Manchester United in October.

The 23-year-old England international admitted a charge of improper conduct at a Football Association disciplinary hearing, the FA said on its official web site.

The incident, which took place at the end of Leeds' 3-2 League Cup defeat by United at Elland Road on October 28, was at the centre of Smith's controversial withdrawal from an England squad in November.

Smith was arrested by police over the incident on November 13, prompting the FA to drop him from the England squad for a friendly against Denmark hours after calling him up as a late replacement.

Smith was released without charge by police and the FA has since announced a review of its international selection procedures. —MNA/Reuters

Enckelman to join Blackburn

LONDON, 8 Jan—Blackburn Rovers have agreed a fee with Aston Villa for goalkeeper Peter Enckelman and the Finn will move to Ewood Park subject to a medical, the Premier League clubs said on Tuesday.

The 26-year-old international has been on loan to Blackburn since early November but he has yet to play for the first team as US international Brad Friedel remains first choice.

Blackburn had a previous offer rejected but a second, improved offer was accepted on Tuesday.

Enckelman made the headlines last season when he allowed a throw-in from a team mate to roll under his foot and into the goal during a 3-0 defeat by Villa's local rivals Birmingham City.—MNA/Reuters

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9-1-2004 (Friday) (Programme Schedule) Morning Transmission (9:00 - 10:00)

- 9:00 Signature Tune
Greeting
- 9:02 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Myanmar
Panorama & Myan-
ma Sentiment"
- 9:06 Myeik, a Town in the
southern part of
Myanmar
- 9:10 **Headline News**
- 9:12 Easily Cooked Tasty
Dishes (Braced
Snake head fish with
mango)
- 9:15 **National News**
- 9:20 Travelogue (Kalaw)
- 9:25 Hman- Nyaung-
Thinzar Royal Group
Dance
- 9:30 **National News**
- 9:35 Prospective Ostrich
Farming
- 9:40 Song "Treasure
Land"
- 9:45 **National News**
- 9:50 Traditional Folk
Weaving Works
- 9:58 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Come and
See Myanmar"

9-1-2004* (Friday) 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 Myeik, a Town in the
southern part of
Myanmar
- 15:40 **Headline News**

- 15:42 Easily Cooked Tasty
Dishes (Braced
Snake head fish with
mango)
- 15:45 **National News**
- 15:50 Travelogue (Kalaw)
- 15:55 Hman- Nyaung-
Thinzar Royal Group
Dance
- 16:00 **National News**
- 16:05 Prospective Ostrich
Farming
- 16:10 Song "Treasure
Land"
- 16:15 **National News**
- 16:20 Traditional Folk
Weaving Works
- 16:25 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Myanmar
Panorama & Myan-
ma Sentiment"
- 16:30 **National News**
- 16:35 Talent Show on a
Maze of Xylophones
- 16:40 Myanmar Cuisine
"Banana Pudding"
- 16:45 **National News**
- 16:50 Moyingyi Wildlife
Sanctuary
- 16:55 Scenic Beauty of
Falam and Cultural
Dance
- 15:58 Village of Palaung
- 17:00 **National News**
- 17:05 Mogok, The Ruby
Land
- 17:10 Song "Shadow of
Love"
- 17:12 Wall - hung Giant
Lobsters
- 17:15 **National News**
- 17:20 Fabulous Bagan (V)
- 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 "Myanmar
Panorama & Myan-
ma Sentiment"

- 19:36 Sagaing Pagoda-
Studded Hills
- 19:40 **Headline News**
- 19:42 Easily Cooked Tasty
Dishes (Hot and
Sour Fresh-water
Prawn Salad)
- 19:45 **National News**
- 19:50 Usefulness of Nipa
Palm
- 19:55 Traditional PaO
Dance
- 20:00 **National News**
- 20:05 Traditional Chin Li-
queur (Khaung Yay)
- 20:10 Myanmar Modern
Song "The Towering
Flowers"
- 20:12 Safari In Style
- 20:15 **National News**
- 20:20 Beautiful Pleasant
Beach Village
- 20:25 Song "Horse Cart"
- 20:30 **National News**
- 20:35 Mandalay-Lashio-
Muse Union High-
way
- 20:40 Myanmar Cuisine
"Potato Pudding"
- 20:45 **National News**
- 20:50 Travel & Description
(Yangon to Than-
lyin-Kyauk Tan)
- 20:55 Nay Yar Daw Khin
- 21:00 **National News**
- 21:05 Thamee Hla Island
- 21:10 Song on Screen
"Through My Eyes"
- 21:15 **National News**
- 21:20 Fabulous Bagan (IV)
- 21:25 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
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- 21:45 **National News**
- 21:50 Travelogue (Kalaw)
- 21:55 Hman- Nyaung-
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- 22:00 **National News**

- 22:05 Prospective Ostrich
Farming
- 22:10 Song "Treasure
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- 22:20 Traditional Folk
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- 22:25 Song "Naung Inlay"
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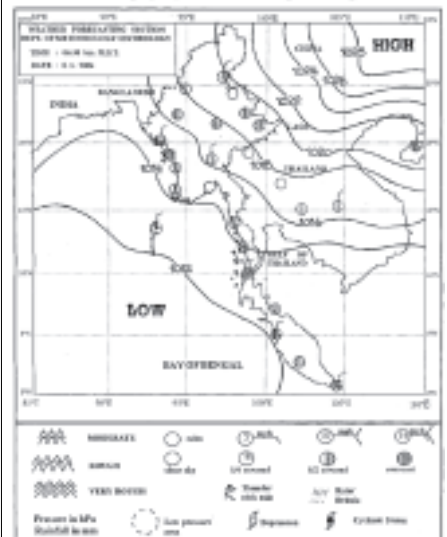
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- 23:32 Song of Myanmar
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- 24:00 **National News**
- 00:05 Prospective Ostrich
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Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Thursday, 8 January, 2004

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST:
During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in the whole country. Night temperatures were (3°C) below normal in Chin State and Taninthayi Division, (3°C) to (4°C) above normal in Mon, Shan and Rakhine States, lower Sagaing and Mandalay Divisions and about normal in the remaining areas.

Maximum temperature on 7-1-2004 was 34.0°C (93°F). Minimum temperature on 8-1-2004 was 16.2°C (61°F). Relative humidity at 9:30 hrs MST on 8-1-2004 was 74%. Total sunshine hours on 7-1-2004 was (8.7) hours approx. Rainfall on 8-1-2004 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 8 mph from North at (18:20) hours MST on 7-1-2004.

Bay inference: Weather is partly cloudy in South Bay and generally fair elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of 9-1-2004: Weather will be generally fair in the whole country.

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 9-1-2004: Fair weather. **Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 9-1-2004:** Partly cloudy.

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Age (84) years

Eldest daughter of (Thray Sithu U Choon Fong, former Attorney-General and retired Judge of the High Court and Daw Daw Mar); wife of (Wunna Kyaw Htin U Weng, retired Inspector of Schools (Science), sister of (U Kan Nyunt-Daw Mya Mya-Lecturer, English Dept, Institute of Education); (U Kyaw Tint-retired Divisional Education Officer)-Daw Yi Yi Khin-Asst Director (Rtd), Dept of Basic Education; aunt of U Ye Myint, Deputy Director, Office of the Attorney General-Daw Khin Mar Min-Asst. Director, Office of the Attorney General; grand aunt of Myint Mg Tint, Myint Mg Sint, Myint Thuzar Min, expired at No 168 Shwegondine Road, Bahan on 7-1-2004 at 10:05 pm and cremated at Yayway on 8-1-2004.

Bereaved family



Friday, January 9

View today:

- 7:00 am
- 1. Recitation of Parittas by Missionary Sayadaw U Ottamathara
- 7:15 am
- 2. တိပိဋကဓမ္မဗျူဟာတော်အရဟံသာပဏ္ဍိတဘုရားရှင်တော်အားအပ်သောဓမ္မဗျူဟာတော်အရဟံသာပဏ္ဍိတဘုရားရှင်တော်
- 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. လွန်စွာပျော်ရွှင်စရာတေးများ
- 8:05 am
- 7. အကပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 8:10 am
- 8. The mirror images of the musical oldies
- 8:20 am
- 9. မြေးချင်းတော်

- 8:30 am
- 10. International news
- 8:45 am
- 11. English for Everyday Use
- 4:00 pm
- 1. Martial song
- 4:15 pm
- 2. Song to uphold National Spirit
- 4:30 pm
- 3. Demonstration exercises for correct pronunciation
- 4:45 pm
- 4. Musical programme
- 5:00 pm
- 5. အဝေးသင်တန်းသို့ဝင်ရောက်ရန်အတွက်သင်ကြားသင်တန်းစာ - ဒုတိယနှစ် (ရုပ်စေ့အထူးပြု) (ရုပ်စေ့)
- 5:15 pm
- 6. Song of national races
- 5:30 pm
- 7. မြေးမြူခြင်းဖြင့်ယဉ်ကျေးမှုအက
- 5:45 pm
- 8. ရုပ်စေ့စုံစုံစုံအားကစားအခြေစိုက်
- 5:55 pm
- 9. Songs of the yesteryears

- 6:05 pm
- 10. မြန်မာ့စာပေဆုရှင်တော်များပြပွဲ-၂၀၀၄
- 6:15 pm
- 11. Discovery
- 6:30 pm
- 12. Evening news
- 7:00 pm
- 13. Weather report
- 7:05 pm
- 14. Milo success in soccer
- 7:10 pm
- 15. မြိုင်မြိုင်ကလောင်တော်အတွက် "အချစ်အမြင်" (အချစ်-)
- 7:40 pm
- 16. ၂၀၀၄ ခုနှစ် အသက်(၁၄)နှစ်အောက်အားကစားစုံစုံကလောင်အတွက် "အချစ်အမြင်" (အချစ်-)
- 8:00 pm
- 17. News
- 18. International news
- 19. Weather report
- 20. Myanmar movie
- "ကောင်းကင်ထက်ကပ်နိုးတစ်ဖွဲ့" လှမ်းထက်ကပ်နိုးနိုးလှည့်လှည့်တင် (ဒါရိုက်တာ-ညွန့်မြင့်တင်)
- 21. The next day's programme

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Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Soe Win views a booth at the Myanmar Rice Milling Industry Fair-2004. — MNA

Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Soe Win attends opening ceremony of Myanmar Rice Milling Industry Fair-2004

YANGON, 8 Jan — The opening ceremony of Myanmar Rice Milling Industry Fair-2004 organized with the objectives of enabling Myanmar rice to regain its share in international market and commanding the market, producing high-quality Myanmar rice, developing the Myanmar rice milling industry, developing the regional industries, and creating job opportunities and raising the income of the people by the Ministry of Commerce and the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry was held at the Yangon Trade Centre on Upper Pazundaung Road this morning, attended by Chairman of the Industrial Development Committee

Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Soe Win.

Also present on the occasion were ministers, deputy ministers, the vice mayor, diplomats of foreign embassies in Yangon, officials of the State Peace and Development Council Office, departmental heads, members of the leading committee for organizing the exhibition, officials of the News and Periodicals Enterprise, the president and executives of the UMFCCL, the chairman and executives of Myanmar Rice and Paddy Merchants Association, members of social organizations, foreign companies and local rice millers, technicians, guests, members of pom pom troupes and music bands.

First, Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Pyi Sone, President U Win Myint of the UMFCCL, and Chairman U Tin Win of Myanmar Rice Millers Association formally opened the exhibition in front of the trade centre.

Next, the Secretary-1 formally unveiled the exhibition.

Afterwards, Minister Brig-Gen Pyi Sone made an opening speech at the second floor of the centre. He said it was the first time for Myanmar to hold such a fair. Private entrepreneurs and individuals were able to enjoy the free trade and export of rice and paddy after the Government had adopted the new rice and paddy marketing policy. The minister expressed his

belief that rice and paddy merchants, millers and exporters would be in touch with modern rice milling technologies and machines and able to produce high quality rice by holding such fairs.

The fair was organized with five objectives of enabling Myanmar rice to regain its share in international market and commanding the market, pro-

ducing high-quality Myanmar rice, developing the Myanmar rice milling industry, developing the regional industries, and creating the job opportunities and raising the income of the people, he added. Rice mills in Myanmar were not able to produce high quality rice as they had come into use for 40 or 50 years. So, in the process of milling paddy into rice, it was

an urgent need for the rice milling industry to modernize the private-owned rice mills, he said.

As an outcome of the seminar on requirements for enhancing the quality of rice and paddy held by the Ministry of Commerce last November, the Exhibition on Myanmar Rice Milling Industry could be opened successfully. The State had (See page 9)



Lt-Gen Kyaw Win inspects tasks for distribution of electricity at the electrical engineering office in Kale. — MNA

Lt-Gen Kyaw Win tours Kale District

YANGON, 8 Jan — Member of the State Peace and Development Council Chief of Armed Forces Training Lt-Gen Kyaw Win, accompanied by Brig-Gen Khin Maung Aye of Kale Station, met with Tatmadaw members of Kale and Kyikon stations and their families at Kale

Station yesterday morning.

At the meeting, Lt-Gen Kyaw Win gave instructions on extension of agriculture and livestock breeding, boosting production, and cooperation with local people for regional development.

Lt-Gen Kyaw Win held a meeting with local admin-

istrative bodies, departmental personnel and townsenders at the town hall of Kale. On the occasion, he elaborated on collective efforts to be made with the sense of duties for successful implementation of five rural development tasks, prevalence of law and order, and national and regional development.

Chairman of Electricity and Fuel Use Supervisory Committee Lt-Gen Kyaw Win inspected distribution of electricity of Myanmar Electric Power Enterprise and tasks at the gas station. He gave instructions on timely distribution of electricity and fuel and attended to the needs.

In the afternoon, Lt-Gen Kyaw Win inspected assembling of automobiles at Kale Industrial Zone and left instructions on production of quality products. — MNA

Monywa Industrial Zone (Yangon) showroom opened

YANGON, 8 Jan — The opening of Monywa Industrial Zone (Yangon) showroom took place at No 86/88 on Bo Aung Kyaw Street, Kyauktada Township, here, this morning.

It was attended by Chairman of Myanmar Industrial Development Committee Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thaung, the Work Committee for Myanmar Industrial Development Minister for Industry-2 Maj-Gen Saw Lwin, Member of MIDC Minis-

ter for Transport Maj-Gen Hla Myint Swe, Deputy Minister for Labour Brig-Gen Win Sein, departmental heads, Chairman of Monywa Industrial Zone Co Ltd U Aung Khin and members and guests.

Chairman U Aung Khin explained the purpose of the holding of the showroom.

Minister U Aung Thaung, Minister Maj-Gen Hla Myint Swe, and U Aung Khin formally opened the showroom. Minister Maj-Gen Hla Myint Swe in

charge of Monywa Industrial Zone pressed the button to unveil the signboard of the showroom.

Available at the showroom are automobiles assembled at Monywa Industrial Zone, various kinds of farm implements and machinery, groundnut oil, bean vermicelli, noodle, blankets, textiles, Aye Nyein Thida traditional medicines, finished wooden furniture and battery lead-acid accumulators. — MNA



Minister Maj-Gen Hla Myint Swe presses the button to unveil the signboard of Monywa Industrial Zone (Yangon) showroom. — MNA