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Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt greets U Phone Kyar Shin, Chairman of Shan State (North) Special Region-1 and party. — MNA

Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt receives national race leader of Shan State (North) Special Region-1

YANGON, 19 Jan — Chairman of the Work Committee for Development of Border Areas and National Races Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt received Chairman of Shan State (North) Special Region-1 U Phone Kyar Shin and Vice-Chairman U Phone Kyar Phu and members at Zeyathiri Beikman on Konmyinthar here at 5 pm today.

Also present on the occasion were Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Nyunt Tin, Minister for Home Affairs Col Tin Hlaing, Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Col Thein Nyunt, Minister at the Prime Minister's Office Maj-Gen Thein Swe, Deputy Minister for Immigration and Population U Maung Aung, Director-General of the State Peace and Development Council Office Lt-Col Pe Nyein, Director-General of the Government's Office U Soe Tint, and senior officers of the Office of the Chief of Military Intelligence.

During their meeting, the national race leaders said they fully support the seven-point policy programme of the State (roadmap) clarified by the Prime Minister and made commitment to actively participate in the suc-

cessful implementation of the roadmap under the leadership of the State. They also said that emphasis was to be laid on the elimination of nar-

cotic drugs and poppy-substitute crops cultivation would be extended according to the instructions of the State.

Later, they reported on

their regional development, agriculture, road and bridge construction and economy and assistance rendered by the State. — MNA



Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt receives U Phone Kyar Shin, Chairman of Shan State (North) Special Region-1 and party at Zeyathiri Beikman. — MNA

Volleyball tournament for Commander's shield opened

YANGON, 19 Jan — Men & women volleyball tournament 2003 for the Eastern Command Commander's Shield was opened at the stadium of Taunggyi Township sport grounds on 13 January.

Present on the occasion were Commander of Eastern Command Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint, Deputy Commander Col Win Myint, senior military officers of

the command, departmental officials, commanders and commandants of Taunggyi Station and others.

After delivering an address, the commander opened the tournament. Next, the commander and those present enjoyed the first day events.

A total of 279 athletes are taking part the competitions, which will last till 26th of this month. — MNA

Defence Services C-in-C's Trophy for weightlifting, bodybuilding, and beauty contests 2003 commence

YANGON, 19 Jan — The opening of Tatmadaw (Army, Navy and Air) weightlifting, bodybuilding, and beauty contests 2003 for the Defence Services Commander-in-Chief's Trophy was held at the stadium of People's Sport Grounds in Myitkyina on 15 January.

It was attended by Kachin State Peace and Development

Council Chairman and Northern Command Commander Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe and wife, Myitkyina Air Base Commander Brig-Gen Bo Kyi, Deputy Commander Brig-Gen San Tun, senior military officers, departmental officials, members of Kachin State Maternal and Child Welfare Association, and others.

The ceremony was opened with an address by the commander. After the ceremony, weightlifting events at respective categories for the first day were started. The contest will be held up to 18 January.

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

PERSPECTIVES

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For the emergence of a strong, fair and upright judicial system

The Government has been striving for the emergence of a new, peaceful and developed nation by systematically laying down the good political, economic and social foundations. Moreover, for the prevalence of law and order and for the people to be able to have life security and live with peace of mind within the framework of the law, it is also endeavouring for the emergence of a strong judicial system.

Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt met with judges and law officers of the Supreme Court, the Attorney-General's Office, states, divisions and districts at the Hall of the Institute of Nursing on the morning of 17 January and gave instructions on judicial affairs.

In his meeting with the judges and law officers, the Prime Minister said that the Government has introduced necessary laws, rules and regulations and is constantly practising them so as to safeguard the interest of the entire national people.

As judges are the ones who possess good moral, integrity and wisdom, they should strive for the correctness of judicial pillar, for exposing the truth in order to win the trust of the people and for ensuring that those who break the law cannot disrespect the court. Moreover, judges, law officers and other service personnel related with the judicial system are to perform their duties with uprightness to realize the goals of the State, upholding the truth, fairness and sympathy so that law enforcement is ensured. And the lawyers are to assist and cooperate with the courts to expose the truth.

It must be borne in mind that malpractices of corrupt service personnel can be detrimental to the Government's nation-building endeavours and tarnish its public image.

We would like to urge all those responsible for the administration of justice to make efforts for the emergence of a strong, fair and upright judicial system, a peaceful and developed nation and for the success of the seven-point future policy programme of the State.

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.

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

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 everyday by each household amounts to saving power that is equal to the capacity a 20-megawatt power station can supply.



Salone Festival 2004

(Sea Gypsy Festival)

Ma Kyone Galet Village, Myeik Archipelago
Union of Myanmar
14 to 17 February 2004



Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan presents an award to a prize winner of the 56th Anniversary Independence Day Commemorative Colour Photo Contest. — MNA



Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan makes a speech at the prize-presentation ceremony of the 56th Anniversary Independence Day Commemorative Colour Photo Competition. — MNA

Information Minister presents prizes to winners of Colour Photo Contest

YANGON, 19 Jan — The ceremony to honour and present prizes to the winners of the 56th Anniversary Independence Day Commemorative Colour Photo Contest, organized by the Information and Public Relations Department of the Ministry of Information, was held at Central Hotel on Bogyoke Aung San Street, here, at 11 am today, attended by Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan.

Also present on the occasion were Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Aung Thein, directors-general and managing directors from the ministry, the advisers to the ministry, officials from the IPRD, the president of Myanmar Photographic Society and doyen photographers, invited guests and prize-winning photographers.

Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan made a speech. He said the ministry has placed and will place emphasis on developing the skills of photographers and depicting the images of the developing country and valuable ancient cultural heritage. The contest was held with a view to giving photographers all over the country a chance to show their skills.

The Union of Myanmar is pleasant with natural geographical resources and cultural heritage. Snow-capped mountain ranges lie in the northern part of the country and long scenic sandy beaches enhance the beauty of western and eastern parts of the country. So, it is needed to depict the beauty and attraction of rich natural resources, he added.

At present, national

people, under the leadership of the State Peace and Development Council, are building a modern and developed nation by implementing the seven-point political programme of the State. Photographers are to depict these tasks. The ministry is always ready to cooperate and render assistance for development of photography as well as the development of MPS members.

The MPS and photographers are urged to take part in the media tasks for the ministry. In conclusion, the minister said it is heartening to see that photographers have upheld the national duty in successive years. He urged them to participate in the tasks to build a new, modern, developed and democratic country and to strive for development of photographic society.

Afterwards, the minister presented first, second and third prizes to Em Htaw Ni (Mawlamyine), Chitsaya (Yankin) and Shwehlay Myo Aung respectively.

The deputy minister gave away consolation prizes to Maung Ba Oo (Mandalay), Nyaung U Pho Cho, U Naing Zeya (Ko Ko Naing-Sagaing), U Kyaw Tha and Sai Kham Lin, Director-General of IPRD U Chit Naing to Hsan Oo (Tain Hlwa) and U Soe Min (Aung Thiha).

On behalf of photographers, first-prize winner Em Htaw Ni (Mawlamyine) spoke words of thanks. After the ceremony, the minister, the deputy minister and officials viewed the prize-winning photos and posed for a group photo together with the winners.

MNA

Kennedy says Bush's Iraq war decision was dishonest; made America more hated in world

WASHINGTON, 19 Jan—Senator Edward Kennedy has once again attacked President George Bush on Iraq, saying that his decision to go to war was “dishonest”.

In an article in the Washington Post on Sunday, the much-respected Democratic senator from Massachusetts wrote that debate over military action began as soon as President Bush took office, as former Treasury Secretary Paul H O'Neill recently confirmed. “The facts demonstrate how dishonest that decision was,” he added. He maintained that the events of September 11, 2001, gave advocates of war the opening they needed. They tried immediately to tie Hussein (Saddam) to Al Qaeda and the terrorist attacks. Secretary of Defence Donald H Rumsfeld created an Office of Special Plans in the Pentagon to analyse the intelligence for war and bypass the traditional screening process. Vice President Dick Cheney relied on intelligence from Iraqi exiles and put pressure on intelligence agencies to produce the desired result, the senator said.

Mr Kennedy wrote that despite the war in Afghanistan, Iraq remained the focus of the Bush administration, with major figures such as Vice President Cheney and Chief of Staff Karl Rove drumming up support for the war.

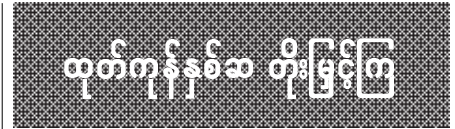
Mr Kennedy said that in the following months, although bin Laden was still at large, the drumbeat on Iraq gradually drowned out those who felt Hussein was no imminent threat. On 12 September, the President told the United Nations that Iraq had stockpiles of VX, mustard and other chemical

agents and had made several attempts to buy high-strength aluminium tubes used to enrich uranium for a nuclear weapon. He said Iraq could build a nuclear weapon “within a year” if Hussein obtained such material.

Mr Kennedy wrote that the final step in the march to war was a “feint” to the United Nations, but Cheney, Rumsfeld and Deputy Defence Secretary Paul D Wolfowitz had convinced the President that war would be a “cakewalk, with or without the United Nations, and that our forces would be welcomed as liberators.”

In March, the war began. “Hussein’s regime was not an adequate justification for war, and the administration did not seriously try to make it one until long after the war began and all the false justifications began to fall apart. There was no imminent threat. Hussein had no nuclear weapons, no arsenals of chemical or biological weapons, no connection to September 11 and no plausible link to Al Qaeda. We never should have gone to war for ideological reasons driven by politics and based on manipulated intelligence,” the senator said.

According to Mr Kennedy, vast resources have been spent on the war that should have been spent on priorities at home. US forces are stretched thin. Precious lives have been lost. The war has made America more hated in the world and made the war on terrorism harder to win. —Internet



Two Americans killed in Iraq car blast

BAGHDAD, Iraq, 19 Jan—A car bomb exploded outside the main gate to the headquarters of the US-led coalition Sunday, killing 18 Iraqis and two Americans, and wounding many other people, American and coalition officials said.

The blast, apparently caused by a suicide bomber, occurred at about 8 am near the “Assassin’s Gate” to Saddam Hussein former Republican Palace complex, now used by the US-led occupation authority for headquarters. The gate is used by hundreds of Iraqis employed by the Coalition Provisional Authority, the formal name of the US-led occupation authorities, as well as US military vehicles.

Brig General Mark Hertling, deputy commander of the 1st Armoured Division, said the blast was caused by a car bomb, and American officials were “assuming this was a suicide bomb.”

The dead Americans may have been civilian contractors, the US command said.

Internet

Iraq politics poses dilemma for US

NAJAF, Iraq, 19 Jan—As the United States considers changing its plan to bring stable government to Iraq, its quandary grows more acute: stick with proposals for an unelected assembly and risk a revolt by the Shiite majority, or cave to a Shiite ayatollah’s demand for a direct vote and possibly alienate Kurdish and Sunni minorities.

A wrong move could ignite the already combustible political climate in a nation of competing ethnic and cultural groups, all eager to promote their conflicting agendas after more than three decades of totalitarian rule.

Caught in the middle are 130,000 American troops who have suffered 500 dead since the Iraq war began on 20 March. At stake is the future of Iraq and President Bush’s administration.

The dilemma centres on the June 30 deadline for the formal end of the occupation and establishment of a sovereign Iraqi government. American forces will stay in Iraq but in fewer numbers. They will gradually hand security responsibilities to the Iraqis, thereby reducing the risk of Ameri-

can casualties as Bush campaigns for re-election.

Threatening that timetable is the demand of Ayatollah Ali al-Husseini al-Sistani, Iraq’s most prominent Shiite leader, for direct elections to a legislature that will select a new government.

The American plan calls for legislators to be chosen in 18 regional caucuses, which Shiites fear could be manipulated to promote US-favoured candidates.

Al-Sistani also wants the elected legislature to have a voice in whether coalition troops stay in Iraq beyond the transfer of power. He says an interim constitution should be subject to the approval of an elected assembly. —Internet



In this image taken from video, US soldiers inspect burning vehicles at the scene of a car bomb which exploded outside the main gate to the headquarters of the US-led coalition in Baghdad, Iraq on Sunday, 18 Jan, 2004. Eighteen people were killed, and dozens of others injured, US officials said. —INTERNET

China attracts \$53.5b of foreign investment in 2003

BEIJING, 19 Jan — China actually utilized 53.5 billion US dollars of foreign investment in 2003, up 1.44 per cent from the previous year, according to the Ministry of Commerce.

In 2003, China approved 41,081 foreign funded firms, an increase of 20.22 per cent over the previous year, and the contractual foreign investment reached 115.07 billion US dollars, 39.03 per cent higher than that

of 2002.

By the end of 2003, China had altogether approved 465,227 foreign funded companies, whose contractual investment totalled 943.13 billion US dollars. —MNA/Xinhua



A US Army Black Hawk helicopter kicks up sand past a 3rd Armoured Cavalry Regiment soldier while landing near the Ar’Ar border crossing on the Iraq-Saudi frontier on 16 Jan, 2004. US troops rotating into Iraq will have fewer soldiers, helicopter and tanks and less artillery. —INTERNET

Mahathir says ‘Sell oil for gold, not dollars’

JEDDAH, 19 Jan—Former Malaysian Prime Minister Mahathir Muhammad has said Saudi Arabia should sell oil for gold, not dollars, to avoid being “short-changed” by a decline in the US currency.

“The price of oil is \$33, but the US dollar has declined by 40% against the euro so you’re effectively getting \$20,” Mahathir told an economic conference in Saudi Arabia’s Red Sea city of Jeddah. “So you’re being short-changed.”

Saudi Arabia, the world’s biggest oil exporter, has justified higher world oil prices by saying they are necessary to compensate for the slide in the US currency.

Mahathir, who retired last October, spent much of his time in office upsetting Western governments and defying their economic orthodoxies. But he became a respected spokesman in Muslim and developing states and received an ovation in Jeddah.

He suggested countries tally their total annual imports and exports and settle

the difference at the end of the year in “gold dinars”.

“They (the WTO) try to impose their agenda without regard for some other countries”

Mahathir Muhammad said.

Former Malaysian Prime Minister Sounding a discordant note, Mahathir also warned Saudi Arabia against rushing to join the World Trade Organization (WTO), saying it was not necessarily a positive move.

Saudi Trade Minister Hashim Yamani said on Saturday his country had narrowed differences with the United States that were holding up accession to the organization and said he wanted to join “tomorrow”.



Mahathir

“Everybody should be careful before joining the WTO because it is not all positive. It can be very negative if you don’t handle it properly,” Mahathir said. “They try to impose their agenda without regard for some other countries.” — Internet

Drive with care

Democrats blast Bush after latest Iraq bombing

WASHINGTON, 19 Jan—Democrats seeking to replace President George W Bush cited a massive suicide bombing in Baghdad as evidence of the failure of US policy there.

Administration officials called the deadly attack at the entrance to the US-led coalition's heavily fortified central Baghdad headquarters part of a pattern to disrupt efforts to rebuild the war-torn country.

The attack killed at least 25 and wounded about 130, including some believed to be Americans.

The blast was the bloodiest single attack in Baghdad since the beginning of the US occupation, and the first vehicle bomb attack since one New Year's Eve which killed eight people at a popular restaurant.

Bush's Democratic opponents have harshly criticized the president's Iraq policy, and some said the bombing was the latest proof it is a failure.

"We have a failed policy right now. Why the administra-

tion is not willing to change course, I have no idea," Senator John Edwards of North Carolina told CBS.

"The one thing we clearly need to do is we need to internationalize the security force in Iraq ... The other thing we should be doing ... is turn the transitional government over to the United Nations."

At an appearance with candidate Howard Dean that stopped just short of an endorsement, former president Jimmy Carter said the US-led Iraq war "has proven to be not only based on erroneous information and misleading statements, but also sustained demonstration of tragedy" in the wake of the latest attack.

Dean has made opposition to the war a centerpiece of his campaign. —Internet

Iraqi antiques robbed by visitors

BAGHDAD, 19 Jan — The relics and treasures of the ancient and historical city of Borseba, 22 kilometres south of Hilla, were being robbed under the noses of officials, local independent newspaper *Al Shira* reported on Saturday.

The paper quoted witnesses from Ibrahim Al Khalil region as reporting that lime rocks and marble tombs were stolen by a number of foreigners, who visited the city to see its cultural and historical sites.

MNA/Xinhua



Unemployed Iraqis demonstrate in the southern city of Basra on 18 January, 2004. Iraq's US-led Coalition Provisional Authority's Programme Management Office will be unveiling plans on 19 January to provide 50,000 jobs for Iraqi men and women by July through construction and non-construction projects across the country. —INTERNET

Edwards says Bush out of touch with Americans

WASHINGTON, 19 Jan—Democratic presidential contender Senator John Edwards of North Carolina said on Sunday US President George W Bush was out of touch with Americans and should get out for "just one day" to listen to their concerns.

With polls showing a tightening race in the critical Iowa caucuses, a clearly buoyed Edwards said Bush's moon initiative was a case in point and Bush would benefit from conversations with Americans outside the controlled events he attends.

"One of the things that concerns me about George Bush... is he's not, I'm out here every day having town-hall meetings, six, seven, eight times a day, listening to the problems that people face, taking on all questions, whatever their concerns are," he said on CBS' "Face the Nation" programme.

"George Bush would do a lot of good for himself if he would spend just one day doing that instead of going to ticketed events, instead of having himself protected, living this very sheltered existence," Edwards said.

"He needs to be out here hearing what's going on on the street in real peoples' lives and I think he's out of touch with what's happening in peoples' lives."

Similar charges of being insensitive to American economic woes levelled against Bush's father, former President George Bush, helped doom his 1992 re-election effort.

MNA/Reuters

World War II aerial photographs on Internet

LONDON, 19 Jan— More than five million detailed aerial photographs from World War II go onto the Internet from Monday, giving the public their first views of some of the most dramatic and grisly moments of the conflict.

From the smoke billowing from the incinerator of the Auschwitz concentration camp in which millions of Jews were murdered by the Nazis, to the US landings on Omaha beach on D-Day, June 6, 1944, the pictures tell dramatic stories.

"These images allow us to see the real war at first hand," project head Allan Williams said. "It is like a live action replay."

"They were declassified years ago, but it takes days to find an individual image. Now they have been digitized and will be on the Internet, it takes seconds," he told Reuters.

War-time planners depended heavily on aerial photography — and in particular the specialist photographic interpreters who spent hours after each sortie pouring over the pictures seeking evidence and clues — to pick their targets. "The pictures were vital to the war effort. For example for years before the final choice of beaches was made for the D-Day landings, photographic

interpreters had been watching the whole shoreline of northern France," Williams said. The pilots who took the highly detailed pictures were some of the most daring in the skies, flying unarmed, unprotected and alone often at very low level to fulfil their missions.

MNA/Reuters

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More than 500 US soldiers killed in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 19 Jan—The death toll of US soldiers rose up to more than 500 since US President George W Bush announced the major military actions over in Iraq on 1 May. Armed attacks against US-led coalition forces by unknown fighters gradually increased after the Bush announcement, which was described at the time by observers as hasty.

The fatal casualties of the US forces in the past nine months surpassed what Washington lost in Vietnam during the first four years of that war three decades ago.

The American losses in Iraq caused negative reactions in the US public opinion in the year of the presidential elections, which are to take place in November.

The increased losses made the US administration call for help from its allies to send troops to Iraq in order to lessen the burden on the American soldiers.

Acceleration in making the decision of power transfer to Iraqis, which is supposed to take place in June, is just another result of these losses. On Sunday morning, a deadly suicide car bombing took place outside the compound housing IGC offices and the US-led coalition headquarters in central Baghdad, killing at least 20 people and wounding more than 60 others. It seemed that the arrest of ousted Iraqi president Saddam Hussein in December near his hometown Tikrit, 170 km north of Baghdad, did not end the armed attacks. Some observers say that the deteriorating security situation in Iraq is a constant headache for Bush, who wants to concentrate on his re-election campaign, as a scary ghost that threatens failure in his political future. —Internet

US approaches UN in key meeting on Iraq's future

UNITED NATIONS, 19 Jan— Faced with mounting resistance in Iraq, the United States on Monday engages in a high-stakes bid to get United Nations help in rescuing plans for a provisional government in Baghdad.

But UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan, still sensitive to the August attack on UN headquarters in Baghdad that killed 22 people, is hesitant about being asked to validate a process the world body had no role in formulating in transferring sovereignty to Iraqis by July 1.

And events over the weeks have not make his decision easier. As the United Nations was weighing whether it was safe enough to send its foreign staff back to Iraq, a suicide bombing outside headquarters of the US-led coalition in Baghdad killed at least 20 people.

Annan himself called the Monday meeting to, in his own words, get some "clarity" on a future UN political role in Iraq. The session includes Paul Bremer, the American administrator in Iraq, his British counterpart, Sir Jeremy Greenstock and a delegation from the US-appointed Iraqi Governing Council.

Nevertheless, UN officials caution about expecting any definitive decision at Monday's meeting, calling it a "stage along the road". —MNA/Reuters



A British soldier walks past a damaged British forces truck in central Basra, Iraq after a bomb attack on 18 Jan, 2004 which injured two British soldiers, one seriously according to Iraqi traffic police. Two Iraqi officers also received minor injuries. — INTERNET

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

The second best time is now.

IRAQ UNDER US OCCUPATION



A US soldier guard the scene of a car bomb which exploded outside the main gate to the headquarters of the US-led coalition in Baghdad, Iraq, on Sunday, 18 Jan, 2004. Eighteen people were killed, and dozens of others injured, US officials said.—INTERNET



US soldiers inspect destroyed vehicles after a massive suicide car bomb blew up at the main gate to the US-led coalition headquarters in the Iraqi capital of Baghdad, on Sunday, 18 Jan, 2004. The blast on early Sunday killed at least 20 people, including two employees working for the US Defence Department, and injured over 60 others. —INTERNET



Destroyed vehicles are seen near the Jumhuriya bridge at the scene of a massive truck bomb explosion at the main entrance to the US-led coalition headquarters in Baghdad on 18 January.—INTERNET



British Army troops investigate the site of a roadside blast which damaged an army Land Rover in the southern Iraq city of Basra, on 18 January, 2004. INTERNET



An Iraqi views a palm grove, through a window of a train shattered by a bullet, after leaving the capital Baghdad, on 15 January, 2004. —INTERNET



An image from TV of a US soldier yelling near the blast scene after a suicide bomber detonated 450 kilogrammes (1,000 pounds) of explosives in a pickup truck outside the headquarters of the US-led coalition in Baghdad, Iraq, on Sunday, 18 Jan, 2004, killing about 20 people and injuring more than 60. — INTERNET

Iraq suicide bombing kills 25

BAGHDAD, 19 Jan—A massive suicide truck bomb killed 25 people in the deadliest attack yet on the US-led coalition's central headquarters as US presidential candidates stepped up criticism of President George W Bush's Iraq policy.

US officials said the attack, which left about 100 people injured, bore out their predictions that insurgents would try to derail US plans to return sovereignty to Iraqis by the end of June without elections.

A pick-up truck crammed with 500 kilograms of explosives blew up at the Assassin's Gate, the main entrance to the sprawling riverside complex in the heart of Baghdad where many Iraqis had been lined up to enter for work.

Pandemonium ensued in the moments after the car exploded 100 metres from the cement barrier checkpoint beneath a giant archway erected by Saddam.

Dead and wounded lay on the ground, flames devoured cars and black smoke spewed into the air as US tanks and armoured vehicles sealed off the street near

the wall surrounding the palace compound known as the Green Zone.

"The blast was so strong. I never heard anything like that before," said witness Ahmed Hassan. "Soldiers panicked. One was thrown to the ground. I saw an Iraqi coalition employee hit the ground. He was wounded. It was so strong."

Combined tolls from hospitals and the military put the number of dead at 25 and the wounded at least 100.

US officers said the toll was expected to rise yet further as bodies remained trapped in the wreckage of vehicles.

At least two American civilian contractors were believed to be among the dead, the coalition's deputy director of operations Brigadier General Mark Kimmitt told reporters.

Internet

Two British soldiers injured in blast in southern Iraq

LONDON, 19 Jan—The British Ministry of Defence said on Sunday that two British soldiers sustained slight injuries when a roadside bomb exploded close to them in the southern Iraqi city of Basra.

The troops were on routine patrol when the explosive device detonated around 0600 GMT on Sunday, a spokesman for the ministry said, adding that the two soldiers only suffered very minor cuts

and bruises.

The incident occurred after a car bomb exploded on Sunday morning outside the headquarters of the US-led coalition in Baghdad.

At least 16 people have been killed and dozens

more wounded in the most deadly suicide bombing in Iraq since former Iraqi president Saddam Hussein was captured by US forces in northern Iraq in December.

MNA/Xinhua

Nitrogen blast kills two at Georgia's scientific institute

Moscow, 19 Jan—Two people were killed and another two were injured when a blast rocked a scientific institute in Georgia's capital of Tbilisi on Sunday, ITAR-TASS news agency reported.

The blast occurred on the 14th floor of the Institute of Isotopes while two people were transferring containers filled with nitrogen, according to preliminary information from the local police.

The two victims were a Georgian-Dutch firm staff living at the institute.

The wounded have been

hospitalized.

According to law enforcement officials, the institute did not produce ra-

diation isotopes and the explosion presented no danger to the environment.

MNA/Xinhua

Two killed in glider crash in Britain

LONDON, 19 Jan—A glider has crashed Sunday into a field in Leicestershire, central England, killing the two people on board.

One person was pronounced dead at the scene, while the other died later from injuries, according to a BBC report.

Two air ambulances responded to the incident, which took place at about 1330 GMT, said the Leicestershire Fire and Rescue Service.

The British Gliding Association is investigating the accident along with the Department of Transport and local police. — MNA/Xinhua



The International Space Station (ISS). The two-man crew of the International Space Station (ISS) took steps to close off the US module of the craft temporarily after it discovered a leak that caused a drop in pressure, Russian officials said.—INTERNET



A US soldier aims his weapon as another soldier leads a sniffer dog around a car parked near the site of a massive truck bomb explosion at the main entrance to the US-led coalition headquarters (background) in Baghdad, on 18 January.

INTERNET

US child abuse fugitive arrested in Mexico

MEXICO CITY, 19 Jan—Mexican police said on Saturday they arrested a US citizen wanted in Minnesota in connection with sexual offences against at least 37 minors.

Federal police detained Edward Lawrence Carlson, 37, in the border city of Tijuana accompanied by a 14-year-old American girl, the Mexican Attorney-Gen-

eral's Office said in a statement.

It said Carlson had jumped bail after being charged in Minnesota last August with sexual offences against minors.

He entered Mexico illegally three months ago and was deported and handed over to the US Justice Department, police said.

MNA/Reuters

10 people killed in Canada plane crash

OTTAWA, 19 Jan—A small plane plummeted in the Lake Erie shortly after take-off from Pelee Island, in Canada's Ontario Province on Saturday, killing 10 people on board, police said Sunday.

The 10 people killed

include nine Canadians and one American, police said, adding that Canadian police divers and Coast Guards crews have huddled to plan the recovery mission Sunday afternoon.

But the ice field covering the downed plane had shifted overnight making it difficult to pinpoint exactly where the plane had come to rest.

Canada's Transportation Safety Board investigator Don Enns said a major investigation into the causes of the crash is expected to take several days.

MNA/Xinhua

Astronauts check for more leaks on space station

Moscow, 19 Jan—Astronauts have sealed off two sections of the International Space Station to check that the hole they found in a hose this week is the only leak on board, a mission control spokesman said on Saturday.

Air pressure aboard the orbiting station dropped slowly for three weeks until the crew found a pin-head-sized hole in a hose in the US laboratory on Monday.

Space officials said pressure had stabilized after the crew removed the defective equipment, but it was still necessary to seal off the modules to double-check there were no more leaks.

"More likely than not, no leaks will be found," the mission control spokesman

said. "Nevertheless the astronauts need to make sure that this was the only leak."

"At midnight (2100 GMT) on Friday they closed Zarya and Destiny for two days to watch the pressure inside the two modules."

He said NASA astronaut Michael Foale and Russian Alexander Kaleri would stay in a separate section of the station for two days while

the checks were carried out.

Russian and US space officials said the steady loss of air pressure had not posed any danger to the crew because there were adequate air supplies on board.

The crew will be sent a replacement hose when the next Progress cargo ship blasts off to the station on January 29.

MNA/Reuters

Don't smoke

Research, the vital requirement

Aung Moe San

In building a nation, the development of research works on economic, political, social and cultural sectors is a must. A study of developing countries in the world will reveal the fact that their success in making their countries modernized ones is based on research works.

The word 'sutesana (research)' has its origin in Pali language. According to the Myanmar Dictionary, it means 'a study of the root cause of something'. In the English Dictionary, it is defined as 'a careful study or investigation in order to discover'.

With the market-oriented system in practice and the multiparty democracy system in transition in Myanmar, State Peace and Development Council Chairman Senior General Than Shwe, whenever the occasion arises, urges departmental personnel, private entrepreneurs and technicians to do research works. Natural causes have an influence on natural science, just as the evolution of the mankind does on social science. It is because obvious answers can be figured out by the findings of natural causes. The same thing can be said of exact solutions, which can be found through the study of the evolution of the human species in social science. International researchers are working out the generation and degeneration of a society through the application of social science. The changes and developments of Myanmar after the World War II may be summarised as follows:

- (1) the outbreak of armed conflicts among national races following the disintegration of national solidarity
- (2) the arising of an obstacle to the improvement of Myanmar society owing to purchasing agricultural produce from peasants at much lower prices than actual world prevailing prices when the export of rice was under control by the State in the time of AFPFL
- (3) the nation lagged behind in development when compared with neighbouring countries in Asia as the State controlled the economies in the time of the Myanmar Socialist Programme Party
- (4) in the time of the Tatmadaw Government, the country has been put on the global development trend after the adoption of the market-oriented economic system, granting permission for the founding of parties, the holding of multiparty elections, the holding of the National Convention, and the introduction of the 'open door market economy' by inviting local and foreign investments.

The developing countries coming to practise the 'open door market economy' are likely to face economic, political, social, racial and religious instability. In economy, there could also surface the price rise, inflation, and the suffering of economic losses as the old state-owned industries were in no position to compete with modern industries.

Furthermore, such cases of instability as power sharing, power handover and ethnic issues could occur in politics. Religious and racial conflicts might also be encountered in social affairs. It is undeniable that such incidents confronted or are still confronting some former East European socialist countries which have shifted to the market-oriented economic system. However, China's smooth transition to the market oriented system provides a model that other countries should emulate. That is the reason why Chinese market becomes prosperous. Now, China has become the second foreign investment market in the world, after the United States of America. As for Myanmar, our country, she is also in the stable process of transition after the 1988 incident. The smooth transition has been due to the Tatmadaw Government's concentrated efforts to give priority to the national consolidation and the stability of the State. As a result, the 17 armed groups, which had opposed the successive governments for a long time, came to make peace with the Tatmadaw Government and returned to the legal fold. This is an achievement the previous governments did not manage to secure. In view of national consolidation, negotiations are being made to ease political tensions. Therefore, it will not be wrong to assume that fine traditions are upheld to find a better solution to national issues through peaceful ways. It is therefore most appropriate and correct method to solve the problem for national interest.

The popular market-oriented economic system worldwide is a competitive system in which only the winner can enjoy the benefits. So, now is the time when the national forces are to make combined efforts in unison in the interests of the nation after entering the market-oriented economic system. Only when the economic productive forces make progress, will the political and administrative sectors develop, human rights fully ensured and democracy flourish. The social revolution starts with the economic revolution. As a matter of fact, the revolution of mankind is based on that of the basic needs of human beings and production process. According to modern political economy, the centre of human society is its economy and production of commodities, and as such the development of the production process and that of the social sector move forward in parallel. Some private banks in Myanmar faced financial problems during the sanctions imposed on the nation by the US and the Western bloc. So did some service enterprises. Like Myanmar, some industrialized nations and newly developed nations experienced such financial crises. The 1997-98 Asia financial crisis had to be overcome by collective efforts of nations in the region. Therefore, Myanmar has laid down the seven-point political programme and is translating it into reality in order to brave and weather the existing economic, political and social crises the country is experiencing. According to

the social science, it is natural that the problems arise and the point is to solve them in the right way. So, what is the most important is just to know the correct approach to the problem. Local and international experts, administrative bodies and those in power or otherwise in the political sphere, scholars, and leaders of social and religious fields are trying hard to solve all kinds of problems of the modern electronic age. They are doing so by exchanging views. Today, the electronic revolution has become widespread and transparent. The world people are able to expand the scope of electronic field more and more and to make greater progress in international research works. The advancement in the social science and natural science depends on stability. People put stable and peaceful conditions with developing productive forces on record in the history but completely disregard unstable and restless conditions with decreasing productive forces.

Myanmar while marching towards the goal of a peaceful, modern developed democratic nation should extend its research work in the economic, political and social sectors. In the process, necessary measures are to be taken under the supervision of the Government. Only then, can we foresee possible big or small economic, political and social problems. Here, we should emulate the struggle of Japan to rebuild itself from ashes after the World War II. Japan, an Asian nation, could make progress 14 times in 17 years, becoming the miracle economy. We held a seminar on economics with Professor (Economics) of Fuji Research Centre of Japan Sinichi Nakayama at the MSR Co in the early 1999. At the seminar, the Japanese professor said that East Asian nations hardly spent funds on Research and Development. Japan was blessed with no natural resources, he added. And it had to import technologies, he said. However, Japan made innovative measures to better the imported technologies, he noted. That was why the Japanese products could overwhelm those of other nations. The Research and Development sector thus played an important role, he said. Japan spent three per cent of its GDP on Research and Development, he said. As Japan placed emphasis on Research and Development, it could maintain its economic development momentum for a long time. And, it can correctly solve all the economic and political problems. It is learnt that there are around 270,000 research centres in Japan and one of five Japanese citizens is a researcher.

Hence, Myanmar while transforming itself to a nation that practices the market-oriented economic system and multi-party democracy system should place greater emphasis on research tasks in the economic, political, social and cultural spheres to be able to minimize the hardships and difficulties on the way.

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Meetings of MOGE and MPE held

YANGON, 19 Jan — Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lun Thi today attended the fourth quarterly meetings of Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise, and Myanma Petrochemical Enterprise and made speeches. At the meetings, production of oil, gas and fertilizers from respective oil fields during the previous quarterly meetings and work

programmes for the fourth quarterly were discussed.

Also present at the meetings were Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Than Htay, Director General of Energy Planning Department U Soe Myint, Managing Director of Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise U San Lwin, Managing Director of Myanma Petrochemical

Enterprise U Kyaw Shein, directors, general managers of oil fields, managers of fertilizer factories and officials.

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Last date of 'Scenic Myanmar' colour photo contest extended

YANGON, 19 Jan — The Ministry of Hotels and Tourism will organize a

colour photo contest in a bid to help promote the tourism industry in Myanmar. In spite of the earlier announcement that the entry photos are to be sent to U Kaung Htut, Deputy Director, Directorate of Hotels and Tourism, at No 77/91, Sule Pagoda Road, Yangon, not later than 31 January 2004, the last date is now extended to 27 February so as to enable the photo enthusiasts from different regions to have time to photograph way of life and customs of the national races at the 'traditional festival of Salone nationals' and the 'traditional festival of Naga nationals'.

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Minister meets Customs Department, IRD officials

and officials of the Customs Department at the CD here this afternoon.

He was accompanied by Deputy Minister Col Hla Thein Swe. The minister heard reports on the functions of the department, implementation of the work programmes, and future tasks presented by officials. The minister and the deputy minister gave instructions.

The minister and the

deputy minister then met with officials of the Internal Revenue Department on Pansodan Street.


The Internal Revenue Department director-general and officials presented work implementation sector-wise, targets of the current financial year and tax collection.

The minister gave instructions.

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Minister Brig-Gen Lun Thi makes a speech at the fourth quarterly meeting of Myanma Petrochemical Enterprise. — MNA



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YGH begins using MRI, Cobalt machines

YANGON, 19 Jan — A ceremony to open Magnetic Resonance Imaging (MRI) and Cobalt machines was held at the Out-Patient Department in Yangon General Hospital this morning.

Present were Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint, the directors-general of departments, the deputy directors-general, rectors, medical superintendents and officials and wellwishers.

The minister spoke on the occasion. Managing Director of Europ Continent Myanmar Mr Jean Marie Pascal presented US \$ 128,717, U Soe Lin and U Tint Shein of Foremost Co Ltd of Sangyoung Township K 10 million, Daw Thi Thi Than of Kamayut Township K five million, U Kyaw Win-Daw Phyu Phyu Thin of 44th Street K 1 million and other wellwishers K 2.9 million to the minister. The minister presented certificates of honour to the wellwishers. Medical Superintendent Dr Teik

Wan thanked the donors.

Director-General of Health Department Dr Wan Maung formally opened the MRI and Cobalt machines and the minister and guests observed them.

The MRI is worth US \$ 896,154 and it will be used in diagnosis. The Cobalt is valued at US \$ 597,000 and it will be used in treatment of cancer patients. The machines were purchased with the contribution of K 13.3 million by wellwishers and K 26.5 million by the State.

The MRI machines were installed each at new Yangon General Hospital, Thingangyun Sanpya Hospital and YGH. Another one will also be equipped at Mandalay General Hospital.

There are Cobalt machines at YGH, MGH and Sao San Htun Hospital in Taunggyi. About 300 cancer patients are x-rayed daily at YGH with the use of the cobalt machine.

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Minister Dr Kyaw Myint makes a speech at the opening ceremony to operate MRI and Cobalt installed in Yangon General Hospital. — MNA

Minister attends opening of courses

YANGON, 19 Jan — The e-Government Workshop Training Course, the Basic Digital Electronic Course, the Introduction to Internet Course, the Subscriber Line Construction Course, the Cable Installation and Maintenance Course and the EWSD Operation and Maintenance Course were opened at the Communication and

Postal Training Centre of Myanma Posts and Telecommunications at 9 am today.

Present on the occasion were Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs Brig-Gen Thein Zaw, Vice-Chairman of e-National Task Force member of Civil Service Selection and Training Board U Aung Myint, the managing director of MPT,

the director-general of Directorate of Telecommunications and officials, the principal, course instructors and trainees.

Minister Brig-Gen Thein Zaw made a speech on the occasion.

The six-week e-Government Workshop Training Course is being attended by 66 trainees; the six-week

Basic Digital Electronic Course, 11 trainees; the three-week Introduction to Internet Course, 24 trainees; the three-week Subscriber Line Construction Course, 10 trainees; the three-week Cable Installation and Maintenance Course, 7 trainees; and the two-week EWSD Operation and Maintenance Course, 7 trainees. — MNA



Minister Brig-Gen Thein Zaw addresses the opening of e-Government workshop training course and other courses conducted by Myanma Posts and Telecommunications. — MNA

Pun Hlaing Members Club C'ship held

YANGON, 19 Jan — The Pun Hlaing Members Club Championship 2003 was held at Pun Hlaing Golf Driving Range yesterday morning.

Altogether 133 golfers took part in the championship. Mr Jerry Ho won the championship with 69 strokes. The second prize went to U Kyaw Paing with

71 strokes and the third prize winner was U Htoo Khaing Win with 71.

Miss Lee Ji Hae won the Pun Hlaing House Owners cup. Mr K T Kim seized the second prize.

The Guest Winner prize went to U Thet Wai and Miss Lee Ji Hae won the first prize in women's singles event. — MNA



Mr Serge Pun presents the club championship challenge trophy to Champion Mr Jerry Ho. — MNA

Yangon Trade Fair 2004 to be held on 30 January



YANGON, 19 Jan — With the permission and assistance of the Ministry of Commerce, the Yangon Trade Fair 2004, organized by Quartz International Co Ltd, will be held at Yangon Trade Centre on Pazundaung Road, here, from 30 Janu-

ary to 2 February on a grand scale.

The fair will display variety of cosmetics, consumer goods, clothes, plastic wares, foodstuff, electronic and electrical goods, construction materials, household items, stationery and packaging things, gadgets and indigenous medicine.

There will be luck draw programmes, sales promoting and entertainment programmes of Star Entertainment for the visitors.

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Military Band Contest continues

YANGON, 19 — The 13th Military Band Contest of the Defence Services (Army, Navy and Air) commemorating the 59th Anniversary Armed Forces Day continued at the People's Square this morning.

Before the contests, bands comprising students of Kyauktada Township Basic Education High School and Dawbon Township No 1 BEHS presented skill demonstration.

Bands of Western Command's Company-3, Eastern Command's Company-3, Central Command's Company-1 and No 5 Training

Depot took part in the contest.

After today's contest, Chairman of the Committee for Organizing the 59th Anniversary Armed Forces Day Commemorative Contest Vice-Adjutant-General Brig-Gen Hla Shwe presented cash awards to the bands of Kyauktada Township BEHS and Dawbon Township No 1 BEHS.

Present on the occasion were Chairman of the Committee Brig-Gen Hla Shwe, senior military officers, panel of judges, guests, families of Tatmadaw (Army, Navy and Air) and students. — MNA



U Pan Pe seen with 13.72 kilos of raw opium on 2 January. — MNA



20.66 kilos of raw opium seized in Pinlaung

YANGON, 19 Jan — A combined team comprising members of local intelligence unit and Special Anti-Drug Squad, acting on information, on 2 January searched the house of U Pan Pe, son of U Ohn of Htitali Village in Sittuang Village-tract, Pinlaung Township, Shan State (South), and

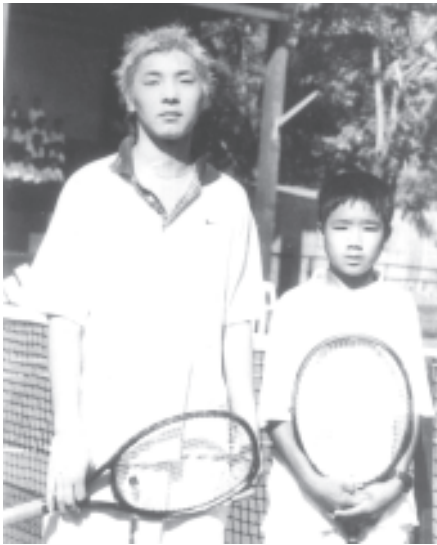
seized him together with 13.72 kilos of raw opium and K 11000. Further investigation led to the arrest of U Aye Maung, son of U Ohn of the same village, and the authorities seized him together with 6.94 kilos of raw opium.

In connection with the cases, action is being taken against them by police station concerned under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law. — MNA

U Aye Maung seen with 6.94 kilos of raw opium on 2 January. — MNA

Myanmar youth tennis player with bright future

Kyaw Myo Naing



Phyo Min Tha trying to save the strike of Batrakh Munkhbastar.

The ITF 14 and Under ASIAN Championships 2004 Zone-2 commenced on 12 January 2004. A total of 43 tennis players from nine countries including Myanmar participated in the tournament. Mongolia tennis team did not appear at the tennis court till the first round matches had been held. In the men's singles event of the first round, Phyo Min Tha (Myanmar) led the game with 300 points, followed by Zin Bo (Myanmar) with 200 points and Surish

Shanmugam (Malaysia) 150 points. In the women's singles event, Moe Chit The (Myanmar) stood fifth with 70 points.

After the first round, the latecomer team arrived at the court via Beijing and Kunming. The Mongolians' height ranges from five feet and 11 inches to six feet and two inches. Batrakh Munkhbastar (Mongolia) and Aung Kyaw Naing (Myanmar) (Palaung national) met in the first match of the second round and

the former beat the latter 6-1, 6-2.

Mr Suresh Menon of the ITF said that Myanmar was lucky because the Mongolian team had been absent in the first round. Otherwise, Myanmar could not stand first, he added. It was right. Batrakh Munkhbastar with six feet and two inches in height and 135 pounds in body weight has got three-year experience in the U-14 event. He is the champion of Asian Junior Circuit held lately in Malaysia. The three strapping Mongolians with fair complexion drew the attention of Myanmar enthusiasts. The three had their hair dyed green, red and grey respectively.

At 9 am on 19 January, Phyo Min Tha and Batrakh Munkhbastar (grey hair) met in the final. The court was

filled with full of spectators including the MTF patron, the minister for Sports, the MTF president and diplomats. I heard the MTF patron says to the minister that we had to study the tennis player who people said Phyo Min Tha could not beat. This match will show how much harder our children will have

Min Tha had got only one point. The audience got worried. However, Phyo Min Tha did not lose his heart. He hit back with powerful strikes, using backhand, forehand overhead all correctly winning one point after another. At that time, the audience gave him a big hand. At last, the victory was his. The hearts

second round. Phyo Min Tha was teaching his rival a good lesson. Unable to hit back, Batrakh Munkhbastar was losing one point after another and at last he had to admit his 2-0 defeat to Phyo Min Tha. All in All, Phyo Min Tha did bring credit to Myanmar by beating his stout rival in the men's singles ten-



Tennis players Batrakh Munkhbastar of Mongolia and Phyo Min Tha of Myanmar.



Phyo Min Tha forehanding the ball to his Mongolian rival.

nis tournament of 2004 Asia Zone-2. The minister, the patron and the president came into the tennis court to honour him. At that time, the audience cheered and applauded.

Wellwishers also presented cash awards to him. The awards amounted to over K 1 million at one sitting. Phyo Min Tha has so far received over K 2 million as cash awards when the cash awards were added to the present one. After the match, the patron and the president said that a press conference would be held to reveal the strong and weak points of that day's match. I would like to say I take my hat off to the Myanmar Tennis Federation.

Translation: MS + KTY

Phyo Min Tha wins best player award...

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Secretary Dr Tin Aung Lin (Aung Mangalar Co Ltd), executive member Major Tin Saw Naing (Ministry of Defence), tennis players and sports fans.

In the final of men's single, Phyo Min Tha of Myanmar beat Batrakh Munkhbastar of Mongolia 7-5, 6-1 and won first.

In the final of women's single, Noordin of Malaysia beat Arudpragasam of Sri Lanka 6-1, 6-3 and won first.

In men's double, Phyo Min Tha and Win Htet Paing of Myanmar won first beating Babar and Nazir of Pakistan 2-6, 6-2, 6-4. In women's double, Noordin and Vy Thinathan of Malaysia were first beating Jayatilaka of Sri Lanka and Thirumalaicheluvam of Malaysia 6-2, 6-4.

In men's single, Phyo Min Tha got first winning first and second round event with high marks. In women's single, Noordin of Malaysia won first with high marks. In men's double, Phyo Min Tha and Win Htet Paing stood first.

In women's double, Noordin of Malaysia and Jayatilaka of Sri Lanka won first. Phyo Min Tha won the best player award for man and Noordin of Malaysia won the best player award for woman.

Phyo Min Tha and Zin Bo of Myanmar were chosen as ITF team. Moe Chit The of Myanmar was chosen in women's team.

They will participate in Asian Championships to be held in Indonesia in February.—MNA

Coord meeting of Attorney-General, State/Division law officers concludes

YANGON, 19 Jan — The second day session of the 24th Coordination Meeting of the Attorney-General and State/Division law officers concluded at the Meeting Hall-2 of the Attorney-General's Office, here, this morning.

Present on the occasion were Attorney-General U Aye Maung, Deputy Attorney-Generals Dr Tun Shin, U Han Shein and U Myint Naing, Director-General of Attorney-General's Office U Mya Nyein, Deputy Director-General of Attorney-General's Office (Mandalay Branch) U Tin Myint, directors, law officers from states and divisions, deputy directors and the Head of Office. The deputy attorney-generals and the director-general made discussions and the meeting came to a close in the afternoon with concluding remarks by the attorney-general.—MNA

to work in the future, he said. Batrakh Munkhbastar was so famous and good. It was somewhat like a match between an elephant and a goat. At the start of the match, he secured five points consecutively. At that time, Phyo

of all the audience were filled with exhilaration so much that tears dropped from their eyes.

To the amazement of Batrakh Munkhbastar of Mongolia, Phyo Min Tha took the lead of the match with five points ahead in the



Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan and Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Aung Thein inspect Photolitho Press of the Printing and Publishing Enterprise. — MNA

Minister visits Photolitho Press

YANGON, 19 Jan — Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan, accompanied by Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Aung Thein, arrived at the Photolitho Press of the Printing and Publishing Enterprise on Ngahtatgyi Pagoda Road

here this afternoon. The minister and party were welcomed there by Managing Director of PPE U Myint Thein and General Manager U Thet Soe and officials. At the briefing hall, Deputy General Manager (Press) U Sein Tun reported to

the minister on history and area of the press, printing machines and publishing of school texts. After hearing the reports, the minister inspected machines there. The minister gave instructions and left there. — MNA

Prize presentation ceremony...

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Next, officials presented gifts to leaders of the respective tennis teams. Next, officials of the respective tennis teams and tennis players presented the entertainment. Officials presented certificates of honour to the sub-

committees that provided assistance for successful holding of the tennis tournament. A leader and a player, on behalf of the tennis teams, spoke words of thanks.

Myanmar Tennis Federation hosted a dinner in honour of those present.—MNA



Prime Minister accepts 1000 books on Abhidharma Pitaka Vibin Palidaw (Myanmar Version) Vol II, donated by U Maung Maung Hlaing-Daw Wah Wah Tun of World Peace IT Co on 18-1-2004. (News reported) — MNA



Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt presents offertories to Shwekyin Joint-Sasanabaing Bahan Thirimanda San Kyaung Sayadaw at the 45th Founding Anniversary of Maha Visuddhayan (Pali University) on 18-1-2004. (News reported) — MNA



Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt and party inspect sanitation work being carried out on the bank of Inya Lake on 18-1-2004. (News reported) — MNA



ဆောင်းကုသီတွင်ဖြစ်ပွားတတ်သောကူးစက်ရောဂါများ ကာကွယ်နှိမ်နင်းရေးနှိုးဆော်ချက်

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- ၂။ ၎င်းရောဂါများကိုကြိုတင်ကာကွယ်ရန်အတွက်
 - * ပွဲလမ်းသဘင်လူထုထပ်သောနေရာနှင့် ဖုန်ထူထပ်သောနေရာများကို တတ်နိုင်သမျှရှောင်ကြဉ်ပါ။
 - * နာစေးချောင်းဆိုးလျှင် ရောဂါမပြန့်ပွားစေရန် လက်ကိုဝါးစက်သုံးပါ။
 - * တစ်ဦးအသုံးပြုထားသော အသုံးအဆောင်နှင့်အဝတ်အထည်များကို အခြားတစ်ဦးမှအသုံးပြုခြင်းကို ရှောင်ကြဉ်ပါ။
 - * ၅-နှစ်အောက် ကလေးများအား ပုံမှန်ကာကွယ်ဆေးထိုး၍ ကာကွယ်၍ရသောရောဂါများဖြစ်သည့် ဆုံဆုံနာ၊ ကြက်ညှာရောင်ဆိုး၊ ဝက်သက်ရောဂါ ကာကွယ်ဆေးများထိုးပါ။
 - * တစ်ကိုယ်ရေ သန့်ရှင်းရေးကို အလေးထားဆောင်ရွက်ပါ။
 - * အဟာရပြည့်ဝသော အစားအစာများကိုစားသုံးပါ။
 - * လုံလောက်စွာအနားယူပါ။
- ၃။ ရောဂါလက္ခဏာများရှိလျှင် အသက်ဆုံးရှုံးမှုနှင့် ရောဂါပြန့်ပွားမှုများမှကာကွယ်နိုင်ရန် နီးရာကျန်းမာရေးဌာနတွင် ဆေးလျှင်စွာဆေးကုသမှုခံယူပါ။

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Latam pol parties reach accord on cooperation, security

SANTIAGO, 19 Jan — Party leaders from Latin American counties on Saturday reached an unprecedented agreement on continental cooperation and security after the end of a two-day meeting.

This was announced on Saturday by the meeting organizer, the Latin American Centre for the Relations with Europe (CELARE).

The two-day meeting in Chile's capital opened on Thursday, gathering some 30 representatives of the principal political parties of both left and right wings, analysed the perspectives of the developing ties within the continent and with Europe.

The participants agreed to reinforce the process of bi-regional summits and advance the consensus within the framework of the negotiations with the World Trade Organization (WTO) by focusing some strategic issues such as the proposal to sign a Euro-Latin American Charter for Peace

and Security. In the charter it is called to establish "joint peacekeeping operations and common criteria on civil defence" as well as "preventive actions on the development of weapons of mass destruction".

President of the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) Chilean Sergio Paetz Verdugo and European parliamentarian Spanish Jose Salafranca also attended the meeting.

MNA/Xinhua

13 members of money laundering ring captured in Colombia

BOGOTA, 19 Jan — Colombian police captured on Saturday 13 members of an illegal organization laundering money originated from drug trafficking, through several operations in financial institutions of the country, the United States and Asia.

The operation discovered the laundering of some 3.3 billion US dollars in Colombia, and investments in stock amounting to 120 million dollars in US and Asian banks.

The operation, carried out by the anti-narcotics police in coordination with the Money Laundering Unit of the Attorney-General's Office of Colombia, was simultaneously undertaken in the cities of Bogota, Cali, Manizales and San Jose del Guaviare. According to the police, the operation took the name of the Colombian firm Fraternidad Divina Providencia, that was utilized to open bank accounts and the handling of illegal assets.

The judicial investigation on the case started in October, 2002, and since then 50 financial analyses, 45 fingerprint studies and the collection of banking documents have been made. —MNA/Xinhua

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- ၁။ မူးယစ်ဆေးဝါးသုံးစွဲလျှင် အသည်းရောင်အသားဝါရောဂါ၊ အသည်းခြောက်ရောဂါ၊ အသည်းကင်ဆာရောဂါ၊ သွေးဆိပ်တက်ခြင်းနှင့် နှလုံးရောဂါ၊ အဆုတ်ရောဂါများ၊ ခုခံအားကျဆင်းမှုရောဂါ (AIDS)နှင့်၊ စိတ်ပိုင်းဆိုင်ရာရောဂါများ စသည်တို့ဖြစ်ပွားနိုင်သည်အပြင်၊ စီးပွားရေးနှင့်၊ လူမှုရေးများ ထိခိုက်ပျက်စီးခြင်း၊ ဥပဒေအရအရေးယူခံရခြင်းတို့ဖြစ်နိုင်ပါသည်။
- ၂။ ထို့ကြောင့် အဆိုပါဒုက္ခများမှကင်းဝေးစေရန်၊ မူးယစ်ဆေးဝါးကို လုံးဝရှောင်ကြဉ်ပါ။
- ၃။ မူးယစ်ဆေးဝါးသုံးစွဲသူများသည် သတ်မှတ်ဆေးရုံများတွင်မှတ်ပုံတင်၍ ဆေးကုသမှုခံယူပါ။

ကျန်းမာရေးဝန်ကြီးဌာန

ရှောင်လေဝေးဝေး

မူးယစ်ဆေး

US-bound flight lands at Shannon after bomb scare

DUBLIN, 19 Jan — A US-bound flight en route from Frankfurt made an emergency landing at Shannon Airport in Ireland shortly afternoon on Sunday after a bomb scare, officials said.

All 134 passengers and 10 crew members disembarked safely and the Delta Air Lines plane was moved to a remote part of the airport pending security checks, an airport official said.

A note was apparently discovered in a toilet suggesting a bomb might be onboard, said Siobhan Moore, a spokeswoman for airport operating company Aer Rianta in Dublin.

"Police are currently interviewing passengers inside the terminal building."

"The next procedure is to wait until the

time lapses that it was due to land at its destination before carrying out a search of the plane," she added.

The plane had been originally scheduled to arrive in Atlanta at 1900 GMT.

An airline spokeswoman earlier said Delta Flight 27, en route from Frankfurt to Atlanta, had diverted to Shannon Airport for security reasons.

"Delta does not discuss security issues as the safety and the security of its passengers are its number one priority," she added.

MNA/Reuters



A worker cleans a glass door decorated with a monkey in Beijing on 19 January, 2004 as China's capital prepares for the Lunar Chinese New Year. The Year of the Monkey starts on 22 January this year.

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All this needs to be known

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

Pilot of crashed "F-16" found dead

ANKARA, 19 Jan — Turkish Air Forces Command said on Sunday that the body of Mehmet Karakuzu, the pilot of an F-16 fighter plane which crashed in western Turkey on Friday, was recovered.

A statement issued by the Air Forces Command said that the F-16 plane belonging to Balikesir Ninth Main Jet Base Command crashed in Domanic Town of Aegean Kutahya Province due to a technical failure during the training flight on Friday.

The statement pointed out that the wreckage of the plane was found 15 kilometres away from Domanic town on Sunday morning.

Karakuzu failed to jump out of the plane with a parachute and died in the plane crash, the statement added.

The F-16 fighter plane disappeared from radar screen after taking off from Main Jet Base in Balikesir Province in Marmara Region while it was flying above Tavsanli Town of Kutahya Province.

MNA/Xinhua

Turkey detains 95 illegal immigrants in northwestern area

ANKARA, 19 Jan — Turkish Gendarme forces captured on Sunday 95 foreigners who wanted to cross Turkey-Greece border illegally in northwestern Edirne Province, the Anatolia news agency reported.

These foreigners wanted to sneak into Greece in Hamidiye hamlet of Edirne's Uzunkopru Town, the report said. Among them

were 35 Iraqis, 12 Somalis, 10 Chinese, 10 Bangladeshis, 10 Iranians, three Algerians, eight Chadians, five Mauritians, and two Moroccans.

These foreigners will be deported following legal proceedings, added the report.

More than 728,500 illegal foreigners have been captured by the Turkish security forces in separate

operations in Turkey in the last five years, according to a statement issued recently by the Directorate-General of Security.

The statement also said that Turkey has set up a special mission force to fight against illegal migration, and several agreements have been signed with the neighbouring countries to this end.

MNA/Xinhua

China to increase investment in cultural undertakings

BEIJING, 19 Jan — Chinese governments at all levels will increase their investment in public cultural undertakings in a bid to meet the growing demand of the general public to the maximum for cultural consumption for better human development, a senior Chinese leader has said.

Li Changchun, a member of the Standing Committee of the Political Bureau of the Chinese Communist Party Central Committee, said China will continue its reform of its cultural institutions so as to enable them to better serve the general public.

During his inspection tour of the National Museum of China, Li said the governments should make better use of their cultural

resources to prevent duplicated construction.

Li said all kinds of museums, memorials and exhibition halls should gradually open to middle and primary school students free of charge.

China would pay close

attention to the development of public cultural undertakings while doing a good job in promoting a market-oriented cultural sector in a bid to better promote social, economic and human development.

MNA/Xinhua

ကူးစက်မြန် (ဦးနှောက်အမြှေးရောင်)

ရောဂါကူးစက်ရေး

(က) ရောဂါဖြစ်ပွားပုံ

- * ဤရောဂါသည် ဘက်တီးရီးယားပိုးကြောင့် ဖြစ်သည်။
- * တစ်ဦးမှတစ်ဦးသို့ အသက်ရှူလမ်းကြောင်းမှတစ်ဆင့် ကူးစက်သည်။
- * အသက်အရွယ်မရွေး ရောဂါဖြစ်နိုင်ပြီး ကလေးသူငယ်များတွင် ပိုမိုဖြစ်သည်။
- * လူစုလူဝေးနှင့် နေထိုင်မှုသည် ရောဂါပိုမိုပြန့်လွယ်သည်။
- * ဆောင်းနှင့်နေရာသီတွင် ရောဂါအဖြစ် များလေ့ရှိသည်။
- * ဤရောဂါသည် ကူးစက်မြန်ပြီး လူအများစုတွင် တစ်ပျိုင်းတည်း ဖြစ်တတ်သည်။

(ခ) ရောဂါလက္ခဏာများ

- * ရုတ်တရက် ပြင်းထန်စွာ ဖျားခြင်း။
- * ပြင်းထန်စွာ ခေါင်းကိုက်ခြင်း၊ ဇက်တောင်ခြင်း၊ အော့အန်ခြင်း၊ တက်ခြင်း၊ သတိလစ်ခြင်း။
- * ကြွက်သားများ နာကျင်ခြင်း။
- * အရေပြား၌ သွေးခြည်ညှင်း၊ အနီစက်၊ အနီကွက်များ ဖြစ်ပေါ်လေ့ရှိခြင်း။
- * သွေးလန့်မှု ဖြစ်တတ်ခြင်း။
- * ရုတ်တရက် အသက်ဆုံးရှုံးနိုင်ခြင်း။

(ဂ) ကြိုတင်ကာကွယ်နိုင်ခြင်း

- * တစ်ကိုယ်ရေသန့်ရှင်းရေးကို အလေးထားဆောင်ရွက်ပါ။
- * အာဟာရပြည့်သော အစားအစာများကို စားသုံးပါ။
- * လုံလောက်စွာ အနားယူပါ။
- * ပွဲလမ်းသဘင်၊ လူထုထပ်သောနေရာနှင့် ဖုန်ထူထပ်သောနေရာများကို တတ်နိုင်သမျှ ရှောင်ကြဉ်ပါ။
- * နှာစေးမှောင်ဆိုးလျှင် ရောဂါမပြန့်ပွားစေရန် လက်ကိုဝါးကို အသုံးပြုပါ။
- * တစ်ဦးအသုံးပြုထားသော အသုံးအဆောင်နှင့် အဝတ်အထည်များကို အခြားတစ်ဦးမှ အသုံးပြုခြင်းကို ရှောင်ကြဉ်ပါ။

- (ဃ) ရောဂါလက္ခဏာများရှိလျှင် အသက်ဆုံးရှုံးမှုနှင့် ရောဂါပြန့်ပွားမှုများမှ ကာကွယ်နိုင်ရန် နီးရာကျန်းမာရေးဌာနတွင် ဆေးလျင်စွာ ဆေးကုသမှုခံယူပါ။

ကျန်းမာရေးဝန်ကြီးဌာန

Myanmar ICT Week 2004

MICT Park, Yangon.

(From 9 am to 5 pm daily from 21 to 27 January)

21 January 2004

- 7:30 am — Opening Ceremony + Projects Launching
- 1 pm — Professional Certification (seminar & ceremony)
- 1 pm — Capability Maturity Model Integration (workshop)

22 January 2004

- 9 am — Role of women in ICT industry (workshop)
- 9 am — PKI application (CA)
- 1 pm — Myanmar language implementation (workshop)
- 1 pm — Hardware Trend for software developers (seminar)

23 January 2004

- 9 am — Database Trend Technology (workshop)
- 1 pm — Object oriented software development with unified modeling language (workshop)

24 January 2004

- 9 am — Software products for SME (presentation & promotion)
- 1 pm — Software products for SME (presentation & promotion)

25 January 2004

- 9 am — Security issues and related products (seminar)
- 1 pm — e-Procurement (seminar)

26 January 2004

- 9 am — Wireless and broadband application (seminar)
- 1 pm — Myanmar National Counter-Strike C'ship Final

(Admission free)

West-East pipeline starts commercial operation

BEIJING, 19 Jan — China's west-east gas pipeline Sunday began supplying natural gas for east China's Zhejiang Province, after Shanghai, Henan, Anhui and Jiangsu, marking the start of the commercial operation of the pipeline project.

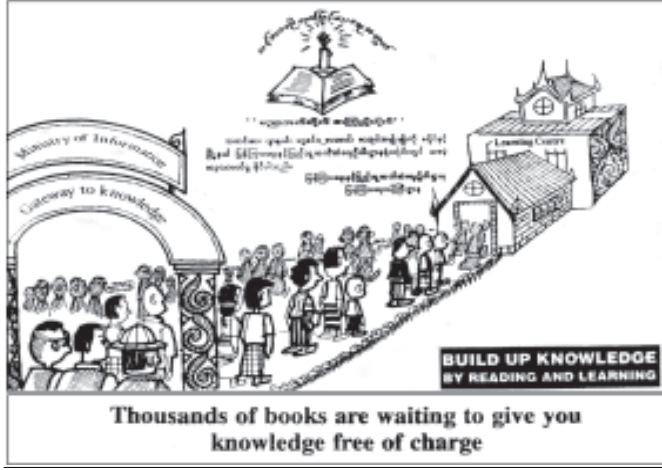
So far, it has provided more than 70 million cubic metres of gas to those areas, said PetroChina, which is in charge of the pipeline project.

Construction started in July 2002 and the project cost more than 200 billion yuan (24.1 billion US dollars).

It is designed to carry 12 billion cubic metres of natural gas a year from the Tarim Basin in the Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region and the Changqing gas field in Shaanxi to the eastern regions.

A total of 3,900 kilometres of pipeline will be laid for the project. The eastern section, linking Shaanxi and Shanghai, was completed and started trial operation in October 2003.

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အပြီးသတ်စစ်ဆေးမှု မြေဆီကြမည့်သူများသည် မိမိတို့ မြေဆီရမည့်နေ့ရက်တွင် မြန်မာ့လေကြောင်း (ရုံးချုပ်)၊ အမှတ်(၁၀၄) တမ်းနားလမ်း၊ ရန်ကုန်မြို့သို့ နံနက်(၈:၀၀)နာရီအရောက် အောက်ဖော်ပြပါ စာရွက်စာတမ်းများ မပျက်မကွက် (မပျက်မကွက်) ယူဆောင်လာ၍ သတင်းပို့ရပါမည်-

(က) မှတ်ပုံတင်/နိုင်ငံသားစိစစ်ရေးကတ်စံရင်း

(ခ) အခြေခံပညာ အထက်တန်းစာမေးပွဲ(က) အဆင့်မြင့်

အောင်လက်မှတ်စုရင်း

(ဂ) အိမ်ထောင်စုစာရင်းမိတ္တူ

(ဃ) အလုပ်သမားမှတ်ပုံတင်ကတ်စံရင်း

(င) အိမ်ထောင်မရှိ (လူမျိုး/အမျိုး မြစ်ကြောင်း)

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Consignees of cargo carried on MV KENG TUNG Voy No (23) arrived on 20-1-04 are hereby notified that their cargo will be discharged into the premises of Myanma Port Authority where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily between 8 am to 11:20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm up to Claims Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the vessel.

No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

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သင်ရိုးညွှန်းတမ်းနှင့်အညီ အင်္ဂလိပ်စာ သင်ခန်းစာများပါရှိပါသည်။

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ပလတ်စတစ်စားပွဲနှင့် ကုလားထိုင်များ ရောင်းချသက်သာစွာဖြင့် ငှားရမ်းနေပါသည်။

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16 illegal immigrants drown off coast of Spain

MADRID, 19 Jan — A boat full of immigrants who sought to illegally enter into Spain sank off the coast of the Iberian country with a toll of 16 dead and three missing, police said on Friday.

Nine other illegal immigrants on board the boat were arrested upon arrival in the coast in Fuerteventura, one of the Spanish Canary Islands, said the authorities.

Initial reports said the victims may have come from North Africa and the tragedy is the first of its kind in 2004.

In 2003, 104 immigrants died in their attempt to reach the coast of Spain, 44 in the Canary Islands.

In 2002, a total of 35 immigrants drowned while in 2001, the number was 86.

MNA/Xinhua

Oil prices jump 5% on deep freeze in US

NEW YORK, 19 Jan — Oil prices jumped 5 per cent on Friday, reversing Thursday's fund-led sell-off, as subzero temperatures in the US Northeast threatened to strain already low US fuel stocks.

US light crude for February delivery on the New York Mercantile Exchange (NYMEX) settled up 1.63 US dollars or 4.9 per cent at 35.07 US dollars a barrel after peaking at 35.30 US dollars. The contract fell 1.06 US dollars Thursday.

There was frantic activity in the refined products markets, with US heating oil and gasoline prices also recouping Thursday's sharp losses and leaping 5.4 per cent and 6.7 per cent, respectively, in a shortened trading session that ended at 1 p.m. EST (1800 GMT).

In London, the new March Brent crude contract likewise ended higher, adding 1.13 US dollars or 3.8 per cent to 30.47 US dollars a barrel. February Brent went off the board on Thursday at 31.56 US dollars.

Prices found renewed strength on worries that bitter cold in the US Northeast, a voracious consumer of heating oil, will deplete US inventories which are already at record low levels, though the freeze is expected to ease early next week.

Heating energy demand in the region will average near-record highs with the region in the icy grips of an Arctic blast, according to weather forecaster Meteorologix. "The cold will ease over the weekend as will heating energy demand, though it will still run much above normal," it predicted.

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Spain heads confiscations of drug in Europe

MADRID, 19 Jan — About 60 per cent of the drug confiscations last year in Europe were made in Spain, Cesar Pascual, the governmental representative for the National Anti-Narcotics Plan, said on Friday.

Spain made important achievements in 2003 in drug confiscations, seizing 45 tons of cocaine and 700 of hashish, Pascual said at a conference with students in the southern city of Granada.

The official said cocaine confiscations increased by 155.6 per cent in comparison with those in 2002 and those of hashish, by 23.8 per cent.

The figures reflect an "extraordinary" efficiency of the Spanish security forces, he added.

According to Pascual, the confiscation of heroin registered in 2003 a slight decrease from 2002, possibly due to a decrease in consumption. The number of captured drug traffickers was also on decline.

MNA/Xinhua

33 kilos of cocaine seized in Greece

ATHENS, 19 Jan — Greek police on Saturday said they had seized 33 kilos of cocaine hidden in a truck in a warehouse in the port of Piraeus and arrested two Belgians, along with a Dutch and Italian man.

Police said that one of the Belgians and the Dutchman arrested are thought to be the ringleaders of an international drugs gang smuggling large quantities of cocaine from Latin America to Western Europe.

MNA/Reuters

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Egyptian officials put the black box of the plane that crashed off the coast of the Egyptian Red Sea resort of Sharm el-Sheikh on a pickup truck on 17 January, 2004. The black box was recovered in a joint operation between the French and Egyptian Navy experts. The Egyptian Boeing 737 crashed into the sea on 3 January killing all 148 people on board, 133 of whom were French tourists. —INTERNET

“Black box” from Red Sea crash site heads to Cairo

SHARM EL-SHEIKH, 19 Jan — A French salvage team gave Egypt on Saturday the data recorder from a Boeing 737 that crashed into the Red Sea killing 148 people, and Egyptian officials said it was going to Cairo for analysis.

The office of French Prime Minister Jean-Pierre Raffarin said the salvage team had also located the second “black box”, which records cockpit conversations, and was trying to retrieve it from the bottom of the Red Sea.

Search and rescue experts detected a weak signal from the second flight recorder four days after the plane, carrying 133 French tourists and 15 other people, plunged into the sea minutes after take-off from Sharm el-Sheikh on 3 January.

But so far they have not been able to retrieve it from the sea bed with their submersible robots.

In Cairo, Egyptian Civil Aviation Minister Ahmed Mohamed Shafiq Zaki told reporters that Egypt had the technical means to download and analyse the data from the flight recorder, while personnel from the

US plane manufacturer Boeing would take part in the investigation as observers.

If the Egyptians need any help from France, they will ask for it “without embarrassment”, the minister added.

Egypt has asserted its sovereign right to take the lead in the investigation and has defended its air safety record against allegations that Switzerland banned the operating company, Flash Airlines, from its air space because of safety violations.

Zaki said: “If it turns out there was a flaw in the plane, we will announce that straight away without any embarrassment.”

He said that the Swiss ambassador in Cairo had admitted to him that a Swiss official made a mistake when she told reporters that Switzerland had taken steps against the airline. —MNA/Reuters

Warner Bros marches into China's cinema market

BELING, 19 Jan— Warner Brothers on Saturday signed an agreement with China's Wanda Group to create 30 Warner Wanda International Cinemas, bringing more movie-going opportunities and options to people across China.

According to the agreement, Wanda Group, a well-known Chinese real estate company, will invest in the building of the 30 Multiplex cinemas, while Warner Bros. will provide overall technical, operational and management services. The Multiplex cinemas will use the brand names of both Warner Bros and Wanda Group.

The first of the 30 Multiplex cinemas is already set to open Sunday in north China's Tianjin Municipality, while another 29 will finish construction during the coming three to four years in the municipalities of Beijing, Shanghai, north China's major cities of Harbin, Dalian and Shenyang and central China's cities of Wuhan and Zhengzhou.

Millard Ochs, chief executive of Warner Brothers International Cinemas, told *Xinhua* that “China's cinema market is young and full of opportunities”, adding that Warner intends to further invest in China and help nurture China's cinema industry.

China issued new rules in December 2003 allowing foreign investors to hold up to 75-per-cent stake in joint venture cinemas in seven of China's largest cities, which took effect on 1 January this year. —MNA/Xinhua

Colombia safe from bird flu virus

BOGOTA, 19 Jan — Colombia is safe from the bird flu virus, Alvaro Abisambra, Director of the Colombian Agricultural Institute, said Saturday.

The sanitary authorities have kept strict control and permanent vigilance over the poultry-producing centres of the country for years.

The Colombian poultry imports during the past year “come from bird-flu-free countries,” Abisambra said.

In Colombia, the imports of products that could be contaminated with bird flu are banned, including those from the Netherlands and the county of New London, the US state of Connecticut. This measure has been taken since late March, 2003.

Abisambra added that Colombia had established a registration of the business to authorize animal imports of any species, and the authorization was only given to those passed several tests.

Colombia has developed a plan to prevent bird flu, including the “strict control and evaluation of the risk of fowl imports, of which samples are taken and analysed in our laboratories,” said Abisambra.

According to the Agricultural Institute, Colombia imported in 2003 a total of 19.7 million US dollars in fowl meat and products, live animals, egg for consumption or incubation, and vaccines, especially from the United States, Brazil, Canada, Costa Rica, France, Germany, Spain, Ecuador and Venezuela.

The World Health Organization (WHO) confirmed Monday that at least three of the 12 Vietnamese who died of respiratory disease had contacted the human version of the virus. —MNA/Xinhua

Chinese PM conveys festival greetings to scientists

BELING, 19 Jan— Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao on Saturday visited the Chinese Academy of Sciences, conveying greetings to science workers nationwide on the occasion of Spring Festival, which will fall on 22 January.

After visiting the Institute of Electronics and the Institute of Automation, both under the Chinese Academy of Sciences, Wen, who is also a member of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China (CPC), stressed the importance of science and technology innovation to the scientists.

He said scientific innovation played a pivotal role in

enhancing a country's economic competitive power. In the future, scientists should put more efforts into the research of those fundamental sciences and the high technologies with strategic meaning.

The academy should put the research related to information, energy resources, environmental protection, agriculture modernization and life

sciences into a more important place and strive to make new breakthroughs in those fields. Wen called the Chinese Academy of Sciences the most important organization in the country's scientific innovation system and hoped the academy would make new contributions to enhancing the country's comprehensive national strength. —MNA/Xinhua

Bank of Italy, Economy Ministry row over Parmalat

ROME, 19 Jan— Tensions between the Bank of Italy and the Italian Economy Ministry over the Parmalat fraud scandal were fuelled this weekend by the bank's denial that its chief Antonio Fazio had been warned of the multinational's approaching collapse.

Sources at the Bank of Italy said on Saturday that the bank “had not received any warnings about Parmalat” from Italian Economy Minister Giulio Tremonti. They also said that such cautions should in any case have been sent to bourse watchdog Consob, arguing that it was up to the regulator to monitor potential fraud and not the Bank of Italy.

Reporting to the Senate last week on the Parmalat scandal, Tremonti said that both Consob and the Bank of Italy should have noticed something was amiss at the dairy multinational.

Tremonti said inspectors at the Bank of Italy, which oversees banking operations, should have spotted “at least something anomalous” when checking Parmalat's bond operations over the last few years.

Parmalat was declared insolvent last month with a reported hole in its accounts of more than 10 billion euros.

Parmalat's crisis came to a head last month when Bank of America declared as a forgery a document claiming a Parmalat account with the bank.

The Italian Government confirmed last week that it was speeding up the passage of a reform bill to boost the country's regulatory system.

Italian European Union Policy Minister Rocco Buttiglione said the government would not wait for Parliament to conclude its investigation into the Parmalat case before presenting the bill, stressing an urgent need to protect small investors.

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Malaysians send 6 billion SMS messages in 2003

KUALA LUMPUR, 19 Jan— Malaysians sent an estimated six billion messages through the Short Message Service (SMS) in 2003, showed figures released by the Malaysian Communication and Multimedia Commission on Sunday.

The Malaysians spent about 315 million US dollars last year for SMS, the figures indicated.

In 2002, 3.64 billion SMS were sent, and in 2003, some 4.5 billion SMS had been sent by the end of September. Figures for the year's last quarter have not been finalized, but the average of the first three quarters puts the estimated total for the year at six billion, according to the figures. The six billion messages were almost double the 2002 volume, and the increase also, to a certain extent, reflected the increase in the number of mobile phone subscribers.

MNA/Xinhua



A Parmalat truck makes his way to the Italian food giant's main factory in Collecchio, near Parma. Investigators pressed former executives of bankrupt Parmalat for more secrets to find out how the giant food and financial group collapsed as the scandal tarred an ever widening circle of companies, and predators stalked group assets. —INTERNET

SPORTS

Struggling Lazio held 1-1 by lowly Modena

ROME, 19 Jan—Lazio's disappointing Serie A form continued on Saturday when they drew 1-1 with lowly Modena.

The result left the Rome-based club 10 points behind league leaders and arch-rivals AS Roma before Sunday's matches, having taken just one point from their first three games of 2004.

Modena failed to capitalize on better first-half possession and fell behind in the 24th minute, when a Lazio counterattack ended with striker Roberto Muzzi rolling the ball into the path of teammate Claudio Lopez, who fired low into the net.

Lazio continued to look dangerous on the break immediately after the interval, but were pegged back on the hour when uncertainty in defence allowed home midfielder Nicola Campedelli to sweep a loose ball past keeper Angelo Peruzzi.

Modena, who had not won a Serie A match since early November, pressed forward in the final 15 minutes, but were let down by inaccuracy as midfielders Omar Milanetto and Antonio Marasco shot wide of the target. However Lazio's bad day on the pitch was offset by events earlier in the day, when a meeting of the club's shareholders approved a 120-million-euro capital hike, deemed essential to prevent top players leaving during the January transfer window. — MNA/Reuters

Adriano levels on return for Parma

ROME, 19 Jan—Adriano celebrated his return from injury by scoring the equalizer in Parma's 1-1 draw with Udinese in Serie A on Saturday while Lazio were held by the same scoreline at lowly Modena.

Brazilian Adriano, who had not played a league match since injuring his hamstring in November, headed in from a corner ten minutes from the end of the match to cancel out teammate Matteo Ferrari's first-half own goal.

Parma, whose future is uncertain after the collapse of their owners Parmalat, remain fifth after the result, level on 31 points with Inter Milan. Inter are in action on Sunday at home to second-from-bottom Empoli.

Despite creating more chances in a lively first half, Udinese struggled to find a way past visiting keeper Sebastian Frey, who showed the same composure that inspired his side to a 1-0 win over Inter last weekend.

But Frey could do nothing to stop the goal that put the home side ahead in the 23rd minute, when Ferrari's misdirected clearance ended up on the wrong side of his far post. Parma almost equalized a minute later, when Italian Under-21 international Alberto Gilardino headed against the bar.

Lazio's disappointing league form continued when they could only draw 1-1 at Modena, who have not won in Serie A since early November. The result left the Rome-based club sixth and 10 points behind league leaders and arch-rivals AS Roma before Sunday's matches, having taken just one point from their first three games of 2004.

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Late winner keeps Rangers hopes flickering

GLASGOW, 19 Jan—Rangers kept alive their faint Scottish Premier League title hopes courtesy of Shota Arveladze's late winner in a 1-0 home victory against Motherwell on Saturday. Motherwell's young side fought gamely until Georgian striker Arveladze's 82nd minute effort settled matters.

Rangers were relieved to collect the three points in a match of few chances though they remain eight points behind unbeaten leaders Celtic who travel to third-placed Hearts on Sunday. Celtic have 55 points from 19 games while Rangers move on to 47.

Hearts are a distant third on 33 "A win's a win but it was a difficult game and Shota scored a brilliant goal," Rangers manager Alex McLeish told reporters.

"I hoped we could put a show for the fans and I wanted the players to turn it on but the most important thing was the resilience and grinding out the result like we did on the way to winning the league last term."

McLeish paid tribute to battling Motherwell and also praised 19-year-old Tunisian midfielder Hamed Namouchi's home debut.

MNA/Reuters

Leaders Monaco, PSG both held to goalless

PARIS, 19 Jan—Ligue 1 leaders Monaco and second-placed Paris St Germain were both held to goalless draw on Saturday.

Monaco travelled to Corsica and dominated Bastia but blustery conditions and a sturdy defence hampered the attacking game that has taken them to the Champions League knockout phase.

PSG, playing later in the day, failed to make the most of home advantage in their game with lowly Metz. Monaco, on 46 points, remain seven ahead of PSG and are eight clear of Olympique Lyon and AJ Auxerre in third and fourth. — MNA/Reuters

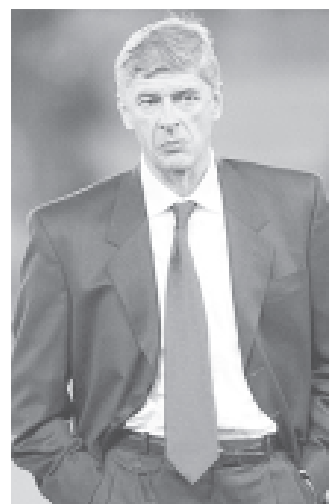
Arsenal will have to rest Henry, says Wenger

LONDON, 19 Jan—Arsenal's striker crisis looks set to worsen after manager Arsene Wenger said he would have to reduce the workload of Frenchman Thierry Henry. Pressure on Henry has been high with fellow strikers Dennis Bergkamp, Sylvain Wiltord and Jeremie Aliadiere all injured and Nigerian Nwankwo Kanu set to depart for the African Nations Cup next week.

"I will have to give him a breather at some stage, a break for one or two games in a row," Wenger told a news conference before his team's trip to Aston Villa on Sunday.

"There are signs when you see that a player is always on the edge and when those signs happen I will take him out."

France striker Henry has been in outstanding form in Arsenal's unbeaten start to the Premier League season, scoring 13 goals so far. Wenger admitted he would be sorely missed. "This is a price you pay for having a super player, you become a bit dependent on him." — MNA/Reuters



Manager Arsene Wenger

English Premier League match reports

LONDON, 19 Jan—Reports of English Premier League matches played on Saturday:

Bolton Wanderers 1 Portsmouth 0

A close game between two hard-working sides was settled when Kevin Davies scrambled the ball over the line in the 53rd minute.

Portsmouth had chances to equalize, not least when Yakubu Aiyegbeni hit a post 20 minutes from time, but they could not find a way back.

Everton 0 Charlton Athletic 1

Charlton's terrific away form continued but they were fortunate to take all the points from a game Everton dominated.

Charlton travelled without Scott Parker, a transfer target for Chelsea, and spent the first half repelling a flood of Everton attacks -- until former Everton striker Graham Stuart struck out of the blue for the Londoners late in the first half.

Everton continued to make all the running after the break but Charlton defended bravely to earn their sixth away win and consolidate their fourth place.

Manchester City 1 Blackburn Rovers 1

City ended their 14-game winless run with success in the FA Cup in midweek but it was business as usual on Saturday as they yet again threw away a lead.

Five minutes into the second half Nicolas Anelka curled in his 17th of the season to reward City for their dominance but former City midfielder Garry Flitcroft levelled five minutes later -- converting Blackburn's first real chance.

England goalkeeper David James, making his debut for the hosts after his midweek arrival for West Ham United, barely had a save to make.

Middlesbrough 3 Leicester City 3

An action-packed game saw Middlesbrough score twice in the last two minutes to earn a point.

Boro got a gift early lead when Leicester

keeper Ian Walker thumped a clearance straight at Joseph-Desire Job who fed Juninho to score.

Walker made amends when he saved a Job penalty late in the first half and Leicester took advantage with a close-range Paul Dickov goal early in the second.

Dickov got his second in the 63rd and some poor defending then allowed Marcus Bent to bang in Leicester's third.

Massimo Maccarone pulled back what looked a consolation in the 90th minute but John Curtis' injury-time own goal salvaged the draw.

Southampton 2 Leeds United 1

Southampton's first win in six games left Leeds bottom of the Premier League two days before the deadline to save the debt-ridden club from administration.

A great run by David Prutton set up Brett Ormerod to put Saints ahead in the 36th minute and Kevin Phillips tucked in the second after a blunder by Zoumana Camara -- his first goal since August -- soon after.

Ormerod hit the post early in the second half but Saints ended up hanging on after Matthew Kilgallon pulled one back for Leeds 15 minutes from the end.

Tottenham Hotspur 2 Liverpool 1

Spurs won the battle of the revivallists to make it four wins in a row as Liverpool, who had also won their last three, were below par.

Spurs led with a 25th-minute Robbie Keane penalty after the Irish striker had been brought down by Igor Biscan and 6.5-million-pound (11.79-million-US-dollar) striker Helder Postiga finally got his first league goal of the season nine minutes after the break.

Harry Kewell pulled one back in the 75th minute but Liverpool never really looked like getting a second. — MNA/Reuters

Leaders Valencia held at Valladolid

MADRID, 19 Jan—Leaders Valencia left the door open for Real Madrid to recapture top spot in the Primera Liga after they were held to 0-0 draw away to a determined Valladolid on Saturday.

Valencia dominated most of the match but with talented playmaker Pablo Aimar serving a one-match ban the visitors lacked the creativity to break down a well organized defence. The home side finished strongly and, it had not been for a brilliant one-handed save by Valencia keeper Santiago Canizares in the dying minutes, Valladolid might have stolen a victory.

The result left Valencia with a two-point advantage over Real Madrid, but the cham-

pions can reclaim top spot if they win at Real Betis on Sunday.

Valencia made the better start at Valladolid, forcing a string of corners and creating several good chances in the opening minutes.

Leading scorer Mista screwed a shot over the bar following a lightning break by midfielder Vicente on eight minutes and unmarked defender Roberto Ayala headed wide from a corner.

But Valladolid gradually grew in confidence and towering centre forward Ariza Makakula created problems for the Valencia defence from set pieces, shaving the post with a well struck free kick midway through the half. — MNA/Reuters

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- 19:32 Song of Myanmar Beauty & Scenic Sights "Mingalabar"
- 19:36 Thabotseik Village on Seaside
- 19:40 **Headline News**
- 19:42 Easily Cooked Tasty Dishes (Stripped fish Curry in Oil)
- 19:45 **National News**
- 19:50 Bagan Our Pride and Glory of the Past
- 19:55 Culture Stage "Tu Hna Thwe"
- 20:00 **National News**
- 20:05 Greening of Inlay Lake Project

- 20:10 Song "Greetings From Chin Hills"
- 20:12 e-Education in Myanmar
- 20:15 **National News**
- 20:20 Current Affairs "No Pain! No Gain!"
- 20:25 Song "Flowers Lover"
- 20:30 **National News**
- 20:35 Pickled Herbal Tea Leaves of Myanmar
- 20:40 Myanmar Cuisine "Peppery Monhinga"
- 20:45 **National News**
- 20:50 Art of Carving On Fruits
- 20:55 Traditional PaO Dance
- 20:58 Tours in Myanmar "Pyin Oo Lwin"
- 21:00 **National News**
- 21:05 Dawei Traditional Longyi Weaving Art
- 21:10 Song on Screen "The Brightly Shining Moon"
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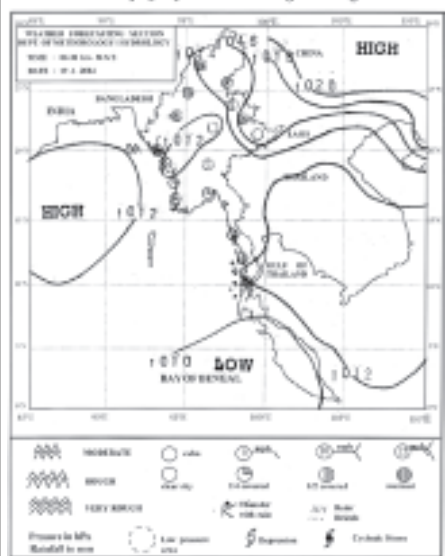
ကျန်ရစ်သူမိသားစု

Asleep in Jesus Dr Charles Pangi Skin Specialist, Yangon General Hospital (Retired) Age (68) Years

Son of (U Pangi and Gha Ida) of No. 234, A/4th Street, A/B Ward, Myothit, Insein Township, Yangon, son-in-law of (Mahn Aung Myaing) and Gha Tin May, brother of Daw Khin Thet Mu (DSY) + U Soe Win Tun, Mahn Lin Shwe + Gha Ohn Kyaing, Gha Rose Marry + Mahn Tun Pae, husband of Gha Shirley Myaing (Singapore), father of S'Aung Thet Soe + Ma Myat Win Kyi, Nant Sabai Thynn + Saw Johnathan (PC Myanmar), Nant Zarni Aye (YIEC) + Ko Aung Hpone Shain, S' Zaw Thet Naing, Nant May Hnin Thet (Singapore), S' Aung Thet Wai (B.E), grandfather of six. Asleep in Jesus on 16th January 2004 at Singapore (NUH). The funeral service will be held at 11:00 am on Tuesday (20-1-2004) at Immanuel Baptist Church in Mahabandoola Pangyan Road and thence to Yeway Christian Cemetery for burial.

**Friends and Relatives accept only intimation.
Bereaved Family**

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Monday, 19 January, 2004

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, weather has been generally fair in the whole country. Night temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) below normal in Kayin State, Magway, Bago, Yangon and Ayeyawady Divisions, (5°C) below normal in Eastern Shan State, (3°C) above normal in Taninthayi Division, (5°C) above normal in upper Sagaing Division and about normal in the remaining areas. Significant night temperature was (2°C) at Nansan.

Maximum temperature on 18-1-2004 was 33.0°C (91°F). Minimum temperature on 19-1-2004 was 12.8°C (55°F). Relative humidity at 9:30 hrs MST on 19-1-2004 was 82%. Total sunshine hours on 18-1-2004 was (9.0) hours approx. Rainfall on 19-1-2004 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 15 mph from North-west at (17:05) hours MST on 18-1-2004.

Bay inference: Weather is generally fair in the Bay of Bengal. **Forecast valid until evening of 20-1-2004:** Possibility of isolated light rain in Kachin State and weather will be generally fair in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (40%). **State of the sea:** Seas will be slight to moderate in Myanmar waters.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Likelihood of isolated light rain in extreme Northern Myanmar areas. **Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 20-1-2004:** Fair weather. **Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 20-1-2004:** Fair weather.



Tuesday, January 20

View today:

- 7:00 am 1. Recitation of Parittas by Missionary Sayadaw U Oattamathara
- 7:25 am 2. To be healthy exercise
- 7:30 am 3. Morning news
- 7:40 am 4. Nice and sweet song
- 7:55 am 5. ကဗျာပန်းပွင့်
- 8:10 am 6. အကမြို့နံ
- 8:15 am 7. Songs of yesteryears
- 8:30 am 8. International news

- 8:45 am 9. Grammar Made Easy
- 4:00 pm 1. Martial song
- 4:15 pm 2. Songs to uphold National Spirit
- 4:30 pm 3. English for Everyday Use
- 4:45 pm 4. Musical programme
- 5:00 pm 5. အေးသေသီ တက္ကသိုလ်ပညာရေး ရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ ပထမနှစ် (အထူးပြုအားလုံး) (အင်္ဂလိပ်စာ)
- 5:15 pm 6. Dance of national races
- 5:30 pm 7. ခံစားနားဆင်စားစာတံခင်
- 5:40 pm 8. သားငါးဖူးမြို့ပြည့်အကျိုး
- 5:50 pm 9. Song and Enjoy

- 6:30 pm 10. Evening news
- 7:00 pm 11. Weather report
- 7:05 pm 12. Milo success in soccer
- 7:10 pm 13. Myanmar ICT Week ရုပ်မြင်သံကြားအစဉ် (အပိုင်း-၂)
- 7:25 pm 14. The mirror images of the musical oldies
- 7:40 pm 15. ယဉ်ကျေးမှုအရပ်ရပ် (၂) တေးဂီတပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 8:00 pm 16. News
- 8:05 pm 17. International news
- 8:10 pm 18. Weather report
- 8:15 pm 19. နိုင်ငံခြားစာတိုလမ်းကွေ့ "တုံ့မလှ" (အပိုင်း-၁၆)
- 8:20 pm 20. Calcio Serie A highlight
- 8:25 pm 21. The next day's programme



Tune in today:

- 8:30 am Brief news
- 8:35 am Music
- 8:40 am Perspectives
- 8:45 am Music
- 8:50 am National news/Slogan
- 9:00 am National news/Slogan
- 9:05 am International news
- 9:10 am Music
- 9:15 am News/Slogan
- 9:20 am Lunch time music
- 9:25 am Lullaby (Mandan) Vacation (Vitamin C)
- 9:30 am English Lesson: Look Ahead (6)
- 9:35 am Article/Music
- 9:40 am Weekly sports reel
- 9:45 am Music for your listening pleasure
- 9:50 am Breathless (The Corrs)
- 9:55 am News/Slogan
- 10:00 pm PEL



Minister U Aung Thaung addresses the opening of boiler operator course No 1/2004. — MNA

Boiler operator course No 1/2004 opens

YANGON, 19 Jan— The boiler operator course No 1/2004 was opened at the boiler inspection division on Kyaikwaing pagoda Road in Mayangon Township this morning.

Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thaung spoke on the occasion. Present were Deputy Minister for Industry-1 Brig-Gen Kyaw Win and officials.

The six-week course is

being attended by 57 trainees from the ministries and private organizations.

Similarly, a financial refresher course No 1/2004 was opened. Present were Deputy Ministers for Industry-1 Brig-Gen Thein Tun and Brig-Gen Kyaw Win and officials.

The six-week course is being attended by 45 trainees from the ministries.

MNA

Coord meeting on observance of 57th Anniversary Union Day held

YANGON, 19 Jan — A coordination meeting of the subcommittee for holding the 57th Anniversary Union Day Flag-hoisting ceremony, the decoration subcommittee and entertainment subcommittee was held at the meeting hall-3 on the first floor of Yangon City Hall this afternoon.

At the meeting, the subcommittees discussed their respective sectors.

MNA



Minister Maj-Gen Hla Myint Swe inspects Yangon International Airport extension project site. — MNA

Civil aviation security course No 1/2004 opens

YANGON, 19 Jan— A civil aviation security course No 1/2004 was opened at the aviation institute this morning.

Present were Minister for Transport Maj-Gen Hla Myint Swe, Vice-Chief of Military Intelligence Maj-Gen Kyaw Win, Deputy Minister for Transport Col Nyan

Tun Aung, Officer on Special Duty Brig-Gen Myo Tint and officials of airlines.

Minister for Transport Maj-Gen Hla Myint Swe, Vice-Chief of Military Intelligence Maj-Gen Kyaw Win spoke.

The one week course is being attended by 74 trainees.

The minister and party went to the site of Yangon International Airport Extension Project. Managing Director of Asia World Co Ltd U Tun Myint Naing reported on work done and future tasks.

The minister then gave instructions. He inspected the project site and major repair of planes. — MNA

Prize presentation ceremony of 14 and Under Asian Championships 2004 Zone-2 Tennis Tournament held

YANGON, 19 Jan— The prize presentation ceremony of the U-14 Asian Zone-2 Tennis Tournament organized by International Tennis Federation and Myanmar Tennis Federation was held at the Theinbyu tennis plaza here at 6.30 pm today.

Present on the occasion were Chairman of Myanmar Olympic Committee Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint, Patron of Myanmar Tennis Federation Maj-Gen Kaw Win, members of MOC, the leading patrons of Myanmar Women Sports Federation, International Tennis Development Officer Mr Suresh Menon and officials of ITF, the ambassadors and military attaches of foreign mis-

sions in Yangon, officials of the Ministry of Sports, the presidents of the sports federations concerned, President of MTF U Zaw Zaw (Max Myanmar Co), Secretary Dr Tin Aung Linn (Aung Mingalar Co) and executives, managers of the tennis teams, coaches, tennis players and enthusiasts.

First, MTF Patron Maj-Gen Kyaw Win extended greetings.

Next, International Tennis Development Officer Mr Suresh Menon spoke words of thanks. Afterwards, the prize-presentation ceremony followed.

Chairman of MOC Minister Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint and President of

MTF U Zaw Zaw (Max Myanmar Co) presented prizes to the winners of each event.

Next, MTF Patron Maj-Gen Kyaw Win presented man of the match award to Phyto Min Tha of Myanmar, women of the match award to Noordin of Malaysia, and man of the match award (doubles) to Phyto Min Tha and Win Htet Paing of Myanmar.

MTF Patron Maj-Gen Kyaw Win handed K 100,000 presented by Chairman of Myanmar National Olympic Council Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt to Phyto Min Tha who won man of the match award.

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Phyo Min Tha wins best player award in ITF 14 and Under Asian Championships 2004 Zone-2

YANGON, 17 Jan— The final matches of the ITF 14 and Under Asian Championships 2004 Zone-2 jointly sponsored by International Tennis Federation and Myanmar Tennis Federation were held at Theinbyu tennis plaza this morning.

Present were Chairman of Myanmar Olympic Committee Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint, Patron of Myanmar Tennis Federation Maj-Gen Kyaw Win, Director-General of Sports and Physical Education Department U Thaung

Htaik and members, leading patrons of Myanmar Women's Sports Federation, presidents of sports federations, ambassadors, President of Myanmar Tennis Federation U Zaw Zaw (Max Myanmar Co Ltd),

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Maj-Gen Kyaw Win presents K 100,000 awarded by Myanmar National Olympic Council Chairman Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt to Phyto Min Tha, the best tennis player award winner. — MNA



Minister Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint presents an award to a prize winner of 14 and under Asian Championship Zone-2 Tennis Tournament.