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## Four political objectives

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

## Four economic objectives

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

## Four social objectives

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

## Rules for Armed Forces Day commemorative painting, sculpture contests

YANGON, 20 Jan — The Subcommittee for Organizing the Painting and Sculpture Contests under the Work Committee for Organizing Poem and Arts Contests in commemoration of the 59th Anniversary Armed Forces Day announced rules for the painting and sculpture contests today.

The painting contest comprises six categories — pre-primary level, junior primary level (primary, first and second standards), senior primary level (third and fourth standards), middle school level (fifth to seventh standards), high school level (eighth to tenth standards and technological and agricultural high schools) and open division.

There will be only one category in the sculpture contest with wood sculpture category and plaster sculpture in open division. Anyone may take part in both.

In the pre-primary level to high school levels, the size of the entry must be 15" x 20". The entry must be endorsed by respective

principal with name, standard, school, township, date of birth, father's name, full address and two passport-size photos attached. The entries are to be sent to the Education Planning and Training Department at 123 Natmauk Street, Bahan Township, by 23 February 2004.

Entries for the open division painting contest must be 20" x 30". Name, NRC No., date of birth, father's name, occupation and full address must be expressed with two passport-size photos attached.

The entries for the wood sculpture and the plaster sculpture contests must not be higher than 36 inches high and circumference not larger than 24 inches.

At the foot of the works, name, NRC No., date of birth, father's name and address must be shown with two passport-size photos attached, and they must be sent to Tatmadaw Convention Hall on U Wisara Road between 1 and 3 March.

All the entries must reflect the twelve objectives

of the State, the objectives of the 59th Anniversary Armed Forces Day and the twelve fine traditions of the Tatmadaw.

Entries for open division painting and sculpture contests are to be sent to Secretary, Myanmar Traditional Artists and Artisans Asiayon (Central), Pabedan Township, Yangon, by 1 March or to Secretary of the Subcommittee for Organizing the painting and sculpture contests at the Tatmadaw Conventional Hall between 1 and 3 March.

Apart from the entries for the contests, other paintings and sculptures may be sent to be displayed at the exhibition to be opened in honour of the 59th Anniversary Armed Forces Day.

They must also reflect the twelve objectives of the State, the objectives of the 59th Anniversary Armed Forces Day and the twelve fine traditions of the Tatmadaw, and should be sent directly to Tatmadaw Convention Hall between 1 and 5 March.

MNA



LAO PDR ARMED FORCES DAY: Lao PDR Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Chanthavy Bodhisane and wife host a reception to mark the 55th Anniversary of the Lao PDR Armed Forces Day at the Embassy of LPDR in Yangon on 20 January 2004 evening. Commander-in-Chief (Air) Maj-Gen Myat Hein and wife being welcomed to the reception by the Ambassador and wife. — MNA

## Minister inspects model teak plantations in Kayah State

YANGON, 20 Jan—Minister for Forestry Brig-Gen Thein Aung attended opening ceremony of the disease diagnosis unit (laboratory) of State General Hospital in Loikaw.

Next, the minister together with the chairman of Kayah State Peace and Development Council and party inspected the laboratory.

Next, the minister proceeded to Nanhutway Village in Dimawhsa Township and attended the opening ceremony of the lake.

Next, the minister and the chairman made speeches. At Loianhpa Village BEMS, the minister met with local people and gave instructions. The minister also donated exercise books and clothes for the local people.

In the afternoon, the minister donated cash and

kind to the dispensary and monastery in Linphon Village, Loikaw Township.

On arrival at the model teak plantation on Loikaw-Aungban motor road, the minister was briefed by officials on measures being taken. Next, the minister gave necessary instructions.—MNA

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Deputy Attorney-General U Han Shein presents a prize to a winner at the ceremony. — MNA

## Prizes presented to outstanding service personnel of Attorney-General's Office

YANGON, 20 Jan—A prize presentation ceremony for outstanding service personnel was held at the Attorney-General's Office this afternoon.

Deputy Attorney-General Dr Tun Shin spoke on the occasion.

Next, Deputy Attorneys-General Dr Tun Shin, U Han Shein and U Myint Naing presented prizes to those who received the medals of excellent performance in administrative field for 2002, advisers and experts at the Attorney-General's Office and those who won the Attorney-General Award respectively. Director-General U Mya Nyein also presented prizes and gifts to students of service personnel who passed the matriculation examination in 2002-2003 academic year and outstanding athletes and other outstanding service personnel.—MNA

## PERSPECTIVES

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### Towards successful realization of ASEAN Vision 2020

The ASEAN, a strong and united association in the international arena, is changing and developing in parallel with the time. As the association has become more and more consolidated, the relations between the leaders of the member nations have become closer and closer due to frequent contacts among them and mutual respects towards each other.

The ASEAN Steering Committee Meeting 1/2004 was held in Yangon on the afternoon of 15 January and Chairman of the Steering Committee Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt attended the meeting and delivered an address. In his address on the occasion, the Prime Minister said that, at the 9th ASEAN Summit Meeting held in Indonesia, the leaders of the ASEAN nations supported the seven-point future policy programme of Myanmar.

As the ASEAN has become stronger and stronger, various organizations and nations including those from the West and Europe have become interested in it and tried to strengthen their relations with it. At the ASEAN Summit Meeting in Cambodia, South Africa, on behalf of the other African nations, explained that they were keen on increasing cooperation with the ASEAN. In the same way, China, Japan and Korea are also increasing their cooperation with the association. At the summit in Indonesia, India also came to cooperate with the ASEAN.

Nowadays, due to rapid international developments, no nation can stand alone. Realizing this, various nations are trying to establish organizations or extending the existing ones. For example, Myanmar is not only a member of the ASEAN but it is also actively participating in the BIMST-EC, the organization that will bridge South Asia and South-east Asia.

As the Union of Myanmar is actively cooperating with nations in the region and participating in the regional organizations, its political, economic and social conditions are improving.

We believe that the Union of Myanmar will continue to actively participate in the activities of the ASEAN for the successful realization of the ASEAN Vision 2020 — harmonious development of the member nations and strengthening of their political, economic and social infrastructures.



### Myanmar ICT Week (2004)

21-1-2004 to 27-1-2004  
MICT Park, Yangon.

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

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

### Efficient use of fuel

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

### 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.

### Myanmar-Korea Friendship Association meets

YANGON, 20 Jan — The first plenary meeting of the Myanmar-Korea Friendship Association was held at the meeting hall of the Myanmar Construction Entrepreneurs' Association at 3 pm today.

Meeting chairman retired Ambassador U Hla Maung first delivered an address. Next, Dr Khin Shwe explained matters on formation of the association.

The new 31-member Executive Committee was formed with Brig-Gen Khin



Myanmar-Korea Friendship Association Chairman Brig-Gen Khin Maung delivers an address at the meeting. — MNA

Maung as chairman, Dr Khin Shwe, Lt-Col Myint Shwe, U Win Myint and U Hla Maung as vice-chair-

men and U Than Win as general secretary.

All-round discussions were then held. Co-

operation in social, economic and cultural fields will be enhanced between the two countries. — MLN

### Wellwishers invited for sinking tube-wells

YANGON, 20 Jan — The Development Affairs Committees under the Ministry for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs are making concerted efforts in sinking tube-wells in order to get sufficient fresh water in rural areas in States and Divisions where water is scarce. One 200 feet deep two-inch diameter tube-well costs K 250,000; one 400 feet deep two-inch diameter tube-well costs K 500,000; and one 200 feet deep four-inch diameter tube-well costs K 500,000.

Those wishing to donate cash for the tube-well sinking projects for rural areas may contact the committees. — MNA



Wellwisher U Maung Maung Naing of No 2/2, Bodhi Yeiktha, Thanlwin Road, Bahan Township, Yangon, donated K 100,000 to Hninzigon Home for the Aged recently to mark his 44th birthday. Trustee Board Chairman U Maung Tin and Secretary Maj Aung Than (Retd) accept the cash donation. — MNA

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## Chinese leaders, people celebrate Spring Festival

BEIJING, 20 Jan—Chinese leaders and representatives from all walks of life gathered in the Great Hall of the People Tuesday morning to celebrate the upcoming Spring Festival, the most important traditional occasion in China which falls on 22 January this year.

Chinese President Hu Jintao presided over the gathering hosted by the Communist Party of China (CPC) Central Committee and the State Council.

Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao addressed the meeting.

Top CPC, military and government leaders including Jiang Zemin, Wu Bangguo, Jia Qinglin, Zeng Qinghong, Huang Ju, Wu Guanzheng, Li Changchun and Luo Gan were also present at the gathering.

Senior CPC, military and government officials and representatives of retirees, non-Communist parties and bodies, ethnic minorities and academic circles exchanged Lunar New Year greetings and wishes. —MNA/Xinhua

## Hundreds of Japanese protest as advance troops arrive in Iraq

TOKYO, 20 Jan—Hundreds of Japanese lawmakers, activists and trade unionists protested as an advance unit of Japanese ground troops arrived in Iraq, local media said.

As the 30-strong unit arrived in southern Iraq for Japan's first deployment of forces to a hostile region since World War II, about 200 opposition lawmakers and activists protested in central Tokyo, *Kyodo News* said.

The Japanese deployment may "accidentally kill Iraqis and it might suffer combat casualties," Tadayoshi Ichida, the chief secretary of the Communist Party, told the rally outside the offices of House of Representatives members.

Earlier in the day, some 600 protesters marched around the nearby Parliament building and the headquarters of Koizumi's ruling Liberal Democratic Party.

Meanwhile in Okinawa, about 50 members of Japan's biggest labour federation Rengo staged a sit-in in front of the Okinawa prefectural administration building, *Kyodo*

said. Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi, in a policy speech at the start of a regular session of Parliament on Monday, vowed to push ahead with the full troop deployment, which is to take part in humanitarian operations.

Parliament must still formally approve the dispatch of a total 1,000 Japanese troops to Iraq announced on 9 December. Participants at the Tokyo rallies said they will try to halt the dispatch.

"We must not turn this Diet (Parliament) session into one that gives approval to war," said Seiji Matsuuchi, secretary general of the Social Democratic Party, according to *Kyodo*.

Japan's postwar constitution bans the use of force in settling international disputes.

Internet



Japanese protesters hold a banner during an anti-war protest in front of Japan's Self-Defence Forces' drill site in Asaka, northwest of Tokyo, on 18 January, 2004.

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## Blast leaves UN wary of Iraq return

NEW YORK, 20 Jan—Pressure from the US is unlikely to sway the UN into making a quick decision to return to Iraq.

Sunday's bombing at the gates of the US-led Coalition headquarters in Baghdad, which killed 24 people, is expected to reinforce UN views that Iraq is not secure enough.

UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan met Paul Bremer, the US-appointed administrator in Iraq, and Iraqi officials at a briefing overnight on the role sought for the UN to play as the country regains its sovereignty and moves to establish a democratic government.

While the US is pressing for the speedy return of UN staff, Mr Annan has stated repeatedly that the security conditions in Iraq are still too dangerous. He ordered all international staff to leave Iraq in late October following two bombings at UN headquarters—including one on 19 August that killed top UN envoy Sergio Vieira de Mello and 21 others—and a spate of attacks on humanitarian targets. Although Mr Annan has not ruled out sending some staff back if they had important tasks, he has called for "much greater clarity" on what the Iraqis and the Coalition expect of the UN in order to gauge whether the job is worth the risk.

"Whether to go back or not is primarily ... a security assessment, taken in connection with an assessment of the significance of the role we are being asked to play," UN spokesman Fred Eckhard said. —Internet

## Carol City soldier killed in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 20 Jan—A 26-year-old Carol City man was one of the three US soldiers killed Saturday in a tanker explosion in Iraq.

US Army Sgt Edmond Lee Randle Jr attended American High and graduated from Miami Central High in 1995, relatives said Sunday. He was stationed at Fort Hood, Texas, before he was shipped to Iraq, they said.

Randle is the third US service-member from Miami-Dade to die in Iraq. A US Marine from Hialeah was the first; he was killed in a vehicle accident. Another Miami man drowned during a short leave. Randle was part of an artillery unit and was inside a Bradley Fighting Vehicle that struck an explosive device on a road near Taji, north of Baghdad. —Internet

## Best foreign stamps announced in Beijing

BEIJING, 20 Jan—Three sets of stamps from Britain, Malaysia and Canada were announced here Monday to be the most popular foreign stamps selected by thousands of stamp fans in China and abroad.

The candidate stamps were all issued in 2002 in 35 countries and regions, and the organizing committee received 3,071 valid votes, said Wang Yuxian, secretary-general of the Foreign Stamp Lover's Association in China.

In the meantime, three small souvenir sheets from North Korea, Canada and South Korea turned out to be the best ones among relevant candidates.

Chen Haosu, President of the Chinese People's Association with Friendship with Foreign Countries, awarded prizes to the postal representatives from the above-mentioned countries. —MNA/Xinhua

## Britons outnumber Indian tourists in Sri Lanka

COLOMBO, 20 Jan—The number of Indians traveling to Sri Lanka increased by almost 23 per cent last year, but the number one tourist generating market for the island was pushed to the second place by Britain, according to official figures released here.

Though the number of Indians arriving in the island increased to 90,693 last year, up from 69,960 in 2002, they were slightly behind Britons who numbered 93,278, up from 67,533 in 2002.

A spokesman for the Tourism Ministry said they were working on several proposals to make Colombo an attractive destination for Indian holiday makers.

MNA/PTT

## Wen Jiabao says China to borrow more overseas talents

BEIJING, 20 Jan—Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao said here Sunday that China would borrow more overseas talents for the country's modernization.

Wen made the remarks while meeting with veteran foreign experts who have worked in China for many years. On behalf of the Chinese Communist Party Central Committee and the State Council, Wen sent his warm greetings to those experts and their families as the Chinese

Lunar New Year draws near.

"Borrowing talents from the outside is of the same importance as attracting investment and advanced technologies," Wen said.

China also plans to better its laws and regulations on how to attract more overseas talents, he said.

"Those outstanding overseas professionals would be granted honours as well as monetary awards," Wen said.

Wen asked the State Bureau of Foreign Experts Affairs to be a conduit to higher offices in order to relay complaints and advice from those veteran experts. —MNA/Xinhua



Two Iraqi children look out from a bomb shattered window and apartment wall down to the scene below on Monday, 19 Jan, 2004, where a car bomb exploded the day before outside the main gate to the headquarters of the US-led coalition in Baghdad killing at least 20 and injuring more than 60. US troops restricted access to the area on Monday as they re fortified the entrance and checkpoints around the headquarters. —INTERNET

## Matsushita to relocate battery factory to Indonesia

JAKARTA, 20 Jan—Matsushita Battery Industrial Co Ltd, producer of Panasonic battery, plans to relocate its lithium coin battery production base from Japan to Indonesia in the company's efforts to boost output, an economic daily reported Monday.

The new factory will be built in Bekasi, some 20 kilometres east of Jakarta, to be handled by its local unit PT Matsushita Gobel Battery Industry (MGBI), reported the *Bisnis Indonesia* newspaper.

"When the relocation is completed, the production output of coin lithium battery in MGBI is expected to increase to 300 million pieces a year," MGBI President Kazuo Ishimoto was quoted as saying. He said the relocation will be completed in May to help boost Matsushita's competitiveness in the global market. —MNA/Xinhua

## US soldier dies of Iraq bombing wounds

BAGHDAD, 20 Jan—An American soldier died of wounds suffered last week in a roadside bombing north of Samarra, the US command said Monday.

The attack occurred Friday in the central Iraqi city, which is in the so-called "Sunni Triangle," where resistance to the American-run occupation runs strong.

The latest American death, which occurred Sunday, is the 501st since the Iraq conflict began March 20. —Internet

## Bomb exploded at soldier's feet in Iraq

LAGRANGE, 20 Jan—Sgt First Class Joseph Mosner woke up in the United States after a roadside bomb in Iraq exploded and burned his face.

Mosner, 35, a native of St. Paul, Minn., will undergo a year of at least five cosmetic surgeries to fix the damage of the injury, but last week he was reunited with his family in Lagrange, where his wife, Rhonda Mosner, is from.

On the morning of Dec. 16 on the south side of Baghdad, Mosner's tank crew set up patrol at an abandoned house.

He decided to take his troops to patrol nearby Highway 10, which is notorious for roadside bombs. As Mosner, his driver and gunner left the tank to tell another crew they were leaving, a bomb exploded at their feet. "We had been there the whole time," Mosner said. "We don't know when or how the bomb got to the house."

He stayed conscious and went to check on the rest of his crew. Then his gunner sat

him down by the house to tell him he was wounded.

Mosner had two holes in his head and had to hold his flesh onto his skull. Another bomb that didn't go off was found nearby.

"If they would have both exploded, we would have been dead. They told us we weren't supposed to live," Mosner said.

Doctors put Mosner in an induced coma, and the next thing he remembers is waking up at Walter Reed Army Hospital in Washington, DC. In the meantime, he had travelled from Iraq to Germany to America.

"When I walked into the hospital I saw him and didn't recognize him," Rhonda Mosner said. "I said, 'That's not my husband.'" She eventually came to accept the accident and now is her husband's chief caregiver. —Internet

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## US troops kill Syrian, two Yemenis in Iraq fight

BAGHDAD, 20 Jan—US troops killed two Yemenis and a Syrian who opened fire on them on Monday during a raid on a house in Baghdad, police at the scene said.

They said US soldiers were shot at as they raided the house around 1.30 am searching for weapons.

Pools of blood were visible on the ground around the house, and the walls were pockmarked with bullet holes.

A car in the garage had also been hit by several bullets. Witnesses said US soldiers found a box of hand grenades inside the house. A US military spokesman said he had no information on the incident.

US officials have said they believe foreign Islamic militants have been entering Iraq attack to help Iraqi guerillas mount attacks on occupying troops and international organizations. —Internet

## Developing countries call for continuing trade talks

DHAKA, 20 Jan—Participants at a two-day international business conference that ended here Sunday urged the international community to go on with the multinational trade negotiation after Cancun setback.

They stressed that consideration must be given to the interests of the developing countries if differences between rich and poor countries are to be solved.

The conference, which drew more than 400 representatives from 37 countries, was hosted by the International Chamber of Commerce.

It came after the multi-lateral trade negotiations collapsed in Cancun, and was regarded as a move to promote a restart for the multinational trade negotiation.

Speaking at Sunday's session, Turkish Minister of Industry and Trade Ali Coskun described differences over the farm subsidy issue as a key factor leading to the failure of Cancun talks.

This view was echoed by Zimbabwe's Minister of Industries SC Mumbengegwi who noted that the developed countries spend an estimated one billion US dollars per day on agriculture subsidies, six times as much as their spending on aid to developing countries.

Mumbengegwi said these subsidies had generated large surpluses and led to agricultural dumping, pushing millions of small farmers in the developing countries out of market.

He stressed that if rich countries continue to preach free trade while practicing protectionism, export effort of the poor countries would go nowhere.

Another focus of the conference was capacity building for promotion of foreign direct investment (FDI).

MNA/Xinhua



Children of three Arab fighters stand in the yard of the house where the fighters were killed by US troops in Al-Moaleem district near Baghdad, Iraq, on 19 Jan, 2004.

INTERNET

## India revives AEWACS programme to boost surveillance

NEW DELHI, 20 Jan—India, after a gap of five years, has revived its efforts to indigenously develop the Airborne Early Warning and Control System (AEWACS) with the defence scientists expressing optimism that they can make a breakthrough.

Announcing revival of the programme, the country's top defence scientist and Secretary, Defence Research and Development Organization (DRDO) Dr V K Atri told PTI that the radar system being developed would be a shade less advanced than the US system mounted on Boeing-727s or the Indo-Israeli-Russian under development Phalcon system.

Though the DRDO officials were tightlipped, the go ahead for the programme was given by the government to boost up surveillance capability to detect incoming missiles. India has already in place the balloon mounted Aerostat radars as well as high altitude unmanned aerial vehicles, but DRDO scientists feel that developing AEWACS technology would give it means for ample reaction time.

The system being proposed by the DRDO would be relatively less modest in terms of performance and command functions and more in the line of Ericsson's Erieye system mounted on the Embraer EC-145 and SAAB 340B platforms for the Brazilian and Swedish Air Force, top DRDO sources said.

DRDO is eyeing the Brazilian Embraer Legacy 135 executive jets as the platform to mount the indigenous AEWACS system, which would give India a capability of prying 300 to 350 kilometres of airspace beyond its immediate borders. — MNA/PTI

## Chinese Vice-Premier highlights importance of industrial safety

BEIJING, 20 Jan—Chinese Vice-Premier Huang Ju has called for making substantial efforts to ensure industrial safety, by implementing a State Council resolution on further stepping up the work in this area.

Huang Ju, who is a member of the Standing Committee of the Political Bureau of the Communist Party of China (CPC) Central Committee, made this call at a national conference on the work of industrial safety, which was held in Beijing

on January 17-18. State Councillor Hua Jianmin presided over the meeting.

In his speech, the Vice-Premier said that industrial safety is connected with the safety of people's lives and property as well as the general situation of reform, de-

velopment and stability.

China still faces a stark and grave situation in the field of industrial safety, though the situation was improving as a whole last year, featuring less incidents and casualties, he noted. In 2004..

MNA/Xinhua

## Bank of China sees soaring loans in 2003

BEIJING, 20 Jan — The Bank of China provided 128.9 billion yuan (15.71 billion US dollars) in loans for housing and automobile purchases in 2003, an increase of 36 per cent year-on-year, an executive of the bank said.

The bank, the second biggest state-owned in China, offered 11.45 billion dollars in housing loans to about half a million individual clients, and 4.26 billion dollars in auto loans to 250,000 buyers.

The bank said it had made great progress in corporate governance, cutting ties with 1,155 economic entities it set up years ago, and disposing of 8.8 billion dollars worth of non-performing assets by the end of 2003.

It also recovered 3.5 billion dollars in cash from its domestic non-performing assets, 337 million dollars from its overseas non-performing assets, and cancelled 4.3 billion dollars worth of bad loans.

MNA/Xinhua



A statue of a child holding the world stands as delegates move around at the World Social Forum in Mumbai, India, on 18 Jan, 2004. After protests against unfair global trade, big business and foreign debt, the third day of the annual anti-globalization and anti-war protest was packed with seminars and conferences seeking to link peace movements across the world. —INTERNET



# IRAQ UNDER US OCCUPATION



Iraqis use a bulldozer to remove destroyed cars from the scene of a car bomb which exploded outside the main gate to the headquarters of the US-led coalition in Baghdad, on Sunday, 18 Jan, 2004 killing nearly 20 and injuring more than 60.—INTERNET



*Lt Col Marshall Hagen, left, listens to the interrogation of an Iraqi man, with the assistance of Iraqi translators, about the whereabouts of the man's brother who is suspected of attacks on coalition forces, during a raid on his house by the 82nd Airborne Division on Sunday, 18 Jan, 2004 near Fallujah, Iraq.—INTERNET*



An armed American security officer shouts and pushes back a crowd of Iraqi men who marched near the Iraqi Governing Council headquarters in Baghdad on Monday 19 Jan, 2004 calling for security in Baghdad. Several dozen marched calling for security. — INTERNET



A US Army soldier holds his pistol ready while checking vehicles after a blast outside the headquarters of the US led administration in Baghdad on January 18, 2004. Iraq's precarious security situation was highlighted by the suicide bomb blast on Sunday at the gates of the US-led administration which killed at least 20 people. Picture taken on 18 January.—INTERNET



While being questioned about the whereabouts of his brother who is suspected of attacks on coalition forces, an Iraqi man is asked to identify subjects in a photograph during a raid on his house by the 82nd Airborne Division on Sunday, 18 Jan, 2004 near Fallujah, Iraq. —INTERNET

US Army paratroopers of the 101st Airborne division's 3rd Brigade 'Rakkasans' drive south to the Kuwaiti border point of Safwan on 19 January, 2004 after their deployment to northern Iraq ended.  
INTERNET



## First Iraqi policewoman killed in attack

BAGHDAD, 20 Jan — A female member of the Iraqi police forces has been shot dead in the southern Iraqi city of Diwanya, local *Al Taakhi* newspaper reported on Monday.

It was the first killing of an Iraqi policewoman since the beginning of the US-led occupation of the country, the paper said, quoting the city's police chief.

"Three of the Diwanya police force female members were shot by unidentified assailants on their way to work," Major-General Saalam Jumaa Hashim said.

"One of them was killed and the other two were severely injured," he said, adding that the three women were sisters working with police force. One of the assailants had been caught and the investigation was still underway, Hashim said, but did not give the name of the killed policewoman or the date of the incident. — *MNA/Xinhua*

## 11 Afghans killed in US helicopter bombing

KABUL, 20 Jan — Eleven people including four children were killed in a bombing attack by a US helicopter against a southern Afghan village, local sources said on Monday. The air attack against a farmhouse at Saghatoo Village of Uruzgan Province took place early Sunday, one day after US troops carried out a search operation for suspected Taliban fighters at the village.

A provincial official in Uruzgan confirmed the civilian casualties in the US bombing at the village, saying that the 11 victims had been buried later on the same day. — *MNA/Xinhua*

## Assad says US pressure not isolating Syria

DUBAI, 20 Jan — President Bashar al-Assad said in remarks published on Monday that Syria was not a pariah nation despite US charges that it holds weapons of mass destruction and supports militant groups.

"We don't see ourselves as isolated. Perhaps there are differences of opinion with some, but we have good relations with various regional and international parties and ties have even improved with countries with which perhaps we had some problems in the past," the Syrian President said.

He was speaking to London-based *Asharq al-Awsat* newspaper.

Syria denies it has any nuclear, chemical or biological weapons, but says arch-foe Israel has them and so it should be allowed to defend itself.

"It is not reasonable to ask Arab and Muslim states to allow inspections when there is no proof that they own such weapons, and at the same time ignore the Israeli arsenal brimming with weapons of mass destruction," Assad said. "If they are really serious, then let them rid the whole region."

The Syrian President said Washington was biased towards Israel, a stance which had robbed it of "clear vision" in the Middle East.

*MNA/Reuters*

## Three US soldiers wounded in southern Afghanistan

KABUL, 20 Jan — Three US soldiers were wounded in a southern Afghan province when suspected Taliban fighters attacked a US military base there, a military spokesman said here Monday.

"In a sign of our enemies' desperation, the anti-coalition militia attacked our firebase in Deh Rawood of Uruzgan Province on Sunday morning, injuring three US soldiers," said Bryan Hilferty, spokesman of the US-led coalition forces in Afghanistan. According to him, one of the attackers was killed when coalition soldiers returned fire.

All the three wounded soldiers were in stable condition and had been evacuated to a military hospital at the Bagram Airbase, headquarters of the coalition forces some 60 kilometres north of Kabul. Another US soldier died of his wounds earlier this month after being injured in a road accident in an eastern Kabul suburb, becoming the 100th American death since the United States launched its military campaign in Afghanistan in October, 2001. There are over

11,500 US-led coalition forces currently in Afghanistan, hunting down remnants of the ousted Taliban militia and their al-Qaeda allies. Guerilla fighters of the hard-line movement have intensified their hit-and-run warfare against US forces and the US-backed government targets in recent months, especially in the southern and eastern mountainous areas.

*MNA/Xinhua*

## Blast kills four in Bulgarian capital

SOFIA, 20 Jan — Four people died and at least seven were injured in Bulgaria on Monday in an explosion at the offices of an insurance company, which police said was linked to fighting among business rivals.

A police source said of the blast in an elevator at the offices in Sofia: "It is underworld activity rather than anything else." The Interior Ministry said the explosion set on fire and destroyed parts of the eight-storey building which houses Bulgaria's fourth-largest insurance company Bul Ins.

The private Bul Ins holds the biggest share in the Balkan country's car insurance market. — *MNA/Xinhua*



Tens of thousands of Shiite Muslims march in Baghdad carrying portraits of Grand Ayatollah Ali al-Husseini al-Sistani and other Shiite clerics on Monday, 19 Jan, 2004. The crowd marched peacefully to demand an elected government, as US and Iraqi officials prepared to seek the UN secretary-general's endorsement of American plans for transferring power in Iraq. — INTERNET

## Neolithic earthenware uncovered in N-W China

XI'AN, 20 Jan — Two farmers in the northwestern China province of Shaanxi have uncovered two earthen jars in white and brownish red that are confirmed by experts to be at least 5,000 years old.

Wu Tao and his wife Zhao Caining, natives of Sunjiacun Village in Meixian County, discovered the two jars when digging in their farmland.

One of the jars was intact with a white coating and brownish red patterns on its upper part, and the other had been broken, with similar patterns still visible on its pieces, said Wu. Liu Huajun, a cultural heritage expert with the county's museum, assumed the two jars could have been sacrificial objects that had been buried with the dead during the Yangshao culture period, 5,000 to 7,000 years ago.

"Sunjiacun Village borders Baijiacun Village, where archaeologists have discovered ruins of the Yangshao culture over the past years," he said. — *MNA/Xinhua*

## Chinese State Councillor meets British Secretary of State

BEIJING, 20 Jan — Chinese State Councillor Chen Zhili met here Monday with Tessa Jowell, British Secretary of State for Culture, Media and Sports.

Chen voiced her appreciation for the continuous development of Sino-British exchanges and cooperation in culture, science, technology and education.

She said the peoples of both China and Britain have

the desire to know more about each other as the two countries boast long histories, and hoped both countries would make positive contributions to the mutual understanding and friendship between the two peoples.

Jowell said the British side will strengthen exchanges and cooperation to make positive efforts to enhance understanding and friendship between the two peoples.

*MNA/Xinhua*

## Iraq plans to increase oil production to 3 million bpd

BAGHDAD, 20 Jan — Iraq's Oil Minister Ibraheem Bahr al-Uloom has said the ministry plans to increase oil production to three million barrels per day (bpd) by the end of this year.

"We currently produce about 2.35 million bpd and plan to make it 2.8 million bpd by the second quarter of this year," al-Uloom said, quoting by Monday's local *Al Nahtha* newspaper.

Iraq was hit by an acute fuel shortage last month, which forced the Oil Ministry to import large quantities of petroleum products from neighbouring countries.

Iraq's oil industry suffered huge destruction by the wars and the shortage of spare parts due to the economic sanctions imposed by the United Nations after Iraq's invasion of Kuwait in 1990.

Experts estimate that the oil sector need more than 30 billion US dollars to reconstruct its infrastructures.

Iraq used to produce

3.5 million bpd before 1990 in line with the quota allocated by the Organization of Petroleum-Exporting Countries (OPEC).

Under the UN oil-food programme which ended last year, Iraq was allowed to sell an amount of three million bpd to provide food and medicine for the Iraqi people.

*MNA/Xinhua*



Chinese students pass a traditional gateway decorated with lanterns to celebrate the upcoming Lunar New Year in Beijing, on 20 January, 2004. Residents in China's capital flock to temple fairs during the New Year of the Monkey which starts on 22 January to enjoy performances of martial arts, acrobatics, folk dances and fashion shows. — INTERNET

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



# Kissapanadi stands witness to border area development in Rakhine State

Myint Soe (Na-Ta-La)

When I was an adolescence, one evening I met with three men at the entrance to my village. They were carrying guns. They looked very tired and were sweating. The three men asked me to give them some water. Without thinking anything, I ran back to my house and took some water for them.

I had no interest in who they were. But their guns captivated me. They were carrying British rifles. In reality they were from the Burma Communist Party. I would be pretty dead, had a Tatmadaw column entered the area and a shooting broke out.

Since then, I had known that there were BCP insurgents in Rakhine area. People from my village, usually went to Rakhine State through Ngathengchaung-Gwa road to buy some fish paste and dried fish and for cattle trade. As the Rakhine State is located in the west of our village, we called it the western region. Some went on foot and some, by bullock-cart. Usually it was a two-day journey along the rough road. Sometimes they had an encounter with insurgents on the way.

I had heard that battles often took place in the surrounding areas of the upper reaches of Kyeintali Creek. Thus, I came to know that Rakhine State was also facing the problem of insurgency. In reality, it seemed that the BCP insurgents in Rakhine State and those in the Ayeyawady delta region were launching armed operations in harmony. Thanks to the Tatmadaw's four methods to stop all supply lines to the insurgents, the BCP insurgency met its end in the Delta region. Since then I have not heard of any BCP existence in Rakhine State.

The BCP (Rakhine State) was founded at Htooma village in MraukU Township, in April 1947. The BCP broke away from the AFPFL due to differences in opinion, went underground and started the armed struggle line in Rakhine State on 28 March 1948. The BCP was active to a certain degree in the state before the Tatmadaw began military operations against it in Buthidaung Township in 1975. Because of the Tatmadaw's operations the BCP (Rakhine State) had to move to the Myanmar-Bangladesh border.

After a meeting with the personnel concerned of the BCP north-west region, the BCP (Rakhine State) tried to reinforce itself and form a branch in 1978. Thus, the Tatmadaw launched military operations and drove out the BCP (Rakhine State) entirely to the border area.

The BCP (Rakhine State) was closely watching the national political line of the Government, the invitation extended by the Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council (now the Prime Minister) to the armed groups in the jungles to come back to the legal fold, the return to the legal fold of the respective national race armed groups, and the groups' endeavours to develop the respective border regions and the national races after making peace with the Government.

In 1992, a conference was held under the leadership of Chairman of BCP (Rakhine State) U Saw Tun Oo. At the conference, the name of the BCP (Rakhine State) was changed to Rakhine State Multi Races Unity Party. In January 1995, it was reorganized as the Democracy Pyichit Army (Rakhine State). As a first step towards returning to the legal fold, it made contacts with the Tatmadaw on 1 October 1996. The first meeting between the representatives of the Military Intelligence and the group led by U Saw Tun Oo took place on 29 and 30 October 1996. Sometimes, truth is stranger than fiction. I met with a father and his son who were reunited after living separately for 17 years.

After our first meeting, U Saw Tun Oo asked for a favour. He said that the BCP (Rakhine State) had to retreat to the border areas as the Tatmadaw was launching military operations against his group; that he had left behind his wife who was expecting a baby then; that he heard that his wife gave birth to a boy at the native village, Tankho village, Ponnagyun Township. He asked the MI representatives to help him meet with his son who was 17 years old then.

The MI personnel promptly made arrangements for a reunion between a father and his son. They found his son at Tankho village. First, he was afraid and did not trust

the officials fully. Only when his mother confirmed her husband's handwriting, did he dare come together with the officers to meet his father.

Although he declared to be a proletariat, he still had the heart to love his child. At the reunion, the father and the son hugged each other, with tears coming down from their eyes.

Another meeting was held on 27 February 1997 to facilitate the BCP (Rakhine State)'s return to the legal fold. The members of the group were transported from the border to Kyeeganbyin via Aungthabye village and Kyeinchaung. The regional tactical command and the local people set up reception centres to welcome back the group.

The ceremony marking the group's return to the legal fold was held at Kyeeganbyin on 6 April 1997. Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Khin Nyunt (now Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt) attended it. After the ceremony, matters relating to regional development and the long-term interest of the members of the group and their families were coordinated.

A dinner was held in the evening, attended by the Secretary-1 (now the Prime Minister), the command commander, ministers, guests and members of the group. General Khin Nyunt is familiar with Rakhine State, as has served as the battalion commanding officer in the region. He delivered an address recounting the situation of the state when insurgency was active. U Saw Tun Oo also recounted the hardships his group had faced in 1975 and in the 1980s. The heads of department attending the dinner also recounted their experiences in the state.

But there were no difference of vision among the people taking part in the discussions. All the wrong visions and doubts could be removed. All had the same view for peace and regional development and amity and unity.

In reality, the discussions were of the persons who loved peace and who wished to develop the nation, based on loving kindness and amity.

(Translation: TMT)

(Kyemon+Myanma Alin: 20 January 2004)

## Visiting Dutch Queen receives golden key from Thailand

BANGKOK, 20 Jan—Visiting Dutch Queen Beatrix Wilhelmina Armgard on Monday was presented a gold key as proof of friendship by Bangkok Governor Samak Sundaravej.

A gold key, six-inches long and 90-gramme heavy was presented to the Queen at a brief ceremony on her first day in Thailand.

The key inscribed with the image of an Indra riding on an elephant was the symbol of the capital of

Bangkok, according to the state-run Thai News Agency.

The Queen is on her four-day official visit to Thailand at the invitation of the King of Thailand Bhumibol Adulyadej.

The Queen's visit aims to celebrate the 400-year anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between the Netherlands and Thailand. Her visit is also believed to improve bilateral royal relations.

MNA/Xinhua

## UN continues delivery of humanitarian aid in Iraq

UNITED NATIONS, 20 Jan — The United Nations is still carrying out a wide range of assistance to Iraqis through its local staff and Iraqi contractors despite limitations imposed by the security situation there, UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan said Monday.

At a meeting with officials of the Iraqi Governing Council and the US-led occupation coalition, Annan said several hundred UN international staff were supporting their Iraqi colleagues in humanitarian and rehabilitation activities from outside Iraq.

Through its several regional offices, the UN Assistance Mission in Iraq (UNAMI), under the direction of acting Special Representative Ross Mountain, is coordinating the cross-border deliveries, rehabilitation projects and capacity building activities being undertaken by the various agencies.

UN agencies are also bringing in potable water, delivering medical supplies, providing fertilizer and seeds, dredging ports and helping to rehabilitate health centres, water treatment

plants, pumping stations and power supply systems.

The UN will continue to support the ration system, which remains an essential lifeline for a majority of the Iraqi population, with about 2.3 million tons of food to be delivered by mid-2004. UN agencies are also providing nutritional support — including high-energy biscuits — for primary schools, kindergartens and social centres.

On refugee returns, the UN has been assisting voluntary repatriation from Saudi Arabia and Iran, as well as providing protection and assistance to refugees inside Iraq. It is also developing ways to facilitate the return and reintegration of displaced people in non-contentious areas in the north.

The UN is prepared to expand these activities when security conditions permit and has drawn up plans for further humanitarian and reconstruction activities for 2004 and beyond in areas such as education, health and infrastructure, a UN Press release quoted Annan as saying. — MNA/Xinhua

### POEM:

#### Preliminary undertakings

- \* Without peace prevailing  
Where to find one's food  
And shelter and clothing  
To assess and manage  
Is not possible.
- \* In peace and with sufficiency  
Lacking, 'tis impossible to gauge  
Right from wrong, to seek knowledge  
To look for such, to always look forward  
'T would not be possible.
- \* For peace and tranquillity to prevail at home  
For all education, to be available  
Only if implement after due thought  
To be adequately modern, for long-term development  
For enhancement of beauty, to pre-arrange and strive  
'T would be possible, truly.
- \* For peaceful modern and ever-developing  
Progressive and strong democratic nation  
To be built, three priorities  
To be fulfilled, prioritized  
Advance foundation that's indispensable  
To be built, firm and strong  
Let's, all of us, strive.

Shoon Mya Aung (Trs)

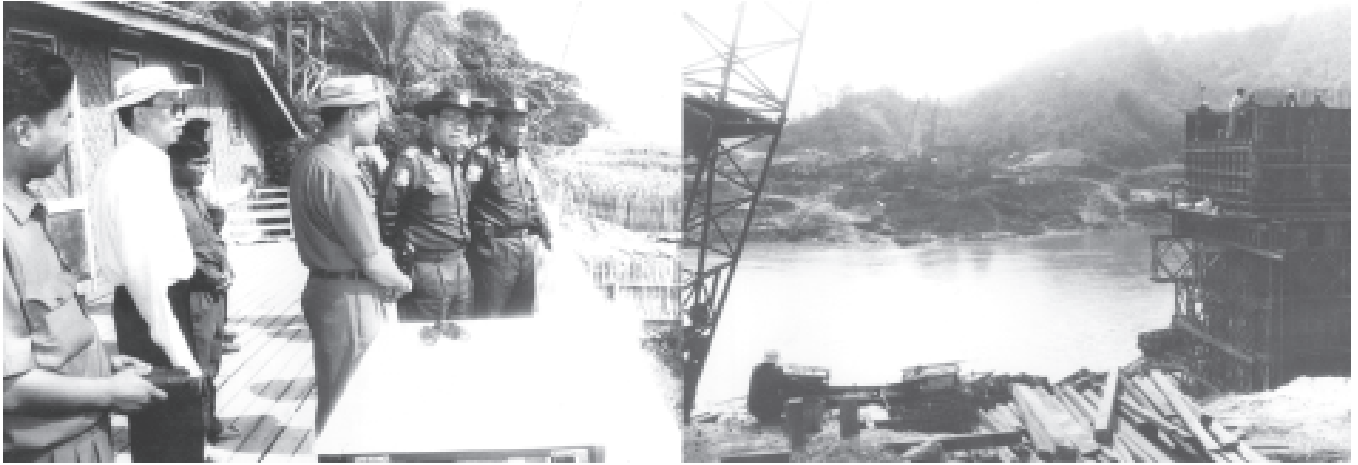


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ယဉ်တွဲစိုက်ပျိုးဒေသဖွံ့ဖြိုး

လယ်ယာစိုက်ပျိုးရေးနှင့်ဆည်မြောင်းဝန်ကြီးဌာန



State Peace and Development Council Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Soe Win and party inspects Myittha Bridge (Kalewa) Construction Project in Kalewa on 16-1-2004. — MNA



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Soe Win holds a meeting with the officials at Kale District General Hospital on 17-1-2004. — MNA

## Chinese Spring Festival means big family spending

BEIJING, 20 Jan — Chinese Lunar New Year, or Spring Festival, due to fall on January 22 and the most important traditional occasion for family reunion in China, means really big family spending, Tuesday's *China Daily* reported.

Urban Chinese will spend 1,500 to 3,000 yuan

(183 to 366 US dollars) per household on average on festival costs, the national English-language newspaper quoted a survey conducted by the Beijing-based Society Survey Institute of China.

Most of the money will be spent on gifts for families, relatives, friends and business associates, and on

“yasuiqian”, money given to children as a New Year gift in a unique Spring Festival tradition of Chinese wishing prosperity for their children, the paper said.

The survey also shows that 63 per cent of China's urban population will travel for fun during the holiday this year.

Some 2,000 people took part in the survey, which was conducted in 10 major cities across China, such as Beijing, Shanghai and Guangzhou, the paper said.

MNA/Xinhua

## China's economy grew 9.1% in 2003

BEIJING, 20 Jan — China's Gross Domestic Product (GDP) in 2003 grew 9.1 per cent over the previous year, reaching 11.6694 trillion yuan (1.4 trillion US dollars).

The growth rate was the highest since 1997, said Li Deshui, commissioner of the National Bureau of Statistics, at a Press conference held by the Information Office of the State Council Tuesday.

With the average per capita GDP reaching 1,090 US dollars, the achievement was a hard-won successful one after the outbreak of the

severe acute respiratory (SARS) epidemic and frequent natural disasters, he said.

The added value of the primary industry grew 2.5 per cent to 1,724.7 billion

yuan, and the growth rate was 0.4 percentage points lower than that in 2002.

The added value of the secondary industry was 6,177.8 billion yuan, up 12.5 per cent. — MNA/Xinhua

### ဆောင်းရာသီတွင်ဖြစ်ပွားတတ်သောကူးစက်ရောဂါများ ကာကွယ်နိုင်ရန်ရေးနှိုးဆော်ချက်

၁။ ဆောင်းရာသီတွင် အအေးမိနာစေး ချောင်းဆိုးရောဂါ၊ ဦးနှောက် အမြှေးရောင်ရောဂါ၊ ဝက်သက်ရောဂါ၊ ဆုံဆုံနာရောဂါ၊ ကြက်ညှာ ချောင်းဆိုးရောဂါ၊ ရေကျောက်ရောဂါ၊ နမ့်နီယာ၊ အဆုတ်ရောင် ရောဂါနှင့်မျက်စိနာရောဂါစသည့်ကူးစက်ရောဂါများ အဖြစ်များတတ်ပါသည်။

၂။ ၎င်းရောဂါများ ကိုကြိုတင်ကာကွယ်ရန်အတွက်

- \* ပိုလမ်းသဘင်လူထုထပ်သောနေရာနှင့် ဖုထုထပ်သောနေရာများကို တတ်နိုင်သမျှ ရှောင်ကြဉ်ပါ။
- \* နှာစေးချောင်းဆိုးလျှင် ရောဂါမြေပွားစေရန် လက်ကိုဝှက်ပုဝါကို အသုံးပြုပါ။
- \* တစ်ဦးအသုံးပြုထားသော အသုံးအဆောင်နှင့်အဝတ်အထည်များကို အခြားတစ်ဦးမှအသုံးပြုခြင်းကို ရှောင်ကြဉ်ပါ။
- \* ၅-နှစ်အောက် ကလေးများအား ပုံမှန်ကာကွယ်ဆေးထိုး၍ ကာကွယ်၍ရသောရောဂါများဖြစ်သည့် ဆုံဆုံနာ၊ ကြက်ညှာ ချောင်းဆိုး၊ ဝက်သက်ရောဂါ ကာကွယ်ဆေးများထိုးနှံပါ။
- \* တစ်ကိုယ်ရေ သန့်ရှင်းရေးကို အလေးထားဆောင်ရွက်ပါ။
- \* အာဟာရပြည့်ဝသော အစားအစာများကိုစားသုံးပါ။
- \* လုံလောက်စွာအနားယူပါ။

၃။ ရောဂါလက္ခဏာများရှိလျှင် အသက်ဆုံးရှုံးမှုနှင့် ရောဂါပြန့်ပွားမှု များမှကာကွယ်နိုင်ရန် နီးရာကျန်းမာရေးဌာနတွင် ဆေးလျင်စွာ ဆေးကုသမှုခံယူပါ။

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## Zimbabwe to earmark funds for toilets, clinics

HARARE, 20 Jan — A Zimbabwean official has said that the government will this year spend about 12 million US dollars on sanitation and conversion of farmhouses to clinics in resettlement areas as part of its effort to ensure that people do not travel long distances for essential services. Director of Environmental Health Services in the Ministry of Health and Child Welfare, Abdnego Chigumbi, said on Sunday that although the funds are for the development of infrastructure, the bulk of the money would go towards the construction of

toilets and conversion of farmhouses to clinics.

The development of infrastructure will be done in all resettlement areas where people were resettled under the land reform programme.

“By the end of the month, we would have disbursed the money to the provinces so that they can start improving the infrastructure in their respective provinces. We are committed to this programme, especially the construction of toilets and clinics because people have a right to health care facilities and proper sanitation,” he said. — MNA/Xinhua

## ကျန်းမာပျော်ရွှင် ဘဝတစ်ခွင်

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

ဘဝတစ်ခွင် ကျန်းမာပျော်ရွှင်စေရန် အောက်ပါအတိုင်း လိုက်နာဆောင်ရွက်ပါ။

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

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### Shwe Naing-ngan Journal comes out

YANGON, 20 Jan — Shwe Naing-ngan Journal No 20, Volume 2 published by the Union Solidarity and Development Association Headquarters came out today. The issue features news on the dinner hosted to hail the 56th Anniversary Independence Day by State Peace and Development Council Chairman Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing, the news on skill demonstrations of outstanding students to mark the School Family Day attended by Chairman of Myanmar Education Committee Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt, the news on participation of the USDA members in regional development tasks and other interesting works.

MNA

### Hospital equipment donated to Defence Services Hepatitis Hospital

YANGON, 20 Jan — Wellwishers donated cash and kind to the Defence Services Hepatitis Hospital in Mingaladon at the hospital on 2 January morning.

At the ceremony, Maj Thaug Shwe (Retd)-Daw Win Kyi and daughter Daw Moe Moe Shwe donated hospital equipment worth K 400,000; U Soe Naing-Daw Moe Seint Seint Lin and family K 400,000; Lt-Col Kyaw Zin Han-Dr Hla Hla Khaing and family K 300,000; U Win Aung-Daw Khin Than Swe and family, K 200,000; U Kyaw Min Aye, K 100,000; and Maj Mya Hla-Daw Kyu Kyu Swe and family, K 100,000. Lt-Col Kyaw Zin Han of the hospital accepted the donations and presented certificates of honour to them. —MNA



### Myanmar Perspectives volume VIII comes out

YANGON, 20 Jan — The Myanmar Perspectives Magazine Vol VIII 2/2003 has now been published. It carries topics about Myanmar's nation-building efforts, her roadmap to democracy and her standing and achievements at the Ninth ASEAN Summit together with articles on Myanmar culture, traditions, flora and fauna and other aspects of Myanmar life. — MNA

### Cooperative Products Exhibition and Market Festival continues

YANGON, 20 Jan— The Cooperative Products Exhibition and Market Festival sponsored by the Ministry of Cooperatives continued at the Cooperatives Trade Centre (Saya San Plaza) at the corner of University Avenue and Saya San Road in Bahan Township for the eighth day today. The exhibition and fair was packed with visitors.

A sale contract worth over 1.10 million Euros was made between Cooperative Myanmar Export and Import Enterprise, and Vihalar Global Trade Pte Ltd of Singapore for purchase of green grams, black pulse, pigeon peas, grams and *Lophyru*.

Managing Director of Shwe Theehnan Cooperatives Society Ltd U Aye Min presented prizes to winners of entertainment programmes.

Booths of cooperative societies from the states and divisions were displayed while consumer products, food-stuff and regional products, cosmetics, garments and textile, home decorations, furniture and import-substitute items were on sale.

MNA

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To  
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### စေတနာရှင်ပြည်သူများခင်ဗျား

စည်ပင်သာယာရေးဦးစီးဌာနသည် ရေရှားပါးသော ကျေးလက်ဒေသများတွင် သန့်ရှင်းသော ဆောက်သုံးရေဖူလုံစွာ ရရှိရေးကို ဆောင်ရွက်လျက်ရှိပါသည်။ ရေလျှော့ချနိုင်ခြင်းဖြင့် မတောင်းဘဲနှင့် ပြည့်စုံနိုင်သော အကျိုးဆယ်ပါးကို ရရှိနိုင်ပါသည်။ ရေအကျိုးဆယ်ပါးမှာ-

- (၁) လျင်မြန်ခြင်း၊
- (၂) သန့်ရှင်းစင်ကြယ်ခြင်း၊
- (၃) ကျော်ကြားလူသိများခြင်း၊
- (၄) ဆာလောင်မွတ်သိပ်မှုကင်းခြင်း၊
- (၅) အခြေအရံများခြင်း၊
- (၆) အသက်ရှည်ခြင်း၊
- (၇) အဆင်းလှခြင်း၊
- (၈) ချမ်းသာကြီးခြင်း၊
- (၉) ခွန်အားဗလကြီးမားခြင်း၊
- (၁၀) ဉာဏ်ပညာကြီးမားခြင်းတို့ ဖြစ်ပါသည်။

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- \* ၂လက်မ စက်ရေတွင်း အနက် ၂၀၀ပေ တစ်တွင်း (စက်ပစ္စည်းစုံ) ကျပ် ၂.၅သိန်း
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မည်သည့်မြို့နယ်တွင်မဆို စေတနာရှင်များအနေနှင့် ပါဝင်လှူဒါန်းလိုပါက အောက်ဖော်ပြပါ စည်ပင်သာယာရေးအဖွဲ့အစည်းများနှင့် ဆက်သွယ်လှူဒါန်းနိုင်ကြောင်း အသိပေးနှိုးဆော်အပ်ပါသည်။

- (၁) ညွှန်ကြားရေးမှူးချုပ်၊ ၀၁-၂၄၅၄၂၀၊ ၂၅၃၀၈၈။
- (၂) ဒုတိယညွှန်ကြားရေးမှူးချုပ်၊ ၀၁-၂၄၀၁၀၈။
- (၃) ညွှန်ကြားရေးမှူး (အင်ဂျင်နီယာ)၊ ၀၁-၂၅၁၉၆၇။
- (၄) ညွှန်ကြားရေးမှူး (စစ်ကိုင်းတိုင်းစည်ပင်သာယာရေးအဖွဲ့)၊ ၀၇၁-၂၁၀၁၂။
- (၅) ညွှန်ကြားရေးမှူး (မကွေးတိုင်းစည်ပင်သာယာရေးအဖွဲ့)၊ ၀၆၃-၂၃၁၆၄။
- (၆) ညွှန်ကြားရေးမှူး (မန္တလေးတိုင်းစည်ပင်သာယာရေးအဖွဲ့)၊ ၀၂-၅၄၆၅၇။

### Salone Festival 2004

(Sea Gypsy Festival)  
Ma Kyone Galet Village, Myeik  
Archipelago  
Union of Myanmar  
14 to 17 February 2004



The volume 1 No 2 of Seinle Shwepyí Journal.

## Updated law makes cornea collection difficult in Bangladesh

**DHAKA, 20 Jan** — An updated organ grafting law has made posthumous cornea collection difficult in Bangladesh as it stipulates that organs of unclaimed bodies can only be collected 24 hours after the death, while cornea damages within six to eight hours after the death of a human body.

Professor Abul Kalam Azad from Dhaka Medical College told *Xinhua* Sunday that the restriction has created serious crisis of cornea for eye patients, as over 99 per cent of the total corneas collected in the country come from the unclaimed bodies.

Under the updated organ grafting law passed in 1999, a body lying in hospitals, prisons, nursing homes or other institutions will be declared unclaimed if no claim is made within 24 hours.

The law was updated from an old rule passed in 1975, which prescribed the dead body would be considered unclaimed within only

half an hour, making the corneas collecting possible.

Professor Azad, also vice-president of Shandhani (Look For), an organization working on posthumous cornea collection and grafting since 1987 in Bangladesh, said in Bangladesh only a small amount of cornea came from volunteer posthumous donation.

Quoting data from Shandhani, Azad said they had collected 1,692 corneas in recent years, and 1,624 were collected from unclaimed bodies, while the rest were donated by volunteers.

"Some 560,000 people are cornea-related blind in Bangladesh, but the posthumous cornea collection is

very poor due to lack of enthusiasm and motivation among the people," said Azad. To make things worse, though 34,663 people have made commitment with Shandhani to donate corneas after they passed away, the relatives of the dead usually do not contact the organization for cornea collection, said an official at the Shandhani.

He said that the organization is going to introduce a new motivation programme on March 1, 2004 targeting the relatives of the potential donors. Shandhani will try its best to persuade these relatives to fulfil the commitment of their dying beloved ones, he added. *MNA/Xinhua*

## Organ retention families to sue British Health Service

**LONDON, 20 Jan** — Relatives of dead children who had body parts and organs removed without consent are taking Britain's National Health Service to court to demand proper compensation, their lawyer said on Monday.

The families are some of tens of thousands of people across Britain who have discovered in recent years that hospitals had removed body parts—including heads, eyes, hearts and brain

parts—from their dead loved ones without consent.

Mervyn Fudge, lead solicitor for the group action, said more than 2,000 families will take their case to the High Court after turning down an offer of compensation which he described as "inconsequential, considering how much they have suffered." The relatives say the compensation offered is far less than that offered to parents of children at the Alder Hey Hospital in Liverpool,

which was at the centre of a high-profile organ retention scandal which shocked the nation in the late 1990s.

"We need to be treated fairly. Other families in other areas have been offered substantially more than we were offered and it just seems so unfair that they are saying their children were worth more than ours," said Ruth Webster, whose baby's organs were removed by a hospital in Leeds, northern England. —*MNA/Reuters*



*Iraqi workers are checked by an Iraqi soldier on Monday 19 Jan, 2004 before entering the area where a car bomb exploded Sunday outside the headquarters of the US-led coalition in Baghdad, killing 24 and injuring more than 60. US troops restricted access to the area, moving back the checkpoints several hundred metres, as they re fortified the entrance around the headquarters. —INTERNET*



*An Iraqi survivor lies crying on the curbside at the scene of a car bomb which exploded in Baghdad, Iraq outside the main gate to the headquarters of the US-led coalition on Sunday, 18 Jan, 2004. —INTERNET*

## Freighter capsizes off Norway, at least two dead

**OSLO, 20 Jan** — A freight vessel capsized off southwestern Norway on Monday and at least two crew were killed and 18 were missing in chilly waters, Norwegian rescue officials said.

Boats and helicopters picked up nine survivors and were scouring the sea around the upturned vessel *Rocknes* near the western port of Bergen, a spokeswoman for the Joint Rescue Coordination Centre for southern Norway said.

"There are nine persons registered at the hospital, two dead and 18 still missing," spokeswoman Cecilie Watne said. Coast Guard and other vessels in the area were

taking part.

The Norwegian news agency *NTB* said the *Rocknes* was a 166-metre cargo vessel owned by Jebesen Management AS and said it was carrying rock. It said there were fears that some survivors were trapped inside the upturned hull.

It was not clear what had caused it to capsize.

*MNA/Reuters*

## Checks prove 'space station' has no more leaks

**Moscow, 20 Jan** — Astronauts on the *International Space Station* have determined a pinhead-sized hole in a hose was the only leak aboard the *Station* that caused a three-week drop in air pressure, *Interfax* news agency reported on Monday.

NASA astronaut Michael Foale and Russian Alexander Kaleri sealed off two modules of the orbiting *Station* at the weekend to check air was not seeping from anywhere else.

"The check of the *Station's* modules at the weekend showed that all modules...are airtight," *Interfax* quoted a mission control

spokesman as saying.

"This check was necessary to make sure that none of the modules had any other leaks and our investigations fully confirmed this."

Air pressure aboard the *Station* started steadily dropping last month, but stabilized after the crew found and removed a defective hose in a US laboratory last week.

Russian and US space officials said the leak had not endangered the crew at any time because there were adequate air supplies on board. A Progress cargo ship, scheduled to blast off to the station on January 29, will deliver a replacement hose. —*MNA/Reuters*

## No surrender to press from Churchill's old parrot

**LONDON, 20 Jan** — British war leader Winston Churchill's foul-mouthed 104-year old parrot refused to surrender to newshounds on Monday after a British newspaper tracked the bird down and discovered it was still alive.

"They've been trying to get him to talk all day, but he's not saying much," said Sylvia Martin, who manages Heathfield Nurseries where parrot Charlie has lived for the last 12 years.

Charlie, who kept Churchill company during World War II, was famous

for occasionally squawking four-letter obscenities about Hitler. But Martin told *Reuters* the bird has mellowed. "He doesn't say very much anymore — usually just hello and goodbye. But he does get so excited about music and dances to it. He's very fit."

Charlie — invariably referred to as "he" despite being female — is now owned by Peter Oram, the garden centre's owner, Martin said. Oram's father-in-law sold Churchill the bird and was asked to take it back after the Prime Minister died in 1965. —*MNA/Reuters*

## Mittal poised to become world's No 1 in owning steel plants

**LONDON, 20 Jan** — The LNM Group, owned by Indian steel baron Lakshmi Mittal, is poised to become the world's largest steel producer after investing 100 million US dollars in a new plant in China.

Mittal's Group, which now occupies the number two spot with annual output of 35

million tons, will overtake Luxembourg's Arcelor when it completes its one-billion-dollar acquisition of Poland's biggest steelworks next month.

Polskie Huty Stali will add six million tons to LNM's production while Arcelor is cutting 10 per cent of its annual 44 million tons output,

reports said Saturday.

Mittal, who has invested heavily in post-Communist Eastern Europe with substantial state aid, including almost 500 million pounds in Poland, has said a handful of global players with annual output of up to 100 million tons will dominate steel within ten years. —*MNA/PTI*

### ကုသကာကွယ် မူးယစ်အန္တရာယ်

၁။ မူးယစ်ဆေးဝါးသုံးစွဲလျှင် အသည်းရောင်အသားဝါရောဂါ၊ အသည်းခြောက်ရောဂါ၊ အသည်းကင်ဆာရောဂါ၊ သွေးဆိပ်တက်ခြင်းနှင့် နှလုံးရောဂါ၊ အဆုတ်ရောဂါများ ခုခံအားကျဆင်းမှုရောဂါ (AIDS) နှင့်၊ စိတ်ပိုင်းဆိုင်ရာရောဂါများ စသည်တို့ဖြစ်ပွားနိုင်သည့်အပြင်၊ စီးပွားရေးနှင့် လူမှုရေးများ ထိခိုက်ပျက်ပြားခြင်း၊ ဥပဒေအရအရေးယူရခြင်းတို့ဖြစ်နိုင်သည်။  
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## Russian DPM to co-chair Indo-Russian defence commission

Moscow, 20 Jan — Russian Deputy Prime Minister Boris Alyoshin has been appointed new co-chairman of the Indo-Russian inter-governmental commission on military-technical cooperation.

Russian Government has decided to appoint Alyoshin replacing former co-

chairman Ilya Klebanov, who was appointed presidential envoy in Northwest Federal District of Russia in October last, Russian Defence Minister Sergei Ivanov said on the eve of his three-day visit to India beginning Monday.

MNA/PTI



A foreign journalist looks at a US helicopter hovering at a low altitude on the way to the Iraqi-Saudi border point of Arar, some 350 kms southwest of Baghdad.

INTERNET

## Tanzanian NGO provides education to child dropouts

DAR-ES-SALAAM, 20 Jan — More than 7,000 child dropouts will be able to receive primary education this year thanks to the help of a Tanzanian non-governmental organization, the EDC.

Devy Solomala, the EDC public relations officer, said on Sunday that the education will be provided to these children through radio and centres that have been built in different parts of the

country.

This step is part of a special plan designed to eradicate children from child labour and help them receive education, he said.

According to him, the programme will be carried

out among 11 districts in collaboration with the Ministry of Work, Youth Developments and Sports, Ministry of Education as well as the International Labour Organization.

Radio Tanzania is to broadcast the EDC teaching programmes from Monday to Friday.

The survey conducted recently in the East African country shows that more than four million children aged between five and 14 years dropped from school.

MNA/Xinhua

### All this needs to be known

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

### 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)

## Putin web site targets Russia's younger generation

Moscow, 20 Jan — Russian President Vladimir Putin, launched a charm offensive on the younger generation on Monday with his own web site for schoolchildren.

Three virtual kids, whose names have echoes of Russian fairy tale heroes, take visitors of the site [www.uznai-prezidenta.ru](http://www.uznai-prezidenta.ru) on a Kremlin tour, give them basic facts about the state, and lead them to a photo gallery of Putin, his family and pets.

A former KGB spy, Putin has usually distanced himself from shows of admiration, such as a pop song praising his virtues, a school book about his childhood published in his home city of St Petersburg and a cafe named after him.

But late last year, Putin, 51, whose portraits hang in Russian offices and school

rooms, said he did not mind his image being used as a statesymbol. Putin, Russia's most popular politician with around 70 per cent support ensuring him an easy re-election in March, is not planning to stage an election campaign, his aides have said.

He said in televised remarks on Monday the web site was not meant to publicise him personally.

"Frankly speaking, I do not think that anything connected with my personality dominates the site," Putin said. "After all, it is the information about our state, the rights and duties of its citizens that are

paramount."

Texts for the site have been provided by a popular children's author Grigory Oster, renowned for his mischievous book for children called *Bad Advice*.

ITAR-TASS news agency quoted the site's creators as saying they did their best to avoid controversial interpretations of history in an interactive game, which allows children to offer their own follow-up to historical events.

Putin's site was launched at a time when Russian education authorities are reviewing school history textbooks.

MNA/Reuters

## Italian police arrest first banker over Parmalat

ROME, 20 Jan — Italian Police on Monday arrested the first banker in connection with the multi-billion euro fraud scandal at dairy and foods group, Parmalat.

Franco Gorreri, head of Parma's leading bank Banca del Monte di Parma, was detained by police at his home in Parma, police said. Gorreri, a close friend of Parmalat's jailed founder, Calisto Tanzi, sat on the board of Parmalat and served as treasurer for the Italian operation of the multinational.

Gorreri, 51, was charged with fraudulent bankruptcy, making false corporate statements and membership in a criminal association.

He temporarily suspended himself as chairman of Parma's leading bank a few days ago, judicial sources said. Tanzi's son Stefano told prosecutors on December 30 that Gorreri also handled relations with the group's banks.

Stefano Tanzi said: "Since I joined the group,

I've seen Gorreri involved in the financial side because he handled relations with the banks. I don't know whether he formally held the title of financial officer because in 2003, Parmalat did not have formal management roles."

Meanwhile, a court in Milan on Monday rejected another request by Calisto Tanzi to be granted house arrest, saying he could escape or tamper with evidence in the multi-billion dollar fraud scandal. — MNA/Xinhua

## Avalanche kills two aid workers in Afghanistan

KABUL, 20 Jan — Two Afghan aid workers were killed when an avalanche struck a key highway linking the capital Kabul with the country's north, a United Nations spokesman said on Sunday.

Manoel Almeida e Silva said the Salang tunnel on Hinduksh mountains was closed after the blizzard caused by snowfall hit the area earlier this week.

He told a news briefing that the two Afghan employees of the French aid group, ACTED, were killed while patrolling the tunnel, some 75 miles north of Kabul.

Hundreds of Afghans use the Kabul-Salang Highway every day and the tunnel is often blocked by snowfalls in winters which also cause some damage and casualties. Last year several people were killed by an avalanche, which led to the stranding of hundreds of passengers. — MNA/Reuters

## Building collapse kills three, injures two in South Africa

JOHANNESBURG, 20 Jan — Three people were killed and two others injured in a building collapse at a construction site in Crown Mines, Johannesburg on Sunday morning.

Emergency services spokesman Malcolm Midgeley said that two people were killed instantly and two were seriously injured after a wall collapsed at the site around 8 am on Sunday morning. The police said that the death toll rose to three after the body of a missing man was found by police and rescue dogs under the rubble in the morning. Some modifications had to be made to the building behind the Nedcor building in Crown Mines. — MNA/Xinhua



A US soldier from the 4th Infantry Division's 1st Battalion, 22nd Regiment leaves his base in former Iraqi President Saddam Hussein's hometown of Tikrit, some 180 kilometres north of the Iraqi capital Baghdad. — INTERNET





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## China, Arab nations cooperation forum to be set up

BEIJING, 20 Jan — A cooperation forum between China and Arab countries is likely to be set up during Chinese President Hu Jintao's upcoming four-nation tour, an official with China's Ministry of Foreign Affairs said here Monday.

Hu will pay a state visit to France, Egypt, Gabon and Algeria from January 26 to February 4. During his visit to Egypt, Hu will visit the League of Arab States (LAS) headquarters and meet with LAS Secretary-General Amr Mahmoud Moussa.

The two sides will probably announce the establishment of the forum after a consensus on the founding declaration is reached, said Zhai Jun, director of the ministry's Department of West Asian and North African Affairs.

He said China and Arab countries enjoy good cooperation in economic and political affairs. Trade volume between the two sides topped 25 billion US dollars in 2003.

Zhai said future cooperation under the forum is likely to cover a broad range of fields including politics, economy and trade,

culture, education, health and sports.

"China hopes the cooperation forum will serve as a new platform to further upgrade the relations between the two sides," he said.

He said China's new leadership attaches great importance to promoting the traditional, friendly and mutually beneficial cooperation with Arab countries as well as other developing nations.

This type of relationship is based on mutual understanding and support and has deep political foundation, he said.

He said the Chinese President will also announce China's policies on developing relations with Arab countries and developing countries during his visits to Egypt and Algeria.

It will be Hu's first visit to Africa as Chinese President. — MNA/Xinhua

## Three new cities established in Xinjiang

URUMQI, 20 Jan — Approved by the State Council, three new cities were officially established Monday noon in northwest China's Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region.

The county-level cities of Tumushuke, Alar and Wujiaqu are under the jurisdiction of Xinjiang Production and Construction Corps, which was organized in 1954 to strengthen the country's northwestern frontier and promote local economic development.

The establishment of the three cities is a remarkable event which will help boost the region's economy and social stability, said Ma Dazheng, a researcher with the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences.

Tumushuke City is located on the southern slope of Tianshan Mountains and northwestern rim of Tarim Basin. It used to be an important pass from China to the Central East and Central Asia. The central government at that time began to station a garrison there in 75 AD. Ancient relics can still be found.

Tumushuke covers 1,900 square kilometres and has a population of 113,500 people of various ethnic groups.

"Alar" means "green island" in the Uygur language. It is located at the northern rim of Taklimakan Desert and the upper reaches of Tarim River. Covering 4,196 square kilometres with 168,000 residents, Alar is a booming town and China's largest long-fluff cotton production base.

MNA/Xinhua

## Malaysia, Hungary to enhance coop in communications technology

KUALA LUMPUR, 20 Jan — Malaysia and Hungary have agreed to enhance cooperation in the areas of information and communications technology, broadcasting and multimedia.

Such cooperation would further strengthen existing ties between Kuala Lumpur and Budapest, visiting Hungarian Information and Communication Minister Kalman Kovacs told a media conference on Monday after calling on Malaysian Information Minister Khalil Yaakob.

He said that Hungary could benefit a lot from such cooperation as Malaysia had good experience in these areas.

Kovacs said that Hungary would also like to learn from Malaysia's experience in undertaking the initiative to develop the Multimedia Super Corridor (MSC), where many well-known multinationals were operating.

"We think that Malaysia is a good partner and also a stable country in the Asian region," he said.

He said that Malaysia could be a regional hub for Hungarian products in Asia while Hungary could be the gateway for Malaysian products to the European Union (EU) market. Malaysia, he said, could be a good trading partner with Hungary because the country has political and economic stability and an established market for many products. — MNA/Xinhua

## WTO deals new blow to Canada in US lumber dispute

GENEVA, 20 Jan — The World Trade Organization ruled on Monday that Canada was providing some state support to its softwood industry, delivering a second successive setback to Ottawa in a dispute over US import duties.

The WTO's Appellate Body, whose verdicts are final, also partially overturned a previous decision by WTO trade judges that the way Washington calculated its countervailing duties was unfair.

"The majority of the appeal was in favor of the US," said one diplomatic source who declined to be identified.

Washington imposed punitive duties on shipments of Canadian softwood after finding the provinces unfairly subsidized timber harvested on public lands. Canada denies the charges.

The WTO rulings were the latest in a series since May 2002, when the United States slapped permanent anti-sub-

sidy, or countervailing, and anti-dumping duties totalling 27.2 per cent on softwood imports.

MNA/Reuters

## 122-year-old Chechen could be world's oldest woman

## "Lord of the Rings" wins new film prize

LOS ANGELES, 20 Jan — "The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King" took on the mantle of front-runner for the Oscars on Saturday night as it won the highest honour for a film given by the Producers Guild of America.

Ten of the 14 previous winners of the Guild's Darryl F Zanuck Award for Theatrical Motion Picture have gone on to win the best picture Oscar from the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences, making it a key indicator in the battle for filmdom's highest prize. The Oscars are on February 29.

The third and final installment of Peter Jackson's adaptation of

JRR Tolkien's epic fantasy has won several major critics awards so far this year, including best film award from the New York City film critics and a best director award for Jackson from the Los Angeles critics.

The "Ring" trilogy is rapidly becoming one of the most successful works in film history with the first two installments bringing in about 1.8 billion US dollars

worldwide and the third grossing about 710 million US dollars since its Christmas time opening.

In other PGA awards, "Six Feet Under" was named best TV dramatic series, "Sex and the City" the best comedy series, "My House in Umbria" best TV movie or mini-series and "Queer Eye for the Straight Guy" best reality or game show series. — MNA/Reuters



Sean Astin has become an in-demand actor and the subject of Oscar talk for his work in 'The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King.' Astin says he doesn't want to be seen as 'shilling for awards' but realizes his career is at 'kind of a make-it-or-break-it moment.' Astin is seen arriving for the 60th annual Golden Globe Awards in Beverly Hills, Calif., on 19 Jan., 2004.

INTERNET

## Unidentified bodies found washed ashore on Malaysian beach

KUALA LUMPUR, 20 Jan — The decomposed bodies of eight men, believed to be foreign fishermen, have been found washed ashore on Pantai Melawi in Kelantan State between Sunday night and Monday evening.

Local police officer Mohd Soaihami Rahim told reporters that the first body was found at 10.30 pm in Sunday night and the second at 8 am in Monday morning and the rest between then and 3 pm.

He believed that the men were foreigners because so far no reports had been received about any local fishermen being missing.

He said there were no documents on them and this

made it difficult to identify them.

Soaihami said the bodies had been brought to the Bachok Police Headquarters and from there would be sent to the University Hospital in Kubang Kerian for forensic examination.

Meanwhile Kelantan Deputy Police Chief Roslan Ahmad said based on the condition of the bodies, they could be aged anywhere between 30 and 40 and

could have been dead for a week.

He said even though it could not be confirmed, police suspected them to be Thai nationals. Police at this point had classified the case as sudden death.

According to villagers, some of the bodies had no limbs while others were headless and there were also injuries probably caused by fish.

MNA/Xinhua

Moscow, 20 Jan — A Chechen great-great-grandmother born in 1881 could be the oldest woman in the world, Russian state television reported on Sunday, saying she pipped the current record holder by eight years.

Pasikhat Dzhukalayeva has nine grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren, and seven great-great-grandchildren who call her 'Granny Asi'.

"I do not know why I have lived so long. I have buried five brothers and sisters, and four children," the wrinkled Dzhukalayeva, who moves around in a wheelchair, told Rossiya television. She showed off a passport giving her year of birth. If 122 as claimed, Dzhukalayeva would have been in her thirties during World War I and Russia's 1917 revolution, and already in her sixties when Soviet leader Josef Stalin deported most of the Chechen people to Central Asia in 1944.

The most long-lived person with reliable documentation is believed to have been France's Jeanne-Louise Calment, who died at 122.

According to the Guinness Book of Records the world's oldest living woman is US citizen Charlotte Benkner, who was born in Germany in late 1889 — a mere 113 years ago.

According to Guinness, the oldest living man is Joan Riudavets Moll from Spain, who was born less than a month after Benkner in 1889, the year Adolf Hitler was born.

MNA/Reuters

## SPORTS

## Celtic stay clear with battling win over Hearts

GLASGOW, 20 Jan— Unbeaten leaders Celtic stayed on course to regain the Scottish Premier League title after Stilian Petrov secured them a 1-0 win at Hearts on Sunday.

Third-placed Hearts matched Celtic for the majority of an absorbing contest at Tynecastle but Petrov's 27th minute strike was enough to keep the visitors 11 points clear of champions Rangers, who beat Motherwell 1-0 on Saturday.

Celtic have 58 points after their 19th win in 20 games. O'Neill reserved praise for Slovakian Varga, who joined last year for nothing from English First Division side Sunderland.

Ten players were booked, five from each side, in a match that was fiercely contested without ever being bad tempered.

However, Hearts could be in trouble with the Scottish Football Association after Celtic goalkeeper Robert Douglas was struck by a coin from the home crowd.

Scott Severin was unlucky with a few long-range efforts for Hearts early on, while Paul Hartley should have netted with a header for the home team. They were made to pay when Petrov fired a venomous strike through the keeper Craig Gordon's legs.

MNA/Reuters



Real Zaragoza Brazilian Alvaro Maior de Aquino (R) vies with Deportivo Coruna forward Diego Tristan in a Liga match at Riazor Stadium in Coruna.—INTERNET

## Deportivo make up ground with emphatic 4-1 win

MADRID, 20 Jan— Deportivo Coruna made up ground at the top of the Primera Liga on Sunday after they came from a goal down to claim a crushing 4-1 win at home to Real Zaragoza.

Midfielder Juan Carlos Valeron made an unfortunate start to the match when he hit the post from five metres out and then bundled into his own net at the other end after Zaragoza forward Savio had curled a free kick into the area after five minutes.

But the Spanish international atoned for his early error when he had a hand in Diego Tristan's equalizer midway through the first half and then put his side ahead with a fine glancing header from a corner six minutes into the second.

Tristan completed his double when he got his head to an accurate cross from Albert Luque in the 76th minute and midfielder Sergio wrapped up an easy win over their relegation-threatened opponents when he finished off a slick counter-attack four minutes from time.

The result means that Depor remain in third place in the table, but are now only four points behind leaders Valencia, who were held to a goalless draw at Valladolid on Saturday.

Champions Real Madrid, who are two points behind Valencia, can recapture top spot if they win Sunday's late match at Real Betis. Atletico Madrid retained the fourth Champions League slot after extending their unbeaten run to six matches with a fiercely disputed 2-1 win over Sevilla at the Calderon.

Fernando Torres notched his 12th goal of the season three minutes before the break and Greek strike partner Demis Nikolaidis added a second with a brave header on 71 minutes.

But Atletico had to endure a nervous final quarter after Jose Antonio Reyes pulled one back with a penalty awarded for a foul on striker German Hornos.

Earlier on Sunday Real Sociedad, who beat Real Madrid last week, continued their revival with a 3-1 win at home to lowly Espanyol.

MNA/Reuters

## Arsenal go top after controversial win at Villa

LONDON, 20 Jan— Arsenal surged back to the top of the Premier League with a comfortable, though highly controversial, 2-0 away win over Aston Villa on Sunday.

A quickly-taken free kick and a penalty, both by Thierry Henry and both hotly contested, decided the match after Villa had made an encouraging start.

The victory extended Arsenal's unbeaten start to the season to 22 games and took them top on 52 points — two ahead of Manchester United, beaten 1-0 by lowly Wolverhampton Wanderers on Saturday, and seven clear of Chelsea, who host Birmingham City later on Sunday.

Villa had lost only one previous home league game and began confidently, though they were almost caught out in the 14th minute when Robert Pires unleashed a fizzing 25-metre volley which Thomas Sorensen tipped over the bar.

But the Danish goalkeeper was not even looking when Arsenal went ahead in the 28th minute.

As Villa were organizing themselves to defend a free kick on the edge of the box, Henry caught them out by taking it quickly — with Sorensen interested only in trying to position his wall, many of whom were not even facing the ball.

Villa protested, in vain, just as they did seven minutes into the second half when the referee awarded a penalty after Nwankwo Kanu ran into Olof Mellberg — Henry converting the spot kick.

Arsenal negotiated the remainder of the match without any major scares but Villa manager David O'Leary was predictably fuming. "In my opinion it was a joke

decision," he told Sky Sports.

"The referee has asked our players to give them 10 yards and wait for the whistle. We did what he said."

He was similarly upset about the penalty decision. "It just wasn't a penalty — no chance — they know themselves," he said.

"There wasn't much in the game and the two decisions have cost us." Referee Mark Halsey denied that he had told the Villa players to retreat.— MNA/Reuters

## Bolton loan Brazilian Jardel to Italy's Ancona

ROME, 20 Jan— English Premier League club Bolton has loaned its Brazilian striker Mario Jardel to Italian First Division strugglers Ancona, Italian newspaper *La Gazzetta Sportiva* reported on Sunday.

Jardel, who signed for Bolton for 1.5 million pounds from Portugal's Sporting Lisbon last August, arrived in Italy on Saturday after an agreement was reached in a hurry, the *Sunday sports newspaper* added.

*La Gazzetta* said negotiations were speeded because other clubs such as Perugia, Ancona's opponent on Sunday, were interested in signing the 30-year-old.

Ancona are bottom of the First Division league with just four points from 16 games, and have failed to win a league match all season.

MNA/Xinhua

## Totti keeps record-breaking Roma on top

ROME, 20 Jan— AS Roma captain Francesco Totti scored twice in a 3-1 victory over Sampdoria on Sunday to ensure his side maintained top spot at the halfway point of the Serie A season.

The result gave Roma 42 points — a new half-season record in Serie A — three ahead of champions Juventus, who beat Siena 4-2 after an Alessandro del Piero hat-trick, and six ahead of AC Milan, who play Brescia later on Sunday. Fourth-placed Inter Milan slipped 11 points behind the leaders when they lost to an injury-time goal by Empoli striker Tommaso Rocchi.

Inter striker Christian Vieri, who was fined earlier in the week for missing an Italian Cup match and was rumoured to be on the brink of a move to England or Spain, was left out, fuelling rumours of a falling out between himself and the club.

Roma came back from a goal down to secure their victory after Sampdoria striker Fabio Bazzani quickly showed the deadly

finishing that has made his side the most feared of the promoted teams this season.

Bazzani muscled between Roma defenders Christian Panucci and Traianos Dellas to fire past keeper Carlo Zotti in the sixth minute.

Norwegian striker John Carew equalized four minutes later, heading in from a corner, and Roma could have gone ahead soon after had Brazilian winger Mancini not headed wide of an open goal from close range.

In the second half Sampdoria piled on the pressure but it was the home side that took the lead in the 61st minute when Totti headed a Mancini cross past keeper Francesco Antonioli after a perfectly-timed run to the far post.



AS Roma's captain Francesco Totti celebrates after scoring the second goal for his team against Sampdoria Genoa, during their Italian Serie A soccer match at the Olympic Stadium in Rome. Roma won 3-1.—INTERNET

The Roma captain sealed the result six minutes later with a superb individual run, which ended with him sidestepping defender Mirko Conte and coolly chipping Antonioli.

Juventus had laboured to beat Sampdoria and Perugia in their last two league matches, but showed no mercy against promoted Siena at a snowy Stadio delle Alpi. Del Piero put the home side ahead from the penalty spot on the quarter-hour mark and David Trezeguet doubled the home side's advantage in the 37th minute, stealing ahead of his marker to poke home a Gianluca Zambrotta cross.

MNA/Reuters

## Injured Clijsters to play in Melbourne

MELBOURNE, 20 Jan— Kim Clijsters will play in the Australian Open despite being less than 100 per cent fit, the Belgian second seed said on Sunday.

The world number two was on crutches after sustaining a bruised bone in her foot at the Hopman Cup in Perth earlier this month, and her chances of competing in the grand slam event which begins on Monday had looked slim.

But on Sunday she told reporters: "I have done everything I can do and I really want to give it a shot."

Clijsters, three times a losing grand slam finalist, is hoping to finally break through at the Australian Open.

While doctors have told the 20-year-old her foot will never completely heal and she may eventually require surgery, she has been told playing will not damage it further.

"It feels okay," she said. "I play with the tape and stuff and that is what I am going to have to do for a while now, I guess."

MNA/Reuters



Belgium's Kim Clijsters looks up into the light during a news conference in Melbourne, Australia, on Sunday, 18 Jan, 2004, for the Australian Open tennis championships starting on Monday, 19 Jan.—INTERNET



# MRTV-3



**21-1-2004 (Wednesday)**  
**(Programme Schedule)**  
**Morning Transmission**  
**(9:00 - 10:00)**

- 9:00 Signature Tune Greeting
- 9:02 Song of Myanmar Beauty & Scenic Sights "Myanmar Panorama & Myanmar Sentiment"
- 9:06 Bridging the Thanlwin River Bridge (Mawlamyine)
- 9:10 National News**
- 9:12 Easily Cooked Tasty Dishes (Braised Snakehead fish with Mango)
- 9:15 National News**
- 9:20 Village of "EN"
- 9:25 Auspicious Glory
- 9:30 National News**
- 9:35 Usefulness of the Whole Toddy Palm
- 9:40 Song "New Mile Stone"
- 9:42 The Salone in Myeik Archipelago
- 9:45 National News**
- 9:50 ASEAN Food Festival
- 9:58 Song of Myanmar Beauty & Scenic Sights "Come and See Myanmar"

**21-1-2004 (Wednesday)**  
**Regular Programmes for Viewers from Abroad**  
**Evening Transmission**  
**(15:30 - 17:30)**

- 15:30 Signature Tune Greeting
- 15:32 Song of Myanmar Beauty & Scenic Sights "Mingalabar"
- 15:36 Bridging the Thanlwin River Bridge (Mawlamyine)
- 15:40 National News**
- 15:42 Easily Cooked Tasty Dishes (Braised Snakehead fish with Mango)
- 15:45 National News**
- 15:50 Village of "EN"
- 15:55 Auspicious Glory
- 16:00 National News**
- 16:05 Usefulness of the

- Whole Toddy Palm
- 16:10 Song "New Mile Stone"
- 16:12 The Salone in Myeik Archipelago
- 16:15 National News**
- 16:20 ASEAN Food Festival
- 16:25 Song of Myanmar Beauty & Scenic Sights "Myanmar Panorama & Myanmar Sentiment"
- 16:30 National News**
- 16:35 Myanmar Crocodiles
- 16:40 Easily Cooked Tasty Dishes (Fresh Prawn Salad)
- 16:45 National News**
- 16:50 Ancient Htoke Kan Thein Temple
- 16:55 Rakhine Traditional Cultural Dance Honouring Buddha
- 16:58 Tour in Myanmar "Sagaing, Mingun"
- 17:00 National News**
- 17:05 Myanmar Traditional Art Silversmith
- 17:10 Songs on Screen "Predestination"
- 17:15 National News**
- 17:20 Special Teak Plantation Programme in Myanmar
- 17:25 Song of Myanmar Beauty & Scenic Sights "Come and See Myanmar"

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

- 19:30 Signature Tune Greeting
- 19:32 Song of Myanmar Beauty & Scenic Sights "Myanmar Panorama & Myanmar Sentiment"
- 19:35 Popa Mountain Park
- 19:40 National News**
- 19:42 Easily Cooked Tasty Dishes (Pork and djenkol bean in oil)
- 19:45 National News**
- 19:50 Myanmar Musical Instruments (Cymbal) (Lin-guin)
- 19:55 Kham Traditional Cultural Dance
- 20:00 National News**
- 20:05 Hot Springs in Lashio and Nam-Kham
- 20:10 Song "Golden Inlay"
- 20:12 Shwezawar Lacquerware

- 20:15 National News**
- 20:20 The Beauty of Myeik Archipelago and the life of Salone
- 20:25 Song "Smoke of Sorrow (Lwan Ngwe Wai Wai)"
- 20:30 National News**
- 20:35 Production of a Delicious Seafood
- 20:40 Myanmar Cuisine "Prawn Curry"
- 20:45 National News**
- 20:50 Rope Painting
- 20:55 Music for Your Ears (A Sweet Sounding Musical Piece)
- 21:00 National News**
- 21:05 Intricate Art of Silversmith
- 21:10 Myanmar Modern Song "Welcome to Treasure Land"
- 21:15 National News**
- 21:20 The World's Biggest Book
- 21:25 Song of Myanmar Beauty & Scenic Sights "Mingalabar"
- 21:35 Bridging the Thanlwin River Bridge (Mawlamyine)
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- 21:42 Easily Cooked Tasty Dishes (Braised Snakehead fish with Mango)
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- 22:10 Song "New Mile

- Stone"
- 22:12 The Salone in Myeik Archipelago
- 22:15 National News**
- 22:20 ASEAN Food Festival
- 22:25 Song "Welcome to Kachin State"
- 22:30 National News**
- 22:35 Myanmar Crocodiles
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- 22:45 National News**
- 22:50 Ancient Htoke Kan Thein Temple
- 22:55 Rakhine Traditional Cultural Dance Honouring Buddha
- 22:58 Tour in Myanmar "Sagaing, Mingun"
- 23:00 National News**
- 23:05 Myanmar Traditional Art Silversmith
- 23:10 Songs on Screen "Predestination"
- 23:15 National News**
- 23:20 Special Teak Plantation Programme in Myanmar
- 23:28 Song of Myanmar Beauty & Scenic Sights "Come and See Myanmar"
- Evening Transmission**  
**(23:30 - 1:30)**
- 23:30 Signature Tune Greeting
- 23:32 Song of Myanmar Beauty & Scenic Sights "Mingalabar"
- 23:36 Bridging the Thanlwin River Bridge (Mawlamyine)
- 23:40 National News**

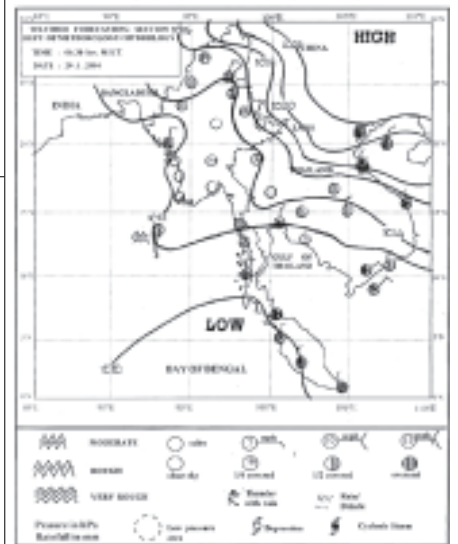
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## Mrs. M.P. Game (Nee Lewis) Age 83

Mrs. M.P. Game, wife of Dr.B.P Game. mother of Christina Game, aunt of Panella and Philip (Australia) expired on 15.1.2004 at her home at 137(b). Forest lane, Pyin Oo Lwin.

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



## WEATHER

Tuesday, 20 January, 2004

**Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST:** During the past 24 hours, light rains have been isolated in Kachin State and weather had been partly cloudy in Rakhine State, upper Sagaing, Yangon and Taninthayi Divisions and generally fair in the remaining areas. Night temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) above normal in Kachin and Chin States, upper Sagaing, Mandalay, and Taninthayi Divisions, (3°C) to (4°C) below normal in eastern Shan and Kayin States, Yangon and Ayeyawady Divisions and about normal in the remaining areas.

Maximum temperature on 19-1-2004 was 33.5°C (92°F). Minimum temperature on 20-1-2004 was 13.5°C (56°F). Relative humidity at 9:30 hrs MST on 20-1-2004 was 91%. Total sunshine hours on 19-1-2004 was (10.0) hours approx. Rainfall on 20-1-2004 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 10 mph from North-east at (12:20) hours MST on 19-1-2004.

**Bay inference:** Weather is partly cloudy to cloudy in South Bay and generally fair elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal. **Forecast valid until evening of 21-1-2004:** Possibility of isolated light rain in Kachin State and upper Sagaing Division and weather will be partly cloudy in Chin and Rakhine States, Taninthayi Division and 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 slight increase of night temperature in the eastern Myanmar areas.

**Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 21-1-2004:** Generally fair weather. **Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 21-1-2004:** Generally fair weather.



Wednesday, 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. ဆေးသရုပ်ဖော်အစီအစဉ်
- 8:00 am**
- 6. မြို့မြို့ကြွကြွ ယဉ်ကျေးမှုအတတ်
- 8:15 am**
- 7. ကတင်ဘီးလင်းရေလှောင်တံခွန်
- 8:30 am**
- 8. International news
- 8:45 am**
- 9. Learning English the

easy and happy way for children and beginners

- 4:00 pm**
- 1. Martial song
- 4:15 pm**
- 2. Songs to uphold National Spirit
- 4:30 pm**
- 3. Practice in reading
- 4:40 pm**
- 4. အဆေးသင်တန်းသို့လေ့လာရေးရန်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ
- 5:05 pm**
- 5. Song of national races
- 5:20 pm**
- 6. နိုင်ငံခြားသံတော်စာတမ်း
- 5:30 pm**
- 7. Classical song
- 5:45 pm**
- 8. Strong and healthy Myanmar
- 5:55 pm**
- 9. Musical programme
- 6:05 pm**
- 10. ရွှေဖန်လင်း အဆီယံအစီအစဉ်
- 6:15 pm**
- 11. Discovery

- 6:30 pm**
- 12. Evening news
- 7:00 pm**
- 13. Weather report
- 7:05 pm**
- 14. Milo success in soccer
- 7:10 pm**
- 15. Myanmar ICT Week
- 7:25 pm**
- 16. Musical programme
- 7:35 pm**
- 17. ထက်မြက်ထူးချွန် ပညာရှင်များ (အပိုင်း-၂)
- 7:45 pm**
- 18. နိုင်ငံခြားမြို့ပြသံတော်စာတမ်း (တရားပြဌာန်းမှု) (အပိုင်း-၁)
- 19. News
- 20. International news
- 21. Weather report
- 22. နိုင်ငံခြားစာတမ်းဆွဲ "တုံ့လှေ" (အပိုင်း-၁)
- 23. မင်းလွန်းဆရာတော်ဘုရားကြီး ဦးစိတ္တသရုပ်ဖော်သံတော်စာတမ်း (အပိုင်း-၁)
- 24. 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** Music
- 9.05 am** International news
- 9.10 am** Music
- 1.30 pm** News/Slogan
- 1.40 pm** Lunch time music
- If I let you go (Westlife)
- A thing called love (Toybox)
- 9.00 pm** Variations on a tune "Up town girl" Billy Joel
- 9.15 pm** Radioedit
- 9.25 pm** Article/Music
- Musica to your request
- Odd to my family (Cranberries)
- Somewhere Somehow (Wet)3
- 9.45 pm** News/Slogan
- 10.00 pm** PEL

## Vinaya oral examination held in Nyaungshwe

YANGON, 20 Jan — The 51st Vinaya oral examination of Kangyi Pariyatti Sathintaik was held in Nyaungshwe, southern Shan State, in conjunction with the 57th founding anniversary of Kangyi monastery on 15 January morning.

The State Ovadacariya Mandalay Visudhayon Monastery Sayadaw Abhidhaja Maha Rattha Guru Shwekyin Nikaya Adipati Waso Sayadaw, the Thidagu Thegon Sayadaw and sayadaws and members of the Sangha, Shan State Peace and Development Council Chairman Eastern Command Commander Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint and wife, Deputy Commander Col Win Myint and wife, senior military officers and their wives, departmental heads and local populace attended the ceremony.

The Waso Sayadawgyi administered the Five Precepts and members of the Sangha recited *Metta Sutta*. The commander supplicated matters on religious affairs. The commander and wellwishers then presented offertories to sayadaws and members of the Sangha.

The Thitagu Thegon Sayadaw delivered a sermon. Merits so gained were then shared by the commander and wellwishers. — MNA



Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt inspects the major renovation works at the Maha Pasana Cave on Kaba Aye Hill in Yangon on 18-1-2004. (News reported). — MNA



State Peace and Development Council Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Soe Win meets USDA members of Kalay and Kalaywa townships on 18-1-2004. (News reported) — MNA

## Work Committee for Prevention and Treatment of Avian Influenza meets

YANGON, 20 Jan—Work Committee for Prevention and Treatment of Avian Influenza under the Ministry of Health held its meeting at the meeting hall of the Health Department (Head Office) this morning. It was attended by Secretary of the Work Committee Director-General of Health Department Dr Wan Maung, members of the Committee the deputy directors-general of Health Department, Health Planning Department, Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department, the directors, the medical superintendents, and the specialists.

First, Meeting Chairman Director-General Dr Wan Maung made a speech. He said that to be able to prevent the

outbreak of Avian influenza, educative measures on health are needed to be taken; that preventive measures are to be taken for constant monitoring of the outbreak of the disease and for controlling the spread of the disease in a short time in case its outbreak; that effective medical treatment is to be given to the people who are infested with the disease and preventive measures are to be taken for prevention of the spread of the disease to the animals. Next, Director of LBVD Dr Than Hla reported on matters related to the Avian influenza. Afterwards, Deputy Director of HD Dr Soe Lwin Nyein reported on work programmes, followed by a general round of discussions.—MNA

## Narcotic drugs, gunpowder seized

YANGON, 20 Jan—A combined team comprising members of local intelligence unit and Muse Special Anti-Drug Squad, acting on information, on 13 December 2003, searched suspicious looking Zaw Aung near Taw Win car service centre in Kaungmuton Ward, Muse, arrested him together with two blocks of heroin weighing 680 grams hidden in his jerkin.

Action is being taken against Zaw Aung, son of U Zaw Ywe, of Kaungmuton Ward, Muse under Section 15/19 (A) of Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law by

Muse Police Force.

In a similar incident, a combined team comprising members of local intelligence unit, Kawthoung Special Anti-Drug Squad, Bureau of Special Investigation, Special Branch and District Police Force, acting on information, on 16 December 2003, searched the house of Aung Nge, of 1st Naukle Street, Seinmyartada Ward, Myeik and arrested him together with 13 packets of opium weighing 0.642 kilo, 4 packets of gunpowder weighing 3.5 kilos hidden in a tin container.

Further information led to the arrest of Htein

Lin, son of U Saw Lwin of Ingamaw Village, Myeik Township; Kyaw Myo Oo, son of U Myo Wai of 2nd Naukle Street, Myeik; Min Naing, son of U Thein Han of 3rd Myothit Shwesabai Street, Myeik; Win Kyaing, son of U Paw La, Ahleman Village, Myeik; and Thein Aung, son of U Thein Han of Myothit Ward-6, Myeik, who were involved in the case. Action is being taken against the six under Section 15/19 (A)/21 of Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law and under Section 5 of Explosive Devices Act by Myeik Myoma Police Station.

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Aung Nge and five accomplices seen with seized narcotic drugs.

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Zaw Aung seen with seized narcotic drugs. — MNA



## Bank erosion prevention inspected

YANGON, 20 Jan — Deputy Minister for Transport U Pe Than on 17 January inspected works to prevent erosion at Myaingale bank in Hpa-an where Thanlwin Bridge (Hpa-an) is situated.

Accompanied by officials, the deputy minister visited the 4,000-ton capacity Myaingale Cement Plant and an 800-ton capacity cement plant.

He looked into the requirements presented by officials of the plants.

He then inspected the building of a retaining wall at the bank.

He then sought means to facilitate the loading and unloading of goods at the jetty on and from the cargo barges.

The deputy minister sailed downstream the river and spoke of the need to take necessary measures for the safety of travellers on the Thanlwin.

The next day, the deputy minister inspected the Kalwe-Daye waterway linking the Mottama sea.

He then inspected the tax collection centre of the Myanma Port Authority.

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