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Foreign Heads of State send felicitations to Senior General Than Shwe

YANGON, 22 Jan — The following are the messages of felicitations from foreign Heads of State to State Peace and Development Council Chairman of the Union of Myanmar Senior General Than Shwe on the occasion of the 56th Anniversary of the Independence Day of the Union of Myanmar.

From King Mohammed VI of Morocco:

As the Union of Myanmar celebrates its National Day, it gives me great pleasure to extend my heartfelt congratulations to Your Excellency along with my best wishes for good health and happiness. I also wish the Myanmar people further progress and prosperity. I should like to take this opportunity to tell you that I am keen to ensure that the

relations of friendship and cooperation uniting our two countries are further enhanced for the benefit of our peoples.

From Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan Al-Nahyan, President of the United Arab Emirates:

On the occasion of the anniversary of the Independence Day of your country, it gives me pleasure to extend to Your Excellency best greetings and warmest congratulations in the name of the people and Government of the United Arab Emirates and on my own behalf. Wishing Your Excellency every happiness and abundant prosperity to the friendly people of your country. With my highest consideration and esteem.

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Foreign Head of Government sends felicitations to Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt

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From Sheikh Maktoum bin Rashid Al-Maktoum, Vice-President and Prime Minister of the United Arab Emirates:

On the occasion of the anniversary of the Independence Day of your country, it gives me pleasure to extend to Your Excellency best greet-

ings and warmest congratulations in the name of the people and Government of the United Arab Emirates and on my own behalf. Wishing Your Excellency every happiness and abundant prosperity to the friendly people of your country.

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Prime Minister meets Chairman and party of Shan State (North) Special Region 5

YANGON, 22 Jan — Chairman of the Work Committee for Development of Border Areas and National Races Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt received Chairman of Shan State (North) Special Region 5 U Matu Naw, Secretary U Zaw Hsai and party at Zeyathiri Beikman Hall on Konmyinthar here at 4 pm today.

Also present at the call were Minister for Home Affairs Col Tin Hlaing, Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Col Thein Nyunt, Minister for Forestry Brig-Gen Thein Aung, Minister at the Prime Minister's Office Maj-Gen Thein Swe, Deputy Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Brig-Gen Khin Maung, Director-General of the State Peace and Development Coun-

cil Office Lt-Col Pe Nyein, Director-General of the Government Office U Soe Tint and senior officers of the Military Intelligence.

During the discussion the national race leaders said that they supported the seven-point future political programme of the State, adding that they would make harmonious efforts with the leadership of the State for the successful implementation of the political programme.

They also said that the region would continue to root out the narcotic drugs with added momentum, presenting the plan for the State to render assistance in the health, education, agriculture, transport and economic sectors for regional development. — MNA

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

Rural water supply commissioned into service

YANGON, 22 Jan — As a gesture of hailing the 57th Anniversary Union Day, rural water supply was commissioned into service in Yanshin-

4 village in Mongkoe Village-tract, Tachilek Township on 13 January.

Tachilek District Peace and Development Council Chairman Lt-Col Zaw Moe Aye, Township PDC Chairman Capt Tint Lwin and Deputy Director of the Township Development Affairs Department U Ko Ko Naing formally opened the water supply system. — MNA

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Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt receives Chairman of Shan State (North) Special Region 5 U Matu Naw and party. — MNA

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

PERSPECTIVES

Friday, 23 January, 2004

Let's strive for success of educational goal of the State

The Refresher Course No 4 for university teachers was opened at the Central Institute of Civil Service (Phaunggyi) on 5 January, 2004 and Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt, also Chairman of Myanmar Education Council, attended the opening ceremony and delivered an address. In his address, the Prime Minister said that it was the most fundamental requirement for the State to train student youths in such a way as to become strong and powerful in terms of education and moral character so that the Union of Myanmar will be able to stand proudly in the family of nations and last as long as the world exists.

It hardly need be emphasized that the educational standard of the entire national people plays a pivotal role in our drive for the Union to be able to stand proudly in the international community. If the people are highly educated and try to preserve our cultural heritage with national awareness, the Union will no doubt last as long as the world exists. This being so, the Government is opening new schools, colleges and universities according to the requirements of respective regions.

In the 2002-2003 academic year, there were 1,748 high schools, 3,092 middle schools, 2,410 post-primary schools and 32,757 primary schools in the basic education sector. Moreover, there was a total of 149,722 students studying at 117 monastic education middle schools and 957 monastic education primary schools.

In the higher education sector also, there are 154 colleges, degree colleges and universities under 13 ministries besides universities of distance education for those who cannot attend colleges and universities for various reasons. As there are 455 e-Education learning centres in all states and divisions, those attending the universities of distance education are able to receive lectures given by experienced teachers from various universities.

We would like to call upon all the teachers to strive unitedly for the successful realization of the educational goal of the State — the emergence of an educational system that can create a constant learning society able to meet the challenge of the knowledge age.



Myanmar ICT Week (2004)

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

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The 57th Anniversary Union Day objectives

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

Efficient use of fuel

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

U Win Aung sends congratulations to FM of ROK

YANGON, 23 Jan — U Win Aung, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Union of Myanmar has sent a congratulatory message to Mr Ban Ki-moon who was appointed as Minister of Foreign Affairs and Trade of the Republic of Korea. — MNA

Food & Delicacies' Fair to be held

YANGON, 22 Jan — The Myanmar Traditional

Food & Delicacies' Fair, sponsored by the Yangon Division Women's Affairs Federation will be held from 7.30 to 10 am on 25 and 26 January at the People's Park on Pyay Road here.

Handsome awards for karatedo selection producers

YANGON, 22 Jan — The Myanmar Karatedo Federation will honour handsome awards to any coach or club which can produce fresh blood talented enough to become the national selections", announced an MKF official today at the opening of a karatedo course.

Former national karatedo selection and the current MKF Vice-President Dr Ye Naing Win made the announcement, while explaining the future plans of the federation to promote and propagate karatedo in Myanmar, and to win medals in the international competitions.

The Karatedo Coaching Course 1/2004 was opened with an introductory speech by MKF President Retired Police Col Khin Maung Tun at the Aung San Stadium.

Forty-six male and nine female trainees are attending the course. — MNA

Divisional/ District / Township WAFs will put on sale various kinds of Myanmar snacks. — MNA

Tarred road opened to hail Union Day

YANGON, 22 Jan — Hailing the 57th Anniversary Union Day-2004, a self-reliant tarred road was opened at Sanpya Gange/Gagyi Ward in North Okkalapa Township, here, this morning, attended by Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Chairman Yangon Command Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe and Yangon City Development Committee Chairman Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin.

Also present on the occasion were YCDC Vice-Chairman Vice-Mayor Col Maung Pa, Secretary Col Myint Aung, Joint-Secretary U Kyi Win and committee members, No 1 Military Region Commander Col Tun Kyi and senior

military officers, Yangon Division PDC Secretary Lt-Col Myint Kyi, Yangon East District PDC Chairman Lt-Col Maung Maung Shein and members, the Township PDC Chairman and members and others.

The commander, the Yangon Mayor and Chairman of the committee for construction the road U Than Maung formally opened the road which is 1,350 feet in length and 20 feet in width. The commander and the guests walked along the new road and greeted the public.

After the ceremony, the commander, the mayor and officials inspected tarring of Bohmu Bahtoo Road that links North Okkalapa

township and Dagon University in Dagon Myothit (East).

The mayor and party inspected the sports ground near Kyinsitha Street in Dagon Myothit (East), tarring of the four-lane Yadana Street in Thingangyun Township which is 9,500 feet long and links Thanthuma and Wezayanda streets and tarring of the ring-road around Kyaikkasan Pagoda.

Afterwards, the mayor and officials looked into greening tasks for the environs of Kandawgyi island, completion of the ring-road of Khemadipa island and tasks being carried out. The mayor gave necessary instructions.

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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.



Yangon Divisional Women's Affairs Federation

Myanmar Traditional Food & Delicacies' Fair

Date: 25-1-2004 and 26-1-2004
Place: People's Park
Time: 7.30 to 10 am
Contact Tel: 667023, 370508

UN inching toward return to Iraq

UNITED NATIONS, 22 Jan—Despite US and Iraq officials' failure to offer security guarantee and a clarified mission for the United Nations in Iraq, the international body is inching toward its return to the violence-laden Iraq.

UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan Monday met a delegation of the Iraqi Governing Council and top officials of the US-led coalition in Baghdad to discuss a possible UN role in Iraq. Annan ordered all international staff to leave Iraq in October following two bombing attacks targeting UN office in the country, including one that killed top UN envoy Sergio Vieira de Mello.

But at the three-party meeting, the US and Iraqi officials stopped short of offering security guarantee for future UN staff and "some clarity" about what Iraqis and the coalition expect of the UN, the two key concerns of Annan.

Annan has reiterated that during Iraq's reconstruction process, the UN would like to help in humanitarian rescue, elections and the setup of a provisional government, and that he would not make a decision on UN's return to Iraq without security guarantee and a clarified mission offer.

Nevertheless, analysts said signs have emerged that the UN is inching toward Iraq, with Annan softening his tongue over safety concern and technical details about UN's resending its staff to Iraq discussed at the Monday meeting.

In addition, the analysts said UN's return to Iraq is the will and request of the

whole world community. Not only Britain and the United States, but other UN members have expressed such request.

Eight months have elapsed after US President George W Bush announced major battle over in May in Iraq. But during the period under the occupation of the US-led coalition forces, the security condition in the country is worsening and sectarian haggles over power sharing have intensified, which reinforced the world community's outcry for an early UN involvement.

In fact, the three sides have begun discussion Monday over details about how to guarantee the safety of a mission the UN plans to send to Baghdad within a week to assess overall security conditions for a possible large-scale, permanent return of UN staff.

MNA/Xinhua

Iraq mortar attack kills 2 US soldiers

BAHGDAD, 22 Jan—A barrage of mortar fire struck a US military encampment in central Iraq, killing two American soldiers and critically wounding a third, the military said Thursday.

Also, in separate incidents, gunmen ambushed a vehicle carrying Iraqi women who worked in the laundry at a US military base, killing three of them, and the security chief of Spanish troops was wounded during a raid south of the capital.

Maj Josslyn Aberle, spokeswoman for the 4th Infantry Division, said insurgents fired mortars and rockets at a US military encampment outside the town of Baqouba, 35 miles northeast of Baghdad, on Wednesday evening, killing the two soldiers and critically wounding another.

The three soldiers were standing outside the tactical operations centre when the barrage hit, she said. The attack also damaged vehicles.

US forces launched a counterattack but there was no indication the insurgents sustained casualties, she said.

Internet



Spanish soldiers on patrol in southern Iraq. A Spanish paramilitary policeman was shot in the forehead and very seriously wounded in an operation in southern Iraq.—INTERNET

Spanish Civil Guard commander shot in southern Iraq

DIWANIYA (Iraq), 22 Jan—In the city of Diwaniya, 120 miles south of Baghdad, Spanish Civil Guard commander Gonzalo Perez Garcia was shot in the head Thursday after a pre-dawn raid with Iraqi police at the home of a suspected terrorist leader, according to a Spanish Defence Ministry statement in Madrid. He was taken to a US military hospital in Baghdad in a serious condition.

US forces have struggled to bring peace to Iraq in time for the planned handover of power to a transitional Iraqi government on July 1.

The plan calls for selecting a legislature through caucuses in Iraq's 18 provinces in May, and that legislature then would appoint a provisional government to prepare

for full elections in 2005. The plan has run into opposition from Iraq's top Shiite Muslim cleric, Grand Ayatollah Ali al-Husseini al-Sistani, whose demand for early elections has found wide support among Iraqis.

On Wednesday, Shiite leaders and coalition officials signaled flexibility on holding early elections, with both sides suggesting they will follow any UN recommendation, officials said.

UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan has said he is considering sending a team to Iraq to assess whether direct legislative elections can be held before the July 1 handover.

Internet

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

BAHGDAD, 22 Jan—As of Wednesday, 21 January, 503 US service members have died since the beginning of military operations in Iraq, according to the military. Of those, 347 died as a result of hostile action and 156 died of non-hostile causes, the department said.

The British military has reported 55 deaths; Italy, 17; Spain, eight; Bulgaria, five; other, two; Denmark, Ukraine and Poland have reported one each. Since 1 May, when President Bush (declared that major combat operations in Iraq had ended, 365 US soldiers have died — 232 as a result of hostile action and 133 of non-hostile causes, according

to an AP analysis of releases from the Defence Department and US Central Command. Since the start of military operations, 2,508 US service members have been injured as a result of hostile action, according to the Defence Department's figures as of Friday. Non-hostile injured numbered 396. —Internet

Thailand to impose graphic smoking warnings

BANGKOK, 22 Jan—Thailand will join Canada, Brazil and Singapore in forcing cigarette makers to put coloured graphic health warnings on cigarette packets in a bid to discourage smoking, Health Minister Sudarat Keyuraphan said on Wednesday. Sudarat said in a statement a ministerial order, to take effect a year from now, would require cigarette packets to carry colour pictures and text depicting possible consequences of smoking, including lung cancer, premature ageing, and bad breath.

The pictures are to take up half the space of each side of a cigarette packet, with text in both Thai and English.

"Colourful graphic warnings will communicate better than plain text ones," Sudarat said.

Tobacco importers or manufacturers who sell packets without graphic warnings will face fines of up to 100,000 baht (2,500 US dollars).

Anti-smoking activists have praised the Thai Government for its efforts to fight smoking. Just 22 per cent of the Thai population smokes now, a remarkable drop from nearly 40 per cent 20 years ago.

MNA/Reuters

MNA/Reuters

WHO develops vaccine against H5N1 infection in humans

HANOI, 22 Jan—The World Health Organization (WHO) is speeding up work on a vaccine to protect humans from H5N1, the virus found in five human deaths and sick fowls in Vietnam, according to a report of WHO on Wednesday.

Laboratories in Hong Kong and Japan have worked with the virus obtained from two of the fatal cases in Vietnam. A prototype virus to protect humans from H5N1 could be made available to vaccine manufacturing companies within about four weeks. A WHO and the UN Food and Agriculture Organization (WHO) team of two experts and six scientists from the US Centre of Disease Control arrived in Vietnam to investigate and assess the situation of bird and human flu outbreak.

So far, there has been no evidence of the virus transmission among people.

Vietnam has reported 30 flu Type A patients and suspects, of whom 15 have died. Five fatal cases were confirmed to be infected with H5N1. — MNA/Xinhua



Hmed Ateyah, 14, takes a lunch break at the metal factory where he works in Baghdad, Iraq, recently.—INTERNET

Singapore needs to produce more babies

SINGAPORE, 22 Jan—Singaporeans need to have more babies, the Prime Minister said on Wednesday, underscoring deepening alarm over a dwindling birth rate and rise in childless couples in Southeast Asia's wealthiest nation.

Singapore's birth rate has tumbled well below the 50,000 live births a year Singapore's Government says is needed to meet the future economic, labour and defence requirements in the island state of four million people.

"Our falling birth rate is a cause of great concern," said Prime Minister Goh Chok Tong in a speech to mark the start of the Lunar New Year holiday. "Couples nowadays delay starting a family, and have fewer children."

"Some do not even regard marriage and children as priorities," he said.

In 1990, Singaporean women, on average, gave birth to 1.87 babies in a lifetime. That fell to 1.42 by 2001 and to 1.37 in 2002 — far below the 2.1 rate needed for a population to replace itself. Last year saw another drop, officials say.

Goh's appeal on Wednesday for more babies was accompanied by a strong call to safeguard traditional values as childless couples become more common in the city-state — the proportion tripling since 1980 to 6 per cent of the population.

"The values that we have long held and cherished are now increasingly challenged by those from America, Europe and the more developed societies of Asia like China, Hong Kong, Japan and Taiwan," he said.

"Many of the ills in Western societies are linked to the weakening of family ties," he added.

Iraqi policeman is shot 25 times

MOSUL, 22 Jan— An Iraqi policeman was killed and a city council member narrowly averted death in an assassination bid that left two of his bodyguards badly wounded in the explosive northern city of Mosul.

The policeman was killed when a car pulled up and opened fire in the northern district of the city, 350km north-west of Baghdad, said Captain Abdul Azal Hazem.

He was riddled with 25 bullets, including shots to the head that killed him, said Doctor Ahmed Abdullah Rajab at Mosul hospital.

Earlier, city council member Salem Haj Issa, charged with security, survived an assassination attempt on Monday when a car pulled up alongside his vehicle and the occupants opened fire, Hazem said.

Two of Issa's bodyguards were seriously wounded in the attack, Hazem added.

City council member Jalil Salim Khalidi was gunned down in December and another, Mohammed Khairi, was severely hurt in a separate attack.

In Kirkuk, 255km north of Baghdad, a police major was shot dead by guards from a British security firm hired by the US-led coalition to guard oil infrastructure, Kirkuk police said.

Major Mohammed Shaban al-Nassari, who belonged to Saddam Hussein's Al-Nida tribe, was killed by Eriny security guards hired by the Northern Oil Company as he was passing a checkpoint, said police chief General Turhan Yusef.

The nine guards, all of them Iraqis, were arrested, Yusef said.

Loyalists of Saddam Hussein and other members of the

multifarious insurgency have waged war on those collaborating with the US-led coalition occupying Iraq.

Nearly 600 police officers have been killed since the end of the US-led war to oust the former Iraqi President Saddam Hussein, a senior Iraqi policeman told AFP on Sunday.

In other incidents, the US Army said it had arrested in recent days two senior officers from the army of deposed dictator Saddam Hussein west of Baghdad.

"General Matlub Muslat Sayer, a former high-ranking Baath party official and Fedayeen Saddam member, surrendered himself to Task Force 'All American' yesterday (Monday) afternoon," a statement said.

"Based on previous investigations, Sayer, his family and associates had been involved in some of the recent attacks on coalition forces.

The statement also said Colonel Abdul Hadi, formerly with the Iraqi intelligence service was captured on January 16 during a cordon-and-search operation in Ar-Ramadi.

It said Hadi had also been responsible for anti-coalition activities in Al-Anbar province and has been linked to "foreign fighters and extremists."

In Baghdad, meanwhile, a US soldier was lightly wounded in a rocket attack in the vicinity of the Rashid Hotel.

Internet



Iraqi security guards patrol the area around the Doura oil refinery on the southern edge of Baghdad on 20 Jan, 2004. —INTERNET

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Doctors say Egyptians using pigeons to fight virus

CAIRO, 22 Jan — Egyptians unable to afford drugs that cost eight times the average annual wage are resorting to a bogus ritual with live pigeons to try to cure a serious liver disease, doctors said on Wednesday.

The alternative treatment for Hepatitis C emerged about a year ago and has become increasingly popular, they said. The ritual is not traditional and its origins are a mystery.

"The treatment involves removing the feathers from the backside of a pigeon and holding it on the patient's navel until the bird dies," said Mona Abu-Zekry, a specialist in infectious diseases.

Practitioners say the birds die after sucking the virus into their own bodies. Abu-Zekry said they secretly choke the birds to death while holding them against their patients.

"It's a fallacy. The people doing this are trying to make money from people who don't know any better," she said.

MNA/Reuters

Annan sets conditions for sending UN team to Iraq

BADEN-BADEN, 22 Jan— UN Secretary General Kofi Annan said Wednesday that if a UN team is sent to Iraq to study whether the country can quickly hold elections for a new legislature, he would insist on its "independence and neutrality."

After receiving an award in this southern resort town, Annan said his ability to support a US and Iraqi request for the team "involves a complex set of considerations," some of which he outlined in a television interview.

"In the discussions that I had with the Americans and with the [Iraqi] Governing Council on Monday, I made it clear that if the UN gets involved, we must insist on our independence and neutrality and that both sides accept our judgment," he told ARD television.

Annan indicated Monday that he was leaning toward sending UN experts to Iraq to help resolve a dispute between the United States and a top Shiite cleric over the best

way to transfer power to the Iraqis. Grand Ayatollah Ali Sistani has demanded direct elections to choose a provisional assembly by 30 June, while the US-led occupation wants regional caucuses to choose the assembly.

After receiving the German Media Prize, awarded annually by a group of German editors to an international personality, Annan reiterated concerns that his staff's safety must be guaranteed in Iraq.

"We remain committed to doing whatever we can to help the people of Iraq, within the very real constraints imposed by the security situation, which is still difficult," he said.

Internet

India, Russia sign \$1.5b Gorshkov deal

NEW DELHI, 22 Jan— After years of hard negotiations, India on Tuesday signed its biggest ever defence deal with Russia for the acquisition of 1.5 billion dollar (70 billion rupees) Soviet-era 45,000 tonnage aircraft carrier *Admiral Gorshkov* with its complement of 28 MiG 29-K fighters.

The deal for the purchase of completely refurbished aircraft carrier was announced by Defence Minister George Fernandes and his Russian counterpart Sergei Ivanov at a joint Press conference, where the two leaders denied that negotiations had also covered the leasing out of two Russian *Akula*-class nuclear submarines.

However, negotiations on the crucial leasing of four TU-22 M3 strategic bombers were inconclusive.

In a significant move, both countries agreed to take their military-technical cooperation to a "higher technological level", indicating that the two sides were moving towards joint development and investment-sharing in key projects like fifth generation aircraft, on the lines of existing projects like the *BrahMos* cruise missile.

Ivanov said the *Gorshkov* deal incorporated life-time upgrades, technical assistance as well as setting up of infrastructure for the carrier in India. The Russian Minister also offered New Delhi more T-90 tanks in case India was interested.

The deal was signed by top defence officials of the two countries in the presence of the ministers. This is the second biggest defence deal India has signed with a foreign country after the recent 80-billion-rupee contract to acquire 66 British Aerospace Hawk 115-Y Advance Jet Trainers.

Replying to questions, the Russian Minister said negotiations would continue for the "future contracts regarding technical assistance as also on creating infrastructure" for the *Gorshkov* and refused to provide any figure for the costs.

MNA/PTI

Three Gorges Project generates 10 billion KWH of electricity

YICHANG, 22 Jan— By 8am Tuesday, the massive Three Gorges Project had generated 10 billion kilowatt of electricity, said sources with the China Yangtze River Three Gorges Project Development Corporation on Wednesday.

Six generators have been operating at the Three Gorges hydropower plant since 22 November of 2003. The first generator, with an installed capacity of 700,000 kilowatt was put into operation on 10 July last year.

Electricity generated by the Three Gorges project was sent to nine provinces and municipalities in central, east and south-west China, including Hubei, Henan, Hunan, Jiangxi, Shanghai, Jiangsu, Zhejiang, Anhui

and Sichuan. Four more generators, with an installed capacity of 700,000 kilowatt each, are expected to be installed and go into operation in 2004.

With 10 generators in operation, the Three Gorges hydropower plant is expected to generate 30 billion kilowatt hour of electricity in 2004, said Li Yong'an, general manager of the China Yangtze River Three Gorges Project Development Corporation.

MNA/Xinhua



A Chinese musician performs as a girl gets a ride in a sedan chair at the Temple of the Earth in Beijing on the eve of Chinese New Year on 21 Jan, 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

China's oil giant to launch production safety campaign

BEIJING, 22 Jan — China National Petroleum Corp (CNPC), the country's biggest oil company, will launch a safe production campaign this year in all its units both at home and abroad.

Corporate leaders announced at a Monday's meeting to make December 23 an annual "safe production caution day" while calling 2004 the "year of safe management".

CNPC's general manager Ma Fucui outlined emergency rescue planning, safety training for all employees, and the revision of production safety standards.

"We should conscientiously learn our lesson from the deadly gas blowout on December 23 last year and take a series of practical measures to achieve safe production," he said.

MNA/Xinhua

IRAQ UNDER US OCCUPATION

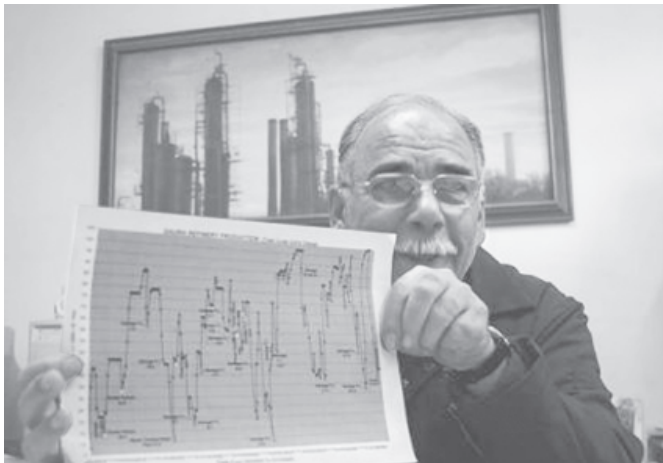


The site, the entrance to one of Saddam Hussein's former palaces, is one of the most heavily fortified places in the Iraqi capital on 17 January.

INTERNET



The destroyed turret of a US Bradley fighting vehicle is taken away on the back of a truck after three US and two Iraqi soldiers were killed when a roadside bomb blew apart their armoured vehicle on 17 January. —INTERNET



General Manager of the Doura oil refinery Dathar al-Khashab holds up a chart on Tuesday, 20 Jan. 2004 showing the radical fluctuations in output at the facility, mainly from incidents of sabotage since April of 2003. Sabotage has plagued efforts to restore Iraq oil output to prewar levels. For several months since the US-led invasion of Iraq, attackers have fired mortars, sprayed bullets and planted explosives that have damaged pipelines and other oil facilities. —INTERNET



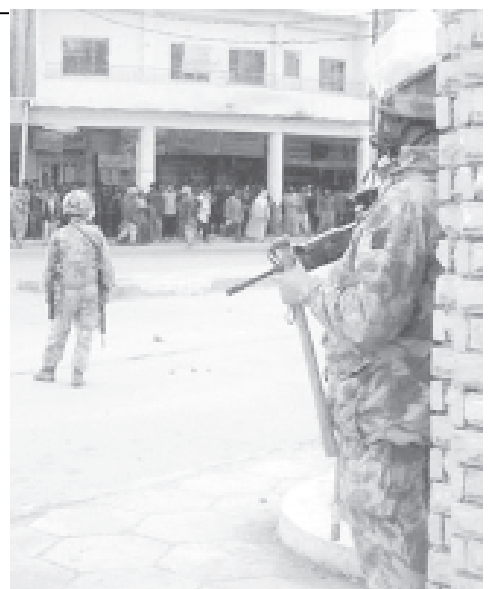
An Iraqi man and boy hold pieces of a destroyed US Bradley fighting vehicle after three US and two Iraqi soldiers were killed when a roadside bomb blew apart their armoured vehicle on 17 January. —INTERNET



Two Dutch soldiers from the Engineers Regiment check the weight of a truck bringing stones into their military camp in Samawa, 270km south of Baghdad recently. —INTERNET

British soldiers stand guard in the southern Iraqi city of Amara on 21 January. Legal experts said they have amassed enough evidence for the International Criminal Court in The Hague to look into whether Britain was guilty of war crimes during the Iraq conflict.

INTERNET



ICRC hopes to meet Saddam 'soon'

BAGHDAD, 22 Jan — The International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) says it is confident that it will soon be able to visit detained former Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein to check on his treatment in prison.

Florian Westphal, an ICRC spokesman, told Aljazeera.net on Wednesday that the members of the humanitarian organisation hold weekly meetings with occupation authorities to discuss prisoners of war (POW) and detained civilians in Iraq.

The United States formally accepted earlier this month that Saddam, captured last month by US forces, was a prisoner of war.

Since then the Geneva-based organisation has been wanting to meet him. However, Westphal said there was no timeframe for meeting prisoners and it could take weeks to meet some.

"This has been discussed with the coalition, and we are confident this will happen," said Westphal. He declined to comment further on discussions with US authorities.

Conditions, treatment

The ICRC oversees the Third Geneva Convention, an internationally-recognized set of rules which guarantee minimum stand-

ards of treatment for prisoners of war and detainees, including the right to visits from aid workers.

The humanitarian body monitors conditions prisoners are held in and how they are being treated. Its top priorities include contact with families, he said, adding he did not believe Saddam's family has tried to reach him through the ICRC.

Under Article 60 of the Convention, as a prisoner of war the ex-head of the Iraqi armed forces would technically be entitled to "a monthly advance of pay", ranging up to 75 Swiss francs (\$60 dollars) for "general officers or prisoners of war of equivalent rank". However, the amount can be changed by the parties in a conflict.

"It would be fair to say that during the visits to prisoners of war and detainees in Iraq this is not one of the things we look at first," Westphal commented in response to reports in the Iraqi press. — *Internet*

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A British soldier searches a car at a checkpoint in the southern Iraqi city of Basra.

INTERNET

N-E region should become economic bridgehead to S-E Asia

NEW DELHI, 22 Jan — Indian Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee on Tuesday asked the eight states in the country's North-East to capitalize on opportunities to enhance trade with the neighbourhood as the region could become an "economic bridgehead" to South-East Asia.

"India is working actively to promote regional and sub-regional trade and economic promotion. Our North-Eastern states can become our economic bridgehead to South-East Asia," Vajpayee said addressing the second North-East business summit, organized by Department of N-E region and International Chamber of Commerce (ICC). Because of its proximity

to the Southeast Asian markets like Bangladesh, Myanmar, Singapore and Thailand, the N-E region has a locational advantage of great importance, Vajpayee said.

He, however, made an appeal to the state governments in the region saying "the Centre has taken a conscious decision to provide more resources and incentives for development of the North-East.

It is the responsibility of the individual states to demonstrate visibly that funds are used properly.

"People in the North-East would like to see the outcome of the utilization of funds on the ground," he added.

Vajpayee said government would soon commence

work on the 2000-megawatt Subansiri hydro-electric project in the state of Arunachal Pradesh costing over 60 billion rupees and the 130-megawatt Teesta Lower Dam Station III project in Sikkim at a cost of eight billion rupees, to harness the untapped hydel power potential in the region. — *MNA/PTI*

Flu virus found in dead bird corpse in HK

HONG KONG, 22 Jan — Hong Kong said on Wednesday that the corpse of a dead falcon found near a suburb earlier this week had tested positive for the avian flu virus, which has been spreading around Asia and can infect people.

"The presence of the H5N1 virus in the Peregrine Falcon poses no immediate threat to public health," the government's Agriculture, Fisheries and Conservation Department said in a statement.

The dead bird was found near the Gold Coast residential development in Tuen Mun on Monday, it said.

On Wednesday, on the eve of Chinese New Year, the government started disinfecting the city's wholesale poultry market in Cheung Sha Wan. — *MNA/Reuters*

Hu Jintao urges cadres to serve people

ZHANGJIAKOU, 22 Jan — Chinese President Hu Jintao urged all cadres across the country to serve the people heart and soul on the eve of the Spring Festival, the traditional Chinese Lunar New Year, which falls on January 22 this year.

Hu, also General Secretary of the Communist Party of China (CPC) Central Committee, called on cadres to keep in mind the interests of the people and to solve problems earnestly for them when he visited Zhangjiakou City in north China's Hebei Province on Tuesday and Wednesday.

Accompanied by Wang Gang, alternate member of the Political Bureau of the CPC Central Committee, and Bai Keming, secretary of the Hebei provincial committee of the CPC, Hu sent festive greetings to local cadres and people on behalf of the CPC Central Committee and the State Council.

Hu visited a number of aged people and retired invalid soldiers in Huailai County and inquired about their life and health.

He also visited model workers in Zhangjiakou and encouraged them to perform

new deeds in the ongoing national drive to build a well-off society.

The President went to the village of Xishungou, in Youlougou Town of Zhangbei County, and paid a New Year call on local farmers. He urged local rural cadres to take effective measures to improve production and alleviate poverty among farmers.

Hu also inspected local agricultural science parks, a dairy farm, a power plant and other agricultural projects. During the tour, the President heard a work report from the provincial government and spoke highly of the achievements of the province in economic development and in the reform and opening drive. Hu called on the local government officials to take a practical attitude and to be honest and upright in efforts to serve the masses.

MNA/Xinhua

India's infrastructure sector grew 5.9% in Dec 2003

NEW DELHI, 22 Jan — Mirroring the buoyancy in economy, India's key infrastructure sector grew 5.9 per cent in December 2003 as opposed to a growth of 4.4 per cent in the same month in 2002.

Growth in petroleum refinery output, power generation and crude oil production was higher than December 2002 but that in coal and finished steel slipped marginally lower than the corresponding period, an official release said here Wednesday.

Cement growth rate was down to a modest 5.5 per

cent from a high of 16.2 per cent in 2002.

The six infrastructure industries posted a lower growth rate of 4.5 per cent in the first three quarters of 2003-04 fiscal as against 6 per cent growth in April-December 2002.

Fiscal 2003-04 has been a roller-coaster ride for the

six industries.

The year began with a growth rate of 3.9 per cent in April and went up to 4.8 per cent in June before slipping to 2.6 per cent in July. It again looked up to touch 5.9-per cent growth rate in September but dipped in the following month to 3.1 per cent, the release said. — *MNA/PTI*



Two white rhinos graze in South Africa's Thanda Game Reserve in this picture taken on 17 Jan, 2004. — *INTERNET*

India in negotiation with Bangladesh on FTA

BANGALORE, 22 Jan — India has started negotiations for Free Trade Agreement with Bangladesh and is also studying the possibilities for trade and economic cooperation agreements with China, an External Affairs Ministry official said here Wednesday.

As part of India's "Look East" policy, New Delhi has concluded negotiations for FTA with Thailand, M P Gavai, Director (Investment and Trade Promotion), Ministry of External Affairs, said.

"Negotiations are going on for a comprehensive economic cooperation agreement with Singapore", Gavai told an interactive meeting with Indian Commercial Representatives from West European countries, organized by the Federation of Indian Export Organizations (FIEO).

FTA negotiations with ASEAN would also begin soon, he said, adding India is studying the possibilities for trade and economic cooperation agreements with China, which is emerging as a major trade partner for New Delhi.

MNA/PTI

Anti-colonialist struggles in Salin region

U San Nyo Aung (Salin)

The Zartihla (Zedi Hla) Cemetery situated in north of Salin is a peaceful and secluded site with luxuriant trees and bamboo. It was also a place where my friends and I used to visit to shoot birds when I was young. There are tombs systematically arranged in the cemetery and it is fenced with the brick wall and so local people called it English cemetery. In the cemetery, the crosses are inscribed on the white tombs made of marble. It was strange to us, the children, but we could feel nothing special about it.

When I became a high school student, I learnt that the tombs in the cemetery were the ones in which colonialists were buried. And they were lackeys killed in the anti-colonialist struggles in Salin region during the time after King Thibaw had been taken away. I also learnt that they were defeated by Bo Ottama, Bo Byaing Gyi and Bo Byaing Galay. I happened to put the tombs record on my mind that I saw in 1967 as follows:

1. It was the biggest one in the cemetery made of marble and its inscription was illegible but some said

Killed in action at Salenmyo, 31st July 1886; age 36 years. Deeply regretted by his brother officers.

3. Sergt. Lever, 2nd King's Regt.
4. Pte. Arnold, 2nd King's Own Regt.
5. Pte. Carper, 2nd King's Own Regt.
6. Pte. Verry, 2nd King's Own Regt.
7. Pte. S. Gregson, 1st Batt. Rifle Brigade.
8. C Hall, Leicestershire Regt.
9. Pte. J. Manship, Leicestershire Regt.
10. Corporal G. Ghanty, Leicestershire Regt.
11. Pte. Robb, Royal Fusiliers.
12. Pte. A. Simpkin, 1st Batt. Rifle Brigade.
13. Pte. C. Franklin; 1st Batt. Rifle Brigade.
14. Pte. G. Cook, Leicestershire Regt.
15. Pte. W. Pasnett; Leicestershire Regt.
16. It was the one whose inscription was illegible.
17. Pte. J. Westbrook; Leicestershire Regt.

Myanmar had to wage three anti-colonialist wars with the colonialists. The first Anglo-Myanmar War (1824-1826) took place in the time of King Bagyidaw and Myanmar had to give

1852 in the time of King Bagan. After the war, Myanmar also lost the lower Myanmar starting from the southern part of Myede (Aunglan). And, the third Anglo-Myanmar War broke out in the time of King Thibaw which lasted only a couple of weeks. Ever since 28 November 1885, the entire Myanmar fell under the servitude of the colonialists.



Taking a stronghold in the north of the Shwetansar Pagoda (previously a tamarine grove), Myanmar patriots bravely fought the intruders.

Then, the Myanmar nationals who did not want to live under the rule of the intruders continued anti-colonialist struggles. The revolutionary leaders in Salin region were Bo Ottama, Bo Byaing Gyi, Bo Byaing Galay, Mya

Gyi, Shwe Hlan Bo, Bo Let Wah, Ponnayyan Bo, Bo Kyaw Hla, Bo Shwe Sar, Bo Chit Po, Bo Pyay, Bo Tay, Bo Chan Tok, Bo U Kyaw, Bo Shwe Kun, Bo Nay Mee, Bo Me Khaung, Bo Tha Din, Thon Sar Bo, Shin Lein Pyan Bo, Sein Taung Bo, Maung Baukkantha Bo, Kya Lan, Bo Tun Aung, Bo Hsay Ni, Koyingyi Bo, Tanyaung Thugyi U Htar, Taung Bogyi, Bago Bo,

Saw U and Bo Saw Pu hiding in the forests in the foothills of Rakhine Yoma mountain range rebelled against the colonialists. Although Bo Ywe was launching resistance based on his strong patriotism, he was around 50 at that time.

Previously, former Mayor of Salin Bo Ya Kyaw was only a private from Red Gate guard force of King Mindon. He was

Gate Bo Lay, and a daughter of his minister. The newly married couple were enjoying a happy life till meeting with a bad fate. His wife died while giving birth to a child. As a means to cure his sadness, he turned to alcohol and gambling. He had never done those two things in the past. Once, he had mortgaged his Red Gate Bo badge, while he was drunk with toddy juice at a cock-fight gambling game. The title, Red Gate Bo, was presented to him by the King. It was a crime punishable by death. But the King in consideration of his sincerity and feelings, with sympathy, gave him a light sentence. The punishment was that Bo Yar Kyaw had to act as an ogre in a court concert.

During the final days of King Mindon, there occurred differences among the groups in the court. The King's many sons and their mothers were trying to give the throne to the person in their favour, leading to a confusion in the court affairs. As he did not want to get involved in the court rivalry, Bo Yar Kyaw asked the King to post him to a place far away from the royal city. As the King also wished to keep his trusted person at a far-away place, he assigned Bo Yar Kyaw as the mayor of Salin town.

While governing his town with justice and fairness, and discharging duties as loyal servant of the King, he got married with a local woman. He retired from the mayor post after serving for seven years, and lived peacefully at a place near Sedoktara about forty miles west of Salin. From that time on he led a happy and contented life of a farmer.

(To be continued)

(Translation: MS+TMT)



The Zartihla (Zedi Hla) Cemetery in Salin, in which tombs of colonialists still exist.

- it was 'Major Edward'.
2. In Memorial, Major R.F Atkinson, 2nd Hampshire Regt;

up Rakhine and Taninthayi regions after the war. The outbreak of the second Anglo-Myanmar War was from April to November

Taung Bo, Bo Ottara, Bo Ywe, Bo Kya Gyi, Bo Tun San, Bo Yar Kyaw, Pan Hsay Kan Bo, Bo Khan Thi, Bo Kya Lay, Bo El

people in Salin, Minbu, Ngaphe, Thayet, Mindat and Pakokku regions and fought against the colonialists. His sons Bo

promoted immediately and trustfully to the rank of head of the Red Gate guard force because he successfully defended and saved the life of King Mindon during Myinkun Myinkhondaing affair, in which Prince Kanaung was assassinated. He had to take security duties for preventing against unauthorized persons and enemies passing the gate to the king. At that time he was about 25. In spite of being a very brave and skilled swordsman, he was not fond of reputation at all and was never proud. That was why he set princesses Myinkun and Myinkhondaing free even though he got a chance to kill them in the power struggle for the throne in the palace.

King Mindon married his favorite staff and a sincere person, Red

WHO enhances measures against HIV-TB co-infection

UNITED NATIONS, 22 Jan — The United Nations World Health Organization (WHO) issued Wednesday guidelines to increase collaboration between national TB and HIV/AIDS programmes to save some 14 million people worldwide suffering from both HIV/AIDS and tuberculosis.

The new programme will give critical support for the WHO plan to provide anti-retroviral (ARV) drug treatment to three million people living with AIDS by the end of 2005, a UN Press release said.

A principal focus of the programme will be Africa, where 70 per cent of the world's 14 million people who are co-infected by HIV and TB live. Up to 50 per

cent of the continent's people with HIV/AIDS develop TB and up to 80 per cent of its TB patients are HIV-infected, according to WHO.

A key guideline will be to train health workers to increase voluntary HIV testing and counselling in TB programmes, with the aim of identifying and referring more than half a million TB patients who are

also HIV-positive for ARV drug treatment in the next two years. In this way, TB programmes will help with HIV prevention, ARV distribution and patient care, WHO said. At the same time, the agency promised to add screening and testing for TB at HIV/AIDS service delivery points in regions of

high HIV prevalence.

By routinely screening and testing people with HIV/AIDS for TB, people without TB can be treated with prophylactic drugs that prevent the development of active tuberculosis and people with the disease can be cured, WHO said.

MNA/Xinhua

Drive safely

Giant tumour removed from Romanian woman

BUCHAREST, 22 Jan — Doctors successfully removed a giant tumour from a 46-year-old woman on Wednesday in an operation that lasted more than 10 hours, the Romanian national news agency Romsprea reported.

A medical team composed of eight Romanian and three American doctors performed the operation on Lucica Bunghez, a resident from the central Romanian city of Brasov, at the Bucharest-based Floreasca Clinical Emergency Hospital.

The huge tumour weighed nearly 80 kilos. The surgery, which began at 9 am and finished at 7:20 pm, proceeded smoothly and the general condition of the patient was good, a hospital spokesperson said, adding that the woman's vital functions were within normal parameters. She had undergone a surgery before to try to remove the same tumour when it was about only 15 kilos in weight. — MNA/Reuters

Myanmar open golf tournament to be held in Yangon



YANGON, 22 Jan — With a view to observing international golf techniques and to bring about famous Myanmar golfers, the Myanmar Open Golf Tournament, organized by Myanmar Professional Golfers Association (MPGA) and Asian Tour and mainly sponsored by the Rothmans of Pall Mall Myanmar Pte Ltd, will be held grandly as an international event at Yangon golf club, Danyingon, here from 12 to 15 February.

Golf stars from Australia, China, Chinese (Taipei), Canada, Ecuador, England, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Japan, the Republic of Korea, Kenya, Malaysia,

Mexico, New Zealand, the Philippines, Scotland, Singapore, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Sweden, Thailand, United States and Myanmar will participate in the tournament.

Among the contestants will be the 2003 Champion of this tournament Lin Keng-Chi (Chinese - Taipei), the 2002 Champion Thon Chai Jaidee (Thailand) and the 2001 Champion Anthony Kang (USA), the 1999 Champion Wang Ter Chang (Chinese - Taipei), the 1998 Champion Taimur Hussain (Pakistan), the 1996 and 1997 Champion Boonchu Rungkit (Thailand), Zaw Moe of Myanmar, Order Merit Winner (1999) Kyi Hla Han, Myanmar PGA Champions Aung Win, Soe Kyaw Naing, Zaw Paing Oo and Zaw Zaw Latt, promising

Myanmar PGA golfers, famous golfers from South-East Asia and Europe.

Admission for the tournament is free. The Rothmans of Pall Mall Myanmar Pte Ltd, Myanmar Airways International (MAI), Sedona Hotel (Yangon), Wilson, Grand Slam (Musing Wear), Inetel (Headwear Co), Canon (Accel International Co Ltd), Maruman (Kaung Myat Co Ltd), Dagon Beer (Dagon Brewery Company Ltd), MIMS Logistics, Max Myanmar Co Ltd, United Paints Group (UPG) and Alpine Purified Drinking Water (Loi-Hein Co Ltd) will co-sponsor the tournament. Han Event Management and Octagon will take responsibilities for holding the tournament. — MNA



Minister Maj-Gen Hla Tun receives President of Export-Import Bank of Thailand Mr Pakorn Malakul Na Ayudhya and party. — FINANCE AND REVENUE



Chairman of e-National Task Force, IT Standardization Steering Committee U Thein Oo presents his personal ideas at the workshop "Myanmar Language Implementation". (News on page 16) — MNA



An official holds discussions at the workshop "PKI Application". (News on page 16) — MNA



Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt greets Chairman of Shan State (North) Special Region 5 U Matu Naw and party. (News on page 1) — MNA

Thai guests call on F & R Minister

YANGON, 22 Jan — Minister for Finance and Revenue Maj-Gen Hla Tun received President of Export-Import Bank, Thailand, Mr Pakorn Malakul Na Ayudhya and party this afternoon at his office here.

Also present at the call were Deputy Minister Col Hla Thein Swe and officials. — MNA

First group of Chinese tourists arrive in Cuba

HAVANA, 22 Jan — A Chinese tour group arrived Tuesday in Havana, capital of Cuba, the first approved travel destination in the Americas for Chinese tourists.

The 20-member tour group from Beijing will spend four days at the tourist resort of Varadero in Havana, then continue their trip to Chile, Brazil and Peru on a 19-day Latin American tour.

The Chinese tourists, the first arriving in Cuba in an individual way, chose to spend the Spring Festival, the Lunar Chinese New Year, in the Caribbean country.

Cuba is the first tourist destination in the Americas approved by the Chinese authorities, which signed with Havana an agreement of understanding on tourism last July. — MNA/Xinhua

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YANGON, 22 Jan — The State Peace and Development Council has appointed Deputy Principal U Khin Maung Tin of Bhamo Degree College of the Higher Education Department (Upper Myanmar) under the Ministry of Education as the principal of the same college on probation from the date he assumes charge of his duties. — MNA

Belgian FA to decide on earphone issue

BRUSSELS, 22 Jan — The Belgian FA is to consider whether players could use earphones during games after Genk goalkeeper Jan Moons did so in the game against Club Bruges.

Moons wore a small earphone during Friday's 1-0 win so he could hear instructions from head coach Sef Vergoosen that were being transmitted by goalkeeping coach Guy Martens.

Genk's technical staff want to provide a more sophisticated earphone to all their players if the Belgian FA approves at a meeting next month. The FA's spokesman Nicolas Cornu said: "This is the first such case for our association and even for FIFA."

A FIFA spokesman added: "We've taken note of the experiment and are consulting our internal experts. We're assessing it from Laws of the Game point of view and also from the health and safety aspect but we're not yet ready to make a statement." Under Law 4 covering "The Players' Equipment", "a player must not use equipment or wear anything which is dangerous to himself or another player (including any kind of jewellery)".

But the FIFA spokesman said: "It's quite a novelty. It shouldn't present any danger to a player or his opponent." The next step is for the use of the earphone to be included in the referee's report on the Genk-Club Bruges match. His report will be presented to the Belgian FA's referees commission, which has the power to present the case to the FA's Executive Committee meet-

ing on February 6.

Cornu said "it will then provide a statement about the security problem and whether the earphone favoured Genk". If the use of an earphone requires a change in the Laws of the Game then that would have to be considered when the International Football Association Board (IFAB) holds its annual general meeting in London on February 28.

IFAB, founded in 1886, acts as the guardian of the Laws of the Game and is responsible for studying, modifying and overseeing any changes. It has four representatives from FIFA and one from England, Northern Ireland, Scotland and Wales. — MNA/Xinhua

UNSG urges flexibility in disarmament negotiations

UNITED NATIONS, 22 Jan — UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan called Tuesday on the countries participating in the Conference on Disarmament to show flexibility to break their current deadlock.

In a message delivered to the opening session of the Conference on Disarmament in Geneva, Annan said recent world events highlight how important it is to strengthen international arms control and disarmament agreements.

He warned that last year marked the fifth in a row that delegates were unable to reach consensus on a work programme, a necessary precondition for tackling substantive issues. — MNA/Xinhua

No US role involved in mediation between India, Pakistan

WASHINGTON, 22 Jan — There is no US role in “terms of mediation” between India and Pakistan, Indian External Affairs Minister Yashwant Sinha said, contradicting Secretary of State Colin Powell’s recent remarks that the breakthrough in Islamabad was the result of Washington’s two years of efforts.

“The US role is that of a friend who makes inquiries about the state of affairs and the progress which has been made,” Sinha told reporters here Tuesday in the presence of Powell, when asked if there was any role for Washington in Indo-Pakistani ties.

Sinha, who met President George W. Bush and later held talks with Powell, said “in my discussions here there was absolutely no suggestion of a role for the US in terms of mediation” and so on. “There was curiosity, there was inquiry, and that is fair enough.”

Powell, who in an interview to *US News and World Report* last week had said that the recent breakthrough in Indo-Pakistani ties was the result of two years of work that US had been doing with Indians and Pakistanis, appreciated the efforts made by the two countries in improving their ties.

“We are so pleased at how far we have come over the last couple of years. When the Minister (Sinha) and I were here

together some 18 months ago, we were worried about a conflict breaking out in the region and how that conflict might escalate.

“And here today, we are able to talk about the success that the Indians and Pakistanis achieved recently in Islamabad, how they have been reaching out to one another, how transportation links are being reestablished, how two leaders Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee and President Pervez Musharraf, have set themselves on a course of dialogue and discussion of all the issues that are outstanding between the two sides,” Powell said.

He said the US supported Musharraf’s efforts towards improving relations with India. “He (Musharraf) is stepping up the challenge of improving relations with India...we support him and will continue to support him.”

Sinha said stability is very important to carry forward the initiative which has been taken.

MNA/PTI

Folk artist makes largest ceiling-decoration paper-cut

TAIYUAN, 22 Jan — A paper-cut artist in north China’s Shanxi Province completed a 20-square-metre paper-cut before the Chinese Lunar New Year, or the Spring Festival, that falls on Thursday.

The paper-cut work, titled “Successful Chinese Dragons”, was patterned with eight dragons and eight phoenixes, both being traditional legendary animals.

Chinese paper-cuts

cover a wide range of subjects including auspicious designs, flowers, animals, fish, figurines, fairy tales and dramas.

Li Jinzhu, the maker of the paper-cut, finished the work in 45 days.

The work is believed to be the largest ceiling paper-cut so far made in China.

Paper-cut is a popular folk art in China. A piece of paper can be turned in

the hands of an artisan, with the help of a knife or a pair of scissors, into any of a wide variety of patterns.

To celebrate traditional festivals such as the Spring Festival, the Mid-Autumn Festival, weddings and birthdays, Chinese people use paper patterns to decorate their doors, windows, ceilings, kang (heated brick-beds), suitcases, offerings and almost anything else. — MNA/Xinhua

Narcotic drugs seized in Bhamo, Muse

YANGON, 22 Jan — A combined team comprising members of the local intelligence unit and Bhamo Special Anti-drug Squad, acting on information, searched the house of Swum Lut John of Htannyet Village in Lweje, on 26 December 2003.

The authorities seized Swum Lut Larein together with 0.75 kilo of raw opium hidden in the compound of

the house.

The Lweje Police Station filed a lawsuit against Swum Lut John, son of Swum Lut Mayaung of Htannyet Village in Lweje and his brother Swum Lut Larein under Sections 15/19(a)/21 of the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.

In a similar action, a team comprising members of the local intelligence

unit and Muse Special Anti-drug Squad, acting on information, searched the house of Khaung Shin (a) Hon Yee Myint of Manwein Ward in Muse on 30 December 2003 and seized Khaung Shin and Aik Yee together with 21 heroin blocks weighing 7.16 kilos —19 380-gram heroin blocks weighing 7.22 kilos and two 190-gram heroin blocks weigh-

ing 380 grams.

The Muse Police Station filed a lawsuit against Aik Yee, son of U Khaing Hsam of Swedaw Ward in Muse and Khaung Shin (a) Hon Yee Myint, son of U Ma Kam of Ward 3 in Mongpaw Village, Muse Township, under Sections 15/19(A)/21 of Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.

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World Social Forum ends with huge rally in India

MUMBAI, 22 Jan — Drums rolled as thousands of people gathered for an anti-war march in Mumbai as a huge anti-globalization meeting wound down on Wednesday.

Punching their fists in the air, the screaming protesters vented their fury against the war in Iraq with slogans such as “No war, George Bush terrorist” and placards saying “US/British troops out of Iraq now” and “Bush, Blair Butchers”.

“It was an unjust war. I am very angry with the US. So many people died in Iraq and I believe this rally will make a difference. It will drive out the US and British troops from Iraq,” said South Korean anti-war activist Moon Myung Joo.

The fourth World Social Forum, designed to steal some thunder from the World Economic Forum,

wrapped up just as business and political leaders began their talks in the Swiss ski resort of Davos.

But all the sound and fury from the forum delegates did not produce any declaration or action plan after a six-day meeting that discussed an alphabet soup of issues from AIDS to WTO.

“We are against the occupation in Iraq, we are against war, we are for freedom for all the people in the world,” Vittorio Agnoletto, a member of the organizing committee, told

a news conference.

Anti-globalization protests have been gathering steam since violent demonstrations in Seattle in 1999, with protesters challenging mainstream politicians on everything from genetically modified food to free trade and immigration — issues that have bedevilled the World Trade Organization.

The World Social Forum delegates brought traffic to a halt in Mumbai as the march wound through narrow roads, carrying a black effigy of US President George W Bush that they stomped on at the end of the march.

MNA/Reuters

Angola signs cooperation accord with Sao Tome, Principe

LUANDA, 22 Jan — Angola and Sao Tome and Principe have signed two cooperation accords in the domains of agriculture and fisheries, announced on Tuesday Sao Tome’s Minister of Agriculture, Rural Development and Fisheries Jorge Amado.

Speaking to local media, the minister, who attended a ministerial meeting of Agriculture Ministers of the Economic Community of Central African States (ECCAS), which took place on January 16-17, 2004 in Luanda, added that alongside the gathering he could hold several meetings of bilateral interest. He added that under the accords, Sao Tome cadres will come to Luanda, being the first group of five people

expected to arrive in the forthcoming three months. “We intend with this move to train our cadres in the area of coffee production, besides sending 10 students to attend from March 2004, a high course in the field of fisheries,” he explained.

Commenting on the meeting with the Angolan Minister of Agriculture and Rural Development, Gilberto Lutucuta, he regarded it as important since it allowed the outlining of projects having into account each country’s necessities, in a view to provide food security for Africa’s populations.

“We need to produce food in quantity and quality, without putting the citizens of our countries at risk, and the most important is that our governments fulfil the recommendations from the meeting, to make our countries, both in the area of food and employment, more secure,” explained the Sao Tome minister. — MNA/Xinhua

SAL looking for prospective Indian space traveller

SYDNEY, 22 Jan — Space Adventures Ltd, the Washington based company which sends private citizens on an adventure trip to space, is looking for a prospective Indian client for its orbital flight in April and October 2005.

SAL has already had some Indian clients on their “steps to space” products such as zero gravity flights at Star City in Russia, Christine Gee, business development manager Asia Pacific for Space Adventures Ltd (SAL) said.

“We believe India is a key market in the region. It also has a long history of involvement with space and is renowned for its excellence in technology and aerospace,” Gee, who leaves for India on January 30 to look for a prospective space traveller told PTI.

MNA/PTI



Swum Lut Larein and Swum Lut John seen with seized narcotic drugs. — MNA



Khaung Shin and Aik Yee with seized heroin blocks. — MNA

Buddha images of Innwa Period unearthed

YANGON, 22 Jan — Minister for Culture Maj-Gen Kyi Aung inspected ruins of Aungzigon Pagoda in Saga-In Village in TadaU Township, Mandalay Division, on 5 December and gave necessary instructions on renovation of the pagoda and maintenance tasks for terracotta plaques and ovolo mouldings of Innwa era.

Director (Admin) U Hla Gyi Maung Maung of the Archaeology Department (Mandalay Branch), Staff Officer U Kyaw Shein, Assistant Researcher U Hla Shwe carried out renovation tasks starting from second week of December. During the period from 7 to 11 January, 22 ancient Buddha images dated from Innwa Period were found at first terrace of the pagoda and near the encircling pagoda. Of these images, the handiwork of a bronze image and an Pyinsa Lawha image are distinctive. Innwa King Mingyi Swa Sawke (Myanmar era 729-762) had the pagoda built in Myanmar era 736 under the supervision of venerable monk Ashin Maha Suddhamma Sami.

The renovation and maintenance tasks for Pinya Aungzigon Pagoda will continue under the supervision of the Archaeology Department (Mandalay Branch). — MNA



The ancient Buddha images dated from Innwa Period. — MNA

Guangxi trade with ASEAN members hits record high

NANNING, 22 Jan — Trade between south China's Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region and members of the Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN) hit a record US\$ 826 million in 2003, marking five years of consecutive growth, Customs figures show. The trade volume was 31.5% higher than the previous year. The principal imports from ASEAN nations were industrial raw materials, while electronic and machinery products were the major exports, accounting for 30% of the region's total

exports to ASEAN. Border trade made up 65 per cent of Guangxi's total imports and exports to ASEAN members. Border trade exports rose 52.7 per cent to 314 million US dollars, while imports grew 59 per cent to 221 million dollars. Vietnam continued to be Guangxi's largest trade partner of the 10 ASEAN members. Total trade volume between Guangxi and Vietnam stood at 666 million dollars last year, accounting for 81% of Guangxi's total trade with ASEAN.

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Oil prices hit 10-month highs in US

NEW YORK, 22 Jan — Oil prices hit fresh 10-month highs on Tuesday as a huge blast at a liquefied natural gas (LNG) plant in Algeria added to concerns over wafer-thin US oil supplies, which are being tested amid bitter winter cold.

The explosion in Algeria — the world's second largest LNG exporter — closed the OPEC member's largest refinery and main oil export terminal. It has delayed shipment of some cargoes as result of the blast.

US light crude futures for February delivery hit a

new 10-month high of 36.20 US dollars a barrel, up 1.13 US dollars, the highest level since the US invasion of Iraq in March. London Brent crude futures for March rose 55 per cents to trade at 31.12 US dollars a barrel. "Energy markets continue to take support from a strong fundamental picture, with OPEC statements and a deadly blast at the Skikda LNG plant in Algeria adding fresh price-positive news," said Barclays Capital in a market comment.

Prices marched higher after the Algerian explosion, which ripped through the vast petrochemical plant in the port city of Skikda on Monday, killing at least 23 people and shutting down all activity at the oil and gas refinery complex.

Energy and Mines Minister Chakib Khelil said operations had been shut as a preventive measure, and a shipping agent said all oil shipments from Skikda had been halted.

Officials said they believed a boiler at one of the gas units was the origin of the blast, which was felt for kilometres and destroyed three LNG trains.

Meteorologists are forecasting extreme cold for the next three weeks in the United States east of the Rocky Mountains, with at least one forecaster, Joe Bastardi of AccuWeather, calling for the coldest winter there in 25 years.

US crude prices have shot up more than eight US

dollars a barrel, or 30 per cent, since late September when OPEC agreed to cut official output limits by 900,000 barrels per day. Since then, demand has risen with the onset of the Northern Hemisphere winter and US fuel inventories have fallen to the lowest levels since the mid-1970s.

Saudi Arabia has said it is too early to predict what action OPEC will take when it reviews production policy at its next meeting on February 10 in Algiers. On Tuesday Qatar said the cartel should not rush to set its output level.

OPEC is worried that a big overhang of oil will trigger a collapse in prices in the second quarter when demand normally tails off at the end of winter. It is already pumping about 1.5 million BPD above its official ceiling of 24.5 million BPD, which excludes Iraq output. — MNA/Reuters

Industrial production rises in November in euro-zone

BRUSSELS, 22 Jan — Seasonally adjusted industrial production rose by 0.1 per cent in the euro-zone in November of 2003 following a sharp increase of 1.3 per cent in October, said a report released Tuesday by the Statistical Office of the European Communities Eurostat.

Compared to last month, the capital goods rose by 0.9 per cent in the 12-nation euro-zone. The intermediate

ကျန်းမာပျော်ရွှင် ဘဝတစ်ခွင်

ကျန်းမာခြင်းဆိုသည်မှာ - ရောဂါဘယကင်းရှင်းစွာ သာဓက၊ ကိုယ်၏ကျန်းမာကြံ့ခိုင်ခြင်း၊ စိတ်ချမ်းသာခြင်းနှင့် လူမှုရေးသုခ ပြည့်ဝခြင်း ကိုဆိုသည်။

ဘဝတစ်ခွင် ကျန်းမာပျော်ရွှင်စေရန် အောက်ပါအတိုင်း လိုက်နာဆောင်ရွက်ပါ။

- (၁) တစ်စိတ်ရည်သန်ရှင်းမှုကိုဆောင်ရွက်ပါ။
- (၂) အန္တရာယ်ကင်း၍ အဟာရပြည့်ဝသော အစားအသောက်များကိုစားသုံးပါ။
- (၃) ပိုမိုကင်းစင်၍ သန့်ရှင်းသောရေကို သောက်သုံးပါ။
- (၄) ရာသီဥတုနှင့် လိုက်လျောညီထွေစွာဝတ်စားဆင်ယင်နေထိုင်ပါ။
- (၅) အသက်အရွယ်နှင့်လိုက်လျောညီထွေရှိသည့် သင်တန်းများသော ကိုယ်လက်လှုပ်ရှားမှုကို မှန်မှန်ဆောင်ရွက်ပါ။
- (၆) နေ့စဉ်လုပ်ငန်းဆောင်တာများ ဆောင်ရွက်ခြင်းကြောင့် ပင်ပန်း နှမ်းနယ်မှုကိုပြေပျောက်စေရန် အနားယူပါ။
- (၇) ခြင်္သေ့ရယ်မှကာကွယ်ရန် ခြင်္သေ့ငြင်းငြင်အိပ်ပါ။
- (၈) ကျန်းမာရေးနှင့်ညီညွတ်သော ယင်လုံအိမ်သာကိုသုံးစွဲပါ။
- (၉) အရက်သောက်ခြင်း၊ ဆေးလိပ်ဆေးရွက် သောက်သုံးခြင်း၊ ကွမ်းစားခြင်းတို့ကိုရှောင်ကြဉ်ပါ။
- (၁၀) မူးယစ်ဆေးဝါးနှင့် စိတ်ကိုပြောင်းလဲစေသည့် ဆေးဝါးများ သုံးစွဲခြင်းကို ရှောင်ကြဉ်ပါ။
- (၁၁) အပျော်အပါးလိုက်စားခြင်းကို ရှောင်ကြဉ်ပါ။
- (၁၂) ရေ၊ မြေ၊ လေ သဘာဝဝတ်ဝန်းကျင်နှင့် နေထိုင်မှု အသက် မွေးမြူတံဝန်းကျင်တို့အား ညစ်ညမ်းစေသည့် အပြုအမူများကို ရှောင်ကြဉ်ပါ။

ကျန်းမာရေးဝန်ကြီးဌာန

Sinha meets Bush

WASHINGTON, 22 Jan — Building on the historic Indo-US decision to cooperate in civilian nuclear, space and missile programmes, India's External Affairs Minister Yashwant Sinha on Tuesday met American President George W. Bush at the White House here and discussed the next steps to carry forward the "strategic partnership" between the two countries.

During the 20-minute meeting, Bush also congratulated Sinha on the "important progress" made in relations between India and Pakistan. "They also discussed the next steps in the strategic partnership between India and the United States" in the backdrop of Bush and Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee's simultaneous announcement on January 13 of enhancing bilateral cooperation in civilian nuclear, space and missile programmes, White House Press Secretary Scott McClellan told reporters.

"The President also congratulated the Foreign Minister on the important progress being made in the relationship between India and Pakistan," he said.

McClellan declined to comment on the 1.5-billion-US-dollar deal signed by India and Russia in Delhi on the acquisition by New Delhi of the aircraft carrier Admiral Gorshkov.

Among those present during the Bush-Sinha meeting were US Secretary of State Colin Powell, National Security Adviser Condoleezza Rice, and officials involved in moving forward the strategic relationship with India.

Sinha is expected to follow up the issues he discussed with Bush when Powell hosts a lunch for him at the State Department.

The Bush-Sinha meeting has set the content and tenor of the External Affairs Minister's three-day visit to the United States.

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ဆောင်းရာသီတွင်ဖြစ်ပွားတတ်သော ကူးစက်ရောဂါများ ကာကွယ်နိုင်ရန်အတွက် နှိုးဆော်ချက်

၁။ ဆောင်းရာသီတွင် အအေးမိနာစေ ချောင်းဆိုးရောဂါ၊ ဦးနှောက် အမြေ့ရောင်ရောဂါ၊ ဝက်သက်ရောဂါ၊ ဆူဆိုးနာရောဂါ၊ ကြွက်ညှာ ချောင်းဆိုးရောဂါ၊ ရေကျောက်ရောဂါ၊ နမ့်နီးယား၊ အဆုတ်ရောင် ရောဂါနှင့် မျက်စိနာရောဂါ စသည့် ကူးစက် ရောဂါများ အဖြစ်များတတ်ပါသည်။

၂။ ၎င်းရောဂါများကိုကြိုတင်ကာကွယ်ရန်အတွက်

- * ဥလမ်းသဘင်လူထုထပ်သောနေရာနှင့် ဖုလူထပ်သော နေရာများကို တတ်နိုင်သမျှ ရှောင်ကြဉ်ပါ။
- * နာစေးချောင်းဆိုးလျှင် ရောဂါမပြန့်ပွားစေရန် လက်ကိုင်းပုစိုက် အသုံးပြုပါ။
- * တစ်ဦးအသုံးပြုထားသော အသုံးအဆောင် နှင့်အဝတ်အထည်များကို အခြားတစ်ဦးမှအသုံးပြုခြင်းကို ရှောင်ကြဉ်ပါ။
- * ၅-နှစ်အောက် ကလေးများအား ပုံမှန်ကာကွယ်ဆေးထိုး၍ ကာကွယ်ရသောရောဂါများဖြစ်သည့် ဆူဆိုးနာ ကြွက်ညှာ ချောင်းဆိုး ဝက်သက်ရောဂါ ကာကွယ်ဆေးများထိုးနှံပါ။
- * တစ်စိတ်ရေ သန့်ရှင်းရေးကို အလေးထားဆောင်ရွက်ပါ။
- * အဟာရပြည့်ဝသော အစားအစာများကိုစားသုံးပါ။
- * လုံလောက်စွာအနားယူပါ။

၃။ ရောဂါလက္ခဏာများရှိလျှင် အသက်ဆုံးရှုံးမှုနှင့် ရောဂါပြန့်ပွားမှုများမှကာကွယ်နိုင်ရန် နီးရာကျန်းမာရေးဌာနတွင် ဆေးလျှင်စွာ ဆေးကုသမှုခံယူပါ။

ကျန်းမာရေးဝန်ကြီးဌာန



Director-General U Khin Maung Latt of Directorate of Hotels & Tourism speaks at the meeting. — NLM

Tourism promotion programmes introduced

YANGON, 22 Jan — A meeting to present arrangements for promoting tourism industry including expeditions along coastal line and Salone Traditional Festival to be organized by the Taninthayi Division Tourism Promotion Group under the supervision of the Ministry of Hotels and Tourism, was held at Karaweik Palace, here, this afternoon.

Present on the occasion were Director-General U Khin Maung Latt of Directorate of Hotels and Tourism, departmental heads, Myanmar Tour Operators Association

Chairman U Khin Zaw and officials.

Director-General U Khin Maung Latt explained the arrangements for the voyage to Ma Kyone Galet Village on Bo Cho Island where the Salone Traditional Festival will be held. Managing Director Dr Phone Win of Shambala Travel Agency presented the arrangements for the flight to the island and Managing Director U Khin Maung Kyi of Khin Maung Kyi & Associates Co Ltd on voyage of Chindwin ocean liner. Those present raised queries.

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Singapore's PM urges stronger traditional values, family unit

SINGAPORE, 22 Jan — Singaporean Prime Minister Goh Chok Tong urged his people to strengthen traditional values and family unit in a Chinese Lunar New Year message published here on Wednesday.

Goh said that as an open society, Singapore is prone to external influences.

"The values that we have long held and cherished are now increasingly challenged by those from America, Europe and the more developed societies of Asia like China, Hong Kong, Japan and Taiwan," he said. "On the other hand, the influence of our traditional values has waned," said the Prime Minister.

He stressed that Singaporeans should not discard those traditions and values that make for "a strong, close-knit community".

"Values like hard work, thrift, respect for elders and placing the community before self are the underpinnings of Singapore. They bind us together and make us distinctive. They have given us stability, harmony and progress," he said. The Prime Minister also reflected on the importance of family unit and kinship by saying that family is "at the core of our values".

"It is the most basic unit of society. Strong and stable families make for a strong and cohesive society," said Goh. "It is through the family that we each acquire our moral bearings, and develop into responsible and respectable citizens," he added. The Chinese New Year is one of the most important festivals in Singapore as more than 70 per cent of its over three million population are Chinese.

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All this needs to be known

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



Salone Festival 2004

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

ကုသကာကွယ် မူးယစ်အန္တရာယ်

၁။ မူးယစ်ဆေးဝါးသုံးစွဲလျှင် အသည်းရောင်အသားဝါ ရောဂါ၊ အသည်းခြောက်ရောဂါ၊ အသည်းကင်ဆာရောဂါ၊ သွေးဆိပ်တက်ခြင်းနှင့် နှလုံးရောဂါ၊ အဆုတ်ရောဂါများ၊ ခုခံအားကျဆင်းမှုရောဂါ (AIDS)နှင့် စိတ်ပိုင်းဆိုင်ရာရောဂါများ စသည်တို့ ဖြစ်ပွားနိုင်သည်။

၂။ စီးပွားရေးနှင့် လူမှုရေးများ ထိခိုက်ပျက်ပြားခြင်း၊ ဥပဒေအရ အရေးယူ ခံရခြင်း တို့ဖြစ်နိုင်သည်။

၃။ ထို့ကြောင့် အဆိုပါဒုက္ခများမှ ကင်းဝေးစေရန်၊ မူးယစ်ဆေးဝါးကို လုံးဝရှောင်ကြဉ်ပါ။

၄။ မူးယစ်ဆေးဝါးသုံးစွဲသူများသည် သတ်မှတ်ဆေးရုံ များတွင် မှတ်ပုံတင်၍ ဆေးကုသမှုခံယူပါ။

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နိုင်ငံတော်အစိုးရဌာနပိုင် မော်တော်ယာဉ်များမသုံးစွဲရန်

လစဉ်လ၏ ဒုတိယပတ်တန်နွေနေ့နှင့်နောက်ဆုံးပတ်တန်နွေနေ့တို့သည် ရုံးလုပ်ငန်းအတွက် မဖြစ်မနေသွားလာရန် လိုအပ်သည့် ကိစ္စရပ်များမှအပ မော်တော်ယာဉ်များ မသုံးစွဲရန်ဖြစ်သည်။

၂၀၀၄ခုနှစ်ဇန်နဝါရီလအတွက် (၂၅-၁-၂၀၀၄)ရက်နေ့၊ ၂၀၀၄ခုနှစ်ဖေဖော်ဝါရီလအတွက် (၈-၂-၂၀၀၄)ရက်နေ့၊ (၂၉-၁-၂၀၀၄)ရက်နေ့

Nursery Market Festival continues

YANGON, 22 Jan — Nursery Market Festival is kept open daily at Myepadetha Garden here to enable the general public to easily buy fresh vegetables and fruits, agricultural techniques and equipment, and seeds of various crops at a single place.

Vegetables, saplings of flowering plants, herbal plants and grafted fruit plants are on sale at the market. Orders from growers are also accepted.

Farm implements, fertilizers, booklets and books on pesticide sprays are also available at the shop selling farm produces at the entrance of the garden. — MNA

စေတနာရှင်ပြည်သူများခင်ဗျား

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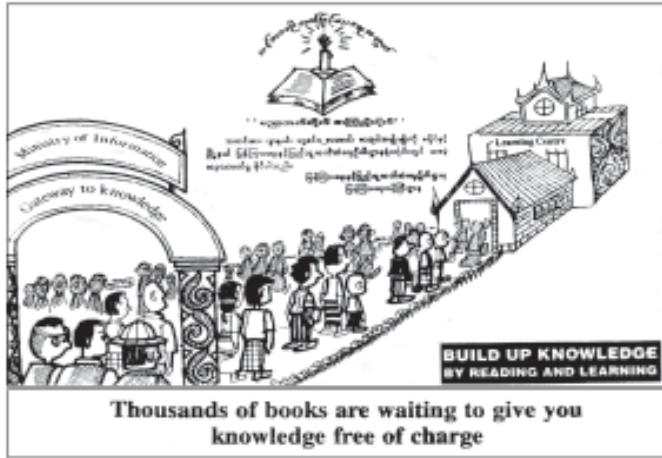
- (၁) လျှင်မြန်ခြင်း၊
- (၂) သန့်ရှင်းစင်ကြယ်ခြင်း၊
- (၃) ကျော်ကြားလူသိများခြင်း၊
- (၄) ဆာလောင်မွတ်သိပ်မှုကင်းခြင်း၊
- (၅) အခြေအရံများခြင်း၊
- (၆) အသက်ရှည်ခြင်း၊
- (၇) အဆင်းလျှင်ခြင်း၊
- (၈) ချမ်းသာကြီးခြင်း၊
- (၉) ခွန်အားဗလကြီးမားခြင်း၊
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Zambia's copper production up 2% in 2003

LUSAKA, 22 Jan — Zambia, a major world copper producer, recorded a 2 per cent rise in its copper production in the first 11 months of 2003, the Bank of Zambia, or the central bank, said Tuesday. Central bank governor Caleb Fundanga said in his quarterly media briefing that Zambia produced 316,445.40 tons of copper up to November, as against 310,230.69 tons in the same period of 2002.

The increase in copper production is mainly a result of increased output at the Mopani and Bwana Mkubwa copper mines, thanks to rehabilitation of facilities and purchase of new equipment, he said.—MNA/Xinhua

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Uganda lifts FMD quarantine restrictions

KAMPALA, 22 Jan — The Ugandan Ministry of Agriculture, Animal Husbandry and Fisheries on Tuesday announced the lifting of foot and mouth disease quarantine restrictions imposed on the western district of Kibale.

A statement issued here by the ministry said that following complete disappearance of foot and mouth disease in Kissita and Nkooko sub-counties, Kibale District, quarantine restrictions imposed on the two sub-counties have been lifted with immediate effect.

It said that movement of livestock and livestock products may be allowed into, out or through the sub-counties with a movement permit issued by veterinary authorities.

"Consequently, all livestock markets in Kissita and Nkooko sub-counties are now opened," it said.

It added that "strict measures should be undertaken by the veterinary staff, enforcement officers, civil leaders and the public to prevent illegal livestock movement to avoid recurrent of the disease".—MNA/Xinhua

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Democrats harshly criticize Bush's reckless policies

WASHINGTON, 22 Jan — Democrats seeking to oust George W Bush from the White House on Tuesday harshly criticized as empty promises for ordinary Americans the State of the Union speech by the President they hope to succeed.

They also accused Bush of pursuing reckless policies abroad that have alienated allies and left the United States to bear most of the costs and casualties of the Iraq war.

"The State of the Union may look rosy from the White House balcony or the suites of George Bush's wealthiest donors. But hard-working Americans will see through this President's effort to wrap his radical agenda with a compassionate ribbon," said former Vermont Governor Howard Dean, who hoped to bounce back from his third place finish in the Iowa caucuses in next week's New Hampshire primary.

Bush in a wide ranging speech defended the war in Iraq, outlined the ongoing threat of global terrorism, promised to promote economic growth and job creation, called for making permanent tax cuts he pushed through Congress and un-

veiled modest domestic initiatives on improving health and education. But Democrats said he was ignoring the needs of average Americans while pushing policies that benefit the wealthy.

"I think there's just two different worlds here, the world the President talks about and the world Americans are living in," Massachusetts Senator John Kerry, who won Monday's Iowa caucuses, said on NBC.

"While CEO pay is up and Wall Street profits are up, the average American only earned three cents on the dollar more. Workers are hurting all across America," Kerry said.

North Carolina Democratic Senator John Edwards, whose campaign got a boost in Iowa where he finished second, sounded a similar note when he delivered a speech called "The State of the Two Americas".

MNA/Reuters

Norway ends search for capsized ship crew

BERGEN (Norway), 22 Jan — Rescuers abandoned a search for more survivors in a capsized cargo vessel in icy waters in a Norwegian fjord on Tuesday, reckoning that 15 crew were entombed in the hull.

The confirmed death toll rose to three after one more body was found early on Tuesday. Another 15 of the mainly Filipino crew were presumed dead a day after the unexplained North Sea accident in icy waters less than 100 metres from land. Twelve of the 30-strong crew survived — three after being trapped for almost seven hours inside the engine room of the upturned *Rocknes* near the western port of Bergen. The warmth of the machine room helped save them, doctors said.

We consider that there is no longer a possibility of

finding more survivors," said Erik Walle, spokesman for rescue services after the rescue operation was called off at nightfall. "We are now starting to look for the bodies."

Of the dead and missing, 16 were Filipinos, one was German and one Norwegian, aged from 26 to 56, police said. Salvage work continued into the night, with efforts to stabilize the hull, but rescue teams said they would not enter the ship to search for bodies until it had been towed to a dock to avoid further risk to life.

MNA/Reuters

Cable cars take Swiss rescuers to mountain blaze

ZURICH, 22 Jan — Swiss rescue crews used cable cars to reach a blazing mountaintop hotel after strong winds grounded helicopters, police said on Tuesday. Six people were hurt and one hotel employee was missing in the fire at the 100-year-old Melchsee-Frutt Hotel in the central Swiss canton of Obwalden.

A popular health spa, the Hotel was still burning on Tuesday morning after the blaze broke out overnight. Eyewitness Michael

Broking told Swiss television, "I went outside and I saw two women sitting on a window ledge with a mattress on the ground and huge plumes of smoke were billowing; it was quite horrible because it was quite a long way down."

Some 100 firefighters and the injured were ferried down the mountain by cable car, while 68 guests were moved to neighbouring hotels.

The cause of the fire was still being investigated.

MNA/Reuters

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An international team of doctors hopes to operate in the Dominican Republic next month to remove an undeveloped second head from a baby girl born with one of the world's rarest birth defects, caused when a conjoined twin fails to develop in the womb. Photo shows Dominicans Maria Gabriela Hiciano (L) and Franklyn Martinez with their children, including the conjoined twin, one-month-old Rebeca Martinez.—INTERNET

Scientists say EU directive may harm medical research

LONDON, 22 Jan—Thousands of European scientists have signed a petition against a European Union directive aimed at increasing the scrutiny of clinical trials, saying new red tape could smother independent medical research.

Campaign leader Brian Moulton, a cancer specialist, said the directive, which imposes strict controls on monitoring and reporting drug trials, would mean only big companies could afford to carry out clinical research.

He said more than 2,000 researchers and 150 professors have signed the petition calling for the directive — which was passed in 2000 but becomes law by May — to be scrapped or

amended. "The people who framed this legislation didn't consult with the relevant people in the scientific and medical community," Moulton told Reuters. "This is going to make a lot of doctor-led research all but impossible."

"A lot of scientific breakthroughs — such as the use of Aspirin to treat heart disease — have come from this sort of research."

The EU says the directive is designed to give more

protection to clinical trial participants, and will harmonize trial regulations across Europe and over different types of research, regardless of where the funding comes from. Britain's Medical Research Council, which provides public funding for research, said it was in favour of controls but that the directive could make public, charity or hospital-funded research all but extinct.

MNA/Reuters

Astronomical events forecast for "Year of the Monkey"

BEIJING, 22 Jan—As the Chinese Lunar New Year draws near, the Beijing Planetarium's *Amateur Astronomer* magazine on Wednesday told Chinese people of major astronomical events that will take place in the "Year of the Monkey".

According to the Chief Editor of *Amateur Astronomer* Qi Rui, a total lunar eclipse will occur at 2 to 4 a.m. (Beijing Time) on May 5. It will be visible over Asia, South America, Europe and Africa.

The total eclipse would be a spectacular sight when the moon is well within the Earth's shadow and deeply coloured by the Earth's atmosphere, said Qi.

And when the eclipse happens that night, several planets — Venus, Mars,

Saturn and Jupiter will shine brightly together in the western sky. Two comets — C/2001Q4 (NEAT) and C/2002T7 (LINEAR), will appear in the darkness too.

Mid and late May will be the best time to observe NEAT in the Northern Hemisphere and mid-May is best for LINEAR observation in the Southern Hemisphere. The Beijing Planetarium would organize people to observe LINEAR in Australia, said Qi.

On May 21, Venus will

be seen passing across the moon. Northwest China's Gansu and Qinghai provinces will be the best place to watch it.

The rarest event in 2004 will occur at 1:13 to 7:25 (Beijing Time) on June 8, when the planet Venus crosses the sun as seen from Earth.

"The last occasion when this happened was 1882, over a century ago. The next time will be 2012 and the time after, 2117," Qi said.

MNA/Xinhua

Study says cutting back does not reduce toxins in smokers

WASHINGTON, 22 Jan—Smokers who cut back the number of cigarettes they smoke may not be reducing the cancer-causing chemicals in their bodies as much as they had hoped, according to a report published on Tuesday.

The study, published in this week's issue of the *Journal of the National Cancer Institute*, suggests that cutting back is not nearly as good for the health as completely quitting, experts said.

When smokers smoke less, they probably drag longer and harder on every cigarette, the researchers said.

"The results indicate that some smokers may benefit from reduced smoking, but for most the effects are modest, probably due to compensation," they wrote.

The scientists, led by Stephen Hecht of the University of Minnesota Cancer Centre, tested 92 smokers over six months.

They looked specifically for the remains of NNK, one of the best-known carcinogens in tobacco smoke.

The smokers, who had enjoyed an average 23.7 cigarettes a day, agreed to systematically cut back how much they smoked — 25 per cent fewer in the first two weeks, 50 per cent fewer in the next two weeks and then

by 75 per cent, or more, if they could.

Urine tests showed that smokers who cut back by 55 per cent to 90 per cent reduced NNK by only 27 per cent to 51 per cent. Even smokers who were able to cut back to just two cigarettes a day reduced their NNK indicator levels by only 46 per cent.

In a commentary, Scott Leischow and Mirjana Djordjevic of the Tobacco Control Research Branch at the National Cancer Insti-

tute said the study showed that completely kicking the habit is the only way to escape the damage done by cigarettes.

Dr. Michael Thun of the American Cancer Society agreed. "These results support other evidence that when smokers reduce the amount they smoke or switch to reduce tar cigarettes, they modify the way they smoke in order to extract more nicotine and tar from each cigarette," Thun said in a statement.—MNA/Reuters

Total cholera death toll rises to 16 in Mozambique

MAPUTO, 22 Jan—In Mozambique, the total cholera death toll has risen to 16 people since the outbreak began in Maputo City in late December, local media reported on Tuesday.

Maputo City is the worst hit area, with ten deaths. There have been two deaths in Beira, the second largest city of the country, and two in the southern province of Gaza, and two in the north-

ern province of Nampula.

In Maputo on Monday, there were 307 people hospitalized with cholera. There was a sharp increase in the number of cases diagnosed in Maputo over the weekend.

The situation in Beira is regarded as under control. As of Monday afternoon, there were only 19 people

hospitalized in the city.

The Mozambican health authorities are stepping up their prevention campaign against cholera, urging citizens to boil water before they drink it, to avoid drinking water from sources anywhere near sewers or drainage channels, and to wash raw foods such as salad vegetables properly.—MNA/Xinhua

Army joins struggle to save Russian bear

MOSCOW, 22 Jan—Russia has sent in the Army to bolster a week-long struggle to rescue 10 tons of bear trapped under Siberian ice, ITAR-TASS news agency said here.

A lorry carrying the bear sank when trying to cross the frozen Irtysh River, and a rescue team of six divers, 10 workers and a modified T-72 tank from the Emergencies Ministry have so far failed to save the load.

"The situation hasn't developed according to our ideal scenario," the deputy head of the Cherkassky region, told the agency. Temperatures were around minus 27 degrees Celsius (minus 17 degrees Fahrenheit) in the region, near the Siberian city of Omsk and around 1,400 miles from Moscow.

MNA/Reuters

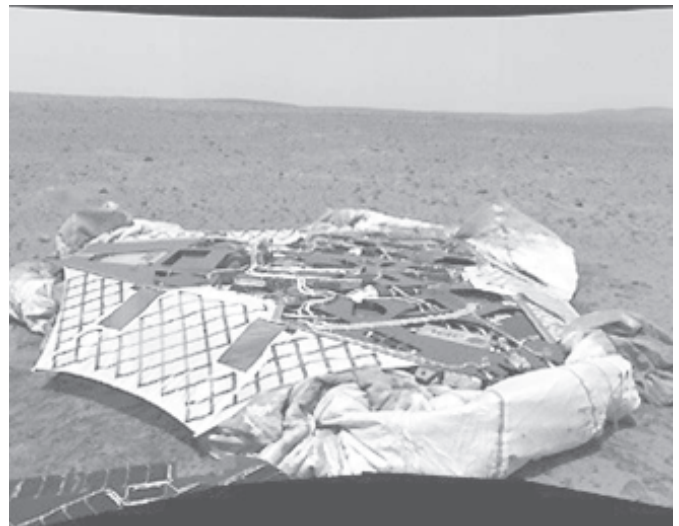
Orbital module of "Shenzhou V" keeps flying smoothly

BEIJING, 22 Jan—On the stroke of midnight to mark the start of the Chinese Lunar New Year tolling, the orbital module of the *Shenzhou V* spacecraft which completed China's first manned space flight three months ago, accomplished the fifth readjustment procedure to maintain its orbit.

Signals received in the Beijing Aerospace Command and Control Centre indicated that the orbital module of *Shenzhou V* was operating smoothly.

The centre closely monitored the flight of the module, which has been flying in orbit for three months.

MNA/Xinhua



This image mosaic taken by the panoramic camera onboard the Mars Exploration Rover Spirit shows the rover's landing site, the Columbia Memorial Station, at Gusev Crater, Mars. This spectacular view may encapsulate Spirit's entire journey, from lander to its possible final destination toward the east hills.—INTERNET

SPORTS

Stankovic leads Lazio to Italian Cup semis

ROME, 22 Jan—Lazio progressed to the semi-finals of the Italian Cup on Tuesday when a Dejan Stankovic goal completed a 3-1 aggregate victory over Parma.

The Serbia and Montenegro international, who Lazio president Ugo Longo has said is on the verge of moving to Serie A rivals Inter Milan, struck in the 71st minute, following a Claudio Lopez counter-attack.

Having won the first meeting 2-0 in Rome, Lazio's players seemed content to sit back and hit Parma on the break.

The danger of that strategy was highlighted in the 23rd minute when home midfielder Mark Bresciano struck a swerving shot from outside the area that keeper Matteo Sereni palmed spectacularly around the post.

Parma continued to attack after the interval and had a penalty appeal denied when defender Sinisa Mihajlovic hauled back Adriano in the area.

Stankovic's goal, however, ended any hope for the home side although Bresciano's strike nine minutes from time to draw the game 1-1 salvaged some pride for his financially-troubled club.

MNA/Reuters

First blood to Boro in League Cup against Arsenal

LONDON, 22 Jan—Middlesbrough drew first blood in their Cup triple header against Arsenal on Tuesday when they won the first leg of their League Cup semi-final 1-0 at Highbury.

Brazilian Juninho got the only goal in the 53rd minute and Middlesbrough then weathered a storm from the home side, made up predominantly of reserves and youth team players.

The teams meet again in the FA Cup at Highbury on Saturday then resume their League Cup semi-final duties on January 28 at the Riverside.

As if that was not enough, they also played 10 days ago in the League, when a full-strength Arsenal outclassed Middlesbrough 4-1 at home, following up their 4-0 away success in the first week of the season.

The Arsenal side on duty on Tuesday, however, found things much tougher.

The unfamiliar lineup failed to sparkle, despite the urgings of a Highbury full house, and the best chance of a low-key first half fell to Juninho, who hit a post in the 16th minute and saw the ball bounce straight back into the

arms of grateful reserve goalkeeper Graham Stack.

Arsenal's defence were left exposed seven minutes into the second half and Juninho had plenty of time to pick his spot with a low, angled drive from 12 metres.

Quincy Owusu-Abeyie, Arsenal's promising 17-year-old Dutch striker, whipped a shot just past a post as the hosts upped the tempo and

David Bentley sidefooted straight at Mark Schwarzer.

Arsenal continued to press, with Nwankwo Kanu at the heart of things, though Joseph Desire-Job should have given Boro some extra breathing space four minutes from the end when the Cameroon international striker spooned over the bar from inside the six yard box.

MNA/Reuters

Head of Italian League says debt the price of success

ROME, 22 Jan—Italian Football League president Adriano Galliani says debt is unavoidable if Italy's clubs are to keep pace with their English and Spanish rivals.

"There isn't a fan (of AC Milan) who would exchange (Brazilian playmaker) Kaka with a healthy balance," Galliani, who is also the vice-president of AC Milan, told Tuesday's La Gazzetta dello Sport.

"Look at yesterday's Gazzetta: (Francesco) Totti, (Andriy) Shevchenko and (Alessandro) Del Piero all

on the front page, but you're asking us to balance the books.

"Let's be honest. If you want a healthy bank sheet, those players are going to have to go to Spain or England. Is that really what we want?" Galliani's comments come at a time when the issue of debt has never been so urgent in Italy.

Only one Serie A club — reigning champions Juventus — posted a profit last season. Galliani's own club, AC Milan, is bankrolled by Italy's billionaire Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi.

Other Italian clubs are not so fortunate.

Last week debt-ridden Parma named corporate turnaround expert Enrico Bondi as its new president as it tried to stave off bankruptcy following the collapse of parent company Parmalat.

On Saturday, Lazio's shareholders approved a 120-million-euro capital hike deemed essential to prevent star players leaving during the January transfer window.

Galliani, however, argued that debt was part and parcel of the cut-throat nature of sport. "Football's accounts don't add up because in sport, unlike other sectors, one team wins while all the rest lose.

MNA/Reuters



Sevilla's Dario Silva, left, tries to kick a high ball in front of Atletico Madrid's Matias Legui, top, during a quarter-final first leg King's Cup soccer match in Seville, Spain, on 21 Jan, 2004.—INTERNET

Arsenal make offer for Feyenoord's van Persie

AMSTERDAM, 22 Jan—Arsenal have made an offer for Feyenoord winger Robin van Persie, a spokesman for the Dutch club said on Tuesday.

Feyenoord's external affairs manager Jan D Swart said the English Premier League leaders were keen to sign the 20-year-old before the end of January, when the transfer window closes.

"Arsenal have made a serious opening offer and our president, Jorien van den Herik, has already responded," Swart said. "This offer can be considered a serious base for further negotiations."

Van Persie's contract with the Rotterdam-based team ends next year and despite several attempts by the club he has failed to agree an extension. "Robin has informed Feyenoord that he will not extend his contract," said Van Persie's advisor and spokesman, Erwin Boonacker. "For Robin it is a dream to continue his career abroad with a top team." —MNA/Reuters

French striker Saha passes Man Utd medical

LONDON, 22 Jan—French striker Louis Saha has passed his medical with Manchester United and should complete his move from Fulham at the end of the week. Sky Sports TV reported on Tuesday.

The 25-year-old is set to move for a fee of around 12 million pounds but it is unlikely to be finalized until United manager Alex Ferguson returns from a break in Dubai on Friday.

United's next game is against Third Division Northampton Town on Sunday but Saha is ineligible.

Fulham moved quickly to replace Saha by signing United States international Brian McBride from Columbus Crew on a two-and-a-half year deal on Tuesday.—MNA/Reuters

Di Francesco signs for Perugia

ROME, 21 Jan — Midfielder Eusebio Di Francesco has left bottom Serie A club Ancona to join second-from-bottom Perugia, Ancona said on Tuesday.

The 34-year-old, who played 12 times for Italy during the late 1990s, has been drafted in to help save Perugia from relegation.

Perugia have yet to win in the league this season and are 17th in Serie A with 10 points from 10 draws, with Lecce and Empoli directly above them on 12 points. Bottom club Ancona, also without a win, have only five points.

MNA/Reuters

Croatian striker Balaban joins Belgian club Bruges

BRUSSELS, 22 Jan — Croatia striker Bosko Balaban has signed a two-and-a-half year contract with Belgian First Division champions Bruges, the club said on Tuesday.

The 25-year-old has been a free agent since English Premier league club Aston Villa terminated his contract with them in December.

He did not start a single league match for Villa since joining the club from Dynamo Zagreb for almost six million pounds (10.86 million US dollars) in 2001. He was loaned back to his former club last season.

"Bosko happened to be free on the market and this was an opportunity we could not miss," Marc Degryse, sports director at Bruges, was quoted as saying in Belgian media reports.

MNA/Reuters



Inter Milan forward Julio Cruz of Argentina scores against Udinese during the Italy Cup second leg soccer match at the San Siro stadium in Milan, Italy, on 21 Jan, 2004. Inter Milan won 3-1 and advances to semifinal.—INTERNET



Second seed Kim Clijsters of Belgium serves to Italy's Maria Elena Camerin during their second round match at the Australian Open tennis championship in Melbourne on 22 Jan, 2004. Clijsters won the match 6-0 6-0.—INTERNET

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**23-1-2004 (Friday)
(Programme Schedule)
Morning Transmission
(9:00 - 10:00)**

- 9:00 Signature Tune
Greeting
- 9:02 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Myanmar Panorama & Myanmar Sentiment"
- 9:06 National Races Village
- 9:10** **Headline News**
- 9:12 Easily Cooked Tasty
Dishes (Hot and Spicy
Three Layer Pork with
Pineapple)
- 9:15** **National News**
- 9:20 Myanmar Natural
Spirulina (Part-I)
- 9:25 Dance of the Maidens
- 9:30** **National News**
- 9:35 Rafting and Kayaking
Along Maykha and
Malikha Rivers
- 9:40 Song "Rememberance
for Keeps"
- 9:42 Myanmar Lacquerware
- 9:45** **National News**
- 9:50 Travelogue "Yangon to
Bagan"
- 9:58 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Come and See
Myanmar"

**23-1-2004 (Friday)
Regular Programmes for
Viewers from Abroad
Evening Transmission
(15:30 - 17:30)**

- 15:30 Signature Tune
Greeting
- 15:32 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Mingalabar"
- 15:36 National Races Village
- 15:40** **Headline News**
- 15:42 Easily Cooked Tasty
Dishes (Hot and Spicy
Three Layer Pork with
Pineapple)
- 15:45** **National News**
- 15:50 Myanmar Natural
Spirulina (Part-I)
- 15:55 Dance of the Maidens

- 16:00** **National News**
- 16:05 Rafting and Kayaking
Along Maykha and
Malikha Rivers
- 16:10 Myanmar Modern
Song "We'll Greet
You in Mon Lan-
guage"
- 16:12 Myanmar Lacquerware
- 16:15** **National News**
- 16:20 Travelogue "Yangon to
Bagan"
- 16:25 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Myanmar Panorama & Myanmar Sentiment"
- 16:30** **National News**
- 16:35 Unforgettable Traditions of PaO National
- 16:40 Easily Cooked Tasty
Dishes (Fried Indian
Leek & Squid)
- 16:45** **National News**
- 16:50 Myanmar Traditional
Flower Arrangements
(Decoration with
Glaze)
- 16:55 Naga Traditional Costumes and Dances
- 16:58 Traditional Weaving Art
- 17:00** **National News**
- 17:05 Lawka Nanda Sanctuary Garden
- 17:10 Myanmar Modern
Song "A Way for
Lovers"
- 17:12 School for the Blind
- 17:15** **National News**
- 17:20 Myanmar Ancient Ornaments Showroom
- 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"
- 19:36 Mandalay, The Golden City
- 19:40** **Headline News**
- 19:42 Easily Cooked Tasty
Dishes (Hot and Sour

- Fresh-water Prawn
Soup)
- 19:45** **National News**
- 19:50 Myanmar Musical Instruments (Brass gong)
(Maung Saing)
- 19:55 Lon Yui Festival
Dance
- 20:00** **National News**
- 20:05 Water Hyacinth Furniture
- 20:10 Song "To the new Inscription"
- 20:12 Pa-O Nationals' Traditional Long Drum
- 20:15** **National News**
- 20:20 Mokens (Sea Rovers)
Begin To Enjoy Development
- 20:25 Song "Myanmar"
- 20:30** **National News**
- 20:35 How To Make
Chinlone
- 20:40 Myanmar Cuisine
"Cucumber Salad"
- 20:45** **National News**
- 20:50 Kanbawza Thardi Museum
- 20:55 Taking Shelter at Mandalay Hill
- 21:00** **National News**
- 21:05 Highland Farmland Reclamation in Kaung Kha Region
- 21:10 Song on Screen "Love Slave"
- 21:15** **National News**
- 21:20 Myanmar's Pride & Glory
- 21:25 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Mingalabar"
- 21:35 National Races Village
- 21:40** **Headline News**
- 21:42 Easily Cooked Tasty
Dishes (Hot and Spicy
Three Layer Pork with
Pineapple)
- 21:45** **National News**
- 21:50 Myanmar Natural
Spirulina (Part-I)
- 21:55 Dance of the Maidens
- 22:00** **National News**
- 22:05 Rafting and Kayaking
Along Maykha and
Malikha Rivers
- 22:10 Myanmar Modern
Song "We'll Greet
You in Mon Lan-
guage"

- 22:12 Myanmar Lacquerware
- 22:15** **National News**
- 22:20 Travelogue "Yangon to
Bagan"
- 22:25 Song "City of Bagan"
- 22:30** **National News**
- 22:35 Unforgettable Traditions of PaO National
- 22:40 Easily Cooked Tasty
Dishes (Fried Indian
Leek & Squid)
- 22:45** **National News**
- 22:50 Myanmar Traditional
Flower Arrangements
(Decoration with
Glaze)
- 22:55 Naga Traditional Costumes and Dances
- 22:58 Traditional Weaving Art
- 23:00** **National News**
- 23:05 Lawka Nanda Sanctuary Garden
- 23:10 Song "A Way For
Lovers"
- 23:12 School for the Blind
- 23:15** **National News**
- 23:20 Myanmar Ancient Ornaments Showroom
- 23:28 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Come and See
Myanmar"
- 23-1-2004 (Friday) &
24-1-2004 (Saturday)
Evening & Morning
Transmission
(23:30 - 1:30)**
- 23:30 Signature Tune
Greeting
- 23:32 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Mingalabar"
- 23:36 National Races Village
- 23:40** **Headline News**
- 23:42 Easily Cooked Tasty
Dishes (Hot and Spicy
Three Layer Pork with
Pineapple)
- 23:45** **National News**
- 23:50 Myanmar Natural
Spirulina (Part-I)
- 23:55 Dance of the Maidens
- 24:00** **National News**
- 00:05 Rafting and Kayaking
Along Maykha and
Malikha Rivers
- 00:10 Myanmar Modern
Song "We'll Greet
You in Mon Lan-

- guage"
- 00:12 Myanmar Lacquerware
- 00:15** **National News**
- 00:20 Travelogue "Yangon
to Bagan"
- 00:25 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Myanmar
Panorama & Myanmar
Sentiment"
- 00:30** **National News**
- 00:35 Unforgettable Traditions of PaO National
- 00:40 Easily Cooked Tasty
Dishes (Fried Indian
Leek & Squid)
- 00:45** **National News**
- 00:50 Myanmar Traditional
Flower Arrangements

- (Decoration with
Glaze)
- 00:55 Naga Traditional Costumes and Dances
- 00:58 Traditional Weaving Art
- 01:00** **National News**
- 01:05 Lawka Nanda Sanctuary Garden
- 01:10 Song "A Way For
Lovers"
- 01:12 School for the Blind
- 01:15** **National News**
- 01:20 Myanmar Ancient Ornaments Showroom
- 01:25 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Come and See
Myanmar"

**With Deepest Sympathy and Heartfelt
Condolences From the Staff of
Kandawgyi Palace Hotel on the Demise of
Mr. Juergen D Voss
(64 - Years)**

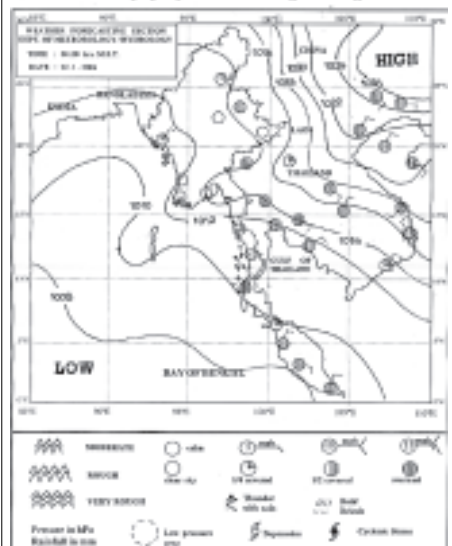
General Manager, Bagan Hotel

Former General Manager of
Kandawgyi Palace Hotel.

Gone but not forgotten and Sadly Missed By Us.

Kandawgyi Palace Hotel

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas

**WEATHER**

Thursday, 22 January, 2004

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST:

During the past 24 hours, weather have been generally fair in the whole country. Night temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) above normal in Shan State and Mandalay and Sagaing Divisions, (3°C) to (4°C) below normal in Kayin State and Yangon and Ayeyawady Divisions, (5°C) below normal in Chin State and about normal in the remaining areas. Significant night temperature was (-1°C) at Hakha.

Maximum temperature on 21-1-2004 was 34.0°C (93°F). Minimum temperature on 22-1-2004 was 13.5°C (56°F). Relative humidity at 9:30 hrs MST on 22-1-2004 was 73%. Total sunshine hours on 21-1-2004 was (8.8) hours approx. Rainfall on 22-1-2004 was nil at Yangon Airport, Kaba-Aye and central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2004 was nil at Yangon Airport, Kaba-Aye and central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was 8 mph from North at (09:30) hours MST on 22-1-2004.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 23-1-2004: Except for the possibility of isolated light rain in Kachin State, weather will be partly cloudy in the whole country. Degree of certainty is (40%).

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

Outlook for subsequent two days: Generally fair in the whole country.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 23-1-2004: Partly cloudy. **Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 23-1-2004:** Partly cloudy.



Friday, January 23

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
- 7:50 am**
5. လုပ်ကိုင်ပြင်ဆင်မှုပွဲခွင့်
- 8:00 am**
6. The mirror images of
the musical oldies
- 8:10 am**
7. အတိတ်ပြန်လည်
- 8:20 am**
8. လက်မှတ်ရေးထိုးသော
- 8:30 am**
9. International news

- 8:45 am**
10. English for Everyday Use
- 4:00 pm**
1. Martial song
- 4:15 pm**
2. Songs to uphold
National Spirit
- 4:30 pm**
3. Demonstration
exercises for correct
pronunciation
- 4:40 pm**
4. Musical programme
- 4:50 pm**
5. အဝေးသံ တက္ကသိုလ်ပညာရေး
ရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ
-ဘုတ်သနာ(သန့်ရှင်းစင်တော်)
ရုပ်ပေး အထူးပြုစု (သန့်ရှင်း)
- 5:05 pm**
6. Songs of national races
- 5:20 pm**
7. ကျောက်ကြီးပေါက်တံတား
- 5:30 pm**
8. Musical programme
- 5:45 pm**
9. ရည်စူးစာအုပ်အားလုံးအဖြစ်
(မနုဿဗျ)
- 5:55 pm**
10. Song of yesteryears
- 6:05 pm**
11. ယူနိုက်တက်ထုတ်ဝေမှုများ

- 6:15 pm**
12. Discovery
- 6:30 pm**
13. Evening news
- 7:00 pm**
14. Weather report
- 7:05 pm**
15. Milo success in
soccer
- 7:10 pm**
16. မိုင်းခတ်တိုက်ခတ်
"မိုင်းခတ်တိုက်ခတ်"
- 7:40 pm**
17. (၇၅)နှစ်မြောက်တစ်ဆယ့်နှစ်
တက္ကသိုလ်ပညာရေး
အထူးပြုစု (သန့်ရှင်းစင်တော်)
- 8:00 pm**
18. News
19. International news
20. Weather report
21. Myanmar video
feature:
"ရှုထင်စဉ်" (အပိုင်း-၁)
ဓမ္မသားညွှန်ပြတိုက်
(ဒါရိုက်တာ- ဓမ္မသား)
(မနုဿဗျ)
20. The next day's
programme



Friday, January 23

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
-For you I will be
yours (Monica)
- 9.00 pm** World of music
- 9.15 pm** Article/Music
- 9.25 pm** Music at your
request
-When you say
nothing at all
(Alison Krauss)
-Alone (Bee Gees)
- 9.45 pm** News/Slogan
- 10.00 pm** PEL

West Bengal State Governor concludes visit

YANGON, 22 Jan — The Indian Association of Myanmar (IAM) hosted a dinner in honour of Governor Mr Viren J Shah of West Bengal State of India and party at Traders Hotel here yesterday evening.

IAM Chairman Mr Naresh Dinodiya, Ambassador of India Mr Rajiv

Kumar Bhatia and Mr Viren J Shah gave speeches.

Mr Viren J Shah and party visited Myanmar at the invitation of Minister for Foreign Affairs U Win Aung.

They left here for home by air this afternoon after completion of their goodwill visit.

They were seen off at Yangon International Airport by Minister U Win Aung, Director-General of the Protocol Department Thura U Aung Htet, Director-General of the Political Department U Thang Tun and Ambassador Mr Rajiv Kumar Bhatia.

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Minister U Win Aung sees off Governor of West Bengal State of India Mr Viren J Shah and party at the airport. — MNA

Seminars and workshops at Third Myanmar ICT Week 2004

YANGON, 22 Jan — The Third Myanmar ICT Week 2004 continued for the second day at the MICTDC building in Hline Township here today with seminars and workshops.

The PKI Application workshop took place at the Conference Hall at 9 am. On the occasion, U Tin Zaw, in charge Manager of the Myanmar Electronic Trust (MET) dealt with the topic

Myanmar Computer Scientists Association Member of the MWEA Daw Khin Aye Win, "Women's Information"; and Executive of Myanmar Computer Industry Association Executive of the MWEA Daw Chaw Khin Khin, 3rd Myanmar ICT Week Exhibition.

In the afternoon, the workshop on Hardware Trend for Software Developers was held at the same venue. Channel Account

tion Steering Committee U Thein Oo, Vice-President of the MCF Dr Kyaw Thein, Advisers of Myanmar Language Commission U Tun Tint and U Myint Kyi and enthusiasts totalling around 40.

At the workshop, Chairman U Thein Oo discussed matters on Myanmar character standardization.

Those present also took part in the discussions.

Present on the occasion



An official presents her point of view in the workshop "Role of Women in ICT Industry". — MNA

"Secure e-Commerce", followed by a general round of discussions.

Similarly, the workshop "Role of Women in ICT" was held at Room No 205 simultaneously.

Executive of Myanmar Compute Federation Adviser to Myanmar Women Entrepreneurs Association Daw Wah Wah Tun presented the topic "Women & IT"; Executive of

Manager of Intel Thailand Channel Account Myanmar Mr Decha Rattanathar presented new IT technologies, and Managing Director of Microsoft Thailand Mr Andrew Mc Bean, Microsoft of Products.

The workshop "Myanmar Language Implementation" took place at the Room No 205 at 1 pm. Chairman of e-National Task Force, IT Standardiza-

tion Steering Committee U Thein Oo and members, MCSA President U Thang Tin and members, officials of the MCIA and Myanmar Computer Enthusiasts Association, Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry, MWEA President Daw Khin Myint Myint, departmental officials, companies, entrepreneurs and guests.

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Visitors at a booth of the Third Myanmar ICT Week 2004. — MNA

Rural road opened

YANGON, 22 Jan — As a gesture of hailing the 57th Anniversary Union Day, the earthen road linking Yeku Mankhan and Manthe villages was opened on 11

January.

At the opening ceremony held at Yeku Mankhan Village, Mansi Township Peace and Development Council Member Police Captain Sein Win and Executive Officer

U Nan Zein Hla Aung formally opened the earthen road.

The earthen road was built with the contribution of township Development Affairs Department and local people. — MNA

Exhibition on Traditions of Bamboo to be held

YANGON, 22 Jan — Officials of the Supervisory Committee for Libraries, Museum and Exhibitions under the Information and Public Relations Department of the Ministry of Information this afternoon inspected the Exhibition on Traditions of Bamboo and presented the permit to the officials concerned.

Southeast Asian Minis-

ters of Education Organization Regional Centre for History and Tradition (SEAMEOCHAT) will hold the exhibition with the permission of the Ministry of Education.

The exhibition will be kept open from 23 to 25 January at SEAMEOCHAT on Pyay Road here from 9 am to 4 pm daily.

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Third MICT Week crowded with enthusiasts

YANGON, 22 Jan — The Third Myanmar ICT Week 2004 continued for the second day at Myanmar Information and Communication Technology (MICT) Park on Hline University Campus in Hline Township here today. The Third MICT Week 2004 was packed with Internet and IT enthusiasts, students, employees, and the general public.

Electronic security and communication appliances produced by FISCA Enterprise are on display for sale. The company also undertakes the installation of telephone lines in markets, housing estates and industrial zones. Besides, the company also provides services for installation of CCTV security TV camera and other security systems at such places as Yangon and Mandalay International Airports, the Central Bank of Myanmar and other banks, hotels, and gold shops. In particular, PABX exchanges and PCB cards are now being produced at home as the State offered necessary assistance. Ar-

rangements are under way to produce them sufficiently in the country.

As part of the 'welcome MICT Week 2004 sales promotion programme', Han Myanmar Electronics sells electronic and electric products of Panasonic brand at reasonable prices along with gifts. On display at the booth of Myanmar Intergraph are technologies on Geomedia Webmap, Remote Sensing, Vessel Tracking and Monitoring System, Marine Ship Tracking and Monitoring System.

Computer Marketing Co Ltd is kept open daily on the ground floor of the building-5 in MICT Park and they sell SLIM computer systems and related items at Myanmar Compu Mart of that company. The soon-to-be-distributed Bagan @ a Glance Multimedia CD ROMs, jointly programmed by Cytron Computing and the Ministry of Information, were also on display. On the CD ROM are the historical backgrounds of more than 50 ancient pagodas in Bagan, photos, and location

maps. Therefore, it will be a CD those who love Bagan region should keep for always. Mastech Co Ltd also provides services for hotels, clubs, factories, houses, buildings in the installation of HP servers, notebooks, multimedia projectors, cyber brand computers, UBS accounting softwares, IFCA software management systems, security technologies, Elid access control systems, Linda alarm system, Geovision surveillance system, Theta's smart card security and network & Internet security systems, smart biz PC monitoring systems.

Book shops are selling books on non-fiction, fiction and others to visitors in the compound of the MICT Park. The Third Myanmar ICT Week 2004 is kept open to the public free of charge from 9 am to 5 pm daily till 27 January. For the convenience of the visitors to the Week, free buses are employed at the junction of Insein Road and Parami Road, and Pyay Road and Parami Road. — MNA