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Four political objectives

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

Four economic objectives

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

Four social objectives

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

Second and third four-monthly meeting of Industry-2 Ministry held

YANGON, 23 Jan — Ministry of Industry-2 held today its second and third four-monthly meeting at the meeting hall of the ministry on Kaba Aye Pagoda Road here today. It was attended by Minister for Industry-2 Maj-Gen Saw Lwin, Deputy Minister Lt-Col Khin Maung Kyaw, directors-general and managing directors, directors and factory general managers.

The minister reviewed strong points and weak points of the respective departments and enterprises during the second and third four-monthlies and gave instructions on efforts for production of goods as targeted for the first four-months and boosting production for the year 2004-2005, which is set as the basic year of industrial development. Next, the deputy minister, Director-General of Directorate of Myanma Industrial Planning U Khin Maung and the managing directors also took part in the discussions.

Next, the minister presented awards for the sports athletes of the ministry, who won medals in the XXII SEA Games, to the directors-general and managing directors. The deputy minister and officials presented cash awards for the factories under the ministry.

Then the meeting ended with the concluding remarks by the minister. — MNA

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Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt receives national race leaders of Shan State (North) Special Region-7

YANGON, 23 Jan — Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt, Chairman of the Work Committee for Development of Border Areas and National Races, received Chairman of Shan State (North) Special Region-7 U Aik Mone, Vice-Chairman U Nyi Lone and members at Zeyathiri Beikman on Konmyinthta at 5.30 pm today.

Attendance

Also present on the occasion were Ministers at the Prime Minister's Office U Ko Lay and Maj-Gen Thein Swe, Deputy Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Brig-Gen Than Tun, Deputy Minister for Home Affairs Brig-Gen Phone Swe, Director-General of the State Peace and Development Council Office Lt-Col Pe Nyein, Director-General of the Government Office U Soe Tint and senior officers of the Military Intelligence.

Support

At the meeting the national race leaders said they fully supported the seven-point future policy (programme) of the State clarified by the Prime Minister and they would actively participate in the implementation of the political programme with the leadership of the State. They also said that emphasis was to be placed on the elimination of narcotic drugs.

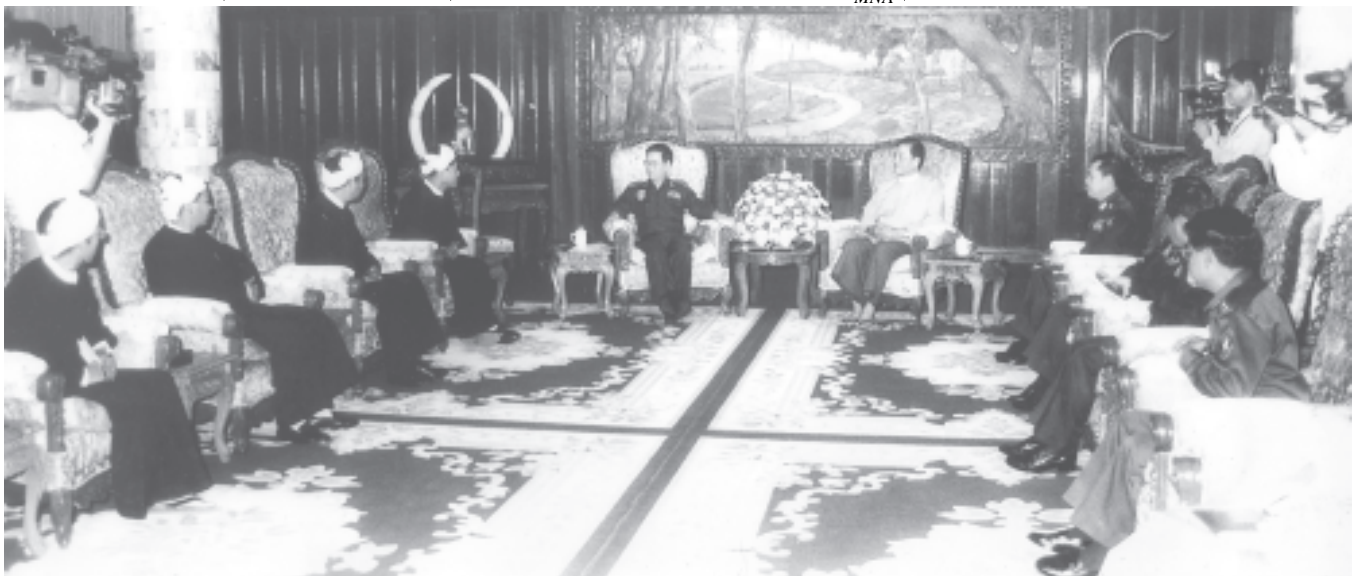
Assistance

Next, they reported on education, health, agriculture, economy and assistance to be rendered by the State for the development of their region.

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Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt greets Chairman of Shan State (North) Special Region 7 U Aik Mone and Vice-Chairman U Nyi Lone. — MNA



Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt receives Chairman of Shan State (North) Special Region 7 U Aik Mone, Vice-Chairman U Nyi Lone and party. — MNA

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

PERSPECTIVES

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Strive for successful realization of national people

The State Peace and Development Council has laid down the 12 political, economic and social objectives and is implementing them for the emergence of a peaceful, modern and developed nation. In the process, the entire national people need to be fit and healthy.

With the aim of enhancing the medical science to keep pace with changes in development of public health care services, of using the advanced science and technology, modern disease diagnosis and treatment and hospital equipment in health sector, of constantly developing highly qualified human resources in the health sector and of improving the researches on health able to serve the interests of the people, the government has laid down the national health plans and has been taking systematic measures.

Vice-Chairman of National Health Committee Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Soe Win inspected the 300-bed General Hospital in Myitkyina and gave instructions to officials on 12 January, saying that with an average life expectancy of 62 years for men and that of 65 years for women, it is found that the people of Myanmar now enjoy longer life. Apart from it, Myanmar made clear to the world that since 2003 it has reached the status of a country free from leprosy and polio and of a country that has brought TB under control.

The successful operations on conjoined twins, kidney transplants and amputated crushed arms are significant achievements in the health sector. With a dramatic surge in the number of hospitals across the nation, there are now 763 hospitals when compared with 617 in 1988. The number of doctors and doctors in service also has increased to over 18000 and nearly 5000 respectively up to March 2003 from some 11300 and over 3200 in 1988.

There were three institutes of medicine and one institute of dental medicine in 1988 and there are now four institutes of medicine, two institutes of dental medicine, two institutes of nursing, two institutes of pharmacy, two institutes of paramedical science plus one university of primary health and one institute of traditional medicine numbering 14. There were one post-graduate diploma course and 12 master's courses in the past and there are now six post graduate diploma courses and 29 master's courses. Altogether 17 PhD degree holders and 55 Dr Med Sc degree holders have emerged as seven PhD courses and 30 Dr Med Sc courses are being conducted.

At a time when significant progress has been made in the health sector the entire health staff are to make integrated and well-coordinated efforts for successful realization of the national health plans and for increasing the momentum of the already achieved success.

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

Minister encourages cardiac, vascular surgical treatment

YANGON, 23 Jan — Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint, accompanied by Director-General of the Health Department Dr Wan Maung, Director-General of the Medical Research Department (Lower Myanmar) Dr Paing Soe and Deputy Director-General of the Medical Research Department (Upper Myanmar) Col Than Aung, viewed the joint surgical operation conducted by cardiac surgeons teams of Myanmar and Australia at Yangon People's Hospital this morning.

When the minister and party inspected the cardiac treatment at the 'cardiac catheterisation laboratory', Professor Dr Daw Khin May San and cardiologists of Myanmar and Professor Dr David Kelly and Dr Bruce Bastian of Australia reported to the minister, who later gave necessary instructions and attended to the requirements.

Next, the minister and party also inspected the heart-disease patients, who have undergone surgical treatment, at the intensive care unit. Professor Dr Khin Maung Aye and Australian Professor Dr Alan Gale reported to the minister on conditions of the heart diseases they dealt with and the health care services they provided. — MNA



Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint inspects health care service provided to cardiac and vascular patients. — MNA

People's Desire

- * Oppose those relying on external elements, acting as stooges, holding negative views
- * Oppose those trying to jeopardize stability of the State and progress of the nation
- * Oppose foreign nations interfering in internal affairs of the State
- * Crush all internal and external destructive elements as the common enemy

Efficient use of electricity

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

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

Myanmar ICT Week 2004

MICT Park, Yangon.

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

24 January 2004

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

25 January 2004

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

26 January 2004

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

(Admission free)



Myanmar ICT Week (2004)

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

Wellwishers invited for sinking tube-wells

YANGON, 23 Jan— The Development Affairs Committees under the Ministry for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs are making concerted efforts in sinking tube-wells in order to get sufficient fresh water in rural

areas in States and Divisions where water is scarce.

One 200 feet deep two-inch diameter tube-well costs K 250,000; one 400 feet deep two-inch diameter tube-well costs K 500,000; and one 200 feet deep four-inch diameter tube-well costs K 500,000.

Those wishing to donate cash for the tube-well sinking projects for rural areas may contact the Development Affairs Committees under the Ministry for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs.

MNA

Military equipment in short supply at start of Iraq war, Britain admits

LONDON, 23 Jan—Britain's Ministry of Defence admitted that some military equipment for British troops in Iraq was in short supply at the start of the Iraq war, but said lessons would be drawn from the experience.

A MoD statement on the shortage was released after the widow of a British soldier killed in Iraq demanded a public apology from Defence Secretary Geoff Hoon.

"The MoD has carried out an extensive review of Operation Telic, which identifies some areas of concern, particularly in the logistics chain," said the ministry, referring to the British deployment of 46,000 troops in the Gulf last year.

"Where shortages were apparent, equipment was prioritized and sent to those units identified as being most in need, eg, those soldiers who would be acting in the dismounted forward infantry role," the MoD statement added. Hoon "is committed to ensuring that the MoD learns from these lessons."

Hoon on Monday refused to take

responsibility for the fate of 33-year-old Sergeant Steve Roberts, killed four days into the Iraq war on 24 March without body armour, as he met his angry widow in London.

Samantha Roberts' husband died in a clash with Iraqi militants near the southern city of Basra, becoming the first British fatality. Fifty-one British troops were killed during the Iraq campaign, according to the defence ministry.

An official report said last week that Roberts, who was serving with the 2nd Royal Tank Regiment near the southern Iraqi town of Al-Zubayr, was issued with special armour but was told to hand it back because other troops did not have enough. He was given less effective armour instead.

An investigation by the defence ministry concluded that the better ar-

mour would have saved his life.

Samantha Roberts said Hoon told her at a meeting last month that 98 percent of British equipment had reached Iraq in time for the war. "That was clearly not the case, or he misled us," she told BBC radio.

Hoon "pretty much said that it (Roberts' death) was an isolated incident and there were not major issues with the supply to the troops. "I want to know exactly what they (the defence ministry) are going to do and to admit that there are major issues with equipment shortages," said the widow.

Britain's National Audit Office said last week that insufficient numbers of special flak jackets were distributed to frontline troops, adding that there had been difficulties with distribution.

Internet

British Defence Secretary Hoon challenged over Iraq deaths

LONDON, 23 Jan—The brother of one of six British military policemen killed by a mob in Iraq challenged embattled Defence Secretary Geoff Hoon to order a public inquiry into their deaths.

"This is his (Hoon's) chance," Tony Hamilton-Jewell, 57, whose brother Simon died in the attack, said after a meeting with Ministry of Defence officials, insisting a full inquiry was the "only way" to pacify the families.

Families of the victims will meet Hoon on 5 February to demand a public inquiry, but Hamilton-Jewell questioned whether the defence secretary had "the guts" to order one.

Hoon is already under fire over shortages of military equipment for British troops in Iraq and his part in naming weapons expert David Kelly as the source of a BBC story which alleged that the government had "sexed up" intelligence on Iraq.

Internet



Three Iraqi laundresses working at a US military base west of Baghdad were killed and six others wounded on 21 Jan, 2004.—INTERNET

Iraq women gunned down

BAGHDAD, 23 Jan—Four Iraqi women who worked for the US army have been killed in a gun attack on their minibus.

Police said several other women were wounded in Wednesday's attack near the town of Falluja, about 50 kilometres (32 miles) west of the capital Baghdad.

They all worked as cleaners and laundry staff at a US base near Baghdad.

Meanwhile, at least two US soldiers were killed in a mortar attack near the central town of Baquba on Wednesday, the US military said. It said another US soldier was critically wounded in the attack.

Unconfirmed reports said two Iraqi police officers and a motorist were killed in a separate attack near Falluja on Thursday.

And local police said a man was killed and three others injured when a roadside bomb went off 25km northwest of the northern oil city of Kirkuk.

Iraqi insurgents have carried out a number of attacks targeting Iraqi civilians

co-operating with the US-led coalition.

Iraqi police and hospital officials said gunmen attacked the Iraqi women's minibus at about 1600 local time (1300 GMT) on Wednesday, as they were driven to work at the US base near the town of Habbaniya.

The women were all Armenian or Assyrian Christians, and most were dozing when the attack took place. A survivor of the attack said masked men in a car raked their minibus with gunfire.

"It is possible that the attackers were terrorists who wanted to hit us because we have good relations with the Americans," another survivor, Suzanne Azat, was quoted as saying by the AFP news agency.

"Perhaps they were thieves, but there is certainly a very strong possibility that they were terrorists," said Mussa Adam Abu Shaba, who sister was killed in the attack.—Internet

US launches probe of shrimp from Asia, South America

WASHINGTON, 23 Jan—The Bush Administration took the first step on Wednesday toward possible steep anti-dumping duties on more than 2.3 billion US dollars worth of shrimp from China, Brazil and four other countries in Asia and Latin America.

The US Commerce Department said it had accepted a petition from shrimpers in eight southern states who have asked for duties ranging from 25.76 per cent to 263.68 per cent on frozen and canned shrimp from the six countries.

The case pits the US industry which mostly harvests its product from the sea against farmers in China, India, Brazil, Ecuador, Vietnam and Thailand who raise shrimp in ponds.

The department's decision to begin a probe to determine if imports from the six countries are being sold in the US market at less than fair value, as US shrimpers allege.

The department is expected to set preliminary duties in early June to offset any "dumping" it finds. Imports account for about 80 per cent of US shrimp consumption.

The US International Trade Commission could still stop the case if it determines US producers have not been materially harmed by the imports. The ITC is scheduled to make a preliminary decision on that issue 17 February.

The exporting countries have warned that duties sought by US shrimpers would sharply boost prices for US consumers. They also reject any blame for the US industry's plight.

"No legal action will change the fact that farm-raised shrimp from exporting countries is more cost effective than US wild-harvested shrimp," the six countries said in a joint statement released earlier this month. Thailand, the world's largest exporter of frozen shrimp, has warned it could ban imports of US soybeans and soy meal if Washington approves the anti-dumping duties. It imports about 500,000 tons of US soybeans each year.—MNA/Reuters

Minister says Indonesia's n-power plant needs int'l acceptance

JAKARTA, 23 Jan—Indonesia's plan to build a nuclear power plant should gain international acceptance before being materialized in 2011, Technology Minister Hatta Radjasa said here on Wednesday.

"We must take into account not only local considerations, but also international considerations. If there is no international support, the project can be cancelled," he said. He claimed that a number of countries have expressed support for Indonesia's plan but decline to elaborate.

A nuclear power plant, he said, should become the country's last resort to cope with the growing threat of power crisis. Earlier on Monday, state-run electricity company PLN announced its plan to

build a 6,000-megawatt nuclear power plant in Central Java with an estimated cost of nine billion US dollars.

The construction is expected to complete within five years to meet the rapid growing of electricity demand. —MNA/Xinhua



Iraqi police officers jump onto a truck near Falluja, on 22 January, 2004 to take a wounded colleague to hospital after he fell from his vehicle while giving chase to assailants. Police near Falluja, a hotbed of resistance 30 miles west of Baghdad, said guerrillas in a passing car lobbed a grenade and opened fire with AK-47 assault rifles at a checkpoint on the highway to the town of Ramadi.—INTERNET

Three Thai patients suspected of bird flu infection

BANGKOK, 23 Jan—The Thai Government on Wednesday night admitted three patients with pneumonia-like symptoms were being tested for bird flu infection, local Press reported on Thursday.

Tests on blood and sputum samples of the three Thais were being run at the Medical Sciences Department of the Public Health Ministry, Public Health Minister Sudarat Keyuraphan said after an urgent meeting held on Wednesday evening.

The minister said the results of the test would be available in three days. The three patients include one butcher, a child and a farmer living in central Thailand.

"We are concerned about human health and have closely monitored the possible occurrence of bird flu," the minister was quoted by Bangkok Post as saying.

MNA/Xinhua

Anti-US attacks sweep across Iraq

BAGHDAD, 23 Jan—Seven Iraqis have been killed in a wave of attacks across Iraq in the last 24 hours as US military officials report that two soldiers have also been killed.

Two Iraqi policemen were killed on Thursday and three others wounded when gunmen opened fire on a police checkpoint between the flashpoint towns of Falluja and Ramadi, hotspots of anti-occupation attacks west of Baghdad.

The attack occurred on the same road where the day before, four Iraqi civilian women were killed when assailants opened fire on the car they were travelling near the US military base at Habbaniyah, 80km west of the capital. They were laun-

dry workers at the base.

Elsewhere, the 23-year-old son of a former senior official from Saddam Hussein's Baath party was killed by an unidentified attacker in the southern city of Basra.

Since the dramatic capture of Hussein in December, attacks against occupation forces have not abated.

Two US soldiers were killed and a third wounded during a rocket and mortar barrage late on Wednesday on a military base near

Baquba, 55km northeast of Baghdad. US troops returned fire, damaging a civilian's home, according to witnesses.

The latest deaths brought to 505 the number of US troops killed since Washington launched its war against Iraq last March.

Despite almost daily casualties among occupation troops, a US commander said his forces have brought resistance fighters "to their knees" following Saddam's arrest near Tikrit on 13 December.

Maj Gen Raymond Odierno, commander of the 4th Infantry Division which is based in Tikrit, said Saddam's arrest "was a major operational and psychological defeat for the enemy."

Odierno said former Baath party loyalists are no longer a major threat and the nature of the anti-occupation attacks could shift, fuelled by what he called a nationalistic motive to get occupation troops to leave.

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British soldier killed in road accident in southern Iraq

AL-AMARAH (Iraq), 23 Jan—A British soldier was killed in an automobile accident on Wednesday in the southern Iraqi city of al-Amarah, a coalition military spokesman told AFP.

"There was a road accident and one British soldier died," British Major Tim Smith said Thursday.

No further details were available from the British military, but witnesses said the accident happened at 3:00 pm (1200 GMT) and left one other soldier injured.

Adad Sadun Hasuni, 25, said the two soldiers had been standing up in the back of their vehicle when it crossed the town's main bridge and they smashed into an iron bar.

Internet



Iraqi shoppers at a market on 22 Jan, 2004, in Najaf, Iraq, pass under a sign with a photo of Grand Ayatollah Ali al-Husseini al-Sistani.—INTERNET

Iraqi policemen killed in fresh attacks

BAGHDAD, 23 Jan—Two Iraqi policemen have been killed and five others wounded in a rifle and grenade attack.

Witnesses said a passing car fired AK-47 assault rifles and tossed a grenade at a police checkpoint near the Iraqi town of Falluja on Thursday, killing two policemen and wounding five, police at the scene said.

"We were standing at our checkpoint and saw some cars come by. From one of them, a grenade was thrown and Kalashnikovs were fired at us," policeman Mahir Muhammad said at the site of the attack on a motorway between Falluja and Ramadi. The attack came on the same day a Spanish security chief was seriously wounded in an anti-resistance operation.

Spanish Civil Guard commander Gonzalo Perez Garcia was shot in the head after a pre-dawn raid with Iraqi police at the home of a suspected resistance leader, according to a Spanish Defence Ministry statement. He was taken to a US military hospital in Baghdad.

The incident occurred in the town of Hamsa, about 40km south of Diwaniya where 1300 Spanish troops are based. Diwaniya is 160km south of Baghdad. Ten Spaniards have died in Iraq since August.—Internet

China evacuates thousands as dyke leaks in Xinjiang

BEIJING, 23 Jan — Officials in China's cold north-west region of Xinjiang were rushing to evacuate up to 8,000 people on Thursday, Chinese Lunar New Year's day, after water began gushing from a dyke at a large reservoir.

So far there were no casualties, an official with the No. 102 troupe of the Xinjiang Production and Construction Corps, the local militia community, said by telephone from the area some 60 37 miles north of Xinjiang's capital, Urumqi.

MNA/Reuters

Arab lawyers to form committee to defend Saddam

AMMAN, 23 Jan—Some Arab lawyers is about to form an Arab-International committee to defend former Iraqi president Saddam Hussein and call for releasing him, chief of the Jordanian Lawyer Union told Xinhua on Thursday.

"The committee will urge the United States to release Saddam or send him to a neutral country in order to enable lawyers and his family to meet him," Hussein Majalli said.

He said that a large numbers of law experts in the Arab world and other countries agreed to join the committee, because the trial for Saddam is illegal according to International Law.

The position of the Arab lawyers is that the US occupation of Iraq is illegal, thus any action or decision stemming from it should be considered null and void, Majalli said, stressing that the US and British officials should be tried for their crimes committed in Iraq. —MNA/Xinhua

Russia toughens control over big mergers

MOSCOW, 23 Jan—Russia plans to tighten control over mergers and acquisitions involving large companies in what analysts see as a Kremlin attempt to put a lid on the ambitions of Russia's business tycoons.

The move, put forward at a Thursday Cabinet meeting, comes after the arrest of Russia's richest man Mikhail Khodorkovsky led to the unravelling of one of Russia's biggest mergers in a legal attack many said had the Kremlin's blessing.

It would also give President Vladimir Putin, who faces re-election in March, more power to influence the destinies of a handful of firms owned by business "oligarchs" who control Russia's vast oil and mineral resources.

The arrest of Khodorkovsky, who angered the Kremlin by pursuing political ambitions, was followed by the collapse of a merger between his company YUKOS and rival Sibneft that would have created Russia's largest private business enterprise.

Russian prosecutors have stepped up pressure on YUKOS, arresting the chairman of its key Kuibyshev refinery, Rafail Zainullin.

Anti-Monopoly Minister Ilya Yuzhanov, speaking to reporters after the Cabinet meeting, said the new law would leave a large chunk of small firms free to merge without state consent while heightening anti-monopoly checks on big business.

Under the current law any merger creating a venture with a joint capital of more than 20 million roubles (697,100 US dollars) has to be approved by the anti-monopoly ministry. The new law would change this to three million roubles, he said.

MNA/Reuters

Afghans check death reports despite US denial

KABUL, 23 Jan—Afghanistan's Government is investigating reports of civilian deaths in a US airstrike, despite the US military saying only armed men were killed in the Sunday attack.

A government team had been sent to the central province of Uruzgan to investigate and could provide an initial report later on Thursday, Interior Minister Ali Ahmad Jalali told a news briefing.

Provincial officials say 11 civilians — including women and children — were killed in a US airstrike on the village of Sawghataq in the province's Charcheno District.

The US military has said five armed men were killed in the strike after leaving a compound where mid-level

leaders of the former Taliban regime had gathered.

It described the report of civilian deaths as Taliban "disinformation". Jalali said "terrorists" were killed but details of the attack were not clear.

"Issues such as how many people have been killed in it, whether civilians were amongst them, are not known. The situation is not clear," he told reporters.

"I am hopeful that the team can give its primary observation today," he said, adding that its findings

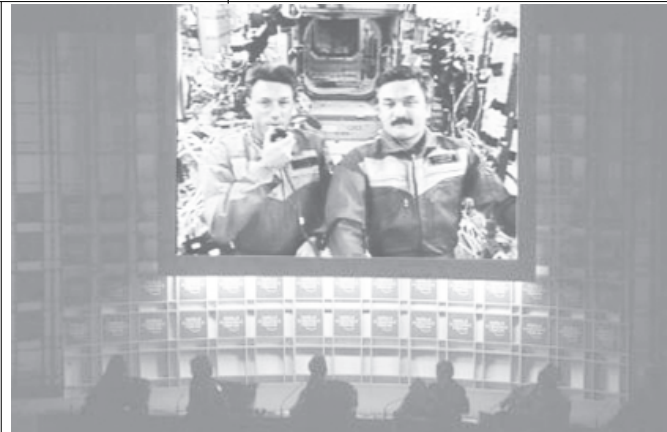
would be revealed once the investigation was complete.

Uruzgan's governor Jan Mohammad Khan and Charcheno District chief Abdur Rahman have said four children and three women were among 11 civilians killed in the raid.

Uruzgan Province was a bastion of the Taliban before the group was overthrown by US-led forces in late 2001.

Temper flared after a US helicopter gunship fired on a wedding party in the province in 2002.

MNA/Reuters



US Astronaut Michael Foale, left, and Cosmonaut Alexander Kaleri from Russia greet the delegates of the World Economic Forum from the International Space Station ISS, as their address is transmitted onto a giant screen at the Congress Hall at the annual meeting of the World Economic Forum in Davos, Switzerland on 21 Jan, 2004.—INTERNET

IRAQ UNDER US OCCUPATION



A British soldier on patrol in southern Iraq, on 22 Jan. A coalition military spokesman told AFP that a British soldier was killed in an automobile accident in the southern Iraqi city of al-Amarah.—INTERNET



An injured Iraqi policeman, who fell off his vehicle while giving chase to assailants, awaits transport to hospital on a highway near the restive town of Falluja, on 22 January, 2004. Guerillas attacked an Iraqi police post with assault rifles and a grenade Thursday, killing two policemen and a civilian, hours after a mortar attack on a US base killed two soldiers and wounded another.—INTERNET



A wounded Iraqi policeman is carried into hospital in the flashpoint city of Fallujah. Two US soldiers, two Iraqi policemen and a civilian and four Iraqi women working for the US military were killed in separate attacks in the Sunni triangle area near Baghdad.—INTERNET



US soldiers from the 4th Infantry Division's 1st Battalion, 22nd Regiment walk under a blanket of fog at their base in former Iraqi President Saddam Hussein hometown of Tikrit.—INTERNET



The daughter and mother of Najia Adam Shabu, who was killed when unidentified assailants opened fire on a minibus in which she was traveling in Fallujah, Iraq, bury her at a cemetery in Baghdad on 22 Jan, 2004.—INTERNET

US soldiers stand guard near the crater in the ground after an explosion in Baquba. Three US soldiers were killed and another wounded near Baquba, on 22 January while four Iraqi women going to work at a US base were mown down by guerillas.

INTERNET



Iraqis examine US bullets, not politics

FALLUJAH, 23 Jan— Pondering bullet marks and broken glass left after US troops shot dead two civilians, many Iraqis in the flashpoint town of Fallujah question whether Americans are more keen to hand over power or to display it.

"Look what the Americans do. Look at all these bullet holes. All of this talk about elections and stability is empty," said Musa Ali, a Fallujah resident staring at the damage.

In the early hours of Thursday, a security guard at a car dealership and his 17-year-old son heard noises and stepped outside of their tiny room to find several American Humvees along the main street, just beyond a row of cars.

"It was dark and they shouted 'Who are you?'," said Muhammad Jassim, a security guard who was shot in the hand while standing beside them. "The Americans opened fire from their jeeps. I heard helicopters."

The US military had no immediate comment on the incident.

An Iraqi police official said the guards were standing outside to see what was happening when the Americans shot them.

Iraqis have often complained that US soldiers fighting a fierce insurgency are too quick to pull the trigger. Americans for their part face frequent attacks in the area from guerillas sworn

to drive them from their country.

Anger is growing over civilian deaths as US troops struggle to improve security before an American plan to hand over power to Iraqis by July 1. Many Iraqis, including influential religious leaders, want direct elections, not a complex series of regional caucuses they believe the Americans are proposing only to ensure US political influence remains strong.

For the Americans it is a vicious circle. The more they step up offensives, the greater the risk they will infuriate Iraqis and provide the insurgents and other anti-American political forces with recruits or supporters.

Easing anti-American sentiment in hotbeds such as Fallujah will also be crucial to American attempts to include the once powerful Sunni Muslims in the political process.

Elderly men in flowing headresses and young boys looked through a bullet hole in the glass at deep pockmarks along the wall of the room where Ileywee Muthin and his son Hameed had slept. — MNA/Reuters

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An Iraqi policeman (L) keeps watch as a Humvee from the US military police stops outside their police station in Samarra, some 125 kilometres northwest of Baghdad.—INTERNET

"Lady of the marshes" returns to Baghdad

BAGHDAD, 23 Jan— Iraqi interim Minister of Culture Mufeed al-Jazairy has announced the return of a bronze statue by a late prominent contemporary sculptor, Al Sharq Al Awsat newspaper reported Thursday.

The statue by Khalid Al Rahal, known as "lady of the marshes", weighs 800 kilos and represents a woman and two children living in the marshes of south Iraq, the report said.

The sculpture was stolen from one of the squares of Baghdad in Al Sadr City in northern Baghdad right after the ousting of Saddam Hussein's regime, and was returned under the mediation of Muqtada Al Sadr, a much respected young Shiite leader, said the report.

The minister said that the thieves removed the statue from the square because it shows the woman with a bare chest, violating religious teachings.

Mohammed Al Rahal, son of the late sculptor, said that the statue was finished in 1970 and it was one of his father's favourite works. It is a very important statue that represents history and folklore of the Iraqis," he added.

Khalid Al Rahal, born in 1926 and died in 1987, was one of the pioneers of modern sculpture in Iraq.

MNA/Xinhua

Chinese Govt cares for homeless at Spring Festival

BEIJING, 23 Jan— As Chinese President Hu Jintao visited farming families, the poor and the elderly in rural Hebei Province on the eve of the Spring Festival, the urban homeless in the capital city were also under the care of the government.

Around 150 homeless people spent the eve of the Lunar New Year in government shelters in Beijing, and there was room for more, said the Beijing Administration of Rescue Affairs (BARA).

"The rescue centres are open 24 hours a day," a BARA official said.

On June 20 last year, the Chinese Government issued a decree to scrap all government institutions of custody and repatriation that collected urban vagrants and homeless on the streets and sent them home.

Such institutions across the country have been turned into shelters to provide free food and lodging for the needy.

Prior to the Spring Festival, which falls on Thursday, the government urged all such centres to ensure that "no homeless person freezes to death on the streets".

Shelter residents were given a free health check, a shower and clean clothes on arrival. They ate jiaozi — filled dumplings traditionally eaten on the Lunar New Year — and enjoyed the television gala as most Chinese families did Wednesday night.

At the Haidian District shelter, 18 homeless people even had their own New Year party, playing games and winning prizes. A 60-year-old man took toothpaste when given a choice with candies and a shoeshine.

"I should tidy myself up to greet the New Year," he said. The Chaoyang District shelter with 31 residents housed four children, three who were mentally handicapped while the last, named Tian Tian, suffered from sapremia. Wearing new clothes donated by staff, Tian Tian kissed the director of the shelter, Cao Lansuo.—MNA/Xinhua

Chinese traditional Zheng orchestra leaves for Ireland

SHENYANG, 23 Jan— A women's orchestra that specializes in the traditional musical instrument, Zheng, or Chinese zither, left their home of Huludao City in the northeastern province of Liaoning for Ireland Wednesday.

The group has 16 members and many of them are prize winners in national and international contests.

The China Oriental Women's Zheng Orchestra, based in Huludao, an island city known as the "Chinese Island of Zheng", was sent on this mission at the order of the Chinese Ministry of Culture.

MNA/Xinhua

China's software sales expect \$25.3b in 2004

BEIJING, 23 Jan — The sales of software and information system products is forecast to reach 210 billion yuan (some 25.3 billion US dollars) in 2004, a year-on-year increase of 30 per cent, according to the Ministry of Information Industry.

Statistics from the ministry showed that the sales hit 160 billion yuan (some 19.3 billion US dollars) in 2003, up 45 per cent year on year, making an annual increase of 36 per cent from 2000 to 2003.

The research and development of software and system integration has made rapid development in the past years. China now boasts 8,582 software enterprises, with 18,000 kinds of products and has also set up six software bases including in Beijing and Shanghai.

MNA/Xinhua

Imports of kiwis, rambutans forbidden for Indian consumers

NEW DELHI, 23 Jan — Indian Government has brought out a new law which would restrict imports of vegetables and fruits into the country and make exotic fruits such as kiwis, US Rambutans and melons for bidden for Indian consumers.

This has been done by way of new Plant Quarantine Order which imposes stringent standards for imports of agricultural articles.

The new law has been designed to meet new requirements under the World Trade Organization regime which is aimed at regulating import of agricultural articles into the country, official

sources told PTI.

With the lifting of Quantitative Restrictions fully in 2002, imports of exotic fruits and vegetables had witnessed a surge with even Mother Dairy selling fruits like kiwi in its outlets.

No consignment of plants or plant products or other regulated articles can be imported into the country

without a US valid permit as per the order which came into effect from on 1 January, 2004.

The order mentions a list of products on which the Pest Risk Analysis (PRA) had been carried out based on global standards and can be imported by following certain conditions.

MNA/PTI

Peru rations water in capital after low rainfall

LIMA (Peru), 23 Jan— Residents of the Peruvian capital Lima, enduring sticky summer heat, are now facing overnight water cuts because of unusually low rainfall.

Water company Sedapal said on Wednesday it was halting the flow from 6 p.m. to 6 a.m. until rains replenished supplies in the mountains. About 90 per cent of the Pacific coastal city's

population of eight million is connected directly to the system. Experts at the national meteorological service SENAHI said there had been half the usual rainfall in the central Andes and rain

was not expected to pick up until March or April.

It is Lima's worst water rationing for a decade. The measure was not expected to affect agriculture or industry. —MNA/Reuters



Annual demand for passenger cars in China, the world's fastest growing auto market, is forecast to increase 10-fold to more than 20 million units by 2020.—INTERNET

Anti-colonialist struggles in Salin region

U San Nyo Aung (Salin)

(Continued from yesterday)

After three years as a farmer, he heard the news that the colonialists dethroned King Thibaw and Queen Su Phaya Latt at the end of November 1885.

So he rushed to the royal capital, and arrived there at sunset on 29 November 1885.

At the capital, he was so heart-rending to see the King and Queen taken away to the Thuriya ship to be exiled abroad. He wanted to risk his life to save the King and Queen.

But he knew that he had many things to do for the nation.

Since then for two months he was revisiting the relatives of the King, whom he personally knew well, and organizing them to fight back the colonialists. Afterwards, he went back to Salin, joined the resistance force under the command of Bo Ywe, the chief of Mindat village.

He was very brave and skilled at sword fights. In accord with his nature, he lived the life of an ordinary resistance soldier.

Sometimes, he fought the enemy together with U Ottama.

Because of the scorched-earth policy of the colonialists, the group led by Bo Ottama was cut off from the local people, who were supporting it.

Thus, Bo Ottama was thinking of joining forces with the troops of Natmauk Bo Min Yaung on the other bank of Ayeyawady River. Bo Ya Kyaw secretly returned to Sedoktara to gather men and weapons. Bo Ottama, who was famous as a resistance fighter, was arrested by the colonialists, while Bo Ya Kyaw, who was unknown to most, was able to get back to the camp. After the capture of Bo Ottama, Bo Yar Kyaw joined forces with the resistance fighters all over the nation.

He lived a humble life, but continued to fight the enemy for tens years after the nation fell under subjugation. He passed away at 75 at his farm near Sedoktara.

Like Bo Ottama, Bo Ottara was also a monk before joining the resistance forces.

His name was U In Gyi. As he had attended classes at the Pwe Kyaung

school during his childhood days, he was skilled in fighting and military tactics. U Ottama and U Ottara were abbot monks of two different monasteries at Pylonkyaw village near Legaing Kyaungdawya.

When they saw that the cruelties of the colonialists were intolerable, they got disrobed to become ordinary persons, and became freedom fighters. U Ottama was addressed Mingyi and U Ottara, Minlay.

He was respected by his men as the second leader of the group under the command of U Ottama. At a battle near Kanphya village west of Salin, he was able to cut off the head of the Minbu District Commissioner.

He was also hit by a bullet in the neck, and died in the battle.

Bo Nay Mee, Bo Nyo Hmeh and Bo Byaing Taung were women resistance fighters. They were not rearguards serving as ration suppliers or messengers or doing staff affairs.

They handled the sword, galloped the horse to bravely fight the colonialist soldiers shooting at the resistance with their guns. Bo Nay Mee was a young Chin national race woman from Pha-aing village. She hated the colonialists as they killed her parents and relatives.

She was an honourable woman, who organized Chin national race men and women and fought the colonialists from Taunggaik village near Sedoktara.

During the Taunggaik village battle, she was able to cut off the head of Minbu Town Commissioner.

The Bo Inphu (Pha-aing) shot down the commissioner.

Bo Nay Mee was able to cut off the head of Minbu commissioner Mr Phayre during the battle at Taunggaik village.

Bo Inphu (Pha Aing) shot the Minbu commissioner.

Bo Nyo Hmeh was a sister of Mindat Village Head Bo Ywe. She had a big mole on her left temple.

Although she was a maid, she was skilled in the art of sword and spear



Salin Koehsuang Kyaung Monastery.

fighting and horse riding. During the battle at Dattawchaung near Kuto village south of Salin town, she risked her life to save the Myanmar independence fighters who were besieged by the enemy troops.

Bo Byaing Taung was a native of Khinte village located near Legaing Kyaungdawya. She usually wore peacock feathers on her head in the battles.

Of all the independence fighters, Bo Uttama, Bo Byaing Gyi and Bo Byaing Lay won the special respect of the local people. From generation to generation, the people have relayed the history of their struggles to liberate the nation. U Uttama was a native of Nyaung-binsauk village near Legaing Kyaungdawya.

He was born in 1210 ME (about AD 1848) to U Shwe Yauk and Daw Hla Aye. His childhood name was Maung Oke Kyaw. He attended the village monastic education school. At about 15, he was initiated into novice monk, and soon, he went to the Yadanabon Royal Capital (Mandalay) to continue his studies. While in the capital, he stayed at the monastery of Sayadaw U Medha, a native of his village, and studied Pariyatti. During the time, he had information about the court affairs through Leikha Queen and Myinsaing Kodawgyi, who had access to the palace.

The news about the power struggles in the court among the sons of the many

queens of King Mindon and the assassination of Prince Kanoung made the two monks felt so sad they even left Mandalay for their native village.

With the permission of another monk by the name U Ottama, he lived at the monastery in Pylonkyaw village near Legaing Kyaungdaya. The whole Myanmar fell under subjugation when he turned 38. Vasa 18. He could not tolerate anymore when he witnessed the wickedness and cruelties of the colonialists. So he joined forces with U Ottama and fought back the colonialists. He took foothold at Mingyi Chaung or Kyitkaing village at the foot of the Yoma mountain range, where he recruited men and stockpiled arms and ammunition and gave military training to his men. Later, he left monkshood, and launched anti-colonialist wars with the cooperation of the locals at Minbu, Saku, Pwintbyu, Legaing, Kyaungdawya, Ngaphe, Mindon, and Pakokku. The locals called him Bo Uttama, Mingyi U Uttama and Monk U Uttama.

Bo Byaing Gyi was a native of Paukkon village near Hsinbyukyun, and Bo Byaing Lay was a native of O-thesu village near Hsinbyukyun. They were classmates and the right-hand men of Bo Uttama.

Of the armed anti-colonialist struggles launched in and around Salin

region, the battles at Shwe-panmyint, Myatlethaung, Sedoktara, Hsinbyukyun, Dattawchaung, Tama-chaung, Wethitikan, Salin Shwetansha Mangyitan, Salin Kohsuanb Kyaung and Phaunglin Village were famous.

I would like to present new reports about battles featured in the English newspapers of the colonial era in India and the accounts of the locals relayed through generations.

A news report featured in column 3, page 5 of 12 August 1886 issue of The Amrita Bazaar Patrika newspaper said, Army Captain Akinson of Hampshire Battalion fell in the battle."

In reality, the events were the battles at Shwetansha Mangyitan and Salin Kohsaung Kyaung near Salin.

During the time, there was a brick wall in Salin. The Shwetansha Pagoda was located on a hillock at the north-east corner of the town.

There was a forest of tamarind trees north of the pagoda outside the wall. Koehsaung Kyaung, a monastery, was located south of Letpanbin Monastery outside the wall. The Myanmar troops under the command of Bo Uttama were stationing together with their horses on the ground floor of the monastery.

The colonialist troops led by Akinson took foothold in the fort. A

police station was situated at the foot of the hillock inside the wall.

On 28 July 1886, the Myanmar patriotic troops under the command of Bo Uttama, Bo Ywe, Bo Byaing Gyi and Bo Byaing Lay launched a fierce attack on the colonialist troops taking foothold at the fort.

The Myanmar troops took the tamarind forest as the base and besieged the enemy.

The colonialist soldiers came out of the wall, and opened two fronts — one at Mangyitan front in the north and the other at Koehsaung in the south.

The battle lasted for four days, and Akinson died of a bullet wound near Paung Bridge east of the pagoda on 31 July 1886. Before he arrived in Myanmar, he took part in the battle to seize Bombay in India. Because of his gallantry, he was honoured the Bombay conqueror. His body was buried at the Salin burial ground, and the inscription on the tomb read "Major Akinson".

The remains of the 150 colonialist soldiers were buried at a common graveyard west of Koehsaung Kyaung. Two Myanmar women, who served as messengers for the Myanmar patriotic troops, were also killed in the battle.

(To be continued)

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programmes look active and superb, and to apply means to increase income, while taking thrifty measures.

The staff must be dutiful, and have efficiency, goodwill, cooperation and initiative, while practising the system that brings improvement through competition.

The minister presented model district office award

to Monywa District IPRD Office and model township office award to Yinmabin Township IPRD Office.

Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Aung Thein presented prizes to 46 district offices, 43 township offices, 19 outstanding trainees of various courses, and 23 service personnel who won awards in education and quiz and the award for excellent performance in the

social field through the representatives.

Director-General of the IPRD U Chit Naing presented gifts to the director-general's award winners.

Also present were heads of departments under the ministry, advisers and others.

The minister and the deputy minister cordially greeted the staff and visited the reference library.

MNA



Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan presents the model district award to Monywa District IPRD. — MNA



Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Aung Thein presents prize to a winner. — MNA

Packed with enthusiasts, MICT Week continues for third day

YANGON, 23 Jan — The Third Myanmar ICT Week 2004 continued for the third day at Myanmar Information and Communication Technology (MICT) Park on Hline University Campus in Hline Township today.

Minister for Livestock and Fisheries Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein visited the exhibition today. The exhibition is crowded with Internet and IT enthusiasts, students, service personnel, and the general public.

Clint Focus Technology Group, the authorized distributor for Epson products in Myanmar, put on display a variety of printers, scanners, and photo printers which can be used with digital cameras. Epson (3 in 1) printers, which is the latest item in

the market, are also displayed at the exhibition and can be used in three ways as copier, scanner and printer.

Technologies on computerized sounds of various musical instruments and sound editing technologies can be viewed at the booth of Youth Computer Co Ltd. The company also conducts courses on these technologies.

Myanmar World Distribution Co Ltd is providing services for networking technologies. Moreover, the company also engages in production and installation of software applications such as e-Government, e-learning, e-commerce and so on.

To show the ICT development, e-health application is displayed at the booth of Myanmar Infor-

mation Technology Pte Ltd. The company also provides computer-aided services.

On display and sale at the booth of NCS Co Ltd are computer accessories, digital cameras, network products, mobile disks, external hard disks, computer systems and mini computers at reasonable prices.

Tong Tah Co Ltd sell Japan-make digital laser copiers and printers at fair prices at the exhibition.

The Myanmar ICT Week is kept open daily free of charge to the general public from 9 am to 5 pm till 27 January. For the convenience of the visitors to the exhibition, free buses are employed at the junction of Insein Road and Parami Road and Pyay Road and Parami Road.

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Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt greets President of World Canaan Farmer School of the Republic of Korea Dr Kim Bon Il. (News on page 16) — MNA

Rail Transportation Ministry holds third four-monthly meeting

YANGON, 23 Jan — The Ministry of Rail Transportation held its third four-monthly coordination meeting (2004) at the ministry on Theinbyu Road this morning.

It was attended by Minister for Rail Transportation Maj-Gen Aung Min, Deputy Ministers Thura U Thauung Lwin and U Pe Than, departmental heads, advisers and officials.

The minister delivered an address on the occasion.

In his address, he elaborated on efforts to be made for exceeding the targets reviewing the strong and weak points of previous performances; systematic expending of local and foreign currency; maintenance of coaches, locomotives and railroads; ensuring punctual departure and arrival of the trains; extended running of trains in short trips; ensuring practice of politeness in dealing with the passengers; contribution towards the

interest of the people; smooth and fast flow of commodities; and smooth and secure transport. The minister also called departmental personnel to discharge duties to the best of their ability.

The deputy ministers presented supplementary reports. The officials presented accomplishment of the goal, assessments and future plans. The minister delivered concluding remarks. — MNA

Construction Ministry holds four-monthly meeting

YANGON, 23 Jan — The second and third four-monthly coordination meeting (2003) of the Ministry of Construction took place at Public Works (Head Office) on Shwedagon Pagoda Road here this morning.

It was attended by Minister for Construction Maj-Gen Saw Tun, Deputy Ministers U Tint Swe and Brig-Gen Myint Thein, officials and engineers.

The minister assessed the reports by the officials concerned and made concluding remarks.

Next, prize-distribution ceremony for outstanding staff and outstanding students of the staff took place at the same venue.

The minister, the deputy ministers and officials presented prizes to outstanding staff and students.

MNA

Respect-paying ceremony to be held at BEHS No 4, Thanlyin

YANGON, 23 Jan — Alumni and alumnae of Basic Education High School No 4 in Thanlyin are to hold a respect-paying ceremony for teachers at the school at 9 am on 1 February 2004.

The old students are in-

vited to attend the ceremony, and those wishing to donate cash may contact Tel 01-243161, 256602 and 056-21211 and Mahaythi Store, Myoma Market (Northwing), Thanlyin.

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Visitors enthusiastically observing information technologies at a booth of the Third Myanmar ICT Week 2004. — MNA

Myanmar ICT Week stands witness to ICT development in Myanmar

Article by Htay Kyi & photos
by Thant Zin Tun (Kyemon)



Managing Director of
MICTDC U Aung Zaw
Myint.

The Kyemon learnt that Third Myanmar ICT Week 2004 would be held from 21 to 27 January at Myanmar Information and Communication Technology (MICT) Park on Hline

University Campus in Hline Township.

Therefore, an information crew of the Kyemon visited the facility to meet officials of MICT Park and responsible personnel of the companies that would join the Week and put their products on display to ask about their products and seminars.

First and foremost, in an interview with U Aung Zaw Myint, Managing Director of MICT Development Corporation, he said the purposes of holding the MICT Week was: first, to show the development trend of ICT sector in Myanmar; second, to avail the people of Myanmar of advancing



Myanmar Information and Communication Technology Park
in Hline Township.

ICT of the world and other related technologies; and finally, to introduce ICT to factories and workshops and make them realize how beneficial these technologies are to their businesses.

He continued that unlike other exhibitions, the

MICT Week would not sell any products, but would make known the progress of technologies by holding talks and seminars which would focus on matters related to sale promotion of ICT products, the introduction of e-Visa and

e-commerce, and software programming suited to advanced technologies.

Visitors to the MICT Week will have an opportunity to witness the development trend of ICT in Myanmar and the latest technologies from all parts

of the world.

As for ICT companies, they will also find new markets for their products. People are coming to take greater interest in the technologies, not just in the products. Moreover, software items produced at home have reached a high level of quality and quantity. A total of fifty local companies took part in the exhibition, in addition to twenty foreign companies.

Computer-related companies from Thailand, Malaysia, Japan, India, Republic of Korea, Singapore, and Chinese (Taipei) would also come here to join the exhibition.

The MICT Week will be held annually like this and arrangements are under way to organize such exhibition also in Mandalay.

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Small water projects help improve Chinese farmers' living standard

KUNMING, 23 Jan — Gone are the days when people of Xiangzhulin Village of Yunnan Province, southwest China, had to walk for three to four kilometres to fetch drinking water every day, thanks to a series of water projects, which enable locals to get water at home.

With the completion of 438 small water storage ponds before the Spring Festival, the Chinese Lunar New Year, which falls on January 22 on the western calendar, Xiangzhulin villagers are hoping for a better future.

"The small ponds do away with the need to fetch water every day and we now can concentrate our efforts on making profits by breeding pigs and chickens," villager Lei Huansheng said.

With a population of over 6,700, Xiangzhulin, in the Dai and Wa Autonomous County of Gengma, is located in a mountainous area short of drinking water.

To get water for daily life, each family had to send at least one person to fetch water from areas three to four

kilometres away.

Gengma County launched a project to build small water storage ponds last year and completed 438 within four months. "More will be built this year," said Zhou Taiyou, an official with Mengyong Township.

Zhou said small water storage ponds were expected to play a key role in improving the living standard of the locals. He said his township planned to build a walnut growing base in Xiangzhulin Village this year. Construction of the small water storage ponds, each with a capacity of 25 cubic metres, is part of a project Yunnan has launched to solve the shortage of drinking water for rural people. Yunnan boasts rich water sources, but many rural

people living in mountainous areas are short of drinking water. By 2000, Yunnan still had five million rural people who faced shortages of drinking water.

Yunnan has invested 8.69 trillion yuan (1.05 trillion US dollars) in the construction of over 100,000 drinking water projects over the past three years, enabling 3.43 million people living in mountainous areas to have access to drinking water. Thanks to the water projects, 1.07 million rural people in the province had access to drinking water last year.

According to plan, Yunnan will pour over 300 million yuan (36.28 million US dollars) to help 900,000 more rural families to have access to drinking water this year. —MNA/Reuters



Thiri Thudama Theingi Daw Khin Thein of No.70 (E), Ngwe Wit Hmone, Golden Valley (1), Bahan Township contributed K 100,000 to mark her birthday towards the funds of Hninzigone Home for the Aged through Treasurer Lt Col. Thet Tin (retired) recently.

Malaysian Chinese usher in Year of Monkey with joy

KUALA LUMPUR, 23 Jan — The Malaysian Chinese ushered in the Year of the Monkey (the Chinese Lunar New Year) with great joy nationwide on Thursday as the monkey is regarded as a symbol of agility and intelligence.

Leaders of the Chinese-based political parties and

the Chinese community held the Open House across the country in keeping with the rich Malaysian tradition and entertained people from all walks of life.

Prime Minister Abdullah Ahmad Badawi and Deputy Prime Minister Najib Tun Razak wish all Malaysian Chinese Gong Xi Fa Cai when attending the Open House hosted by MCA and GERAKAN, component parties of the ruling National Front. The Malaysia Chinese Association (MCA) and the Malaysia People's Movement Party (GERAKAN) are the largest and the second largest Chinese-based political parties in Malaysia.

Free food is served for thousands of guests at the Open House, followed by cultural performances like the one where a golden monkey brings good news,

songs, dances and a fashion show.

"In this Chinese New Year, let us in unison resolve, regardless of race and religion, to bring Malaysia to greater excellence," Abdullah said in his Chinese New Year message on Tuesday. "With a firm determination and commitment, we must create changes that will be a catalyst for progress not only for us as individuals but for this beloved nation of ours," he said. Malaysia is a multi-racial country with a population of some 24 million. It consists of the Malays who make up 58.1 per cent, the Chinese 24.3 per cent, the Indians 6.9 per cent and the indigenous inhabitants in Sarawak and Sabah (East Malaysia) some 4 per cent.

MNA/Xinhua

Japan, Mexico continue high-level FTA talks

TOKYO, 23 Jan — Japan and Mexico continued vice minister-level talks on a free trade agreement (FTA) here Friday in a bid to bridge the gap over five key farm products.

According to the Japanese Foreign Ministry, the talks that started Thursday were held after Mexican Economy Secretary Fernando Canales threatened last week to discontinue

ongoing negotiations if the two countries fail to strike a deal by the end of March.

The Japanese side is headed by Ryuichiro Yamazaki, Ambassador for International Economic Affairs, and Hiroyuki Kinoshita, Vice-minister for International Affairs at the Ministry of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries.

Mexico is represented by Angel Villalobos, Vice-

Minister of Economy in charge of international commerce.

The two countries remain apart over how to deal with the five farm products — orange juice, oranges, pork, chicken and beef.

Japan has maintained that the two countries should go ahead with the negotiations based on the agreements they reached in marathon ministerial talks

here last October, while Mexico has refused to stick to the October agreements and made fresh proposals.

Japan and Mexico had planned to sign an FTA during Mexican President Vicente Fox's visit to Japan last October.

But the two countries failed to resolve their differences over the farm products.

MNA/Xinhua



Deputy Commander of Yangon Command Col Wai Lwin speaks at the first coordination meeting for holding State Flag Hoisting Ceremony on 23-1-2004. — MNA

Subcommittee for Flag Hoisting Ceremony of 57th Anniversary Union Day meets

YANGON, 23 Jan — The Subcommittee for Flag Hoisting Ceremony of the 57th Anniversary Union Day 2004 held its first coordination meeting at the meeting hall of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Office on Bank Road in Kyauktada Township here this morning. It was attended by Chairman of the

Subcommittee and Deputy Commander of Yangon Command Col Wai Lwin and members and officials of the work committees.

Col Wai Lwin presided over the meeting and Secretary of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Lt-Col Myint Kyi acted as master of ceremonies.

In his speech, Col

Wai Lwin urged officials concerned to take measures with great care to avoid pitfalls in carrying out the tasks for observing the Union Day in full political essence.

Officials of work committees reported on progress of tasks being carried out by their respective committees, followed by a general round of discussions.

sions.

In his concluding remarks, Col Wai Lwin said that the Union Day is a day of great importance in Myanmar history.

He also praised the efforts made by respective work committees and called upon the collective participation in observing the Union Day.

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IAEA asks Iran to cooperate or face consequences

DAVOS (Switzerland), 23 Jan — International Atomic Energy Agency chief Mohamed ElBaradei said on Thursday Iran must cooperate with the nuclear watchdog's efforts to monitor its atomic energy programme or face "serious implications".

"They know it's very important for the agency to come to a conclusion that the Iran programme is for peaceful purposes," he told reporters at the World Economic Forum.

"It would obviously have serious implications if they do not continue to cooperate fully with us in investigating the scope, nature, and content of that programme," ElBaradei added.

The United States suspects Iran of acquiring nuclear arms under cover of its atomic energy programme, which Tehran insists is for peaceful purposes.

ElBaradei has previously warned that Iran would be reported to the UN Security Council if it did not cooperate with the Vienna-based nuclear agency.

The IAEA head also said

that he had no evidence of Iranian foreign "procurement" of equipment used to enrich uranium, but confirmed that the agency was looking into manufacturing of such equipment inside the country. Diplomats have said this manufacturing was

related to enrichment centrifuges.

"We haven't seen recent indications of (foreign) procurement. They are working on domestic manufacturing, that's something they told us," he said.

MNA/Reuters

Four Egyptian airports closed down due to sandstorms

CAIRO, 23 Jan — Four airports were closed down due to strong sandstorms in Egypt on Thursday, airport sources said.

Airports in the Mediterranean city of Alexandria as well as in Aswan, Asyut and Abu Simbel in the south

were closed. EgyptAir flights from Kuwait, Qatar and the United Arab Emirates were turned away from Cairo Airport because of poor visibility, and landed, instead, at Hurgada on the Red Sea. According to Egyptian meteorological

authorities, many parts of Egypt was hit by bad weather followed by heavy rains and sandstorms on Thursday. Wind speed reached about 75 kilometres per hour, and bad weather would run through Monday. — MNA/Xinhua

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ကို အသုံးပြုပါ။

* တစ်ဦးအသုံးပြုထားသော အသုံးအဆောင်နှင့် အဝတ်အထည်

များကို အခြားတစ်ဦးမှအသုံးပြုခြင်းကို ရှောင်ကြဉ်ပါ။

* ၅-နှစ်အောက် ကလေးများအား ပုံမှန်ကာကွယ်ဆေးထိုး၍

ကာကွယ်ရသောရောဂါများဖြစ်သည့် ဆုံဆုံနာ ကြက်ညှာ

ချောင်ဆိုး ဝက်သက်ရောဂါ ကာကွယ်ဆေးများထိုးနှံပါ။

* တစ်ကိုယ်ရေ သန့်ရှင်းရေးကို အလေးထားဆောင်ရွက်ပါ။

* အဟာရပြည့်ဝသော အစားအစာများကိုစားသုံးပါ။

* လုံလောက်စွာအနားယူပါ။

၃။ ရောဂါလက္ခဏာများရှိလျှင် အသက်ဆုံးရှုံးမှုနှင့် ရောဂါပြန့်ပွားမှု

များမှကာကွယ်နိုင်ရန် နီးရာကျန်းမာရေးဌာနတွင် ဆေးလျှင်စွာ

ဆေးကုသမှုခံယူပါ။

ကျန်းမာရေးဝန်ကြီးဌာန

ကျန်းမာပျော်ရွှင် ဘဝတစ်ခွင်

ကျန်းမာခြင်းဆိုသည်မှာ - ရောဂါဘယကင်းရှင်းစွာ သာမက၊ ကိုယ်၏ကျန်းမာကြံ့ခိုင်ခြင်း၊ စိတ်ချမ်းသာခြင်းနှင့် လူမှုရေးသုခ ပြည့်ဝခြင်းကိုဆိုသည်။

ဘဝတစ်ခွင် ကျန်းမာပျော်ရွှင်စေရန် အောက်ပါအတိုင်း လိုက်နာဆောင်ရွက်ပါ။

- (၁) တစ်ကိုယ်ရည်သန့်ရှင်းမှုကိုဆောင်ရွက်ပါ။
- (၂) အန္တရာယ်ကင်း၍ အာဟာရပြည့်ဝသော အစားအသောက်များကိုစားသုံးပါ။
- (၃) ပိုမိုမွှားကင်းစင်၍ သန့်ရှင်းသောရေကို သောက်သုံးပါ။
- (၄) ရာသီဥတုနှင့် လိုက်လျောညီထွေစွာဝတ်စားဆင်ယင်နေထိုင်ပါ။
- (၅) အသက်အရွယ်နှင့်လိုက်လျောညီထွေရှိသည့် သင့်တော်မှုတစ်ခုခုကိုယ်လက်လှုပ်ရှားမှုကို မှန်မှန်ဆောင်ရွက်ပါ။
- (၆) နေ့စဉ်လုပ်ငန်းဆောင်တာများ ဆောင်ရွက်ခြင်းကြောင့် ပင်ပန်းနွမ်းနယ်မှုကိုပြေပျောက်စေရန် အနားယူပါ။
- (၇) ခြင်္သေ့ရယ်မှကာကွယ်ရန် ခြင်္သေ့တောင်ဖြင့်အိပ်ပါ။
- (၈) ကျန်းမာရေးနှင့်ညီညွတ်သော ယဉ်ကျေးမှုတို့ကိုအားပေးပါ။
- (၉) အရက်သောက်ခြင်း၊ ဆေးလိပ်ဆေးရွက် သောက်သုံးခြင်း၊ ကွမ်းစားခြင်းတို့ကိုရှောင်ကြဉ်ပါ။
- (၁၀) မူးယစ်ဆေးဝါးနှင့် စိတ်ကိုပြောင်းလဲစေသည့် ဆေးဝါးများ သုံးစွဲခြင်းကို ရှောင်ကြဉ်ပါ။
- (၁၁) အပျော်အပါးလိုက်စားခြင်းကို ရှောင်ကြဉ်ပါ။
- (၁၂) ရေ၊ မြေ၊ လေ သဘာဝပတ်ဝန်းကျင်နှင့် နေထိုင်မှု၊ အသက်မွေးမှုပတ်ဝန်းကျင်တို့အား ညစ်ညမ်းစေသည့် အပြုအမူများကို ရှောင်ကြဉ်ပါ။

ကျန်းမာရေးဝန်ကြီးဌာန

UMFCCI meets KCCI

YANGON, 23 Jan — The Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry met with the Korea Chamber of Commerce and Industry of the Republic of Korea yesterday at the UMFCCI Headquarters.

UMFCCI President U Win Myint, Vice-Presidents U Win Aung, U Zaw Min Win and U Aung Lwin, General Secretary U Sein Win Hlaing and Chairman of Myanmar Beans and Pulses and Sesame Merchants Association U Tun Aung met with a seven member delegation led by KCCI President Mr Hyo-Sung Kim.

They discussed investment promotion, economic cooperation, export of beans and pulses, wood, wood-based goods and rubber materials and the sending of a Myanmar business delegation to ROK. — MNA

Tamu-Kale-Kalewa Border Traders Association meets

YANGON, 23 Jan — The Tamu-Kale-Kalewa Border Traders Association held the fourth annual meeting in Tamu on 11 January.

Chairman of the association U Hla Maung, Chairman of Tamu District Peace and Development Council Lt-Col Win Zaw,

and Deputy Director of Border Trade Department U Soe Lwin gave speeches.

Secretary of the association U Aye Ko read out the financial report, and the association presented K 277,000 for religion and health activities in Tamu District. MNA

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

Narcotic drugs seized in Bhamo, Lashio

YANGON, 23 Jan — A combined team comprising members of the local intelligence unit and Bhamo Special Anti-drug Squad, acting on information, stopped a motorcycle travelling along Se-in village road in Bhamo on 24 December 2003. At that time, Tangun, cyclist, attempted to fire his 9 mm pistol and Tan Naung, his companion, also threatened the authorities with his knife. The authorities overpowered them and seized 9 packs of raw opium weighing 15.5 kilos.

In another similar action on 28 December 2003, a

combined team comprising members of the local intelligence unit and Lashio Special Anti-drug Squad, acting on information, stopped and searched the van with number plates (Ah/ 741) en route to Lashio from Mandalay near the mile post 80/4 on Lashio-Mandalay road. The authorities discovered 19 packs of heroin weighing 306.16 grams from passenger Ai Zam Htan.

Action is being taken against the drug traffickers under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law by the police stations concerned. — MNA



Ai Zam Htan seen with seized heroin. — MNA



Tangun and Tan Naung seen with seized raw opium. MNA

All this needs to be known

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



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Tarred road opened to hail Union Day

YANGON, 23 Jan — Hailing the 57th Anniversary Union Day-2004, a self-reliance tarred road was opened at Sanpya Gange/Gagy Ward in North Okkalapa Township, here, yesterday 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, officials, senior military officers, and others.

The commander, the Yangon Mayor and Chairman of the committee for construction of 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 Kyansittha Street in Dagon Myothit (East), tarring of the four-lane Yadana Street in Thimgangyun Township which is 9,500 feet long and links Thanthuma and Wezayanda streets and tarring of the ring-road around Kyaikkasan Pagoda. Later, the mayor and party 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.

MNA

စောတာရှင်ပြည်သူများခင်ဗျား

စည်ပင်သာယာရေးဦးစီးဌာနသည် ရေရှားပါးသော ကျေးလက်ဒေသများတွင် သန့်ရှင်းသော ဆောက်လုပ်ရေးလုပ်ငန်းများကို ဆောင်ရွက်လျက်ရှိပါသည်။ ရေလျှော့ချခြင်းဖြင့် မတောင်းဘဲနှင့် ပြည့်စုံနိုင်သော အကျိုးဆယ်ပါးကို ရရှိနိုင်ပါသည်။ ရေအကျိုးဆယ်ပါးမှာ-

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

စည်ပင်သာယာရေးဦးစီးဌာနသည် ရေရှားပါးသော ဒေသများမှာ သန့်ရှင်းသော ရေ ဖူလုံစွာရရှိရန် စီမံချက်များချမှတ်ပြီး အင်တိုက်အားတိုက် ဆောင်ရွက်နေပါသည်။ ရေအကျိုးဆယ်ပါးရရှိစေရန် ရေရှားပါးသည့် ကျေးလက်ဒေသများသို့ စက်ရေတွင်းများ လှူဒါန်းလိုပါက အောက်ပါနှုန်းထားအတိုင်း လှူဒါန်းနိုင်ပါသည်-

- * ၂လက်မ စက်ရေတွင်း အနက် ၂၀၀ပေ တစ်တွင်း (စက်ပစ္စည်းစုံ) ကျပ် ၂၅သိန်း
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မည်သည့်မြို့နယ်တွင်မဆို စောတာရှင်များအနေနှင့် ပါဝင်လှူဒါန်းလိုပါက အောက်ဖော်ပြပါ စည်ပင်သာယာရေးအဖွဲ့အစည်းများနှင့် ဆက်သွယ်လှူဒါန်းနိုင်ကြောင်း အသိပေးနှိုးဆော်အပ်ပါသည်။

- (၁) ညွှန်ကြားရေးမှူးချုပ်၊ ၀၁-၂၄၅၄၂၀၊ ၂၅၃၀၈၈။
- (၂) ဒုတိယညွှန်ကြားရေးမှူးချုပ်၊ ၀၁-၂၄၀၁၁၈။
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ကုသကာကွယ် မူးယစ်အန္တရာယ်

၁။ မူးယစ်ဆေးဝါးသုံးစွဲလျှင် အသည်းရောင်အသားဝါရောဂါ၊ အသည်းခြောက်ရောဂါ၊ အသည်းကင်ဆာရောဂါ၊ သွေးဆိပ်တက်ခြင်းနှင့် နှလုံးရောဂါ၊ အဆုတ်ရောဂါများ၊ ခုခံအားကျဆင်းမှုရောဂါ (AIDS)နှင့် စိတ်ပိုင်းဆိုင်ရာရောဂါများ စသည်တို့ ဖြစ်ပွားနိုင်သည့်အပြင် စီးပွားရေးနှင့် လူမှုရေး၊ ထိခိုက်ပျက်ပြားခြင်း၊ ဥပဒေအရ အရေးယူခံရခြင်းတို့ ဖြစ်နိုင်ပါသည်။

၂။ ထို့ကြောင့် အဆိုပါဒုက္ခများမှ ကင်းဝေးစေရန် မူးယစ်ဆေးဝါးကို လုံးဝရှောင်ကြဉ်ပါ။

၃။ မူးယစ်ဆေးဝါး သုံးစွဲသူများသည် သတ်မှတ်ဆေးရုံများတွင် မှတ်ပုံတင်၍ ဆေးကုသမှုယူပါ။

ကျန်းမာရေးဝန်ကြီးဌာန

နိုင်ငံတော်အစိုးရဌာနပိုင် မော်တော်ယာဉ်များမသုံးစွဲရနေ့

လစဉ်လ၏ ဒုတိယပတ် တနင်္ဂနွေနေ့နှင့် နောက်ဆုံးပတ် တနင်္ဂနွေနေ့တို့သည် ရုံးလုပ်ငန်းအတွက် မဖြစ်မနေ သွားလာရန်လိုအပ်သည့် ကိစ္စရပ်များမှအပ မော်တော်ယာဉ်များ မသုံးစွဲရနေ့ ဖြစ်သည်။

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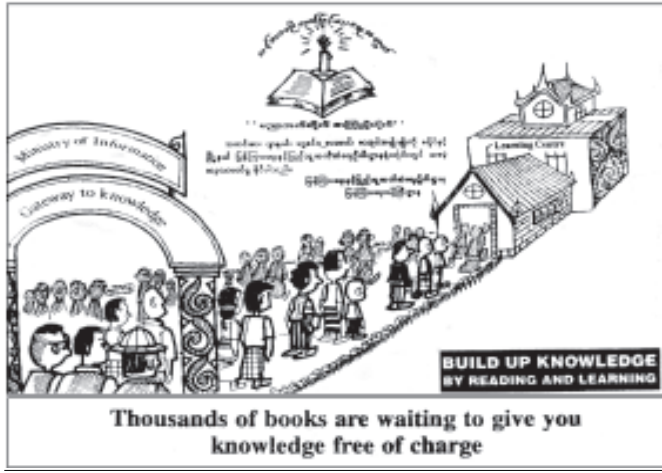
Nursery Market Festival continues

YANGON, 23 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





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CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

MV SEA MERCHANT VOY: NO (491)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV SEA MERCHANT Voy No (491) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 25-1-04 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of A.W.P.T where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11.20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm up to Claims Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the vessel.

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

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MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY
AGENT FOR: M/S ADVANCE
CONTAINER LINES**

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CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

MV YANGON STAR VOY: NO (344)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV YANGON STAR Voy No (344) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 24-1-04 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of M.I.T.T where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11.20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm up to Claims Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the vessel.

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

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AIDS is a national concern

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Megawati says forest crimes involve many parties

JAKARTA, 23 Jan — Indonesian President Megawati Soekarnoputri said Wednesday efforts to fight crimes in the forestry sector have only turned into a discourse.

"Ways to combat forest crimes have only become topics of discussions," the President was quoted by state news agency Antara as saying.

Megawati made the statement in a ceremony to launch the Forest and Land Rehabilitation Campaign held in Gunung Kidul District, Yogyakarta Province.

She said forest crimes involve many parties.

"Forest crimes cannot occur without the knowledge of the people and cooperation among certain parties. I thus asks all Indonesians to maintain our forests," the President said.

The launch of the campaign, held in Karang Buwet Village, Palian Subdistrict,

was also attended by First Gentleman Taufik Kiemas, Yogyakarta Governor Sri Sultan Hamengkubuwono X and Forestry Minister M Prakosa.

Gunung Kidul was chosen as the venue for the launch of the regreening campaign due to its success in turning its barren land into arable land. —MNA/Xinhua

Manila's Chinatown shares Arroyo's Chinese greeting

MANILA, 23 Jan — "Kiong Hee Huat Chai!" Philippine President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo Wednesday night boiled the Manila Chinatown with her greeting in Chinese on the Spring Festival — Chinese New Year.

The President, wearing rosy and sparkling clothes and bright scarves, appeared at around 9.30 pm at a grand celebration in the Chinatown, which has been filled with songs, laughter, jolly people and "Kiong Hee Huat Chai" greetings since the afternoon.

Arroyo, who has never spent Chinese New Year's eve in Chinatown, joined Manila Mayor Lito Atienza, heads of local Chinese Fili-

pino organizations and thousands of people in watching lion dances and fireworks.

Chinatown welcomed its first Spring Festival with a larger parade than ever after the President announced the Chinese New Year day as "Special Working Holiday" nationwide.

"We share this special New Year... Filipinos and Chinese... all with good luck," Atienza, who led the

parade, told Xinhua in the thundering drum and trumpet sound.

Henry Sy, the Director and Secretary-General of Chinese Filipino Business Club, said Arroyo's presence at Chinese New Year celebration shows Chinese Filipinos' greater role in the Philippine society and the government's concern for the ethnic Chinese community.

MNA/Xinhua

China alert against SARS comeback during Spring Festival

BEIJING, 23 Jan — Surveillance and monitoring systems against severe acute respiratory syndrome (SARS) has gone into full gear as an estimated 1.89 billion people in China's Mainland are travel around during the Spring Festival, which falls between January 22 to 28.

Since south China's Guangdong Province reported three clinically confirmed SARS cases in December 2003 and January 2004. Beijing, one of the regions most seriously hit during last year's SARS outbreak, requires people whose body temperature exceeds 38 degrees to be sent to special "fever clinics" immediately.

Transport vehicles entering Beijing from Guangdong,

Hong Kong and Taiwan will berth away from other vehicles at airports, railway stations and bus stations. Passengers from the above regions are required to take temperature examinations.

In addition, local medical institutions, police and quarantine departments are also mobilized to safeguard a SARS-free Spring Festival in the capital city.

Echoing Guangdong's

recent move to cull civet cats, one of the most probable SARS virus carriers, Beijing also banned selling and eating of the animal, said Deng Xiaohong, vice director of Beijing Municipal Public Health Bureau.

Quarantine departments have tested the 600 civet cats in Beijing for the SARS virus and the results are negative, according to Deng.

In north China's Inner

Mongolia Autonomous Region, another former SARS-hit area, authorities are also on guard.

Zhang Lianzhong, head of the Inner Mongolia Centre for Disease Control and Prevention, said delayed isolation of 12 incoming SARS patients caused spreading of the disease in Inner Mongolia last spring and the mistake will not be repeated this year. —MNA/Xinhua

Philippine agriculture growth slows to 3.8% in 2003

MANILA, 23 Jan — The Philippine agriculture sector's growth slowed to 3.77 per cent in 2003 from 4.12 per cent in the previous year due to unfavourable weather, a local newspaper reported Thursday.

The fourth quarter growth was pared down to 5.6 per cent from 6.83 per cent in the same period of 2002, the Philippine Star daily reported, quoting Agriculture Secretary Luis Lorenzo Jr. as saying in a report to the Office of the President.

"The tail-end effect of the El Nino in the first semester and the onslaught of super typhoons Harunot and Nina in the third quarter hit

production, but considering that, the growth was still remarkable," Lorenzo said.

At the start of 2003, Lorenzo was optimistic about a 4-per-cent growth for the agriculture sector, which accounts for about 20 per cent of the country's total economic output. But the poor weather throughout most of the year prompted him to revise his projection to a range of 3.5 to 4 per cent.

The growth in 2003 was bolstered largely by the crops and fishery subsectors with total value of agricultural production reaching 664.7 billion pesos (11.98 billion US dollars), figures from the Bureau of Agricultural Statistics show. —MNA/Xinhua

Search for missing Filipino seamen to continue

MANILA, 23 Jan — Search and rescue operations will continue for 15 Filipino and one foreign crew of the ill-fated *M/V Rocknes* that capsized in Norwegian waters on Monday, the Department of Foreign Affairs (DFA) of the Philippines said Wednesday.

"Rescue operations will continue contrary to earlier reports. They (Norwegian authorities) hope conditions will be favourable to allow divers to enter the vessel. They haven't lost the hope that the seamen are still alive," DFA spokeswoman Julia Heidemann said.

She said rescue efforts were hampered due to very strong winds, citing a report from the Philippine Embassy

in Stockholm, Sweden, which has jurisdiction over Norway. The missing sailors were believed trapped inside the ship. The Antiguan-registered *Rocknes* capsized in icy waters near the southwest Norwegian port of Bergen on Monday. The search was reported called off on Tuesday.

The cargo vessel had 30 crew members, including 24 Filipinos, on board. Of the 24 Filipinos, eight had been rescued while one had been confirmed dead. DFA Secretary Delia Domingo Albert has already instructed the Philippine Ambassador in Stockholm to provide all necessary assistance to the Filipino victims of the sea tragedy. —MNA/Xinhua

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A Chinese boy plays with fireworks in Jinzhai county in China's eastern province of Anhui, on Chinese Lunar New Year's Eve, on 21 Jan, 2004. Chinese worldwide celebrated the New Year of the Monkey on Thursday.—INTERNET

New clues may help battle against dengue virus

LONDON, 23 Jan— US scientists have gained new insights into how the dengue virus infects cells and spreads across countries, discoveries that could help combat a mosquito-borne disease which affects 50 million people a year.

Dengue, which occurs in the tropics, was first identified in the 1950s along with a potentially lethal complication called dengue haemorrhagic fever.

One study reported in the science journal *Nature* shed light on how authorities can contain dengue outbreaks.

Researchers at Johns Hopkins University in Maryland used a mathematical technique developed by NASA to show that dengue cases in Thailand radiate in waves from Bangkok and infect areas throughout the country. According to an analysis of infections in Thailand between 1983 and 1997, dengue travels in waves at about 92 miles per month and takes about eight months to spread throughout the country.

The scientists suspect the waves are linked to the movement of people in Thailand.

"Our results suggest that high priority should be placed on surveillance and

control systems in urban areas of Southeast Asia," said Professor Donald S. Burke, a co-author of the study.

In a separate study reported in *Nature*, researchers in Boston discovered how the virus infects cells in the body.

They used X-ray images of the virus' envelope protein, or membrane, to study the way it fuses with the cell and identified two points at which drugs or vaccines could interfere with the fusion process, the final step of infection.

"Infectious disease is a moving target, and understanding the mechanisms of viral entry is one of the ways that we can be forearmed against these viruses," said Stephen Harrison of Howard Hughes Medical Institute, who worked on the study.

The scientists believe their research could be adapted for other viruses including West Nile and Hepatitis C.

MNA/Reuters

Cancer fear causes EU chilli crackdown

BRUSSELS, 23 Jan— Fear of cancer-causing red dyes in imported chilli and curry powder has prompted the European Union to boost food safety checks, the European Commission said on Wednesday.

It said food authorities had found that carcinogenic red dyes, banned from use in the European Union, were being added to chilli products.

Chilli, curry powder and chilli products can now only be imported if they have a certificate saying they do not contain the banned dyes, the Commission said. "The dyes were found in food products such as chilli and curry powders as well as a number of processed foods containing chilli or curry," it added in a statement.

Random checks on products already on the market are to be carried out and those found to have the colourings will be taken off supermarket shelves. — MNA/Reuters

"Sleeping on it" helps in problem solving

LONDON, 23 Jan — Advice to "sleep on it" could be well founded, scientists said on Wednesday.

After a good night's sleep a problem that seemed insurmountable the night before can often appear more manageable, although the evidence until now has been anecdotal.

But researchers at the University of Luebeck in Germany have designed an experiment that shows a good night's sleep can improve insight and problem-solving.

"If you have some newly acquired memories in your brain sleep acts on these memories, restructures them, so that after sleep the insight into a problem which you could not solve before increases," said Dr Jan Born, a neuroscientist, at the

university.

To test the theory, they taught volunteers two simple rules to help them convert a string of numbers into a new order.

There was also a third, hidden rule, which could help them increase their speed in solving the problem. The researchers, who reported their findings in the science journal *Nature*, divided the volunteers into two groups, half were al-

lowed to sleep after the training while the remainder were forced to stay awake.

Born and his team noticed that the group that had slept after the training were twice as likely to figure out the third rule as the other group.

"Sleep helped," Born said in a telephone interview.

"The important thing is that you have to have a memory representation in your brain of the problem you want to solve

and then you sleep, so it can act on the problem."

But Born admitted that he and his team do not know how restructuring of memories occurs or what governs it.

Pierre Maquet and Perrine Ruby of the University of Liege in Belgium said the experimental evidence supports the anecdotal suggestions that sleep can stimulate creative thinking.

MNA/Reuters

Eight Nepalis killed by tiger

KATHMANDU, 23 Jan — A tiger has killed eight persons within a month at the buffer zone of the Royal Chitawan National Park in central Nepal, The Kathmandu Post newspaper reported Thursday.

"The tiger menace started on December 19 last year in the Madi Valley of Chitawan District with the killing of a 30-year-old man," the independent English daily quoted Ram Prit Yadav, warden at the park, as saying.

The same tiger has claimed seven lives in three villages of the valley since then, Yadav noted, adding that a 15-year-old girl was the latest victim, who was killed by the tiger on Tuesday.

The park was opened to local villagers for collecting fodder and grass recently. Villagers entering the park in thousands each day could have disturbed normal life of tigers, thus a tiger could have entered the nearby forests causing series of human toll, Yadav explained.

MNA/Xinhua

Norway's Crown Princess gives birth to first royal child

OSLO, 23 Jan— Norway's Crown Princess Mette-Marit gave birth on Wednesday to a princess who is in line to become the nation's first reigning queen in more than 600 years.

The girl, a great great great granddaughter of Britain's Queen Victoria, was born at 9:14 a.m. (0814 GMT) at Oslo's National Hospital and is second in line to the throne after her father Crown Prince Haakon, 30. She has an older half brother, seven-year-old Marius, who is Mette-Marit's son from a former relationship and is not part of the royal line. "All is well with

mother and child," the palace said in a statement. Haakon attended the birth. The new-born is set to be Norway's first female head of state and monarch since Danish Queen Margrete, a widow, ruled over Norway, Sweden and Denmark from 1388-1412. She would be the first Norwegian-born woman to head the country.—MNA/Reuters

Three Japanese die in small plane crash

TOKYO, 23 Jan— Three Japanese were killed when the light plane they were aboard crashed into a parking lot on Thursday.

The crash took place at around 9:40 a.m. (0040 GMT) when the plane was conducting a low-altitude flight in order to take pictures of letters formed by pupils at a kindergarten attached to Yamanashi University in Kofu City, Yamanashi Prefecture, according to Japanese media.

The plane hit electrical wire and fell into the parking lot, damaging two cars, the media said. No casualty on the ground was reported.

MNA/Xinhua



Peruvians touch a Chinese Lion to gain good luck, happiness and prosperity in Chinatown in Lima, Peru, during a Chinese New Year's celebration on 22 Jan 2004.

INTERNET

NASA chief says 2005 proposed budget is \$16.2b

WASHINGTON, 23 Jan — NASA's proposed budget for fiscal 2005 will be 16.2 billion US dollars, a 5.6-percent increase meant to jumpstart President George W. Bush's plan for missions to the moon and Mars, the space agency's chief said on Wednesday.

NASA Administrator Sean O'Keefe said his agency was well-placed to begin the ambitious space exploration programme, even with the shuttle fleet grounded since the February 1 *Columbia* disaster and no clear date for resuming flight.

"In many ways, we're probably better positioned right now than we might have been otherwise," O'Keefe told reporters. "The accident really, really shook the foundation of this agency... That's the perfect time, in many ways, in which to look at new directions." — MNA/Reuters

SPORTS

Monaco pegged back by late Nice equalizer

LONDON, 23 Jan — An injury-time penalty by Christophe Meslin handed Nice a 1-1 draw at French leaders Monaco in rearranged Ligue 1 match on Wednesday.

The principality team now have 47 points and go eight points clear of second-placed PSG, whom they host at the Stade Louis II on January 30.

Nice stay in ninth place, with 31 points.

Monaco looked to be heading for all three points after Fernando Morientes, on loan from Real Madrid, fired home a Lucas Bernardi cross just before halftime to put the hosts ahead.

Monaco defender Patrice Evra was sent off in the 59th minute for tackling Meslin when he was clear on goal. Then two minutes from time Nice midfielder Everson was also sent off for a second bookable offence.

In the dying seconds of the game, Monaco defender Sebastien Squillaci handled the ball in the box, allowing Meslin to convert from the penalty spot.

"We are very disappointed but we cannot win everything," said Monaco captain Ludovic Giuly.

MNA/Reuters

Real beat Valencia 3-0 in King's Cup

MADRID, 23 Jan — Real Madrid beat Valencia 3-0 on Wednesday in a King's Cup quarterfinal first leg soured by the late dismissals of rival midfielders David Beckham and David Albelda.

Real took the lead when Raul met a Santiago Solari cross with a glancing header in the 32nd minute.

Valencia pressed for an equalizer in the second half but Ronaldo blasted in the second in the 81st minute and Luis Figo made it 3-0 with a late penalty.

Beckham was sent off after receiving a second yellow card three minutes from time and Albelda followed him off the field two minutes later for his second booking.

Sevilla scored an even more emphatic victory in the night's other quarterfinal first leg, as they cruised to a 4-0 win at home to a weakened Atletico Madrid side.

Three goals in 10 minutes midway through the first half set Sevilla on their way, with a Julio Baptista free kick rounding off victory in the 73rd minute.

In the remaining two ties on Thursday, Alaves, the only Second Division side left in the competition, host Celta Vigo, while Barcelona are at home to Real Zaragoza.

MNA/Reuters



Real Madrid's English player David Beckham, above, celebrates on the back of Brazil's Ronaldo after Ronaldo scored Madrid's 2nd goal against Valencia's during a King's Cup quarterfinal, 1st leg, soccer match in Madrid, on 21 Jan, 2004. Real won 3-0.—INTERNET

Sevilla crush Atletico in first leg of Cup quarterfinal

MADRID, 23 Jan — Sevilla moved to the brink of a place in the King's Cup semifinals by thrashing Atletico Madrid 4-0 in the first leg of the quarterfinal on Wednesday.

Sevilla scored three times in 10 minutes midway through the first half on their way to a win that leaves Atletico with a mountain to climb in next week's second leg in Madrid.

Dario Silva opened the scoring after 20

minutes with a header that Atletico keeper German Burgos should have kept out, Jose Antonio Reyes drilled in the second five minutes later and a Pablo Alfaro header made it 3-0 with 29 minutes gone.

Atletico's hopes of a semifinal place were further hit when Julio Baptista fired in a free kick in the 73rd minute and the dismissal of Sevilla defender Javi Navarro after 85 minutes came too late to make any difference.

MNA/Reuters

Inter, Juve to meet after Cup wins

ROME, 23 Jan — Italian champions Juventus will meet Inter Milan in the semifinals of the Italian Cup after the pair cruised into the last four with wins on Wednesday.

Inter beat Udinese 3-1 in front of just 2,700 fans at the San Siro after their first leg had ended goalless while Juve striker Fabrizio Miccoli gave his team a 1-0 win over Perugia to ensure a 3-1 aggregate victory.

On Thursday, AC Milan and AS Roma will fight it out at Rome's Olympic stadium for the right to meet Lazio with Milan leading 2-1 from last week's first leg.

Despite protests from fans still smarting at their team's 1-0 home defeat to Empoli in Serie A on Sunday, a result which prompted the resignation of club president Massimo Moratti, Inter were unrecognizable from the sterile side that stuttered to a scoreless draw in the first leg in Udine last week.

Dutch winger Andy van der Meijde put the home side ahead in the 17th minute, bending a free kick round Udinese keeper Olivier Renard from a wide position.

Udinese striker Dino Fava restored the balance just after the half hour, heading in Alberto's cross.

Martin Jorgensen nearly gave Udinese the lead, hitting the bar with the last kick of the first half, but six minutes after the restart Inter striker Obafemi Martins ran on to a long pass to fire low into the net.—MNA/Reuters



Brazilian player Marcel, right, walks away as after Argentina's players celebrate a goal during the under-23 South American Olympic qualifying tournament at Playa Ancha Stadium in Valparaiso, Chile, on 21 Jan, 2004. Argentina defeated Brazil 1-0.—INTERNET

Last-gasp Miller earns Wolves 1-1 draw with Liverpool

LONDON, 23 Jan — Kenny Miller was the Wolverhampton Wanderers hero for the second time in five days on Wednesday when he struck in the last minute to secure a 1-1 home Premier League draw against Liverpool.

The Scottish international forward, whose first-ever Premier League goal was enough to beat league leaders Manchester United 1-0 on Saturday, earned another point for the struggling Midlands side when he drove home a left footer following a cross by Denis Irwin. It was an unlikely result after Liverpool had dominated throughout.

French midfielder Bruno Cheyrou, who scored his first league goal for the club to secure a 1-0 victory over Chelsea two weeks ago, doubled his tally to put them ahead three minutes before halftime at Molineux.—MNA/Reuters

Charlton turn down "final" Chelsea offer for Parker transfer

LONDON, 23 Jan — Charlton Athletic have turned down a second and "final" 7.5-million-pound (13.57-million-US-dollar) offer from Chelsea for midfielder Scott Parker.

Charlton rejected an initial offer of seven million pounds last week and refused to give up Parker after their wealthy London rivals increased the offer by 500,000 pounds, plus further payments based on appearances. "Following dialogue between the two clubs, Charlton informed Chelsea that this had also been rejected," Charlton chief executive Peter Varney said in a statement on the club's web site on Tuesday.

"As Chelsea had made it clear this was to be their final offer, the Addicks now consider the matter to be closed and that Scott Parker will remain a Charlton player.

"The board unanimously felt that both

were unacceptable offers for the best young midfield player in the country."

He added: "Furthermore, the offer of further sums when Scott had made up to 90 appearances is not, in our opinion, something we can realistically budget to ever receive. Chelsea are one of the teams that rotate their playing squad and it could take several years, if at all, before such money become payable.

"It has been an unsettling period both for us and Scott Parker, and brought us unwanted added pressure at a time when the focus should be on the excellent achievements we have made on the field.

"However, by turning down Chelsea's final offer, we can hopefully put this behind us and concentrate on maintaining our position of fourth place in the Premiership."

MNA/Xinhua

Okocha signs off in style as Bolton win 5-2

LONDON, 23 Jan — Jay-Jay Okocha gave Bolton Wanderers the perfect farewell present on Wednesday when he scored twice en route to a 5-2 victory over Aston Villa in a pulsating League Cup semifinal first leg at The Reebok.

The Bolton captain opted to delay his departure to Tunisia where he is to play for Nigeria in the African Nations Cup and his decision paid dividends with the first and last goals of a breathless, action-packed encounter.

Bolton led 3-0 after 17 minutes but found themselves on the rack at 3-2 midway through the second half, only to pull clear again with two goals in the last 20 minutes.

Okocha had been the centre of attention at Bolton in recent weeks with all the talk of his impending departure and he was the name on everybody's lips again after less than three minutes on Wednesday when he curled a free kick beyond Thomas Sorensen.

Five minutes later Kevin Nolan made it 2-0 and when Stelios Giannakopoulos cleverly hooked in the third it looked all over.

Villa hit back in the 20th minute when

Juan Pablo Angel's deep cross deceived Jussi Jaaskelainen and floated into the far corner and the Colombian got a second 10 minutes into the second half when, despite being clearly offside, he deflected a Darius Vassell shot across the line.

The visitors then looked the more likely scorers until they left Bruno N'Gotty unmarked to head home a 74th minute corner.

Okocha then thumped in a wonderful, swerving free kick with the outside of his foot 10 minutes from time.

"It's been a difficult week but I kept on pushing and believing that I could help the team be in a better position when I get back," Okocha told Sky Sports Television.

"I played under massive pressure tonight," added the Nigeria captain, who will miss next week's second leg because of his international duties.—MNA/Reuters

Overseas players qualify for British Open

MELBOURNE, 23 Jan — Australians Adam Le Vesconte, Andrew Buckle and Brendan Jones and Briton Matthew Hazelden booked places in this year's British Open after the Australasian leg of international qualifying on Wednesday.

Le Vesconte and Buckle finished on six-under-par 138 after two rounds at Melbourne's Kingston Heath course, three strokes ahead of Hazelden and Jones.

The 36-hole qualifying tournament is one of five taking place around the world between January and June.

Four players — South Africans James Kingston, Grant Muller, Louis Oosthuizen and Tjaart van der Walt — claimed Open spots in Cape Town this month.

International qualifying tournaments have been introduced by the Royal and Ancient Golf Club to make it more convenient and less expensive for overseas-based players to qualify for the world's oldest major championship.

This year's Open starts on July 15 at Royal Troon, Scotland.

MNA/Reuters

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Myanmar floriculturist
Association
- 15:40** **Headline News**
- 15:42 Enjoy our Shan Food
- 15:45** **National News**
- 15:50 The folk art of Making
ornaments with leaves
- 15:55 The Beauty of Myeik
Archipelago and the
Life of Salone
- 16:00** **National News**
- 16:05 Myanmar's Ancient
City Bagan
- 16:10 Song "MICT for all"
- 16:15** **National News**

- 16:20 Myanmar Natural
Spirulina (Part-II)
- 16:25 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Mingalabar"
- 16:30** **National News**
- 16:35 Myanmar Beauty &
Myanma Nature Photo
Contest
- 16:40 Easily Cooked Tasty
Dishes (Hot and Sour
Pork and Fermented
Bamboo Shoot Curry)
- 16:45** **National News**
- 16:50 In the midst of the
ocean
- 17:00** **Weekly News High-
lights**
- 17:05 Native home of the
Kham
- 17:10 Myanmar Modern
Song "Do you love
me?"
- 17:15** **Weekly News High-
lights**
- 17:20 Ancient Pakhangyi
Monastery
- 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 "Mingalabar"
- 19:36 National Races Village
- 19:40** **Headline News**
- 19:42 Easily Cooked Tasty
Dishes (Hot and Spicy
Three Layer Pork with
Pineapple)
- 19:45** **National News**
- 19:50 Myanmar Natural
Spirulina (Part-I)
- 19:55 Dance of the Maidens
- 20:00** **National News**
- 20:05 Rafting and Kayaking
Along Maykha and
Malikha Rivers
- 20:10 Song "Remembrance
for keeps!"
- 20:12 Myanmar Lacquerware
for keeps!"
- 20:15** **National News**
- 20:20 Travelogue "Yangon to
Bagan"
- 20:25 No right to love, yet
- 20:30** **National News**
- 20:35 Unforgettable Tradi-
tions of PaO National
- 20:40 Easily Cooked Tasty
Dishes (Fried Indian
Leek & Squid)

- 20:45** **National News**
- 20:50 Myanmar Traditional
Flower Arrangements
(Decoration with
Glaze)
- 20:55 Naga Traditional Cos-
tumes and Dances
- 20:58 Traditional Weaving
Art
- 21:00** **National News**
- 21:05 Lawka Nanda Sanctu-
ary Garden
- 21:10 Song "A Way for
Lovers"
- 21:12 School for the Blind
- 21:15** **Weekly News High-
lights**
- 21:20 Myanmar Ancient Or-
naments Showroom
- 21:25 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Myanmar Pano-
rama & Myanma Sen-
timent"
- 21:35 10th Anniversary of
Myanmar floriculturist
Association
- 21:40** **Headline News**
- 21:42 Enjoy our Shan Food
- 21:45** **National News**
- 21:50 The folk art of Mak-
ing ornaments with
leaves
- 21:55 The Beauty of Myeik
Archipelago and the
Life of Salone
- 22:00** **National News**
- 22:05 Myanmar's Ancient
City Bagan
- 22:10 Song "MICT for all"
- 22:15** **National News**
- 22:20 Myanmar Natural
Spirulina (Part-II)
- 22:25 Song "Where does
love begin?"
- 22:30** **National News**
- 22:35 Myanmar Beauty &
Myanma Nature Photo
Contest
- 22:40 Easily Cooked Tasty
Dishes (Hot and Sour
Pork and Fermented
Bamboo Shoot Curry)
- 22:45** **National News**
- 22:50 In the midst of the
ocean
- 23:00** **National News**
- 23:05 Native home of the
Kham
- 23:10 Myanmar Modern
Song "Do you love
me?"
- 23:15** **Weekly News High-
lights**
- 23:20 Ancient Pakhangyi
Monastery

- 23:28 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Come and See
Myanmar"

**24-1-2004 (Saturday) &
25-1-2004 (Sunday)
Evening & Morning
Transmission
(23:30 - 1:30)**

- 23:30 Signature Tune
Greeting
- 23:32 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Myanmar Pano-
rama & Myanma Sen-
timent"
- 23:36 10th Anniversary of
Myanmar floriculturist
Association
- 23:40** **Headline News**
- 23:42 Enjoy our Shan Food
- 23:45** **National News**
- 23:50 The folk art of Making
ornaments with leaves
- 23:55 The Beauty of Myeik
Archipelago and the
Life of Salone
- 24:00** **National News**
- 00:05 Myanmar's Ancient
City Bagan
- 00:10 Song "MICT for all"
- 00:15** **National News**
- 00:20 Myanmar Natural
Spirulina (Part-II)
- 00:25 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Mingalabar"
- 00:30** **National News**
- 00:35 Myanmar Beauty &
Myanma Nature Photo
Contest
- 00:40 Easily Cooked Tasty
Dishes (Hot and Sour
Pork and Fermented
Bamboo Shoot Curry)
- 00:45** **National News**
- 00:50 In the midst of the
ocean
- 01:00** **Weekly News High-
lights**
- 01:05 Native home of the
Kham
- 01:10 Myanmar Modern
Song "Do you love
me?"
- 01:15** **Weekly News High-
lights**
- 01:20 Ancient Pakhangyi
Monastery
- 01:25 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Come and See
Myanmar"

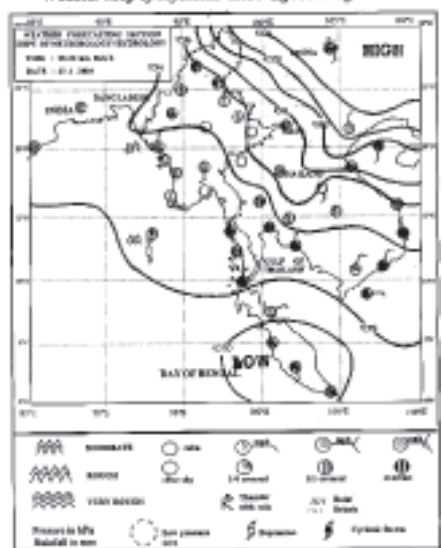
**Wunna Kyaw Htin Dr U Ba Khet
Independent Mawgun Award (III)**

(96) Yrs

Dr U Ba Khet, son of Dr U Khan and Daw Bi Bi, son-in-law of Dr U Sein and Daw Ammar, beloved husband of late Daw May Yu (St. Mary's Diocesan Girls' High School), beloved father of U Tin Maung Aye (Sport Officer (Rtd.) Magwe University) -Daw Kyi Kyi Win, Al-Hajah Daw Tin Tin San-Al-Haj Dr Salman Raschid, Daw Khin Myint Myint- Mr. Steve, Dr San Myint (Consultant Oncologist, Liverpool, U.K)-Daw Cicilia Ann, Al-Haj U Aye Lwin (The Diplomatic School, Yangon)-Daw San San Tint (Senior Accountant (Rtd.), Central Accounts Office). Beloved grandfather of Dr Win Thiri Nwe - Mr. David, Ko Wai Phyo Aye B.Sc (Phys.), Ko Nyein Chan Aye B.C. Tech (UCSM), Ko Nay Lin Aung (3rd M.B.I.M.1), Ko Thurane, Ma Lwin Lwin Khine (X-A, B.E.H.S(1) Dagon), passed away peacefully at his residence, 19 / 27 Yaw Min Gyi Road, Dagon Township on 22-1-2004 at 7:05 pm and was buried after Jumah prayers at Yeway Muslim Cemetery on 23-1-2004.

Bereaved Family

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas

**WEATHER****Friday, 23 January, 2004****Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST:**

During the past 24 hours, weather has been generally fair in the whole country. Night temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) below normal in Rakhine and Kayin States, Magway, Bago and Yangon Divisions, (3°C) above normal in Shan State and upper Sagaing Division and about normal in the remaining areas.

Maximum temperature on 22-1-2004 was 34.5°C (94°F). Minimum temperature on 23-1-2004 was 14.3°C (58°F). Relative humidity at 9:30 hrs MST on 23-1-2004 was 66%. Total sunshine hours on 22-1-2004 was (8.8) hours approx. Rainfall on 23-1-2004 was nil at Yangon Airport, Kaba-Aye and central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2004 was nil at Yangon Airport, Kaba-Aye and central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was 10 mph from Northwest at (11:00) hours MST on 22-1-2004.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 24-1-2004: Isolated rain are likely in upper Sagaing Division, Kachin, northern Shan and Chin States and weather will be generally fair in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (60%).

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

Outlook for subsequent two days: Isolated rain are likely in Upper Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 24-1-2004: Partly cloudy.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 24-1-2004: Partly cloudy.

Weather Outlook for Fourth Weekend of January 2004: During the coming weekend, weather will be generally fair in Yangon and Mandalay Divisions.



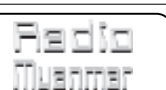
Saturday, January 24

View today:

- 7:00 am**
1. Recitation of Parittas by
Missionary Saydaw
U Ottamathara
- 7:25 am**
2. To be healthy exercise
- 7:30 am**
3. Morning news
- 7:40 am**
4. Nice and sweet song
- 7:55 am**
5. Delicacies
- 8:05 am**
6. အဆိုတော်များ
ပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 8:15 am**
7. ဗုဒ္ဓဇာတ်ကား
ပြသ
- 8:30 am**
8. International news
- 8:45 am**
9. Grammar Made Easy
- 11:00 am**
1. Martial song
- 11:10 am**
2. Musical programme
- 11:30 am**
3. News
- 11:40 am**
4. Games for children

- 12:05 pm**
5. Round-Up of the Week's
TV Local News
- 1:20 pm**
6. မိုးခန့်ခွဲခြေခံရမှု
အန္တရာယ်ဆိုင်ရာ
အချက်အလက်များ
(အုပ်စု-၉)
- 1:55 pm**
7. ယဉ်ကျေးမှုအမွေအနှစ်
ပြပွဲ
- 2:05 pm**
8. "ရုပ်ရှင်သံမှသာသွယ်လဲ"
ဆက်သွယ်မှုဆိုင်ရာ
(ဒါရိုက်တာ-ခင်မောင်စိုး
(ပြသ-ဆုတံဆိပ်))
- 2:25 pm**
9. Dance of national races
- 2:35 pm**
10. သင်ပုန်းရေးသားတစ်
ယောက်
- 2:45 pm**
11. International news
- 4:00 pm**
1. Martial song
- 4:15 pm**
2. Songs to uphold
National Spirit
- 4:30 pm**
3. English for Everday Use
- 4:40 pm**
4. Musical programme
- 4:50 pm**
5. အခေါ်သံ တစ်ခုလုံး
ရုပ်ရှင်သံကြားသံခန်း
-ပထမဆုံး(သံမှအထူးပြု
အားလုံး)
(မြတ်ဗုဒ္ဓ)
- 5:05 pm**
6. "စောလင်းတန်းကျော
လွင်မြစ်ဝကျွန်းပတ်
ဇုန်"

- 5:20 pm**
7. Musical programme
- 5:35 pm**
8. Games for children
- 6:00 pm**
9. Musical programme
- 6:15 pm**
10. Delicacies
- 6:30 pm**
11. Evening news
- 7:00 pm**
12. Weather report
- 7:05 pm**
13. Discovery
- 7:10 pm**
14. မိုးခန့်ခွဲခြေခံရမှု
အန္တရာယ်ဆိုင်ရာ
(အုပ်စု-၉)
- 7:45 pm**
15. (၉)ရုပ်ရှင်သံမှသာသွယ်လဲ
ဆက်သွယ်မှုဆိုင်ရာ
(ဒါရိုက်တာ-ခင်မောင်စိုး
(ပြသ-ဆုတံဆိပ်))
- 8:00 pm**
16. News
17. International news
18. Weather report
19. Myanmar video
feature:
"ရုပ်ရှင်သံမှသာသွယ်လဲ"
(အုပ်စု-၉)
ဆက်သွယ်မှုဆိုင်ရာ
(ဒါရိုက်တာ-ခင်မောင်စိုး
(ပြသ-ဆုတံဆိပ်))
20. The next day's
programme



Saturday, January 24

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
- 9.05 am** Music
- 9.10 am** International news
- 9.15 am** Music (Spotlight on
the star)
- 1.30 pm** -Modern Talking
News/Slogan
- 1.40 pm** Music at your
request
-To love somebody
(Michael Bolton)
-If we hold on
together (Diana
Ross)
-I don't want to talk
about it (Rod
Stewart)
- 9.00 pm** ASEAN Review
-Exchanged News
- 9.10 pm** Article/Music
- 9.20 pm** Myanmar Culture by
Dr. KMN
-Myanmar: A Land
of ethnic affinities
Souvenirs
-I love you because
(Jim Reeves)
-Tonight I'm yours
(Rod Stewart)
- 9.45 pm** News/Slogan
- 10.00 pm** PEL



Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt receives President of World Canaan Farmer School of the Republic of Korea Dr Kim Bon Il and party. — MNA

Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt receives President of World Canaan Farmer School of ROK

YANGON, 23 Jan — Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt received Dr Kim Bon Il, President of the World Canaan Farmer School of the Republic of Korea, and party at Zeyathiri Beikman on Konmyinthta at 5 pm today.

Also present on the occasion were Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Nyunt Tin, Minister for

Cooperatives Maj-Gen Htay Oo, Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Khin Maung Win, Director-General of the Protocol Department Thura U Aung Htet and Korean Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Lee Kyung Woo.

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Workshops of Myanmar ICT Week 2004 continue

YANGON, 23 Jan — The Third Myanmar ICT Week went on for the third day today here at Myanmar Information and Communication Technology (MICT) Park on Hline University Campus in Hline Township. And workshops and seminars are also being held there.

The workshop on 'Database Trend Technology' took place at the room-205 this morning. Professor Daw Nwe Nwe Win, Vice President of Myanmar Computer Scientists Association, presided over the workshop. U Nay Lin Than of Myanmar Information Technology put into discussions the database technology based on process of software development; and U Tun Khine of Integra Systems, the database technology based on the changing process owing to the shortage of speed and applications.

Also present on the occasion were Vice-Chairman of e-National Task Force

and member of the Civil Service Selection and Training Board U Aung Myint, Chairman of Myanmar Computer Federation U Thein Oo, Chairman of Myanmar Computer Scientists Association U Thaung Tin and member, and computer enthusiasts.

The workshop on 'Object orientated software development with unified modelling language' was held at the same room at 1 pm. Resource persons from Biz-Soft Co, Myanmar T-Zone, Winner Computer Group, Myanmar Computer Co (MCC), CE Technology, and Myanmar Information Technology (MIT) submitted their papers on the occasion.

At the workshop on 'e-Life' which took place at the Conference Hall at 4 pm, matters related to security systems, autogate systems, IR and warehouse management systems, cameras, and remote surveillance and DVR systems were discussed. — MNA

Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan addresses the 13th founding Anniversary of the Information and Public Relations Department. — MNA



Bo Aung Kyaw Container Yard inspected

YANGON, 23 Jan — Minister for Finance and Revenue Maj-Gen Hla Tun inspected the booth of the ministry staged at the Defence Services Museum on Shwedagon Pagoda Road here this morning.

The minister gave instructions on timely completion of preparatory measures. Next, the minister inspected customs examination of containers at Bo Aung Kyaw container yard and left necessary instructions. — MNA



Minister Maj-Gen Hla Tun inspects the booths of Ministry of Finance and Revenue at the Defence Services Museum. — MNA

Development in multi-sectors stands witness to State's endeavours

IPRD holds 13th founding anniversary

YANGON, 23 Jan — Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan attended the 13th founding anniversary of Information and Public Relations Department which was held at the

ministry on Theinbyu Road this morning and presented prizes to the outstanding staff. Speaking on the occasion, Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan said generally, there are two

aims to hold an anniversary and the award presenting ceremonies, and they are: to review the degree of success a department achieved in realizing the objectives and carrying the work, and the pros and cons during the old year; and to lay down programmes to achieve more success in carrying out the work and to remedy the weaknesses in the new year, and to present awards to the staff for their brilliant efforts with a view to encouraging all employees to become active and cooperative and strive harder. All should strive to become outstanding staff, while taking the lessons of the previous year to achieve greater success in the current fiscal.

Progress in the multi sec-

tors stands witness to the State's national development endeavours. The Head of State has already given guidance on the priority tasks that need accelerated efforts for the national development. In accord with the guidance, the ministry staff will have to strive for successful implementation of the seven tasks — to organize the public through the media for the success of the seven-point policy programme, to make innovative efforts for further development of the media and its related equipment, to extend the media coverage reach the whole nation including the border areas, to penetrate the foreign countries through media, to always make the media

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