

The NEW LIGHT OF MYANMAR

Volume XI, Number 285

5th Waxing of Tabodwe 1365 ME

Monday, 26 January, 2004

State Peace and Development Council Chairman Senior General Than Shwe sends felicitations to India

YANGON, 26 Jan — On the occasion of the 55th Anniversary of the Republic Day of India which falls on 26 January 2004, Senior General Than Shwe, Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar, has sent message of felicitations to Dr A P J Abdul Kalam, President of the Republic of India. — MNA

State Peace and Development Council Chairman Senior General Than Shwe sends felicitations to Australia

YANGON, 26 Jan — On the occasion of the Anniversary of the Australia Day, which falls on 26 January 2004, Senior General Than Shwe, Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to Major-General Michael Jeffery, AC, CVO, MC (Retd), Governor-General of Australia. — MNA

State Peace and Development Council Vice-Chairman Vice Senior General Maung Aye sends felicitations to Australia

YANGON, 26 Jan — On the occasion of the 55th Anniversary of the Republic Day of India which falls on 26 January 2004, Vice-Senior General Maung Aye, Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to Mr Bhairon Singh Shekhawat, Vice-President of the Republic of India. — MNA

Malaysian Prime Minister to pay working visit to Myanmar

YANGON, 26 Jan — At the invitation of the Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar General Khin Nyunt, Dato Seri Abdullah bin Haji Ahmad Badawi, Prime Minister of Malaysia, will pay a working visit to the Union of Myanmar in the near future. — MNA

Four political objectives

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

Four economic objectives

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

Four social objectives

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

Government is laying emphasis on continuous development of human resources in the country including Kayin State Prime Minister tours Kayin and Mon States

YANGON, 25 Jan — Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt, accompanied by member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Maung Bo, the ministers, the deputy ministers, officials of the State Peace and Development Council Office, departmental heads and officials, left here by Tatmadaw aircraft and arrived in Hpa-an yesterday morning.

The Prime Minister and party were welcomed there by Chairman of Mon State Peace and Development Council Commander of South-East Command Maj-Gen Thura Myint Aung, Chairman of Kayin State Peace and Development Council Col Khin Kyu, local authorities and officials. On arrival at Hpa-an University, the Prime Minister and party were welcomed

by Pro-rector U Saw Han Shein and faculty members. First, the Prime Minister and party inspected construction of 3-storey main building of the university.

At the briefing hall, Pro-rector U Saw Han Shein reported to the Prime Minister on background history of the university, courses being conducted, specialized subjects, strength of students and staff,

opening of IT rooms applying 65 sets of computers. Minister for Education U Than Aung made a supplementary report.

The Prime Minister gave instructions on measures to be taken for skill promotion of teachers, producing intellectuals and intelligentia with high calibre, making arrangements for appointing teachers at the university.

Next, Chairman of Yuzana Construction Group U Htay Myint reported to the Prime Minister on progress in building of two-storey building and the three-storey main building, construction of concrete road, growing flowers on the campus, erecting lamp-post, measures being taken for supplying water and electricity.

(See page 8)

INSIDE

Perspectives

Towards development of Kachin State (Page 2)

Article

Prevention of Avian influenza (Page 7)

34-mile Thitsa Road opened in Hpa-an (Page 16)

Circulation

23,514



Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt inspects construction of the three-storey main building of Hpa-an University on 24-1-2004. — MNA



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

PERSPECTIVES

Monday, 26 January, 2004

Towards development of Kachin State

The Government is providing necessary assistance for the agriculture sector—the main economy of the State—for its all-round development. As over 6.5 million acres of sown acreage has been added, total sown acreage of the country has now reached 26.8 million acres. The Government has laid a firm foundation for production of sufficient food not only for the present generation but also for the growing population of the generations to come.

Efforts are being made to turn the farming system into a mechanized one. In so doing, extensive use of power tillers, harvesting machines and winnowing machines must be encouraged. The Government as well as private entrepreneurs are striving to produce farm machinery.

In meeting with local authorities of Kachin State, members of the Union Solidarity and Development Association and social organizations and townsmen at the city hall in Myitkyina on 13 January, Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Soe Win said that National entrepreneurs and local people must be encouraged to invest in the agriculture sector, and that as there are favourable conditions to reclaim large stretches of farms in Kachin State, agricultural works in the state would benefit the region and the country.

Kachin State, which was not able to produce sufficient rice in the past, is now enjoying food sufficiency. Efforts must be exerted for the production of surplus food in the state.

With the conviction that only an industrialized nation can achieve prosperity, Mali Hydel Power Project which will be able to generate over 10 megawatt of electricity is being implemented in Waingmaw Township, Kachin State and Dabut Creek Hydel Power Project that will produce 24 megawatt of electricity is also being implemented in the state. As the projects will contribute much towards not only the regional development but also the development of the industrial sector, all the necessary steps are to be taken to achieve success.

Altogether nine highways and 45 roads linking towns and villages in Kachin State have been built for the development of the transport sector.

Arrangements are also being made for the development of the basic and higher education sectors of the state. Efforts must be made in a mass movement to ensure the schooling of all the children. We would like to urge officials at different levels to strive with goodwill and skill for regional development which is gaining momentum.

The 57th Anniversary Union Day objectives

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

Efficient use of fuel

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

People's Desire

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

Efficient use of electricity

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

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



Minister Maj-Gen Thein Swe and party inspect a departmental car on Dry Day in Yangon.—MNA

Tatmadaw, departmental cars checked on Dry Day

YANGON, 25 Jan — At the main points in Yangon City, Dry Day inspection teams today checked Tatmadaw and departmental cars and drivers on observance of the dry day disciplines—bearing of dry day passes, drivers' licenses, and wheel taxes, wearing of departmental uniforms by drivers—and took action against breaking of traffic rules.

Vice-Chairman of Dry Day Supervisory Committee Minister at the Prime Minister's Office Maj-Gen Thein Swe and committee members, Deputy Minister for Home

Affairs Brig-Gen Phone Swe, Deputy Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Than Htay, Vice-Adjutant-General Brig-Gen Hla Shwe, Police Brig-Gen Win Soe, Col Myint Ohn, officials

and Commander of Yangon Division Wireless and Traffic Police Force Police Lt-Col Aung Naing, in two groups supervised the inspection teams.

MNA



Salone Traditional Festival 2004

(Sea Gypsy Festival)

Ma Kyone Galet Village, Myeik Archipelago

Union of Myanmar

14 to 17 February 2004

Myanmar ICT Week 2004

MICT Park, Yangon.
(From 9 am to 5 pm daily from 21 to 27 January)

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, 24 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 Director-General (Tel: 01-245420 & 253088), the Deputy Director-General (Tel: 01-240118), the Director (Engineering) (Tel: 01-291967), the Director (Sagaing Division Development Affairs Committee) (Tel: 071-21012), the Director (Magway Division Development Affairs Committee) (Tel: 063-23164) and the Director (Mandalay Division Development Affairs Committee) (Tel: 02-54657). —MNA

Five US soldiers killed in Iraq attacks

BAGHDAD, 25 Jan—A car bomb exploded on Saturday in Khaldiyyah, a town west of Baghdad, killing three American soldiers and injuring six soldiers and several Iraqi civilians, the military said.

Two other American soldiers were killed earlier Saturday in a roadside bombing near Fallujah. The latest deaths raised to 512 the number of American service members who have died since the United States and its allies launched the Iraq war 20 March. Most of the deaths have occurred since President Bush declared an end to major combat 1 May.

Khaldiyyah and Fallujah are part of the Sunni Triangle, the area in central Iraq where most of the anti-US attacks by die-hard Saddam Hussein loyalists have taken place. The US military says the attacks have reduced in number since Saddam's arrest on 13 December.

In the Khaldiyyah attack, a four-

wheel-drive vehicle drove up to the checkpoint at a bridge and blew up in front of a Humvee that tried to block it, said a witness, who spoke on condition of anonymity. He said there were about 20 soldiers in the vicinity at the time.

A US military spokesman said the attack took place in Khaldiyyah, 70 miles west of Baghdad, killing three Americans and wounding six other soldiers.

The spokesman, who did not wish to be identified, said several Iraqi civilians were also wounded in the attack, and one of them was evacuated to a military base for treatment.

He said two of the wounded soldiers were taken to a combat support hospital and four were being treated at a local military base.

Eight injured Iraqis were admitted to a hospital in the nearby town of Ramadi, including six women and two men, said Dr Ahmed Nasrat Jabouri. He said one of them was in a serious condition.

Earlier Saturday, two American soldiers and four Iraqis were killed in separate bomb attacks, a day after two UN security experts arrived in the capital to study the possible return of the world body's international staff.

The American soldiers were killed by a roadside bomb that struck their convoy near Fallujah, a city 50 miles west of Baghdad in an area that has been a centre of anti-American resistance.

Internet

ထိုက်တိုက်နှစ်ဆ တိုးမြှင့်ခြင်း

Halliburton discloses suspected Iraq-work kickbacks

WASHINGTON, 25 Jan—Halliburton Co workers may have taken kickbacks from a Kuwaiti subcontractor supplying US troops in Iraq, causing a potential 6 million US dollars overcharge to US taxpayers, the company said on Friday.

Moving to blunt the firestorm of criticism, the company said late on Friday it had sent a 6.3-million-US-dollars cheque to the US Army Materiel Command, its customer, to cover potential overbidding.

"We will bear the cost of the overcharge, not the government," Randy Harl,

chief executive of Halliburton's Kellogg, Brown & Root unit, or KBR, said in a statement.

Auditors at the Houston-based company found the questionable payments and potential over bidding and alerted Pentagon Inspector-General Joseph Schmitz, said a company spokeswoman, Wendy Hall.

Halliburton, once headed by Vice-President Dick Cheney, is the largest contractor in Iraq with over 8 billion US dollars in potential work doing everything from laundry for US occupation forces to repairing damaged oil fields.

Democrats in Congress have been pressing to find out if the company traded on political contacts to get lucrative deals. Cheney was its chief executive from 1995 until mid-2000, when he stepped down to become George W Bush's running mate.

The President's spokesman, Scott McClellan, said of the suspected kickbacks: "If something like this happened (Bush) expects the Department of Defence to look into it fully, get to the bottom of it and make sure that money is repaid if Halliburton overcharged."

Senator Democratic leader Tom Daschle of South Dakota urged on the Senate floor that no new contracts be granted to the company until doubts have been "resolved".

Senator Frank Lautenberg, a New Jersey Democrat, said Cheney still receives "deferred salary" from Halliburton and called for all of its government contracts to be terminated.

US Representative Henry Waxman of California, the top Democrat on the House of Representatives Committee on Government Reform, called for hearings on "fraud, waste and abuse" in the billions being spent on Iraq reconstruction since the US-led ousting of president Saddam Hussein.

Halliburton said one or two former employees had been involved in the suspected kickbacks, without naming them. Such abuses could lead to criminal charges. Hall, the spokeswoman, declined to specify whether they had been fired or had left on other terms.

MNA/Reuters

Blair urged to admit WMD defeat

LONDON, 25 Jan—British Prime Minister Tony Blair must admit defeat on the issue of Iraq's weapons of mass destruction, former British Foreign Secretary Robin Cook demanded on Saturday.

"It is becoming really rather undignified for the Prime Minister to continue to insist that he was right all along when everybody can now see he was wrong, when even the head of the Iraq Survey Group has said he was wrong," Cook, who resigned as Leader of the House of Commons last March before the Iraq war, told the British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC). "I think it is very important that Tony Blair does concede that there were mistakes made, maybe in all good faith, probably he believed them genuinely, but there were mistakes," Cook said. Cook also called for the abandonment of the "very dangerous doctrine" under which Britain went to war for the preemptive strike.

"If there was no threat from Iraq, we obviously had no right to carry out a preemptive strike to remove that threat. And we better drop that doctrine before somebody else in the world uses it in their own back yard," Cook said.

Cook also told the BBC that he believed Blair entered the conflict in order to demonstrate to US President George W. Bush that he was a reliable ally. Cook's comments came after US official David Kay quit as head of the organization searching for weapons of mass destruction in Iraq.

British media said on Saturday that Blair suffered a blow following Kay's assertion that he did not believe there were any large stockpiles of chemical and biological weapons in Iraq and former Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein had no large-scale production programme of such weapons in the 1990s.

Blair, who sent about 45,000 troops to join the Iraq war on the grounds that Iraq's alleged weapons of mass destruction poses threat to the world, is facing what local media said the most testing week of his Premiership as Lord Hutton, a senior judge in charge of an independent inquiry into the death of weapons expert David Kelly, was due to publish his report on the inquiry next Wednesday. — MNA/Xinhua



An Iraqi policeman guards the area where a truck bomb exploded in Samarra, Iraq as a US patrol passed by on 24 Jan, 2004. —INTERNET

Two North Dakota soldiers killed in Iraq

BISMARCK, ND 25 Jan—A roadside bomb exploded west of Baghdad on Saturday, killing two North Dakota Army National Guard soldiers, the military said.

The soldiers were from Bismarck's 957th Multi-Role Bridge Company, Guard spokesman Rob Keller said.

Lyle Hendrickson, of Rapid City, SD, said his son, Kenneth Hendrickson, of Bismarck, was one of the soldiers killed.

Lyle Hendrickson told the Rapid City Journal he received word Saturday that his son was killed in the bombing.

"I got home just after noon, and the National Guard people were waiting in the driveway for me," Hendrickson said.

Kenneth Hendrickson, 41, had a wife and a son in Bismarck. He was a National Guard veteran of more than 15 years. He was called up for active duty last spring, arriving in Kuwait in May. Lyle Hendrickson said his son was due to return home soon.

"I just had a call the other day (telling me) not to send him anything because he wouldn't get it. It takes four weeks to get something sent over there, and he'd be home by then," Lyle Hendrickson said.

Kenneth Hendrickson was born in Fargo in 1962. But he spent much of his life in Bismarck, attending kindergarten through college there,

his father said.

Keller said the Guard would not release the soldiers' names until Sunday afternoon. He said their families have been notified.

The soldiers were killed by a roadside bomb—that struck their four-vehicle convoy north of Fallujah, 50 miles west of Baghdad, Keller said.

Fallujah is a Sunni Muslim city near Khaldiyyah in a centre of anti-American resistance, the military said.

The convoy belonged to Task Force All-American, which includes elements of the 82nd Airborne Division and other units.

That brings to three the number of North Dakota Army National Guard soldiers killed in combat in Iraq.

Guard Spc. Jon Fettig, 30, of Dickinson, was killed in a rocket attack in July. Sgt. Brandon Erickson, 22, of Bismarck, had part of his right arm amputated after the attack. —Internet



A US soldier and Iraqi policemen inspect the site of a car bomb attack in Samarra. At least three Iraqis, two US soldiers were killed in bomb blasts on 24 Jan, 2004. —INTERNET

Stress epidemic strikes American forces in Iraq

LONDON, 25 Jan—Up to one in five of the American military personnel in Iraq will suffer from post-traumatic stress disorder, say senior forces' medical staff dealing with the psychiatric fallout of the war.

This revelation follows the disclosure last month that more than 600 US servicemen and women have been evacuated from the country for psychiatric reasons since the conflict started last March.

At least 22 US soldiers have killed themselves—a rate considered abnormally high—mostly since President George Bush declared an end to major combat on 1 May last year. These suicides have led to a high-level Department of Defence investigation, details of which will be disclosed in the next few weeks.

Although the overall suicide rate is running at an average of 13.5 per 100,000 troops, compared with a US army average of 10.5 to 11 per 100,000 in recent years, the incidence of the vast majority of suicides in the period after 1 May is statistically significant, accounting for about 7 per cent of all service deaths in Iraq.

The same, say experts, is true for psychiatric evacuations, the majority of which have taken place after that date, a fact confirmed in recent interviews by Colonel Theodore Nam, chief of in-patient psychiatry services at the Walter Reed Army Medical Centre in Washington. He says no

psychiatric cases at all were evacuated during the major combat. High levels of psychiatric casualties are expected, despite the US armed forces making an unprecedented effort to deal with stress and psychiatric disorders during service in Iraq.

At the heart of the concern is that Iraq may repeat the experience of Vietnam, which experienced low levels of psychiatric problems during service there in comparison with the two world wars, but very high levels of post-traumatic stress disorder (PTSD) among veterans later.

According to Captain Jennifer Berg, the chairman of psychiatric services at the Naval Medical Centre in San Diego, whose staff see US Marines returning from Iraq, military psychiatrists have been warned to expect the disorder to occur in 20 per cent of the servicemen and women in Iraq.

Although Berg believes some of the problems already reported—including the suicides and psychiatric evacuations—relate to people's experiences during the invasion rather than its aftermath, she concedes that the forces' present conditions of service in Iraq are producing their own problems. —Internet

Ex-arms hunter says no WMD stockpiles in Iraq

WASHINGTON, 25 Jan — David Kay stepped down as leader of the US hunt for banned weapons in Iraq on Friday and said he did not believe the country had any large stockpiles of chemical or biological weapons.

In a direct challenge to the Bush Administration, which says its invasion of Iraq was justified by the presence of illicit arms, Kay told *Reuters* in a telephone interview he had concluded there were no Iraqi stockpiles to be found.

"I don't think they existed," Kay said. "Whatever one was talking about is stockpiles produced after the end of the last (1991) Gulf War, and I don't think there was a large-scale production programme in the nineties," he said.

The CIA announced earlier that former UN weapons inspector Charles Duelfer, who has previously expressed doubts that unconventional weapons would be found, would succeed Kay as Washington's chief arms hunter.

Kay said he believes most of what was going to be found in the search for weapons of mass destruction in Iraq has been found and that the hunt would become more difficult once America returned control of the country to the Iraqis. Kay said he left the post due to a "complex set of issues. It related in part to a reduction in the resource and a change in focus of ISG," he said referring to the Iraq Survey Group, which is in charge of the weapons hunt.

ISG analysts were diverted from hunting for weapons of mass destruction to helping in the fight against the insurgency, Kay said.

"When I had started out I had made it a condition that ISG be exclusively focused

on WMD, that's no longer so," he said.

"We're not going to find much after June. Once the Iraqis take complete control of the government it is just almost impossible to operate in the way that we operate," Kay said.

"I think we have found probably 85 per cent of what we're going to find," he said. "I think the best evidence is that they did not resume large-scale production and that's what we're really talking about." Kay said he was going back to the private sector. In a statement announcing Kay's departure, CIA Director George Tenet praised Kay for his "extraordinary service under dangerous and difficult circumstances."

MNA/Reuters

White House exaggerated threat of Iraq's WMD

WASHINGTON, 25 Jan—David Kay has quit his post as leader of the hunt for weapons of mass destruction in Iraq, which so far has failed to find any actual arms, and will be replaced by former UN weapons inspector Charles Duelfer, the CIA said on Friday.

The search has so far not found stockpiles of such weapons which critics say is an indication that the White House exaggerated the threat from Iraq in making its case for war last year.

Duelfer, 51, a former deputy executive chairman of the UN Special Commission that was responsible for dismantling Iraq's weapons of mass destruction, had previously expressed doubts that unconventional weapons would be found.

"I think that Mr Kay and his team have looked very hard. I think the reason that they haven't found them is they're probably not there", Duelfer told NBC television earlier this month. —MNA/Reuters

ဝက်စွမ်းအား သေတိုက်လွှား



International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) Director General Mohammed ElBaradei said on 24 Jan, 2004, he was not surprised at outgoing chief US weapons hunter David Kay's conclusion that Iraq did not have stockpiles of biological and chemical weapons.

INTERNET

Three US soldiers killed in Iraq car bomb

KHALDIYA, 25 Jan—Three US soldiers were killed and six were wounded when a car bomb exploded at the entrance to an American military installation west of Baghdad on Saturday, the US Army said.

Witnesses said a car rammed the American military checkpoint and exploded as a number of soldiers were getting out of a vehicle in the town of Khaldiya in the volatile "Sunni triangle" where resistance to US forces is strongest.

A US military spokesman said two of the wounded were evacuated to a nearby field hospital while the others were treated at the scene in Khaldiya town. He said several Iraqis were also wounded in the blast.

A *Reuters* witness heard the explosion near the checkpoint in the town of Khaldiya west of Baghdad, and saw a large plume of smoke rising from the area, which was quickly sealed off by the military.

Witnesses said they later saw two US helicopters carry away casualties.

Earlier on Saturday a bomb exploded under a car in the town of Samarra, killing four Iraqis, and a separate bomb attack on a US convoy killed two US soldiers.

The latest deaths take the toll of US military deaths in Iraq to at least 512, including 354 in action or attacks.

Internet

Parmalat finance employee commits suicide

PARMA, 25 Jan — An employee in the finance department of scandal-hit Parmalat fell to his death from a bridge on Friday in what police said was suicide.

The man, identified as

Alessandro Bassi, died in a small town, Rubbiano di Solignano, near the northern city of Parma.

A source familiar with an investigation into a multi-billion-euro accounting hole

at Parmalat said Bassi worked with two former finance directors of the food group, Fausto Tonna and Luciano del Soldato, both of whom are among 11 people under arrest. —MNA/Reuters

MNA/Reuters



A dragon float follows a banner of an association of Chinese who reside in France as part of a parade of performers on the Champs Elysses to celebrate the Chinese New Year in Paris, on 24 Jan, 2004. —INTERNET

Gales, snowstorms disrupt Romania travel, power

BUCHAREST, 25 Jan—Snowstorms and gales over the past few days have left hundreds of Romanian villages without power and hampered road and rail traffic, authorities said on Saturday.

Romania's northeastern and eastern counties were worst hit, with 100-kilometre (60-mile) per hour winds destroying roofs and bringing down electricity lines.

Romania's President, Ion Iliescu, and Prime Minister Adrian Nastase cancelled a trip to Iasi, some 400 kilometres northeast of the capital, to celebrate 145 years since the unification of two of Romania's three historical regions.

A group of foreign diplomats, including the Indonesian and Libyan ambassadors to Romania and Moldova and three French consuls trying to visit Romania, have been stranded on the eastern border with Moldova since Friday afternoon, a Defence Ministry

spokesman told *Reuters*.

He said the diplomats were safe in a hotel as efforts were made to clear roads and railways blocked with snow.

Hundreds of people were stuck in their cars with gas and food supplies running low.

In the eastern county of Galati, about 300 kilometres from the capital, soldiers found a 55-year-old man dead in his car after waiting for more than 10 hours for the ambulance that could not reach him, Galati police told *Reuters*.

The Black Sea ports, which have been closed since Thursday, remained shut due to the strong gales but Romania's 17 airports were all open. The national railway company cancelled 80 trains. —MNA/Reuters

IRAQ UNDER US OCCUPATION



US soldiers secure the site of a car bomb attack in Samarra on 24 January.
INTERNET



US soldiers of the 4th Infantry Division's 1st Battalion, 22nd Regiment conduct a patrol in the early hours of 19 January 2004 in former Iraqi President Saddam Hussein's hometown of Tikrit. —INTERNET



A US soldier steps between a bomb crater and a charred truck after a truck bomb exploded in Samarra, Iraq as a US patrol passed by Saturday, 24 Jan, 2004. Three Iraqi civilians were killed and 33 people were injured in the blast, a US military spokesman said. Three American soldiers were wounded. —INTERNET



A US soldier and Iraqi policemen inspect the site of a car bomb attack in Samarra. Two US soldiers and at least three Iraqis were killed in two separate bombings in the restive Sunni area of the country as a two-man UN security mission got under way in Iraq.
INTERNET



An OH-58D Kiowa Warrior helicopter flies in to land at the 101st Airborne Division (Air Assault) helicopter pad in Mosul, Iraq during Operation Iraqi Freedom on 31 Aug, 2003. A US Army OH-58D Kiowa Warrior helicopter attached to the 101st Airborne Division crashed on Friday, 23 Jan, 2004, near Qayyarah, some 30 miles south of Mosul, in northern Iraq, killing the two pilots, the US military said.
INTERNET



An Iraqi man walks past a US soldier on patrol in Tikrit. A car bomb killed three Iraqis and wounded 38 others in the restive Sunni area north of Baghdad just as two-man UN security mission got under way in Iraq.

INTERNET



US commander escapes death in Fallujah in northern Iraq

BAGHDAD, 25 Jan—A commander of the US forces in Iraqi areas of Fallujah, Habbaniya and Garma, 50-100 km west of Baghdad, has escaped death in Fallujah, local newspaper *Al Mashriq* reported on Saturday.

"An improvised explosive device (IED) targeted the convoy, which accompanies and protects Gen. Wyne," an Iraqi police officer in Fallujah was quoted as confirming.

"The general was coming back from a meeting with the tribal leaders in Fallujah to discuss the representation of the area in the local governing council of Anbar governorate, west of Baghdad," said the police officer.

The police officer, whose duty was to protect the meeting area, pointed out that the IED was planted near the youth center of Fallujah, 50 km west of Baghdad, and wounded two soldiers of the US convoy.

The US forces face almost daily attacks in Fallujah, which Iraqis call the capital of resistance, and the surrounding areas, killing many US soldiers and shooting down some US helicopters. —*Internet*



Iraqi Felah Hassan, 74, lies in a hospital bed after losing his right leg when a truck bomb exploded in Samarra, Iraq on 24 Jan, 2004. Three Iraqi civilians were killed and 33 people injured in the blast, a US military spokesman said. Three American soldiers were wounded.—INTERNET

Colombia announces maximum alert against yellow fever

BOGOTA, 25 Jan—The Colombian Government announced a maximum alert on Friday for yellow fever in all the border passes of the Pacific Ocean and the production from next week of 100,000 doses of vaccine every three days.

Social Protection Minister Diego Palacios said in the northern city of Carlagena that the alert put at the air and port terminals of the Pacific will help contain the disease.

The yellow fever disease has killed eight people and infected 28 others since its outbreak last month in the province of La Guajira. The

Colombian Government said it was "technically" an outbreak in several northern provinces. Tourists and inhabitants are advised to be highly aware of symptoms including severe headache, fever and bloody diarrhoea.

The emergency situation has led to a shortage of vaccines and people are

urged not to panic. The government pledged on Thursday that three billion doses of vaccine will be available by the end of this week.

Half of the vaccines will be flown in from neighbouring Brazil and mostly for the provinces of Magdalena, La Guajira and El Cesar in the north. —*MNA/Xinhua*

European "Mars Express" confirms ice on red planet

DARMSTADT (Germany), 25 Jan—The first all-European mission to Mars has confirmed the presence of frozen water on the planet, the project's leader said on Friday, as scientists seek to learn if life there ever existed.

"It shows that we may be able to find water in other areas on Mars...and that is very important for future missions to Mars," said project leader Michael McKay.

McKay said confirmation of the presence of frozen water came in high resolution

pictures of the planet's South Pole beamed back from *Mars Express*, the mothership of the *Beagle 2* probe which is feared to have crashed on landing on Mars a month ago.

"We can confirm what NASA has already found at the south pole, but now we

have seen it during the summer time, when the carbon dioxide on the surface is thinner, and have discovered water-ice," McKay told a news conference at the European Space Agency's Space Operations Centre in Germany. —*MNA/Reuters*

British woman arrested of making airport bomb threat

LONDON, 25 Jan—A British woman was arrested at an airport in northern England on Friday after she told counter staff she had a bomb in her luggage, police said.

The unnamed woman was booked on an EasyJet flight at Newcastle Airport, but was not allowed to check in because she was late, a spokesman for Northumbria Police said.

"At around 1.30 pm (1330 GMT) a 48-year-old woman... arrived at the EasyJet check-in intending to board a flight to Paris," the spokesman said. "Because she arrived late she was not allowed to check in. She then told staff she had had a bomb in her luggage."

Her arrest comes less than a week after a British student due to board a British Airways flight to London was arrested at Miami Airport after she said she had a bomb in her rucksack. —*MNA/Reuters*

မြို့ခြံရွာတာ၊ ထိန်းပါးလေလွင့်၊ ထုတ်ကုန်မြင့်

Relieved, excited, US troops gear up to leave Iraq

CAMP FALCON (Iraq), 25 Jan—No longer afraid of dying, thrilled to be going home and thirsty for a beer.

That is how American soldiers felt on Friday as they handed over control of a Baghdad suburb to fresh troops and prepared to return to the United States after nearly a year in Iraq. "I'm excited, ecstatic about going home. I'm going to say hi to my family and then go out and drink a lot of beer," said Private Anthony LaPaglia, 20, from Atlanta, Georgia, a big grin on his face.

The troops from the 82nd Airborne Division's 2nd Brigade are part of a massive rotation just getting under way.

Around a quarter of a million American soldiers will move in or out of Iraq over the next four months, their movements complicated by the constant threat

that guerillas will exploit opportunities to attack them as they arrive or depart.

At a ceremony inside a cold hanger at the Camp Falcon military base on the outskirts of Baghdad, 100 departing troops in full combat gear joked as they waited for the formal handover. A similar number of newly-arrived soldiers stood nearby, stern-faced and unsmiling.

Those leaving said they had never expected to stay in Iraq for nearly a year and would always remember the fear of patrolling Baghdad's dangerous streets.

"Almost every time I went out, every time we got mortared, something could have happened. All I could think of was my family," said Private Caesar Sierra, 19,

from Los Angeles.

Sierra said there was nothing he would miss about Iraq.

What he wanted most, besides seeing his family, was to get sleep and regular food and then hit the beach.

Around 3,000 troops from the 2nd Brigade will leave Iraq. Those handing over duties on Friday depart in a few days.

Brigadier-General Martin Dempsey, commander of the 1st Armoured Division which controls Baghdad, dismissed suggestions guerillas would be able to exploit the rotation period.

Units have been conducting joint operations and sharing intelligence with their replacements for some weeks. —*MNA/Reuters*

US sees significant UN role in Iraq transition

DAVOS, 25 Jan — The United States believes the United Nations can help supervise the political transition in Iraq and talk to majority Shiites demanding early elections, a senior US official said on Saturday.

"What we are interested in is having them (the United Nations) be an adviser, help oversee this process of setting up the transitional government for the Iraqis (and) be an interlocutor for the Shia, for example," he told reporters.

The UN would "generally participate in the process by which decisions are made and powers are transferred to the transition authority", he added.

"That's a pretty significant role," said the official in the Swiss ski resort of Davos, where US Vice-President Dick Cheney was attending the World Eco-

nomics Forum.

"Serious" UN concerns over security must be satisfied, the official added. "We're prepared to do whatever we can to be of assistance," he said.

After scorning the United Nations for its failure to back the war on Iraq, Washington has now asked UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan to send a team to Iraq to determine whether early elections are feasible, hoping this will end the controversy.

Under the original US-backed plan, regional caucuses would select a transitional Iraqi assembly by the

end of May which would appoint an interim government that would take over sovereignty by end-June. Full elections would follow in 2005.

Ayatollah Ali al-Sistani, Iraq's leading Shiite cleric, wants elections held sooner, though he has hinted through aides that he would accept a UN verdict on whether this is feasible.

Sistani, revered by Shiites who form 60 per cent of Iraq's 26 million people, has refused to meet US administrator Paul Bremer or other officials representing the occupying powers. —*MNA/Reuters*



Smoke billows from burning vehicles after a car bomb attack in Samarra on 24 Jan, 2004.—INTERNET

Prevention of Avian influenza

Dr Khin Swe Win (LBVD)

As regards prevention of avian influenza that has hit Asian Pacific region again, Vice-President U Win Sein of Myanmar Livestock Breeding Federation, on behalf of breeders, raised questions on ways and means to be applied against the spread of the pandemic flu. Dr Khin Swe Win of Livestock Health and Development Division under the Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department replied to the questions as follows:

She said: The avian flu strain that infected people in Hong Kong and killed six of them in 1997 was caused by poultry imported from some provinces of the People's

host immune system and often infected chickens, birds, pigs, horses and human beings. Special attention is to be paid to H5 N1 antigen virus since it can infect and kill human beings. The type B which infected human beings killed over 20 million in Spain in 1918. The C type infected man and pig but the outbreak is rare.

At a time when there are imports of poultry strains including chick and eggs from neighbouring countries it is of paramount importance to be well aware of the spread of the virus so as to avoid the losses incurred by the flu virus.

The Head Office of Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department in collaboration with the respective local authorities met with officials from Border Trade Department and Customs Department informed the State and Division LBVDs to take preventive measures against the infection of the avian virus. The officials of Head Office of LBVD in cooperation with Border Areas Laboratory on Control of Animal Diseases under LBVD is also constantly monitoring the imports of poultry strains from the neighbouring countries being infected with the virus and met with region-wise Myanmar Livestock Breeding Organizations to give educative information on preventive measures against the epidemic to breeders.

Officials concerned need to pay special attention to the spread of bird flu since it commonly affects broilers and layers that are being bred on a commercial scale. The breeders, on their part, are to take preventive measures effectively against the virus to the most possible degree. One gram of faeces from affected birds can transmit the disease to millions of chickens. Therefore, the biosecurity plays a leading role in the control of the epidemic.

Poultry farms in border areas are to be on constant alert to the bird flu as they could be hit at every opportunity. The border gates also are to allow the imports and exports of poultry only after they have received the recommendations of Border Areas Laboratory on Control of Animal Diseases under LBVD.

To address the spread of the bird flu the local chickens are to be fed sesbania grandiflora, leucaena glauca and cymbopogon citratus to increase their immunity against the virus. The breeders of local poultry are to be on constant vigil against the spread of the lethal epidemic.

Those who consume infected poultry can be rarely hit by the virus. The



Avian Flu infected hen seen dull and dizzy.

virus transmitted people of China due to only H5 N1 virus. The virus can also be prevented through Myanmar traditional practice of cooking chicken in which the cuisine requires at least 30 minutes of 56°C heat which can sterilize the bird flu virus.

The lethal virus causes high mortality rate of birds without symptoms. If the virus is not severe there are symptoms in respiratory tracts of birds. It causes damage to nervous system of birds with a decline in egg-laying rate and reproductive rate. The symptoms include defecation in white colour after defecating with green colour, swelling in the head and wattle, inflammation in leg joints and discharge of blood colour fluid from the nose.

The LBVD will have to take preventive measures against the virus from transmitting to man by constantly monitoring the marketing of animals and animal products as it has been put on the (OIE) List A and is sweeping through Asia.

(Translation: TS)
Kyemon 25-1-2004



Haemorrhage in gizzard of Avian.



Avian Flu infected cock with inflamed crest and wattle.

Republic of China. The new bird flu virus broke out in Chile, Senegal, the Netherlands and Belgium. Again, it occurred in the Republic of Korea in December 2003. As a result, altogether 137,000 poultry had to be culled. Even chicken eggs were destroyed. The authorities concerned slaughtered the birds to prevent public consumption and stop the spread of the avian virus. It was reported that the virus spread other parts of the world. It occurred in the southern part of Vietnam where some 60,000 chicken were slaughtered on 7 January 2004. Japan also reported that the virus infected a layers farm in Yamaguchi Prefecture on 12 January 2004. The death of a great number of poultry in the poultry farms in Thailand from November 2003 to January 2004 has forced the authorities of Veterinary Department there to announce the outbreak of the epidemic in the nation.

Avian influenza (a) bird flu is a kind of virus that infected poultry. It is divided into HPAL (Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza) type and LPAL (Low Pathogenic Avian Influenza) type depending on its strains. Out of the type A, B, C virus that caused influenza, the new avian virus is the subtype of A. The type A viruses are classified by subtypes of their two cell-surface proteins, haemagglutinin and neuraminidase, which cause epidemics when they mutate in ways that permit them to evade the



Inflamed joints caused by infection of Avian Flu.



Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe meets the service personnel at the meeting. — MNA

Commander greets those discharging duties in Kokogyun

YANGON, 25 Jan—Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe greeted service personnel, who are going to discharge duties in Kokogyun Township, Yangon South District, Yangon Division, at the Office of Thakayta Jetty of Myanmar Five Star Line in Thakayta Township, Yangon East District at 1.30 pm today.

Also present were

Commander of No 2 Military Region Brig-Gen Myo Myint, Secretary of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Lt-Col Myint Kyi and members, the Chairmen of District Peace and Development Councils, departmental officials and service personnel, who are going to discharge duties in Kokogyun Township.

First, Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe stressed the need for the service personnel to make strenuous efforts for

development of regions wherever they are assigned as the good staff and explained about assistance to be provided to them by Yangon Division Peace and Development Council.

Next, Secretary of Kokogyun Township Peace and Development Council U Myat Kyaw introduced those who are going to discharge duties in Kokogyun Township to the commander. Later, the commander presented gifts to the service personnel.

MNA

Myanma traditional food & delicacies' fair opens

YANGON, 25 Jan — The opening of Myanmar traditional food & delicacies' fair, organized by Yangon Division Women's Affairs Federation was opened at People's Park here this morning, attended by Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Chairman Yangon Command Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe and

wife Daw Khin Thet Htay, Patron of the federation.

Also present on the occasion were Dr Daw Khin Hsan Nwe, wife of Yangon City Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin, Yangon Command Deputy Commander Col Wai Lwin and wife, military region commanders and their wives, Yangon Division WAF President Daw Cherry Ye Khaung and members,

local authorities, presidents and members of district/ township WAFs and others.

Patron Daw Khin Thet Htay formally opened the fair. Vocalists presented entertainment programmes.

Patron Daw Khin Thet Htay and party viewed sales of Myanmar traditional snacks. A lot of people visited the fair which continues tomorrow. MNA



Yangon Division WAF Patron Daw Khin Thet Htay formally opens the fair. — MNA

Government is laying emphasis on continuous...

(from page 1)

After fulfilling the requirements, the Prime Minister gave instructions on producing highly qualified intellectuals and intelligentsia needed in nation-building endeavours and nurturing the students to be equipped with national unity spirit and Union Spirit.

Afterwards, the Prime Minister inspected building of multi-purpose hall, lecture halls and measures being taken for keeping the campus green and pleasant.

Next, they proceeded to Government Technical Col-

leges and merit sharing ceremony.

Next, the Prime Minister and party proceeded to Kawkaik where they were welcomed by Col Tin Hla Oo of Kawkaik Station, local authorities, departmental officials and members of social organizations.

On arrival at No 2 Basic Education High School in Kawkaik, the Prime Minister and party were welcomed by Township Education Officer U Aye Min, members of the School Board of Trustees, Headmistress Daw Aye Myint Kyi, teach-

ers and students.

Next, officials of the respective departments reported on work being carried out and requirements.

After fulfilling the requirements, the Prime Minister made a speech.

He said those in charge of the special regions and the ministers came to the region to fulfil the requirements for development of Kayin State. He said he had visited Kawkaik Basic Education High School and hospital and gave instructions on education and health this morning. According to the reports



Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt gives TV, video, a set of computer for Myainggying BEHS and medicines for health centre to Kayin National Buddhist Organization Chairman U Saw Tha Htoo Kyaw. — MNA



Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt inspects the construction of three-storey main building of Government Technical College (Hpa-an) on 24-1-2004. — MNA

lege (Hpa-an) and inspected the construction of three-storey main building.

Principal Daw Than Than Htay of the college reported to the Prime Minister on academic matters including background history of the college, courses being conducted and strength of students and staff.

The Prime Minister gave instructions saying that as the GTC (Hpa-an) will emerge as a university, the teachers are to pursue ever developing education and nurture engineers with high calibre and constantly produce engineers who are experts in building bridges and dams.

The Prime Minister and party, accompanied by Commander Maj-Gen Thura Myint Aung, arrived at Sonnamyaing Sweymodaw (Myainggying Region) in Hlaingbwe Township, Kayin State, by Tatmadaw helicopter. The Prime Minister and party were welcomed there by Tactical Operations Commander Col Kyaw Soe, local authorities, departmental officials, members of social organizations, the chairman and members of Kayin National Buddhist Organization, national cultural troupe and local national people.

The Prime Minister and party attended ceremonies to hoist Htada atop Gandakuti Taikaw of Jina Manung Buddha Image, to open 34-mile long Myainggying-Hpa-an Thitsa road and 99

ers and students.

The Prime Minister and party inspected Electronic Media (Language Lab), computer aided instruction, computer application and e-mail, electronic media (video system), printed media (reading corner), electronic media (audio system), and electronic media (visual presenter).

Next, the Prime Minister and party went to District People's Hospital in Kawkaik. Medical Superintendent Dr Soe Myint, specialists, doctors and nurses welcomed them.

The Prime Minister and party inspected operation theatre and patient wards.

After inspecting the site suitable for constructing a new building in the compound of the hospital, the Prime Minister gave instructions on construction of a new building and renovation of the existing one.

Afterwards, Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt met with members of Kawkaik District and Township PDCs, departmental officials, townsenders and local national race.

First, Chairman of Kawkaik District PDC Lt-Col Kyaw Win Maung reported to the Prime Minister on location and area of the district, sown acreage, cultivation of monsoon and summer paddy and beans and pulses, food sufficiency in the district, livestock breeding tasks, measures being taken in the education and

of officials in Kawkaik District and his inspection, there is sufficiency of food in the region. But farming and livestock breeding activities are to be extended. He spoke of the need to make efforts for increase of pass rate of matriculation examination in the education sector.

Only when there are intellectuals and intelligentsia with efficiency will building a modern developed nation be successful. The government is laying emphasis on continuous development of human resources in the country including Kayin State, he said.

He said the government has laid down policies and objectives on education, health, agriculture, livestock breeding and transport sectors and given directives to grassroots levels.

He said that those in charge of regions and departmental personnel are responsible for realization of the objectives, development of the region and raising the living standard of local people. With this concept, they are to work hard so that achievements will be made.

Now the Head of State himself made trips to the grassroots levels and promptly fulfilled the requirements for equitable development in all-round sectors. After realizing this, officials concerned are to fulfil the needs of the people while making trips to the regions, he said.

Kawkaik lies on the

main trade road between Myanmar and Thailand and it possesses basic foundations for agriculture. He urged departmental officials to provide assistance for extended farming and livestock breeding on commercial scale, he said.

He said better transport is important for regional development and economic progress. That is why the government is laying emphasis on ensuring better transportation in the country, he added. Roads are being extended and upgraded and arrangements are being made for upgrading of the Myawady-Kawkaik-Hpa-an Road to be all-weather one for promotion of trade between Myanmar and Thailand.

With better transportation, economic, education, health and social conditions and living standard of the people will improve. He called on officials to work hard after formation of the sector-wise committees for realization of the objectives set in various sectors.

Next, Chairman of Myanmar Education Committee Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt presented TV sets, VCRs, a set of computer each and teaching aids to Nos 1 and 2 BEHS through the headmasters of the schools.

The Prime Minister also presented medicines for District People's Hospital to the medical superintendent.

Next, the Prime Minister

and party paid homage to Jinasukha Lawka Tharaphu Pagoda in Kawkaik and the Prime Minister donated cash to the pagoda funds.

Later, they arrived in Mawlamyine in Mon State. Deputy Commander of South-East Command Brig-Gen Myo Hla, local authorities and officials welcomed the Prime Minister and party.

At the Thanlwin Bridge (Mawlamyine) Construction Project on the bank of Mawlamyine, the Prime Minister and party inspected laying of concrete, completion in laying slab, installing of iron beams from pile No 22 to 13.

At the briefing hall of the project, Chief Engineer (Bridge) U Han Zaw reported to the Prime Minister on facts about the project, completion in building the piles of the main bridge, completion of approach bridges on the banks of Mawlamyine and Mottama, installing of iron beams on 16 spans out of 21.

Deputy Minister for Transport U Pe Than reported to the Prime Minister on the current of Thanlwin river and arrangements to be made for vessels to move safely under the bridge. Minister for Rail Transportation Maj-Gen Aung Min reported on participation of Myanma Railways in the Thanlwin Bridge (Mawlamyine) Construction Project and measures being taken for building Mawlamyine station.

After giving necessary instructions, the Prime

Minister said that on completion, Thanlwin Bridge (Mawlamyine) will be the longest and the biggest one in Myanmar, that the bridge is being built by Myanmar engineers and thus it is to be documented in the history of Myanmar engineers. He also spoke of the need to put on record the engineers who are engaged in the construction of the bridge.

Next, the Prime Minister and party viewed construction of the bridge from the view-point.

Thanlwin Bridge (Mawlamyine) is located on Yangon-Mawlamyine-Myeik-Kawthoung road. It will link Mawlamyine and Mottama spanning Thanlwin river.

As regards motor road, the approach bridge on the bank of Mawlamyine will be 1,624 feet long and 2,252 feet on the bank of Mottama. The main bridge will be 7,699 feet and the total length of the bridge will be 11,575 feet.

The approach bridge for the rail road on the bank of Mawlamyine will be 8,716 feet and 10,051 feet on the bank of Mottama and the main bridge will be 7,699 feet. The total length of rail-road will be 26,466 feet.

The bridge will support 28 feet wide motorway and 14 feet wide rail road in addition to 6 feet wide pedestrian lanes on both sides of the motor road. It will be a rail-cum-road bridge.

MNA



The 34-mile Thitsar Road linking Sonnatha Myaingswe Myodaw (Myainggying Region) and Hpa-an in Kayin State. — MNA

Prime Minister attends hoisting of Htidaw...

(from page 16)

rituals of golden and silver showers to mark the successful conclusion of the ceremony.

This was followed by opening of 34-mile Thitsar Road linking Myainggying and Hpa-an and 99 bridges constructed by members of Kayin National Buddhist Association and local nationals under the patronage of the Myainggying Sayadaw, at the entrance to Sonnatha Myaingswe Myodaw.

Chairman U Saw Tha Htoo Kyaw explained the purpose of opening the transport facilities, and expressed his thanks to the Sayadaw, the Government and the Head of State, and those who contributed towards construction of the facilities.

The Prime Minister for-

mally unveiled the archway at the top of the newly-constructed road. Lt-Gen Maung Bo and Member of Kayin National Buddhist Association U Kyaw Thein formally opened the archway.

Together with the guests, the Prime Minister and party walked along the road and cordially greeted the local residents. The General and party paid homage to Bhesijja Muni bronze Buddha Image in Myainggying Region. The merit-sharing ceremony took place at the pandal on the platform of the bronze Buddha image.

The Myainggying Sayadaw administered the Nine Precepts to the congregation. Members of the Sangha recited the parittas.

The Prime Minister supplicated on religious matters. In his speech, the Prime

Minister said that in the past, Sonnatha Myaingswe Myodaw (Myainggying Region) was difficult of access and it lagged behind in development until peace had been restored.

In November 1994, members of Kayin National Buddhist Association led by Myainggying Sayadaw made peace with the Government and have carried out regional development tasks hand in hand with the Government.

With the improvement of economy, local nationals brilliantly performed religious work such as construction of pagodas and monasteries. The Sayadaw renovated such old religious edifices as pagodas, monasteries, ordination halls, public rest-houses, Dhammayons while constructing new ones in Kayin

State. Consequently, the images of pagodas and monasteries in the region are gilded or white-washed to be magnificent.

In the region, the Maha Bhesijja Muni Bronze Buddha Image with 27 feet in height was cast and the 120' x 120' x 100' Gandakuti Kyaung-dawgyi was constructed to keep the image. And, the merits sharing ceremony for construction of the image and the building was held on 23 March 1998.

Another 120' x 120' x 100' Gandakuti Kyaungdawgyi was built to house the Jina Manaung Buddha Image, and the Htidaw hoisting ceremony was held on that day.

The Sayadaw not only built pagodas but compiled religious treatises. Now the Sayadaw has compiled 38 religious treatises in Myanmar and Kayin languages.

The Sayadaw is making

efforts for religious affairs and all-round development of Myainggying Region simultaneously. Understanding that the transport plays a vital role in regional development, the Sayadaw enlisting the strength of the Kayin nationals and local people with the assistance of the State started to construct the Thitsar Road in 1998. A total of five large and 12 small bridges had to be constructed to complete the project. Now the road has been upgraded to a tarred one serviceable for all seasons.

Thanks to the emergence of the fine facility, the region will make further progress.

Afterwards, the General and party presented offertories to the Sayadaw and members of the Sangha.

Next, Myainggying Sayadaw delivered a ser-

mon, followed by sharing of merits gained. The General and party performed rituals of golden and silver showers to mark the successful completion of the ceremony.

The Prime Minister met the chairman of Kayin National Buddhist Association and members and fulfilled the requirements for greater development of the region.

The Prime Minister presented a TV set, a video cassette player, a computer set and teaching and learning aids to Myainggying Basic Education High School, medical equipment to the health care centre, gifts to the national race leaders through U Saw Tha Htoo Kyaw, who next presented a gift to the Prime Minister.

Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt and party left the region in the afternoon.

MNA

Secretary-1 visits Hlinethaya industrial...

(from page 16)

Factory Manager U Ko Ko Aye reported on production and sale of Mega Jeep.

The Secretary-1 inspected vehicle spare parts and production of Mega Jeep and gave instructions.

They went to Shwethaya Motor Co where Managing Director U Khin Maung San reported on production of light Shwethaya wagons and 10-wheeled trucks.

An industrialist reported on requirements. Deputy Minister for Industry-2 Lt-Col Khin Maung Kyaw reported on designs of passenger buses and trucks.

In his address, the Sec-

retary-1 said the industrial zones are making efforts for production of passenger buses and trucks with the encouragement of the government.

They are to be produced in accord with the designs and quality set by the Ministry of Industry-2.

He said the government is providing assistance for rapid development of industrial zones and private industrial sector. He called on private industrialists to make endeavours for development of industrial sector.

The Secretary-1 and party inspected car body booth and ten-wheeled truck.

They also inspected production process of the

car.

The Secretary-1 and party proceeded to MICT Park in Hline Township. Vice-Chairman of e-National Task Force member of Civil Service Selection and Training Board U Aung Myint and members of Myanmar Information and Communication Technology Development Corporations reported on the Third MICT Week-2004.

The Secretary-1 observed Network Game Centre and booths of IT companies.

Next, they also observed booths of Myanmar Telecommunications and companies.

MNA



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Soe Win accepts donation of 10 TV sets from U Myat Thin Aung-Thiri Thudhama Theingi Daw Khin Myint Myint and family. — MNA

အိမ်တိုင်းမှာသစ်ပင် ရွာစဉ်မှာတောတန်း
တစ်တောင်တစ်တောင်တက် ဖြူတက်မယ့်လမ်း

Product Promotion seminars held

YANGON, 24 Jan—Product Promotion seminars were held at MICT Park on Hline University Campus, Hline Township, where the Third Myanmar ICT Week 2004 is being held, attended by those from computer companies and banks, entrepreneurs and enthusiasts.

At the seminar that began at 9 am at the Conference Hall, Chief Operation Officer of Myanmar Compu-

ter Com-pany Daw Chaw Khin Khin explained matters related to opening of e-Shops free of charge at Yangon City Mall for e-Commerce sector, and Vice-Chairman U Pyi Sone, matters related to new software Mini-ERP for SME (S) produced by MCC for e-Big sector.

Next, General Manager of Myanmar Information Technology Co Daw Ni Ni Tun presented matters re-

lated to ERM (Enterprise Resource Management System) based on Accounting System, HRM and Payroll System, Project Costing System, CRM System, etc produced by MIT.

After that, Sales Manager U Min Zaw of INTEGRA Systems Co explained matters related to the use of i-Ledger and its advantages in connection with i-Ledger Account System.

Next, officials of Myanmar World Distribution Co explained the use of Open Source Software for Agricultural Information Management System, e-Commerce Application, Virtual Document Library, Enterprise Portal and K-POS with security and authentication.

Next, Marketing Manager Daw Mi Mi Aye of ACE Data System explained the computer systems suitable for small and medium entrepre-

neurs.

The seminar continued at 1 pm. Director U Di Pa of Myat Tha Pyay Co explained sales of six kinds of computers with Hyper Threading Technology and Serialata Dick by the company.

Next, Software Development Manager U Than Htaik of Forever Group explained matters related to Staff Management System, Photo Library

Management System, Library Management System and Video Library Management System.

Next, Director U Ye Thura Thet of Myanmar Information Technology Pte Ltd explained matters related to Hospital Information System and Senior Systems Executive U Ye Soe Myat, matters related to Tele Consulting Application for Health Care and the seminar ended.—MNA



State Peace and Development Council Secretary-2 Adjutant-General Lt-Gen Thein Sein inspects the construction of earth road to link Thayagon and Mogyopyit villages. MNA

Secretary-2 inspects agricultural farm of MWVO, development of Thayagon Model Village in Hmawby Township

YANGON, 25 Jan — Chairman of the Myanmar War Veterans Organization Central Organizing Committee Secretary-2 of the State Peace and Development Council Adjutant-General Lt-Gen Thein Sein this morning inspected the agricultural farm of the MWVO (Central) in Thayagon model Village in Hmawby Township in Yangon District (North) and development of the village and fulfilled the requirements.

Lt-Gen Thein Sein, Vice-Chairman of the committee Vice-Admiral Kyi Min (Retd) and officials were welcomed at the village by Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Chairman Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe, N0 3 Military Region Command Commander Col Tint San, departmental officials and local people.

First, Lt-Gen Thein Sein and party inspected last white strain pig farming.

Afterwards, they also saw over construction of 7,100 feet long and 22 feet wide earth road linking Thayagon Model Village and Mogyopyit Village. The road was built with the contribution of the Ministry of Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs. Moreover, they inspected the site chosen to build sluice gate on Hmawby Creek and reclamation work using machinery to grow paddy and other crops, and gave necessary instructions.

Later, Lt-Gen Thein Sein met with departmental officials and townselders at Thayagon Model Village. At the meeting, Lt-Gen Thein Sein said the Head of State gave guidance on implementation of five rural develop-

ment tasks including smooth transportation, supply of drinking water and irrigation water, and improvement of economy in rural areas. Necessary assistance will be provided by the State, he added. He also urged the departmental officials and local people to cooperate in implementation of the rural development tasks. Next, Lt-Gen Thein Sein cordially greeted the local people. Afterwards, they saw over the village clinic set up by the MWVO (Central) in the model village and development of the village, and gave necessary instructions.

Later, Lt-Gen Thein Sein and party inspected polyethylene bag factory and construction of Byanhlyar dry battery factory, Hlineayeya ice factory and construction of drinking water factory of the MWVO in Industrial Zone-4 in Shwepyitha Township. —MNA

Ministers, diplomats and UN RRs observe regional development tasks in Shan State (East)

YANGON, 25 Jan — Chairman of Central Committee for Drugs Abuse Control Minister for Home Affairs Col Tin Hlaing, Vice-Chairmen Minister for Foreign Affairs U Win Aung and Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Col Thein Nyunt, members Minister for Labour U Tin Winn and Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Pyi Sone, together with ambassadors and diplomats of foreign missions in Yangon and resident representatives of UN agencies, left here by air and arrived at Heho Airport at 8.45 am on 23 January to observe regional development tasks and drugs



CCDAC Chairman Minister Col Tin Hlaing, Ministers, Ambassadors, diplomats and resident representatives of UN agencies being welcomed at Mongyawng by the local people led by national race leader U Ta Kat. — MNA

elimination tasks.

At the briefing hall of the airport, the ministers

explained the aims of the visit. They arrived at Monghsat at 10.25 am.

The ministers, the ambassadors and diplomats, and UN resident representatives left Monghsat by Tatmadaw helicopter and arrived at Mongyawng where national race leader U Ta Kat and party welcomed them.

At the briefing hall, they were briefed on regional development tasks, drugs elimination tasks and growing of poppy-substitute crops. Queries raised by the ambassadors, diplomats and UN officials were replied.

Afterwards, they visited the rice mill and the hydel power station in Mongyawng and proceeded to Wanhon in the afternoon.

They were welcomed

there by national race leader U Ta Pa Laung and party. Public Relations Officer U Kyaw Naing briefed them on implementation of regional development tasks, drugs elimination tasks and growing of poppy-substitute crops in Wanhon region.

Officials replied to queries of the ambassadors, diplomats and UN officials.

The visitors left there by Tatmadaw helicopter and arrived at Yawngkha model village where national race leader U Htin Gyi Win and officials welcomed them. At the briefing hall, Mrs Nawan of Doi Tung Project in Chiangrai, Thailand, briefed them on the Myanmar-Thai drugs

control tasks and all-round development tasks for the model village.

The visitors were conducted around the primary school and the hospital there.

The visitors arrived at Mongla at 4.10 pm where national race leader U San Lu made a presentation. After viewing the development of Mongla, they left for Kengtung and arrived there at 5.30 pm.

At the hall of New Kengtung Hotel, the ministers explained regional development tasks, drugs elimination tasks and history of respective regions and tasks being carried out.

MNA



CCDAC Chairman Minister Col Tin Hlaing, Ministers, Ambassadors, diplomats and UN resident representatives inspect the hydel power plant in Mongyawng. —MNA

PM General Khin Nyunt sends felicitations to India

YANGON, 26 Jan — On the occasion of the 55th Anniversary of the Republic Day of India which falls on 26 January 2004, General Khin Nyunt, Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar, has sent message of felicitations to Mr Atal Behari Vajpayee, Prime Minister of the Republic of India. — MNA

PM General Khin Nyunt sends felicitations to Australia

YANGON, 26 Jan — On the occasion of the Anniversary of the Australia Day, which falls on 26 January 2004, General Khin Nyunt, Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to Mr John Howard, MP, Prime Minister of Australia. — 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



Managing Director of Cho Cho Co U Wai Phy explains e-Life at the workshop. — (H)

Minister U Win Aung sends felicitations to India

YANGON, 26 Jan — On the occasion of the 55th Anniversary of the Republic Day of India which falls on 26 January 2004, U Win Aung, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to Mr Yashwant Sinha, Minister of External Affairs of the Republic of India. — MNA

Minister U Win Aung sends felicitations to Australia

YANGON, 26 Jan — On the occasion of the Anniversary of the Australia Day, which falls on 26 January 2004, U Win Aung, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to Mr Alexander Downer, MP, Minister for Foreign Affairs of Australia. — MNA

MYANMAR OPEN
Yangon Golf Club
February 12 - 15, 2004

Organized & promoted by **octagon**

Workshop on e-Life

YANGON, 25 Jan — A workshop on e-Life was held at the MICT Park in Hline Township here on 22 and 23 January 2004.

Present on the occasion were UMFCFI President U Win Myint, Vice-Presidents and CEC members and officials of computer companies and banks, businessmen and enthusiasts.

Managing Director of Cho Cho Co U Wai Phy explained facts on e-Life. He dealt with matters on IR concept, Star time attendance & access control, home security system, autogate, Juzt Rebood + Lock + Guard, Digital Video Recorder, Network Attach Storage, Laser & Thermal motion detectors for security, enterprise resource planning, firewalls and IDS, IQ & warehouse management system and camera remote surveillance & DVR system. — (H)

Rice marketing course concludes

YANGON, 25 Jan — A ceremony to conclude Myanmar rice marketing course No 3 (programme-1), organized by the educational affairs work committee of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry, was held at the UMFCFI Training Centre in Bosunpat Street in Pabedan Township here yesterday evening.

It was attended by Advisers to UMFCFI U Khin Maung Yi and Dr Mehm Thet San, President U Win Myint, Vice-President U Aung Lwin, CEC members and members of the educational affairs work committee. President U Win Myint and Chairman of the committee U Sein Win Hlaing spoke on the occasion. Next, course completion certificates and gifts were presented to the trainees and course instructors. — MNA

ကုသကကွယ် မူးယစ်အန္တရာယ်

၁။ မူးယစ်ဆေးဝါးသုံးစွဲလျှင် အသည်းရောင်အသားဝါရောဂါ၊ အသည်းခြောက်ရောဂါ၊ အသည်းကင်ဆာရောဂါ၊ သွေးဆိပ်တက်ခြင်းနှင့် နှလုံးရောဂါ၊ အဆုတ်ရောဂါများ၊ ခုခံအားကျဆင်းမှုရောဂါ (AIDS)နှင့် စိတ်ပိုင်းဆိုင်ရာရောဂါများ စသည်တို့ ဖြစ်ပွားနိုင်သည်အပြင် စီးပွားရေးနှင့် လူမှုရေးများ ထိခိုက်ပျက်ပြားခြင်း၊ ဥပဒေအရ အရေးယူခံရခြင်းတို့ ဖြစ်နိုင်သည်။

၂။ ထို့ကြောင့် အဆိုပါဒုက္ခများမှ ကင်းဝေးစေရန် မူးယစ်ဆေးဝါးကို လုံးဝရှောင်ကြဉ်ပါ။

၃။ မူးယစ်ဆေးဝါး သုံးစွဲသူများသည် သတ်မှတ်ဆေးရုံများတွင် မှတ်ပုံတင်၍ ဆေးကုသမှုခံယူပါ။

ကျန်းမာရေးဝန်ကြီးဌာန

စောနာရှင်ပြည်သူများခင်ဗျား

စည်ပင်သာယာရေးဦးစီးဌာနသည် ရေရှားပါးသော ကျေးလက်ဒေသများတွင် သန့်ရှင်းသော သောက်သုံးရေ ဖူလုံစွာရရှိရေးကို ဆောင်ရွက်လျက်ရှိပါသည်။ ရေလျှော့ချခြင်းဖြင့် မတောင်းဘဲနှင့် ပြည့်စုံနိုင်သော အကျိုးဆယ်ပါးကိုရရှိနိုင်ပါသည်။ ရေအကျိုးဆယ်ပါးမှာ-

- (၁) လျှင်မြန်ခြင်း၊
- (၂) သန့်ရှင်းစင်ကြယ်ခြင်း၊
- (၃) ကျော်ကြားလူသိများခြင်း၊
- (၄) ဆာလောင်မွတ်သိပ်မှုကင်းခြင်း၊
- (၅) အခြေအရံများခြင်း၊
- (၆) အသက်ရှည်ခြင်း၊
- (၇) အဆင်းလှခြင်း၊
- (၈) ချမ်းသာကြီးခြင်း၊
- (၉) ခွန်အားဗလကြီးမာခြင်း၊
- (၁၀) ဉာဏ်ပညာကြီးမာခြင်းတို့ 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
- * ၂လက်မ စက်ရေတွင်း အနက် ၄၀၀ပေ တစ်တွင်း (စက်ပစ္စည်းစုံ) ကျပ် ၅၀သိန်းနှင့်
- * ၄လက်မ စက်ရေတွင်း အနက် ၂၀၀ပေ တစ်တွင်း (စက်ပစ္စည်းစုံ)ကျပ်၅၀သိန်း ဖြစ်ပါသည်။

မည်သည့်မြို့နယ်တွင်မဆို စောနာရှင်များအနေနှင့် ပါဝင်လှူဒါန်းလိုပါက အောက်ဖော်ပြပါ စည်ပင်သာယာရေးအဖွဲ့အစည်းများနှင့် ဆက်သွယ်လှူဒါန်းနိုင်ပါကြောင်း အသိပေးနှိုးဆော်အပ်ပါသည်။

- (၁) ညွှန်ကြားရေးမှူးချုပ်၊ ၀၁-၂၄၅၄၂၀၊ ၂၅၃၀၈၈။
- (၂) ဒုတိယညွှန်ကြားရေးမှူးချုပ်၊ ၀၁-၂၄၀၁၀၈။
- (၃) ညွှန်ကြားရေးမှူး (အင်ဂျင်နီယာ)၊ ၀၁-၂၉၁၉၆၇။
- (၄) ညွှန်ကြားရေးမှူး (စစ်ကိုင်းတိုင်းစည်ပင်သာယာရေးအဖွဲ့)၊ ၀၇၁-၂၀၀၂။
- (၅) ညွှန်ကြားရေးမှူး (မကွေးတိုင်းစည်ပင်သာယာရေးအဖွဲ့)၊ ၀၆၃-၂၃၁၆၄။
- (၆) ညွှန်ကြားရေးမှူး (မန္တလေးတိုင်းစည်ပင်သာယာရေးအဖွဲ့)၊ ၀၂-၅၄၆၅၇။

Yangon Trade Fair to be held

YANGON, 25 Jan — Permitted by the Ministry of Commerce, Yangon Trade Fair 2004 will be held by Quartz International Co Ltd on a grand scale at Yangon Trade Centre on Pazundaung Road from 30 January to 2 February.

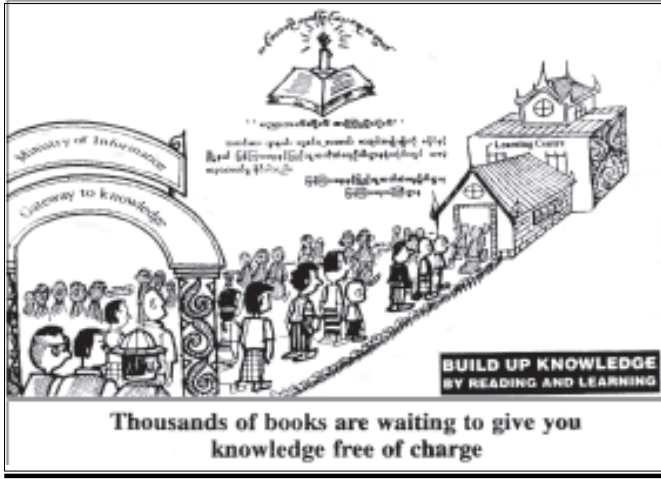
On display at the trade fair will be local and

foreign cosmetics, consumers' goods, clothes, utensils, plastic wares, foodstuff, electric and electronic appliances, construction materials, household goods, stationery, packaging machines, small machinery and installation machines, and western and traditional medicines. Entertainment programmes will also include at the trade fair. — MNA



An official presents certificate to a trainee at the course conclusion ceremony. — UMFCFI

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



ADVERTISEMENTS

ပို့ဆောင်ရေးဝန်ကြီးဌာန မြန်မာ့လေကြောင်း ကြော်ငြာချက်အမှတ် (၃/၂၀၀၄)

လေယာဉ်မောင်း၊ လေယာဉ်မယ် လူတွေ့စစ်ဆေးရန်ကိစ္စ

ပို့ဆောင်ရေးဝန်ကြီးဌာန၊ မြန်မာ့လေကြောင်းမှ ခေါ်ယူထားသော လေယာဉ်မောင်း၊ လေယာဉ်မယ် ရာထူး လျှောက်ထားသူများအနက် ပဏာမ၊ လူတွေ့စစ်ဆေးမှု အောင်မြင်သူများအား အပြိုင်တစ်ဆင့်အားဖြင့် (၂၈-၁-၂၀၀၄)ရက်နေ့ (၀၈:၀၀)နာရီမှ စတင်စစ်ဆေးမည့်အားဖြင့် (၂၉-၁-၂၀၀၄)ရက်နေ့ (၀၈:၀၀)နာရီအချိန်မှ စတင်စစ်ဆေးမည့်စစ်ကြောင်း ကြော်ငြာအပ်ပါသည်။

မြန်မာ့လေကြောင်း

S Korean air jet bogs down after landing at Japanese airport

SEOUL, 25 Jan—A South Korean air jet Friday got bogged down in snow after landing during a blizzard at Aomori Airport in northeastern Japan, but no one was injured, according to an official of the Korea Air Line (KAL), South Korean largest airline operator.

When the Boeing 737 plane of the KAL was coasting to the gate after landing, its front wheels became stuck in snow. Then, Aomori Airport authorities towed the plane of the rest way to the gate, the South Korean *Yonhap* news agency quoted the official as saying. All of the 119 passengers and eight crew members aboard the plane disembarked safely.

The airport reportedly reopened the runway following the incident. The air jet departed from Incheon International Airport of South Korea, some 50 kilometres west to Seoul, earlier in the day. The Aomori Airport authorities and Aomori prefectural police are looking into what exactly caused the incident, said *Yonhap*.—MNA/Xinhua

It's all over for Jen and Ben

LOS ANGELES, 25 Jan—Actress-singer Jennifer Lopez has ended her stormy, high-profile engagement to actor Ben Affleck, her spokesman said on Thursday.

"I am confirming the reports that Jennifer Lopez has ended her engagement to Ben Affleck. At this difficult time, we ask that you respect her privacy," Lopez's spokesman told *Reuters*. A spokesman for Affleck, 31, told *Reuters*: "As usual, we never comment on the personal lives of our clients." Thursday's reports come four months after Hollywood's most talked-about couple, dubbed "Bennifer", abruptly called off their September wedding just days before it was due to take place, citing media invasion of their privacy.

Since then they have been seen together in public several times, although there were widespread rumours that they were splitting up.

Lopez and Affleck met on the set of the mob comedy "Gigli" in late 2001 and were engaged in November 2002.

only months after Lopez's second marriage, to dancer Cris Judd, collapsed in less than a year.

Her 6.1 carat pink diamond engagement ring, his-and-hers luxury cars and the booming success of J.Lo as both an actress and a singer made "Bennifer" the hottest tabloid couple in the world for six months. But life in the media spotlight turned sour last summer when "Gigli" was universally panned by critics and flopped at the box office and Affleck was reported to have spent a night at a Vancouver strip club.

Lopez, 33, and Affleck apparently reconciled but rumours about a break-up persisted. *Us Weekly* magazine, which broke the story on Thursday, said Lopez had grown frustrated with Affleck's penchant for casino gambling and his hesitation in committing to marriage and a baby.—MNA/Reuters

CAUTIONARY NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given that Aesculap AG & Co. KG, of Am Aesculap Okatz, 78532 Tuttlingen, Federal Republic of Germany, do solemnly and sincerely declare that we are the Owners and Sole Proprietors of the following trade marks in Myanmar.

1. AESCULAP



The said marks are used in respect of "neurosurgical, surgical, medical, hygienic, dental instruments, veterinary instruments and stock-breeding items, apparatus and appliances, implants, total joint replacement, electro-medical units; cutlery and edge tools".

The said trade marks are the subject of Declarations of Ownership recorded with the Registrar of Deeds and Assurances, Yangon, Myanmar, in Book under Nos. IV/2974/2003 and IV/2975/2003 dated 23rd May 2003.

Any infringement or colourable imitation thereof or other infringement of the rights of the said Corporation will be dealt with according to law.

U KYI WIN, B.Com., B.L. for Aesculap AG & Co KG, by its Attorneys REMFRY & SAGAR GURGAON - MUMBAI Dated 26th January 2004

China bus crash kills 14, mostly women hairdressers

BEIJING, 25 — An overloaded bus crashed into a ditch in the northern Chinese province of Shanxi, killing 14 people, most of them women hairdressers on their way home for New Year, *Xinhua* news agency said on Friday.

Fourteen people were injured in Thursday's accident in the city of Gaoping.

MNA/Reuters

မြည်တွင်းပြန်ကိုအားပေးပါ

TRADEMARK CAUTION

CHONGQING WANGUANG IMPORT & EXPORT CO., LTD., of Wanshan Science-tech Industrial Area, Chongqing Hi-tech Industrial Development Zone, Chongqing, P.R. China is the Owner and Sole Proprietor of the following trademark:



(Reg. No. 1434340003)

used in respect of: "Batteries, galvanic cells, galvanic batteries, batteries for lighting, electric batteries, electric accumulators, batteries for pocketlamps, electric batteries for vehicles, battery chargers, plates for batteries, batteries for mobile phones, lithium batteries, lithium-ion batteries; all included in Int'l Class 1".

Fraudulent imitation or unauthorized use of other infringement whatsoever of this trademark will be dealt with according to Law.

Thain Hong & Co., Ltd., Solicitors MYANMAR TRADEMARK AND PATENT LAW FIRM E-mail: thipip@myanmar.net.mm Tel: 254037 G.P.O. Box 686 Yangon. 26 January 2004

TRADE MARK CAUTION NOTICE

NEXEN TIRE CORPORATION, a company incorporated under the laws of KOREA, and having its principal office at #30, Yusandong, Yangsan City, Kyongsangnam-Do, Korea, is the owner and sole proprietor of the following Trade-mark:-



Reg. Nos. 4/1297/2000 & 4/4570/2003

Used in respect of:- "Tires, inner tubes and flaps for vehicle wheels included in Int'l Class 12

Any fraudulent infringement, imitation or unauthorized use of the above mark will be dealt with according to law.

TIN OHNMAR TUN B.A (Law) LL.B, LL.M (UK) PO Box 109 Ph: 248108/723043

(For Domnrm Somgiat & Boonma Attorneys at Law, Thailand) Dated 26th January 2004

Earthquake hits northeastern Japan

TOKYO, 25 Jan—An earthquake measuring 5.4 on the Richter Scale hit the Fukushima Prefecture, northeastern Japan, on Friday evening, the Japan Meteorological Agency said.

There were no immediate reports of injuries or damage from the 6.01 pm (0901 GMT) quake. No tsunami warning was issued.

The focus of the quake was 70 kilometres below the sea level off the Haranomachi City, the agency said.

The quake measured 4 on the Japanese seismic intensity scale of 7 in some towns.—MNA/Xinhua

China's coal base opens mine to tourists

TAIYUAN, 25 Jan—Datong City, a leading coal production base in north China's Shanxi Province, has opened one of its largest coal mines to tourists so that they can witness the entire mining process and experience the miners' life.

The 48-year-old Jinhuaogong mine, located 12 kilometres west of the city, covers 41 square kilometres and has an annual output of 3.8 million tons. Next to the coal mine is the Yungang Buddhist Grottoes, a World Heritage site built in the Northern Wei Dynasty, more than 1,500 years ago.

"We have opened up a platform 300 metres underground, where tourists can study the geological structure of the mine and see what coal was like back in the Jurassic period, 140 million years ago," said Liu Ke, an official with the mine.

According to Liu, the tour takes one and a half hours, during which time travellers donning miners' overalls and safety helmets are sent 300 metres underground in a "cage", squinting into the dim glow from kerosene lamps.

"Tourists will see how coal has been separated from earth at different periods of history, and can chat with the miners and join them for a brief lunch to find out more about the workers' life," said Liu.

Many travel services have included the underground tour as a new highlight in their plans outlined for domestic and overseas tour groups to Shanxi Province.

A local tourism official said the city had also launched hikes along the ancient Great Wall and tours to local power plants and volcanoes to draw holiday-makers during the traditional Chinese New Year.

Dubbed as China's coal capital, Shanxi Province is the country's largest coal producer and one of its major electric power bases.

MNA/Xinhua

Ancient Chinese capital to invest heavily in city wall protection

NANJING, 25 Jan—The ancient Chinese capital of Nanjing, in the eastern Jiangsu Province, is to invest more than 400 million yuan (some 48.8 million US dollars) in restoring the city wall this year.

Built in imperial Ming Dynasty (1368-1644), the wall that encircled the city area has been reduced to seven sections. So far, about half of the wall has been renovated by the government in two projects in 1994 and 2001.

This year the government will clear illegal shops and storage places and make a protection zone along the wall. People will be able to walk on the wall around the

city when the broken sections are reconnected under the government plan.

The wall was 33.676 kilometres long when it was first built, but only 21.35 kilometres remains. It was the longest ancient city wall in the world. Nanjing, first built in 472 B.C., was the capital of numerous dynasties from the period of Three Kingdoms (220-280 A.D.) onwards.

MNA/Xinhua

Rare rabies death prompts US bat warning

ATLANTA, 25 Jan—A rare rabies fatality involving a bat prompted US health officials on Thursday to urge Americans to avoid direct contact with the winged mammals and seek prompt medical care if bitten by one. The warning comes four months after a

66-year-old California man died of rabies contracted when he was bitten in bed by a bat, according to a report by the Centres for Disease Control and Prevention.

The unnamed man washed his wound but did not seek medical care for more than a month, by which time he was suffering from drowsiness, chronic headache, malaise and severe pain shooting through his right arm and across his chest.

He received two rabies shots while hospitalized, but died on September 14, according to the CDC report. Tests confirmed that he had been infected with a rabies strain carried by the silver-haired bat.—MNA/Reuters

မညာရေးဖြင့် ခေတ်မီပွဲပြီးတိုးတက်သော နိုင်ငံတော်ကြီး တည်ဆောက်အံ့

US study shows hair dye may raise cancer risk

WASHINGTON, 25 Jan — Women who have been colouring their hair for 24 years or more have a higher risk of developing a cancer called non-Hodgkin lymphoma, US researchers reported on Friday.

They said their study of 1,300 women could help explain a mysterious rise in the number of cases of the cancer that affects the lymphatic system.

Writing in the *American Journal of Epidemiology*, they said women who dyed their hair starting before 1980 were one-third more likely to develop non-Hodgkin lymphoma, or NHL, and those who used the darkest dyes for more than 25 years were twice as likely to develop the cancer.

"Women who used darker permanent hair colouring products for more than 25 years showed the highest increased risk," Tongzhang Zheng, associate professor of epidemiology and environmental health at Yale School of Medicine, said in a statement.

Cancer experts note that a person's absolute risk of developing lymphoma is very low, so doubling that risk still means a woman who dyes her hair is very unlikely to

develop lymphoma.

Non-Hodgkin lymphoma will affect an estimated 54,000 Americans this year and will kill 19,000, according to the American Cancer Society. It affects slightly more men than women.

The incidence of NHL has doubled since the mid-1970s and no one knows why. Experts suspect exposure to chemicals can be a factor. The lymphatic system is part of the immune system, so people with immune weaknesses are at special risk — notably AIDS and organ transplant patients.

Zheng and colleagues studied 600 Connecticut women who had NHL. They were asked to specify what hair colouring products they might have used and when.

They were compared to 700 healthy women. The Yale University researchers did not find any larger risk of cancer in women who started using hair dye in 1980 or later. — MNA/Reuters

India to join hands with IEA on price volatility

NEW DELHI, 25 Jan — India will join hands with Paris-based International Energy Agency (IEA) to counter artificial price volatility in the international oil market and create buffers for supply disruptions.

According to a joint statement issued on Friday after a two-day India-IEA Joint Workshop on Emergency Oil Stock Issues in New Delhi, the IEA will assist India—Asia's third largest crude oil importer — in building five million tons of strategic crude oil storage as an insurance against supply disruptions and "coordinate" efforts with New Delhi during emergencies like high crude prices and supply disruptions.

The statement said the IEA and India will "act in consort" during emergencies and "regularly exchange information, including oil statistics, for enhancing market

transparency and building a common view of the global oil market".

The joint statement further identified the need "to establish a hotline for effective information sharing in case of an emergency and to update and consult, as appropriate, on the development of energy security measures".

Indo-IEA partnership will mitigate supply problems for India that is 70-per cent import dependent to meet its 105 million tons of crude oil requirement. The IEA estimates that India's import dependence will grow to 94 per cent by 2030.

MNA/Xinhua

Iran decides to import Sri Lankan tea

COLOMBO, 25 Jan — Iran has agreed to buy Sri Lankan tea under a memorandum of understanding (MoU) signed on Friday by the two governments at the conclusion of the Joint Economic Commission meeting held in Colombo, the official *Daily News* said on Saturday.

Iranian Minister of Economic Affairs and Finance Tahmasah Mazaheri and Sri Lankan Commerce and Consumer Affairs Minister Ravi Karunanayake described the MoU as a win-win situation for the two countries. "The Iranian tea production is less than the consumption. Iranians want better quality tea. Therefore we have agreed to a win-win situation of blending Sri Lankan tea with that of tea produced in Iran until a final settlement to the present crisis is found," Mazaheri said.

The MoU has agreed to the granting of technical assistance for Iran to produce and blend quality tea since tea produced in Iran is said to be of inferior quality at the moment which will see the lifting of the ban on Sri Lankan tea.

The Iranian minister assured that the technical assistance to be provided by Sri Lanka would not be a threat to Sri Lankan tea exports to Iran. Sri Lanka, one of the major tea producers in the world, imports large amount of crude oil from Iran which has resulted in a huge trade imbalance in favour of the oil rich Middle East country. — MNA/Xinhua

FDI in Nepal surges

KATHMANDU, 25 Jan — The total volume of foreign direct investment (FDI) in Nepal increased by 33.72 per cent in the first half of the current fiscal year compared with the same period of the last fiscal year, according to government statistics.

The total volume of the foreign direct investment in the country went up to 3.41 billion Nepali rupees (46.7 million US dollars) in the first six months of the current 2003/2004 fiscal year, beginning on July 16 last year, the statistics released by the Nepali Industry Department on Saturday show.

While the volume in the same period of the 2002/2003 fiscal year stood at 2.55 billion rupees (34.9 million dollars).

With the total investment amount of 893.2 million rupees (12.24 million dollars), China followed India in terms of volume of investment in the review period.

However, in terms of registered number of projects, China was the leading country with its eight projects during the period, followed by India with five projects.

"As a result of adaptation of modern industrial technologies, a huge chunk of investment went into Nepal in capital-intensive projects rather than labour-intensive," said an expert at the department. While analysing the sector-wise investment volume, the service sector has attracted foreign direct investment totalling 1.62 billion rupees (22.2 million dollars), which was more than any other sectors during the review period, the unnamed expert said. — MNA/Xinhua

Birth rate in Cyprus to decline, life expectancy to increase

NICOSIA, 25 Jan — The birth rate in Cyprus is expected to decline and the life expectancy will increase in the period from 2002 to 2052, according to a population and household projections report published here Friday.

The report said the country's fertility rate was expected to decline to 1.45 during 2002-2007 period from 1.57 in 2001 and 1.49 in 2002.

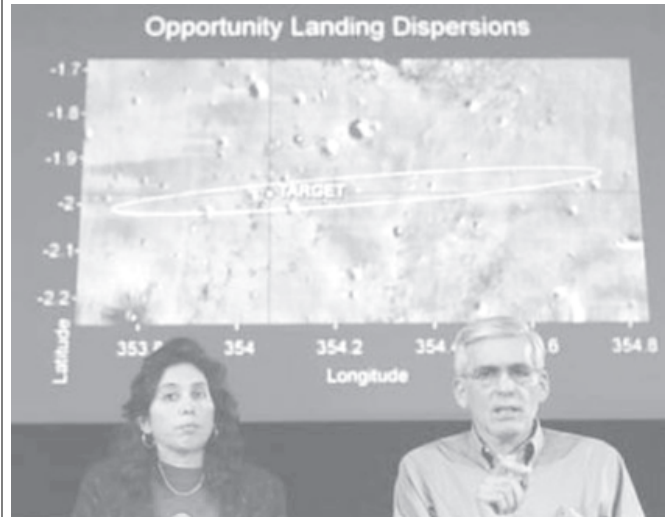
The rate will decline further to 1.3 in the period of 2017-2022 and stays at the same level until the end of 2052.

The report, which covers the government-controlled area of the Republic of Cyprus, are based on the results of the 2001 Census of Population and assumptions as to the future trends of fertility,

mortality and migration.

Meanwhile, the life expectancy of females and males in Cyprus will increase to 85 and 79 by the end of 2052 from 81 and 76.1 respectively in the period of 2000-2001, said the report.

The report underlines that the projections are not meant to predict the future but to illustrate population trends on the basis of certain assumptions and aim to serve as a guideline to those involved in social and economic planning. — MNA/Xinhua



Dr Louis D'Amario (R), sits next to Nagin Cox, as they discuss the possible landing points of the Opportunity mars rover mission during a news conference at the Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, California on 24 Jan, 2004. The Opportunity is expected to land on the planet later in the day and join the Spirit Rover which landed on Mars about three weeks ago. — INTERNET

US raids suggest Iraqi guerillas still threat

FALLUJAH (Iraq), 25 Jan — A top US general in Iraq says guerillas have been brought to their knees, but incessant US raids suggest his troops still see guerillas as a serious threat.

Over the past week, in one small neighbourhood alone in the restive town of Fallujah, American soldiers stormed into homes in the middle of the night demanding information on suspects, witnesses said.

"The Americans threw a percussion bomb at the door. They showed me pictures of three men and asked questions. Then they asked me about my neighbour. I just said his name was Emad," said Hussein Jumaileh.

"Then they started slapping and punching me and said I better give them

information or else. They left me handcuffed and left the house." The eagerness for intelligence contrasted with the upbeat assessment of Army Major-General Raymond Odierno, commander of the 4th Infantry Division and responsible for a large sector where guerillas have been most active.

Briefing reporters at the Pentagon by video conference from Tikrit on Thursday, he stopped short of declaring victory but said resistance forces "are still a threat, but a fractured, sporadic threat with the leadership destabilized".

The US military was not available for immediate comment on the operations in Fallujah, part of the Sunni Triangle that was once toppled Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein's power base. American commanders say raids are a vital part of their operations to stabilize Iraq, netting numerous guerillas and weapons caches. Raids in the Hay al-Risala neighbourhood of Fallujah, similar to ones conducted across the country, were focused on retrieving information about two men, witnesses said.

MNA/Reuters

CO₂ emission cuts may bankrupt firms

MADRID, 25 Jan — European Union plans to cut carbon dioxide emissions could lead to bankruptcies and force firms to move overseas, if other countries do not meet their Kyoto targets, the EU energy commissioner said on Friday.

The European Union has agreed to cut carbon dioxide (CO₂) emissions to eight percent below 1990 levels by 2012, under the 1997 Kyoto Protocol. It is developing a plan to encourage firms to reduce the amount of the greenhouse gases they release.

"Our industry will have very serious problems of competitiveness and there will be relocations. There will be bankruptcies and major problems," Loyola de Palacio, who is also responsible for transport, told a seminar in Madrid on shipbuilding.

MNA/Reuters

SPORTS

Ronaldo says Chelsea buying power a concern for Real

MADRID, 25 Jan—Chelsea's buying power under the ownership of Russian billionaire Roman Abramovich is a concern for Real Madrid, Brazilian striker Ronaldo said on Friday.

Ronaldo was fined by Real for making an unauthorized trip to London earlier this month and arriving back late for training.

The player has categorically denied newspaper speculation that the trip might have had something to do with interest from Chelsea but he recognizes why the story caused disquiet at Real.

"I'm very happy here at Real Madrid and the stories are all just rumours," Ronaldo was quoted as saying in an interview with Cadena Cope radio in Spain.

"Real haven't asked me to explain the trip because it was just to have some (publicity) photos taken ... (but) with the Russian guy (Abramovich) wanting to sign everyone they're scared."

Chelsea signed Claude Makelele from Real Madrid just before the start of the season but Ronaldo said he had no plans to join the French midfielder in London. "Abramovich has never called me," he said. "If they are interested, it's always nice to be appreciated."

Ronaldo is Real's top scorer this season with 15 league goals.

MNA/Reuters

Saha completes move to Manchester United

LONDON, 25 Jan—French striker Louis Saha completed his move to Manchester United from Fulham on Friday after signing a five-and-a-half year contract with the English champions.

The 25-year-old cost a total of 12.825 million pounds (23.61 million US dollars), of which Fulham will receive 11.5 million, United said in a statement to the London stock exchange.

United will pay a further levy of 575,000 pounds to the Premier League and 750,000 pounds to the agents involved in the deal. Saha has signed a five-year, five-month contract.

He will be handed the United number nine shirt last worn by Andy Cole before his move to Blackburn Rovers two years ago.

"It's a fantastic honour to wear the shirt and I hope I can be a success like those who

have worn it in the past," Saha said on United's web site on Friday.

"I'm always trying to become a better player and I believe I can improve so much more playing at United.

"I want to do at United what Thierry (Henry) has done at Arsenal. The player I admire and want to emulate the most is Thierry," said Saha who has been bought to partner Dutchman Ruud van Nistelrooy in the United attack.

"He is the most complete striker in the world right now and has all the qualities a striker needs to be the best."

Saha is ineligible for United's FA Cup fourth round match against Northampton Town on Sunday but may make his debut in the Premier League game against Southampton the following Saturday.

MNA/Reuters

Perugia sign strikers from Ancona, Chievo Verona

ROME, 25 Jan—Struggling Serie A side Perugia have signed strikers Dario Hubner and Giuseppe Sculli, the club announced on Friday.

Hubner was bought from Ancona, while Sculli arrived on loan from Chievo Verona.

Hubner, 36, scored a total of 55 goals in the last three Serie A seasons with former clubs Brescia and Piacenza, but has failed to hit the target in nine appearances this year.

Sculli, 22, is suffering a similar goal drought, having scored just once in eight games.

Perugia have yet to win a league game this season and are 17th in Serie A with 10 points from 18 matches, five more points than last-placed Ancona.

MNA/Reuters

Everton defender Weir out for two months

LONDON, 25 Jan—Scotland and Everton defender David Weir could be sidelined until the beginning of April with knee ligament damage, the Premier League club said on Friday.

The 33-year-old suffered the injury in a midweek reserve match and X-rays revealed serious damage to medial ligaments in the same knee he injured against Chelsea earlier this season.

"He faces a lengthy lay-off -- at least a couple of months, though fortunately there is no damage to the cartilage or the cruciate," head physio Mick Rathbone told the club's web site.

"It's pretty bad luck for David as he has been back in training now for the past six weeks after recovering from a similar problem."

MNA/Reuters

Lille sign Tottenham's Acimovic

PARIS, 25 Jan—Tottenham Hotspur's Slovenia midfielder Milenko Acimovic has joined Lille on loan until the end of the season.

"Acimovic has signed the contract and will play at Lille until June 30," the Ligue 1 club said on its website on Friday.

The 26-year-old, who has 37 caps for his country, joined the north London club from Red Star Belgrade in 2002 but has not made a Premier League start this season.

Lille are 14th in the 20-team Ligue 1 standings. Their playmaker Christophe Landrin suffered a serious leg injury and underwent surgery at the weekend.

MNA/Reuters

Maradona finds peace playing golf in Cuba

HAVANA, 25 Jan—Argentine soccer idol Diego Armando Maradona says he has found peace of mind in Communist-run Cuba where he has turned to golf for sport.

"I'm not a champion... but I have a lot of fun playing golf," an overweight Maradona said in one of his few public appearances.

The retired 43-year-old star has lived in Cuba for four years recovering from drug abuse that marred a brilliant and turbulent career. He plays golf most days at Havana's only golf course.

"In Cuba I have found the tranquillity I couldn't find anywhere. Cuba has given me tranquillity, and that cannot be bought with all the money in the world," he said.

Maradona, sporting large tattoos on his arms, said he missed his two daughters, his former wife Claudia and his native Argentina.

Russian striker Bulykin eyes Everton move

MOSCOW, 25 Jan—Dynamo Moscow striker Dmitry Bulykin is eyeing a move to Everton, president of the Russian Premier League club Yuri Zavarzin said on Friday.

Zavarzin told reporters that the Russian international had left Moscow and was scheduled to have a medical at the English Premier League side in the next two days.

"If Bulykin passes a medical then we can begin negotiating a transfer fee," said the Dynamo boss.

The 24-year-old has been a revelation since making his first international appearance in Russia's Euro 2004 qualifier against Ireland last September.

Four days later the striker notched a hat-trick in a 4-1 home win over Switzerland.

He also scored in Russia's final group 10 qualifier to help his country to a comfortable 3-1 win over Georgia that secured them a playoff spot.

MNA/Reuters



Italian champions Juventus say they are close to agreeing a new deal with David Trezeguet (pictured) which will keep the France striker at the club until June 2008.—INTERNET



David Seaman lifts the FA Cup trophy after helping Arsenal defeat Southampton 1-0 in Cardiff. Arsenal's bid for a third successive FA Cup could be disrupted by plans to stage a FIFA centenary celebration match between Brazil and France just two days before the final.—INTERNET

Answer for yesterday's Crossword Puzzle



Milan's Ambrosini extends contract to 2006

ROME, 25 Jan—Italian international midfielder Massimo Ambrosini has extended his contract with AC Milan until June 2006, the club said on Friday. The 26-year-old, in his eighth season with the European champions, has been mainly used as a substitute in Serie A this season.

Ambrosini is an occasional member of Giovanni Trapattoni's Italian national team squads, having made 19 appearances since his debut in 1999.—MNA/Reuters



France's Tatiana Golovin celebrates winning a point against Russia's Lina Krasnoroutskaya, the number 23 seed, during their third round match at the Australian Open tennis championship in Melbourne on 24 Jan, 2004. Golovin won the match 6-2, 7-6.—INTERNET

Amateur Bayonne sink Bordeaux 1-0 in muddy French Cup tie

PARIS, 25 Jan—Amateur club Bayonne caused a huge upset in the second round of the French Cup by scoring in extra time to knock Girondins Bordeaux out of the competition on Friday.

The 10,000 supporters of the Fourth Division team erupted when Frederic Bernaleau blasted a 20-metre free kick into the far corner after 118 minutes in the driving rain, leaving France international goalkeeper Ulrich Rame stuck in the mud.

Bayonne had already shocked Ligue 1 side En Avant Guingamp 5-3 on penalties in the first round.

On Saturday, a potentially explosive clash between arch-rivals Olympique Marseille and Paris St. Germain at the Stade Velodrome tops the bill of the 16-match second round.

In the two other Ligue 1 head-to-heads, Cup holders AJ Auxerre host Montpellier and, on Sunday, Toulouse entertain Nice.

MNA/Reuters

MRTV-3
26-1-2004 (Monday)
(Programme Schedule)
Morning Transmission

(9:00 - 10:00)

- 9:00 Signature Tune
Greeting
- 9:02 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Mingalabar"
- 9:06 The Salone in Myeik
Archipelago
- 9:10** **Headline News**
- 9:12 Myanmar Cuisine
"Squid Salad"
- 9:15** **National News**
- 9:20 Let's Enjoy Mann
Shwe Sattaw Pagoda
Festival
- 9:25 A Rural Village
- 9:30** **National News**
- 9:35 Ayeayawady Dolphin
Expedition (Part-I)
- 9:40 Song "Remembrance
for keep!"
- 9:45** **National News**
- 9:50 Rakhine Ordination,
Novitiation & Ear-bor-
ing auspicious Cer-
emony
- 9:58 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Come and See
Myanmar"

26-1-2004 (Monday)
Regular Programmes for
Viewers from Abroad
Evening Transmission

(15:30 - 17:30)

- 15:30 Signature Tune
Greeting
- 15:32 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Mingalabar"
- 15:36 Kambawzathadi Palace
of Conquerors
- 15:40** **Headline News**
- 15:42 Easily Cooked Tasty
Dishes (Featherback
clean soup with tender
gourd Leaves)
- 15:45** **National News**
- 15:50 Let's Enjoy Mann
Shwe Sittaw Pagoda
Festival
- 15:55 A Rural Village
- 16:00** **National News**
- 16:05 Ayeayawady Dolphin
Expedition (Part-I)
- 16:10 Song "Remembrance
for keep!"
- 16:15** **National News**
- 16:20 The Salone in Myeik
Archipelago
- 16:25 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Myanma

- Panorama & Myanmar
Sentiment"
- 16:30** **National News**
- 16:35 Ah Mae Ywa Litera-
ture Nursery
- 16:40 Myanmar Cuisine
"Squid Salad"
- 16:45** **National News**
- 16:50 Archaeological Mu-
seum, Pakhangyi
(Part-I)
- 16:55 Nay Yar Daw Khin
- 16:58 Blacksmith of Kayin
State
- 17:00** **National News**
- 17:05 Central Agricultural
Research Institute
- 17:10 Myanmar Modern
Song "We'll Be Wait-
ing For You"
- 17:12 A Lonesome Song
- 17:15** **National News**
- 17:20 Attractive Myanmar
Snacks
- 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 "Myanma Pano-
rama & Myanma Sen-
timent"
- 19:36 Kindness to Pet
Animal
- 19:40** **Headline News**
- 19:42 Easily Cooked Tasty
Dishes (Braised Curry
of Duck)
- 19:45** **National News**
- 19:50 Myanmar Movies Im-
pact
- 20:00** **National News**
- 20:05 Myanma Traditional
Tamarind Juice
- 20:10 Song "Anniversary of
MICT"
- 20:12 Traditional Chin &
sine
- 20:15** **National News**
- 20:20 Pride of Place in
Bagan (The Ananda
Temple)
- 20:25 Song on Screen
"Past Merit"
- 20:30** **National News**
- 20:35 A Journey to Research
Taron Race
- 20:40 Myanmar Cuisine
"Traditional Moun
bine daunt"
- 20:45** **National News**
- 20:50 Ornamental Jewellery
of Outstanding
Designs
- 20:55 Scenic Beauty of
Tiddim & Cultural
Dance
- 21:00** **National News**
- 21:05 Cultural Museum

- (Keng Tong)
- 21:10 Myanmar Modern
Song "A Compassion-
ate Love Boat"
- 21:12 The World of Mro
Nationals
- 21:15** **National News**
- 21:20 Popa Flat-topped Hill
(Taung Ka Lat)
- 21:25 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Mingalabar"
- 21:36 Kambawzathadi Palace
of Conquerors
- 21:40** **Headline News**
- 21:42 Easily Cooked Tasty
Dishes (Featherback
clean soup with tender
gourd Leaves)
- 21:45** **National News**
- 21:50 Let's Enjoy Mann
Shwe Sattaw Pagoda
Festival
- 21:55 A Rural Village
- 22:00** **National News**
- 22:05 Ayeayawady Dolphin
Expedition (Part-I)
- 22:10 Myanmar Modern
Song "Remembrance
for keep!"
- 22:15** **National News**
- 22:20 The Salone in Myeik
Archipelago
- 22:25 Song "Beauty of
Wakema"
- 22:30** **National News**
- 22:35 Ah Mae Ywa Litera-
ture Nursery
- 22:40 Myanmar Cuisine
"Squid Salad"
- 22:45** **National News**
- 22:50 Archaeological Mu-
seum, Pakhangyi
(Part-I)
- 22:55 Nay Yar Daw Khin
- 22:58 Blacksmith of Kayin
State
- 23:00** **National News**
- 23:05 Central Agricultural
Research Institute
- 23:10 Myanmar Modern
Song "We'll Be Wait-
ing For You"
- 23:12 A Lonesome Song
- 23:15** **National News**
- 23:20 Attractive Myanmar
Snacks
- 23:25 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Come and See
Myanmar"

26-1-2004 (Monday) &
27-1-2004 (Tuesday)
Evening & Morning
Transmission

- (23:30 - 1:30)
- 23:30 Signature Tune
Greeting
- 23:32 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Mingalabar"
- 23:36 Kambawzathadi Palace
of Conquerors
- 23:40** **Headline News**

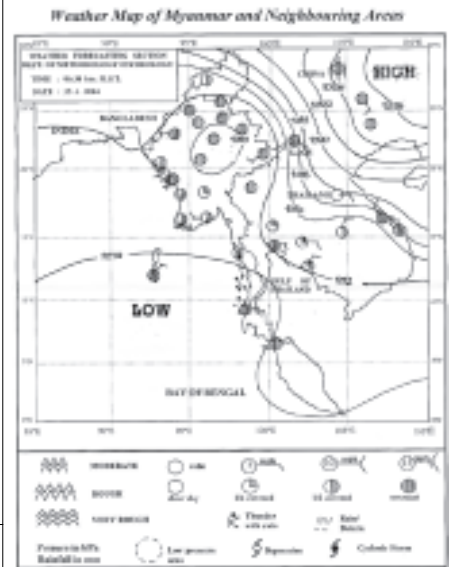
- 23:42 Easily Cooked Tasty
Dishes (Featherback
clean soup with tender
gourd Leaves)
- 23:45** **National News**
- 23:50 Let's Enjoy Mann
Shwe Sattaw Pagoda
Festival
- 23:55 A Rural Village
- 24:00** **National News**
- 00:05 Ayeayawady Dolphin
Expedition (Part-I)
- 00:10 Song "Remembrance
for keep!"
- 00:15** **National News**
- 00:20 The Salone in Myeik
Archipelago
- 00:25 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Myanma Pano-
rama & Myanma Sen-
timent"
- 00:30** **National News**
- 00:35 Ah Mae Ywa Litera-
ture Nursery
- 00:40 Myanmar Cuisine
"Squid Salad"
- 00:45** **National News**
- 00:50 Archaeological Mu-
seum, Pakhangyi
(Part-I)
- 00:55 Nay Yar Daw Khin
- 00:58 Blacksmith of Kayin
State
- 01:00** **National News**
- 01:05 Central Agricultural
Research Institute
- 01:10 Myanmar Modern
Song "We'll Be Wait-
ing For You"
- 01:12 A Lonesome Song
- 01:15** **National News**
- 01:20 Attractive Myanmar
Snacks
- 01:25 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Come and See
Myanmar"

27-1-2004 (Tuesday)
MRTV-3 Regular
Programmes for Viewers
from Abroad Morning
Transmission

- (03:30 - 07:30)
- 03:30 Signature Tune
Greeting
- 03:32 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Myanma Pano-
rama & Myanma Sen-
timent"
- 03:35 Kindness to Pet
Animal
- 03:40** **Headline News**
- 03:42 Easily Cooked Tasty
Dishes (Braised Curry
of Duck)
- 03:45** **National News**
- 03:50 Myanmar Movies Im-
pact
- 04:00** **National News**
- 04:05 Myanma Traditional
Tamarind Juice
- 04:10 Song "Anniversary of

- MICT"
- 04:12 Traditional Chin Cui-
sine
- 04:15** **National News**
- 04:20 Pride of Place in
Bagan (The Ananda
Temple)
- 04:25 Song on Screen
"Past Merit"
- 04:30** **National News**
- 04:35 A Journey to Research
Taron Race
- 04:40 Myanmar Cuisine
"Traditional Moun
bine daunt"
- 04:45** **National News**
- 04:50 Ornamental Jewellery
of Outstanding
Designs
- 04:55 Scenic Beauty of
Tiddim & Cultural
Dance
- 05:00** **National News**
- 05:05 Cultural Museum
(Keng Tong)
- 05:10 Myanmar Modern
Song "A Compassion-
ate Love Boat"
- 05:12 The World of Mro
Nationals
- 05:15** **National News**
- 05:20 Popa Flat-topped Hill
(Taung Ka Lat)
- 05:25 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Mingalabar"
- 05:36 Kambawzathadi Palace
of Conquerors
- 05:40** **Headline News**
- 05:42 Easily Cooked Tasty
Dishes (Featherback
clean soup with
tender gourd

- Leaves)
- 05:45** **National News**
- 05:50 Let's Enjoy Mann
Shwe Sattaw Pagoda
Festival
- 05:55 A Rural Village
- 06:00** **National News**
- 06:05 Ayeayawady Dolphin
Expedition (Part-I)
- 06:10 Myanmar Modern
Song "Remem-
brance for keeps!"
- 06:15** **National News**
- 06:20 The Salone in Myeik
Archipelago
- 06:25 Song "Beauty of
Wakema"
- 06:30** **National News**
- 06:35 Ah Mae Ywa Lit-
erature Nursery
- 06:40 Myanmar Cuisine
"Squid Salad"
- 06:45** **National News**
- 06:50 Archaeological
Museum, Pakhangyi
(Part-I)
- 06:55 Nay Yar Daw Khin
- 06:58 Blacksmith of Kayin
State
- 07:00** **National News**
- 07:05 Central Agricultural
Research Institute
- 07:10 Myanmar Modern
Song "We'll Be
Waiting For You"
- 07:12 A Lonesome Song
- 07:15** **National News**
- 07:20 Attractive Myanmar
Snacks
- 07:25 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Come and See
Myanmar"

**WEATHER**

Sunday, 25 January, 2004

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST:
During the past 24 hours, light rain has been isolated in Kachin State and upper Sagaing Division, weather has been generally fair in the remaining areas. Night temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) above normal in Kachin State, upper Sagaing, Mandalay and Bago Divisions, (5°C) above normal in Shan State and Ayeayawady Division and about normal in the remaining areas.

Maximum temperature on 24-1-2004 was 34.5°C (94°F). Minimum temperature on 25-1-2004 was 17.5°C (64°F). Relative humidity at 9:30 hrs MST on 25-1-2004 was 79%. Total sunshine hours on 24-1-2004 was (8.2) hours approx. Rainfall on 25-1-2004 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 Northeast at (06:30) hours MST on 25-1-2004.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 26-1-2004: Isolated light rain are likely in Kachin, Chin, Shan States, upper Sagaing, Mandalay and Taninthayi Divisions and weather will be generally fair in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (60%). **State of the sea:** Seas will be moderate in Myanmar waters.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Slight increase of night temperature in upper Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 26-1-2004: Partly cloudy. **Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 26-1-2004:** Possibility of isolated light rain. Degree of certainty is (40%).



Monday, January 26

View today:

7:00 am

- ကျေးဇူးနဲ့ မင်းကွန်ဆာတေးဘုရား
ကြီး နိုင်တော်သံဃာတော်တို့အဖို့
အကျိုးတော်ဆောင်ရွက် အဘိဓမ္မာ
ရသေ့ရသေ့ အဘိဓမ္မာဟောသံဃာ
ဇောတိက တိပိဋကဓမ္မစာအုပ်
ဂါရုတ ဓမ္မတော် တွေ့ရှိမှု
သရုပ်ဆောင်ပို့ချတော်
- To be healthy exercise
- Morning news
- Nice and sweet song
- Songs of national races
- Cute little dancers

8:10 am

7. အရေးကြီးမှု

8:15 am

8. ဒါးကတ်တား (စရာဝတ်တီး)

8:30 am

9. International news

8:45 am

10. Let's Go

4:00 pm

1. Martial song

4:15 pm

2. Song to uphold

National Spirit

4:30 pm

3. Practice in reading

4:45 pm

4. Musical Programme

5:00 pm

5. အဆေးသတိပေးသောစာ

ရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသံဃာ

- တိပိဋက (ခေါ်တွေးအထူးပြု)

(ခေါ်တွေး)

5:15 pm

6. ဂြိုဟ်နံမြောက်ပြည်တောင်စုစု

ဂြိုဟ်အစုစု

5:30 pm

7. Dance variety

5:45 pm

8. ဘိုင်းဒါးရေကောင်းတံ

5:55 pm

9. Musical Programme (The
Radio Myanmar Modern
Music Troupe)

6:10 pm

10. Discovery

6:30 pm

11. Evening news

7:00 pm

12. Weather report

7:05 pm

13. Milo Success in Soccer

7:10 pm

14. Industrial Achievement

7:25 pm

15. Musical programme

7:40 pm

16. (ဂြိုဟ်နံမြောက်တပ်မတော်စု

အစုစုအစုစု ဝန်ဆောင်မှုပြု

ကြွယ်ဝခြင်းဆင်နွှဲမှု (ဝန်ဆောင်မှု)

8:00 pm

17. News

18. International news

19. Weather report

20. နိုင်ငံခြားသတင်းစာ

"တုံ့မလွှဲ" (အပိုင်း-၁၈)

21. The next day's

programme



Monday, January 26

Tune in today:

8:30 am

Brief news

8:35 am

Music

8:40 am

Perspectives

8:45 am

Music

8:50 am

National news/

Slogan

9:00 am

Music

9:05 am

International news

9:10 am

Music

9:15 am

News/Slogan

9:20 am

Lunch Time Music

- Moonlight shadow

(Missing Heart)

- Do I have to say the

words (Bryan

Adams)

9:30 am

Spotlight on the star

- Joey McIntyre

Article

Drugs Elimination

- To harmoniously

wipe out the danger

of narcotic drugs

Golden Land's

Melody

- A thousand smiles

(The Swins)

9:45 pm

News/Slogan

10:30 pm

PEL

Prime Minister attends hoisting of Htidaw atop Gandakutitaik of Jina Manaung Buddha Image in Sonnathamyaing Swemyodaw (Myainggying Region), Kayin State

YANGON, 25 Jan —The Htidaw was hoisted atop Gandakutitaik of Jina Manaung Buddha Image in Sonnathamyaing Swemyodaw (Myainggying Region) in Kayin State in conjunction with opening of 34-mile Thitsar Road linking Myainggying and Hpa-an and 99 bridges at respective places in Myainggying Region yesterday morning, attended by Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt.

The ceremony was graced by the presence of State Ostadacariya Hpa-an Mehsaung Monastery Sayadaw Agga Maha Pandita Abhidhaja Maha Rattha Guru Bhaddanta Indriya and Myainggying Sayadaw Bhaddanta Sujana and Sayadaws in Kayin State.

Also present on the occasion were Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Maung Bo, Chairman of Mon State Peace and Development Council Commander Maj-Gen Thura Myint Aung, ministers, deputy ministers, Chairman of Kayin State Peace and Development Council Col Khin Kyu, officials of the State Peace and Development Council Office, departmental heads, local authorities, officials, social organizations, Chairman of Kayin National Buddhist Association U Saw Tha Htoo Kyaw and members, teachers, students and local residents.

The Prime Minister and party paid reverence to Jina Manaung Buddha Image. They also paid homage to Myainggying Sayadaw Bhaddanta Sujana.

The Htidaw hoisting ceremony took place at 11.30 am.

The Myainggying Sayadaw handed the Htidaw to the Prime Minister.

The lay persons conveyed the Seinbudaw (Diamond Orb) and Hngetmyatnadaw (Vane) to the decorated carriage. Local national race leaders and local people hoisted the religious objects atop the Gandakutitaik. The Sayadaw, the Prime Minister and party and national race leaders fixed the religious objects atop the Gandakutitaik and sprinkled scented water on them. The Prime Minister and party performed (See page 9)



Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt and party walks along the newly-constructed Thitsar Road Linking Sonnathamyaing Swemyodaw (Myainggying Region) and Hpa-an in Kayin State on 24-1-2004. — MNA

Secretary-1 visits Hlinethaya industrial zone, Third MICT Week-2004

YANGON, 25 Jan — Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Soe Win inspected factories in Hlinethaya industrial zone and visited the

Third MICT Week-2004 this morning.

The Secretary-1, accompanied by Minister for Industry-2 Maj-Gen Saw Lwin, Minister at the Prime Minister's Office Maj-Gen Thein

Swe, Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Yangon Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin, the deputy ministers, officials of the State Peace and Development Council Office and heads of departments, arrived at electrical equipment factory of AA Electronics Co Ltd in Hline Township this morning. The Secretary-2 inspected Star TVs, VCDs, air-conditioners, washing machines, coolers and heaters and refrigerators produced by the company.

Chairman of AA Electronics Co Ltd U Myat Thin Aung said the company was established for production of electronic goods. Black and white TVs were produced in 1998 and colour TVs in 1999 and VCDs in 2002. He said arrangements have been made for production of washing machines, coolers and heaters and refrigerators and electrical devices. Over 50,000

TVs and 25,000 VCDs were produced so far. He reported on requirements for production of electronic goods.

Next, Managing Director U Than Win Aung reported on production of various kinds of electrical appliances. The Secretary-1 then gave instructions.

Chairman U Myat Thin Aung and Vice-Chairman Thiri Thudhamma Theingi Daw Khin Myint Myint presented ten TVs for use in education activities to Vice-Chairman of Myanmar Education Committee Lt-Gen Soe Win. The Secretary-1 inspected production process of TV and VCD products.

The Secretary-1 and party went to Thanlwin Aye Co in Hlinethaya Industrial Zone-2 and inspected Mega Jeep and Managing Director Daw Myint Myint Win reported on arrangements for production of passenger buses and trucks.

(See page 9)



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Soe Win inspects Mega Jeeps at Than Lwin Ayeyya Co in Hlinethaya Industrial Zone (2). — MNA

Workshops of Myanmar ICT Week 2004 continue

YANGON, 25 Jan — The Third Myanmar ICT Week went on for the fifth day today here at Myanmar Information and Communication Technology (MICT) Park on Hline University Campus in Hline Township.

The workshop on 'Security issues and related products' was held in the morning session. U Thaung Tin, President of Myanmar Computer Scientists Association made a speech. The discussions included 'Prevention of virus-attack using intelligent enterprise security management system' by Daw Khin Mi Mi Aung, 'Virus and other

problems relating Internet security' by In-charge U Wai Lin Kyaw of Special Interest Group of MCSA and 'Firewall and other technologies to prevent security system by SIG In-charge U Hla Win Kyauing.

In the afternoon, members of Board of MICTDC Directors U Tin Win Aung made a speech on opening of soft-launching e-procurement project.

Director U Than Win of Myanmar Electric Power Enterprise, the Ministry of Electric Power, discussed matters on e-Procedure, Vice-President U Aung Soe Thin of Myanmar Computer Co Ltd discussed matters

relating to e-Procedure Portal Prototype.

The workshop on 'Better Software Faster' was also held. Senior Consultant U Moe Thwin of Borland (Hong Kong) Ltd presented papers on 'Better software faster' and 'UML modelling solution'.

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, chairmen of computer associations, departmental officials, officials from computer companies and enthusiasts.

MNA



ARMED FORCES DAY RECEPTION: Thai Military Attache Col Kasam Nakpun and wife hosted a reception to mark the Armed Forces Day of Thailand at the Thai Embassy in Myanmar on 25-1-2004. Photo shows the Thai military attache greeting State Peace and Development Council Member Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than and wife. — MNA