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(19th February, 2004)

The State Peace and Development Council hereby enacts the following Law:-

Chapter I

Title and Definition

1. This Law shall be called the Body Organ Donation Law.
2. The following expressions contained in this Law shall have the meanings given hereunder:-
 - (a) **Body Organ** means any part of the body composed in the human body. This expression also includes the whole of the human body;
 - (b) **Death** means the condition of termination of all brain functions of a person;
 - (c) **Body Organ Donor** means a person who has authorized to remove any body organ, if there is no danger to life by removal of such organ, or a person who has given prior consent to remove his body organ after death;
 - (d) **Person who is Authorized to Procure the Body Organ** means a person prescribed by the Ministry of Health under this Law as the person authorized to remove body organ;
 - (e) **Removal of the Body Organ** means removing the body organ by the person authorized in accordance with the stipulations;
 - (f) **Receiving Unit** means the unit which receives donation of the body organ;
 - (g) **Committee** means the committee relating to Donation of Body Organ, formed under section 4 of this Law.

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Four political objectives

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

Four economic objectives

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

Four social objectives

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

Prime Minister inspects Myingyan Dyeing and Printing Factory, Salingyi Textile Factory Project

YANGON, 19 Feb — Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt and party inspected the Dyeing and Printing Factory of the Myanma Textile Industries in Myingyan on 17 February.

At the Briefing hall, Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thaung and officials reported to the Prime Minister on the location, area and aim of the factory, production of 200,000 yards of cotton fabrics, daily production of 800 yards of cotton fabrics, and installation of 200 weaving machines to boost production.

The Prime Minister attended to their needs, saying that in accord with the

guidance of Head of State Senior General Than Shwe, projects are being launched nationwide for development of every region, raising the living standard of the local people, and development of regional economy and human resources. The textile factories will help ensure regional development, improve living standard and generate job opportunities. Thus, efforts are required for the success of the projects in the interest of the local people.

Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt and party observed the raw materials, printed cotton fabrics, dyed cotton fabrics and installation of weaving ma-

chines.

On arrival at Salingyi Textile Factory Project of the MTI in Salingyi Township, they were welcomed by Chairman of Sagaing Division Peace and Development Council Commander of North-West Command Maj-Gen Tha Aye, Deputy Minister for Industry-1 Brig-Gen Thein Tun, local authorities, departmental personnel, members of social organizations, and the managing director and staff of MTI. At the briefing hall, they heard a report on the location and purpose of the project, production and distribution capacity, the total production capacity of the

factories in Shwedaung, Paleik, Sagaing, Pwintbyu, Pakokku and Salingyi, raw material and cotton requirement, cotton sown acreage in the whole nation and the ministry's plans to grow cotton presented by Minister U Aung Thaung.

Managing Director of MTI U Oo Thein Maung explained the machinery for the factory, power and water requirement, arrival of machinery and construction task.

The Prime Minister stressed the need to implement the project in accord with the schedule and to take fire prevention measures. He presented gifts to experts of China National

Construction & Agricultural Machinery Import & Export Corporation (CAMC) of the project.

At the weaving sector, Minister U Aung Thaung and Project Director U Chit Swe presented plans to install production machinery and the production process with the help of charts.

The Prime Minister and party inspected the scale-model of the project, automatic weaving machines, warehouse for raw materials and finished goods, workshop and training hall. — MNA

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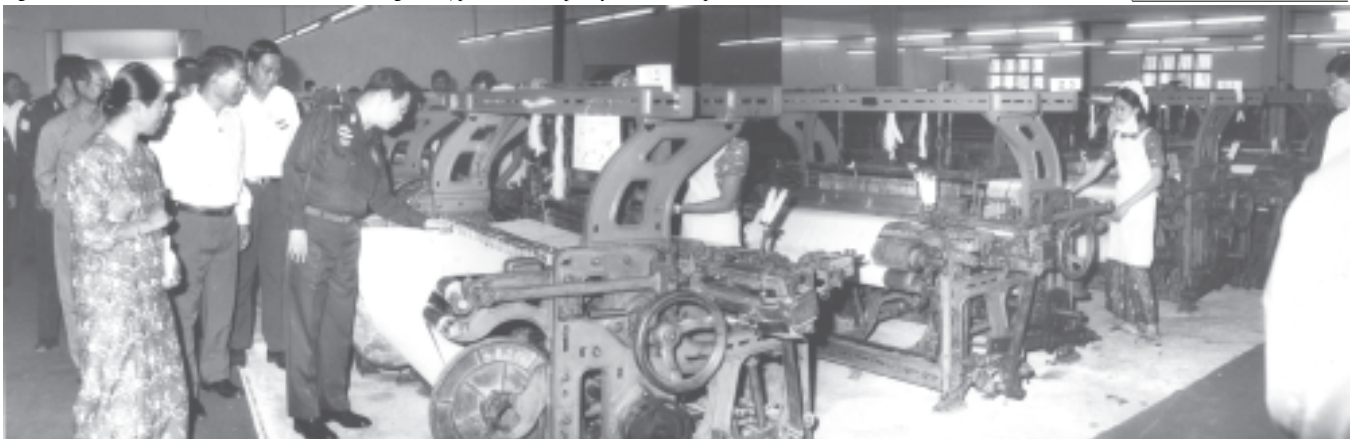
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Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt inspects Dyeing and Printing Factory in Myingyan on 17-2-2004.— MNA

PERSPECTIVES

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For successful implementation of oil and gas exploration projects

The State Peace and Development Council is building the nation with the aim of enabling the country to be on a par with nations of the world, strengthening the national economic life and raising the living standard of the citizens.

Based on natural resources in the country, and strength of intellectuals and intelligentsia and the people, national plans are being implemented.

With peace and stability in the country, national development undertakings are being carried out with acceleration. Natural resources are being widely exploited to promote the economy of the State.

Oil and gas include in the list of natural resources that are being exploited in the country.

To fulfil the needs in the energy sector of the State, the Ministry of Energy is endeavouring with might and main for exploiting oil and gas.

In doing so, efforts are being made to expose new oil and gas fields on shore and at the same time offshore oil exploration tasks are being carried out with the cooperation of foreign companies.

Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt and party inspected Indaw region oil exploration project in Mawlaik Township, Sagaing Division, on 17 February.

At the project site, Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lun Thi reported to the Prime Minister on the location of the project, history of oil exploration in Indaw region, geological condition of the region and prospects, the geological survey conducted by the Myanma Oil and Gas Enterprise in the region, road construction, provision of heavy machinery and drilling machines, and test wells No 1, 2 and 3 in the region. The minister also said at a depth of 6,500 feet the No 1 test well is producing 4.32 million cubic feet of natural gas per day. The No 2 well yields only salty water. The No 3 well will be drilled up to 6,000 feet, and up to now, digging has reached 757 feet underground. Arrangements are under way to calculate the potential yield of oil and gas in the region after the completion of the drilling of test wells. He then explained the prospects and production of oil and gas fields all around Myanmar and arrangements to extend drilling work at prospective oil and gas fields.

Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt attended to the needs and spoke of the need to continue the drilling work as scheduled.

The Prime Minister observed the drilling of the No 3 well of Indaw region crude oil exploration project.

At a time when the energy sector plays a vital role in national development, officials concerned are urged to strive for successful realization of oil and gas exploration projects.

59th Anniversary Armed Forces Day Objectives

- To strive hand in hand with the people for successful realization of the State's seven-point policy programme
- To crush internal and external destructive elements hindering the stability and progress of the State through people's militia strategy
- To implement border area development tasks and the five rural development tasks hand in hand with the entire people
- To build up a strong and efficient Tatmadaw to uphold 'Our Three Main National Causes'

Minister inspects Mone Creek Multi-purpose Dam Project

YANGON, 19 Feb — Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Nyunt Tin, accompanied by departmental heads, inspected Tanyaung Water Pumping Project in Salin Township, Minbu District, Magway Division, on 16 February.

Next, the minister met with departmental officials and dealt with cultivation of summer paddy and long staple cotton and irrigation of cultivated land.

The minister and party proceeded to Bueywa Dam Project to be implemented near Bue Village, Sedoktara Township, Minbu District, 13 miles upstream Mone Creek Dam. Officials concerned reported on facts about the project and work progress. Director-General of the Irrigation Department U Kyaw San Win and Director U Khin Maung Chit gave supplementary reports.

The minister met

with engineers for talks about construction tasks and inspected the project site. Afterwards, he inspected the main embankment and irrigation buildings at the Mone Creek Multi-purpose Dam Project. Officials concerned reported on construction tasks. The minister gave instructions on timely completion of the project and looked into the construction works. *MNA*



The two silver images and four bronze images of Lord Buddha. — MNA

Thai Minister for Industry arrives

YANGON, 19 Feb — Thai Minister for Industry Mr Phinij Jarusombut and delegation arrived here by air yesterday evening. They were welcomed at Yangon International Airport by Minister for Foreign Affairs U Win Aung, Deputy Minister U Khin Maung Win, Director-General of the Protocol Department Thura U Aung Htet and Thai Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Suphot Dhirakaosal.

Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thaung met with the 10-member delegation led by Thai Minister for Industry Mr Phinij Jarusombut at his office at 11.20 am today. They cordially discussed industrial cooperation between Myanmar and Thailand. Also present at the call were Deputy Ministers Brig-Gen Thein Tun and Brig-Gen Kyaw Win, directors-general and managing directors of departments and enterprises.

Minister for Industry-2 Maj-Gen Saw Lwin met with Thai Minister for Industry Mr Phinij Jarusombut and delegation at his office at noon today. They cordially discussed industrial and economic cooperation between Myanmar and Thailand. Also present were Deputy Minister Lt-Col Khin Maung Kyaw and officials. — *MNA*



The study tour group being seen off at the airport by UMFCFI President U Win Myint. — H

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

Myanmar Gazette

YANGON, 19 Feb — The State Peace and Development Council has confirmed the appointment of the following heads of service organizations on expiry of the one-year probationary period.

Name	Appointment
(a) U Win Naing	Director-General Internal Revenue Department Ministry of Finance & Revenue
(b) U Myat Ko	Director-General General Administration Dept Ministry of Home Affairs
(c) U Ba Myint	Director-General Prisons Department Ministry of Home Affairs

MNA

Ancient Buddha images found

YANGON, 19 Feb — Officials of Archaeology Department found twenty-two Buddha images of Inwa era while trying to restore the Aungsigon Pagoda in old Pinya town near Sagain village, Tada U Township, Mandalay Division, during the six-day period from 7 to 12 January 2004. They also excavated four more ancient images on 3 February in the pagoda precinct. Two silver images and four bronze images were also found under the ruins of the pagoda on 7 February. The 32 images that were found at the pagoda are being systematically preserved. — *MNA*

Commerce Minister receives Indian entrepreneurs

YANGON, 19 Feb — Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Pyi Sone received Indo-Burma Trading Corporation Chairman Mr ML Goenka and party of India at his office at 4 pm and Confederation of Indian Industry Chairman Mr Rajive Kaul and party of India at 4.30 pm today.

Also present at the calls were officials of the Directorate of Trade, the Border Trade Department and the Myanmar Agricultural Produce Trading. — *MNA*

Officers leave for study tour

YANGON, 19 Feb — Under the visits exchange programme of young entrepreneurs in Japan, a group led by Assistant Director Daw Than Than Lwin and comprising Head of Branch Daw Soe Sein Ei of Myanma Industrial Planning Department of the Ministry of Industry-2, Executive of UMFCFI Daw Kalyar Pyae Wai Shan, Daw Cho Cho Thein of Central Bank of Myanmar and Daw Khin Aye Win of the Myanmar Computer Federation, left here by air yesterday evening. They were seen off at Yangon International Airport by President of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce & Industry U Win Myint, General Secretary U Sein Win Hlaing and officials. *H*

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

Iraqi suicide bombs kill 11

HILLA (Iraq), 19 Feb— Suicide car bombers killed at least 11 Iraqis and wounded 58 foreign troops on Wednesday in twin attacks on a military base south of Baghdad in the run up to a UN report on the feasibility of direct elections in Iraq.

A spokesman for Polish-led forces in Hilla, about 60 miles south of Baghdad, said 44 Iraqis were also wounded in the blasts. The wounds of the soldiers were not life-threatening.

Lieutenant-Colonel Robert Strzelecki told *Reuters* that guards outside the base managed to stop one of the cars by shooting at it but that a second car exploded after smashing into a wall.

"At 7:15 local time (0415 GMT) near the logistics base there was a terrorist attack using two cars," Strzelecki said. "We found the bodies of the two drivers, and two Iraqis standing in the street were killed."

US-led Coalition Provisional Au-

thority spokeswoman Hilary White later put the death toll much higher.

"We can confirm that more than 11 Iraqis were killed," she told *Reuters*. "It killed men, women and children."

The blasts blew the facing and roofs off of homes outside the base, and, like car bombs last week that killed about 100 people as they enlisted in the Iraqi army and police, left survivors blaming Iraq's US occupiers for the bloodshed.

"We heard the sound of a plane overhead and a rocket landed and then a second rocket landed," said Omar Zayed, 17, who lives near the site of the explosion.

Two young boys who were

wounded in the explosion lost their parents. One of them, 10-year-old Seif Saleh, lay in a hospital bed complaining of pain and asking for his father as the coffins of his parents were brought into the hospital.

Relatives of one of the dead wept hysterically on the corridor floor and beat their hands on the wall.

The wounded foreigners included at least 12 Filipinos, 12 Poles, 10 Hungarians and two Americans.

The attacks are the latest in a string against soldiers of countries helping the United States occupy Iraq, and highlighted the violence that threatens US plans to formally hand sovereignty over to Iraqis by mid-year.

MNA/Reuters

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Second woman from Wisconsin killed in Iraq

LENA, 19 Feb—A Wisconsin soldier from Lena who specialized in civil affairs was killed after only two weeks in Iraq when an improvised explosive device struck her convoy, authorities and family members said Tuesday.

Pfc. Nichole M. Frye, 19, was assigned to Company A, 415th Civil Affairs Battalion of the Army Reserve in Kalamazoo, Mich.

Her mother, Lisa Frye, told *The Associated Press* the family received a computer e-mail from her daughter about a week ago explaining some of her duties. She had been in Iraq only about two weeks. Frye was the 10th person from Wisconsin — and the second Wisconsin woman — to die serving in Iraq.

Internet



Iraqi men gather their belongings in front of their house destroyed in a car bomb attack in the city of Hilla on 18 Feb, 2004.—INTERNET

Egypt says ready for more engagement with Iran

TEHERAN, 19 Feb—Egyptian Foreign Minister Ahmed Maher said here Tuesday that his country is ready for more engagement with Iran.

"Iran and Egypt share common hopes and worries and the meeting of the two countries' presidents in Geneva was a positive sign of the two sides' intention for bilateral cooperation," Maher said while meeting with his Iranian counterpart Kamal Kharzari.

He was referring to the meeting between Iranian President Mohammad Khatami and his Egyptian counterpart Hosni Mubarak on the sidelines of a UN summit last December.

Maher arrived here earlier in the day to take part in a summit of the Islamic economic group of eight, comprising Bangladesh, Egypt, Indonesia, Iran, Malaysia, Nigeria, Pakistan and Turkey.

He and Kharzari discussed regional and international issues and bilateral cooperation between Teheran and Cairo in various areas, according to a Press released by the Iranian Foreign Ministry.

The two agreed on "maintaining contacts and exchange of views between the two sides for complete resumption of relations between Teheran and Cairo," said the ministry.

"Cooperation between Teheran and Cairo will guarantee interests of the region," Maher was quoted as saying at the meeting.

According to the Press release, the two ministers described the situation in Iraq as "grave" and hailed a recent meeting of Iraq's neighbours held in Kuwait.

Indications showed that Iran and Egypt were taking historic steps toward restoring bilateral relations after 25 years of breakup since the 1979 Islamic Revolution in Iran.

MNA/Xinhua

Singapore's foreign trade grows 7.9% on-year in January

SINGAPORE, 19 Feb— Singapore's total trade grew 7.9 per cent year-on-year in January 2004, moderating from the 26.2 per cent growth achieved in December 2003, said a government Press release Tuesday.

Non-oil domestic exports (NODX) expanded by 2.7 per cent in January 2004 over the corresponding month of 2003, moderating from the 30.7 per cent expansion achieved in December 2003, said the Press release published by the International Enterprise Singapore (IE Singapore), or previously known as the Trade Development Board.

Except Japan and the US, NODX to all key markets reported positive gains in January 2004, it said. In particular, NODX to the European Union, China and Australia continued to post double-digit gains in the month, it added.

Domestic exports of electronics contracted by a mild 0.8 per cent in January 2004, after a 25.7-per-cent expansion in the previous month, it said.

"This lackluster performance is attributed to the weak growth in domestic exports of disk drives, PCs (personal computers) and parts," it said.

Oil domestic exports declined by 10.8 per cent in January 2004, as compared to the 22.4 per cent growth in December 2003, said the release.

Non-oil re-exports growth moderated in January 2004 to a positive 4.9 per cent, following the 26.4 per cent increase in the previous month, it said.

Singapore's total trade reached 474 billion Singapore dollars (about 280 billion US dollars) in 2003, increasing by 9.6 per cent over the previous year.

IE Singapore has earlier projected an 8-10 per cent trade growth for 2004, citing positive factors such as stronger pick-up in global electronics demand, improved outlook in the US economy, expected further expansion in the Chinese, EU and Japanese economies. —MNA/Xinhua

Preparations underway for UNESCO World Heritage session

BELING, 19 Feb — Preparations for the 28th session of the UNESCO World Heritage Committee (WHC) have begun in east China's Suzhou City, said committee president Zhang Xinheng here Tuesday.

The WHC session is scheduled for June 28 to July 7 in Suzhou, a historic city in Jiangsu Province.

Zhang, who is also Vice-Minister of Education and chairman of China National Commission for the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organiza-

tion (UNESCO), said Chinese Government departments had coordinated well to ensure the preparations for the WHC session.

China attached great importance to the conference, and all the world heritage sites and their local governments had adopted

practical measures to ensure its success, he said.

China had also set up a leading group for the preparation work, headed by State Councillor Chen Zhili, who held a work meeting in Suzhou in January, and arranged for further preparations. — MNA/Xinhua



A US soldier guards detainees sitting in the back of a truck, following a joint raid by US troops and Iraqi police in Baquoba, Iraq, on 18 Feb, 2004.—INTERNET

HK population increases 24,000 in 2003

HONG KONG, 19 Feb— Hong Kong population was 6,810,100 at the end of 2003, representing an increase of 24,000, or 0.4 per cent, over a year ago, according to the statistics released Tuesday by the Census and Statistics Department.

Obtained by subtracting the number of deaths of 36,500 from the number of births of 46,200, the natural increase of the population from the end of 2002 to the end of 2003 amounted to 9,700.

The overall population comprises a natural increase of 9,700 and a net movement of 14,300 residents. The ratio of natural increase to overall population increase was 40 per cent, while that of net movement to overall population increase was 60 per cent.

Hong Kong population is measured on the definition of resident population, which comprises usual residents and mobile residents. Among the total population at the end of 2003, 6,619,100 were usual residents, and 191,000 mobile residents.

MNA/Xinhua

Contractors' security costs rise in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 19 Feb—Attacks on the private contractors rebuilding Iraq are boosting security expenses, cutting into reconstruction funds and compelling US officials in Baghdad to contend with growing legions of private, armed security teams spread throughout the country.

While attacks on military targets and Iraqi citizens have received widespread attention, the assaults on the companies, which have left at least 17 dead and others wounded, are lesser known. Those attacks could jeopardize the success of the coalition efforts in Iraq, according to a Coalition Provisional Authority document reviewed by *The Washington Post*.

A draft of security guidance for contractors prepared by the CPA's Infrastructure Security Planning Group in Baghdad says, "Spiraling costs, excessive work delays, lost materiel and workforce casualties in the current threat environment have the potential to put Coalition success at risk." The CPA's Program Management Office is seeking to hire a central coordinator for the private security teams in anticipation of the thousands of foreign workers and

hundreds of new work sites that will flood Iraq starting next month, when nearly \$10 billion in US-funded rebuilding contracts are due to be awarded.

"The number of soft Coalition targets will grow dramatically," the draft states. US and coalition military forces, which are being trimmed and face continuing attacks, cannot provide contractor protection, and neither can fledgling Iraqi forces, the draft states, leaving private teams as the main protection for contractors. But tighter licensing, registration and identification are needed "to prevent fratricide," the document says.

The draft says the threat to coalition forces and contractors is "assumed" to remain at current levels through next year, leaving rebuilding companies vulnerable to attacks both

from anti-occupation elements and criminal rings. That combination could intensify bidding wars for experienced security personnel and cause more money to be pulled away from rebuilding under government contracts that allow companies to pass on security and other costs, providing little incentive to hold down those expenses.

Security costs are consuming about 10 percent of each construction contract, up from 7 percent in October, according to the Baghdad office that manages reconstruction projects for the Coalition Provisional Authority. Costs on high-profile targets, including pipelines, run higher. The added expenses may cause some projects to be delayed or canceled, said Darrell Crawford, chief of staff for the office.

Internet



Polish football team cancels Iraq visit citing attacks

WARSAW, 19 Feb—A Polish football team said it had called off a planned tour of Iraq after suicide bombers attacked a Polish military base there, killing seven Iraqis and wounding 86 people. LKS Lodz, a second division team from central Poland, had been due to begin an eight-day tour of Iraq next Monday.

"We hear all the time of attacks in Iraq. The Polish base was attacked again Wednesday morning. In these circumstances we have no right to risk the life and limb of the football players," said club official Jaroslaw Papis, quoted by the PAP news agency.

He said the club had also had difficulties funding the trip, which it says would have been the first to Iraq by a foreign football team since the fall of Saddam Hussein's regime. LKS were due to play Iraq's top club, Al-Talaba of Baghdad, and a team in Najaf, a town situated in a zone administered by a 9,000-strong Polish-led multi-national force. The Polish base attacked on Wednesday was in Hilla, south of Baghdad. —*Internet*

S'pore-Malaysia mock emergency exercise to tackle C-accidents

SINGAPORE, 19 Feb—Two government agencies from Singapore and Malaysia will hold a joint mock emergency exercise on Thursday to simulate an accident involving the leakage of chemical gas, Singapore's National Environment Agency (NEA) said here on Tuesday.

The exercise, jointly organized by the NEA and the Department of Environment of Johor, a Malaysian state bordering Singapore, will be held on the Singapore side of the Second Link, said the NEA in a Press release published on Tuesday.

Singapore is currently connected with Malaysia by a causeway and a bridge, which is commonly referred to as the Second Link.

The exercise will simulate an accident involving a prime mover carrying two four-ton demountable tanks

containing 99.9 per cent anhydrous ammonia traveling towards Singapore, said the NEA release.

Smoke from simulators will be used during the exercise to simulate leakage of ammonia gas, it said.

The NEA noted that the objective of the biennial exercise is to "test the operational effectiveness of the emergency response plan developed by the two agencies".

Apart from the NEA, government agencies on the Singapore side such as the Singapore Civil Defence Force, Singapore Police

Force, Maritime and Port Authority, Police Coast Guard, Immigration and Checkpoints Authority will also be involved in the exercise, it said.

The last time mock exercise between the two sides was held in December 2002, when a lorry carrying chlorine cylinders "crashed" and "spilt" liquid chlorine on the road at the same place.

MNA/Xinhua



Polish troops in Hilla. A Polish football team said it had called off a planned tour of Iraq after suicide bombers attacked a Polish military base. —*INTERNET*

Philippines to adopt new tax collection measures

MANILA, 19 Feb—The Philippine Government is set to introduce new measures to magnify last year's success in tax collection in 2004, a local newspaper reported Tuesday.

The Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR) Commissioner Guillermo Parayno Jr. was quoted by the *Philippine Daily Inquirer* as saying that the agency would strengthen its relations with civic organizations and business groups to promote payment of proper taxes among citizens.

Last year, the BIR had for the first time in years surpassed its collection target.

To repeat the achieve-

ment, the authorities were planning to adopt new measures to incent corporate taxpayers, whose income tax remittances were expected to exceed last year's level by 20 per cent in April 2004, Parayno said.

The commissioner added that the government would continue to intensify the tax measures introduced in 2003, including the tax mapping drive, the electronic filing and payment

system.

Parayno said the BIR would cover more business establishments under the tax mapping drive and to encourage more taxpayers to avail themselves of the online services of the BIR.

Under the tax mapping drive, BIR personnel last year visited about 200,000 business establishments nationwide to look into their tax compliance, it said.

MNA/Xinhua

247 centenarians living in Beijing

BEIJING, 19 Feb—The Chinese capital boasted 247 centenarians by the end of 2003, a rise of 57 over 2001, *Beijing Daily* reported.

Female centenarians account for approximately 80 per cent of the total, including three aged over 110 years old, and 209 centenarians, or 84.6 per cent of the total, are urbanites, according to statistics of the Beijing Municipal Committee on Ageing (BMCA).

The *Beijing News* earlier cited the BMCA as saying that by the end of 2003, the number of senior citizens aged at and above 60 living in the city's urban area is estimated at over 1.2 million. According to a recent survey conducted by the Beijing Municipal Research Centre on Ageing, the secret for longevity of those centenarians could own much to, among others, the natural way of living, good-quality sleep and rational eating, open-mindedness and a good temper, as well as fine family living environment.

MNA/Xinhua

Experts say more balanced city planning needed in China

BEIJING, 19 Feb—China should give special consideration to the balanced development of cities with the rising urban economic strength in the country, according to some of the world's leading urban planning experts.

"Besides economic growth, good governance, a skilled workforce and physical renewal should become important standards to evaluate the urban development level in China," said Nicholas Brooke, President of the British-based Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (RICS), quoted by Wednesday's *China Daily*.

Brooke made the remark at the "Winning Cities Conference" forum in Beijing Tuesday. It is the first forum being hosted in

China for RICS, the world's largest organization for real estate professionals.

Rising urban centres in China may face the similar problems which used to baffle major Western cities such as London and New York in the 1950s and 1960s.

For example, cultural facilities often give way to the development of commercial developments in some Chinese cities, leading to the removal of historic landmarks.

MNA/Xinhua

A US military vehicle carries arrested Iraqis along the highway leading to Abu Gharib prison.

INTERNET



IOM, WiRED cooperate to help Iraq's health sector

GENEVA, 19 Feb—The International Organization for Migration (IOM) announced Tuesday that it has signed an agreement to work with WiRED International to provide computer technology and training to medical students and health professionals in Iraq.

WiRED will provide free Internet connectivity and support to documentation and research efforts through the setting up of e-libraries, which IOM will incorporate into workshops and training programmes, said IOM spokesperson Christopher Lom.

WiRED International, based in California, is a non-profit information and communication resources company that helps disadvantaged people around the world.

Access to training and continuous education is a huge challenge for the many health professionals who carry on in postwar Iraq, but with Internet connectivity, the e-libraries will allow telemedicine, on-line consultation and access to web-based medical resources, said Lom.

The agreement will complement IOM's Medical Evacuation and Health Rehabilitation Programmes for Iraq (MEHRPI), which facilitates treatment abroad for patients

who cannot be treated in Iraq, and contributes to the rehabilitation of the country's dilapidated specialist healthcare system.

MEHRPI doctors have identified hospital departments specializing in cardiac surgery, oncology, orthopedics, hematology, ophthalmology and serious burns as those most in need of help, he said.

War, economic sanctions and systematic looting of health facilities following the fall of Saddam Hussein's regime have severely affected Iraq's health care system.

Many hospitals and health care services are still struggling to provide minimum standards of service to patients, many health workers have fled the country and many have not yet returned to work because of the security situation.

MNA/Xinhua

Oil prices cling to OPEC-fuelled gains

LONDON, 19 Feb—Oil prices held firm on Tuesday as traders predicted OPEC would take some action to limit output even if it was failing to enforce last week's promise to stop leakage above the cartel's official ceiling.

London Brent crude rose 40 cents to 30.72 US dollars. In volatile trade, US light sweet crude, weakened slightly, falling three cents to 34.53 US dollars a barrel. But traders said the US contract was taking account of modest losses on the London market on Monday when the US exchange closed for Presidents' Day and that speculative funds were preparing for contract expiry later this week.

The Organization of the Petroleum-Exporting Countries pledged at a meeting in Algiers last week to cut official supply limits by one million barrels per day to 23.5 million bpd from April to counter a seasonal second quarter decline in fuel demand after the northern winter.—MNA/Reuters

Iraq hit by snow and dust storms

BAGHDAD, 19 Feb—Iraq witnessed snows and dust storms that affected the Middle East region in the past two days, Iraqi weather sources said here.

The low pressure that came Sunday from Jordan, Palestine and Lebanon influenced the country, said the sources.

The northern parts of Iraq witnessed a snowstorm, while Mosul, 400 kilometres north of Baghdad, witnessed low temperatures and heavy rain that started early Saturday afternoon, which turned later into heavy snow, the sources, said.

Snows in Mosul cut all the roads leading to nearby cities like Arbeel, 380 kilometres north of Baghdad, and Dihouk, 465 kilometres north of Baghdad, where temperatures dropped drastically.

Baghdad witnessed the worst dust storm since last March, which reminded Iraqis of the weather that prevailed in the days of the US-led war on Iraq.

MNA/Xinhua



Polish soldiers secure the area where a car bomb exploded near a multinational division base in Hilla on 18 Feb, 2004. Two suicide bombers struck at a Polish military base in central Iraq, killing at least seven Iraqis and wounding dozens, including at least 58 coalition troops.—INTERNET

Chinese FM holds talks with Jamaican guest

BEIJING, 19 Feb—Chinese Foreign Minister Li Zhaoxing held talks with Jamaican Minister of Foreign Affairs and Foreign Trade Keith Desmond Knight in Beijing Wednesday.

Both sides exchanged views and reached a consensus on bilateral ties and international and regional issues of common concern.

Knight expressed appreciation for the help of the Chinese Government to Jamaica, and reiterated Jamaica's adherence to the one-China policy on the Taiwan issue.

Li appreciated the long-term stance on the Taiwan issue adopted by the Jamaican Government, and the active role of Jamaica in international and regional affairs.

Knight was invited by Li Zhaoxing for an official visit to China starting February 17.—MNA/Xinhua

Japan approves law for effective radio wave use

TOKYO, 19 Feb — Japanese Government approved a proposed bill Tuesday to revise the Radio Law in a bid to alleviate frequency congestion through the effective use of radio frequencies, NHK television reported. Under the proposed amendment, the government would compensate businesses having unused radio frequencies for losses incurred when they dismantle idle radio facilities. Fees would be imposed on newcomers for their use of radio frequencies.

According to the television report, the proposal also calls for deregulating radio and wireless stations, replacing the current licensing system with a registration system.

MNA/Xinhua

Passengers select "most satisfactory" airline companies

BEIJING, 19 Feb—China Eastern Airline Company, Hainan Airline Company and Sichuan Airline Company have been selected by 110,000 passengers as offering the "most satisfactory" services of all Chinese airlines in 2003.

The China Civil Aviation Association, which conducted the survey on Chinese air services, announced the results here Wednesday.

Most passengers showed increased satisfaction over airline punctuality, but they were still dissatisfied with announcements, entertainment and luggage services at airports.

Shanghai, Haikou, Shenyang, Harbin and Nanchang airports provided the best services in China in 2003, according to the survey.

The annual surveys, which started in 1993, aimed to strengthen exchanges between civil aviation departments and passengers, said Li Jun, deputy director of the General Administration of Civil Aviation of China (CAAC).

At the beginning of 2004, the administration for the first time publicized a list of airline companies that received complaints from passengers in 2003.

MNA/Xinhua



A pier worker directs a driver of export automobiles lining up on the Daikoku pier in Yokohama, south of Tokyo, on 18 Feb, 2004.—INTERNET

EU pursues new trade dispute against US

BRUSSELS/GENEVA, 19 Feb—The European Union took legal action against the United States on Tuesday in a new trade fight that could spark further sanctions threats.

The European Commission, which looks after trade matters for the 15-nation EU, sought an investigation at the Geneva-based World Trade Organization into how US antidumping duties are calculated.

"Several hundred million dollars of trade is involved," the Commission said in a statement accompanying the request for a trade panel to decide on the rights and wrongs of the case.

But the investigation, which can take at least six months, will not be launched immediately because the United States exercised its right under WTO rules for a brief delay.

However, it will be automatically triggered after the next meeting of the WTO's disputes settlement body on March 19. The EU is attacking a practice known as zeroing, which raises the amounts of duties countries have to pay if they are found by Washington to have dumped goods on the US market.

The Commission said products such as steel, ball bearings, chemicals and pasta were being hit by the zeroing method. The dispute adds to several high profile transatlantic trade fights, one of which comes to a head on March 1.

That case involves a threat of 200 million US dollars of EU sanctions on US goods unless Congress changes legislation which gives tax breaks to exporters, but which was ruled illegal by the WTO.

In another case before the WTO, South Korea asked for a probe into its complaint the European Union was violating trade rules in a tit-for-tat row over subsidies for shipbuilders.

The EU has already brought a similar complaint against South Korea and Brussels has decided to keep its subsidies until Seoul raises drastically the prices of its ships.

MNA/Reuters

Romanian company wins Iraq reconstruction contract

BURCHAREST, 19 Feb— The Romanian company Tehnoforestexport SA signed an 18-million-US-dollar contract with Iraq to furnish several Iraqi schools, the Romanian daily *Ziarul Financiar* reported Tuesday. The Romanian Ministry of Economy confirmed this contract, which is one of the most important contracts Romania has won in Iraq.

Tehnoforestexport SA is a foreign trade company, which has 122 employees.

Over 2,300 projects in Iraq in sectors including oil, electricity, water resources and

sanitation management, transport and communications, security, building and health, are in need of reconstruction. They are totally worth 18.6 billion US dollars. —MNA/Xinhua

US soldier injured in east Afghanistan

KABUL, 19 Feb— Another US soldier was injured by suspected Taliban members in Kunar, east of Afghan capital city, a US military spokesman said on Wednesday.

"A coalition vehicle struck a mine near Kunar's provincial capital Assadabad and a soldier had a broken nose," Bryan Hilferty, the coalition spokesman told a Press briefing here.

He also denied the earlier report that said two vehicles of a US patrolling team hit landmines near Assadabad on Monday, claiming casualties.

"Only one trooper was slightly wounded," he added.

It was the second mine accident in a week claiming casualties in the US-led coalition forces in Afghanistan.

One soldier died and nine injured in a mine accident in Ghazni, 150 kilometres south of Kabul on Friday.

MNA/Xinhua



A US soldier guards the police station in the town of Falluja, west of the Iraqi capital Baghdad on 18 Feb, 2004. —INTERNET

Singapore, Panama to start free trade talks

SINGAPORE, 19 Feb—Singapore and Panama have begun talks on a free trade pact, the first between the wealthy Southeast Asian city-state and a Central American country.

Singapore's Government said it expected to complete a pact with Panama within a year, reducing tariffs on two-way trade worth around 1.2 billion US dollars.

Panama needs an economic boost. It has a 12-billion-US-dollar-a-year economy, a dynamic banking sector and the Panama Canal, which carries 4 per cent of world trade, but some 40 per cent of its 2.9 million population live in poverty.

Washington said in December it also intended to negotiate a free trade agreement with Panama. Its exports to Singapore consist mostly of fish products while Singapore ships petroleum products and electronics components to Panama. —MNA/Reuters

White House says Iraq oil exports may top \$1b monthly

WASHINGTON, 19 Feb— Iraq's oil export revenues could exceed one billion US dollars per month this year if prices hold at current levels and export capabilities are not interrupted, the Bush Administration told Congress in a report on Wednesday.

The White House report said Iraq's crude oil exports should increase significantly once a pipeline from Kirkuk to Turkey's Ceyhan Port is sufficiently secured from attacks to allow a reopening.

The report on progress in rebuilding Iraq, which Congress required in the resolution it passed authorizing the US-led invasion, also said Iraq is consuming 500,000-600,000 barrels of oil per day.

Refinery production of kerosene, diesel and gasoline remains at pre-war levels because of the sabotage of crude oil pipelines and electric power shortages, it said.

But the report said product imports

have increased to meet domestic needs with the US-led Coalition Provisional Government spending seven million US dollars to eight million US dollars per day to import refined oil products from Turkey, Kuwait and Jordan.

As of early this month, the report said gasoline supplies consistently exceeded daily demand, and supplies of other products including diesel and kerosene also have improved.

The 15-page report also touched on progress in other areas, such as water and sanitation, electrical power, health care and transportation. —MNA/Reuters

Apple ships new iPod mini

LOS ANGELES, 19 Feb— Apple Computer announced Tuesday that its iPod mini, the world's smallest portable digital music player ever to hold up to 1,000 CD-quality songs, will be available on Friday.

The iPod mini, encased in an ultra-portable, lightweight anodized aluminium body and in a choice of the five colours of silver, gold, pink, blue and green will be available at the online Apple Store (www.apple.com), Apple's retail stores and Apple authorized resellers throughout the United States, the company said. Apple said it has received over 100,000 pre-orders for the iPod mini which was introduced last month.

"The response to iPod mini has been off the charts," said Philip Schiller, Apple's senior vice president of Worldwide Product Marketing. "iPod mini broadens the market for iPod by competing head-on with flash-based players." —MNA/Xinhua

Mars rover digs trench on Red Planet

PASADENA, 19 Feb— NASA scientists said on Tuesday that Mars rover *Opportunity* successfully dug an 8-centimeter trench on the Red Planet using one of its front wheels.

Scientists at NASA's Jet Propulsion Lab here said the rover's digging with its right front wheel was expected to end at 10:19 p.m. Monday US Pacific Standard Time (0519 GMT Tuesday).

The six-wheeled rover also made observations with its navigation camera to help prepare for the drive

to a target of interest later this week, NASA said.

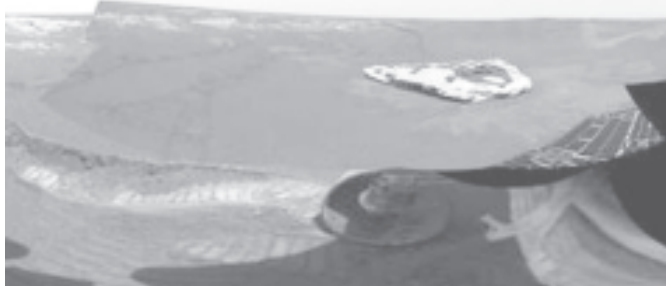
The *Opportunity* is expected to finish a thorough examination of the freshly exposed layers of dirt and ground inside the trench.

In doing the examination, the rover will use its microscopic imager, a spectrometer and alpha particle X-ray spectrometer to

take parallel science measurements and compare with those with measurements made during pre-trench activities, NASA said.

On the other side of Mars, *Opportunity's* twin rover, *Spirit*, covered another 21.6 metres, bringing its total travel distance to a record 108 metres

MNA/Xinhua



The Mars Exploration Rover *Opportunity* dragged one of its wheels back and forth across the sandy soil at Meridiani Planum to create a hole (bottom left corner) approximately 50 centimeters long by 20 centimeters wide by 9 centimeters deep, in this photograph released by NASA on 17 Feb, 2004. —INTERNET

Iranian freight train blast kills almost 300

NISHAPUR (Iran), 19 Feb— A runaway train laden with fuel and fertilizers ploughed off the rails in north-eastern Iran and blew up on Wednesday, killing about 300 people.

The dead were mainly curious local residents, as well as firefighters who had rushed to the scene to douse an initial blaze before the wagons exploded, state news agency IRNA said.

The death toll stood at 295, according to a document prepared by local officials for the Interior Ministry and seen by Reuters.

Nearby village homes were razed to the ground, crushing their inhabitants under crumbled mud brick walls.

At dusk, columns of black smoke could still be seen belching from the wreckage of the unmanned train of 51 wagons.

An acrid smell of sulphur hung in the air hours after the blast that shattered windows for six miles around. "The earth shook. We

thought it was an earthquake. We were so scared," said Ali, 42, from Nishapur, a town 13 miles from the scene in the saffron-growing province of Khorasan, bordering Afghanistan and ex-Soviet Turkmenistan.

IRNA photographs showed the blast site strewn with shredded torsos, clothes ripped from their bodies, and severed limbs.

Ali Soleimani, a local resident, said he found the body of the governor of Nishapur, who IRNA reported as among the dead: "I pulled out the corpse of the governor myself, he had no legs and was sliced to bits."

IRNA said tremors in the quake-prone region might have set the wagons moving but officials said it was too early to say what caused the disaster. —MNA/Reuters

Pakistani police seize 600 kilos of charas

ISLAMABAD, 19 Feb—The Pakistani police Wednesday seized 600 kilos of charas in Peshawar, capital of the North-West Frontier Province which is bordering Afghanistan.

The Associated Press of Pakistan (APP) reported that local police formed special teams and checked different locations in the city after receiving a tip-off.

A vehicle bearing a fake UN registration number was trying to escape the scene when signalled to stop, APP quoted local police as saying.

The driver later abandoned the vehicle and fled the spot, said APP, adding that the charas were found in the car. —MNA/Xinhua



Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt and party pose for a group photo at No 3 well in Indaw region on 17-2-2004. (News reported) — MNA

Images reflecting the goodwill of the State, MMCWA and well-wishers

Chingya (Maubin)

Correspondent Myint Oo, a friend of mine, informed me of the free treatment offered to cleft lip and palate patients at the 200-bed Maubin District Hospital under the supervision of Ayeyawady Division Maternal and Child Welfare Association. As I have been a columnist writing articles on the activities of the women's sector under the leadership of the Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation, he asked me to join him on a visit to the hospital. Thus, we two went there on 18 January 2004.

At present, the division has 72 hospitals including nine 16-bed hospitals, two 50-bed hospitals that were upgraded from 25-bed facilities, one 25-bed peasants hospital, one 250-bed hospital that was upgraded from 200-bed facility, and two 200-bed hospitals, up from 65 in 1988. After designating Maubin region a development zone, the Government has built a new 200-bed hospital in the region in its drive to develop its health sector. Offering free treatment for cleft lip and palate patients at the facility was auspicious news for me.

We first visited the women's ward, and met with two cleft lip patients — Ma Hnin Malar Khaing, an eight grader, and Ma Ei Thazin Phyto, a second grader. When compared with their photos taken before the surgery, they looked completely like all other normal girls.

When we interviewed Ma San Htoo, a native of Tawattanaung village in Maubin Township, she happily told us that Chairman of Maubin District Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Sein Maung and wife Daw Tin Tin Oo, Patron of Maubin District Maternal and Child Welfare Association, donated the expenses for her surgery. We saw pleasure and joy on the faces of all the patients. Holding his little daughter in the arms, U Aung Soe Min, a court staff, and his wife Ma Ni Ni Lwin expressed their thanks for the Government again and again for its goodwill, looking at her face with fondness.

While we were visiting the patients, we met with the team of the District MCWA that provided meals for them. "We provide breakfast and lunch for every patient daily starting from 10 January, on which the surgical operation was conducted, till 17 February. Every child patient got a can of soft drink soon after the completion of the surgical operation. Daw Tin Tin Latt, Patron of the Division MCWA also presented K 1,000 each for the patients", members of the team told us. (Daw Tin Tin Latt is the wife of Maj-Gen Soe Naing, Chairman of Ayeyawady Division Peace and Development Council).

When we arrived at the men's ward, we heard the patients including Ko Po Htoo of Myaungmya expressing gratitude they owed to the Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association, with immense pleasure, Ko Po Htoo showed us his picture taken long before the surgical operation. Maung Zaw Min, a seventh grader of Kanyutkwin village, Labutta Township, was a boy with cleft lip and palate. It took four hours for the doctors and nurses to conduct a surgical operation on him.

Thura Zaw is a first-year student from Patheingyi University. "His cleft lip was cured in Yangon when he was a one-year-old child", his mother Daw Kyu Kyu said, adding that the cost of the surgical operation then was

high. "Thanks to the goodwill of the Government, my son's palate has been cured free of charge. Now, he can talk distinctly", she told us with eyes soaked with tears of joy.

"I am also an MCWA member. I was a little nervous for the treatment of my younger brother's cleft lip Maung Zaw Shin, in Maubin. But when we arrived at the hospital, members of the Maubin Township MCWA warmly welcomed us, and provided all the necessities", Ma Hnin Thitsa of Bogale recounted her experience.

The hospital has cured 56 patients — one from Patheingyi Township, two from Pyawb, 12 from Myaungmya Township, three from Bogale Township, five from Pantanaung Township, three from Labutta Township, one from Dedaye Township, three from Danubyu Township, five from Kyaukse Township, and 21 from Maubin Township.

We also interviewed Daw Nila Myat, Chairperson of Maubin Township MCWA, who explained to us about the project in detail. During the interview, we understood more about the scope of the health care services of the MMCWA. According to her, the Ayeyawady Division Maternal and Child Welfare Supervisory Committee has already conducted surgical operations on cleft lip and palate patients for three times in the division, one in Maubin region and the other two in Patheingyi and Nyaungdon townships. The health care services are being launched, with different places as centres, to cover more areas and larger number of people.

Ayeyawady Division PDC provided K 500,000; the Division MCWSC, K 400,000; and the physicians of the health care team, medicine and medical equipment worth K 400,00 for the success of the cleft lip and palate treatment project launched in Maubin region. Other donors also provided cash and kind for the project.

The team comprised Dr U Ko Ko Maung, Dr U Aung Lwin Oo, Dr Daw Kyi Kyi San, matron Daw Khin Mar Cho, senior nurse Daw Deint Chant Woun, nurse Daw Kalya Win and denture expert U Sein Hsan from Yangon. For seven days from 10 to 16 February 2004, the team cured the patients from 8 am to 8 pm daily, and some days up to 10 pm. Physician U Thein Wai and health staff of Maubin also rendered assistance to the team.

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.

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

All this needs to be known

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

The team's initial target was to cure 70 patients, but expectant mothers and patients who were suffering from heart or lung complaints were not fit to undergo surgical operation. It made arrangements to take ten patients to Yangon where hospitals have better equipment than the ones in Maubin. The District and Township Union Solidarity and Development Associations, Red Cross Brigades and local volunteers also took part in the project. A luncheon was held in honour of the physicians of the team and volunteers at Toe Shwewa Hall in Maubin on 16 January 2004.

While witnessing the launching of the project with the leadership of the State and supervision of the Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association, I remembered my late uncle U San Khin. He was a person with cleft lip and gum and palate and uneven teeth. Moreover, he had a neoplasm under his nose.

The local midwife thought that he was a baby orgy, and suggested the parents to wipe him out. He grew up as his father had no wish to do so. But as he was poor, he had to live with his inborn features.

Luckily, the MMCWA has been launching health care services covering the treatment for cleft lip and palate patients in the whole country. The patients who had undergone surgical treatment were feeling great joy while looking at their faces in the mirror and then at the photos taken before the operation.

But for me, I felt as if I saw not only their joyful faces in the mirrors, but also the goodwill of the State, the MMCWA, donors and volunteers. And with this article I hail the health care services of the MMCWA.

(Translation: TMT)

Kyemon: 19.2.2004

ကုသကာကွယ် မူးယစ်အန္တရာယ်

၁။ မူးယစ်ဆေးဝါးသုံးစွဲလျှင် အသည့်ရောင် အသားဝါရောဂါ၊ အသည့်ခြောက်ရောဂါ၊ အသည့်ကင်ဆာရောဂါ၊ သွေးဆိပ်တက်ခြင်းနှင့် နှလုံးရောဂါ၊ အဆုတ်ရောဂါများ၊ ခုခံအားကျဆင်းမှုရောဂါ (AIDS) နှင့် စိတ်ပိုင်းဆိုင်ရာရောဂါများ စသည်တို့၊ ဖြစ်ပွားနိုင်သည့်အပြင်၊ စီးပွားရေးနှင့် လူမှုရေးများ ထိခိုက်ပျက်ပြားခြင်း၊ ဥပဒေအရ အရေးယူခံရခြင်းတို့ဖြစ်နိုင်ပါသည်။

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ကျန်းမာရေးဝန်ကြီးဌာန

Prime Minister attends ceremony to hoist Htidaw and consecrate Theindawgyi Pagoda in Pyawbwe

YANGON, 19 Feb — Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt and party left Mandalay by Tatmadaw helicopter on 18 February morning and arrived in Hsadaung Village, Pyawbwe Township, where they were welcomed by Brig-Gen Khin Maung Aye and Brig-Gen Hla Myint of Meiktila Station, social organizations and local people.

A ceremony to hoist Shwehtidaw atop Theindawgyi Pagoda and consecrate it built by Arahat Shin Arahan was held in conjunction with the consecration of the pagoda and the merit-sharing ceremony for all-round renovation of Wipula Maha Ordination Hall on Wipula Hill, Hsadaung Village, Pyawbwe Township, on 18 February morning. Present were Abhidhaja Agga Maha Saddhamma Jotika Kaba Shweyinaye

Sayadaw Bhaddanta Vijjabala and members of the Sangha, Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt and wife Dr Daw Khin Win Shwe, ministers, deputy ministers, senior military officers, officials of the State Peace and Development Council Office, departmental heads, local authorities, departmental officials, social organizations and local people. The Prime Minister and wife and the congregation received the Five Precepts from Sayadaw Bhaddanta Vijjabala. Next, General Khin Nyunt and wife Dr Daw Khin Win Shwe offered Seinbudaw, Hngetmyatnaw and provisions to Saya-daw Bhaddanta Vijjabala. The minister and wellwishers donated offertories to members of the Sangha. Afterwards, Deputy Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Aung

Ko accepted K 2 million for the pagoda and the ordination hall donated by Chairman of Channmyay Tawwin Co U Tin Maung Win, Managing Director U Maung Ko and wife. The Sayadaw delivered a sermon and the congregation shared merits gained.

Then, the Htidaw hoisting ceremony followed. The Prime Minister and wife and wellwishers conveyed Seinbudaw, Hngetmyatnaw and tiers of Htidaw round the pagoda. The Prime Minister and wife and party then conveyed them atop the pagoda by the decorated carriage. At the auspicious time, the Prime Minister hoisted Seinbudaw and Hngetmyatnaw atop the pagoda and sprinkled scented water on them. At the same time, wellwishers hoisted Htidaws atop encircling pagodas. Prime Minister General



Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt hoists Seinbudaw atop Theindawgyi Pagoda in Hsadaung Village, Pyawbwe Township, on 18-2-2004.—MNA

Khin Nyunt performed the rituals of golden and silvery showers to mark success of the ceremony.

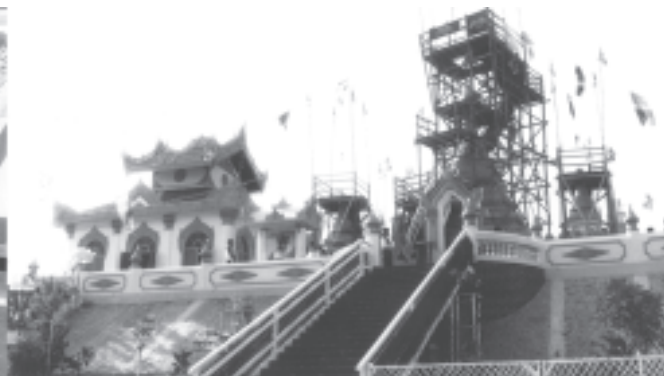
Next, the Prime Minister and wife paid homage to Buddha images in the ordination hall. They then sprayed scented water on

stone inscriptions of Wipula Maha Ordination Hall and the bell on the platform of the pagoda. And, the General and wife shared merits gained. Afterwards, members of the Sangha consecrated the pagoda. Later, the Prime Minister and wife of-

ferred 'soon' to the Sayadaws. Next, the General and wife and party went to Yadana Manaung Tawya Maha Thiri Mingala Zingyan Monastery in Thayagon Village and paid homage to Sayadaw Bhaddanta Vijjabala. MNA



The consecration ceremony of Theindawgyi Pagoda in progress in Hsadaung Village, Pyawbwe Township, on 18-2-2004.—MNA



Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt and wife Dr Daw Khin Win Shwe sprinkle scented water on stone inscriptions of Wipula Maha Ordination Hall of Theindawgyi Pagoda on 18-2-2004.—MNA



Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt and wife Dr Daw Khin Win Shwe pay homage to Kaba Shweyinaye Sayadaw Bhaddanta Vijjabala.—MNA

Agreement on Myanmar-Thai investment cooperation signed

YANGON, 19 Feb — Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha met with Minister for Industry of Thailand Mr Phinij Jarusombut at his office at 10.30 am today.

Also present at the call were directors-general and deputy directors-general of departments under the Ministry of National Planning and Economic Development.

The Thai Minister and party were accompanied by

Ambassador of Thailand Mr Suphot Dhirakaosal and officials of the Office of Board of Investment (BOI) of Thailand.

After the meeting, the ceremony to sign the agreement on investment cooperation between Myanmar Investment Commission and BOI was held.

Also present on the occasion were Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha, Thai Minister for Industry Mr Phinij

Jarusombut, officials of the Ministry of NPED, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the office of Attorney-General, officials of BOI of Thailand and the Thai Ambassador.

At the ceremony, Director-General Daw Than Nwe of Foreign Economic Relations Department, on behalf of the MIC, and General Secretary Mr Somphong Wanapha, on behalf of BOI of Thailand, signed the agreement.

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FERD Director-General Daw Than Nwe and Thai BOI General Secretary Mr Somphong Wanapha exchange the documents of investment cooperation agreement.—MNA



Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt inspects installation of machines at Salingyi Textile Factory on 17-2-2004. (News on page 1) — MNA



Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt presents gifts to Chinese technicians of Salingyi Textile Factory Project on 17-2-2004. (News on page 1) — MNA



Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt hears reports on Salingyi Textile Factory by Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thaung on 17-2-2004. (News on page 1) — MNA



Construction of Textile Factory of Myanma Textile Industries in Salingyi is near completion. (News on page 1) — MNA

2,763 drug-related cases exposed in 2003

YANGON, 19 Feb — The Tatmadaw, the Myanmar Police Force and the Customs Department exposed 2,763 drug-related cases in 2003.

The authorities seized 1,481,497 kilos of opium in 396 cases, 568,082 kilos of heroin in 968 cases, 156.25 kilos of morphine in two cases, 51,737 kilos of opium oil in 51 cases, 203,868 kilos of low grade opium in 200 cases, 85,2016 kilos of marijuana in 194 cases, 74.68 litres of phensedyl in 24 cases, 4,002,524 stimulant tablets in 472 cases, 307,932 kilos of ephedrine in four cases, 8,0669 kilos of stimulant powder in eight cases, 26.83 litres of cough syrup in two cases, 98,8275 kilos of speciosa in 22

cases, 0.6 kilo of caffeine in one case, 102,0001 kilos of stimulant solid (ICE) in two cases, 402 bottles of buprinorphine (injection) in five cases, six bottles of morphine (injection) in two cases, 12 bottles of diazepam in one case, 248445 tablets of diazepam in nine cases, 610.61 kilos of phenyl acetic acid and 2,562.24 litres of acetic anhydride in one case, 36,903,837 litres of chemical liquid in 18 cases and 7,045,3216 kilos of chemical powder, 289 cases for failure to register and 92 other cases.

Action was taken against 3,848 person — 3,117 men and 731 women — in connection with the cases in 2003.

In the same year, the Tatmadaw and the MPF exposed seven opium refineries in Shan State (North) and seized narcotic drugs, chemical liquid and paraphernalia.

In 2003-2004 poppy cultivation season, up to 31 January 2004, a total of 5,573,916 acres (2255.73 hectares) have been destroyed in Shan State (North), Shan State (South), Shan State (East), Kachin State, Kayah State and Sagaing Division.

In comparison with the seizures during the year 2002, 234,195 kilos more of heroin and 10,463,418 litres more of chemical liquid were seized in 2003. Altogether 381,7775 kilos less of opium, 196,7868 kilos less of marijuana, 263,774 litres less of phensedyl, 5,397,270 less stimulant pills, 1415,6047 kilos less of ephedrine and 391,0484 litres less of acetic-anhydride were seized in 2003. The number of cases exposed in 2003 were 136 cases with 443 culprits less than that of in 2002. — MNA

Philippines Secretary of Foreign Affairs concludes visit

YANGON, 19 Feb — After paying an official visit to the Union of Myanmar at the invitation of Minister for Foreign Affairs U Win Aung, Secretary of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Philippines Ms Delia Domingo Albert and delegation left Yangon International Airport by air this evening.

The Philippines Secretary of Foreign Affairs and party were seen off at the airport by Minister for For-

eign Affairs U Win Aung, Deputy Minister U Khin Maung Win, Director-General Thura U Aung Htet of the Protocol Department, officials of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Philippines Ambassador Mme Phoebe A Gomez and embassy staff.

Yesterday evening, Minister U Win Aung received the Philippines Secretary of Foreign Affairs and party and hosted a dinner to the guests. — MNA

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- * ပျားရည်သည် အင်အားမြှင့်တင်ပေးရာတွင် အသန့်စင်ဆုံး အဟာရတစ်မျိုး ဖြစ်ပါသည်။
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- * ပျားရည်သည် သစ်သီး၊ သကြားဓာတ် အဓိကပါဝင်သော သကြားဓာတ်ပေါင်း တစ်မျိုးဖြစ်ပါသည်။
- * ပျားရည်တွင် ဘက်တီးရီးယား၊ ဖိုနပ်စ်၊ သန့်စင်ပါသည်။
- * ပျားရည်တွင် ပရိုဗီယိုစစ် ပျားရည်သတ္တိပါရှိသဖြင့် အနာဒါဏ်ရာများ အနာကျက် မြန်စေပြီး လျှင်မြန်စွာပျောက်ကင်းစေပါသည်။
- * ပျားရည်စားသုံးပြီး မိနစ်ပိုင်းအတွင်း စွမ်းအားတိုးတက်လာစေနိုင်ပါသည်။

အိမ်တိုင်းမှာသစ်ပင် ရွာစဉ်မှာတောတန်း
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မြို့တက်မယ့်လမ်း။

Hard work brings regional progress...

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State, local people will gain job opportunities at hotel construction project to be implemented by national entrepreneurs under the leadership of the Ministry of Hotels and Tourism for enabling the hotels at Maungmagan Resort to keep abreast of international tourism standard. More tourists will visit the resort and foreign currency will be received from them. So, departmental officials, national entrepreneurs and local people are to harmoniously strive for upgrading of the resort which will contribute to not only regional development but also the State economy. Minister for Foreign Affairs U Win Aung thanked those who will carry out upgrading of the resort for development of the resort and the State economy.

Next, Lt-Gen Maung Bo delivered an address. He said that the Government has laid down and is implementing plans for all-round development of Taninthayi Division. Today's project to upgrade the hotels at the resort is a basic factor for development of Taninthayi Region. Therefore, local people are required to assist the national entrepreneurs in undertaking re-

gional development tasks. Similarly, local entrepreneurs should give a chance to the national entrepreneurs for their cooperation in implementing the project and those wishing to carry out the tasks separately may submit their plans to officials at different levels.

Next, U Tun Lwin of Myeik donated K 10 million for development tasks in Taninthayi Division to the commander.

Afterwards, Lt-Gen Maung Bo, Minister U Win Aung, Minister Brig-Gen Thein Zaw, Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Khin Maung, Col Kyaw Aung of Dawei Station, Chairman of Dawei District Peace and Development Council Lt-Col Khin

Maung Nyo and Chairman of Myanmar Hoteliers Association U Khin Shwe took places at the ceremony to drive stakes for construction of the hotels. At the auspicious time, Lt-Gen Maung Bo drove the stake. The commander, the ministers, deputy ministers and officials drove stakes and sprinkled scented water on them.

Lt-Gen Maung Bo and party performed rituals of golden and silver showers to mark the successful completion of the ceremony.

Next, they looked into the Maungmagan Resort area along the beach. They visited Kanyon Monastery in Maungmagan Village and presented offertories to Presiding Nayaka Sayadaw Maha Kammathana Çariya

Bhaddanta Panñāçara.

They proceeded to Dawei University and inspected the site for construction of the three-storey main building. Managing Director of the Ever Green Fine Arts Co Ltd conducted them round the construction site. Lt-Gen Maung Bo gave instructions on construction tasks to be carried out in accordance the construction of the Prime Minister, meeting the set standard and completion of the project.

They arrived back here by air in the evening.

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Lt-Gen Maung Bo drives stake for construction of hotels at Maungmagan Resort.— MNA



Lt-Gen Maung Bo inspects the site for construction of three-storey main building of Dawei University.— MNA

Made in India Show launched

YANGON, 19 Feb — Under the programmer for promotion of bilateral trade and economic cooperation between Myanmar and India and with the sponsorship of the Ministry of Commerce, the opening of "Made in India Show" jointly conducted by the Indian Embassy to Myanmar and the Confederation of Indian Industry of the Republic of India took place at Yangon Trade Centre in Mingala Taungnyunt Township here this morning.

It was attended by Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Pyi Sone, ministers, the mayor of Yangon, deputy ministers, the Indian Ambassador to Myanmar, the ambassadors

of foreign embassies in Yangon and staff, departmental heads, the president of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry and members, officials of internal companies, members of social organizations, journalists and guests.

Former President of the Confederation of Indian Industry Chairman & Managing Director of NICCO Corp Ltd Mr Rajive Kaul and Indian Ambassador Mr Rajiv Kumar Bhatia made speeches on the occasion. Secretary of the Industrial Policy and Promotion Department under the Ministry of Commerce and Industry of India Mr

Lakshmi Chand briefed those present on the show.

Next, Minister Brig-Gen Pyi Sone gave an introductory speech.

The Indian Ambassador and officials handed over the book on bilateral trade and economic cooperation between the two countries to Minister Brig-Gen Pyi Sone.

The Commerce Minister and the Indian Ambassador cut the ribbon to open the show.

After the opening ceremony, the ministers, deputy ministers and guests viewed the booths of the show.

The free show will be kept open until 22 February.

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Secretary of Foreign Affairs of the Philippines visits Shwedagon Pagoda, Myanmar Gems Mart

YANGON, 19 Feb — Secretary of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Philippines Ms Delia Domingo Albert and party, accompanied by officials of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Ambassador of the Republic of Philippines Mme Phoebe A Gomez and officials, this morning visited the

Shwedagon Pagoda. Members of the Pagoda Board of Trustees welcomed and conducted them round the pagoda. Afterwards, the Secretary of Foreign Affairs signed in the visitors' book and made cash donation.

Next, they viewed the bell built by King Thawawady at the north-east

corner and the original Htidaw donated by King Mindon in 1871.

Then, the guests proceeded to Myanmar Gems Mart where they were welcomed by officials of Myanmar Gems Enterprise.

Later, the Philippines guests viewed jewellery displayed at the mart.— MNA

Seminar on foreign investment opportunities of Myanmar held

YANGON, 19 Feb — Minister for Industry of Thailand Mr Phinij Jarusombut and party held the seminar on foreign investment opportunities of Myanmar at Kandawgyi Palace Hotel at 2 pm today.

Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha, Minister for Industry of

Thailand Mr Phinij Jarusombut and Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Pyi Sone gave speeches.

Then, Deputy Director-General Daw Theingi Tin of Directorate of Investment and Companies Administration discussed the paper on investment policies of Myanmar and opportunities and CEC mem-

ber U Wai Phyo of Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry on joint-venture works and investment opportunities between Myanmar and Thailand.

Also present on the occasion were 37 members led by the Thai Minister for Industry and 15 from UMFCCI.— MNA



Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Pyi Sone addresses opening ceremony of Made in India Show. — MNA



The State Peace and Development Council The Body Organ Donation Law (The State Peace and Development Council Law No. 1/2004) (from page 1)

Chapter II Aims

3. The aims of this Law are as follows:-
- (a) to enable saving the life of the person who is required to undergo body organ transplant by application of body organ transplant extensively;
 - (b) to cause rehabilitation of disabled persons due to disfunctioning of body organ through body organ transplant;
 - (c) to enable carrying out research and educational measures related to body organ transplant;
 - (d) to enable increasing the number of body organ donors;
 - (e) to cooperate and to obtain assistance from government departments and organizations, international organizations, local and international non-governmental organizations, companies and individuals in body organ transplant.

Chapter III Formation of the Committee relating to Donation of Body Organ

4. The Government:-
- (a) shall form the Committee relating to Donation of Body Organ consisting of the following persons:-

(1) Minister	Chairman
The Ministry of Health	
(2) Representatives from the relevant Government departments and organizations	Members
(3) Appropriate experts and professional personnel	Members
(4) A person assigned responsibility by the Minister of the Ministry of Health	
 - (b) may if necessary, determine a Vice-Chairman and a Joint Secretary in the Committee.
5. A member of the Committee relating to Donation of Body Organ who is not a Government servant is entitled to receive remuneration prescribed by the Ministry of Health.

Chapter IV Functions and Duties of the Committee relating to Donation of Body Organ

6. The functions and duties of the Committee are as

follows:-

- (a) laying down the policy for carrying out successfully the work of donation of body organ in accordance with the aims of this Law;
 - (b) giving guidance for carrying out educative measures in order to enhance the number of body organ donors;
 - (c) giving guidance to be systematic in respect of quality control, procurement, storage and issuance of body organs;
 - (d) in carrying out body organ transplant giving guidance for conducting research and educational measures relating to the said task;
 - (e) carrying out measures to nurture expert and research personnel and technicians for body organ transplant;
 - (f) giving guidance and supervising the functions relating to donation of body organ;
 - (g) stipulating terms and conditions for exporting body organs to other countries and importing body organs from other countries;
 - (h) obtaining assistance from the government departments and organizations, international organizations, local and international non-governmental organizations, local and foreign companies, individuals and accepting donations and equipment, maintaining systematically, allocating and permitting use of them.
7. The Committee may direct the relevant Department to determine the receiving units in areas needing the same.
8. The Committee may form technical working committee as may be necessary, and determine duties and functions thereof.

Chapter V Donation of Body Organ

9. A person who has attained the age of 18 may donate his own body organ.
10. The surviving wife, husband, son or daughter, parent, brother, sister or one of the relatives may donate the deceased's body organ if there is no objection in the family.
11. The receiving unit may accept donation of the body organ in accordance with the stipulations.
12. The receiving unit on accepting the donation of the body organ shall:-
- (a) register the donor's name and particulars in the body organ donors' register;
 - (b) issue body organ donor card to the donor or the surviving wife, husband, son or daughter, parent, brother, sister or one of the relatives who donated the body organ.

13. On knowing that the deceased is the donor of the body organ, the responsible person of the hospital or clinic where the donor died, or a responsible person from home shall inform the nearest receiving unit immediately.

14. (a) The body organ donor may, by surrendering the body organ donor card inform the receiving unit to cancel the donation of the body organ
- (b) If the receiving unit is informed under sub-section (a), it shall cancel the name of the donor from the body organ donors' register.

Chapter VI Removal of the Body Organ

15. Only the expert or technician who is prescribed by the Ministry of Health is authorized to remove the body organ.
16. A person who is authorized to remove the body organ has the right to remove the body organ of any of the following persons:-
- (a) person who donated his body organ;
 - (b) unclaimed body of the deceased;
 - (c) the deceased person whose body organ has been donated by the surviving wife, husband, son or daughter, parent, brother, sister or one of the relatives under section 10.
17. The police surgeon shall, if requested by the person who is authorized to remove the body organ, permit the removal of the body organ of the deceased person involved in any crime. However, it shall not permit on the occurrence of any of the following:-
- (a) being a person who prior to his death has written a letter of having no desire to donate the body organ;
 - (b) in completeness of the post-mortem examination by the relevant police surgeon of the body organ to be removed;
 - (c) objection by the surviving wife, husband, son or

daughter, parent, brother, sister or one of the relatives.

18. On being informed under section 13, the receiving unit shall arrange to remove or take away the body organ within the prescribed time.

Chapter VII

Storage and Distribution of the Body Organ

19. The receiving unit shall store the body organ which is removed in accordance with the stipulations.
20. The receiving unit shall carry out the following in accordance with the stipulations:-
- (a) distribution of the body organ that has been received for transplant;
 - (b) distribution of the body organ which is of no use in transplant for educational purpose or research.

Chapter VIII

Offences and Penalties

21. Whoever sells or buys the body organ for consideration shall, on conviction, be punished with imprisonment for a term which may extend to three years, and may also be liable to a fine.
22. Whoever abets the commission of the offence provided in section 21 shall, on conviction, be punished with imprisonment for a term which may extend to three years, and may also be liable to a fine.

Chapter IX

Miscellaneous

23. With respect to donation of the eye, which is part of the body organ, it shall be carried out in accordance with the provisions contained in the Eye Donation Law.
24. The Ministry of Health may form necessary working committees.
25. The Ministry of Health:-
- (a) shall bear the expenditures of the Committee;
 - (b) shall undertake to carry out the office work of the Committee.
26. No suit or prosecution shall lie against the person who is authorized to remove the body organ for any activity which is done in good faith under this Law.
- 27.

The provisions contained in section 21 shall not apply to the matters carried out in accordance with the terms and conditions prescribed by the Committee.

28. For the purpose of carrying out the provisions of this Law:-

- (a) the Ministry of Health may issue such rules and procedures as may be necessary, with the approval of the Government;
- (b) the Committee and the Ministry of Health may issue such notifications, orders and directives as may be necessary.

(Sd.) Than Shwe
Senior General
Chairman

The State Peace and Development Council

စေတနာရှင်ပြည်သူများခင်ဗျား

စည်ပင်သာယာရေး ဦးစီးဌာနသည် ရေရှားပါးသော ကျေးလက်ဒေသများတွင် သန့်ရှင်းသော သောက်သုံးရေဖူလုံစွာ ရရှိရေးကို ဆောင်ရွက်လျက်ရှိပါသည်။ ရေလျှော့ဒီမိုကရေစီ အောက်ပါ အကျိုးအမြတ်ကို ရရှိနိုင်ပါသည်။

- (၁) လျှင်မြန်ခြင်း၊
- (၂) သန့်ရှင်းစင်ကြယ်ခြင်း၊
- (၃) ကျော်ကြားလှသောခြင်း၊
- (၄) ဆာလောင်မွတ်သိပ်မှုကင်းခြင်း၊
- (၅) အခြေအရံများခြင်း၊
- (၆) အသက်ရှည်ခြင်း၊
- (၇) အဆင်းလှခြင်း၊
- (၈) ချမ်းသာကြီးခြင်း၊
- (၉) ခွန်အားဗလကြီးမားခြင်း၊
- (၁၀) ဉာဏ်ပညာကြီးမားခြင်း တို့ဖြစ်ပါသည်။

စည်ပင်သာယာရေး ဦးစီးဌာနသည် ရေရှားပါးသော ဒေသများမှာ သန့်ရှင်းသောရေဖူလုံစွာရရှိရန် စီမံချက်များချမှတ်ပြီး အင်တိုက်အားတိုက် ဆောင်ရွက်နေပါသည်။ ရေအကျိုးအမြတ်ကို ရရှိစေရန် ရေရှားပါးသည့် ကျေးလက်ဒေသများသို့ စက်ရေတွင်းများ လှူဒါန်းလိုပါက အောက်ပါနံပါတ်များကို လျှောက်ထားပါသည်။

၂၀၀၈ ခုနှစ်၊ ဇန်နဝါရီလ ၁ ရက်နေ့တွင် အနက် ၄၀၀၀၀၀ တစ်တွင်း (စက်ပစ္စည်း) ကျပ် ၂၅၀၀၀၀၊ ၂၀၀၈ ခုနှစ်၊ ဇန်နဝါရီလ ၁ ရက်နေ့တွင် အနက် ၄၀၀၀၀၀ တစ်တွင်း (စက်ပစ္စည်း) ကျပ် ၅၀၀၀၀၀၊ နှင့် ၄၀၀၀၀၀ တစ်တွင်း အနက် ၂၀၀၀၀၀ တစ်တွင်း (စက်ပစ္စည်း) ကျပ် ၅၀၀၀၀၀ ဖြစ်ပါသည်။

မည်သည့်မြို့နယ်တွင်မဆို စေတနာရှင်များအနေနှင့် ပါဝင်လှူဒါန်းလိုပါက အောက်ဖော်ပြပါ စည်ပင်သာယာရေး အဖွဲ့အစည်းများနှင့် ဆက်သွယ်လှူဒါန်းနိုင်ပါသည်။

- (၁) ညွှန်ကြားရေးမှူးချုပ်၊ ၀၁-၂၄၄၄၂၀၊ ၂၄၄၄၀၈၈၊
- (၂) ဒုတိယညွှန်ကြားရေးမှူးချုပ်၊ ၀၁-၂၄၄၄၀၈၈၊
- (၃) ညွှန်ကြားရေးမှူး (အင်ဂျင်နီယာ)၊ ၀၁-၂၄၄၄၀၈၈၊
- (၄) ညွှန်ကြားရေးမှူး (စစ်ကိုင်းတိုင်းစည်ပင်အဖွဲ့)၊ ၀၇-၂၀၀၀၂၊
- (၅) ညွှန်ကြားရေးမှူး (မကွေးတိုင်းစည်ပင်အဖွဲ့)၊ ၀၆-၂၄၄၄၀၈၈၊
- (၆) ညွှန်ကြားရေးမှူး (မန္တလေးတိုင်းစည်ပင်အဖွဲ့)၊ ၀၂-၂၄၄၄၀၈၈၊

ကျန်းမာပျော်ရွှင် ဘဝတစ်ခွင်

ကျန်းမာခြင်းဆိုသည်မှာ - ရောဂါဘယကင်းရှင်းစွာ သာဓက ကိုယ်၏ကျန်းမာခြင်းနှင့် စိတ်ချမ်းသာခြင်းနှင့် လူမှုရေးသမ ဖွဲ့စည်းခြင်း ကိုဆိုပါသည်။

ဘဝတစ်ခွင် ကျန်းမာပျော်ရွှင်စေရန် အောက်ပါအတိုင်း လိုက်နာဆောင်ရွက်ပါ။

- (၁) တစ်ကိုယ်ရည်သန့်ရှင်းမှုကိုဆောင်ရွက်ပါ။
- (၂) အန္တရာယ်ကင်း၍ အာဟာရပြည့်ဝသော အစားအသောက်များ ကိုစားသုံးပါ။
- (၃) ပိုးမွှားကင်းစင်၍ သန့်ရှင်းသောရေကို သောက်သုံးပါ။
- (၄) ရာသီဥတုနှင့်လိုက်လျောညီထွေစွာဝတ်စားဆင်ယင်နေထိုင်ပါ။
- (၅) အသက်အရွယ်နှင့်လိုက်လျောညီထွေရှိသည့် သင့်တင့်မျှတသော ကိုယ်လက်လှုပ်ရှားမှုကို မှန်မှန်ဆောင်ရွက်ပါ။
- (၆) နေ့စဉ်လုပ်ငန်းဆောင်တာများ အနက်ရွက်ခြင်းကြောင့် ပင်ပန်း နှစ်နားယူမှုကိုပြုစုပေးရန် အနားယူပါ။
- (၇) ခြင်္သေ့ရယ်မှကုသရန် ခြင်္သေ့ရယ်ခြင်းအိပ်ပါ။
- (၈) ကျန်းမာရေးနှင့်ညီညွတ်သော လေ့ထုံးတမ်းကျင့်သုံးပါ။
- (၉) အရက်သောက်ခြင်း၊ ဆေးလိပ်ဆေးရွက် သောက်သုံးခြင်း၊ ကွမ်းစားခြင်းတို့ကိုရှောင်ကြဉ်ပါ။
- (၁၀) မူလဆေးဝါးနှင့် စိတ်ကိုပြောင်းလဲစေသည့် ဆေးဝါးများ သုံးစွဲခြင်းကို ရှောင်ကြဉ်ပါ။
- (၁၁) အပျော်အပါးလိုက်စားခြင်းကို ရှောင်ကြဉ်ပါ။
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Simplified Chinese character found on ancient roller

Xi'an, 19 Feb — Simplified Chinese characters could have a longer history than most people think, according to archaeologists in northwest Shaanxi Province, who have recently found an ancient stone roller ingrain with the simple, present version of the character "Wan", which stands for "10,000" in Chinese.

The roller, 2.1 metres in diameter and 48 centimetres thick, was spotted in Qinghua Village of Meixian County, under the jurisdiction of Baoji

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One million French children live in poverty

PARIS, 19 Feb — One million children are living in poverty in France, many of them in one-parent families, according to a report released Tuesday by the French *Daily Le Figaro*.

The study, first of its kind, made by Council for Employment, Income and Social Cohesion (CREC) on the basis of data from 1990 and 2000, found that nearly one child in 10 in France lives under the poverty line (1.170 euros, about 1,462.5 US dollars, per month for one couple with one child).

The CREC urged the French Government to establish a public service to adopt a nationwide programme to fight against child poverty, notably through improving the jobs taken by parents and building more apartments to which the mostly poor can afford and fighting the discrimination against immigrants.

MNA/Xinhua

India begins count of endangered river dolphins

KOLKATA (India), 19 Feb — Using searchlights mounted on boats, Indian wildlife officers began on Tuesday the first census of the nation's river dolphins who are nearing extinction because of fishing nets and water pollution.

India has between 1,200 and 3,000 riverine dolphins that live in fresh water rivers

in at least five Indian states and the salty waterways of the Sunderbans delta near the Bay of Bengal.

A century ago, thousands of river dolphins were reported swimming along huge stretches of major rivers in the north and east including the holy Ganges and the mighty Brahmaputra.

"They are as endangered

as the better known tigers, if not more endangered," Subrata Pal Chowdhury, West Bengal State Wildlife officer, told *Reuters*.

Dozens of rare river dolphins get killed each year after getting snagged in fishing nets or slashed by boat propellers.

Others die due to sewage, toxic effluents and pesticides that flow into India's rivers from cities, factories and fields.—MNA/Reuters

Philippine drug manufacturers urged to lower medicine prices

MANILA, 19 Feb — Philippine drug manufacturers should lower medicine prices out of the sense of social responsibility, the Department of Trade and Industry said Tuesday. Trade and Industry Secretary Cesar Purisima appealed drug companies to sell their products at more affordable prices. "It would be a big relief for consumers if they could obtain their medicine at a discount," he said.

Citing pharmaceutical firm Glaxo Smith Kline (GSK), which has cut down prices of its essential medicine by 34 per cent as part of its value health programme, the secretary said the genuine healthcare service means making medicine within the reach of the poor.

MNA/Xinhua

World slipping in goal of fresh water to poor

OSLO, 19 Feb — The world is slipping behind a UN goal of supplying fresh water by 2015 to more than half a billion people in developing nations who currently lack it, the head of a UN Commission said on Tuesday. Governments agreed at a 2002 Earth Summit in Johannesburg to work out by

next year national plans for halving the proportion of people with no access to fresh water by 2015, now 1.2 billion people or one in five of the world population.

"These plans will not be in place in all countries by 2005," said Boerge Brende, chairman of the UN Commission on Sustainable De-

velopment which follows up the Johannesburg goals.

"It's clear that some countries haven't thought about it so far...and it's often the countries that are worst off in water," he told a news conference. "We must have plans in place or we don't have a chance of reaching the 2015 goals." Brende, who is also

Norway's Environment Minister, said about 100 environment ministers would meet in New York on April 14-30 to review the water targets, and a related goal of improving sanitation for an estimated 2.4 billion people.

He said the water targets were "still doable...but it will be a big challenge". Sub-

Saharan Africa faces the biggest problems while India and China seem better prepared despite their huge populations. Fresh water would have spin-off benefits in curbing poverty, improving health or even in defusing potential conflicts in areas with shared rivers, Brende said. — MNA/Reuters

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Model Bianca displays the first UMTS mobile phone, capable of receiving and transmitting live video images in a Dusseldorf shop, on 18 Feb, 2004. Vodafone started its first UMTS networks in Germany on Monday for business use at a cost of two euros per hour.—INTERNET

Report links breast cancer to antibiotic use

CHICAGO, 19 Feb—Women exposed to higher amounts of antibiotics have as much as twice the risk of breast cancer, but it is not known if the treatment is an actual cause of the most common form of cancer afflicting women worldwide, researchers said on Tuesday.

The findings however are consistent with an earlier Finnish study of almost 10,000 women and pending further research they underscore the need to use antibiotics prudently, the report said.

The study from the University of Washington in Seattle was based on a look at 10,219 women in a group health plan, some of whom were being treated for breast cancer. Antibiotic use of the patients studied was determined by the prescription records maintained by the health plan.

It found that women who took antibiotics for more than 500 days, or had more than 25 prescriptions, over an average period of 17 years had more than twice the risk of breast cancer as women who had not taken any antibiotics.

The risk was smaller for women who took antibiotics for fewer days. But even

women who had between one and 25 prescriptions over an average of 17 years were about one and a half times more likely to be diagnosed with breast cancer than women who did not take any antibiotics.

The increased risk involved all classes of antibiotics that they studied.

"Increasing cumulative days of antibiotic use was also associated with death due to breast cancer ..." said the study, which was published in the *Journal of the American Medical Association*.

"While the implications for clinical practice will not be clear until additional studies are conducted, the results of this study support the continued need for prudent long-term use of antibiotics and the need for further studies of the association between antibiotic use and cancer risk," the report concluded.—MNA/Reuters

Parmalat founder's son, daughter arrested in probe

PARMA (Italy), 19 Feb—Italian police arrested the son and a daughter of jailed Parmalat founder Calisto Tanzi and six others on Tuesday, as magistrates focused their fraud probe on cash diverted from Parmalat coffers into Tanzi family assets.

Investigative sources said the arrests in Parma, Rome and Verona, the first detentions since late January, included Tanzi siblings Stefano and Francesca, Calisto Tanzi's younger brother Giovanni and executives with ties to the family's travel assets.

The arrests came as Parma investigative sources put the amount of cash funnelled out of the dairy-to-cakes group at about 900

million euros, including 400 million euros into travel and tourism assets, above initial estimates.

"New elements emerged in the last month and a half of the investigation," one source said. Calisto Tanzi said early in the probe that about 500 million euros in Parmalat funds were siphoned from the publicly listed company into travel group Parmatour and other family assets.

"The siphoning off of

funds into the tourism firms was done through payments with false accounts from both (Parmalat and the tourism companies)," one investigative source said, adding that the books of Cayman Islands unit Bonlat Financing Corporation were then used to hide the cash.

Tanzi's daughter Francesca, 36, served on the board of Parmatour, the family's main travel group, but has denied having a real management role. Calisto Tanzi told magistrates over

the weekend that his daughter's role in Parmatour was "marginal", although other executives have said she guided the firm.

Stefano Tanzi, 35, sat on Parmalat's board and had ties to Parmatour via its former holding company HIT. He was also a former chairman of Parmalat-owned soccer club Parma.

An investigative source said the arrest was linked to "funds diverted by the family to the tourism sector through Parmalat".—MNA/Reuters

Dengue hits Indonesia, killing 169 people

JAKARTA, 19 Feb—At least 169 people have died ever since the dengue fever hit Indonesia in January, a senior health official told *Xinhua* on Wednesday.

"There are 8,386 infected cases with two per cent mortality, so 169 died until now, February 18," Director-General for Communicable Diseases Eradication of the Health Ministry Umar Fahmi Achmadi said.

The death toll came from 10 provinces across the world's fourth most-populous nation, he said.

The capital Jakarta was the most infected area with 2,963 infected cases and 25 deaths reported, Achmadi said.

He said the patients were likely to have been infected by a new strain virus, but to prove it the ministry has sent a team to analyse. And the team has been checking some blood samples from infected people in Jakarta to know more about the strain type of the virus.

To eradicate and stop the disease from further spread, the government Wednesday designated February "The Month of Eradicating Mosquito".

The epidemic was carried by aedes aegypti mosquito which contained the disease, he said. —MNA/Xinhua

Nigeria imports \$4m of "AIDS" drugs

LAGOS, 19 Feb—Nigeria said on Tuesday it was importing antiretroviral drugs worth nearly 4 million US dollars to end a four-month shortage threatening an ambitious anti-AIDS plan.

Health Minister Eytayo Lambo said the first batch had arrived in Africa's most populous country and was being distributed to the 25 HIV/AIDS treatment centres.

In 2002 Nigeria launched Africa's biggest AIDS control programme aimed at distributing cheap

generic drugs from India to an initial 10,000 adults and 5,000 children at a subsidised monthly cost of 1,000 naira (7 US dollars) per person.

UNAIDS and Health Ministry figures indicate that around 3.5 million of Nigeria's 130 million people have the HIV virus.—MNA/Reuters

Official says Nigeria suffers high cases of maternal deaths

ABUJA, 19 Feb—Nigeria is one of the countries in the world that have the highest cases of maternal mortality, the *News Agency of Nigeria* reported Tuesday.

Health Minister Eytayo Lambo was quoted as saying that the high prevalence of maternal deaths was evidence of poor maternal service delivery. "I am unhappy that maternal deaths, as a result of high-risk teenage pregnancies, either from unsafe abortion or delivery complications, contribute significantly to the high maternal mortality," he said.

Declaring open the First National Consultative Summit on Reproductive Health on Monday in Nigeria's capital Abuja, Lambo said about 40 per cent of pregnant women experienced pregnancy related health problems during or after childbirth.—MNA/Xinhua

S Korea helps fund Cambodia's vocational training

PHNOM PENH, 19 Feb—South Korea is helping fund a 26-million- US-dollar vocational school with a loan agreement signed in 2002, a local newspaper reported Wednesday.

The vocational training school, scheduled to open next year, plans to teach skills such as hotel management, cooking, electronics repair, design and construction.

The project seeks to transfer the Korean Vocational Training System to Cambodia, the *Cambodia Daily* quoted South Korean Ambassador Lee Han Gon as

saying. Officials plan for the school to offer training in 12 skill areas for 3,000 short-term students and 600 long-term students per year.

MNA/Xinhua



Liu Chuanzhi, chairman of Legend Group Ltd, poses with their latest desktop computer which can link up to audio and video electronic appliances at home, during a news conference in Hong Kong on 18 Feb, 2004.—INTERNET

Two Japanese arrested in Manila for suspicious drugs

MANILA, 19 Feb—The Philippine anti-drug operations Monday arrested two Japanese nationals at the Ninoy Aquino International Airport after assorted tablets and capsules suspected to be illegal pills were found in their possession, police said Wednesday.

According to police reports, the two Japanese, identified as Jonalle Fukami and Yasuro Matsubara, were arrested in a departing checkpoint inside the airport on Monday.

In a statement, Anselmo Avenido, Director-General of Philippine Drug Enforcement Agency, said the suspects were frisked at the final check area when around 588 assorted tablets and capsules suspected to be Bangkok Pills were found in their possession.

MNA/Xinhua

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Top clubs want compensation fees but no World Club Cup

BARCELONA, 19 Feb — Europe's top clubs agreed on Tuesday to press for compensation payments when their players are called up for international tournaments and stressed their total opposition to FIFA's Club World Championship.

Karl-Heinz Rummenigge, the chairman of the 102-strong European Club Forum, told reporters: "All the clubs are of the opinion that it is fair to ask confederations, including UEFA and FIFA, to compensate clubs for the release of players for international tournaments.

"At the same time the clubs will continue to give their full support to national team football, but we hope that it will be possible to find a practical solution which is fair to all parties. While the clubs agreed to

pursue that development, they also rejected proposals to re-launch the Club World Championship.

The tournament was held for the first time in 2000, but the 2003 tournament was cancelled because of a lack of funding. FIFA want to stage it again in 2005, but the clubs are opposed to the idea.

In a statement they said they agreed to a reduction in Champions League matches

this season to ease the workload on their players and to re-introduce the World Championship would be counter-productive.

"It would be incoherent to support any additional tournament (so we have) unanimously agreed to reject, for a variety of reasons, any proposal for a FIFA Club World Championship," they said. Plans to impose salary caps on Europe's top clubs were also dismissed, with the clubs believing that UEFA's new licensing system would control players' salaries in future.

The clubs also discussed the future of the UEFA Cup, whose format is due to change next season.

Although there was a unanimous endorsement of the new format and the need to re-brand the competition, there was no unanimity on marketing aspects, "the statement explained.

"A compromise proposal is to implement the new format as from the 2004-05 season and to review results over a two-year period while carrying out further investigation into the viability of adopting a centralized marketing approach." —MNA/Reuters

France captain Desailly accepts his role has changed

BRUSSELS, 19 Feb — France and Chelsea captain Marcel Desailly realizes he is no longer an automatic first choice for club and country but says he still believes he is good enough to play a part.

The 35-year-old defender, who has 111 caps, starts for France in their friendly international against Belgium on Wednesday having missed their last two games against Germany in November and Israel in October.

He has not played for Chelsea since a 0-0 draw against Birmingham in the Premier League on January 18 after suffering a calf injury.

"(Chelsea coach) Claudio Ranieri has asked me to get back into shape. But if two players are at the same level, he prefers to field the younger one and that is better for the club," Desailly told a news conference on Tuesday.

"It is a new situation, I have to deal with it.

The former AC Milan player denied he was worn out and said he expected to be back playing again soon for Chelsea, who host Arsenal in the League on Saturday before taking on VfB Stuttgart in their Champions League clash next Tuesday.

"If I don't play on Saturday, it will be next week," Desailly said.

He admitted age was now a factor in his career.

"I had forgotten how much effort was needed to come back from injury. With age, I need more time," he said.

"I still think I am up to it. I won't carry on if I'm not up to it (but) I still enjoy going to training every day."

Desailly said he felt the pressure of starting against Belgium on Wednesday, but was confident in the other defenders.

"I will start a game and I feel pressure, it is true, but it is a good pressure," he said.

"Whichever players you choose, they are all good, they show it with their clubs. With Willy Sagnol, Lilian Thuram, Mikael Silvestre, Philippe Mexes, Jean-Alain Boumsong, myself, Bixente Lizarazu, the coach can sleep peacefully," he said.

France coach Jacques Santini said: "Certain players, like Marcel, need some stability and the coach also needs some stability. Marcel will therefore be in the starting 11."

MNA/Reuters



Croatia's Ivan Klasnic (L) tries to block a shot by Germany's Christian Worns (R) during their international friendly match at Poljud stadium in the Croatian port of Split, on 18 Feb, 2004.—INTERNET

EU shares threat assessments to boost Athens security

BRUSSELS, 19 Feb — The European Union has recommended its member states share daily threat assessments to boost security at major sporting events such as the Olympic Games in Greece and Euro 2004 soccer finals in Portugal.

Justice and interior ministers are set to approve on Thursday a handbook for practical cooperation between law enforcement agencies to prevent attacks on sports events in the European Union.

"Major international sporting events face particular terrorist threats primarily associated with the public interest in these events," said a background note issued ahead of the meeting. "In the past, terrorists have used the Olympic Games as a platform for their activities." Eleven Israelis died after an attack by Palestinian gunmen at the Munich Olympics in 1972.

The handbook recommends that risk analysis and threat assessments be made on a weekly basis in the month before any large sports event and on a daily basis during the event. The reports should be shared among EU states.

It also states that while the host nation has overall responsibility, other EU members should help provide proper protection.

Any member state organizing an event should be able to ask for the deployment of police or intelligence officers from other EU states to fight specific terrorist scenarios, it adds. Apart from the Athens Olympics, several EU states will host major events in the next three years such as Euro 2004, the 2006 soccer World Cup in Germany and the Rugby World Cup in 2007 in France. — MNA/Reuters

Nedved voted 2003 Czech Footballer of Year

PRAGUE, 19 Feb — Juventus midfielder Pavel Nedved was named Czech Footballer of the Year for a third time on Tuesday.

Nedved, voted European Footballer of the Year in December, came on top in a poll conducted among Czech players and managers.

The 31-year-old also won the award in 1998 and 2000.

The Czech captain was rewarded for a series of outstanding performances for Juventus as they retained the Italian league title and reached the Champions League final in May.

However, Nedved missed the final through suspension after being booked in the semi-final, when his spectacular performance was a major factor in the defeat of competition favourites Real Madrid. Juventus lost the final on penalties to AC Milan.

Nedved also helped the Czech Republic to extend their unbeaten run to 19 matches and qualify for Euro 2004 finals in Portugal.

"I would throw all these awards into a bag and exchange them for the European Championship title this year in Portugal," said Nedved.

He was voted Player of the Year by World Soccer magazine in December and shared the award of Italy's Best Player for 2002-03 with AS Roma striker Francesco Totti last month.

MNA/Reuters

Nigerian president to help Okocha get his money back

LOGOS, 19 Feb — Nigerian President Olusegun Obasanjo has promised to help national soccer captain Jay Jay Okocha recover one million US dollars of his money from one of the country's banks.

"The President has discussed the issue of the trapped funds in Societe Generale Bank with the Central Bank governor and he said something will definitely be done," Presidency spokesman Justin Abuah said on Tuesday, quoting Obasanjo.

The Nigerian bank was suspended from the clearing house by the Central Bank last year.

"I want to assure you... the bank will come to life and your money will not be lost," Abuah quoted Obasanjo as telling Okocha at a meeting in the capital Abuja.

Okocha was named best player of the 2004 African Nations Cup, which finished in Tunisia at the weekend, after scoring four

goals and steering Nigeria to third place. The 30-year-old midfielder, who plays for Bolton Wanderers in the English Premier League, had been worried about his money before the start of the African tournament.

"I have almost all my money in a bank in Nigeria," he told Bolton's website last month. "Now the bank has a problem and I'm in real trouble. I really don't know what to do."

There had been fears that Okocha could even miss the finals because of the problem.

"This money issue is now my big problem with Nigeria, so I want to continue to play for Bolton and earn money to take care of my family," he told a Lagos radio station last month. — MNA/Reuters



Christian Vieri (C) of Italy scores the first goal between the Czech Republic's Rene Bolf (L) and David Rozehnal (R) during their friendly match in Palermo.—INTERNET

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**20-2-2004 (Friday)
(Programme Schedule)
Morning Transmission**

- (9:00 - 10:00)**
- 9:00 Signature Tune
Greeting
- 9:02 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Mingalabar"
Chin State
- 9:06 **Headline News**
- 9:12 Traditional Chin
Cuisine
- 9:15 **National News**
- 9:20 Let's visit the Grand
Mawtinzun Pagoda
Festival
- 9:25 Scenic Beauty of
Tiddim & Cultural
Dance
- 9:28 Mythun (Counterpart
of Cattle)
- 9:30 **National News**
- 9:35 Myanmar Art of Mari-
onettes
- 9:40 Song "Greetings from
Chin Hills"
- 9:45 **National News**
- 9:50 Unique Biodiversity of
Indawgyi Lake (Part-
V)
- 9:58 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Come and See
Myanmar"

- 20-2-2004 (Friday)
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Viewers from Abroad
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(15:30 - 17:30)**
- 15:30 Signature Tune
Greeting
- 15:32 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Myanma Pano-
rama & Myanma Sen-
timent"
- 15:36 Chin State
- 15:40 **Headline News**
- 15:42 Traditional Chin
Cuisine
- 15:45 **National News**
- 15:50 Let's visit the Grand
Mawtinzun Pagoda
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- 15:55 Scenic Beauty of
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Dance
- 15:58 Mythun (Counterpart
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- 16:05 Myanmar Art of Mari-
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Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Mingalabar"
- 16:30 **National News**
- 16:35 Manufacturing of
Home Furniture and
Accessories
- 16:40 Chin Cultural Museum
- 16:45 **National News**
- 16:50 Paintings decorated by
art of goldsmith
- 16:55 The Ozi (or) Kettle-
drum Dance Variety
- 17:00 **National News**
- 17:05 Nipa Palm Forest
- 17:10 Myanmar Modern
Song "You can take
me but not my love"
- 17:15 **National News**
- 17:20 The Natural Beauty of
Inlay Lake Bird's Rest
Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Come and See
Myanmar"

Evening Transmission

- (19:30 - 23:30)**
- 19:30 Signature Tune
Greeting
- 19:32 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Mingalabar"
- 19:36 Ancient City MraukU
- 19:40 **Headline News**
- 19:42 Traditional Food of the
Region Myeik
- 19:45 **National News**
- 19:50 Beautiful Pleasant
Beach Village
- 19:55 Kachin Dance
- 20:00 **National News**
- 20:05 Shan Market Day
- 20:10 Myanmar Modern
Song "Love Boat"
- 20:15 **National News**
- 20:20 Unique Biodiversity of
Indawgyi Lake (Part-
IV)
- 20:25 Songs of Screen "One
and Only Yours
(Maung Mu Paing
Shin)"
- 20:30 **National News**
- 20:35 Poppy Substitute Crop
Cultivation in Border
Areas
- 20:40 The Beauty of
Zwegabin and Livel-
hood of Kayin Nat-
ional
- 20:45 **National News**
- 20:50 Percussion of "Pan"
(or) Communal Drum
Nay Yar Daw Khin
- 21:00 **National News**
- 21:05 A Journey to Research
Taron Race

- 21:10 Song "Sumprabum"
- 21:15 **National News**
- 21:20 The Royal Animal
Weights of the
Myanmar Empires
- 21:25 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Myanma Pano-
rama & Myanma Sen-
timent"
- 21:35 **Headline News**
- 21:42 Traditional Chin
Cuisine
- 21:45 **National News**
- 21:50 Let's visit the Grand
Mawtinzun Pagoda
Festival
- 21:55 Scenic Beauty of
Tiddim & Cultural
Dance
- 21:58 Mythun (Counterpart
of Cattle)
- 22:00 **National News**
- 22:05 Myanmar Art of Mari-
onettes
- 22:10 Song "Greetings from
Chin Hills"
- 22:15 **National News**
- 22:20 Unique Biodiversity of
Indawgyi Lake (Part-
V)
- 22:25 Myanmar Modern
Song "The Beauty of
the Ayeyawady River
(Sagaing)"
- 22:30 **National News**
- 22:35 Manufacturing of
Home Furniture and
Accessories
- 22:40 Chin Cultural Museum
- 22:45 **National News**
- 22:50 Paintings decorated by
art of goldsmith
- 22:55 The Ozi (or) Kettle-
drum Dance Variety
- 23:00 **National News**
- 23:05 Nipa Palm Forest
- 23:10 Myanmar Modern
Song "You can take
me but not my love"
- 23:15 **National News**
- 23:20 The Natural Beauty of
Inlay Lake Bird's Rest
Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Come and See
Myanmar"

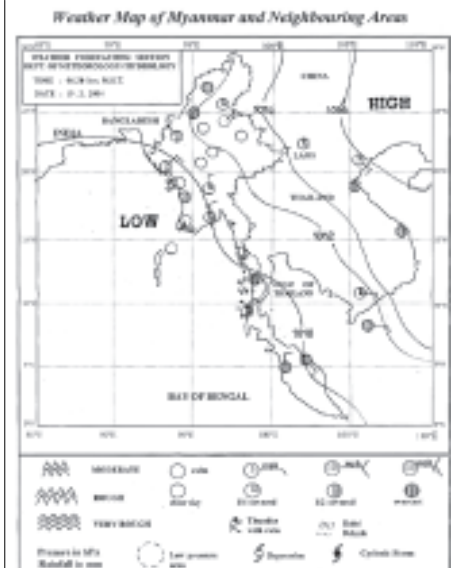
- 20-2-2004 (Friday) &
21-2-2004 (Saturday)
Evening & Morning
Transmission
(23:30 - 1:30)**
- 23:30 Signature Tune
Greeting
- 23:32 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Myanma Pano-
rama & Myanma Sen-
timent"
- 23:36 Chin State
- 23:40 **Headline News**

- 23:42 Traditional Chin
Cuisine
- 23:45 **National News**
- 23:50 Let's visit the Grand
Mawtinzun Pagoda
Festival
- 23:55 Scenic Beauty of
Tiddim & Cultural
Dance
- 23:58 Mythun (Counterpart
of Cattle)
- 24:00 **National News**
- 00:05 Myanmar Art of Mari-
onettes
- 00:10 Song "Greetings from
Chin Hills"
- 00:15 **National News**
- 00:20 Unique Biodiversity of
Indawgyi Lake (Part-
V)
- 00:25 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Mingalabar"
- 00:30 **National News**
- 00:35 Manufacturing of
Home Furniture and
Accessories
- 00:40 Chin Cultural Museum
- 00:45 **National News**
- 00:50 Paintings decorated by
art of goldsmith
- 00:55 The Ozi (or) Kettle-
drum Dance Variety
- 01:00 **National News**
- 01:05 Nipa Palm Forest
- 01:10 Myanmar Modern
Song "You can take
me but not my love"
- 01:15 **National News**
- 01:20 The Natural Beauty of
Inlay Lake Bird's Rest
Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Come and See
Myanmar"

- 21-2-2004 (Saturday)
Morning Transmission
(03:30-07:30)**
- 03:30 Signature Tune
Greeting
- 03:32 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Mingalabar"
- 03:36 Ancient City MraukU
- 03:40 **Headline News**
- 03:42 Traditional Food of the
Region Myeik
- 03:45 **National News**
- 03:50 Beautiful Pleasant
Beach Village
- 03:55 Kachin Dance
- 04:00 **National News**
- 04:05 Shan Market Day
- 04:10 Myanmar Modern
Song "Love Boat"
- 04:15 **National News**
- 04:20 Unique Biodiversity of
Indawgyi Lake (Part-
IV)
- 04:25 Song of Screen "One
and Only Yours
(Maung Mu Paing

- Shin)"
- 04:30 **National News**
- 04:35 Poppy Substitute Crop
Cultivation in Border
Areas
- 04:40 The Beauty of Zweg-
abin and Livelihood of
Kayin National
- 04:45 **National News**
- 04:50 Percussion of "Pan"
(or) Communal Drum
- 04:55 Nay Yar Daw Khin
- 05:00 **National News**
- 05:05 A Journey to Research
Taron Race
- 05:10 Song "Sumprabum"
- 05:15 **National News**
- 05:20 The Royal Animal
Weights of the
Myanmar Empires
- 05:25 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Myanma Pano-
rama & Myanma Sen-
timent"
- 05:35 Chin State
- 05:40 **Headline News**
- 05:42 Traditional Chin
Cuisine
- 05:45 **National News**
- 05:50 Let's visit the Grand
Mawtinzun Pagoda
Festival
- 05:55 Scenic Beauty of
Tiddim & Cultural
Dance
- 05:58 Mythun (Counterpart

- of Cattle)
- 06:00 **National News**
- 06:05 Myanmar Art of Mari-
onettes
- 06:10 Song "Greetings from
Chin Hills"
- 06:15 **National News**
- 06:20 Unique Biodiversity of
Indawgyi Lake (Part-
V)
- 06:25 Myanmar Modern
Song "The Beauty of
the Ayeyawady River
(Sagaing)"
- 06:30 **National News**
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art of goldsmith
- 06:55 The Ozi (or) Kettle-
drum Dance Variety
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Song "You can take
me but not my love"
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WEATHER
Thursday, 19 February, 2004

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST:
During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in the whole country. Night temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) below normal in Kachin, Shan, Rakhine, Chin and Kayin States, Magway, Bago, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi Divisions, (5°C) to (6°C) below normal in upper Sagaing, Yangon and Mandalay Divisions and about normal in the remaining areas.

Maximum temperature on 18-2-2004 was 36.5°C (98°F). Minimum temperature on 19-2-2004 was 14.5°C (58°F). Relative humidity at 9:30 hrs MST on 19-2-2004 was 76%. Total sunshine hours on 18-2-2004 was (9.0) hours approx. Rainfall on 19-2-2004 was nil at Yangon Airport, Kaba-Aye and central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2004 was 3 mm (0.12 inch) at Yangon Airport and nil at Kaba-Aye and central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was 5 mph from Northeast at (10:30) hours MST on 18-2-2004.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 20-2-2004: Isolated light rain are likely in Kachin State and upper Sagaing and Taninthayi Divisions and weather will be partly cloudy 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: Likelihood of isolated rain in Southern Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 20-2-2004: Partly cloudy.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 20-2-2004: Fair weather.


Friday, February 20
View today:

- 7:00 am**
1. Recitation of Parittas by
Missionary Sayadaw U
Ottamathara
- 7:25 am**
2. To be healthy exercise
- 7:30 am**
3. Morning news
- 7:40 am**
4. Nice and sweet song
- 7:55 am**
5. လွှဲရာ-ပျဉ်းစိတ်စွဲစွဲ
- 8:05 am**
6. အစုပျဉ်းစွဲ
- 8:15 am**
7. The Mirror Images of
the Musical Oldies
- 8:25 am**
8. နီဇူရေထိန်းတံခါး

- 8:30 am**
9. International news
- 8:45 am**
10. English for Everyday
Use
- 4:00 pm**
1. Martial song
- 4:15 pm**
2. Songs to uphold
National Spirit
- 4:30 pm**
3. Demonstration
Exercises for Correct
Pronunciation
- 4:45 pm**
4. Song of National Races
- 5:00 pm**
5. အဆေးအကျိုးတို့ကို ပညာရေး
ရပ်မြင်ကြည့် သင်ခန်းစာ
နှစ်ထပ်ခါး (လူစားအသုံးပြု)
(လူစား)
- 5:15 pm**
6. လက်အုပ်ကမ်းပေးကတော့
- 5:25 pm**
7. ရုပ်ပုံအမှန်မှန်အားကစားအခြေခံ
- 5:35 pm**
8. ဘေးသရုပ်ဖော်အစီအစဉ်

- 5:45 pm**
9. ဆင်ဖြူရှင်တံတား
- 6:00 pm**
10. Song of Yeateryears
- 6:15 pm**
11. Discovery
- 6:30 pm**
12. Evening news
- 7:00 pm**
13. Weather report
- 7:05 pm**
14. Milo success in soccer
- 7:10 pm**
15. နိုင်ငံခြားစာတိုလမ်းဆွဲ
"စိုးမိုးမြတ်နိုးစေတော့ကွယ်"
(အစဉ်-၂၀)
- 7:40 pm**
16. Musical programme
- 8:00 pm**
17. News
18. International news
19. Weather report
20. Myanmar Video Feature
"စင်ပန်း" (အစဉ်-၁)
ကျော်မိုးနီနီနီနီ
(ဒေါ်နီနီကတော့-ကျော်မိုးမိုးမိုး)
21. The next day's
programme


**Friday, February 20
Tune in today:**

- 8.30 am** Brief news
- 8.35 am** Music
- 8.40 am** Perspectives
- 8.45 am** Music
- 8.50 am** National news/
Slogan
- 9.00 am** Music
- 9.05 am** International news
- 9.10 am** Music
- 1.30 pm** News/Slogan
- 1.40 pm** Lunch time music
-When you wish
upon a star (Eternal)
-I'll be back for more
(Natural)
- 9.00 pm** World of Music
- 9.15 pm** Article/Music
- 9.25 pm** Music at your
request
-I have a dream
(Westlife)
-If (Bread)
- 9.45 pm** News/Slogan
- 10.00 pm** PEL

Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt receives Minister for Industry of Thailand

YANGON, 19 Feb — Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar General Khin Nyunt received Minister for Industry Mr Phinij Jarusombut and party of Thailand at Zeyathiri Beikman on Konmyinthta at 8 am today.

Also present at the call were Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thaung, Minister for Industry-2 Maj-Gen Saw Lwin, Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha, Minister for Foreign Affairs U Win Aung, Deputy Minister U Khin Maung Win, and Director-General Thura U Aung Htet of the Protocol Department.

The Thai minister and party were accompanied by Thai Ambassador Mr Suphot Dhirakaosal.

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Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt greets Thai Minister for Industry Mr Phinij Jarusombut.
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Prime Minister receives Secretary of Foreign Affairs of the Philippines

YANGON, 19 Feb — Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt received Secretary of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Philippines Ms Delia Domingo Albert and party at Zeyathiri Beikman on Konmyinthta at 4.45 pm today.

Also present at the call were Minister for Foreign Affairs U Win Aung, Deputy Minister U Khin Maung Win, Director-General of the Protocol Department Thura U Aung Htet and Ambassador of the Philippines Mme Phoebe A Gomez.

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Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt receives Secretary of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of the Philippines Ms Delia Domingo Albert and party.— MNA

Hard work brings regional progress and serves local people's interest

YANGON, 19 Feb — Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Maung Bo arrived at Kyunsu in Myeik District on 16 February evening from Ma Kyone Galet village after attending the Salone Traditional Festival there in the morning.

At the town villa, Capt Win Shein (Navy) of the Taninthayi Naval Region reported to him on building of an island ring road and bridges on it. Lt-Gen Maung Bo attended to the

needs.

Accompanied by Chairman of Taninthayi Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Coastal Region Command Brig-Gen Ohn Myint and officials, Lt-Gen Maung Bo met with departmental personnel, members of social organizations and townsenders in Kyunsu.

He said although Kyunsu is a town enjoying economic development, it cannot produce enough rice for its population yet. De-

partmental personnel of the regional branches and local people will have to make self-reliant and collective efforts to ensure rice sufficiency. They will have to reclaim more land for cultivation. Taninthayi Division is rich in natural resources. Practical hard work will bring actual progress to the region and serve the interest of the local people. The Government is implementing the 24-development-zone project and the five rural area development tasks

in a harmonious way for progress of all the places of Myanmar. It is striving for all-round development of the entire Taninthayi Division. Salone Traditional Festival was held at Ma Kyone Galet village for progress of coastal islands and local people of the division. Departmental personnel are required to make field tours down to the villages for the success of the Government's regional development drive. They will have to organize the local

people to actively take part in the drive. Earlier completion of the projects will bring benefits sooner. Thus, instead of solely relying on the Government, departmental personnel and local people should make concerted efforts, with full patriotism, for accelerating the regional development drive.

After inspecting the ring road, Lt-Gen Maung Bo met with local authorities, members of social organizations and local elders at Talabaing village. Lt-Gen

Maung Bo and Commander Brig-Gen Ohn Myint discussed means to develop the agricultural, livestock breeding, education, health and social sectors of the village.

Accompanied by Commander Brig-Gen Ohn Myint, Minister for Hotels and Tourism Brig-Gen Thein Zaw, Deputy Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Brig-Gen Khin Maung and officials, Lt-Gen Maung Bo attended the ceremony to drive in stakes for building of beach resort hotels in Maungmakan Beach in Launglon Township. On arrival at the Pandal where the ceremony would be held, Lt-Gen Maung Bo and party were welcomed by Minister for Foreign Affairs U Win Aung and officials.

Minister Brig-Gen Thein Zaw made a speech.

Chairman of Myanmar Hoteliers Association and Myanmar Construction Entrepreneurs Association U Khin Shwe reported on arrangements for construction of the hotel.

Then, the commander gave a speech. He said that according to the Head of

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Lt-Gen Maung Bo meets departmental officials, social organizations and local people in Kyunsu Township.— MNA