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Senior General Than Shwe inspects oil palm nursery of Yuzana Co Ltd.— MNA

Every region to carry out tasks for rice sufficiency and economic progress

Senior General Than Shwe tours Kawthoung, Khamaukgyi in Taninthayi Division

YANGON, 29 Feb— Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council

Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe, accom-

panied by members of the State Peace and Development Council General Thura

Shwe Mann, Lt-Gen Maung Bo, Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo, Lt-Gen Kyaw Win and Lt-Gen Tin Aye, Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Rear-Admiral Soe Thein, Commander-in-Chief (Air) Maj-Gen Myat Hein, the ministers, the deputy ministers, senior military officers, officials of the State Peace and Development Council Office and departmental heads, left here by Myanma Airways on 25 February morning and arrived in Kawthoung, Taninthayi Division, at 10 am. The Senior General and party were welcomed at Kawthoung Airport by Chairman of Taninthayi Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Coastal Region Command Brig-Gen Ohn Myint, Brig-Gen Khin



Senior General Than Shwe gives guidance to district and township authorities, social organization members, townselders and entrepreneurs in Kawthoung.— MNA



Four political objectives

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

Four economic objectives

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

Four social objectives

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

Zaw Win of Khamaukgyi Station, Col Myint Tun of Kawthoung Station, military officers, division, district and township level departmental officials.

Next, the Senior General and party went to Pyidawaye Sasana Beikman in Kawthoung where they paid homage to Sayadaws of monasteries in Kawthoung and donated provisions to the Sayadaws.

Chairman of Township Sangha Nayaka Committee (Thudhamma) Aungchantha Monastery Sayadaw Bhaddanta Paññasami delivered a sermon and the Senior

General and party shared merits gained. Next, the Senior General asked after health of the Sayadaws and supplicated on religious affairs. Then, the Senior General cordially conversed with members of religious associations and local people. At 11.30 am, the Senior General and party met with divisional departmental officials, district and township authorities, members of the Union Solidarity and Development Association, social organizations, town-selders and entrepreneurs at Myinzuthaka Hall in Kawthoung.

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Uplift of health and fitness of the entire nation

At present, endeavours are being made through self-reliant basis and relying on the strength that lies within, to build a modern and developed nation for the progress and prosperity of the people and the nation to stand shoulder to shoulder with other nations.

The Government has been laying down and implementing the national health projects to raise the health standard of the whole nation. It has been extending the primary health care services to reach all the remote areas including the border regions and to narrow the health gap between the rural and the urban areas.

Thus, the nurses, midwives and health assistants working at the places from major cities to rural areas play a key role in the Government's endeavours to extend health care services till covering the entire nation. As the State has acknowledged nurses, midwives and health assistants as the most basic forces of the health sector, it has been making arrangements for producing more nurses, midwives and health assistants, enhancing their skills, enabling them to pursue further studies and assigning them heavier responsibilities.

The 49th Nursing Conference of the Myanmar Nurses Association was opened on 24 February at the Institute of Nursing, with an opening address by Chairman of the National Health Committee Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt.

In his address, the Prime Minister said that with the concept that the government has assigned noble and extensive duties of health care services to the nurses, midwives and health assistants with trust, they are to make efforts for improvement of health standard of rural people with goodwill.

Nurses are discharging the most basic duties of the health sector as they are closely assisting the physicians, and practically providing treatment and rehabilitation services. Moreover, they are discharging their duties in rural areas.

In the past there were seven nurses training schools and 15 midwifery training schools. Now there are three nursing institutes — Defence Services Institute of Nursing, Yangon Institute of Nursing and Mandalay Institute of Nursing — 23 nurses training schools and 20 midwifery training schools.

Nowadays, over 15,400 nurses and 14,000 midwives are discharging duties in providing health care services in the nation. They have been participating in significant activities which achieved success in Myanmar medical history. Moreover, they are actively taking part in mass movements to render health care services.

At such a time, all the nurses, midwives and health assistants are urged to participate most extensively in endeavours for raising the health standard of the entire national people.

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'

Nursery Market Festival continues

YANGON, 29 Feb — The Nursery Market Festival continued at Myay-padetha Park in Bahan Township here today with the aim of providing necessary assistance to growers and attracting the public to take interest in agriculture, horticulture, livestock breeding and vegetable farming. Kitchen crops, fruits and saplings of herbal plants are being shown there.

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The 59th Anniversary Armed Forces Day commemorative postcard.

Tatmadaw and departmental cars checked on Dry Day

YANGON, 29 Feb — Dry Day Supervisory Committee members Deputy Minister for Home Affairs Brig-Gen Phone Swe, Deputy Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Than Htay, Vice-Quartermaster-General Maj-Gen Htin Aung Kyaw, Director-Gen-

eral of Myanmar Police Force Brig-Gen Khin Yi, Police Quartermaster-General Police Brig-Gen Win Soe, Director-General of Irrigation Department U Kyaw San Win, Director-General of the Ministry of Industry-2 U Khin Maung, Director-General of the

Central Equipment Statistics and Inspection Department Lt-Col Tin Maung Tun, and officials in two groups today supervised the inspection teams which checked the Tatmadaw and departmental cars at the main points in Yangon City.

The teams checked the cars on observance of the dry day disciplines — bearing of dry day passes, drivers' licenses and wheel taxes, wearing of departmental uniforms by drivers — and took action against breaking of traffic rules.

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Deputy Minister for Home Affairs Brig-Gen Phone Swe and party inspect a departmental car on the Dry Day.

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Delegation leaves for Vietnam

YANGON, 29 Feb — A 5-member delegation headed by UMFCFI Vice-President Greater Mekong Sub-region Business Forum President U Win Aung left here by air this morning to attend the First Greater Mekong Sub-region Trade Fair from 4 to 7 March 2004 in Hanoi, Vietnam.

The delegation was seen off at Yangon International Airport by UMFCFI President U Win Myint and officials. — MNA



The delegation seen off at the airport by UMFCFI President U Win Myint and officials. — UMFCFI

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

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Charge d'Affaires of Pakistan Embassy Mr Habib Ur-Rehman calls on U Sein Win Hlaing. — UMFCFI

UMFCFI General Secretary meets guests

YANGON, 29 Feb — Charge d'Affaires of Pakistan Embassy in Myanmar Mr Habib Ur-Rehman called on UMFCFI General Secretary U Sein Win Hlaing at the UMFCFI head office on 26 February afternoon. They discussed matters on bilateral trade promotion. U Sein Win Hlaing also met with a 6-member delegation headed by Vice-Chairman of CCPIT Sichuan Council Mr Zhang Jinchuan of China the same afternoon. — MNA

Britain and US shared transcripts after bugging Blix's mobile phone

WASHINGTON, 29 Feb—The controversy over alleged British and American “dirty tricks” at the United Nations deepened yesterday with claims that two chiefs of Iraq arms inspection missions had been victims of spying.

Hans Blix and Richard Butler were said to have been subjected to routine bugging while they led teams searching for Saddam Hussein's supposed weapons of mass destruction.

In an interview published today, Dr Blix said he suspected his UN office and New York home had been bugged by the United States in the run-up to war. He said

bugging was to be expected between enemies, but “here it is between people who co-operate and it is an unpleasant feeling”.

The new charges came within 24 hours of the former cabinet minister Clare Short stating British intelligence had taped the telephone calls of the UN Secretary-General, Kofi Annan.

As demands grew at

home and abroad for Tony Blair to confirm or deny Ms Short's allegations, the British ambassador to the UN, Emyr Jnes-Parry, telephoned Mr Annan on Thursday evening. The UN said Mr Jones-Parry's call has not shed any fresh light on the matter. Edward Mortimer, Mr Annan's director of communications, said: “There was a telephone call which was apologetic in tone but did not really amount to an admission of substance. Basically, the answer we got was the same as the Prime Minister gave at his Press conference on Thursday. We are not complete innocents, we do realise these things happen but it was rather a shock to hear that the British government had been spying on the Secretary General.”

Charles Kennedy, the leader of the Liberal Democrats, said Mr Blair should make a statement to MPs on the affair. He will table a Commons motion next week demanding to know if there was an “eavesdropping operation”, and if so, how extensive it was. Mr Kennedy said: “We need to know whether British intelligence took part in spying on the

United Nations Secretary-General. This is a serious allegation, made by a member of Mr Blair's Cabinet, which cannot go unanswered. The United Kingdom was one of the founding members of the UN ... the suggestion that our security services were involved in some kind of illegal operation damages our national standing.”

Boutros Boutros-Ghali, Mr Annan's predecessor as secretary general, said: “This is a violation of the United Nations charter. It complicates the work of the secretary general, of the diplomats, because they need a minimum of secrecy to reach a solution.” Mr Butler, who led the UN disarmament team in Iraq in the 1990s, Unscam, said he was “well aware” that he was being bugged. But he said spying on the UN was illegal and harmed the peace-making process. “What if Kofi Annan had been bringing people together last February in a genuine attempt to prevent the invasion of Iraq, and the people bugging him did not want that to happen, what do you think they would do with that information?” he said. —Internet



Former International Development Secretary Clare Short, foreground, who has claimed that Britain spied on United Nations Secretary General Kofi Annan in the run-up to war in Iraq, is seen in London, on 26 Feb, 2004. Short told the BBC Radio 4 Today programme that British intelligence had bugged Kofi Annan and that she had read transcripts of his conversations while she was a member of the government.—INTERNET

Anti-war movement to sue Bush, Blair over Iraq

BAGHDAD, 29 Feb—A coalition of groups opposed to the US-led invasion of Iraq says it intends to take legal action for “mass murder” against British Prime Minister Tony Blair and US President George Bush before the International Criminal Court (ICC) in The Hague.

“What has happened is the mass murder of 20,000 or so Iraqis,” Chris Coverdale said, a spokesman for the Stop the War coalition, told Sky News.

“We have to ensure that Bush and Blair and all the others associated with that decision to attack and kill Iraqis are held to account for it.”

Some 600 supporters of the coalition, which was formed in September 2001, met in London to prepare for a mass demonstration in the capital on 20 March, the anniversary of the invasion of oil-rich Iraq.

The anti-war movement brought an estimated one million people to demonstrate against the war in London a year ago and up to 200,000 braved massive security to protest at a visit by Bush to London in November 2003.

Mr Coverdale said the coalition had asked police, the prosecution service and the nation's top legal official, Attorney-General Lord Gold-

smith, to investigate the accusations.

He said that under the statute establishing the ICC, if such requests at the national level were refused, the movement was then “entitled to approach the prosecutor in The Hague to ensure and ask him to initiate an investiga-

tion and a criminal prosecution of the offenders”.

The coalition's decision coincided with mounting pressure on Mr Blair to explain the basis on which the country went to war.

“The war with Iraq was illegal but, furthermore, crimes were committed,” Mr

Coverdale said.

“Therefore you want to ensure that people who have committed the crimes answer for them in court.”

He said Stop the War was basing its position on articles in the United Nations charter forbidding war.

Internet

CPC leader on implementation of inner-party supervision regulations

BEIJING, 29 Feb—Wu Guangzheng, top leader of the watchdog of the Communist Party of China (CPC), called on the party to study and implement its first ever inner-party supervision regulations made public earlier this month.

Wu, secretary of the CPC Central Commission for Discipline Inspection, said Friday that the party will continue to expand inner-party democracy as an important basis for improved inner-party supervision.

Addressing members of the commission gathering to study the regulation, Wu said the regulations underlined the important role of institutional building for inner-party supervision and made it clear that the supervision of major leading officials and organizations of the party is a top priority. Wu, also a member of the Standing Committee of the Political Bureau of the CPC Central Committee, said the regulations stress the need for its members to abide by both the party's disciplines and the law.

No organizations or individuals will be allowed to enjoy privileges above the Constitution and the law, said Wu. He promised the party will constantly improve the regulations. The party made public the regulations on February 17 in an apparent bid to improve inner-party democracy and as part of its efforts to fight corruption.

The 47-article, 10,000-word Regulations of Internal Supervision of the Communist Party of China (CPC) put all the party's 68 million members, including its leader and top decision-making body, under public supervision, said Professor Chen Dengcai, of the Beijing-based Party School of the CPC Central Committee.—MNA/Xinhua

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Roadside bomb damages British Army vehicle in Iraq

LONDON, 28 Feb—A roadside bomb damaged a British army vehicle on patrol in Iraq today, but no one was injured, a UK military spokesman said.

The vehicle was on a routine patrol on the outskirts of southern Basra when the bomb went off in the afternoon, Major Hisham Halawi said.

There are some 8,000 British troops stationed in Iraq following the conflict which ousted Saddam Hussein.

Basra and other southern towns have seen killings and attacks.—Internet

China appoints chief commander, architect of lunar probe project

BEIJING, 29 Feb — Luan Enjie, director of the China National Space Administration (CNSA), has been appointed chief commander of China's project to launch a lunar probe satellite, sources with the administration said here.

Sun Jiadong, a leading space expert, has been appointed chief architect of the lunar probe project, and Ouyang Ziyuan, member of the Chinese Academy of Sciences, has been named chief scientist.

With funding of 1.4 billion yuan (about 170 million US dollars), China's lunar probe project involves launching of a satellite to orbit the moon by 2007, said senior officials with the administration.

Sun Laiyan, deputy director of the administration, said the satellite would obtain three-dimensional images of the lunar surface, analyse the content of useful elements and materials, and prove the depth of the lunar soil and the space environment between the Earth and the moon.

The satellite project is

part of the country's ambitious three-stage lunar programme, which would be followed by the landing of an unmanned vehicle on the moon in the second stage by 2010, and collecting samples of lunar soil with an unmanned vehicle by 2020.

Sun described the satellite project as an important step toward China's exploration of deeper space, and the moon would provide a good platform from which to explore.

A group of space officials and leading scientists in charge of the project gathered earlier this week for the first meeting on the project.

The programme is named the Chang'e Programme, referring to a goddess who flew to the moon in an ancient Chinese fairy tale.

MNA/Xinhua



Actress Keisha Castle-Hughes (L) and director Niki Caro of New Zealand pose backstage with their Best Foreign Film Spirit Award at the IFP Independent Spirit Awards in Santa Monica, California, on 28 Feb, 2004. They won the award for their work on the film 'Whale Rider.'

INTERNET

Ex-minister says British army feared Iraq war would be illegal

LONDON, 29 Feb— British army chiefs refused to go to war in Iraq until they were reassured over its legality by the nation's top law official, said former cabinet minister Clare Short.

In response, Britain's Attorney General Lord Peter Goldsmith hastily redrafted his official advice to the government just days before war was launched last March, to assure the armed forces the conflict would not be illegal, the Observer newspaper reported.

Short, who earlier this week controversially claimed that London spied on UN Secretary General Kofi Annan during the tense weeks leading to the inva-

sion of Iraq, told the Observer:

"I was told at the highest level... that the military were saying they wouldn't go (to war), whatever the PM said without the attorney general's advice.

"The question is was the AG (attorney general) leant on?"

Short, Britain's former international development secretary, quit in May in protest over the Iraq invasion.

Earlier this week, she

sparked controversy by alleging that transcripts of Annan's bugged telephone calls were circulated to senior British ministers.

Her claims came after British prosecutors dropped charges against an intelligence translator, Katharine Gun, who leaked a memo revealing apparent US and British plans to spy on members of the UN Security Council in the run-up to the conflict.

While Blair attacked

Short's revelation as "deeply irresponsible", the opposition demanded that the prime minister say whether she was telling the truth or not.

Blair also came under pressure to reveal the legal reasoning for joining the invasion of Iraq alongside the United States.

The government refused, other than to say that it had advice of the attorney general that the war was legitimate under international law.

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Three Iraqis killed in northern Iraq violence

MOSUL, 29 Feb— An Iraqi policeman was shot dead and two Iraqis killed overnight in fresh violence in the north of the country, local police and US military sources said.

A US patrol in Mosul "responded to a drive-by shooting directed at an Iraqi police traffic control point by four assailants in a car and a motorcycle," an army statement said.

"Working with the Iraqi police, the patrol engaged the

car, killing two of the assailants," it said, adding that two suspects were detained.

But Lieutenant Colonel Abdelalaj Hazem Hattabi from the provincial police said the US army shot dead civilians who happened to be in a vehicle at the scene of the attack.

"Three men on a motorbike were preparing to attack the checkpoint with rocket-propelled grenades and automatic weapons. US forces opened fire and hit a car that was happened to be there," he told AFP.

In other operations in Mosul, the military said it detained four suspects, three after it found a homemade bomb in a search operation and one other suspected of "anti-coalition activities".

In the oil-rich city of Kirkuk, further south, attacks against Iraqi police claimed another victim early Saturday.

"Unknown attackers in an Opel vehicle opened fire on a police roadblock this morning at 8:30 (0500 GMT) at the eastern entry to the city and police officer Ali Hamada was killed," said police chief Turhan Yussef. "We will pursue them and open an investigation," he said, without providing further details about the suspects.

Internet



US soldiers pull to remove protesters who chained themselves to barricades outside the Iraqi Governing Council office on the third day of their protest on 28 Feb, 2004 in Baghdad, Iraq. —INTERNET

Ancient Chinese culinary ware exhibition to be held in HK

HONG KONG, 29 Feb — Over 100 priceless Chinese culinary artifacts will be on display Saturday until 26 May at the Hong Kong Heritage Museum.

The items, including tableware, cooking utensils, drinking sets, scrolls and brick engravings dating from the Neolithic Period (8000-2000 BC) to the Qing Dynasty (1644-1911 AD), are on loan from the National Museum of China.

"Fine Dining—An Exhibition of Ancient Chinese Culinary Ware" traces the changes the Chinese food culture has undergone over the centuries. Speaking at a ceremony for Saturday's opening of the exhibition, Hong Kong Deputy Director (Culture) of Leisure and Cultural Services, Choi Suk-kuen, said that Chinese food culture was characterized by the great variety of cooking methods and diversified cuisine across regions.

"Food becomes so much more appetizing if complemented by appropriate culinary ware," Choi said.

Chinese food culture can be traced back to the late-middle Paleolithic Period, which was about 600,000 to 10,000 years ago. Initially, the Chinese were hunters and gatherers and they had virtu-

ally no cooking skills. But they gradually abandoned the habit of eating raw flesh as they mastered the use of fire and cooking with water.

The Chinese had individual servings and sat on the ground for meals during the Neolithic Period, which was about 10,000 to 4,000 years ago. The period also saw the birth of agriculture and animal husbandry, and subsequently the development of pottery with the increasing need for containers of various kinds.

The exhibition, with a wealth of treasures on display, reflects the richness and diversity of Chinese food culture and will enhance visitors' understanding of ancient Chinese cookware.

Highlights include a pottery cauldron and stove made in the Neolithic Period, one of the earliest; complete cooking sets ever uncovered; preserved dumplings and snacks—the earliest of their kind—excavated from a Tang-Dynasty (AD 618-907) tomb in Xinjiang; a boat-shaped model of a pottery stove, which is believed to have been

used for funerary purposes during the Han Dynasty (206 BC-AD 220) and a number of other pieces of cultural relics.

MNA/Xinhua

Indonesian Govt prepares team to combat dengue fever

JAKARTA, 29 Feb— The Indonesian Government plans to dispatch over 70,000 field workers to 10,000 villages nationwide to help eradicate dengue fever and increase people's awareness of sanitation, said an official.

The secretary of the directorate-general of communicable diseases at the Ministry of Health, Syafii Ahmad, was quoted Saturday by the *Jakarta Post* as saying that the ministry proposed the initiative last year but lacked the necessary funding to carry it out.

"Currently, the ministry is waiting for state funds to enable this programme to work," Syafii said.

The programme would cost over 119 million US dollars and would deal with other communicable diseases along with dengue fever, he said. It would involve about 70,000 graduates from nursing academies, who would help locals eradicate communicable diseases and provide education and treatment.

A similar programme was launched by the government in the 1950s to contain malaria. A team called the Malaria Extermination Command was formed in 1959 and managed to curb malaria cases in Indonesia to 0.16 per 1,000 people by 1969, far below the epidemic ratio of 1 per 1,000 people.

Syafii said it would be difficult to eliminate dengue fever completely because no vaccines has been developed to provide immunity against the virus. "Without vaccines, we can only kill the carrier—a mosquito—and clean up the environment," he said. —MNA/Xinhua

Britain's MoD faces lawsuits over Iraqi civilian deaths

LONDON, 29 Feb — Britain's Ministry of Defence is facing a series of lawsuits relating to the deaths of Iraqi civilians killed by British troops in southern Iraq, lawyers acting for the families of some of the dead said on Sunday.

The lawyers said they were demanding improved compensation and an inquiry into the circumstances surrounding the deaths of the Iraqis, who were killed either by stray bullets or when they were bystanders to operations carried out by British troops.

The news comes as Prime Minister Tony Blair struggles to calm a row caused by accusations by former minister Clare Short last week that British security services had bugged the United Nations in the run-up to the Iraq war.

The lawyers said they had written to Defence Secretary Geoff Hoon demanding that he immediately set up an inquiry into the deaths, that the MoD accept liability for what the lawyers say are unlawful killings, and that the MoD pay full damages to compensate the 13 families they are

representing.

The MoD said it had offered and paid compensation totalling 15,000 pounds since last May, but it did not accept liability for any of the deaths.

"We have received the letter and we will respond in due course," said a MoD spokesman. He said there had to be an independent inquiry and full damages should be paid to all the families. "There must be full damages paid to all these families," said Phil Shiner of Public Interest Lawyers, which is pursuing the claims.

"The MoD must establish a fair and rational compensation scheme so all those who have been affected by unlawful killings, injuries or loss of property, can be compensated without the stress of litigation," he said in a statement. —MNA/Reuters

Italian Fiat group cuts losses in 2003

ROME, 29 Feb— The Italian Fiat group cut operatives losses last year by 252 million euros, that declined from 762 to 510 million euros, a statement from the Turin automaker's board of directors said on Friday.

This allowed consolidated net indebtedness to decline from 3.8 billion euros to about three billion euros at the end of 2003.

Fiat Auto's operative losses dropped sharply from 1.343 billion euros in 2002 to 979 million euros last year despite turnover falling by 9.6 per cent to 20.01 billion euros. This was the result of car sales sinking 8.8 per cent, with a total of 1.7 million vehicles sold. —MNA/Xinhua



In this image taken from video, Russian cosmonaut Alkexander Kaleri, left, and American astronaut Michael Foale work outside the International Space Station on 26 Feb, 2004, in this image from NASA television. —INTERNET

IRAQ UNDER US OCCUPATION



Turkomen protesters, who chained themselves to the barricade outside the Iraqi Governing Council office in Baghdad, react as a US soldier in civilian clothes tries to remove it during their protest on Saturday 28 Feb, 2004. —INTERNET



A US soldier sits on an armoured vehicle in front of a graffiti calling for peace while patrolling Baghdad's Yarmuk neighbourhood.

INTERNET



An Iraqi fireman trains his hose at the burning oil pipeline in Samarra, 100 kilometres (62 miles) north of Baghdad, Iraq, following an explosion on 28 Feb, 2004, the second time an oil facility near Samarra was damaged. Since the US ouster of Saddam Hussein, attackers have fired mortars, sprayed bullets and planted explosives that have damaged pipelines and other oil facilities in Iraq. —INTERNET

Iraqis shout during a rally in front of the Coalition Provisional Authority building in the port town of Basra, some 550 km (330 miles) south of the Iraqi capital Baghdad, on 24 Feb, 2004. Several hundred Iraqis staged a demonstration to demand jobs and protest against foreign contractors, such as US oil giant Halliburton.

INTERNET



Iraqi women walk past a guarding US M1-A1 tank in Khadimiya north of Baghdad, Iraq on Saturday 28 Feb, 2004.

INTERNET



US soldiers and Iraqi police comb the Mosul commercial area, 400 kilometres late on Friday 27 Feb, 2004. Insurgents have been stepping up their attacks around the country lately and are now targeting Iraqis mostly working for the US coalition forces.

INTERNET

Iraqi lawmakers split as Constitution deadline looms

BAGHDAD, 29 Feb — Iraq's Governing Council was deeply divided on Saturday just hours before a deadline to approve an interim Constitution — a crucial step in the run-up to the planned US transfer of sovereignty to Iraqis on June 30.

The interim Constitution should be agreed by the end of Saturday according to a US timetable, but Council members were still wrangling over Islam's role in social issues and a government that is supposed to take power from July 1.

Other Council members have warned the talks could drag on beyond the deadline.

Mahmoud Othman, a Sunni Kurdish independent on the Council, said many issues remained to be resolved and debate was

heated.

He said he favoured running over the deadline if that meant a deal could be reached, rather than the Council announcing an agreement in principle by the deadline and leaving some issues for later, as some other Council members had suggested.

"This is a law, it is not a political communique," he told *Reuters*. "The law should be announced only when all issues are settled, when the document is com-

plete and written in a way that there aren't any mistakes."

He said the Council may decide to give a progress report later on Saturday, but gave no indication of when negotiations might be concluded. "If we have to work through the night to reach an agreement, then we are ready to do that," he said.

Council members said some participants left the negotiating table on Friday after the cancellation of a previous Governing Council decree letting religious law take precedence in divorce, inheritance and other "personal status" issues.

Any lengthy delay in agreeing an interim Constitution would deal yet another blow to US plans to hand over sovereignty to Iraqis, who Washington and the United Nations say cannot hold a proper election before the mid-year handover.

Washington, which wants to avoid delaying the formal end of its occupation of Iraq as the 2004 US presidential election nears, has said it is willing to negotiate on the details of the handover of power but not on the date.

MNA/Reuters

Italian President highlights need to preserve investors' trust

ROME, 29 Feb — Italian President Carlo Azeglio Ciampi on Friday underscored the importance of retaining the trust and confidence of small investors, hit by the recent collapse of dairy multinational Parmalat and food group Cirio in Italy.

"Trust is essential for the vitality of the economy — the confidence of investors in the financial system and the confidence of banks towards businesses," the Head of State said. "Otherwise there is a risk, as recent events have shown, of the drying up of the financial flow that feeds investments," he said.

Ciampi added that: "I always insist on the concept of trust because it represents an essential part of the common good and it is the duty of public institutions to nourish and strengthen it."

More than 150,000 small investors have been hit by the multi-billion-euro Parmalat fraud scandal while the bankruptcy of canned-tomato producer Cirio affected more than 30,000.

MNA/Xinhua



An Iraqi gestures as he walks past a burning car just after a bomb exploded in front of a restaurant in Baquba, 60 kms northeast of Baghdad on 26 Feb, 2004.—INTERNET

British ruling party chief says short will not be expelled

LONDON, 29 Feb — British ruling Labour Chairman Ian McCartney said Saturday that former Cabinet Minister Clare Short will not be expelled from the party over her UN bugging claims.

McCartney described Short's behaviour in accusing the government of spying on the United Nations in the run up to the war with Iraq as "outrageous and unforgivable".

However, he told BBC that Short will not be expelled from the Labour Party.

"I'm not going to make her a martyr... She is not a martyr, she is someone who has been totally, grossly irresponsible in what she has done," he said.

Also on Saturday, Downing Street said the government will not release Attorney-General Lord Goldsmith's advice on the legality of the war with Iraq.

"The attorney-general's advice remains confidential because of the long-standing convention that advice to governments in offices not disclosed," said a Downing Street spokesman.

Lord Goldsmith issued the public version of his advice on March 17 last year which said that, based on three UN resolutions, the use of force against Iraq was legal.

However, a dispute has arisen over the private advice Lord Goldsmith gave the government a month before. Greenpeace claims the advice said the war was illegal.

MNA/Xinhua



Chandi, a White Tiger, plays with a snowman built by her keepers in her enclosure at Longleat Safari Park, England, on 27 Feb, 2004, where up to four inches of snow fell overnight.—INTERNET

Mubarak meets Peres on peace process

CAIRO, 29 Feb — Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak met on Thursday with Israeli Labour Party leader Shimon Peres over the stalled Mideast peace process.

Speaking to reporters following the meeting, Mubarak's political advisor Osama al-Baz said that the meeting tackled means of restarting peace talks between Israel and the Arabs. "Peres is keen on boosting the Mideast peace process and achieving a just and comprehensive peace in the region," Baz said.

For his part, Peres said he had "positive and constructive" talks with Mubarak over ways to push forward the peace process and open new roads for peace.

As for the so-called separation wall that Israel is build-

ing on the West Bank, Peres said that the issue is not the wall but the route of the wall.

Asked about whether Israel has intention to sign the Treaty on the Non-Proliferation of Nuclear Weapons (NPT), Peres said, "Israel said it will not bring any nuclear bombs to the Middle East, and also said it has not conducted any nuclear tests."

"I do not doubt or deny the suspicions surrounding the Israeli nuclear programme. However, these suspicions per se are a positive deterrent for which Israel has not taken any steps

to sign the NPT," he said.

"In the past the rightists wanted Greater Israel and the leftists wanted a compromise through the land-for-peace formula," he said.

But, the two sides embrace one view — no solution without having two states — which is certainly new, Peres said.

"Both trends now support the establishment of a Palestinian state, the division of the lands. They have accepted the roadmap which has been widely approved, unlike almost all plans before," he said.

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Tug-of-war for control of Net set for Rome Summit

LONDON, 29 Feb — A debate over whether to allow free-market or government interests to set future Internet policy will be reignited next week at a meeting of technology officials in Rome.

For the past nine months, a movement has been growing from within the United Nations to tackle some of the less desirable aspects of the Internet: torrents of spam e-mail, cybercrime and a "digital divide", where much of the developing world has little access to modern Internet and telecommunications innovations.

The UN in December appointed the International Telecommunication Union (ITU) to forge a plan for surmounting these issues, pledging to include the opinions of policy-makers from the developing world who have argued their concerns are too often overlooked under the current regime.

But by taking up the cause, the ITU could muscle out the only governance body the medium has ever had: the International Corporation for Assigned Names and Numbers (ICANN).

Incorporated in 1998, the California-based ICANN oversees management of the Internet's crucial addressing system which matches numerical addresses to familiar web site addresses such as www.reuters.com, and helps resolve domain name disputes.

At its quarterly meeting in Rome next week, ICANN will take up the matter of the UN's recent challenge to its claim as the medium's sole governance body.

For now, ICANN and the ITU are downplaying the growing rivalry, saying they are engaged in open dialogue about how to work together to push the Internet into the next era. But the differences between the two groups is stark.

ICANN, from its formation, has embraced a decidedly business-friendly approach. It holds the open market, and not governments, is the best way to foster the medium's growth.

At a December UN Summit on the Internet, delegates from Africa, the Middle East and Eastern Europe rejected this stance, saying it is aggravating the digital divide.

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The new Myanmar and her pleasant environs

Yadanasi Sayadaw (Loilem)

(Continued from yesterday)

ASEAN and BIMST-EC

The first letters of member nations—Bangladesh (B), India (I), Myanmar (M), Sri Lanka (S) and Thailand (T), are combined as BIMST-EC. Geographically, Myanmar is situated between BIMST-EC countries and ASEAN nations. Myanmar lies at the focal point of transport and communications. In other words, Myanmar is in strategic position between South East Asian and South Asian nations. In fact, it is a blessing for Myanmar.

Blessed with such a favourable position, Myanmar needs to be intelligent and industrious. So, Myanmar can become a leading nation in Asia.

The sixth Ministerial Level meeting of BIMST-EC with the objective of cooperating in transport, trade and economy was held on 8 February 2004. Minister for Foreign Affairs of Myanmar U Win Aung attended the meeting. The association accepted Bhutan and Nepal as new members. Another two rivers are thus added to the five rivers and all flow into the sea. The beauty of the sea of BIMST-EC will appear soon and Myanmar will be able to play a more active role.

The Union of Myanmar is promoting constructive relations and cooperation with the nations of the world, neighbouring countries and those in the region for mutual benefits. It is heartening to see that, fruitful results have been achieved in the country.

However, some big nations are still putting pressure on Myanmar giving various excuses. Besides levelling accusations on democracy, human rights, narcotic drugs and forced labour, they are raising other issues such as child soldier to put pressure on Myanmar.

With concrete facts, Myanmar systematically reacted to those false accusations. It cooperated with the UN in order to know political and human rights situations in Myanmar and accepted Razali Ismail, the special envoy of UN Secretary-General and Professor Pen Heiro, who submitted a report on human rights situation in Myanmar. The government explained about true condition and its correct attitudes. Myanmar allowed them to study freely. Therefore accusations are just accusations. In other words they are unclear and the accusations are words of the foolish and are just lies.

Right. If one does not assume that politics of Myanmar is not the affairs of a single person nor affairs of a party organization and if one assumes that politics of Myanmar is the affairs of the Union which consists of over 100 national races, such false accusations will never surface. Whatever it is, let it be.

The Union of Myanmar can now significantly promote constructive relations with neighbours, regional and world nations based on mutual respect and mutual understanding.

Besides, it can be witnessed that Myanmar, on her part, maintains cordial relations with the world nations including those without clear outlook while dutifully abiding by rules and regulations. So, Myanmar can stand tall as an independent and sovereign nation among the world

nations. Myanmar has declared her seven-point policy programme to the world.

The Tatmadaw Government has made concerted efforts day in, day out in building the nation to become a strong one. The Government, practising forbearance, patience and loving-kindness with farsightedness, has given top priority to prevalence of peace and stability that is necessary for a nation at any time of the day. Thus, now one can safely go anywhere one wants without worry in the nation at any time of the day. It has made endeavours with added momentum in all spheres, resulting in greater progress in education, health and transport sectors and so on and so forth.

It has also restored peace and stability to pave the way for superstructure or democracy. Now, the State's seven-point road map has been adopted, which is the only way promising the good future of the nation. It is time the entire people actively took part in implementation of the seven-point policy programme.

The UN, the ASEAN and nations with positive views welcomed the State's seven-point road map. The people of 14 States and Divisions in the nation have supported the seven-point policy programme with one voice by holding mass rallies. The representatives of national races from various parts of the nation unanimously supported the seven-point policy programme of the State at the mass rally held at the sports ground at the foot of the Shwezigon Pagoda in the Bagan Archaeological Zone. The national groups who had returned to the legal fold have heartily supported the policy programme in the presence of the Prime Minister. It is known to all that the Government is speeding up implementation of the first of the seven points after forming different committees.

Here, what is the most important point is that the Government will never accept any situation that will adversely affect the already-gained national solidarity and Union Spirit. In other words, the Government firmly believes that there is nothing equivalent to national solidarity and Union Spirit which cannot be replaced. It is because national solidarity and Union Spirit play the most crucial role in practising concentration on the politics of the Union of Myanmar.

In this regard, it can be compared to *Vipassana* (meditation). A lay person has to cultivate concentration first before practising meditation. As is known to all the laity that no one should pay reverence to the Lord Buddha during the time of practising meditation for it can cause hindrance to meditation process. If one persists in paying homage to the Lord Buddha for a long time during the period of meditation, one cannot attain insight as one's activities encroach upon cultivation of concentration. Then, one is far away from Maggas and Phalas, and one cannot make great progress in practising concentration. It is due to the loss of concentration.

(To be continued)

(Translation: NY + MS)



CASH DONATED TO METTA YEIKMON CANCER HOSPICE: Retired Managing Director of Myanma Timber Enterprise U Hla Pe [winner of Medal for Excellent Performance in administration (First Class)] donated K 500,000 to U Hla Tun's Metta Yeikmon Cancer Hospice to mark his 75th birthday recently. Metta Yeikmon Cancer Foundation Chairman U Hla Tun accepts the cash donation at the Myanma Timber Enterprise Dhammayon in Yangon. — (H)

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

Defence Services Museum to be closed temporarily

YANGON, 29 Feb — The Defence Services Museum on Shwedagon Pagoda Road, here, will be temporarily closed for the public beginning 1 March to decorate the museum for holding the exhibition to mark the 59th Anniversary Armed Forces Day. The museum will reopen on 26 March 2004.— MNA

ကုသကာကွယ် မူးယစ်အန္တရာယ်

၁။ မူးယစ်ဆေးဝါးသုံးစွဲလျှင် အသည်းရောင်အသားဝါ၊ အသည်းခြောက်၊ အသည်းကင်ဆာ၊ သွေးဆိပ်တက်ခြင်းနှင့် နှလုံးရောဂါ၊ အဆုတ်ရောဂါများ၊ ခုခံအားကျဆင်းမှုရောဂါ (AIDS)နှင့် စိတ်ပိုင်းဆိုင်ရာရောဂါများစသည့်တို့ ဖြစ်ပွားနိုင်သည့်အပြင် စီးပွားရေးနှင့် လူမှုရေးများ ထိခိုက်ပျက်ပြားခြင်း၊ ဥပဒေအရ အရေးယူရခြင်းတို့ ဖြစ်နိုင်သည်။

၂။ ထို့ကြောင့် အဆီပိုသွားကုသမှုမှ ကင်းဝေးစေရန်၊ မူးယစ်ဆေးဝါးကို လုံးဝ ရှောင်ကြဉ်ပါ။

၃။ မူးယစ်ဆေးဝါးသုံးစွဲသူများသည် သတ်မှတ်ဆေးရုံ များတွင်၊ မှတ်ပုံတင်၍ ဆေးကုသမှုခံယူပါ။

ကျန်းမာရေးဝန်ကြီးဌာန

စေတနာရှင်ပြည်သူများခင်ဗျား

စည်ပင်သာယာရေးဦးစီးဌာနသည် ရေရှားပါးသော ကျေးလက်ဒေသများတွင် သန့်ရှင်းသော သောက်သုံးရေရရှိစေရန် ဆောင်ရွက်လျက်ရှိပါသည်။ ရေလျှော့ချခြင်းဖြင့် မတောင်းဘဲနှင့်ပြည့်စုံ နိုင်သော အကျိုးဆယ်ပါးကို ရရှိနိုင်ပါသည်။

ရေအကျိုးဆယ်ပါးမှာ—

- (၁) လျှင်မြန်ခြင်း၊
- (၂) သန့်ရှင်းစင်ကြယ်ခြင်း၊
- (၃) ကျော့ကြာလှသိများခြင်း၊
- (၄) ဆာလောင်မွတ်သိပ်မှုကင်းခြင်း၊
- (၅) အခြေအရာများခြင်း၊
- (၆) အသက်ရှည်ခြင်း၊
- (၇) အဆင်းလှခြင်း၊
- (၈) ချမ်းသာကြီးခြင်း၊
- (၉) နွန့်အားလေးကြီးမားခြင်း၊
- (၁၀) ဉာဏ်ပညာကြီးမားခြင်း တို့ဖြစ်ပါသည်။

စည်ပင်သာယာရေးဦးစီးဌာနသည် ရေရှားပါးသော ဒေသများမှာ သန့်ရှင်းသောရေဖူလုံစေရန် စီမံချက်များချမှတ်ပြီး အင်တိုက်အားတိုက် ဆောင်ရွက်နေပါသည်။ ရေအကျိုးဆယ်ပါး

ရရှိစေရန် ရေ ရှားပါးသည့် ကျေးလက်ဒေသများသို့ စက်ရေတွင်းများ လှူဒါန်းလိုပါက အောက်ပါနံနံ့ထားအတိုင်း လှူဒါန်းနိုင်ပါသည်။

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မည်သည့်မြို့နယ်တွင်မဆို စေတနာရှင်များအနေနှင့် ပါဝင် လှူဒါန်းလိုပါက အောက်ဖော်ပြပါ စည်ပင်သာယာရေး အဖွဲ့အစည်း များနှင့် ဆက်သွယ်လှူဒါန်းနိုင်ကြောင်း အသိပေး နှိုးဆော်အပ်ပါသည်။

(၁) ညွှန်ကြားရေးမှူးချုပ်၊ ၀၁-၂၄၅၂၀၊ ၂၄၁၀၈၈။

(၂) ဒုတိယညွှန်ကြားရေးမှူးချုပ်၊ ၀၁-၂၄၀၁၈၈။

(၃) ညွှန်ကြားရေးမှူး (အင်ဂျင်နီယာ)၊ ၀၁-၂၄၀၁၉၆။

(၄) ညွှန်ကြားရေးမှူး (စစ်တိုင်းတိုင်းစည်ပင်အဖွဲ့)၊ ၀၇-၂၀၁၂။

(၅) ညွှန်ကြားရေးမှူး (မေ့တိုင်းစည်ပင်အဖွဲ့)၊ ၀၆၃-၂၃၁၆၄။

(၆) ညွှန်ကြားရေးမှူး (မန္တလေးတိုင်းစည်ပင်အဖွဲ့)၊ ၀၂-၅၄၆၅၇။



Senior General Than Shwe and party shares merits at the ceremony to donate provisions to Sayadaws of monasteries in Kawthoung.—MNA



Senior General Than Shwe donates provisions to a Sayadaw of monastery in Kawthoung.—MNA



Senior General Than Shwe and party being welcomed at Kawthoung Airport by departmental officials.—MNA



General Thura Shwe Mann presents offertories to a Sayadaw.—MNA



General Thura Shwe Mann sprinkles scented water on stone inscription laid for construction of Raw Oil Palm Mill in Khamaukgyi.—MNA

Every region to carry out tasks for rice...

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Next, the Senior General gave necessary guidance and cordially conversed with Tatmadawmen and family members.

In the evening, the Senior General and party proceeded to Bayintnaung Hill in Kawthoung and viewed Bayintnaung Hill and King Bayintnaung Statue. Afterwards, they went to Pyidawaye Pagoda and paid obeisance to Hustaungpyay Buddha Image. Next, the Senior General presented cash donations to the funds of the pagoda to members of the pagoda board of trustees. The Senior General cordially met with pilgrims.

On 26 February morning, the Senior General and party left for Khamaukgyi and inspected progress of Kawthoung-Khamaukgyi Road and thriving of oil palm and rubber plantations along the road. At 9.30 am, they arrived at

Khamaukgyi Basic Education High School where they were welcomed by Brig-Gen Khin Zaw Win of Khamaukgyi Station and officials. At the hall of the school, General Thura Shwe Mann gave a speech at the meeting with Tatmadawmen and family members of regiments and units of Khamaukgyi Station. The Senior General gave guidance and cordially met with the Tatmadawmen and their families. Next, the Senior General and party arrived at the site for construction of Raw Palm Oil Mill of Yuzana Co Ltd and attended the ceremony to drive stake for building the raw palm oil mill which will produce 30 tons of raw palm oil an hour. General Thura Shwe Mann laid the gold plate at the designated place and put the nine gems casket. At the auspicious time, members of the State Peace and Development Council General Thura

Shwe Mann, Lt-Gen Maung Bo, Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo, Lt-Gen Kyaw Win and Lt-Gen Tin Aye, Commander Brig-Gen Ohn Myint, Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thaung and Minister for Forestry Brig-Gen Thein Aung laid the cornerstones. Then, the General put the stone inscription and sprinkled scented water on it. The Senior General performed the rituals of golden and silver showers to mark the success of the ceremony.

At the briefing hall of the company, the Senior General and party viewed nursery of oil palm, fertilizers, bunches of oil palm and the condition of the raw oil mill.

Next, they met with departmental officials and oil palm entrepreneurs. At the meeting, Chairman of Yuzana Co Ltd U Htay Myint reported that the company, on its part, had

been growing over 40,000 acres of oil palm plantations under the Taninthayi Division Oil Palm Project. Efforts are being made for planting 100,000 acres of oil palm plantation in 2007. Next, he reported on machinery being used in the project, strength of staff and workers, production and construction for the raw oil mill and the oil mill.

In response to the reports, Senior General Than Shwe gave instructions, saying that the companies that are engaged in oil palm cultivation are to make strenuous efforts in cultivating oil palm at their set acres, adding that it is required to regularly grow oil palm year-wise to meet the targeted acres of 500,000.

Only when oil palm is grown fully and edible oil produced speedily will Taninthayi Division become an oil pot of the State. Systematic measures are to be taken in growing oil palm to be able to meet the

target for self-sufficiency in edible oil in the nation by 2007-2008. The companies are also to grow paddy in the areas where oil palm cannot be grown to enable staff and workers to enjoy self-sufficiency in rice while striving for the successful cultivation of oil palm. Highland cultivation system is to be created to be able to grow paddy in the areas where there is no plain regions. There has been better transport in the regions where there are oil palm plantations with the emergence of transport infrastructures such as roads, waterways and airways, thereby contributing to delivery of goods. Therefore,

the oil palm entrepreneurs are to respond to the goodwill of the State by successfully carrying out oil palm cultivation.

Next, Senior General Than Shwe met with service personnel discharging duties in Khamaukgyi and called on them to strive together with local people for regional development. After that, Senior General Than Shwe signed in the visitors' book of Yazana Co. Next, Senior General Than Shwe planted a sapling of oil palm near the briefing hall. Next, General Thura Shwe Mann and party also planted saplings of oil palm.

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Jade Buddha Image consecrated

YANGON, 29 Feb — A consecration ceremony of the Jade Buddha Image to be kept in Maha Pasana Cave on Thiri Mingala Kaba Aye Hillock where the fourth World Buddhist Summit to be held took place at the cave this morning. Present were member Sayadaws of the State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee, Deputy Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Aung Ko, officials and wellwishers.—MNA



Senior General Than Shwe cordially meets Tatmadawmen of regiments and units of Khamaukgyi Station.— MNA



Senior General Than Shwe cordially meets departmental personnel and local people at Myinzuthaka Hall in Kawthoung.— MNA



Senior General Than Shwe meets Tatmadawmen and family members of regiments and units of Khamaukgyi Station.— MNA



Commander attends meeting on all-round upgrading of environs of Yangon Kandawgyi Gardens and Zoological Gardens

YANGON, 29 Feb — A work coordination meeting of the work committee for all-round upgrading of the environs of Yangon Kandawgyi Gardens and Zoological Gardens was held at the briefing hall of the Water Plaza construction project in Central Forest Zone in Kandawgyi Gardens this morning, with an address by Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Chairman Yangon Command Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe. Present at the meeting were work committee member deputy ministers, Vice-Mayor Col Maung Pa, departmental heads, Yangon Division PDC Secretary Lt-Col Myint Kyi, chairmen of district PDCs and guests.

In his address, the

commander said in the upgrading task of the Kandawgyi Gardens and its environs, it is divided into four zones such as Central Forest Zone, Education Zone, Relaxation Zone and Recreation Zone. Measures are to be taken to complete the upgrading task in time in accord with the set standard and detailed design, he said. In implementing the task, it is important to maintain natural beauty of the gardens. He stressed the need for departmental officials to actively cooperate in the successful implementation of the tasks.

Next, Vice-Mayor Col Maung Pa reported on construction of bridges linking islands, construction of timber walk-way, timber, viewing deck and car parks

in the Relaxation Zone; Deputy Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation U Ohn Myint on construction of agricultural zone, flower garden, shops and educative agricultural booth-9 and sanitation works in the Education Zone; Forest Department Director-General U Soe Win Hlaing on progress in construction of the Central Forest Zone, upgrading of Yangon Zoological Gardens; project manager of Zay Kabar Co U Myint Zaw on construction of the Recreation Zone; Deputy Director U Min Thein of the Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries on construction of fresh water fish garden; U Nyunt Pe of YCDC construction of restaurants; Associate Professor of Yangon Technological

University U San Kyu on quality control to maintain the durability of the gardens; and Managing Director of Woodland Co U Win Aung on construction of conference hall. The deputy ministers and departmental officials also took part in the discussions, and the commander gave concluding remarks. After the meeting, the commander and party inspected construction progress of water plaza and foundation in the Central Forest Zone and tasks for landscaping and gave necessary instructions to officials. Later the commander and party looked into construction tasks in the Relaxation Zone, Education Zone and Recreation Zone, and gave necessary instructions to officials. — MNA



General Thura Shwe Mann plants an oil palm at the hall of Yuzana Co Ltd Oil Palm Project.— MNA

Prizes presented to students of Bagaya Monastic Education School

YANGON, 29 Feb — A respect-paying ceremony for teachers of Bagaya Shwetaung Sarthintak Monastic Education School was held in conjunction with the prize-presentation ceremony for students, who matriculated in 2002-2003 Academic Year, at the Sarthintak this morning.

It was attended by Chairman of Tipitaka Selection Ovadacariya Committee member of the

Central Working Committee of the Sangha Abhidhaja Maha Rattha Guru Mawlamyine Sasana Manaung Wepyan Monastery Sayadaw Bhaddanta Vijaya and members of the Sangha, Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Chairman Yangon Command Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe, No 3 Military Region Commander Col Tint Hsan, Yangon West District PDC

Chairman Lt-Col Kyaw Tint and officials, wellwishers, guests, teachers of the monastic education school and students.

Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe and officials presented offertories to the Sayadaw and members of the Sangha, and presented prizes to the outstanding students of the school.

Next, on behalf of wellwishers in Sangyoung

Township, officials donated K 1.5 million to the monastic education school to Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe.

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MWAF officials meet Bago Division OWA

YANGON, 29 Feb — Members of Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation met members of Bago Division Organization for Women's Affairs at combined hall in Toungoo on 24 February 2004. General Secretary of MWAF Professor Dr Daw Khin Aye Win explained about formation and objectives of the association, and efforts for development of women's life.

Secretary of MWAF Daw Khin Mar Tun and officials reported on duties and responsibilities of the federation.

Wellwishers presented K 3 million for the federation to officials.—MNA

Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than supervises development tasks in Ngapudaw, Haigiykyun

YANGON, 29 Feb—Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than of the Ministry of Defence, accompanied by Chairman of Ayeyawady Division Peace and Development Council Commander of South-West Command Maj-Gen Soe Naing and party, left Patheingyi for Ngapudaw Township by naval boat on 27 February morning.

At the hall of Ngapudaw Township General Administration Department, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than met with departmental officials, social organizations and local people. He heard reports on matters related to Ngapudaw Township presented by district and township authorities. Then, the commander gave a supplementary report. Afterwards, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than gave necessary instructions.

On arrival at Township Hospital, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than and party were welcomed by Ayeyawady Division

Health Department Head Dr Than Aung and officials. Next, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than and party cordially met with patients at the hospital and presented cash assistance to them. Then, they inspected the operation theatre, the lab and the X-ray room. Afterwards, they presented K 200,000 for a sucker of the hospital to Assistant Surgeon Dr Daw San Thida Aung.

Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than then paid homage to Shwemyintin Pagoda and donated K 30,000 to the funds of all-round renovation of the pagoda.

Accompanied by the commander and party, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than proceeded to Kyonku Village, Ngapudaw Township. On arrival at Kyonku Village BEHS, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than inspected construction of new building of the school and fulfilled the requirements.

At the hall of the school, they met local people. Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than gave a speech, saying that as the State is carrying



Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than presents cash donations for all-round renovation of Shwemyintin Pagoda.—MNA

out five rural development tasks, the new school building is being constructed at Kyonku BEHS. Local people are to make efforts for development of their region. And officials are also to

render assistance to development of the village.

Next, the ceremony to present cash for construction of the school building followed. Chairman of the School Board of Trustees U Than Tun and Headmaster U Myint Naing accepted K 2.65 million donated by wellwishers including K 1 million by Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than; K 500,000 by Commander Maj-Gen Soe Naing; K 500,000 by Ayeyawady Division Peace and Development Council; K 100,000 each by Patheingyi District Peace and Development Council; Ngapudaw Township Peace and Development Council; the Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries and others.

They proceeded to Haigiykyun in Ngapudaw Township at 6.30 pm. At the hall of the local mili-

tary station, they met with departmental officials, social organizations and local people. Commissioner of Patheingyi District GAD U Myint Than reported on history of Haigiykyun, location and area, economic, social and health condition, development tasks and future tasks.

The commander gave a supplementary report. Captain Maung Oo Lwin (Navy) of the local military station reported on development tasks being carried out.

Speaking on the occasion, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than said that Haigiykyun is a historic region and it has been designated as a town because of its being an important area in the economic sector and its location. As the government designated 24 de-

velopment regions for equitable improvement of rural and urban areas including border regions, Haigiykyun is being upgraded to have characteristics of a town.

Departments concerned, social organizations and townsmen are to make greater efforts for regional development. It is necessary to apply modern techniques in producing industrial products and agricultural and livestock breeding tasks. And, extended breeding of sea prawn and cultivation of Thitsein (Belleric myrobalan) and pepper should be carried out.

After the ceremony, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than cordially conversed with departmental officials and local people.

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Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than presents cash for construction of school building of Kyonku Village BEHS to an official.—MNA

Forty nine armed group members exchange arms for peace

YANGON, 29 Feb—The State Peace and Development Council, upholding Our Three Main National Causes, has forged the national reconciliation and has been making efforts for bringing about harmonies development in all parts of the nation. Understanding correct endeavours and genuine goodwill of the government and realizing their destructive acts, the remnant armed group members exchanged arms for peace individually or in groups at respective military camps in December 2003 and January 2004.

In the triangle region command area, Private Aik Kyauk of SURA armed group, Private Sai Khin Maung of Company-5, Battalion-7 together with one M22, one magazine and 30 rounds of ammunition;

In the eastern command area, Cpl Kwi Kwi, Privates Aung Nge and Lu Ye

of Company-2, Battalion-2 of KNPP armed group together one AK-47, M-16, one M-16 attached to M-79, six magazines, 320 rounds of ammunition and ten grenades; In the south-east command region area, Private Kyi Win of Company-4, DO Battalion-2, No 1 Brigade of KNU armed group; District organizer U Kyaw Han of BCP armed group together with one .22 pistol and eight rounds of ammunition; Cpl Win Htay, Privates Naing Oo, Kyaw Oo and Aung Soe of Mon Splintered armed group together with one M-16, three AK-47s, two M-79s, six magazines, 152 rounds of ammunition and 13 grenades;

In the coastal region command area, WO Saw The Wa of Brigade-4 of KNU armed group together with one AK-47, one magazine and 16 rounds of

ammunition; Medic Saw Lar La of Company-2, Battalion-1 of KNU armed group together with two mines, L-Cpl Saw Hti Khu and wife Naw Phaw and sons Saw Htiro Khu and Saw Khaw La Htu of Company-1, DO Battalion-7 of KNU armed group; Deputy Medical In-charge Kyi Soe and wife Ma Khin Ma Cho, daughters Soe Sanda Kyaw and Hnin Hnin Wai and son Kyaw Thwin of Battalion 202 of ABSDF armed group; Region In-charges Win Zaw Oo and Saw Phaw Wai, Deputy Company Commander Tin Maung Myint, Sgt Myat Kyaw and wife Naw Aye and son Maung Thein Lay, Cpl Win Naing, Private Win Bo and wife Naw You Chaw and son Maung Kyaw Thu, Privates Maung Zin, Aye Lwin and Pho Zaw, Private Maung Kyaw and wife Naw Tar Li, Private Kaw

kaw and wife Naw Ga Gi, daughter Ma Pan Nwe and son Maung Kaw Phi, Private Than Kyaung, Private Maung Htwe and wife Ma Than Kyu, Private Yan Gyi Aung and wife Ma Chit Pho, daughters Ma Thu Za May, Ma Win Maw and Ma Pan Wa of NDA armed group together with two RPG launchers, one M-16, two Ak-47s, one carbine, nine magazines, 152 rounds of ammunition, five hand grenades, eight projectiles and two mines exchanged arms for peace at the respective military commands in December 2003 and January 2004.

Altogether 49 persons who exchanged arms for peace during the period were warmly welcomed by officials of the respective military camps and provided with necessary assistance. There are still more remnants of armed groups to follow suit.—MNA

Drug traffickers get jail terms

YANGON, 29 Feb — Taunggyi special anti-drug squad in cooperation with the local police force and intelligence unit, acting on information, on 3 July 2003 searched the house of Sai Tun Sar in Konkham Village, Hsihseng Township, and seized 5,800 stimulant tablets.

Local police station filed Sai Tun Sar, son of U Maung Nyunt, Sai San, son of U Shwe Kyaung of the same village and Sai Shwe Oo, son of U San Chone in Panglong Township, under section 15/ 19 (A) of Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law. On 22 December 2003 Taunggyi District Court sentenced 20 years' imprisonment each to them under the law.

Similarly, acting on a tip-off, a combined team comprising members of Thaketa Township police force and local intelligence unit on 19 February 2003 discovered 42,388 g of marijuana from Myo Zaw Tun and Maung Myo.

In connection with the case, action was taken against Myo Zaw Tun, son of U Tin Tun, and Maung Myo, son U Myat Thu, of Thaketa Township by the township Police Station under section 15/19 (A) of Narcotic Drug and Psychotropic Substances Law.

On 26 January, 2004, District Court handed down Myo Zaw Tun to 20 years' imprisonment and Hla Myo to 25 years' imprisonment under the law. — MNA

Say no to drugs



The 59th Anniversary Armed Forces Day commemorative postcard.

Arroyo orders continued search for ferry fire victims

MANILA, 29 Feb — Philippine President Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo ordered government agencies Saturday to continue search and rescue operations for those missing after a ferry they had been aboard caught fire off the Manila Bay early Friday.

Presidential Spokesman Ignacio Bunye said President Arroyo ordered the Navy and the Coast Guard and all the other government agencies involved in the search and rescue operations to find all the 112 people still missing and to keep their families and the public informed of the developments. The passenger ferry caught fire near Corregidor Island off the Manila Bay before dawn Friday, killing two passengers and injuring 12 others. Authorities said a total of 766 passengers and crewmen have been rescued so far.

President Arroyo also ordered the Department of Transportation and Communication to conduct a thorough inquiry into the incident and to pinpoint responsibility.

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ကျန်းမာပျော်ရွှင် ဘဝတစ်ခွင်

ကျန်းမာခြင်းဆိုသည်မှာ ရောဂါဘယကင်းရှင်းစွာ သာမက ကိုယ်၏ကျန်းမာခြင်း၊ စိတ်ချမ်းသာခြင်းနှင့် လူမှုရေးသုခ ဖြည့်ဝခြင်းကိုဆိုသည်။

ဘဝတစ်ခွင် ကျန်းမာပျော်ရွှင်စေရန် အောက်ပါအတိုင်း လိုက်နာဆောင်ရွက်ပါ။

- (၁) တစ်ကိုယ်ရည်သန်ရှင်းမှုကိုဆောင်ရွက်ပါ။
- (၂) အန္တရာယ်ကင်း၍ အာဟာရဖြည့်ဝသော အစားအသောက်များကို စားသုံးပါ။
- (၃) ပိုမိုကင်းစင်၍ သန့်ရှင်းသောရေကို သောက်သုံးပါ။
- (၄) ရာသီဥတုနှင့်လိုက်လျောညီထွေစွာ ဝတ်စားဆင်ယင်နေထိုင်ပါ။
- (၅) အသက်အရွယ်နှင့်လိုက်လျောညီထွေရှိသည့် သင့်တင့်မျှတသော ကိုယ်လက်လှုပ်ရှားမှုကို မှန်မှန်ဆောင်ရွက်ပါ။
- (၆) နေ့စဉ်လုပ်ငန်းဆောင်တာများ ဆောင်ရွက်ခြင်းကြောင့် ပင်ပန်းနွမ်းနယ်မှုကိုပြေပျောက်စေရန် အနားယူပါ။
- (၇) ခြင်္သေ့ရုပ်သိမ်းကုသမှုရရှိ ခြင်းတောင်မြင်အပ်ပါ။
- (၈) ကျန်းမာရေးနှင့်ညီညွတ်သော ယဉ်ကျေးမှုကိုသုံးစွဲပါ။
- (၉) အရက်သောက်ခြင်း၊ ဆေးလိပ်ဆေးရွက် သောက်သုံးခြင်း၊ ကွမ်းစားခြင်းတို့ကိုရှောင်ကြဉ်ပါ။
- (၁၀) မူးယစ်ဆေးဝါးနှင့် စိတ်ကိုပြောင်းလဲစေသည့် ဆေးဝါးများ သုံးစွဲခြင်းကို ရှောင်ကြဉ်ပါ။
- (၁၁) အပျော်အပါးလိုက်စားခြင်းကို ရှောင်ကြဉ်ပါ။
- (၁၂) ရေ၊ မြေ၊ လေ သဘာဝပတ်ဝန်းကျင်နှင့် နေထိုင်မှု၊ အသက်မွေးမှုပတ်ဝန်းကျင်တို့အား ညစ်ညမ်းစေသည့် အမြဲအမူများကို ရှောင်ကြဉ်ပါ။

ကျန်းမာရေးဝန်ကြီးဌာန

ပျားရည်နှင့် အစွမ်းသတ္တိ

- * ပျားရည်သည် အင်အားဖြည့်တင်းပေးရာတွင် အသန်စင်ဆုံး အာဟာရတစ်မျိုး ဖြစ်ပါသည်။
- * ပျားရည်တွင် သတ္တိဓာတ်၊ အင်ဇိုင်းနှင့် အာဟာရဓာတ် အများအပြားပါဝင်ပါသည်။
- * ပျားရည်သည် သစ်သီး၊ သကြားဓာတ် အဓိကပါဝင်သော သကြားဓာတ်ပေါင်း တစ်မျိုးဖြစ်ပါသည်။
- * ပျားရည်တွင် ဘက်တီးရီးယား၊ ပိုးမွှား၊ သန့်စင်ပါသည်။
- * ပျားရည်တွင် ပဋိဇီဝ စွမ်းရည်သတ္တိပါရှိသဖြင့် အနာဒဏ်ရာများ အနာကျက်မြန်စေပြီး လျင်မြန်စွာ ပျောက်ကင်းစေပါသည်။
- * ပျားရည်စားသုံးပြီး မိနစ်ပိုင်းအတွင်း စွမ်းအားတိုးတက်လာစေနိုင်ပါသည်။

Snow storms hit Belgium

BRUSSELS, 29 Feb— Snow storms swept Belgium on early Friday morning, causing tremendous traffic jams, cancellation of trains and delays of flights in the two countries.

In Belgium, the snow storm started in the west at around 3 a.m. on Friday morning and travelled eastwards during the night, local radio RVI said.

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Visitor arrivals in Singapore up 1% in January

SINGAPORE, 29 Feb — Visitor arrivals in Singapore hit 651,299 in January 2004, up 1 per cent compared with a year ago, the Singapore Tourism Board (STB) said here on Saturday.

This is the second time the year-on-year figure has shown growth since the SARS (severe acute respiratory syndrome) outbreak in March 2003, said the STB in a Press release. Visitor arrivals grew by 8 per cent on-year to some 635,000 visitors in November 2003.

It said that Indonesia, China and Australia were Singapore's top three markets in January 2004, accounting for about 41 per cent of the total number of visitors in the month. Holiday arrivals grew by 5 per cent while business-related arrivals fell by 18 per cent, said the STB.

Singapore's tourism industry, one of the pillar industries in the Singapore economy, was severely damaged by the outbreak of the SARS disease with visitor arrivals plunging by up to 70 per cent when the epidemic was in full swing. It has been recovering steadily since the city-state was declared SARS-free in late May. — MNA/Xinhua

Int'l organizations to help rebuilding Kabul Airport

KABUL, 29 Feb — International organizations and the Afghan Government are committed to the reconstruction of Kabul International Airport in an agreement signed here Friday.

The project will cost somewhere between 42 million and 60 million US dollars. It will be borne by NATO, the World Bank, International Civil Aviation Organization (ICAO) and the transitional government, Afghan Foreign Minister Abdullah Abdullah told reporters after the signing ceremony. Speaking on the occasion, NATO's representative to Afghanistan Adam Kobieracki expressed his full commitment towards the implementation of the project.

Kabul Airport, the only airfield in the capital, has been badly damaged due to two decades of devastating war. “NATO is committed to help and harmonize to rebuild Kabul International Airport,” said the NATO official. “This is the commitment of international community that Kabul Airport will become a gateway to the world for Afghanistan,” he emphasized.

MNA/Xinhua

“သတိပေးနိုးဆော်ချက်”

ခရီးသည်တင် မော်တော်ယာဉ်များအား ဖြိုဖျက်သို့ နေ့/ည ခရီးသည် ပို့ဆောင်နိုင်ရေးအတွက် သတိပေးချက်များနှင့်အညီ စက်သုံးဆီ ထုတ်ဝေထားပြီးဖြစ်ပါသည်။ ယာဉ်စီမံများအားလည်း သတိပေးချက်များအတိုင်းတောင်းခံရန် ညွှန်ကြားထားရှိပါသည်။ သို့ရာတွင် အချို့ယာဉ်လိုင်းများမှ ယာဉ်မောင်းနှင့် ယာဉ်နောက်လိုက် တို့သည် ယာဉ်စီမံများကို ညပိုင်းတွင်ပိုမိုတောင်းယူနေကြောင်း သိရပါသည်။ ထိုသို့ပိုမိုတောင်းခံပါက ထိရောက်စွာအရေးယူနိုင်ရန် အောက်ပါနည်းလမ်းများသို့ တိုင်ကြားနိုင်ပါသည်။

(၁) မြန်မာနိုင်ငံရဲတပ်ဖွဲ့၊ ရန်ကုန်တိုင်း (ဖုန်း ၁၉၉)

(၂) ကြီးမားကြီးမားသောသတိပေးချက်တပ်ဖွဲ့မှ (ဖုန်း ၂၉၁၈၅/၂၉၁၈၄)

(၃) မော်တော်ယာဉ်လုပ်ငန်းပေါင်းစုံထိန်းသိမ်းရေးကော်မတီ (ဖုန်း ၅၄၁၉၀၅/၅၄၁၉၀၄)

ယာဉ်စည်းကမ်းထိန်းသိမ်းရေးကြပ်မက်မှုကော်မတီ

အရက်ကြောင့်ဖြစ်သည့် ရောဂါများ

အရက်ကိုလွန်လွန်စွာသုံးစွဲလေ့ရှိသူများသည် ကြောင့် ဖြစ်ပွားတတ်သော ရောဂါများမှာ အသည်းရောင်ခြင်း၊ အသည်းခြောက်ခြင်း၊ သွေးအန်ခြင်း၊ အစာအိမ်ရောဂါ ဖြစ်ခြင်း၊ နှလုံးရောဂါဖြစ်ခြင်း၊ ဦးနှောက်နှင့်အာရုံကြော ထိခိုက်ခြင်း၊ စိတ်ရောဂါများဖြစ်ခြင်း စသည်တို့ဖြစ်ပါသည်။

အရက်ကြောင့်ဖြစ်တတ်သော စိတ်ရောဂါများမှာ — ၁။ ကယောင်ကတမ်းဖြစ်ခြင်း (Delirium Tremens)၊ ကြောင့်လန်ခြင်း၊ အချိန်၊ နာရီ၊ နေရာ၊ လူ ခန့်မှန်းနိုင်စွမ်း မရှိခြင်း၊ ကြောက်စရာလန့်စရာများမြင်ရခြင်း၊ အသံဗလံများ ကြားရခြင်း၊ ပိုမိုများများ ခန္ဓာကိုယ်ပေါ် ရုစိစိ သွားသလို ခံစားရခြင်း၊ လက်တုန်ရောဂါဖြစ်တတ်ခြင်း။

၂။ အရက်အလွန်အကျွံသောက်သည့်အခါတွင် လူမရှိပဲ နာထဲတွင် ခေါ်သံများ၊ ခြိမ်းခြောက်သံများ၊ စော်ကားဖော်ကားသံ များ ကြားနေရတတ်ခြင်း (Alcoholic Hallucinoses)။

၃။ အတက်ကြီးရောဂါဖြစ်တတ်ခြင်း (Rum Fits)

(ဝက်ရုဖြစ်ရောဂါ ကဲ့သို့တတ်ခြင်း)။

၄။ စိတ်ဓာတ်ကျရောဂါဖြစ်တတ်ခြင်း (Depressive Illness)။

၅။ စိတ်ဖောက်ပြန်ခြင်း (Alcoholic Psychosis)။

၆။ ဦးနှောက်ချို့ယွင်းခြင်း။

၇။ အရက်နှင့်မတည့်သောသူများသည် အရက်အနည်းငယ်သောက် ရခြင်း ရုတ်တရက် စိတ်ဖောက်ပြန်တတ်ခြင်း (Pathological Drunkenness)။

၈။ မိမိ၏ဇနီးကို အထင်အမြင်လွဲမှားခြင်းများဖြစ်တတ်ခြင်း (Morbid Jealousy)။

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Blair just cannot shake Iraq war criticism

LONDON, 29 Feb — Legal challenges, outspoken ex-ministers and the public acquittal of a whistleblowing spy helped to keep alive on Saturday accusations that British Prime Minister Tony Blair's government misled Britons over the reasons for going to war in Iraq last year.

A legal challenge from environmental group Greenpeace demanding to see what advice Britain's Attorney-General gave government ministers on the legality of the war is the latest headache for a government keen to put the war behind it.

Greenpeace says the Attorney-General's advice on the legality of the Iraq war to ministers is essential evidence needed to defend 14 of its activists arrested at an anti-war protest and charged with aggravated trespass. Throughout their case the defendants have argued that their actions were necessary to prevent loss of life,” a spokeswoman for Greenpeace said. “We think it is essential for a fair trial that they see what the Attorney-General thought at the time.”

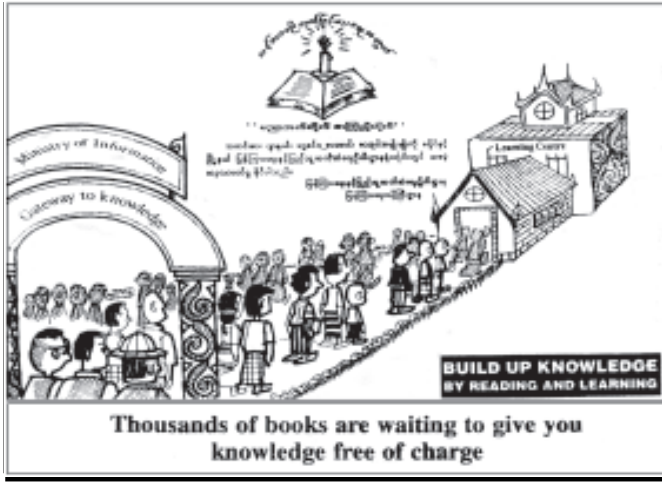
Greenpeace's demands appear only days after charges against former British intelligence officer Katharine Gun for revealing official secrets were dropped when her lawyers said they needed to see the Attorney-General's advice. Gun's lawyers had argued that she was acting to save lives in an illegal war. “With the CPS (Crown

Prosecution Service) now saying they could not have disproved such a defence in the Gun case, Greenpeace lawyers wonder how the CPS will proceed against the fourteen,” the spokeswoman said.

Attorney-General Lord Goldsmith denied the case against Gun was dropped because the former spy demanded to see his legal advice to ministers on the Iraq war. The British Government has said releasing the Attorney-General's full advice would go against legal precedent and is expected to refuse to disclose it.

However a former minister, who accused the Blair government this week of bugging the Secretary-General of the United Nations in the run-up to the war in Iraq, on Saturday said she thought the Attorney-General had offered his advice under duress. There is no doubt that the way in which a truncated opinion authorizing war appeared at the very last minute was very odd,” former international affairs minister Clare Short wrote in *The Independent* newspaper. It is hard not to suspect that he had doubts and was leant upon,” she said.

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New Zealand ready to aid cyclone-hit Vanuatu

WELLINGTON, 29 Feb— New Zealand was ready to provide help to cyclone-hit Vanuatu once that country's government had determined what it needed, Associate Foreign Affairs Minister Marian Hobbs said Friday.

Cyclone Ivy has cut a swathe through the centre of the South Pacific nation, packing winds of up to 190 kilometres per hour and tearing down houses, ripping out trees and cutting most national communications.

"Information is still coming in, though it is clear cyclone Ivy has caused significant damage to crops and houses throughout the island chain," Ms Hobbs said in a statement.

"Fortunately, there are no reports of deaths although there are unconfirmed reports of injuries," she said.

New Zealand High Commission staff were checking on New Zealanders living in Vanuatu and visitors with no reports of any significant problems at this stage, the minister said.

Officials from New Zealand, Australia and France met in Wellington Friday to coordinate a response once the Vanuatu Government made it known what it needed, she said.

Vanuatu's capital, Port Vila, appeared to have escaped major damage although the main wharf was out of action as two fishing vessels had turned on their sides and sunk against it.

Telecommunications had been disrupted with links down to Santo, Lakotoro and Ambrym islands. Some areas were without power.

Port Vila's International Airport was open.

Cyclone Ivy was tracking southwest towards New Caledonia and was expected to hit the Loyalty Islands and the Isle de Pins. —MNA/Xinhua

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Valuable painting by Cezanne stolen in Australia

CANBERRA, 29 Feb — A painting by French impressionist Paul Cezanne valued at 50 million Australian dollars (about 39 million US dollars) was stolen in a small village in New South Wales, Australia.

The Paul Cezanne's Son in a High Chair from 1873 and other 19 paintings were stolen from a workshop of a local artist and art restorer, and all the stolen paintings are worth 52 million US dollars, according to the police.

The theft occurred between Sunday night and early Thursday, police said.

"I couldn't say whether it's professional or not but they've obviously had the ability to gain access to a house which has been locked, to bypass some alarms and steal property of this value," said acting Inspector David Larkin of Byron Bay Police.

"There are signs at the front door which are consistent with the door being forced," he said. Part of the ongoing police investigation will be checking the veracity and authenticity of the paintings, Larkin said.

MNA/Xinhua

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China will make efforts to develop weather modification service

BEIJING, 29 Feb — China will make further efforts in the next several years to improve its weather modification service from the current single function of disaster prevention and reduction to a multi-functional service, Qin Dahe, director of the China Meteorological Administration, said here Friday.

Qin made this statement at the second China weather modification meeting from February 26 to 28.

According to Qin, such a multi-functional service includes not only disaster prevention and reduction but also air and water resources exploitation and ecological environmental protection.

"As one of the countries

most severely harassed by meteorological disasters, especially drought, China has seen soaring extreme weather days and water shortage since the 1990s, all of which have greatly impeded China's economic and social development," said Qin.

To lessen this problem, China established the National Coordination Committee of Weather Modification in 1994 and held the first all China weather modification meeting in 1995.

"Since then, great progress has been made in China's weather modification service. From 1995 to 2003, China has become the world's number one in its weather modification service scale," said Qin.

However, the weakness of insufficient scientific research has begun and will further impede the development of China's weather modification service, said Qin.

In the next few years,

while continuing to take agriculture as the major service content, China's weather modification will make more efforts in air water resources exploitation to lessen the country's hunger for water and in improving its service in environmental protection and transportation.

According to Qin, tests of precipitation and cloud dispersal for the 2008 Beijing Olympics and the 2010 World Expositions in Shanghai is underway.

A plan for the development of China's weather modification activities from 2004-2010 was put forward to the meeting for discussion.

Weather modification means to modify the weather under certain weather conditions to the needs of people by artificial methods, including mainly precipitation enhancement and hail suppression, as well as fog, cloud and precipitation dispersal, frost prevention and thunder producing. — MNA/Xinhua

China launches programme to research resource demand

BEIJING, 29 Feb— China Friday launched a wide-ranging strategic research programme to assess the overall demand for farmland, grain, freshwater, energy and other resources that will exist when its population peaks at approximately 1.6 billion around 2030.

Addressing a seminar in Beijing on the country's population and development strategy, State Councillor Hua Jianmin said China needs accurate quantitative analysis and scientific conclusions on the future demands for decision making, and to coordinate population growth and sustainable economic and social development.

Hua, also secretary-general of the State Council, China's Cabinet, said the research on China's population strategy aims to produce basic data on population, draw up a medium- and long-term population development blueprint, and put forward strategic measures on population development and proposals on economic and social development.

He called on various localities and departments concerned to support the research programme and research institutions and researchers involved to cooperate closely so as to achieve preset results.

The research programme will be conducted by about 120 leading academicians,

experts and scholars from the Chinese Academy of Sciences, Chinese Academy of Engineering, Chinese Academy of Social Sciences, Research Development Centre of the State Council, Beijing University, Qinghua University, Nankai University and other research institutions.

Chinese experts say the Chinese population will peak at 1.6 billion around 2030 from the present 1.29 billion. —MNA/Xinhua

FDA approves colon cancer medicine

LOS ANGELES, 29 Feb— US biotech giant Genentech Inc has won a Food Drug Administration approval of its colon cancer drug Avastin, the first medication to shrink tumours by choking the blood vessels that feed them, the Los Angeles Times reported.

Avastin was approved for use in combination with chemotherapy as a first-line treatment for colon cancer in patients whose disease has spread to other parts of the body. — MNA/Xinhua

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WTO Chief sees new momentum to world trade talks

WASHINGTON, 29 Feb — The head of the World Trade Organization said on Friday that world trade talks appear to have recovered from their collapse six months ago in Cancun, Mexico, and could make substantial progress by July.

A letter from US Trade Representative Robert Zoellick in January urging WTO members to reengage in negotiations came just "at the time we needed this stimulus", WTO Director General Supachai Panitchpakdi told reporters.

Senior officials from WTO member countries could be invited to Geneva in April to try to resolve differences on agriculture and other issues that blocked agreement on a final negotiating framework in Cancun, Supachai said.

WTO members also are considering Zoellick's idea of expanding the July meeting of the WTO General Council by inviting trade ministers to attend.

The session would not be a formal "ministerial" meeting, such as the gathering in Cancun. But it would provide a forum for countries to make the difficult decisions that require direct input from capitals.

Supachai said he would withhold judgment until after the July meeting about whether a final deal can be reached by the long-established January 1, 2005, deadline.

"By that time, we should know what needs to be done to finish the round by the end of the year," he said.

Meanwhile, Supachai urged developing countries to respond to the EU's request for a list of commodities that they want targeted for export subsidy elimination.

Such a list would help EU Trade Commissioner Pascal Lamy make the case for taking action in his consultation with EU member states, Supachai said.

The EU has faced pressure to sign off on the goal of eliminating all export subsidies as part of the framework agreement countries are trying to reach.

It has been politically difficult for Brussels to embrace that target, but Lamy has come increasingly closer.

On Thursday, he emphasized that the EU's offer to negotiate the elimination of export subsidies on commodities of interest to developing countries was open-ended and could even include highly protected products, such as sugar.

MNA/Reuters

EU pledges 250m euros for African peacekeeping

SIRTE (Libya), 29 Feb — The EU pledged 250 million euros on Friday to help African peacekeeping efforts, as African leaders debated the creation of a rapid reaction force empowered to intervene unilaterally across the troubled continent.

At the moment, the force exists only in a draft document prepared by African Union (AU) defence ministers earlier this week. Heads of state and prime ministers were expected to approve the proposal at a two-day summit that opened on Friday.

With fragile peace efforts under way in the continent's many hotspots, there is international pressure on the Ethiopia-based AU to take an active lead in peacekeeping.

European Commission President Romano Prodi told the assembled leaders in Libyan leader Moammar Kadafi's hometown of Sirte: "Africa is and will stay a priority for the European Union."

He said the EU had pledged

under a Peace Facility 250 million euros "for peace-support operations" under the authority of the 53-nation AU.

"It will provide a powerful, innovative instrument to support African peacekeeping efforts and will lay the foundations for development in areas of conflict," Prodi said.

An EU spokesman in Brussels made clear the funding was not specifically for the standby force because it was only in the planning stages.

The AU draft document says wars and civil conflicts — such as those in Burundi, the Republic of Congo and Sudan — are the main obstacles to development, damage economies, create millions of refugees and scare off foreign

investors.

The draft empowers the AU to order military intervention or impose sanctions on a member state in the case of civil war or genocide, diplomats and AU sources said.

"Two key issues will dominate the agenda: a security and defence policy and the optimum use of agricultural and water resources," AU Commission President Alpha Omar Konare told the opening ceremony.

African leaders last year approved in principle a proposal to establish a multinational peacekeeping force on the continent by 2010. But questions over funding and logistics have delayed implementation.

MNA/Reuters

Alliance sets goal to increase child vaccinations

LONDON, 29 Feb — An international alliance launched a campaign on Friday to save the lives of one million children by 2006 by increasing access to immunisations in the world's poorest countries.

The Global Alliance for Vaccines and Immunisation (GAVI) and The Vaccine Fund, its financial arm, hope to raise 400 million US dollars annually from governments and private sources to immunise 30 million children against diseases such as polio, hepatitis and yellow fever.

"Our goal is to allow every child, everywhere in the world access to immunisations," Jacques-Francois Martin, the president of The Vaccine Fund, said at the London launch of the campaign.

Queen Rania of Jordan, a member of The Vaccine Fund Board, described the loss of 10 million young lives to disease each year as a tragedy. Two to three million

youngsters die because they don't have access to basic vaccinations.

"We are talking about little boys and girls and the healthy start to life they all deserve," she said. "Yet 8,000 of these children die every day from diseases that we have the technology to prevent."

GAVI was launched in 2000 to combat declining immunisation rates and to improve access to vaccinations in poor countries. It is a public-private alliance between donor countries, vaccine manufacturers, developing countries, the World Health Organization, UNICEF, the World Bank, non-governmental organizations and the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. —MNA/Reuters



Security officers parade the Oscar statuettes over the red carpet into the Kodak Theatre for the 76 th Annual Academy Awards in Los Angeles, on 28 Feb, 2004. The awards take place Sunday — INTERNET

Two new dinosaur species found in Antarctica

WASHINGTON, 29 Feb — Two new species of dinosaur, one a quick-moving meat-eater and the other a giant plant-eater, have been discovered in Antarctica, US researchers said on Thursday.

The 70-million-year-old fossils of the carnivore would have rested for millions of years at the bottom of an Antarctic sea, while remains of the 100-foot-long herbivore were found on the top of a mountain.

They would have lived in a different Antarctica — one that was warm and wet, the two teams of researchers, both funded by the National Science Foundation, said.

The little carnivore — about six feet tall — was found on James Ross Island, off the coast of the Antarctic Peninsula.

Not yet named, the animal probably floated out to sea after it died and settled to the bottom of what was then a shallow area of the Weddell Sea, said Judd Case of St. Mary's College of California, who helped find the fossils.

Its bones and teeth suggest it may represent a population of two-legged carnivores that survived in the Antarctic long after other predators took over elsewhere on the globe.

MNA/Reuters

Thailand to renew anti-drug war despite US criticism

BANGKOK, 29 Feb — Thai Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra, stung by recent US criticism of his bloody domestic war on drugs last year, announced on Saturday a fresh crackdown on drug dealers starting next month.

"I will renew my anti-drug campaign this school holiday since it is coming back," Thaksin said in his weekly radio address.

Thaksin gave few details on the renewed campaign, but he said it would get under way with the start of school holidays in March.

The effort would focus on Bangkok and other major cities where critics say last year's campaign did not make a significant dent in demand, particularly among young Thais.

In December last year, Thaksin declared vic-

tory after a 10-month, anti-drug war, but the deaths of more than 2,000 suspected traffickers and peddlers caused an outcry from rights activists who accused the police of acting outside the law.

Thaksin did not comment on the report in his radio address, but he was visibly annoyed when questioned by reporters on Friday.

"It's unacceptable to me the way the US came out with the report by citing media reports. What kind of friend are they?" Thaksin was quoted as saying by The

Nation newspaper on Saturday.

"I have to say bluntly that it really annoyed me," he added.

Thaksin's government has been one of Washington's staunchest allies in Southeast Asia, backing the war on terror in the region and sending non-combat troops to help rebuild Iraq.

Thailand's Foreign Ministry said on Thursday the State Department report was based on inaccurate information and it summoned the US ambassador on Friday for a formal protest.

MNA/Reuters

Aid agencies appeal for help for Somalia drought

NAIROBI, 29 Feb — The United Nations launched an appeal for 111 million US dollars for projects in Somalia on Friday, saying urgent help was needed for 200,000 herders facing drought withering the north of the country.

Somalia's northern Sool Plateau is in the grip of a dry spell that has hit livestock hard, increasing the suffering in a country that has been plagued by civil strife since the central government collapsed in 1991.

"The response to the drought from donors has so far been positive," said

Maxwell Gaylard, the UN resident and humanitarian coordinator for Somalia.

"But we now know that many more people have been affected, some of whom have yet to receive assistance, without which we can expect great suffering," he said in a statement issued in neighbouring Kenya.

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SPORTS

Struggling Forest sign Barmby on loan

LONDON, 29 Feb— Struggling First Division club Nottingham Forest have signed ex-England international Nicky Barmby on a month's loan from Leeds United.

The former European champions are in the First Division relegation zone and the 30-year-old, who can play in midfield or attack, will go straight into manager Joe Kinnear's squad for Saturday's home match against fellow strugglers Bradford City.

"I'm delighted to have a player of Nicky's quality on board with us," Kinnear, who has drawn all three of his games in charge so far, told the Forest website on Friday.

"He has got a great pedigree and he's enthusiastic to play for Nottingham Forest. He has played for some great clubs and his record of international appearances speaks for itself, as does the fact that he has been involved in transfer deals totalling almost 20 million pounds (37.24 million US dollars)."

Former Tottenham, Middlesbrough, Everton and Liverpool player Barmby won 23 England caps, the last against Greece in 2001. — MNA/Reuters

Fabiano double inspires Sao Paulo to 3-1 win

RIO DE JANEIRO, 29 Feb— Luis Fabiano struck at either end of the match to help twice South American champions Sao Paulo beat 10-man Cobreloa 3-1 in the Libertadores Cup.

The Chilean side were a man down for the second half after defender Luis Fuentes was sent off in the Group Four match at Sao Paulo's Morumbi Stadium on Thursday.

Fuentes, whose 11th-minute own goal had put the Brazilians two goals up after Fabiano's third-minute opener, spat at the striker at the end of the first half and was shown the red card.

Another own goal three minutes into the second half by Sao Paulo defender Cincinho put Cobreloa, twice runners-up in the early 1980s, back in the match but Fabiano killed them off with his second in

the final minute.

Sao Paulo, champions in 1992 and 1993, have taken a maximum six points from two matches but are behind Ecuador's Liga Deportiva Universitaria, who beat Alianza Lima 3-0 on Wednesday, on goal difference.

Peruvian sides had a good night with Cienciano, the Copa Sudamericana holders, beating El Nacional of Ecuador 1-0 in Lima and Sporting Cristal holding Rosario Central 1-1 in Argentina.

Argentine substitute Sergio Ibarra scored the only goal in Lima with his first touch of the ball in the 63rd minute of the Group Five match. In Rosario, substitute Mariano Messera volleyed an equalizer in the final minute for Central after striker Luis Bonnet had headed Cristal in front in the 72nd.

MNA/Reuters

America have coach, two players sent off in 3-1 defeat

MEXICO CITY, 29 Feb — America, Mexico's richest club, had veteran Dutch coach Leo Beenhakker and two players sent off as they crashed to a 3-1 defeat at Atlas.

Former Ajax, Real Madrid, Netherlands and Saudi Arabia coach Beenhakker was dismissed in the 47th minute of Thursday night's match for dissent and leaving the coach's designated area.

The Eagles were reduced to 10 men after 12 minutes when defender Alvaro Ortiz was sent off for a violent challenge on Juan Carlos Medina. Chilean striker Reinaldo Navia also got his marching orders in the 76th minute for a second bookable offence.

Atlas took full advantage, winning with two goals from Brazilian Robert de Pinho and one from Uruguayan Carlos Maria Morales, his 100th goal in competitive matches in Mexico.

German Villa pulled a goal back for America. Atlas are second in Group One while America dropped to third in Group Two.

MNA/Reuters



Fernando Gonzalez of Chile returns a forehand to Robin Soderling of Sweden during their quarterfinal match at the Open 13 tennis tournament in Marseille, southern France, on 27 Feb, 2004. Soderling defeated Gonzalez 6-3, 7-6. —INTERNET

Coaches oppose FIFA plans to change rules on substitutes

LONDON, 29 Feb— FIFA president Sepp Blatter's plan to end "farfetched" friendly matches by restricting the number of substitutes allowed to a maximum of five per team may be derailed when the International Board meets on Saturday.

Blatter is determined to stop the practice of using up to 11 substitutes in friendly internationals claiming it is undermining the credibility of the matches.

But the English Football Association, one of eight members of the International Board, the sport's ultimate law-making body, is expected to bring a file to the meeting at Claridge's Hotel which opposes Blatter's plan.

The file contains the views of more than a dozen leading coaches, including Sven-Goran Eriksson of England, Italy's Giovanni Trapattoni and Luis Felipe Scolari of Portugal, who want to continue with unrestricted substitutions in friendlies. Six of the eight board representatives have to agree before any law can be changed and Blatter's proposal might be rejected.

Whether that might sour the "party atmosphere" surrounding Blatter's visit to London remains to be seen.

Blatter will head a FIFA Executive Committee meeting in London on Sunday and is also meeting Queen Elizabeth and Prime Minister Tony Blair as world soccer's governing body kicks off its centenary year celebrations this week and next. — MNA/Reuters

Euro 2004 fans to be tested for drunkenness

LISBON, 29 Feb — Fans at the Euro 2004 soccer championship will be tested for drunkenness and those over a certain blood alcohol limit barred from games, Portuguese authorities said on Friday.

Fans who show a blood alcohol level of 1.2 grammes per litre will be turned away from stadiums, said Lieutenant-General Leonel de Carvalho, head of a government security committee for the 16-team tournament in June.

"The test won't be made on everybody, but in exceptional circumstances," he told a news conference after a meeting with UEFA organizers on security. Portugal's legal blood alcohol limit for motorists is 0.5 grammes per litre. A level of 1.2 grammes per litre is considered a crime.

Carvalho said tests would be made at stadium gates with equipment similar to that used to check drivers' sobriety.

Portugal is hosting the tournament at 10 stadiums and organizers expect about 500,000 fans to attend.

Jacob Erel, director of UEFA's competition operations, said the main challenge was crowd control, such as access, transport and alcohol bans. Portuguese authorities need better coordination, especially since many of the stadiums were new, he said, before adding he had "confidence about the competence of this country to perform in the best way during the Euro 2004". — MNA/Reuters

Cole, Gilberto return to Arsenal squad

LONDON COLMEU (England), 29 Feb — Ashley Cole and Gilberto Silva are in the Arsenal squad for Saturday's Premier League match against London rivals Charlton Athletic after passing fitness tests on Friday.

"We have Dennis Bergkamp coming back, Ashley Cole is coming back, Gilberto is back and all three are in the squad," manager Arsene Wenger told reporters. England defender Cole, who had a back injury, and Brazilian midfielder Gilberto, who was suffering from an ankle problem, missed Tuesday's 3-2 win over Celta Vigo in the away leg of their Champions League first knockout round tie. — MNA/Reuters



Mexico's national soccer player Maria Castillo (R) jumps for the ball with Trinidad & Tobago player Maylee Attin during the first half at Eladio Rosabal Cordero stadium in Heredia, Costa Rica, on 27 Feb, 2004. The match was a first round match of the tournament to qualify two teams from the Women's Caribbean and North and Central America (CONCACAF) for the 2004 Athens Olympics. —INTERNET

Answer from yesterday's Crossword Puzzle



MRTV-3
1-3-2004 (Monday)
(Programme Schedule)
Morning Transmission
(9:00 - 10:00)

- 9:00 Signature Tune
Greeting
- 9:02 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Mingalabar"
- 9:06 Travel & Description
(Mandalay to Lashio)
- 9:10** **Headline News**
- 9:12 Myanma Seafood
- 9:15** **National News**
- 9:20 Dat Taw Gyaik
Waterfall
- 9:25 Beginning of Summer-
time
- 9:30** **National News**
- 9:35 Myanmar Modern
Song "Blue Moon"
- 9:40 Red Panda
- 9:45** **National News**
- 9:50 A Brief Account of
Bagan
- 9:58 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Come and See
Myanmar"

1-3-2004 (Monday)
Regular Programmes for
Viewers from Abroad
Evening Transmission
(15:30 - 17:30)

- 15:30 Signature Tune
Greeting
- 15:32 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Myanma Pano-
rama & Myanma Sen-
timent"
- 15:36 Travel & Description
(Mandalay to Lashio)
- 15:40** **Headline News**
- 15:42 Myanma Seafood
- 15:45** **National News**
- 15:50 Dat Taw Gyaik
Waterfall
- 15:55 Beginning of Summer-
time
- 16:00** **National News**
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Song "Blue Moon"
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Bagan
- 16:25 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Mingalabar"
- 16:30** **National News**
- 16:35 Macadamia (Perennial
Cash Crop)
- 16:40 Wonderful Swiftlets
Dwelling in House
- 16:45** **National News**
- 16:50 Intricate Art of Silver-
smith
- 16:55 Kayin Dance (We Bu
(or) Paddy Winnowing
Dance)
- 17:00** **National News**
- 17:05 Travelling on the Chin
Mountain Ranges
- 17:10 Song "Two, Together"
- 17:15** **National News**
- 17:20 Nan-Thae Model Plan-
tation (Inlay Lake)
- 17:25 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Come and See
Myanmar"

Evening Transmission
(19:30 - 23:30)

- 19:30 Signature Tune
Greeting
- 19:32 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Mingalabar"
- 19:36 National Kandawgyi
Gardens
- 19:40** **Headline News**
- 19:42 A Gift to Mark a visit
to Myitkyina (Kachin
-Snack)
- 19:45** **National News**
- 19:50 Lumber Buffaloes
- 19:55 A Dance to the Harvest
- 20:00** **National News**
- 20:10 Song "Follow me Let's
go"
- 20:12 The Thrones of
Myanmar Sovereigns
- 20:15** **National News**
- 20:20 Myanmar Movie Im-
pact
- 20:25 Myanmar Modern
Song "The Beautiful
Taninthayi"
- 20:30** **National News**
- 20:35 Naga Traditional
Handicrafts
- 20:40 Myanmar Profile "Su-
per Market"
- 20:45** **National News**

- 20:50 Tour In Myanmar
"Mrauk-U, Ngapali"
- 20:55 Making Myanmar
Marionette
- 21:00** **National News**
- 21:05 Ship Building of
Myanmar
- 21:10 Myanmar Modern
Song "Gaze Upon"
- 21:12 Beach Souvenir Sea
Shell Decorations
- 21:15** **National News**
- 21:20 Water Hyacinth Furni-
ture
- 21:30 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Myanma
Panorama & Myanma
Sentiment"
- 21:35 Travel & Description
(Mandalay to Lashio)
- 21:40** **Headline News**
- 21:42 Myanma Seafood
- 21:45** **National News**
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Waterfall
- 21:55 Beginning of Summer-
time
- 22:00** **National News**
- 22:05 Myanmar Modern
Song "Blue Moon"
- 22:10 Red Panda
- 22:15** **National News**
- 22:20 A Brief Account of
Bagan
- 22:25 Song on Screen
"Through My Eyes"
- 22:30** **National News**
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Dwelling in House
- 22:45** **National News**
- 22:50 Intricate Art of Silver-
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- 22:55 Kayin Dance (We Bu
(or) Paddy Winnowing
Dance)
- 23:00** **National News**
- 23:05 Travelling on the Chin
Mountain Ranges
- 23:10 Song "Two, Together"
- 23:15** **National News**
- 23:20 Nan-Thae Model Plan-
tation (Inlay Lake)
- 23:28 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Come and See
Myanmar"

1-3-2004 (Monday) &
2-3-2004 (Tuesday) Evening
& Morning Transmission

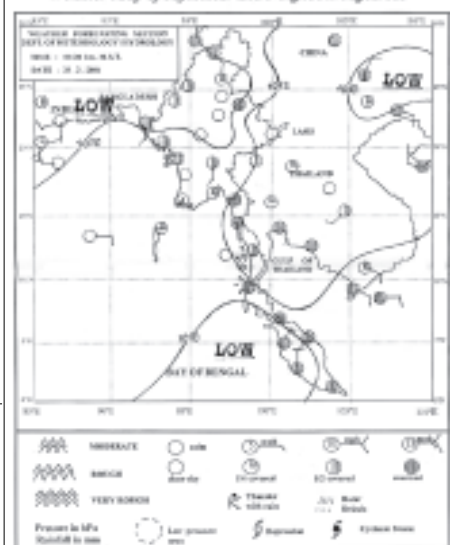
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Greeting
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Song "Blue Moon"
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Dance)
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- 01:05 Travelling on the Chin
Mountain Ranges
- 01:10 Song "Two, Together"
- 01:15** **National News**
- 01:20 Nan-Thae Model Plan-
tation (Inlay Lake)
- 01:25 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Come and See
Myanmar"

2-3-2004 (Tuesday)
Morning Transmission
(03:30-07:30)

- 03:30 Signature Tune
Greeting
- 03:32 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Mingalabar"
- 03:36 National Kandawgyi
Gardens
- 03:40** **Headline News**
- 03:42 A Gift to Mark a visit

- to Myitkyina (Kachin
-Snack)
- 03:45** **National News**
- 03:50 Lumber Buffaloes
- 03:55 A Dance to the Harvest
- 04:00** **National News**
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Song "Follow me Let's
go"
- 04:12 The Thrones of
Myanmar Sovereigns
- 04:15** **National News**
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pact
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- 04:45** **National News**
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- 05:15** **National News**
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ture
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Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Myanma
Panorama & Myanma

- Sentiment"
- 05:35 Travel & Description
(Mandalay to Lashio)
- 05:40** **Headline News**
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- 05:45** **National News**
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Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas

WEATHER
Sunday, 29 February, 2004

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST:
During the past 24 hours, weather has been generally fair in the whole country. Night temperatures were (3°C) below normal in Rakhine State, Mandalay and Yangon Divisions, (5°C) below normal in Kayin State and Taninthayi Division, (3°C) above normal in Shan and Chin States and lower Sagaing Division and about normal in the remaining areas.

Maximum temperature on 28-2-2004 was 34.0°C (93°F). Minimum temperature on 29-2-2004 was 17.0°C (63°F). Relative humidity at 9:30 hrs MST on 29-2-2004 was 72%. Total Sun Shine hours on 28-2-2004 was (9.3) hours approx. Rainfall on 29-2-2004 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 10 mph from Southwest at (15:30) hours M.S.T on 28-2-2004.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 1-3-2004: Weather will be generally fair in the whole country.

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

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

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 1-3-2004: Fair weather.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 1-3-2004: Fine weather.


Monday, March 1
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. အတုမြင်ပုံ
- 8:00 am**
6. Song of National Races
- 8:10 am**
7. Cute little dancers
- 8:20 am**
8. ကတင်တီးလင်းရေစုလှိုင်တံခွန်
- 8:30 am**
9. International news
- 8:45 am**
10. Let's Go

- 4:00 pm**
1. Martial song
- 4:15 pm**
2. Songs to uphold
National Spirit
- 4:30 pm**
3. Practice in Reading
- 4:45 pm**
4. Musical Programme
- 5:00 pm**
5. အစောဆုံးတက္ကသိုလ် ပညာရေး
ဂုဏ်ထူးဆောင်: သင်္ဃန်းတော်
ဒုတိယနှစ် (ရတနာအသွယ်ပြု)
(ရတနာတော်)
- 5:15 pm**
6. Dance Variety
- 5:30 pm**
7. Musical programme (The
Radio Myanmar Modern
Music Troupe)
- 5:45 pm**
8. ရုပ်ပုံစာပေ မြန်မာစာပေ
- 6:00 pm**
9. Song and Dance of
National Races
- 6:10 pm**
10. မနုဿိကဗျာ
- 6:15 pm**
11. စကားပြောဆိုင်လုပ်ငန်းသွင်

- အကယ်၍မိမိတို့၏ အကယ်၍-
မင်းမာလွန်း၊ အကယ်၍-
နို့နို့မြိုင်ဆောင်
(ဒါနိုက်တာ-ဝင်းလွန်းဝင်း)
- 6:20 pm**
12. Discovery
- 6:30 pm**
13. Evening news
- 7:00 pm**
14. Weather report
- 7:05 pm**
15. သတိပဋ္ဌာန်များမှာ မြန်မာ့စွယ်စုံမိမိပြာ
(အပိုင်း-၁)
- 7:20 pm**
16. သတိပဋ္ဌာန်များမှာ မြန်မာ့စွယ်စုံမိမိပြာ
(အပိုင်း-၂)
- 7:30 pm**
17. Musical programme
- 7:40 pm**
18. Industrial Achievement
- 8:00 pm**
16. News
17. International news
18. Weather report
19. နိုင်ငံခြားစာတတ်လမ်းတွဲ
"အနုပညာသိပ္ပံ"
- (အပိုင်း-၄)
21. The next day's
programme


Monday, March 1
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
- Kiss from a rose
(Seal)
- Look what love has
done (Patty Smith)
Spotlight on the star
- Modern Talking
- 9.00 pm** Article
- 9.15 pm** Radio Magazine
- Danger of smoking
- Before the flowers
bloom
- 9.35 pm** Vocal Gems
- I live my life for you
(Aerosmith)
- 9.45 pm** News/Slogan
- 10:00 pm** PEL



Senior General Than Shwe plants an oil palm near Oil Palm Cultivation Project Office of Yuzana Co Ltd. — MNA

Every region to make efforts for realization...

(from page 1)

At the ceremony, Chairman of Kawthoung District Peace and Development Council Lt-Col Tin Soe reported on the location of the district, organizational set-up of townships, wards/village-tract, collection of taxes, development of rural areas, border area development tasks, land utilization, cultivation and per-acre yield of monsoon and summer paddy, local food sufficiency, reclamation of vacant and virgin lands, growing of oil palm and rubber, fisheries and livestock breeding tasks.

Afterwards, Senior General Than Shwe delivered an address.

He said he arrived in Kawthoung for the first

time in 1962. At that time there were only three or four hundred houses. In the time of the Tatmadaw government emphasis was placed on development of border areas after being laid down the policy to develop border areas that lagged behind development. Kawthoung region has now developed to district level, he said.

He said education, health, transport and economic facilities were fulfilled in conformity with the status of a district. Kawthoung has developed like a major city. Like Kawthoung, border towns such as Tachilek, Muse and Myawady have significantly developed in a short time, he added.

He said society must advance as a result of innovative measures constantly taken by men. He spoke of the need to make efforts for development of Kawthoung District.

He said service personnel discharging duties at the respective departments and local people are to work hard for progress.

He said in carrying out the tasks for development there must be local sufficiency and economic development in one region without relying on other regions

for food, clothing and shelter needs.

He said although Kawthoung district has water and land resources, rice is not sufficient in the region.

He said even deserts can be turned into cultivable lands. To ensure sufficiency of rice in the region, efforts should be made for extension of sown acreage in Kawthoung District and cultivation of quality strains, he said.

Cultivation of kitchen crops should be extended. Utilizing the sown lands fully, crops that are suitable to the region and climate are to be grown, he said.

By doing so there will be food sufficiency in the region and old tradition of depending on other regions can be removed, he said.

He spoke of the need to make efforts effectively for development of fish and prawn breeding tasks and cultivation of perennial crops such as oil palm and rubber based on human efforts and creative power.

There should always be food sufficiency and economic development in a region. In this way, there will be progress in the region both in form and essence. Therefore, every re-

gion is to make efforts for realization of these two points, he added. He said officials at different levels are to study and review economic progress, community peace and security and education, health, cultural and social conditions in their respective regions and urged them to make endeavours for emergence of fully-developed regions.

Next, Senior General Than Shwe cordially greeted those present.

After the ceremony, the Senior General and party inspected development of

Excerpts from Senior General Than Shwe's address

- * In the time of Tatmadaw government emphasis is placed on development of border areas.
- * Kawthoung has developed like a major city.
- * Like Kawthoung, border towns such as Tachilek, Muse and Myawady have significantly developed in a short time.
- * In carrying out the tasks for development there must be local sufficiency and economic development in one region without relying on other regions for food, clothing and shelter needs.
- * There should always be food sufficiency and economic development in a region. Thus, there is progress in the region both in form and essence. Therefore, every region is to make efforts for realization of these two points.
- * Officials at different levels are to study and review economic progress, community peace and security and education, health, cultural and social conditions in their respective regions and they are to make endeavours for emergence of fully-developed regions.
- * It is required to regularly grow oil palm yearly to meet the targeted acres of 500,000.
- * Only when oil palm is grown fully and edible oil produced speedily will Taninthayi Division become an oil pot of the State.
- * Systematic measures are to be taken in growing oil palm to be able to meet the target for self-sufficiency in edible oil in the nation by 2007-2008.

Kawthoung by car.

In the afternoon, the Senior General and party met with Tatmadawmen and their families of regiments and units in Kawthoung Station at Bayintnaung Hall of the local battalion in

Kawthoung. At the meeting, General Thura Shwe Mann explained the purpose of the inspection tour of the Senior General and party in Taninthayi Division and procedure for building the Tatmadaw.

(See page 8)



Senior General Than Shwe meets Tatmadawmen and family members of regiments and units of Kawthoung Station at Bayintnaung Hall in Kawthoung on 25-2-2004. — MNA

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