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## Only when projects are completed sooner will the people be able to enjoy benefits of the projects earlier Special Projects Implementation Committee meets



Senior General Than Shwe delivers an address at the meeting No 1/2004 of the Special Projects Implementation Committee. — MNA

### Excerpts from Senior General's address

- \* Integrated and well-coordinated efforts of other ministries are required for successful realization of the projects since their volume is large and relevant ministry alone won't be able to implement them.
- \* To keep pace with changes and developments of global community it is required to speedily implement projects for national development for the emergence of a modern and developed nation.
- \* Not only the ministry concerned but also other ministries are required to contribute their shares in successfully implementing the projects.
- \* According to the past experiences, delay caused due to any reason in implementing an important project will be followed by other related difficulties.
- \* Emphasis will have to be placed on what ought to be paid serious attention in order to save time and cost in implementing major projects in future.

YANGON, 30 March—The Special Projects Implementation Committee held its coordination meeting No 1/2004 at the meeting hall of the Office of the Commander-in-Chief (Army) at 1.45 pm today, attended by Chairman of the Special Projects Implementation Committee Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe.

Also present on the occasion were Vice-Chairman of the Committee Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Maung Aye, members of the Committee Prime Minister General Khin

Nyunt and member of the State Peace and Development Council General Thura Shwe Mann, Secretary of the Committee Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Soe Win, members of the Committee members of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Ye Myint, Lt-Gen Aung Htwe, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than, Lt-Gen Maung Bo, Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo, Lt-Gen Kyaw Win and Lt-Gen Tin Aye, ministers, specially invited ministers, deputy ministers, heads of department and officials.

Joint-Secretary of the Committee Director-General of the State Peace and Development Council Office Lt-Col Pe Nyein acted as master of ceremonies.

Chairman of the Special

Projects Implementation Committee Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe delivered an address. In his address, he said that Special Projects Implementation Committee was formed to approve the national development projects for speedy implementation.

Integrated and well-coordinated efforts of other ministries are required for successful realization of the projects since their volume is large and a relevant ministry alone won't be able to implement them. Hence, Special Projects Implementation Committee was formed so as to coordinate measures as necessary.

To keep pace with changes and developments

of global community it is required to speedily implement projects for national development for the emergence of a modern and developed nation.

Only when projects are completed sooner will the people be able to enjoy the benefits of the projects earlier, thereby contributing towards speedy development of the State.

That is why not only the ministry concerned but also other ministries are required to contribute their shares in successfully implementing the projects.

According to the past experiences, delay caused due to any reason in implementing an important project will be followed by other related difficulties. Based on past experiences, efforts will have to be made to avoid causing unnecessary

delays not to face any difficulty in implementing special projects.

Therefore, emphasis will have to be placed on what ought to be paid serious attention in order to save time and cost in implementing major projects in future. Apart from speed, quality is also needed in implementing the projects.

Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Nyunt Tin reported to the meeting on the three dam projects and one sluice gate project being implemented by the Irrigation Department, and eight river water pumping projects to be implemented by the Water Resources Utilization Department; Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thaung, on the industry projects under construction and the completed projects of the

ministry; Minister for Industry-2 Maj-Gen Saw Lwin, on the projects of the ministry; Minister for Construction Maj-Gen Saw Tun, on road projects, bridges under construction and bridges under planning stage; Minister for

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Senior General Than Shwe addresses and dignitaries attend the meeting No 1/2004 of the Special Projects Implementation Committee. — MNA

## PERSPECTIVES

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## Let's lend ourselves to regional and national development work

The Tatmadaw Government, since its assumption of State responsibilities, has been implementing the twelve political, economic and social objectives, upholding "Our Three Main National Causes", namely, non-disintegration of the Union, non-disintegration of national solidarity and perpetuation of sovereignty.

First of all, the Government made peace with armed national groups so that there could be the rule of law, community peace and national solidarity. At the same time, it laid down the plans for development of border areas and national races.

The meeting 1/2004 of the Central Committee for Development of Border Areas and National Races was held at the meeting hall of the office of the Commander-in-Chief (Army) on 29 March and Chairman of the Central Committee for Development of Border Areas and National Races Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Senior General Than Shwe attended it and delivered an opening speech.

In his speech, Senior General Than Shwe said that it was necessary to make relentless efforts for maintaining the momentum of development work being implemented as the agriculture, livestock breeding and transport sectors were gaining considerable success and the industrial and electrical power sectors could meet the requirements of the regions to some extent. As the border areas were far behind the other regions, a new ministry was instituted to take care of development tasks for border areas and national races. Moreover, the Central Committee for Development of Border Areas and National Races was formed to enable other ministries to make integrated and well-coordinated efforts for the development of border areas and national races.

Projects for eradication of narcotic drugs are being implemented to introduce the cultivation of poppy-substitute crops, livestock breeding and other production activities and to enable the local people to engage in proper livelihood after eliminating narcotic drugs in the border areas. In addition to the plan for development of border areas and national races, the 24-region development plan and the five rural development tasks are also being carried out for the emergence of a peaceful, developed and modern nation.

We would like to call upon all those responsible and people of various regions to unitedly lend themselves to all the regional and national development work being done in the interests of the nation and their own.

## National Seminar on sustainable development of teak and bamboo

YANGON, 30 March — The National Seminar on sustainable development of teak and bamboo, sponsored by the Forest Department and International Tropical Timber Organization was held at the head office of the Forest Department here this morning.

Present on the occasion were Forest Department Director-General U Soe Win Hlaing, ITTO Project Manager Mr Hwan Ok Ma, Counsellor of ROK embassy Mr Park Joon Yong, the director-general of Planning & Statistics Department of the Ministry of Forests, the managing director of Myanmar Timber Enterprise, officials, bamboo ware expert of ITTO Mr Sukiman, bamboo and wickerware industrialists and guests. Altogether 11 papers will be read at the seminar. — MNA

## ကုသကာကွယ် မူးယစ်အန္တရာယ်

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## People's Desire

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

## Early Childhood Development Centre's 2003-04 academic year over



MMCWA President Dr Daw Khin Win Shwe delivers an address at the ceremony. — MNA

YANGON, 30 March — The concluding ceremony of the 2003-2004 academic year course of the Early Childhood Development Centre under the Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association was held in conjunction with the school concert at the association at the corner of Thanthumar and Parami Streets in South Okkalapa Township here this morning.

Present on the occasion were MMCWA President Dr Daw Khin Win Shwe, Vice-Presidents Dr Kyi Soe and Dr Daw Tin Lin Myint, CEC members, Patron of Yangon Division MCWA Supervisory Committee Daw Khin Thet Htay and patrons, teachers, students and their parents and guests. Joint Secretary Dr Nwe Oo acted as master of ceremonies. The president delivered a speech and presented completion certificates to the students.

Afterwards, the students presented entertainment programmes of songs and variety of dances. — MNA



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



## Junior Golf Championship held

YANGON, 30 March — In hailing the 59th Anniversary Armed Forces day, the Junior Golf Championship was held at the Myanmar Golf Club here this morning. Sandi Toe Hsaung stood first with 106 strokes and Aye Myint Thida second with 116 strokes in the women's under-18 event. Ye Zaw Aung stood first with 94 strokes, Kaung Moe Tun second with 103 strokes and Swan Thiha Aung third with 104 strokes in the aged 8-10 event. Nyan Lin Thant stood first with 85 strokes, Okka Oo second with 86 strokes and Nyan Lin third with 87 strokes in the aged 11-12 event. In the aged 13-14 event, Lin Moe Tun stood first with 81 strokes, Nay Bala Win Myint second with 86 strokes and Kyaw Phone Moh third with 91 strokes. In the aged

15-17 event, Soe Moe Win stood first with 75 strokes, Yan Naing Phyo second with 77 strokes and Phyo Kyaw Kyaw third with 81 strokes.

The tournament was sponsored by Han Golf Masters Pte, Wilson, Rapier and Star icecream. — MNA

## Central Executive Committee of Myanmar Writers and Journalists Association meets

YANGON, 30 March — The Central Executive Committee of Myanmar Writers and Journalists Association held its meeting 3/2004 at Sarpay Beikman on Merchant Street this morning.

Present at the meeting were Myanmar Writers and Journalists Association Chairman U Hla Myaing (Ko Hsaung), Vice-chairmen U Tin Kha (Tekkatho Tin Kha) and U Than Maung (Than Maung), Secretary U Hla Tun (Hla Tun-Twantay) and executives.

Chairman of Myanmar Writers and Journalists Association U Hla Myaing (Ko Hsaung) spoke on the occasion. Secretary of the Myanmar Writers and Journalists Association U Hla Tun (Hla Tun-Twantay) reported on the resolutions of the previous meeting. Leaders of various groups took part in the discussions. Chairman of MWJA U Hla Myaing (Ko Hsaung) spoke on preparations for the meeting of central body of Myanmar Writers and Journalists Association. — MNA



Prize winners of the Junior Golf Championship. — MGF



# Two foreigners shot dead in lawless Iraqi city

**MOSUL (Iraq), 30 March**—Two foreigners said to be British civilians were killed in an attack in the increasingly insecure northern Iraqi city of Mosul on Sunday, witnesses said.

The bodies of two men, wearing blue flak jackets, lay in the road beside their burned-out vehicle, a white four-wheel drive, for an hour after the attack in an eastern part of the city.

"These were British civilians working at the Mosul East power station," said an Iraqi technician at the plant who asked not to be named.

"They were on their way to the power station in two cars when they came under fire from attackers with AK-47s. One vehicle was hit," he said.

Security has deteriorated sharply in Mosul, 240 miles north of Baghdad, in recent weeks. Earlier this month four US missionaries were

shot dead in an ambush there.

An Iraqi bystander, Jamal Abdul-Razzak Nasser, said the gunmen in Sunday's attack had fired from a car.

Witnesses said three other foreigners, also apparently British, had reached the power station after the shooting.

US forces later sealed off the area and Iraqi ambulances removed the bodies.

At around midday, an assailant threw a grenade at a police patrol in the city centre, slightly wounding a policeman. Police said they had detained him and found more grenades on him.

A *Katvusha* rocket, apparently aimed at the city

hall, missed and hit a nearby primary school for boys, but failed to explode, according to the principal, Abdul-Wahhab Mahmoud.

Two people were killed and 13 wounded in a rocket attack on the city hall on Saturday.

Elsewhere, a bomb wounded three children on their way to school and two other civilians on Sunday when it exploded outside the home of an Iraqi contractor working for the Americans near Baquba, 40 miles north of Baghdad.

Guerillas have increasingly attacked people working with the US-led authorities, as well as members of the fledgling Iraqi security

forces, for cooperating with the occupiers.

The bomb in Buhriz, a few miles south of Baquba, broke windows and badly damaged a car. The contractor was unhurt, but two of his relatives, a man and a woman, were among the wounded.

At Baquba hospital, two girls and a boy lay in a stark ward, bandages on their limbs and heads, faces caked with blood.

Earlier this month, gunmen killed three Iraqis working for a US-funded television and radio station in Baquba as they drove to work in a minibus. At least five people were wounded.

MNA/Reuters

## Truck carrying goods for Japan's Iraq troops hit

**TOKYO, 30 March**—A truck belonging to a private firm that was carrying goods for Japanese troops based in Samawah in southern Iraq has been attacked, government officials and Japanese news agencies reported on Saturday.

The media reports said the truck was headed for Samawah from Kuwait. *Jiji* news agency said an Iraqi had been killed.

One Japanese Government official said that he understood that the vehicle had not been travelling in a Japanese military convoy. Another official said an Iraqi had been wounded.

No Japanese soldier has fired a shot or been killed in combat since World War II. Critics of the dispatch say it violates Japan's pacifist Constitution and the government has been worried about a possible backlash among the public if casualties occur.

Earlier on Saturday, Japan's deployment of a 550-member contingent of ground troops was completed with the arrival of the remaining 120 troops from Kuwait, *Kyodo* news agency says.

MNA/Reuters

## Iraqi translator working for "Times" dies of wounds

**BAGHDAD, 30 March**—An Iraqi translator working for American magazine, the *Times*, has died of wounds that he sustained earlier, *Azzaman* newspaper on Saturday.

Omar Hashim Kamal died at about 7.00 am (0400 GMT) on Friday, the newspaper said, quoting a spokesman of the New York-

headquartered magazine.

Kamal was shot in Baghdad on Wednesday and was in a critical condition in an American military hospital in the capital, the newspaper said, adding that Kamal left behind his wife and a four-year-old child.

MNA/Xinhua

## WFP plans no more food aid tenders for Iraq

**STOCKHOLM, 30 March**—The United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) plans no further wheat, sugar or rice tenders for Iraq, WFP Executive Director James Morris said on Monday.

"My assumption is that our piece of the work has been done," Morris, on a visit to Sweden, told *Reuters*, confirming market talk.

Rome-based WFP, the world's biggest food aid agency, moved last year to avert a humanitarian disaster in Iraq after US-led forces toppled Saddam Hussein's regime.

Sixty per cent of Iraq's 26 million people depended 100 per cent on their government for food at the time, Morris said.

Asked if a tender for 630,000 tons of wheat for Iraq awarded last week to Australia — 460,000 tons — and the United States — 165,000 tons — had been the WFP's last before it hands over procurement to the Grain Board of Iraq on July 1, Morris said: "Yes."

"The Iraqis are going to take over, we hope at least by the end of June," he said. "I believe Iraq will be

prepared to take on this responsibility." On March 23 the Iraqi Grain Board, part of the country's Ministry of Trade, issued a tender for 200,000 tons of hard milling quality wheat, US grain traders said. Offers were due by April 14, they said.

Morris, when asked on Monday if trade talk that a 200,000 tons white sugar tender for Iraq awarded by the WFP to Dubai on March 22 for delivery in April, May and June would also have been the agency's last of its kind, said: "I believe that is accurate."—MNA/Reuters



A refinery worker fills a barrel with oil near Baghdad, Iraq, is facing difficulties in exporting oil from both its northern and southern fields recently.—INTERNET

## Egypt steps in after Tunisia scraps Arab Summit

**TUNIS, 30 March**—Egypt stepped in on Sunday to host an Arab summit after Tunisia stunned the Arab world with a unilateral decision to scrap the meeting on its soil, citing the reluctance of some countries to embrace democratic reform.

Delegates to the Tunis summit, which would have opened on Monday, disputed the Tunisian explanation, saying Tunisian President Zine el-Abdine Ben Ali was unhappy that some Arab leaders did not plan to attend, and wanted to prove his democratic credentials to the United States.

Egypt expressed "astonishment and regret" at the

Tunisian decision. The summit had been expected to talk about reform, Iraq and the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. "Egypt welcomes holding a summit conference in the country of the (Arab League) headquarters at the earliest time that can be agreed," said an Egyptian presidency statement. The headquarters of the 22-member Arab League is in Cairo.

Tunisia hit back at Cairo's offer, saying a change in venue was no solution and it reserved the right to be host.

But plans for the Egyptian meeting advanced. A senior Yemeni official told *Reuters* Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak had telephoned his Yemeni counterpart Ali Abdullah Saleh to discuss preparations for the meeting which is "expected to be held on 16 April at the Arab League". Mubarak is scheduled to meet US President George W Bush in Texas on 12 April. The Egyptian news agency *MENA* reported Saudi Foreign Minister Saud al-Faisal will visit Egypt on Monday for talks with Mubarak.

Syria said the Tunisian decision was unjustified and Jordan's Foreign Minister Marwan al-Muasher also cast doubt on the need for the Tunisians to back out as hosts.—MNA/Reuters



A US Marine from the 1st Marine Division, deploys in the town of al-Nasr Wa al-Salam near Fallujah. A British national was killed in fresh violence, as US overseer Paul Bremer delivered the keys of the first ministry to Iraqi officials as part of a gradual handover of power by 30 June.—INTERNET

## China to promote digital cable TV

**QINGDAO, (Shandong), 30 March**—China will promote digital cable TV, said a senior Party official on Sunday.

Liu Yunshan, head of the Publicity Department of the Communist Party of China (CPC) Central Committee, made the remark at a meeting held in Qingdao, a coastal city in east China's Shandong Province.

The development of digital cable TV will be conducive to the country's information industry and economic growth and enrich people's lives, he said.

The government will join hands with enterprises and the market to promote the new technology, building the facilities, developing software and keeping the market in order, he added. The government expects more high quality and popular culture products to be produced in the digital cable TV format, Liu said. —MNA/Xinhua

## Kerry hits Bush for leading US down "dead-end"

ST LOUIS, 30 March — Democratic White House candidate John Kerry on Sunday charged that President George W Bush's economic policies have led the United States down "a dead-end road paved with broken promises".

At the New Northside Baptist Church in a largely Black suburb of St Louis, Kerry invoked scripture to portray Bush as a man of words not deeds and a divider rather than a uniter.

The Bush campaign accused the Massachusetts senator of the "sad exploitation" of scripture for political

attack. Spokesman Steve Schmidt called it "beyond the bounds of acceptable discourse".

During the two-hour church service, Kerry focused on the inequalities in America and pledged to close the gap between rich and poor, Black and White.

"The scriptures say, 'What

does it profit my brother if someone says he has faith but does not have works?'" Kerry told the congregation. "We look at what is happening in America today and we say, 'Where are the works of compassion' ... We ask, 'Where are the deeds?'"

Pointing to the three million jobs lost since Bush took

office and the 43 million Americans without health care, he scoffed at the President's recent claim that the US economy was now "turning a corner".

"Our present national leadership may be taking us around a corner, but I think it is a corner that leads to a dead-end road paved with broken promises," Kerry said.

Bush, who ran in 2000 as a "compassionate conservative" and "a uniter not a divider" had kept neither promise, Kerry said.

"This is our time to reject the politics of falseness and fear that is calculated to divide Black from White, rich from poor, neighbourhood from neighbourhood."

Kerry, who returned to the campaign trail last Thursday after a week at his mountain retreat in Idaho, revived speculation about his potential vice-presidential running mate over the weekend when he campaigned with former rival, Representative Richard Gephardt of Missouri.

"If I have my way, I will be finding some way, somehow that this man continues in public service," Kerry told a fund-raiser.

MNA/Reuters



An Iraqi man armed with a piece of metal confronts a British Army soldier during a violent protest in the southern Iraq city of Basra, on 29 March, 2004. — INTERNET

### US soldier killed in road-side bombing in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 30 March — One US soldier was killed Monday in the central Iraqi town of Falluja when a bomb was detonated beside a military convoy, the US Army said.

A US Army spokesman said the attack happened about 18 kilometres from Falluja, a volatile town some 50 kilometres west of Baghdad in the "Sunni triangle" where much of the resistance to the US-led occupation has taken place.

The latest death brought to 286 the number of US soldiers killed in action since US President George W Bush declared major hostilities over on May 1 of last year.

MNA/Xinhua

## Chavez slams OAS, UN critics as "hypocrites"

CARACAS (Venezuela), 30 March — Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez on Sunday attacked as "hypocrites" international groups that criticized his human rights record and said his left-wing government would use force to defend itself if necessary.

Chavez accused the United Nations' International Labour Organization and the Organization of American States' human rights watchdog of joining an international campaign of "lies" against his government.

The OAS' Inter-American Commission on Human Rights said this month democracy and the rule of law had deteriorated in Venezuela. The Geneva-based ILO has been investigating reports of persecution of Venezuelan anti-government union leaders and unfair sackings of state workers by Chavez's government.

"This is a sovereign country with its own Constitution and no international power or international institution is going to come here (and tell us what to do)," the Venezuelan leader said during his weekly "Hello President" television and radio show.

"We laugh at this and denounce them as hypocrites," he added. He describes his leadership of the world's No. 5 oil exporter as a "revolution" aimed at helping Venezuela's poor. "This is a peaceful revolution but it's armed and is ready to defend itself with weapons of war," Chavez said, adding the Armed Forces were firmly behind him.

Chavez said he would reject any move by the ILO to ask his government to rehire more than 18,000 state oil workers who were fired for joining an anti-government general strike more than a year ago. — MNA/Reuters

## Six-ton agate gem excavated in northeast China

SHENYANG, 30 March — A piece of agate weighing six tons, believed to be the largest of its kind in the world, has been excavated in northeast China's Liaoning Province.

It was discovered by Wang Fukun, a farmer at Qijia township of the Fuxin Autonomous County of Mongolian ethnicity, when he was quarrying stones in August last year. A jewellery trader, named Cao Zhitao, learned about the news and reported it to the local government.

Agate is produced mainly in northeastern Heilongjiang and Liaoning Provinces and central China's Hubei Province. Fuxin is considered one of the leading agate producers in the country. Most of the agate stones found elsewhere in the world weigh less than 800 kilos.

MNA/Xinhua

## Britain says Mexico cavers were only exploring

LONDON, 30 March — The chief of the British Army on Sunday called the detention of a British military group in Mexico a "grave misunderstanding" and said the men had been there only to explore underground caves.

The six cavers, four of them members of the British military, were rescued from a cavern Thursday after spending 11 days underground. They became trapped by rising flood water a few days into the caving expedi-

tion. But the presence of the men sparked a diplomatic row between London and Mexico. Mexican President Vicente Fox refused to accept Britain's explanation of what they were doing in the

caves. Mexico's attorney general's office said it was investigating media reports that the cavers were scouting for deposits of potentially radioactive materials.

MNA/Reuters



## Guerillas kill US soldier in Iraq; riots in Basra

BAGHDAD, 30 March — Guerillas killed a US soldier in a bomb attack west of Baghdad Monday, and British troops used batons and rubber bullets to beat back a crowd of furious protesters in the southern city of Basra.

A US military spokesman said the US soldier was killed near the flashpoint town of Falluja west of Baghdad, in the "Sunni triangle" where insurgents mount regular attacks against occupying troops and Iraqis cooperating with them.

The attack brought to 401 the number of American soldiers killed in hostile action in Iraq since the US-led invasion last year.

In Basra, 550 km (340 miles) southeast of Baghdad, at least one protester and two British soldiers were wounded in clashes that erupted when troops evicted Iraqis they said were squatting in a government building.

British soldiers with riot shields used batons to beat back a crowd of around 80 demonstrators, who threw stones and swung iron bars at the British forces and set fire to several tires. One protester tried to snatch a rifle from a soldier and was quickly beaten to the ground by others.

Maj. Tim Smith, the British military spokesman in Basra, said Iraqis who were being evicted from the building had attacked soldiers.

Witnesses said one protester was wounded in the head by a rubber baton round fired by British troops. They said he had been taken to hospital.

British troops clashed with demonstrators in Basra last week. An armoured troop carrier was attacked with petrol bombs and several British soldiers were briefly set alight before the flames were doused. Thirteen soldiers were lightly wounded in the clashes, which lasted several hours.

Internet

## China, India ties on upswing

NEW DELHI, 30 March — India and China will look for ways to promote military relations and bury distrust during the first visit by a Chinese Defence Minister in a decade this week, officials said on Sunday.

Relations between the world's most populous countries, which went to war in 1962, have improved in recent years on the back of booming trade.

"We both have concerns, these talks are aimed at making sure there are no misperceptions in the leadership of the countries," said an Indian Defence Ministry official. The two sides will discuss new confidence building measures along the 2,170-mile border and greater military exchanges in the talks between Chinese Defence Minister Cao Gangchuan and his Indian counterpart George Fernandes.

Cao reached India on Friday but official talks begin only from Monday, officials said.

New Delhi has repeatedly expressed concern about what it says are Chinese missile transfers to traditional ally Pakistan, a charge dismissed by both Islamabad and Beijing.

China in turn was incensed when New Delhi, citing regional threat perceptions, carried out underground nuclear explosions in May 1998. Pakistan answered India's tests with explosions of its own and since

then both have declared themselves nuclear weapon states.

"There are several contentious issues between India and China, which will not go away overnight," said

Srikanth Kondapalli, a China expert at New Delhi-based Institute for Defence Studies and Analyses. "Both realize you need top level political contacts."

MNA/Reuters



A boy joins staff, reflected in a child's mirror, in cleaning up debris after a rocket hit a building in the northern Iraq city of Mosul on 28 March, 2004.

INTERNET



## CONTINUING IRAQI GUERILLA ATTACKS INFLICT RISING US CASUALTY



A staff member cleans up debris after a rocket hit a building in the northern Iraq city of Mosul, on 28 March, 2004.

INTERNET

Iraqi youths throw stones at British Army soldiers as tires burn, during a violent protest in the southern Iraq city of Basra, on 29 March, 2004.

INTERNET



A US military vehicle burns after being hit in Mosul 370 kms north of Baghdad.—INTERNET



British soldiers take cover behind their anti-riot shield while unemployed Iraqi protestors try to calm down their comrades in Amara. A British security guard and a Canadian colleague were killed in a drive-by shooting in Iraq main northern city of Mosul, officials said.—INTERNET



Traffic avoids the scene of a drive-by shooting in Mosul, Iraq, on Sunday, 28 March, 2004.

INTERNET



US troops inspect the site of a roadside bomb that exploded in Baghdad, on Sunday, 28 March, 2004. Shrapnel from the explosion damaged a nearby building.—INTERNET

## Two New Hampshire soldiers injured in Iraq

CONCORD, 30 March—Two New Hampshire Army National Guardsmen were injured Sunday during a firefight in northern Iraq.

Sgt Jason Weaver, 30, of Franklin, was shot in the left leg, and Spec. Gerard Lamson, 26, of Ashland, suffered shrapnel wounds to both hands when their police patrol was attacked in Mosul.

The men were injured during a firefight with four guerrillas, whose vehicle they stopped because it matched the description of one used in an earlier drive-by shooting at US forces in the city, a military statement said.

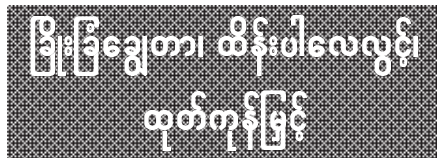
Earlier in the day, Weaver and Lamson were part of a three-vehicle patrol that had been fired upon by a passing truck.

When the patrol returned to the area of the attack later, the soldiers spotted what they believed to be the same truck approaching from the opposite direction. The patrol blocked the truck's route, ordered the guerrillas out of the truck, and killed the them when they began firing.

Inside the vehicle, soldiers found assault rifles, a rocket-propelled grenade launcher and other weapons. US and Iraqi security forces were investigating to see whether the guerrillas "were involved in any of the recent attacks against Iraqi government officials, Iraqi security forces or coalition soldiers," the statement said. Weaver and Lamson are members of the 2nd Battalion, 197th Field Artillery, Bravo Battery,

based in Plymouth. They are the third and fourth members of the New Hampshire Army National Guard stationed in Iraq to be injured in the last week by guerrillas.

On March 22, Sgt Douglas Stone, 38, of Antrim, was cut on his ear, and Spec. Joshua Nadeau, 24, of Vernon, Vt, received a minor concussion when their tractor trailer was hit by an explosion. They are members of the Hillsboro-based 744th Transportation Company.—Internet



## Gunmen kill three in attack on Iraq minister's convoy

MOSUL (Iraq), 30 March—Gunmen opened fire on a convoy carrying Iraq's Public Works Minister near the northern city of Mosul on Sunday, killing three bodyguards and wounding a fourth, police and hospital officials said.

They said Nesreen Barwari's convoy was attacked as she was returning to Mosul from a visit to the Kurdish provinces in northern Iraq. Barwari is a member of one of the main Kurdish political parties in Iraq.

Barwari was unhurt in the attack, police said.

In September last year, Akila al-Hashemi, one of three women in the 25-member Iraqi Governing Council, was assassinated by gunmen in Baghdad.—MNA/Xinhua

## Bomb blast wounds five civilians in Iraqi town

BAQUBA (Iraq), 30 March—A bomb near Baquba wounded three children on their way to school and two other civilians on Sunday, in an attack which appeared to be aimed at an Iraqi working for the US occupiers.

Insurgents have increasingly attacked people working with the US authorities in Iraq, as well as members of the fledgling Iraqi security forces who they also see as cooperating too closely with the occupiers.

The bomb in Buhriz, a few miles south of Baquba, exploded in front of the home on an Iraqi contractor, shattering windows and badly damaging a car. The contractor was not wounded in the blast.

"Someone saw a child throw a bag of some sort in front of his house. The explosion happened minutes later," police officer

Fadil Mahmud Muhammad said.

"Five people were wounded, including three children, a man and a woman. The house and a car were also damaged."

At the hospital in Baquba, 40 miles north of Baghdad, two girls and a boy lay in a stark ward, bandages on their limbs and heads, faces caked with blood.

They were on their way to school when they were caught in the blast. A man and a woman, relatives of the contractor, were also wounded.

MNA/Reuters

## Kerry urges Rice to testify publicly to 9/11 panel

KANSAS CITY (Missouri), 30 March — Prospective Democratic presidential nominee John Kerry challenged key White House adviser Condoleezza Rice on Saturday to testify publicly and under oath before a commission investigating the September 11, 2001, attacks.

Kerry accused White House of stonewalling the commission by keeping Rice off its public witness list, and of attempting "character assassination" against its own former counterterrorism chief, Richard Clarke. Clarke has sparked a political firestorm for President George Bush by questioning — most recently in televised testimony before the 9/11 commission — his commitment to fighting terror before hijacked planes hit the World Trade Center and the Pentagon and killed more than 3,000 people.

Rice, Bush's national security adviser and once Clarke's White House supervisor, has led furious administration denials of the

charges in various televised appearances and wants to appear before the investigative commission in private session.

Kerry, the Massachusetts senator cruising toward his party's White House nomination this summer, joined a chorus of Democrats arguing that that is not good enough.

"We're talking about the security of our country ... and the answer is, profoundly, yes, she should (testify)," he told reporters during a campaign stop in Kansas City.

Noting that Rice planned an appearance Sunday night on CBS' "60 Minutes" programme, the same forum Clarke used to attack Bush last weekend, Kerry added:

MNA/Reuters



An Iraqi man throws stones at British Army soldiers as tires burn at rear, during a violent protest in the southern Iraq city of Basra, on 29 March, 2004. — INTERNET

## US administration bans Iraqi newspaper

BAGHDAD, 30 March—Iraq's US-led administration on Sunday shut down a newspaper that is a mouthpiece for radical Shiite cleric Moqtada Sadr, accusing it of publishing articles that incite violence against American troops.

Ali Yasseri, editor of the weekly *al-Hawza* newspaper, said dozens of US troops padlocked the newspaper's offices after ordering staff to leave.

"They told us they would arrest us if we did not leave. They said our articles incite people against America," Yasseri told Reuters outside the newspaper offices.

US soldiers handed him a letter from US civil administrator Paul Bremer, citing a breach of an order issued last year that bans incitement to violence.

"These false articles not only mislead readers but constitute a real threat of violence against coalition forces and Iraqi citizens who cooperate with the coalition in the reconstruction of Iraq," a letter signed by Bremer said.

The letter referred to a series of articles it said had incited hatred, including an editorial entitled "Bremer follows the steps of Saddam". "This is a violation of our rights," Yasseri said. Hundreds of Shiites later gathered in Baghdad to protest against the ban on the newspaper.

Last July, the US-led administration closed down another newspaper for inciting violence. The Arabic-language satellite television news channels Al Jazeera and Al Arabiya have also faced sanctions from the administration and the Iraqi Governing Council for allegedly violating the law. Sadr, a young and radical Shiite cleric, has often spoken out against the US occupation, in contrast to many other Shiite groups that have sought to work with occupying forces. — MNA/Reuters

## Zanzibar calls for UN support in economic development

DAR-ES-SALAAM, 30 March—Zanzibar's Chief Minister Shamsi Vuai Nahodha asked the United Nations Sunday to render more support to the island's social and economic development.

Nahodha asked the world body to extend its positive involvement to human resources development, foreign direct investment promotion as well as the communications technologies, in an inauguration ceremony of the UN sub-office in Zanzibar.

Nahodha said Zanzibar, as a poor island, needs the UN support in evaluating and coordinating its projects and programmes more effectively and efficiently.

In order to embrace globalization,

Zanzibar has to sharpen its technical capacity and market competitiveness, he added.

The UN support to Zanzibar at present involves the sectors of water, health, education, infrastructure development and good governance.

Mark Malloch Brown, the administrator of the United Nations Development Programme, said the United Nations will continue to help Zanzibar in solving its economic problems. — MNA/Xinhua



British Army soldiers move in to detain an Iraqi man during a violent protest in the southern Iraq city of Basra on 29 March, 2004. — INTERNET



## The heart-shaped mountain lake of Chin State

May Chin (Haka)



Reed Lake is heart-shaped. It always captivates the hearts of the people along with its many natural beauties.

The Union of Myanmar formed with 14 states and divisions is home to over 100 national races. As the national races have their own values, traditions and cultures and customs, so also have the states and divisions the significant beauties.

When we talk about Chin State, it is the heart-shaped mountain lake that always captivates the hearts of the people along with its many natural beauties. It is known as the Reed Lake. For certain reasons, even most of the Chin people did not know its existence, let alone visiting it in the past. But now, thanks to the media including the TV Myanmar, Myawady TV and the dailies, giving education, information and entertainment to the people, not only Myanmar, but also the world nations have come to know about it to a certain degree.

Lying on an elevation, rising 2,966 feet above the sea level, in northern Chin State, the lake is nearly nine square miles wide. It is located three furlongs south of Reedkodarl Village, and only a mile from India-Myanmar border, in an area 64 miles northwest of Falam. According to the survey record of the Falam Township Office of the Settlements and Land Records Department, compiled on 21 February 1997, it is 3,432 feet long from north to south and 1,584 feet wide from east to west. The 50-foot deep lake has a 2.2 miles long bank.

Its shape resembles that of a human heart when viewed from the south and north. But the view from east or west shows that its shape is like that of a lablab bean. The willows growing all along its bank are serving as its fence. Beyond the willows are the cultivation fields with forested mountains in the background surrounding the lake. In the blue waters of the lake swim a number of fish species including ngakohnma (*Barbus spp*), ngalamwe and ngagyin (a kind of Asian carp), and for various species of wild water birds, the lake is an ideal place for them to find food and shelter. In summer, the temperature of the lake area is high as those in the plains, but in winter the temperatures fall to 4 degrees centigrade.

A strange legend has it that the wild beasts came to the lake to drown themselves in it when their final day has arrived. The waters in the lake are crystal clear all the year round. Even in the rainy season when a large volume of muddy water flows into it from its banks, the waters are still clear. Every year, roundabout 20 December, its waters begin to turn muddy from the banks to the centre till the whole surface become reddish. But starting from 1 January, its waters begin clear again beginning from the surface near the banks to the centre. According to the folk belief, it is the act of the guardian spirit of the lake. The waters become more muddy in the years when temperatures fall below normal. But it is less muddy in the years with mild winter.

Reedkodarl Village has been upgraded into a township since July 2002, and it now has the characteristics of a modern town. The township has two wards and six village-tracts comprising 15 villages. The first village was set up in the period between AD 1500-1600, and was deserted in 1750. It was set up for the second time in 1942 at the present place. Its present population is 4,219. The town has now 672 houses and government offices. The town grows rice, corn, sesamum and sunflower.

Its people also raise buffalo, cattle and domesticated wild ox, horse, goat and poultry. Passenger buses are running on Reedkodarl-Haimhwa-Tiddim-Kale Road and Reedkodarl-Falam Road.

The town has one high school and 15 primary schools. One station hospital and three rural health centres are looking after the health of the locals. Reedkodarl borders Mizoram State in India by a stream on which is a bridge linking the two countries. Besides, Indians are keen to visit the lake. Thus, if hotels, tour services, trade centres and border trade can be set up in the Reedkodarl, it will become a developing border town earning foreign exchange for the nation. Moreover, the lake and its wonders will be popular among the world nations.

(Translation: TMT)

### Minister for Foreign Affairs leaves for ROK

YANGON, 30 March — Chairman of the National Commission for Environmental Affairs Minister for Foreign Affairs U Win Aung, accompanied by Director-General of the Political Department Secretary of the Commission U Thauung Tun, left here by air for the Republic of Korea on 27 March to attend the 8th Special Session of the Governing Council / Global Ministerial Environmental Forum of the UN Environment Programme to be held from 29 March to 1 April.

They were seen off at the Yangon International Airport by Deputy Resident Representative of the UNDP Ms Akiko Suzuki, Korean Military Attache Mr Park Joon-Yong and departmental heads and officials of the ministry.

MNA



Minister for Foreign Affairs U Win Aung being seen off at the Yangon International Airport. — MNA

### 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

### 59th Anniversary Armed Forces Day Exhibition

Defence Services Museum  
on Shwedagon Pagoda Road, Yangon.  
26-3-2004 to 4-4-2004 (Free admission)



Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan presents a prize to a winner at the 9th Anniversary of Myawady television and the anniversary celebration of Myawady Literature House.  
(News on page 16). — MNA

## Only when projects are...

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Transport Maj-Gen Hla Myint Swe, on airport projects; Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs Brig-Gen Thein Zaw, on installation of auto phone lines, GSM and cellular systems and communication networks; Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lun Thi, on oil and gas drilling and production contracts and No 4 Chemical Fertilizer Project; Minister for Electric Power Maj-Gen Tin Htut, on Shwekyin Hydel Power Project and Kengtawng Hydel Power Project; and Minister for Rail Transportation Maj-Gen Aung Min, on railroad construction projects, railroad upgrading projects, Parami Overpass Project and city circular railroad extension project.

After giving guidance, Senior General Than Shwe gave the concluding remarks, saying that attention will have to be paid to speedy implementation of the projects at the least cost. Of the projects, the power projects play a key role in developing the nation. Thus, priority should be given to earlier completion of the projects. The existing railroads are to be upgraded in accord with the projects to

facilitate freight and passenger transport. The meeting ended in the evening.

Of the projects of the ID, Salingyi Dam is being built on Salingyi Creek west of Sagaing in Sagaing Division. The earth dam will irrigate 600 acres of land. Another earth dam, Thebyu Dam, is being built on Thebyu Creek northwest of Yebyayoe Village, Lewe Township, Mandalay Division. It will irrigate 1,200 acres of land.

Kayan Sluice Gate is being built near old Chaungwa Village in Thanlyin Township, Yangon Division, to prevent inundation of crop fields in the northeast of the town during the monsoons and to supply extra water to the crops during the summer.

The sluice gate will include 40 six-foot by 16-foot vaults. The facility will benefit 30,000 acres of crop fields.

Ngathayauk Dam being built on Chaungmagyi Creek, three miles north west of Ngathayauk Village in NyaungU Township, Mandalay Division will supply water to 2,000 acres of farmlands and it is also a support dam to river water pumping project in Letpancheypaw region.

Water Resources Utilization Department will implement Pyawtywa river water pumping project near

Muwaywahtaung Village in Myinmu Township, Sagaing Division and the project will irrigate 5,000 acres of cultivable lands. Hsintat river water pumping project will be implemented in Hsintat Village, 10 miles west of Sagaing and it will irrigate 6,500 acres of lands.

Nonpot river water pumping project which will irrigate 8,000 acres of lands will be undertaken in Nonpot Village in Pakokku Township in Magway Division.

Kiyiwa river water pumping project will be undertaken in the place between Shwetanttip and Medawhla Pagoda in Pakokku Township, Magway Division and it will irrigate 5,000 acres of lands.

Hsintat, Nonpot and Kiyiwa river water pumping projects will utilize water from Ayeyawady River.

Kyonzok river water pumping project will be undertaken in Kyonzok Village, in Maubin Township, Ayeyawady Division and it will irrigate 9,000 acres of farmlands. The project will utilize water from Kyaiklat River (Pantaput River).

Myitkyo river water pumping project will be undertaken in Myitkyo Village in Myanaung Township, (See page 9)



Minister Maj-Gen Nyunt Tin presents a report. — MNA



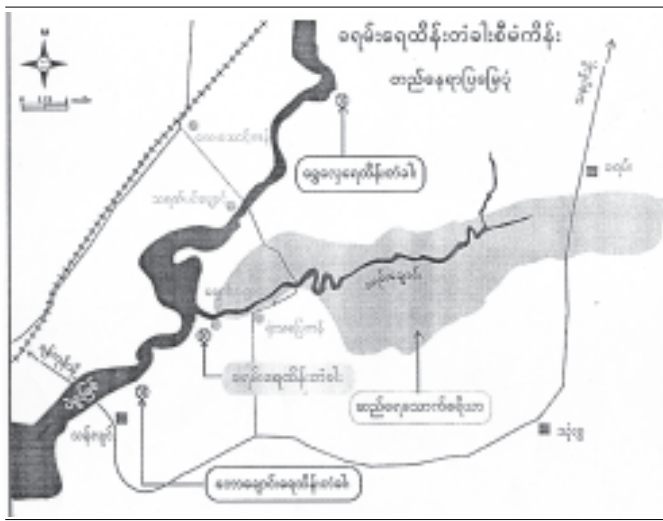
Minister U Aung Thaung presents a report. — MNA



Minister Maj-Gen Saw Lwin presents a report. — MNA



The map of Salingyi Dam Project. — MNA



The map of Kayan Sluice Gate Project. — MNA



The map of Ngathayauk Dam Project. — MNA



The map of Thebyu Dam Project. — MNA



## Only when projects are...

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Ayeyawady Division and it will irrigate about 22,000 acres of land.

Yaungpyitkwin (Daka) river water pumping project will be undertaken in Kanyinkauk Village in Kyaunggon Township, Ayeyawady Division and it will irrigate 9,000 acres of land.

Tarana river water pumping project that will utilize water from Gyaing River will be undertaken in Tarana Village in Kyaikmaraw Township, Mon state and it will irrigate 5,000 acres of land.

The Ministry of Industry-1 will build factories. Myanma Foodstuff Industries is implementing maize product factory (Yanpe) near Paratkyai Village in Taungdwingyi Township in Magway Division. The factory will produce maize oil, starch powder and feedstuff.

Myanmar Ceramics Industries is building fire bricks project (Kyaukse) in Kyaukse Township.

Bicycle factory (Yangon) of Myanmar General and Maintenance Industries in Mingala Taungnyunt Township is now manufacturing carrier bicycles in addition to those for men and ladies.

Myanma General and Maintenance Industries built shoe factory (Kyaukse) in Kyaukse Township. The factory was opened on 11-4-2002 and it produces slippers.

Myanmar Pharmaceutical Industries implemented special medicine production project-1 and 2 in Myanmar Pharmaceutical Factory compound and produces anti-malarial drugs. Myanmar Pharmaceutical Industries also implemented PP Woven Bag factory (Kyaukse) project. The factory produces nine million of cement bags per year and it produced 1.3 million of cement bags.

Myanma Automobile and Diesel Engine Industries of the Ministry of Industry-2 will implement multiple diesel engine factory project in Yedashe Township, Bago Division. It will manufacture from 250 HP engines to 800 HP engines.

Myanmar Machine Tool and Electrical Industries will build electric motor factory that can manufacture single and three phase motors in Indagaw industrial zone in Bago Township.

Myanma Machine Tool and Electrical Industries will construct electrical appliances factory for motor vehicles in Indagaw industrial zone. The factory will produce starter motor, alternator, ignition coil and electronic fuel pump. The Ministry of Construction will upgrade 50 miles and four furlongs bypass road to all-weather tar road in Myeik.

The 44 miles and seven furlongs An-Padekyaw-Maei Road will be upgraded to all-weather tarred road that leads to Kyaukphyu, Minbu, Magway and other regions, Sittway, MraukU, Kyauktaw in northern Rakhine State and Taungup, Thandwe and Gwa.

Meiktila-Taunggyi-Kengtung-Tachilek Union Highway is a major road linking Mandalay Division in central Myanmar and southern and eastern Shan State.

Meiktila-Taunggyi-Kengtung road section of Union Highway is being upgraded into a 24 feet wide tarred road.

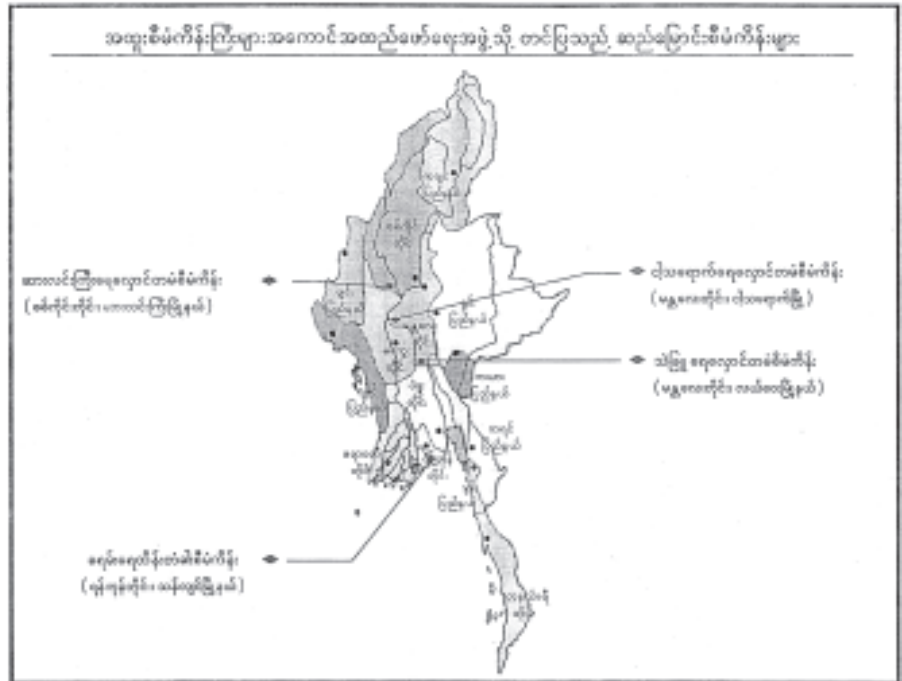
The Public Works of the Ministry of Construction is also building bridges. The bridges under construction are Uru river-crossing bridge on Thetkaikyin-Phaungpyin-Homalin-Hkamti motor road, Pani creek-crossing Shwechaung bridge on Mindon-Padan road section of Patheingyi-Monywa motor road, Myitnge river-crossing bridge at the entrance to Mandalay on Yangon-Mandalay motor road, Thazintpauk bridge and Thanthamagyi bridge on Yangon-Kyaukphyu motor road, and Ngawun river-crossing Patheingyi bridge and Pyapon river-crossing Pyapon bridge in Pyapon township on Patheingyi-Shwemyintin-Wayachaung motor road. Preliminary engineering works are under way to construct Ngamoyeik bridge (Kamakyi) and Shweli bridge (Namhkam).

Bridges to be built are Bwetyi Creek bridge on Pyay-Aungmye road section of Yangon-Pyay-Mandalay Highway, Sittaung bridge (Moppalin) on Yangon-Mawlamyine-Myeik motor road, and Ngawun river-crossing Ngawun bridge (Myokwin) on Hinthada-Ingapu road section.

The Ministry of Transport is also taking measures for construction, extension and repair of runways so that Fokker F 27, Fokker F 28 and Boeing 737-400 airbus can land and take off safely. Of the projects, the construction of Homalin airport, Monywa airport and Magway airport, and the extension of Patheingyi airport, Heho airport and Myeik airport were completed.

The projects under implementation are the construction of Hkamti airport and Lashio airport, and the extension of Bhamo airport, Kengtung airport, NyaungU airport and Yangon International Airport.

Arrangements are being made to extend Anisakhan



The map showing the projects reported at the Special Projects Implementation Committee meeting. — MNA



Minister Maj-Gen Hla Myint Swe reports on airport projects. — MNA



Minister Brig-Gen Thein Zaw reports on building a communication network. — MNA



Minister Maj-Gen Lun Thi reports on oil exploration contract and fertilizer factory project. — MNA



Minister Maj-Gen Aung Min reports on railroad extension projects. — MNA

airport in PyinOolwin township, Mandalay Division.

The Ministry of Energy will construct No 4 Cement Plant that will include two ammonia plants with a capacity of 325 tons per day and two urea plants with a capacity of 500 tons per day in Taikkyi township, Yangon Division.

The Ministry of Electric Power is implementing Shwekyin hydel power station project on Shwegyin creek near Kyauknaga village, six miles northeast of Shwegyin, Bago Division. On completion, the project will generate 75 megawatts of electricity.

Moreover, Kengtawng hydel power station project is also being implemented near Kengtawng waterfalls on Namtein creek, 31 miles east of Mongnai, Loilem district, Shan State (South). On completion, the project will generate 54 megawatts of electricity.

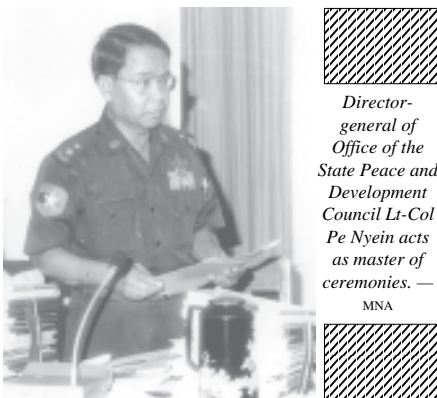
The projects being implemented by Myanmar Railways of the Ministry of Rail Transportation are 26 miles long Kyaw-Yemyetni railroad section of Pakokku-Gangaw-Kalay railroad construction project, 103 miles long Hsaikkhaung-Namsan railroad section of Shwenyau-Namsan railroad construction project, and 385.50 miles long Yangon-Mandalay railroad upgrading project. The projects to be launched by MR are 742.3 feet long Parami overpass in Yangon Division, 142 miles long Kyitaungkan-Mytitnge railroad section of Yangon-Mandalay railroad, and 5.06 miles long Togyaungkale-Dagon University railroad of Yangon circular railroad construction project. Myanmar Railways will also upgrade Yangon-Nyaunglaybin railroad section. On completion of the project, the trains will travel at 80 kilometers (48 miles) per hour. — MNA



Minister for Construction Maj-Gen Saw Tun reports matters on implementation of road & bridge construction projects. — MNA



Minister for Electric Power Maj-Gen Tin Htut reports matters on implementation of hydel-power projects. — MNA



Director-general of Office of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Col Pe Nyein acts as master of ceremonies. — MNA

## တကောင်းမြို့၊ ရှေးဟောင်းလေးမျက်နှာတစ်ခုကို ပြန်လည်ပြုပြင်တည်ဆောက်ရာတွင် ကုသိုလ်ယူ ပါဝင်လှူဒါန်းနိုင်

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## Bridge, briefing hall, tower ...

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Speaking on the occasion, the commander explained that Yangon Division Agriculture and Livestock Breeding Special Zone was set up in line with the guidance of the Head of State to enable the people of Yangon to get sufficient fresh vegetables, meat and fish. He also said that Yangon Division Peace and Development Council is giving supervision to the success of the special zone by dividing it into three zones after forming the supervisory committee.

Later, the chairman of the supervisory committee presented reports to the commander on agriculture and poultry work being carried out at the special zone.

Next, U Kyaw Naing Oo handed over documents related to the briefing hall and observation tower to the chairman of the supervisory committee. On the occasion, U Kyaw Naing Oo presented K 29.7 million for construction of the briefing hall and the tower to the commander, who gave a certificate of honour to the wellwisher.

After inspecting the briefing hall and the tower, the commander and party oversaw tasks being carried out at the zone-2 for the cultivation of vegetables and the undertaking of livestock breeding. The commander and party proceeded to Bawlekyun in Htantabin township. They inspected the preparatory work to grow paddy with the use of water from Gyogon hydel-power station near Kyweku village. Next, the commander gave instructions on cultivation of paddy on a broader scale as double cropping in the rainy season. The commander and party also attended a ceremony to open Tawlati-Klawthaw road and bridges in Taikkyi township in honour of the 59th Anniversary Armed Forces Day. On the occasion, the commander explained the five rural development tasks.

Next, Deputy Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Col Tin Ngwe also explained measures taken by the ministry to narrow the development gap between the urban area and rural area. A local spoke words of thanks for construction of the road and bridges. Later, an official presented commemorative pennants to mark the opening ceremony to Maj-Gen Myint Swe, Col Tin Ngwe, Brig-Gen Htein Win of Taikkyi Station, Brig-Gen Kyaw Thu of Phugyi Station and Commander of No 1 Military Region Col Tun Kyi. Maj-Gen Myint Swe, Col Tin Ngwe and Brig-Gen Htein Win formally opened the road and bridges on it. Tawlati-Klawthaw road is 9 miles and 4 furlongs long and 12 feet wide. Afterwards, the commander and party inspected round the thriving condition of summer paddy and gave instructions to officials. The commander also attended to the requirements. — MNA

## Gems special sale in June

YANGON, 30 March — Myanmar Gems Enterprise of the Ministry of Mines is making arrangements for a special gems sale to be held at Myanmar Gems Mart from 26 June to 3 July. The 41st Myanmar Gems Exhibition held in March realized over 18.5 million euros as more than 630 local and foreign gem merchants visited the exhibition and bought gems and precious stones of fine quality sold at coordinated prices. National gem entrepreneurs, companies and enterprises are to get in touch with the price coordination committees formed by MGE so that their items will be able to be put on sale through competitive bidding at the exhibition in June and floor prices fixed. Therefore, those wishing to have their jewels sold at the exhibition are to the officials concerned of MGE within the period from 1 May to 1 June. — MNA

## Water-throwing pandals need to apply permit

YANGON, 30 March — Permit must be obtained from the Engineering Department (Water & Sewerage) of the Yangon City Development Committee not later than 12 noon on 9 April for use of water from YCDC-owned pipes, Inya Lake and Kandawgyi Lake.

When applying, the approval of the administrative officer of the township development affairs committee concerned and the in-charge of the township department (water & sewerage) must be included in the specific

application form, which should be attached with the pavilion construction permit from Engineering Department (Roads & Bridges).

Those who tap water from YCDC-owned pipes, Inya Lake, Kandawgyi Lake and other tube-wells without permission will be dealt with according to law. — MNA



Minister Maj-Gen Kyi Aung accepts cash donation from a wellwisher. — MNA

## Cash donated for renovation of ancient pagoda

YANGON, 30 March — A ceremony to present cash donations for renovation of ancient Laymyethna Pagoda in Tagaung, Mandalay Division was held at the Ministry of Culture on Kaba Aye Pagoda Road here this afternoon. Present on the occasion were Minister for Culture Maj-Gen Kyi Aung, Deputy Minister for Culture Brig-Gen Soe Win Maung, Director-General of Department of Cultural Institute U Myint Thein Swe, Director-General of Archaeological Department U Nyunt Han, Rector of Yangon University of Culture U Tin Soe, Head of

Office of the Ministry of Culture Major Htay Hlaing, departmental officials, well-wishers and others.

Minister Maj-Gen Kyi Aung accepted K 1.4 million—K 1 million by President of Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry U Win Myint; K 200,000 by General Manager U Sein Win, on behalf of Managing Director U Zaw Min of Mingalar Garden Hotel and K 200,000 by Secretary U Kyee Sein of Chinese Merchants Association and spoke words of thanks, and the ceremony ended. MNA



Minister Maj-Gen Sein Htwa receives Mr Sadaaki Tachi Ki. — MNA

## Minister Maj-Gen Sein Htwa receives Japanese guests

YANGON, 30 March — Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Maj-Gen Sein Htwa received Chairman of Kyo Shin Co Ltd Mr Sadaaki Tachi Ki and party at his office this afternoon.

Mr Sadaaki Tachi Ki has made cash donations to the Mandalay School for the Deaf and Dumb for five years in a row.

Also present at the call were Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Myint, Officer on Special Duty Brig-Gen Thura Sein Thau, Director-General of the Social Welfare Department U Sit Myaing, Head of Office U Maung Pi and Director of the Social Welfare Department U Bo Than. The wellwisher presented his donation of

US\$ 39,600 for construction of the main building of the school to Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Myint yesterday morning.

Present on the occasion were Mandalay Mayor Brig-Gen Yan Thein, Deputy Commander of Central Command Brig-Gen Nay Win, Director-General U Sit Myaing and officials. The deputy minister gave a speech. Next, Mr Sadaaki Tachi Ki explained the purpose of donation. The deputy minister presented a certificate of honour to the wellwisher. After that, the deputy minister and wellwishers visited the students studying at the school and viewed the construction of the main building. — MNA

## Renewal of fish/prawn farming licences

YANGON, 31 March — Licences for fish/prawn farming, fish/prawn hatchery and ornamental fish breeding businesses are to be renewed for 2004, within the 30-day period starting from the expiry date, at the respective district or township offices of the Fisheries Department. Any person desirous of starting to run a fish, prawn or aquarium fish breeding or hatching business may apply for licence at the respective district/township offices of the department. Effective action will be taken against anyone found running the business without licence. — MNA





Patron of Myanmar Football Federation Maj-Gen Kyaw Win delivers a speech at the meeting to compile facts for documentary book on Myanmar football history. — MNA

### Meeting on compiling Myanmar football history held

YANGON, 30 March — A meeting to compile facts for a documentary book on Myanmar football history was held between sports writers and veteran footballers at Theinbyu Tennis Court here this evening. It was attended by Patron of Myanmar Football Federation Maj-Gen Kyaw Win, officials of the Ministry of Sports, officials of MFF and guests.

First, Dr Than Htut Aung of First Eleven Journal reported progress on compiling facts for the book. Khin Maung Htwe (Pyinmana) explained efforts to be made for compiling facts on Myanmar football history.

Next, Patron of Myanmar Football Federation Maj-Gen Kyaw Win made a speech. Veteran wriets and footballers are to give suggestions for ensuring the book to be a fine one, he said. He continued to say that necessary assistance will also be rendered. All-round discussions were then held. — MNA

### Nursery Market Festival continues

YANGON, 30 March — 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 be interested in agriculture, horticulture, livestock breeding and vegetable farming.

Kitchen crops, fruits and saplings of herbal plants are being shown at the festival. Poultry farming and fish breeding are also exhibited there.

Booklets and pamphlets on utilization of natural and chemical fertilizers, modern scientific cultivation methods, pest control, application of insecticides, etc are available at the Nursery Market Festival.

Educative books on landscaping, floral arrangements, nurturing of shady trees and flowering plants can also be bought there. — MNA

### ကျန်းမာပျော်ရွှင် ဘဝတစ်ခွင်

ကျန်းမာခြင်းဆိုသည်မှာ ရောဂါဘယကင်းရှင်းမှု သာမက ကိုယ်၏ ကျန်းမာကြံ့ခိုင်ခြင်း၊ စိတ်ချမ်းသာခြင်းနှင့် လူမှုရေးသုခ ပြည့်ဝခြင်းကိုဆိုသည်။

ဘဝတစ်ခွင် ကျန်းမာပျော်ရွှင်စေရန် အောက်ပါအတိုင်း လိုက်နာဆောင်ရွက်ပါ။

- (၁) တစ်ကိုယ်ရည်သန့်ရှင်းမှုကိုဆောင်ရွက်ပါ။
- (၂) အန္တရာယ်ကင်း၍ အာဟာရပြည့်ဝသော အစားအသောက်များကို စားသုံးပါ။
- (၃) ပိုမိုစွမ်းဆောင်ရည်ရှိသော သန့်ရှင်းသောရေကို သောက်သုံးပါ။
- (၄) ရာသီဥတုနှင့်လိုက်လျောညီထွေစွာ ဝတ်စားဆင်ယင်နေထိုင်ပါ။
- (၅) အသက်အရွယ်နှင့်လိုက်လျောညီထွေရှိသည့် သင့်တော်မျှတသော ကိုယ်လက်လှုပ်ရှားမှုကို မှန်မှန်ဆောင်ရွက်ပါ။
- (၆) နေ့စဉ်လုပ်ငန်းဆောင်တာများ ဆောင်ရွက်ခြင်းကြောင့် ပင်ပန်းနွမ်းနယ်မှုကိုပြေပျောက်စေရန် အနားယူပါ။
- (၇) ခြင်္သေ့ရယ်မှကကွယ်ရန် ခြင်္သေ့ခြင်္သေ့အိပ်ပါ။
- (၈) ကျန်းမာရေးနှင့်ညီညွတ်သော ယဉ်ကျေးမှုသဘောတရားကို စွဲပါ။
- (၉) အရက်သောက်ခြင်း၊ ဆေးလိပ်ဆေးရွက် သောက်သုံးခြင်း၊ ကွမ်းစားခြင်းတို့ကိုရှောင်ကြဉ်ပါ။
- (၁၀) မူးယစ်ဆေးဝါးနှင့် စိတ်ကိုပြောင်းလဲစေသည့် ဆေးဝါးများ သုံးစွဲခြင်းကို ရှောင်ကြဉ်ပါ။
- (၁၁) အပျော်အပါးလိုက်စားခြင်းကို ရှောင်ကြဉ်ပါ။
- (၁၂) ရေ၊ မြေ၊ လေ သဘာဝပတ်ဝန်းကျင်နှင့် နေထိုင်မှု၊ အသက်မွေးမှုပတ်ဝန်းကျင်တို့အား ညစ်ညမ်းစေသည့် အပြုအမူများကို ရှောင်ကြဉ်ပါ။

ကျန်းမာရေးဝန်ကြီးဌာန

### Wellwishers invited for sinking tube-wells

YANGON, 30 March— The Development Affairs Committees under the Ministry for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs are making concerted efforts in sinking tube-wells in order to get sufficient fresh water in rural areas in States and Divisions where water is scarce.

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

Those wishing to donate cash for the tube-well sinking projects for rural areas may contact the Director-General (Tel: 01-245420 & 253088), the Deputy Director-General (Tel: 01-240118), the Director (Engineering) (Tel: 01-291967), the Directors (Sagaing Division Development Affairs Committee) (Tel: 071-21012), the Director (Magway Division Development Affairs Committee) (Tel: 063-23164) and the Director (Mandalay Development Affairs Committee) (Tel: 02-54657). — MNA

### Rumsfeld counters criticism that Bush administration ignored terror threat

WASHINGTON, 30 March — US Defence Secretary Donald Rumsfeld defended the Bush Administration's handling of terrorist threats on Sunday arguing that it was not possible to "stop every terrorist attack".

Terrorists could attack at any time at any place, and "it means that you can't stop every terrorist attack", Rumsfeld said at "Fox News Sunday".

Arguing that Iraq was not a distraction for the Bush Administration in the days before and after the September 11 attacks, Rumsfeld said the US forces struck Afghanistan, not Iraq, after the attacks.

"If one looks at what was done, we went to Afghanistan, we didn't go to Iraq," Rumsfeld said at ABC's "This Week".

"It was a highly successful effort... It wasn't Iraq. It was Afghanistan," he added.

Former White House counterterrorism adviser Richard Clarke testified before the independent commission investigating the September 11 attacks last week that the Bush Administration did not take the terrorist threat seriously enough. He claimed that the administration had undermined the fight against terror by launching an "unnecessary" war in Iraq.

The White House started a counterattack against Clarke after he had the testimony and got his book critical of Bush on sale last week.

MNA/Xinhua

### Powell says US troubled by assassination of Hamas leader

WASHINGTON, 30 March — US Secretary of State Colin Powell said Sunday that the United States was troubled by Israel's assassination of Hamas spiritual leader Sheikh Ahmed Yassin because there will be consequences out of such actions. "We were troubled by this assassination, because we are concerned about the consequences of the assassination," Powell said in an interview with CBS's "Face The Nation" programme.

The secretary urged Israelis and Palestinians to end the cycle of violence but put the onus on the Palestinians to fight terror. "We have said to both parties this is a time to end this cycle — people don't like to say it's a cycle, but I'm afraid that's what it is. It's time to end this," he said. — MNA/Xinhua

### အရက်ကြောင့်ဖြစ်သည့် ရောဂါများ

အရက်ကိုလွန်ကျွံစား၍ ခွဲလမ်းစွာသောက်သုံးခြင်းကြောင့် ဖြစ်ပွားတတ်သော ရောဂါများမှာ အသည်းရောင်ခြင်း၊ အသည်းခြောက်ခြင်း၊ သွေးအန်ခြင်း၊ အစာအိမ်ရောင်ခြင်း၊ နှလုံးရောင်ခြင်း၊ ဦးနှောက်နှင့်အာရုံကြော ထိခိုက်ခြင်း၊ စိတ်ရောဂါ များဖြစ်ခြင်း စသည်တို့ဖြစ်ပါသည်။

အရက်ကြောင့်ဖြစ်တတ်သော စိတ်ရောဂါများမှာ —  
၁။ ကယောင့်ကတမ်းဖြစ်ခြင်း (Delirium Tremors)၊ ကြောက်လန့်ခြင်း၊ အချိန်၊ နာရီ၊ နေရာ၊ လူ ခန့်မှန်းနိုင်စွမ်း မရှိခြင်း၊ ကြောက်စရာလန့်စရာများမြင်ရခြင်း၊ အသံဗလများ ကြားရခြင်း၊ ပိုမိုများများ နွှော့ကိုင်ပေါ် ရုစိစွစိ သွားသလို ခံစားရခြင်း၊ လက်တုန်ရောဂါဖြစ်တတ်ခြင်း။

၂။ အရက်အလွန်အကျွံသောက်သည့်အခါတွင် လူမရှိပဲ နားထဲတွင် ခေါ်သံများ၊ ခြိမ်းခြောက်သံများ၊ ခော်ကားခော်ကားသံများ ကြားနေရတတ်ခြင်း (Alcoholic Hallucinoses)၊

၃။ အတက်ကြွ ရောဂါဖြစ်တတ်ခြင်း (Rum Fits)

(ဝတ်ရုံဖြင့် ရောဂါ ကဲ့သို့တတ်ခြင်း)။

၄။ စိတ်ဓာတ်ကျရောဂါဖြစ်တတ်ခြင်း (Depressive Illness)။

၅။ စိတ်ဖောက်ပြန်ခြင်း (Alcoholic Psychosis)။

၆။ ဦးနှောက်ချို့ယွင်းခြင်း။

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

၈။ မိမိ၏ ဇနီးကို အထင်အမြင်လွဲမှားခြင်းများ ဖြစ်တတ်ခြင်း (Morbid Jealousy)။

၉။ အရက်ကြောင့် ရာဇဝတ်မှု ကျူးလွန်သည့်အထိဖြစ်နိုင်ခြင်း။

အထက်ပါဆိုကျိုးများကို မခံစားရစေရန် အရက်သောက် သုံးခြင်း၊ အထူးသဖြင့် အလွန်အကျွံသောက်သုံးခြင်း၊ အရက်ကို ခွဲလမ်းစွာသောက်သုံးခြင်းတို့မှ ရှောင်ကြဉ်ရန်တိုက်တွန်း အပ်ပါသည်။ အရက်စွဲရောဂါဖြစ်ပွားပါက စိတ်ကျန်းမာရေး ဆေးရုံနှင့် ကုသရေး ဌာနများတွင် စနစ်တကျ ကုသမှုခံယူရန် အသိပေးနှိုးဆော် အပ်ပါသည်။

ကျန်းမာရေးဝန်ကြီးဌာန

### “သတိပေးနှိုးဆော်ချက်”

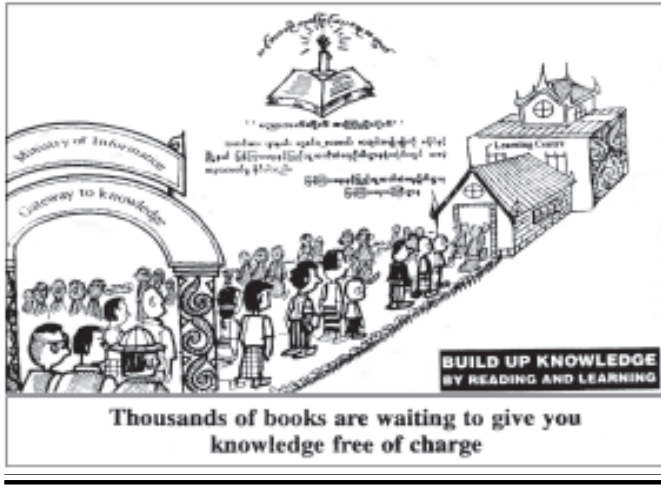
ခရီးသည်တင် မော်တော်ယာဉ်များအား မြို့တွင်းသို့ နေ့/ည ခရီးသည် ပို့ဆောင်နိုင်ရေးအတွက် သတ်မှတ်ခေါ်ဝေါ်ရန်အညီ စက်သုံးဆီ ထုတ်ပေး ထားပြီးဖြစ်ပါသည်။ ယာဉ်စီးဓမ္မာအားလည်း သတ်မှတ်နှုန်းထားများ အတိုင်းတောင်းခံရန် ညွှန်ကြားထားရှိပါသည်။ သို့ရာတွင် အချို့ယာဉ်လိုင်းများမှ ယာဉ်မောင်းနှင့် ယာဉ်နောက်လိုက် တို့သည် ယာဉ်စီးဓမ္မာကို ညှဉ်းတွင်းပိုမိုတောင်းယူနေကြောင်း သိရပါသည်။ ထိုသို့ပိုမိုတောင်းခံပါက ထိရောက်စွာအရေးယူနိုင်ရန် အောက်ပါနည်းလမ်းများ သို့တိုင်ကြားနိုင်ပါသည်။

- (၁) မြန်မာနိုင်ငံလုံခြုံရေး၊ ရန်ကုန်တိုင်း (ဖုန်း ၁၉၉)
- (၂) ကြီးမားကြီးမားနှင့်ယာဉ်ထိန်းတပ်ဖွဲ့မှူးရုံး (ဖုန်း ၂၉၁၂၈၅/၂၉၁၂၈၄)
- (၃) မော်တော်ယာဉ်လုပ်ငန်းပေါင်းစုံထိန်းသိမ်းရေးကော်မတီ

(ဖုန်း ၅၄၁၉၀၇/၅၄၁၉၀၄)

ယာဉ်စည်းကမ်းထိန်းသိမ်းရေးကြပ်မက်မှုဓာတ်

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### UAE's Dolphin Energy names Italian firm to install pipeline

ABU DHABI, 30 March — Dolphin Energy Limited (DEL) of the United Arab Emirates (UAE) has chosen an Italian company to install a natural gas export pipeline between Qatar and the UAE, the official WAM news agency reported Sunday.

Saipem SPA of Milan, Italy, is the successful bidder for Dolphin's 350-million-dollar project to install the 370-kilometre, 48-inch line, the report said.

To construct the Export Pipeline, some 440,000 tons of steel pipes will be manufactured in Japan and shipped to the Gulf. They will then be coated and laid in a continuous process by Saipem up to a maximum depth of 50 metres. On completion in 2006, the pipeline will transport natural gas from Dolphin Energy's processing plant in Qatar's Ras Laffan Industrial City to landfall at Taweelah in the UAE Emirate of Abu Dhabi.

Ahmed Ali Al Sayegh, DEL's CEO, said that the deal represented an important milestone in the development of the project.

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### Chinese leading industrial base opens three overseas air routes

SHENYANG, 30 March — A Boeing-737 plane took off from Taoxian International Airport in Shenyang, capital northeast China's Liaoning Province, Sunday morning for Frankfurt, Germany, marking the operation of the city's first direct air route to Europe.

Another two air routes connecting Shenyang, one of the leading heavy industrial centres in the country, with Los Angeles in the United States and Sydney in Australia will open later Sunday.

According to Air China, operator of the three routes, there will be seven flights on the Shenyang-Frankfurt route per week, four flights between Shenyang and Los Angeles every Wednesday, Friday, Saturday and Sunday, and three flights to Sydney every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday.

Currently, Taoxian airport has opened 71 routes, 55 heading for domestic cities and 16 for foreign cities.

These are the first three air routes between Shenyang and America, Europe and Oceania. Previously, passengers travelling to Europe and the United States had to change plane in Seoul or Pusan, South Korea.

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### China develops new regulation to bolster national movie industry

BEIJING, 30 March — China's State Administration of Radio, Film and Television is speeding up the draft of a movie promotion law as the first effort to create legislation for its movie industry, China Daily reported Monday.

The draft is expected to be finished in May, and will be then sent to movie circle insiders for suggestions and go through more research.

Aimed at pushing forward China's movie industry, the law, if passed, will stress market demands, fair competition, management in line with legal procedures, copyright protection and industrial discipline.

In the draft, the functions of films will be defined. Copyright will be protected to encourage the enthusiasm among producers. A system of movie market access will also be set up. And relations between the government and the movie industry will be adjusted with the government shifting its functions and pushing innovative management practices.

Monopolies in the movie industry will also be broken to push forward fair competition, and domestically made movie production will be backed by the government.

The paper said the draft will meet requirements for

movie industry growth and is a response to strong calls by movie producers for a long term system.

In recent years, China's movie industry has begun transforming from a teacher-like producer to a commercially viable sector. The market has also been playing an increasingly important role in the production, distribution and screening of films.

Movie producers have long anticipated regulations of this sector, especially since piracy has been a chronic headache for them. Copyright protection, made clear by the law, provides legal weapons for movie producers. Hopefully, the law will help sharpen the competitive edge of China's domestic film industry, the paper said. —MNA/Xinhua

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## More evidence found of how vitamins prevent cancer

WASHINGTON, 30 March — Vitamin E protects against at least two common forms of cancer — prostate and bladder — but popping supplements is probably not the best way to get the vital nutrient, researchers said on Sunday.

Two studies found that people who either ate the most vitamin E containing food or who had the highest levels in the blood were the least likely to have cancer.

But the researchers also noted that there are several different forms of vitamin E and the kind you eat — in this case alpha tocopherol — is key. And the best-absorbed form of alpha tocopherol is not found in supplements but in foods such as sunflower seeds, spinach, almonds and sweet peppers.

In one of the studies presented to the annual meeting of the American Association of Cancer Research in

Orlando, Stephanie Weinstein of the US National Cancer Institute and colleagues found men with the most vitamin E in their systems had the lowest risk of prostate cancer.

They looked at data from 29,133 Finnish men aged between 50 and 69 taking part in a smoker's study. All gave blood at the beginning of the study and then took vitamins to see whether the supplements might prevent various forms of cancer.

This study is best known for showing that smokers who took beta carotene, which the body converts to vitamin A, actually had

higher rates of lung cancer.

Weinstein looked at vitamin E and prostate cancer, and they looked at how much E the men had in their blood before they ever took a supplement. They looked at 100 men with prostate cancer and 200 men who did not.

"We found that the men who had higher serum (blood) levels of vitamin E had a lower chance of getting prostate cancer," Weinstein told a news conference monitored by telephone.

Then they looked at the two main forms of vitamin E — alpha tocopherol and gamma tocopherol.

Men with the highest natural levels of alpha tocopherol were 53 per cent less likely to later develop prostate cancer. Men with the highest levels of gamma tocopherol, which only represents about 20 per cent of the vitamin E in blood — had a 39 per cent lower chance.

Taking supplements further reduced prostate cancer rates. "Nuts and seeds, whole grain products, vegetable oils, salad dressings, margarine, beans, peas and other vegetables are good dietary sources of vitamin E," Weinstein said.

MNA/Reuters

## AIDS in South Africa civil service hampers govt's functioning

JOHANNESBURG, 30 March — AIDS/HIV infection among South African civil servants threatens to hamper the functioning of government, according to a study reported on Sunday.

More than 100,000 civil servants out of over one million are estimated to be infected with the disease, the *Sunday Independent* newspaper said.

Up to 250,000 might die of the illness by 2012, it said, quoting a report from the Centre for the Study of AIDS at the University of Pretoria.

"How can the government be maintained and function effectively when many of its officials become ill with HIV and die of AIDS," the study said.

South Africa suffers the world's highest HIV/AIDS caseload, with an estimated

5.3 million people infected.

The newspaper said the report, commissioned by the Department of Public Service and Administration, was due to be released this week at a population and development conference.

Neither the centre nor government officials were immediately available to comment.

The disease is already having an impact on education, where employment of teachers is down and sick leave increasing, a teachers' union official told the newspaper. Teachers make up nearly 40 per cent of civil servants.—MNA/Reuters

## Ireland calls last orders on smoking in pubs

DUBLIN, 30 March — Ireland is set to stub out smoking in pubs from midnight on Sunday in a controversial clampdown on lighting up that is being viewed as a test case elsewhere in Europe.

On the eve of its implementation, Prime Minister Bertie Ahern said the ban enjoyed the overwhelming support of the public, both smokers and non-smokers alike.

"The bottom line is that regular exposure to second hand tobacco smoke, in enclosed workplaces, is a cause of ill-health, which is actually preventable," he added.

The new law comes in the wake of similar anti-smoking campaigns in several US cities including New York, with bureaucrats in Brussels hoping it could eventually be copied across the European Union. It will cover virtually all workplaces, closed public spaces and public transport.

However, the ban has enraged others in a nation

boasting one of the highest proportions of pub regulars in the world and where a cigarette and a pint have been a way of life for generations.

Publicans complain they will have little choice but to implement the ban because of the threat of heavy fines but question whether it is enforceable.

"There are pubs, particularly in rural Ireland, where you have old folk coming in who have been sitting in the same seats for 30, 40, or even 50 years," said Con Dennehy, owner of a family-run pub in Cork, southwestern Ireland.

"It's going to be very difficult for publicans to ask those people who have been so loyal to them over the years to desist from smoking," he added.

MNA/Reuters

## Aftershocks jolt north China region, relief efforts go ahead

BEIJING, 30 March — Xilin Gol League, of north China's Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region, has been hit by 40 aftershocks, with the strongest measuring 3.5 degrees on the Richter Scale, affecting 126,000 people and 2.3 million livestock, a local source said on Sunday.

A quake measuring 5.9 degrees on the Richter Scale jolted the region in earlier Wednesday.

The local anti-quake relief headquarters said that the epicenter of the quake, located at 45.4 degrees north Latitude and 118.2 degrees east Longitude, is in the juncture area between Dong Ujimqin Banner and Xi Ujimqin Banner, and is 230 kilometres from the Xilin Hot City.

Four people were reported injured in the quakes.

It is estimated that the quakes have caused more than 620 million yuan (about 74 million US dollars) in direct

economic losses, damaging 38,000 houses, 9,000 livestock stables, suspending courses for more than 1,600 students, and affecting local power, transport, and industrial infrastructures.

The finance department of the region will allocate 5 million yuan (602,000 dollars) for the affected areas, and 1,000 tents provided by the local civil affairs department will arrive on Monday as scheduled.

Earlier on Sunday, 500 tents offered by the Civil Affairs Ministry arrived in the region.

MNA/Xinhua

## One dead, 3,000 homeless from Brazil cyclone

RIO-DE-JANEIRO, 30 March — A rare cyclone bringing hurricane-like winds and rain to southern Brazil killed at least one person and made more than 3,000 homeless overnight, civil defence officials said on Sunday.

Civil Defence Captain Marcio Luiz Alves said some 3,000 people in the southern state of Santa Catarina had to abandon their homes damaged or destroyed by winds, rain or waves. In neighbouring Rio Grande do Sul State, 150 families were made homeless, state authorities said.

A tree that fell on a moving car killed the driver and seriously injured his wife. A fishing boat sunk off the Santa Catarina coast and its crew of five were missing. At least three other boats were not accounted for and Navy ships were looking for

the missing fishermen.

Brazil's official weather service has denied the weather phenomenon is Brazil's first hurricane as US meteorologists said earlier, but officials acknowledged winds were too strong for a common cyclone.

"It was born as an extratropical cyclone that we know, but then it started changing, becoming an atypical and abnormal case," said Gustavo Escobar, a meteorologist with the state Weather Forecasting and Climatic Studies Centre.

MNA/Reuters

## 40,000 children in Beijing suffer from adult form of diabetes

BEIJING, 30 March — About 40,000 children in China's capital are suffering from the form of diabetes that normally only strikes adults with unhealthy lifestyles and is considered a chronic "disease of the rich".

Health experts say the children make up 5 per cent

of all the diabetes patients in Beijing and over half of them suffer from adult-onset, or Type 2, diabetes.

Professor Wang Heng, an endocrinopathy expert with Beijing Union Hospital, said that if young diabetes patients are not treated in time, the chronic disease could affect them throughout their lives. For example, they may have far fewer opportunities in the job market because employers do not like to hire someone with chronic diseases.

"And for girl patients who later wish to have babies, childbirth could cause uremia and sight loss and could even be life threatening," Professor Wang said.

Type 2 diabetes is a form of diabetes that is non-insulin-dependent and normally

affects adults who have unhealthy lifestyles, and can be cured or improved with changed habits. Children have normally been considered to only suffer from juvenile, or Type 1, diabetes, which is hereditary and insulin dependent.

Professor Wang said most of the young diabetes patients were overweight. "In fact, the ratio of obese children in Beijing had climbed to 18.17 per cent in 2002 from 10.61 per cent in 1991, and obesity is often followed by chronic diseases such as high blood pressure".

To reduce the incidence of the diseases, Wang's hospital has begun cooperation with several other Beijing-based hospitals in a research programme on diabetes and obesity in children.

The programme, designed to screen out and prevent the diseases at an earlier stage, will track 20,000 young diabetes patients in the coming three years.

Meanwhile, experts say parents should encourage their children to have more physical exercises and reduce their stress and caloric intake.

Beijing's 1.1 million diabetes patients make up 8 per cent of the city's population. But an earlier survey shows 15 to 20 per cent of Beijingers are on the verge of the "disease of the rich," as their blood sugar level is between 7.8 and 11.1 millimoles per litre after a meal and diabetes is present when the blood sugar level exceeds 11.1 millimoles per litre.

MNA/Xinhua

## Six-year-old girl receives first child heart pump

HOUSTON, 30 March — Cardiologists have implanted a tiny child heart pump into a six-year-old girl at Texas Children's Hospital, making her the first person in the world to receive such an implant.

Houston resident Anna Grudzickie, whose cardiomyopathy (a thickening of the heart muscle) caused a rapid deterioration of her heart, underwent a four-hour surgery on Friday at Texas Children's Hospital here.

Anna is the first person in the world to receive a DeBakey child heart pump, approved by the FDA for use in children. The new, scaled-down heart pump improves blood flow for patients awaiting heart transplants.

"The new procedure is a medical breakthrough in pediatric cardiac care," said Dr Charles D Fraser, Jr the chief of cardiovascular surgery at Texas Children's Heart Centre, who performed the surgery.

The device implanted into Anna, manufactured by MicroMed Technology of Hou-

ston, is a smaller version of the company's regular heart pump.

The new children's pump — the MicroMed/DeBakey child ventricular assist device — is even smaller than the adult pump, which measures one inch by three inches and weighs only four ounces.

Prior to having the DeBakey pump as a treatment option, surgeons were left with pumps that functioned outside the body and worked on a much more temporary basis, Fraser said. "It gives new hope for children with failing hearts because they now have potential to wait longer for hearts to become available for transplants. Until now, the temporary VADs available for use only gave us a very limited timeframe for a heart to become available." — MNA/PTI

## SPORTS

## Last-gasp Shevchenko header saves Milan as Roma slump

MILAN, 30 March—Serie A leaders AC Milan needed an Andriy Shevchenko goal in the seventh minute of injury time to salvage a 2-2 draw at home to Chievo but challengers AS Roma failed to take advantage, losing 2-1 to visiting Bologna.

European champions Milan lead the table on 68 points with Juventus, who beat Modena 3-1 in Turin, nine points behind with seven matches remaining. Roma, who have a game in hand, slipped one place to third with 57 points.

First half goals from Chievo's Giuseppe Sculli and Simone Perotta shocked Milan, who have not lost in Serie A since a December defeat to Udinese.

Andrea Pirlo pulled one back for Milan in the 80th minute with a brilliant, bending 30-metre drive before Shevchenko headed in the equalizer in the last action of the game.

Albanian Igli Tare grabbed a 78th-minute winner for Bologna at the Olympic stadium with a diving header after Roma's Antonio Cassano cancelled out Fabio Pecchia's opener for the visitors.

David Trezeguet scored twice for Juve in their comfortable victory over Modena, while fourth-placed Lazio won 2-1 at Perugia and Inter Milan enjoyed a 2-0 victory at Reggina.

MNA/Reuters

## China loses to US in women's soccer friendly

HUAIAN (China), 30 March—The Chinese Under-21 women's soccer team lost to the United States team 2-0 in their second friendly here on Sunday.

The visitors scored the two goals in the 18th and 20th minutes respectively, while the Chinese team, with the majority of second-string members, failed to convert any of their chances in each half.

Chinese head coach Zhang Haitao explained afterwards that the friendly was played with an aim to gain more experience for the young Chinese players, and the Chinese defence line proved to be vulnerable as well as the one-on-one skills.

MNA/Xinhua



AC Milan's Andriy Shevchenko, left, of Ukraine, is hugged by his teammate Paolo Maldini after scoring, during their Italian first division soccer match between AC Milan and Chievo at the San Siro Stadium in Milan, Italy, on Sunday, 28 March, 2004. The game ended in a 2-2 draw. — INTERNET

## Werder stay in control with thrilling draw

BERLIN, 30 March—Runaway Bundesliga leaders Werder Bremen remained on track for the title after a 4-4 draw at third-placed VfB Stuttgart in an action-packed game on Sunday.

Two goals each from strikers Ivan Klasnic and Ailton enabled the northerners to share the honours.

Werder have 62 points, nine ahead of second-placed Bayern Munich with eight games left.

Bayern slightly reduced the gap at the top of the table with a 5-2 win over Borussia Mönchengladbach on Saturday but the champions would need Werder to collapse to have a chance of retaining their title.

However, Werder's performance on Sunday suggested that was unlikely to happen.

Three goals from defender Marcelo Bordon and one from Swiss striker Marco Streller were good enough only for a draw for Stuttgart, who failed to take advantage of Werder playing the last 10 minutes with 10 men. Midfielder Christian Schulz was sent off for a second booking.

The southerners hold on to third place and stay 14 points off the pace. Two goals from midfielder Christian Rahn helped Hamburg SV to a 3-2 win over Kaiserslautern in Sunday's other game. The 1982 European champions are eighth in the league and have an outside chance of making the UEFA Cup.

Kaiserslautern coach Kurt Jara, who was sacked by Hamburg in October, faces a battle against relegation with his team just two points above the danger zone in 13th place.

Germany striker Miroslav Klose, who scored one of Kaiserslautern's goals, sustained an ankle injury and could miss Wednesday's friendly against Belgium in Cologne.

MNA/Reuters

## Arsenal set record in 1-1 home draw with United

LONDON, 30 March—Leaders Arsenal set an English top-flight record of 30 matches unbeaten since the start of the season when they drew 1-1 with Manchester United in a high-tempo match at Highbury in the Premier League on Sunday.

Thierry Henry put Arsenal in front five minutes after the break with a swerving 25-metre strike that deceived keeper Roy Carroll but United's substitute striker Louis Saha scored a simple close-range equalizer four minutes from time.

Arsenal's advantage over second-placed Chelsea, 5-2 winners at home to Wolverhampton Wanderers on Saturday, has been cut to seven points over the weekend but the leaders remain 12 points in front of third-placed champions United with eight games left. The title favourites broke the record of 29 matches unbeaten from the start of a top-flight season held jointly by Liverpool and Leeds United.

Earlier on Sunday, a remarkable lobbed goal by Henrik Pedersen after only four minutes gave Bolton Wanderers a 1-0 home win over fifth-placed Newcastle United.

The Danish striker was out on the edge of the penalty area when he struck a high, speculative lob into the middle with Newcastle goalkeeper Shay Given well off his line.

The ball came down behind Given, who scrambled back too late, landing just outside the goal line and bouncing up into the roof of the net. The victory ended Bolton's run of five defeats, including their League Cup final loss to Middlesbrough.

The defeat prevented Newcastle from overtaking Liverpool, who are a point and a place above them after a 0-0 draw with struggling Leicester City as the race for the fourth Champions League berth next season heats up. Liverpool's Bruno Cheyrou came closest to scoring when he hit the woodwork in a tight match at Leicester, who remain in the bottom three two points adrift of the safety zone. —MNA/Reuters

## Celtic crown fine week with 2-1 win at Rangers

GLASGOW, 30 March—England squad newcomer Alan Thompson set up Celtic's first and scored their second when the unbeaten Scottish Premier League leaders completed a memorable week with a 2-1 win at Glasgow rivals Rangers on Sunday.

The midfielder, included in England's squad for the friendly international against Sweden on Wednesday, flighted over a free kick for Henrik Larsson's 19th-minute header before exploiting more poor defending to net in the 52nd.

Celtic were on a high after Thursday's 0-0 draw at Barcelona secured them a 1-0 aggregate win and a place in the UEFA Cup quarterfinals and the win over Rangers at Ibrox underlined their domination of the Scottish league.

Martin O'Neill's side have won the last five Old Firm matches against Rangers and are now a massive 19

points ahead of the champions with only eight games remaining.

Rangers have endured a torrid season after winning the treble of Premier League, Scottish Cup and League Cup last season and are on course to finish without any trophies. However, the home side certainly displayed plenty of appetite in the first half and were probably unlucky to trail at halftime.

Celtic's 19-year-old goalkeeper David Marshall, outstanding against Barca, continued his excellent form.

Marshall brilliantly tipped the ball onto a post to prevent an own goal from Stanislav Varga on 32 minutes before clawing out Alan Hutton's powerful header seconds later while also saving from Michael Mols in the latter stages.

Peter Lovenkrands

thrashed into the side of the net when he should have equalized before Thompson tucked away Celtic's second after keeper Stefan Klos had saved from Stephen Pearson.

Celtic should have added a third moments later when Varga hit the bar from Chris Sutton's header while Klos brought off a great stop to deny Larsson.

Rangers gave themselves hope when substitute Steven Thompson headed home Chris Burke's corner on 82 minutes with Celtic tiring, but the visitors clung on.

Celtic moved on to 86 points from 30 games with Rangers on 67. Celtic will regain the title if they win their next two games and are on course to wrap it up at Kilmarnock on April 18 — the ground where they lost the title last season.

MNA/Reuters

## Club Bruges to face Beveren in Belgian Cup final

BRUSSELS, 30 March—Club Bruges reached the Belgian Cup final with a 1-0 win over Excelsior Mouscron on Sunday and will face Beveren, who knocked out First Division leaders Anderlecht on away goals in Friday's semifinal.

Bruges went through 3-2 on aggregate thanks to a superb volley from former Tottenham Hotspur midfielder Jonathan Blondel after a 2-2 first-leg draw at Mouscron, while Beveren drew 0-0 at home to Anderlecht on Friday after a 1-1 draw on March 17. Bruges, who have won eight Belgian Cups including their last victory in 2001, played much better than on Thursday when they were eliminated from the UEFA Cup 4-1 on aggregate by Bordeaux at the fourth round stage after a 1-0 home defeat.

On Sunday Bruges and Mouscron had good chances in the first half but both keepers, Mouscron's Franck Vandendriessche and the home side's Tomislav Butina, were in excellent form.

Bruges's Gert Verheyen was unlucky in the 18th minute, though, when he was left unmarked in front of goal but somehow contrived to hit the post.

Bruges began to take control after the break thanks mainly to the flair of Blondel. Always quick and technically inventive, he scored in the 54th minute with a precise left-foot volley.

Fifteen minutes later Blondel almost scored again but his shot hit the bar with Vandendriessche beaten.

Club Bruges are second in the 18-team standings 13 points adrift of runaway leaders Anderlecht, while Mouscron are fourth and trail Bruges by six points and Standard Liege by two. The final will be played at the King Baudouin Stadium on Sunday May 23rd. —MNA/Reuters



Valencia's Francisco Rufete, left tries hold off Racing de Santander's Argentine player Diego Mateo during a Spanish league soccer match in Santander, Spain, on Sunday, 28 March, 2004. Valencia won the game, 3-0. —INTERNET



**MRTV-3**

**31-3-2004 (Wednesday)  
(Programme Schedule)  
Morning Transmission  
(9:00 - 10:00)**

9:00 Signature Tune  
Greeting  
9:02 Song of Myanmar  
Beauty & Scenic  
Sights "Myanma Pano-  
rama & Myanma Sen-  
timent"  
9:06 Moyoingyi Wildlife  
Sanctuary  
**9:10 National News**  
9:12 Kengtaung Waterfall  
**9:15 National News**  
9:20 Myanmar Jaggergy  
9:25 Taking Shelter at Man-  
dalay Hill  
**9:30 National News**  
9:35 Travelogue (Taunggyi)  
9:40 Song "Creating of a  
love-like song"  
**9:45 National News**  
9:50 PaO Nationals' Tradi-  
tional Long Drum  
9:58 Song of Myanmar  
Beauty & Scenic  
Sights "Come and See  
Myanmar"

**31-3-2004 (Wednesday)  
Regular Programmes for  
Viewers from Abroad  
Evening Transmission  
(15:30 - 17:30)**

15:30 Signature Tune  
Greeting  
15:32 Song of Myanmar  
Beauty & Scenic  
Sights "Mingalabar"  
15:36 Moyoingyi Wildlife  
Sanctuary  
**15:40 National News**  
15:42 Kengtaung Waterfall  
**15:45 National News**  
15:50 Myanmar Jaggergy  
15:55 Taking Shelter at Man-  
dalay Hill

**16:00 National News**  
16:05 Travelogue (Taunggyi)  
16:10 Songs On Screen  
"Creating of a love-  
like song"  
**16:15 National News**  
16:20 PaO Nationals' Tradi-  
tional Long Drum  
16:25 Song of Myanmar  
Beauty & Scenic  
Sights "Myanma Pano-  
rama & Myanma Sen-  
timent"  
**16:30 National News**  
16:35 Myanmar Natural Re-  
source Spirulina  
16:40 Rope Painting  
**16:45 National News**  
16:50 Innwa Ancient Capital  
16:55 Rakhine Traditional  
Cultural Dance Hon-  
ouring Buddha  
16:58 Nan Pan Market Day  
**17:00 National News**  
17:05 Tour In Myanmar  
"Bagan, Poppa"  
17:10 Myanmar Modern  
Song "The Night  
When We Celebrate  
Donyein Dance"  
17:12 Lei Gaing Monastery  
with Wooden Statuettes  
**17:15 National News**  
17:20 Lifestyles along The  
Ayeyawady (Manda-  
lay to Pyay) (Part-II)  
17:25 Song of Myanmar  
Beauty & Scenic  
Sights "Come and See  
Myanmar"

**Evening Transmission  
(19:30 - 23:30)**

19:30 Signature Tune  
Greeting  
19:32 Song of Myanmar  
Beauty & Scenic  
Sights "Myanma Pano-  
rama & Myanma Sen-  
timent"  
19:36 A Day in the Life of a  
Mahout  
**19:40 National News**  
19:42 Mogok, The Ruby  
Land  
**19:45 National News**

19:50 Ancient City MraukU  
19:55 Scenic Beauty of Ha-  
Kha and Cultural  
Dance  
**20:00 National News**  
20:05 Beautiful Pleasant  
Beach Village  
20:10 Myanmar Modern  
Song "No right to love,  
yet"  
**20:15 National News**  
20:20 Fabulous Glassware  
Decorations  
20:25 Songs On Screen "Our  
Cherryland"  
**20:30 National News**  
20:35 The Decoration of  
Lacquerware (Stylus  
Drawing)  
20:40 Myanma Traditional  
Tamarind Juice  
**20:45 National News**  
20:50 Myanmar Profile  
"Book Store"  
20:55 Dance of the Maidens  
**21:00 National News**  
21:05 Mingun Bell  
21:10 Song "Come, Visit My  
Home"  
21:12 A Lonesome Song  
**21:15 National News**  
21:20 Lifestyles along The  
Ayeyawady (Manda-  
lay to Pyay) (Part-II)  
21:25 Song of Myanmar  
Beauty & Scenic  
Sights "Mingalabar"  
21:35 Moyoingyi Wildlife  
Sanctuary  
**21:40 National News**  
21:42 Kengtaung Waterfall  
**21:45 National News**  
21:50 Myanmar Jaggergy  
21:55 Taking Shelter at Man-  
dalay Hill  
**22:00 National News**  
22:05 Travelogue (Taunggyi)  
22:10 Songs On Screen  
"Creating of a love-like  
song"  
**22:15 National News**  
22:20 PaO Nationals' Tradi-  
tional Long Drum  
22:25 Song "The Land of  
Shan Beauties"  
**22:30 National News**  
22:35 Myanmar Natural Re-

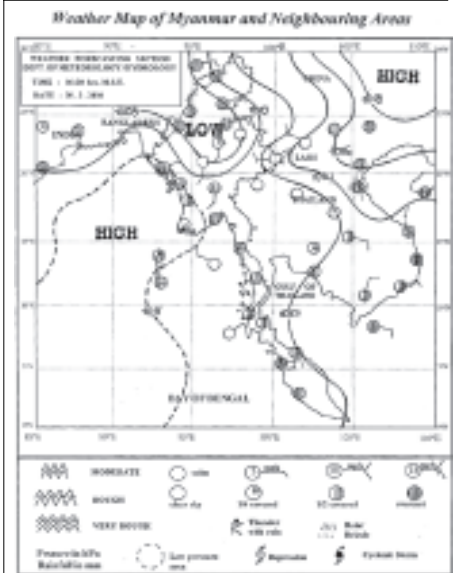
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Cultural Dance Hon-  
ouring Buddha  
22:58 Nan Pan Market Day  
**23:00 National News**  
23:05 Tour In Myanmar  
"Bagan, Poppa"  
23:10 Myanmar Modern  
Song "The Night  
When We Celebrate  
Donyein Dance"  
23:12 Lei Gaing Monastery  
with Wooden Statuettes  
**23:15 National News**  
23:20 Lifestyles along The  
Ayeyawady (Manda-  
lay to Pyay) (Part-III)  
23:25 Song of Myanmar  
Beauty & Scenic  
Sights "Come and See  
Myanmar"

**31-3-2004 (Wednesday) &  
1-4-2004 (Thursday)  
Evening & Morning  
Transmission  
(23:30 - 1:30)**

23:30 Signature Tune  
Greeting  
23:32 Song of Myanmar  
Beauty & Scenic  
Sights "Mingalabar"  
23:36 Moyoingyi Wildlife  
Sanctuary  
**23:40 National News**  
23:42 Kengtaung Waterfall  
**23:45 National News**  
23:50 Myanmar Jaggergy  
23:55 Taking Shelter at Man-  
dalay Hill  
**24:00 National News**  
00:05 Travelogue (Taunggyi)  
00:10 Songs On Screen  
"Creating of a love-like  
song"  
**00:15 National News**  
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tional Long Drum  
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Cultural Dance Hon-  
ouring Buddha  
00:58 Nan Pan Market Day  
**01:00 National News**  
01:05 Tour In Myanmar  
"Bagan, Poppa"

01:10 Myanmar Modern  
Song "The Night  
When We Celebrate  
Donyein Dance"  
01:12 Lei Gaing Monastery  
with wooden Statuettes  
**01:15 National News**  
01:20 Lifestyles along The  
Ayeyawady (Mandalay  
to Pyay) (Part-III)  
01:25 Song of Myanmar  
Beauty & Scenic  
Sights "Come and See  
Myanmar"



**WEATHER**

Tuesday, 30 March, 2004

**Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST:**  
During the past 24 hours, weather has been generally fair in the whole country. Day temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) above normal in Kachin, Shan, Chin and Kayin States, Mandalay and Magway Divisions, (5°C) to (6°C) above normal in Bago and Sagaing Divisions and about normal in the remaining areas. Significant day temperature was (42°C) in Magway.

Maximum temperature on 29-3-2004 was 37.2°C (99°F). Minimum temperature on 30-3-2004 was 20.2°C (69°F). Relative humidity at 9:30 hrs MST on 30-3-2004 was 77%. Total sun shine hours on 29-3-2004 was (9.3) hours approx. Rainfall on 30-3-2004 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 12 mph from Southwest at (19:18) hours MST on 29-3-2004.

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

**Forecast valid until evening of 31-3-2004:** Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers in Kachin and northern Shan States, upper Sagaing and Mandalay Divisions and weather will be partly cloudy in Chin and Mon States, Magway, Yangon and Taninthayi Divisions and generally fair in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (60%).

**State of the sea:** Seas will be slight to moderate in Myanmar waters. **Outlook for subsequent two days:** Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers in upper Myanmar areas.

**Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 31-3-2004:** Partly cloudy. **Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 31-3-2004:** Partly cloudy.



Wednesday, March 31

**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. မြန်မာ့ကြွေးသံကဏ္ဍအက  
**8:10 am**  
6. အစောပိုင်း  
**8:20 am**  
7. ဘောလုံးပွဲအစ  
**8:30 am**  
8. International news

**8:45 am**  
9. Happy and Education  
English Summer Course  
MRTV  
**4:00 pm**  
1. Martial song  
**4:15 pm**  
2. Song to uphold  
National Spirit  
**4:30 pm**  
3. Practice in Reading  
**4:45 pm**  
4. Musical programme  
**5:00 pm**  
5. အစောပိုင်းတက္ကသိုလ်ပညာရေး  
ရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်တန်းစာ တတ်ယူမှု  
(သတ္တဗေဒအထူးပြု) (သတ္တဗေဒ)  
**5:15 pm**  
6. Song of national races  
**5:30 pm**  
7. Classical song  
**5:45 pm**  
8. ခါးကတ်တား  
**5:50 pm**  
9. (ဂြုဟ်)စံမြောက်တပ်မတော်နေ့  
ဂုဏ်ပြုအခမ်း

**6:00 pm**  
10. ရွှေထိန်ရတနာ အသံဖလှယ်အခင်း  
**6:15 pm**  
11. Discovery  
**6:30 pm**  
12. Evening news  
**7:00 pm**  
13. Weather report  
**7:05 pm**  
14. Strong and healthy  
Myanmar  
**7:20 pm**  
15. Musical programme  
**7:35 pm**  
16. တော်စီ (အပိုင်း-၂)  
**8:00 pm**  
17. News  
18. International news  
19. Weather report  
20. လေ့ကျင့်ရေးအခင်း လေ့ကျင့်  
စနစ်များ  
21. နိုင်ငံခြားစာတတ်လမ်းတွဲ  
"အချစ်ဆိုသည်မှာ" (အပိုင်း-၁၈)  
22. The next day's  
programme



**Wednesday, March 31  
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  
-I want it that way  
(BSB)  
**9.00 pm** Variations on a tune  
"Hello darling"  
-Linn Anderson  
-Skeeter Davis  
**9.15 pm** Article/Music  
**9.25 pm** Music at your  
request  
-The light (Clutch &  
Beha)  
-Moment (Westlife)  
**9.45 pm** News/Slogan  
**10.00 pm** PEL

မေတ္တာစုစည်းမှုနှင့် (စ) Barbie ခလား

အသက် (၄) နှစ်

ရန်ကုန်မြို့၊ အမှတ်(၂၅၆) ရေညှိပင်လမ်း၊ သုတ္တဝေနေ  
ဦးခင်မောင်သိန်း-ဒေါ်စုစုသိန်း၊ (ဒုတိယဦးလုံးကြီးလှမောင်)-  
ဒေါ်ဥဥခင်တို့၏ ချစ်လှစွာသောမြေး၊ ဦးထွန်းထွန်း  
(အွန်ကြားရေမျှော်၊ နိုင်ငံတော်သမ္မတရုံး)-ဒေါ်မာလာသိန်းတို့၏  
ချစ်လှစွာသော သမီးလေး၊ မောင်အောင်စံမြို့သိန်း၏ချစ်လှစွာသော  
ညီမလေး မေတ္တာစုစည်းမှုနှင့်သည့် ၃၀-၃-၂၀၀၄ ခုနှစ် နံနက်  
၃ နာရီ ၃၅ မိနစ်တွင် ကလေးဆေးရုံကြီးတွင် ကွယ်လွန်သွားပါသဖြင့်  
၁-၄-၂၀၀၄ (ကြာသပတေးနေ့) နံနက် ၁၁ နာရီအချိန်တွင်  
ရေဝေးသုသာန်၌ ဂုဏ်သိက္ခာပေးသည့်မြေပေါ်ကြောင်း မေတ္တာ  
မိတ်သဟာ အပေါင်းအသင်းအားအပ်ပါသည်။

ကျန်ရစ်သူမိသားစု

**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



State Peace and Development Council Secretary-2 Lt-Gen Thein Sein presents a gift to a winner. — MNA

## Union of Myanmar National Convention Convening Commission Yangon

### Announcement No 1/2004

10th waxing of Hnaung Tagu 1365

(30 March 2004)

### Announcement on the reconvening of the National Convention

1. The National Convention, that has been temporarily adjourned, will be reconvened on 14th waning day of Kason 1366 ME (17 May 2004).
2. Invitations will be sent to the delegates to the National Convention in time.

Sd/ Lt-Gen Thein Sein  
Chairman

National Convention Convening Commission

## Myawady Television marks its 9th anniversary

YANGON, 30 March — The Myawady Television celebrated its 9th anniversary in conjunction with the prize-presentation of the Myawady Publishing House at the station in Hmawby here yesterday evening.

Present on the occasion were Secretary-2 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein, members of the State Peace and Development Council Quartermaster-General Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo, Chief of Armed Forces Training Lt-Gen Kyaw Win and Lt-Gen Tin Aye of the Ministry of Defence, Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan, Vice-Quartermaster-General Maj-Gen Htin Aung Kyaw, Brig-Gen Khin Maung Tun, Maj-Gen

Thein Tun of the Ministry of Defence, Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint, Maj-Gen Aung Thein, Maj-Gen Saw Hla, Maj-Gen Tin Tun, senior military officers, officials of Myanmar Writers and Journalists Association, Myanmar Photographic Society, Myanmar Motion Pictures Asiayon and Myanmar Music Asiayon, staff of the Myawady TV, prize winners and guests.

On the occasion, the Secretary-2 delivered an address and presented a gift to U Maung Maung Kyi (Yaynanmye Maung Maung Kyi) who won the national literary award.

The Secretary-2 also presented best Myawady novel prize to Maung Yi Thway, best Ngwetayai novel prize to Mudon Thu

Mon and best Ngwetayai short story prize to Win Nwe (Forestry).

The Quartermaster-General presented best Myawady article prize, best Ngwetayai article prize, best Myawady poem prize and best Ngwetayai poem prize; the chief of Armed Forces Training, best Myawady cartoon prize, best Ngwetayai cartoon prize, and second and third prizes (Myawady colour photo); Lt-Gen Tin Aye, prizes for outstanding performance in editing Myawady TV programmes, best news reader prize, and prize for outstanding performance in keeping records; Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint, best computer operator prize, best Myawady TV shooter prize, best producer prize and honourary prize to the

winners.

The Information Minister presented gifts to those who won medals for outstanding performance in administrative field (Class II and Class III), Vice-Quartermaster-General Maj-Gen Htin Aung Kyaw and Vice-Quartermaster-General Brig-Gen Khin Maung Myint, to those who won prizes in 11th Myanmar Traditional Cultural Performing Arts Competitions; Maj-Gen Thein Tun and Maj-Gen Aung Thein, to those who won prizes in the 59th Anniversary Armed Forces Day commemorative military code of conduct and extempore talks contests (central) and novel contest and quiz contest.

Afterwards, Col Nyo Win, Lt-Col Maung Maung



Quartermaster-General Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo presents a gift to a winner. — MNA

Oo, Lt-Col Tint Lwin, Lt-Col Kyaw Hsan and Lt-Col Aung Thu presented gifts to the experts who contributed towards Myawady TV Broadcasting Station and Myawady Publishing

House.

Next, a dinner was served to the guests and Myawady modern band presented entertainment programmes.

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Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe formally opens Hsathayoe Creek Bridge.

YANGON COMMAND

## Bridge, briefing hall, tower opened in Yangon Division Agriculture and Poultry Special Zone

YANGON, 30 March — As a gesture of honouring the 59th Anniversary Armed Forces Day, ceremonies to open Hsathayoe Creek Bridge, the new briefing hall of special zone-2 and the concrete-reinforced observation tower were held at Yangon Division Agriculture and Poultry Special Zone near Nyaungnabin village in Hmawby township, Yangon North District, here this afternoon.

Yangon Division Peace and Development Council

Chairman Yangon Command Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe attended the ceremonies. The opening ceremony of Hsathayoe Creek Bridge took place at the archway in front of the bridge at 1 pm. Maj-Gen Myint Swe formally opened the bridge. Next, the commander and party walked across the bridge.

The opening ceremony of the briefing hall was held in conjunction with the opening of the concrete-reinforced tower. Yangon East District Peace and

Development Council Chairman Lt-Col Maung Maung Shein, Yangon North District Peace and Development Council Chairman Lt-Col Myat Min and Naing Group Construction Co Ltd Chairman U Kyaw Naing Oo formally opened them.

Next, the commander unveiled the signboards of the briefing hall and the tower. He also planted a *Gangaw* tree to mark the successful opening of the two facilities.

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