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Senior General Than Shwe offers gold foils to Manaungmyin Pyidawbyan Buddha Image in Zalun, Ayeyawady Division.—MNA

## Senior General Than Shwe inspects development of Hainggyi Island region

YANGON, 2 April — Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing paid homage to Maha Makutayanthi Hsawdawshin Pagoda in Mawtinson and Manaungmyin Pyidawbyan Buddha Image in Zalun in Ayeyawady Division yesterday and today.

Accompanied by members of the State Peace and Development Council General Thura Shwe Mann, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than, Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo and Lt-Gen Tin

Aye, Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Rear-Admiral Soe Thein, Commander-in-Chief (Air) Lt-Gen Myat Hein, Chairman of Ayeyawady Division Peace and Development Council Commander of South-West Command Maj-Gen Soe Naing, ministers, deputy ministers, senior military officers of the Ministry of Defence, officials of the State Peace and Development Council Office and heads of department, Senior General Than Shwe and Daw Kyaing Kyaing arrived at Maha Makutayanthi Hsawdawshin Pagoda in Mawtinson, Ngapudaw

Township, from Patheingyi by helicopter at 9.30 am yesterday. They were welcomed by Command General Staff Col Tint Swe and officials.

The Senior General and wife and party offered flowers, lights and water to the Buddha images of the pagoda. They paid obeisance to the pagoda.

At the Dhammayon of the pagoda, they paid respects to Sayadaws led by Chairman of Township Sangha Nayaka Committee Sayadaw Maha Saddhammajotika Bhaddanta Pandita, and presented offertories to the monks. Sayadaw

Bhaddanta Pandita delivered a sermon. The congregation shared the merits gained. Senior General Than Shwe and Daw Kyaing Kyaing donated cash to the pagoda funds.

On arrival at Hainggyi Island by helicopter, the Senior General and party were welcomed by Capt Aye Pe (Navy) of regional station, military officers, departmental personnel and members of social organizations. At the guest house, Senior General Than Shwe and party heard a report on Hainggyi Island region presented by

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### Four political objectives

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

### Four economic objectives

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

### Four social objectives

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

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- \* As Hainggyi Island region is located at the boundary of the Myanmar territorial waters, harmonious efforts should be made to further develop the rule of law, regional peace and stability, administrative machinery and regional development.
- \* Local people are required to be imbued with the spirit to ensure national security, patriotism and the spirit to love the Union, while possessing the will to safeguard their region and the nation by themselves.
- \* The Government will fulfil and make arrangements for regional development, especially, it will practically implement the five rural development tasks for progress of Hainggyi Island and its surrounding areas.
- \* Efforts will have to be made in cooperation with the local people for transport development and facilitation.
- \* Endeavours should be made for development of not only the island, but also its surrounding areas. There must be a link between the regional and national development undertakings.



Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing donate provisions to a Sayadaw at Dhammayon of Maha Makutayanthi Hsawdawshin Pagoda in Ngapudaw Township.—MNA

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

## PERSPECTIVES

Saturday, 3 April, 2004

Paper and pulp factory—  
a step to fulfil the domestic  
needs

To fulfil the paper needs at home and boost production of import-substitute items, Myanma Paper and Chemical Industries under the Ministry of Industry-1 is implementing 200-ton Pulp Factory Project in Hlaygyit village, Thabaung Township.

At present, 98 per cent of factory erection work and 72 per cent of machine installation work have been completed. Plans are under way to conduct test run in July 2004.

Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe inspected the Pulp Factory Project (Thabaung) that has a daily production capacity of 200 tons on 31 March.

Officials concerned reported to the Senior General on the investment in the project, work being carried out in different phases of factory construction and installation of machines, bamboo, salt, limestone, power, fuel oil and natural gas requirements, raw material supply programmes, supply of gas and electricity to the project and land and water transport for raw materials.

Senior General Than Shwe gave guidance saying that based on the experiences of the project, places suitable for pulp and paper industries should be chosen and the required capacity of the machines should be calculated and that paper and pulp industry has high prospects.

Based on the 200-ton Pulp Factory Project (Thabaung), a 50-ton high-quality paper plant project (Thabaung), a 60-ton newsprint plant project (Thabaung), and a fuel oil tank project will be implemented.

Efficiency is required in running the 200-ton pulp factory as it is a mammoth one. Ways should be found to supply bamboo to the factory in time, while laying down systematic projects to set up bamboo and tree plantations for ensuring continuous supply of raw materials. Arrangements will have to be made in advance to transport pulp and paper to consumer markets swiftly.

As paper and pulp industry has high prospects, officials concerned are urged to make endeavours for achieving efficiency to run the factory and ensuring continuous supply of raw materials.

## Deputy Minister receives guests

YANGON, 2 April — Deputy Minister for Immigration and Population U Maung Aung received a three-member delegation led by Mr Sultan A Aziz, Director of Asia and Pacific Division of the UNFPA Headquarters, New York, at his office at 10 am today. Deputy Director-General of Population Department U Myo Min, Director Daw Khin May Aung and officials were present on the occasion. — MNA

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Filling stations to be kept open  
during Thingyan

YANGON, 1 April — The Myanma Petroleum Products Enterprise under the Ministry of Energy will keep its filling stations in Yangon Division open during the Thingyan holidays. — MNA

## Appointment of Ambassador agreed on

YANGON, 3 April — The government of the Union of Myanmar has agreed to the appointment of His Excellency Mr El Hassane Zahid as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Kingdom of Morocco to the Union of Myanmar. He was born in 1950 at Fes and received a Masters Degree from National School of Administration in Rabat. He joined the diplomatic service and has served in various capacities at the Moroccan Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation and Missions in Dusseldorf and New York. He will be concurrently accredited as Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Kingdom of Morocco to the Union of Myanmar with residence in Bangkok. He is married and has two children. — MNA

YANGON, 2 April —

The Myanmar Trade Fair 2004 was launched with the permission of the Ministry of Commerce and arrangements of the Quartz International Co Ltd at the Yangon Trade Centre on Upper Pazundaung Road in Mingala Taungnyunt this morning. It was attended by Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Pyi Sone, Minister at the Prime Minister's Office Maj-Gen Thein Swe, Deputy Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Aung Tun, departmental heads, officials, members of social organizations, Managing Director of the company Daw Myat Thet Aye and guests. The minister and the managing director formally opened the fair. Next, the ministers, the deputy minister and officials viewed

## Myanmar Trade Fair 2004 launched



Minister Brig-Gen Pyi Sone formally opens the Myanmar Trade Fair 2004. — MNA

the booths round the fair.

Displayed at the 45 booths of 35 companies are cosmetics, personal and

household goods, fashion clothes, plastic wares, food-stuff, electric and electronic apparatus, traditional medi-

cines together with services. The fair opens daily from 9 am to 6 pm until 5 April. Admission is free. — MNA

## Information tasks inspected in Mandalay, Sagaing Divisions

YANGON, 2 April —

Deputy Minister for Information Brig-Gen Aung Thein, accompanied by Director-General of MRTV U Khin Maung Htay and officials, inspected Sagaing TV retransmission station yesterday morning. In meeting with staff there, the deputy minister stressed the importance of harmonious co-operation of officials and subordinates for achieving greater success. He called on the fresh personnel to become skilled ones by acquiring knowledge from superiors. He gave instructions on ensuring completion of installation of lightening conductors to the buildings before the rainy



Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Aung Thein inspects progress in the construction of sub-printing house in Mandalay. — MNA

season. The deputy minister held a meeting with Sagaing District Information and Public Relations Department. On the occasion, the deputy minister gave instructions on making clarifications to step-by-

step implementation of the State's seven-point policy programme for better knowledge of local people through wall newspapers.

On arrival at Mandalay, the deputy minister looked into progress of in-

stallation of the press for Upper Myanmar and Chanmyathazi Township IPRD. This morning, he inspected Mandalay sub-printing house and gave necessary instructions to the officials. — MNA

## Chinese journalist delegation continues Yangon excursion

YANGON, 2 April — The visiting six-member Chinese journalist delegation headed by Editor Mr Liu Zhanmian of the Farmers' daily of the People's Republic of China visited the Shwedagon Pagoda this morning.

The Chinese delegation observed the religious buildings and paid homage to the Buddha images around the pagoda platform and made cash donations to the pagoda funds.

Next, they visited Pyidaungsu Ayeyeknyein at the corner of Pyay Road and Alone Road here.

They paid a courtesy call on Managing Director of the News and Periodicals Enterprise Col Soe Win at the New Light of Myanmar daily on Strand Road in Botahtaung Township later in the morning.

Also present at the call were advisers to the ministry, the director (News), chief editors and officials of the NPE.

Matters related to mutual understanding on news and further strengthening of friendship and cooperation were discussed.

The Chinese group also visited the Myanma Alin daily at No 53, 1st Natmauk Lane in Bahan Township here. They were conducted round the daily compound.



NPE Managing Director Col Soe Win presents a gift to a delegation member. — MNA

At the Oriental House restaurant on Myoma Kyaung Road here, Chairman of Myanmar Writers and Journalists Association U Hla Myaing (Ko Hsaung) presented gifts and hosted a luncheon to them.

In the evening, Managing Director Col Soe Win hosted a dinner in honour of the Chinese delegation. Present on the occasion were Deputy Ministers U Thein Sein and Brig-Gen Aung Thein, departmental heads and guests. — MNA



## March was deadly month for US troops in Iraq

WASHINGTON, 2 April — The March death toll among US forces in Iraq was the second-highest of any month since President George W Bush declared major combat over 11 months ago and the total number of American troops killed in the war is now approaching 600.

Including five US Army soldiers killed on Wednesday when a roadside bomb exploded next to their armoured vehicle convoy west of Baghdad, at least 50 American troops and two civilian Defence Department employees died in Iraq in March, according to Pentagon figures.

That total does not include the four US civilian

contractors slain in the restive city of Falluja on Wednesday. Their bodies were burned and mutilated by a jubilant crowd, and two corpses were left dangling from a bridge.

The only deadlier month for US forces was November, when 82 US troops died during an offensive by the insurgency that coincided with the Islamic holy month Ramadan.

US-led forces invaded

Iraq in March 2003 to topple President Saddam Hussein. According to the Pentagon, 597 American troops have died since the start of military operations.

In Iraq, US officials argued that the latest surge in violence did not indicate the security situation was spiraling out of control.

"Despite an uptick in localized engagements, the overall Iraqi area of operations remains relatively stable with negligible impact

on the coalition's ability to continue progress in governance, economic development and restoration of essential services," Mark Kimmitt said in Baghdad.

Steven Kull, director of the University of Maryland's Programme on International Policy Attitudes, said opinion polls indicate that the US public's tolerance for casualties in Iraq has remained fairly stable.

MNA/Reuters

### Schofield soldiers injured in Iraq attack

HAWAII, 2 April—Nine Schofield Barracks soldiers were injured in a rocket attack in Iraq. The injuries follow a string of attacks on US soldiers. The injuries happened Tuesday night when a rocket exploded in a military housing area in Kirkuk. It was at a time when many of the soldiers there were preparing for bed. "Nine US soldiers were wounded in a rocket attack in Kirkuk at about 8 pm, March 30. The wounded were transported to a military medical facility for treatment," 1st Lt Serena Wallace said.

The injured are among the 4,000 soldiers from Schofield Barracks that were deployed to Iraq in January. The Army said the injuries from Tuesday night's rocket attack are not life threatening. The Army said the training these soldiers have undergone is helping them deal with what they are now experiencing. "They're trying to get a sense of deja vu. They've actually done this before, so that if it does happen to them when they're in country they can react accordingly and know they've done it before. So, they have a sense of reaction they can do it all over again," Capt. Don Evans said.

The names and units of the nine wounded soldiers are being withheld at this time. The Army says it needs to first notify their families.

Internet

## Local facility works to protect soldiers in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 2 April—An around-the-clock effort is under way to protect soldiers in Iraq from roadside bombs.

A Susquehanna Valley facility is playing a major role. Letterkenny Army Depot in Franklin County is producing some of the armor that's now being installed on Humvees to protect them from enemy attacks.

"It's around the clock. It's 24/7. We have two, three shifts going on around the clock," said Lon Bender, project manager.

For the past month, workers have been producing armor that's immediately shipped to Iraq and installed on Humvees.

"They're installing them as fast as we can produce them. There's none sitting around anywhere," Bender said.

The armor project is quite an undertaking. Every week, the depot gets 128,000 pounds of steel. Some of it is cut using a brand new laser cutter, which makes it into nine pieces of armor, including doors with reinforced windows. "(Each piece) locks into different posi-

tions, whatever a soldier thinks he needs," Bender said.

The reinforced windows for a Humvee are 31/2 inches thick. The 11 layers of glass weigh 44 pounds.

Everything is put into a crate and eventually flown overseas.

Letterkenny has produced more than 400 armor kits. Every one includes a card signed by the workers who made it.

"They're proud of what they do, packed with pride here at Letterkenny and they know why we're doing it," said Col. Bill Guinn, Letterkenny commander. "I am so incredibly proud of them, great Americans, every one of them." The project has meant long hours and extra days for these workers. The project manager has not had a day off since January, but they know why they're working so hard.

Internet

## Afghanistan and six neighbours agree anti-drug pact

BERLIN, 2 April — Afghanistan and its six neighbouring countries on Thursday signed here an agreement to coordinate anti-drug operation efforts.

On the second day's meeting of the International Conference on Afghanistan, China, Iran, Pakistan, Turkmenistan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan joined hands with Kabul in an agreement to curb opium trade across Afghanistan.

The agreement calls on signatory states to forge a coordinated anti-drug strategy to combat cultivation, production and export of opium and other related substances.

"The representatives expressed their support for the concept of creating a security belt around Afghanistan with the purpose of organizing an effective system to interdict trafficking of opium products," the agreement said.

MNA/Xinhua

## Dean blasts Bush over US losses in Iraq

WASHINGTON, 2 April—President Bush credibility is the top issue in the presidential campaign, more important than jobs, the economy and health care, now that a former administration official says the President didn't take the terrorism threat seriously enough before Sept 11, 2001, one-time Democratic presidential hopeful Howard Dean said Wednesday.

Dean told a gathering of progressive Democrats that Bush failed to act on warnings from Richard Clarke, then Bush's counterterrorism chief, that al-Qaida posed a threat to the United States.

Dean, a former Vermont governor and harsh critic of the Iraq war, blamed Bush for

the hundreds of US soldiers killed and the thousands wounded in the Iraq war.

"That is the legacy of this president who did not tell the truth to the American people," he told about 150 people at the annual dinner for 21st Century Democrats, a political action committee that

places activists on progressive campaigns.

Dean said he thought jobs, health insurance and economic security would be the biggest issues of the presidential election. But now, "the credibility of the president of the United States is the biggest issue of this race," he said.—Internet

## Chinese, French presidents hold phone conversation

BEIJING, 2 April—Chinese President Hu Jintao and his French counterpart Jacques Chirac talked by telephone Wednesday afternoon.

During the talks, Chirac reiterated that France will firmly stick to the one-China policy, noting that France will strive to push forward the comprehensive strategic partnership with China.

The French President briefed Hu on the French side's ideas for furthering France-China economic and trade cooperation and for the upcoming activities of the French culture year in China, a sister event of the Chinese culture year in France.

Chirac also talked about the progress of EU lifting its ban on arms sale to China.

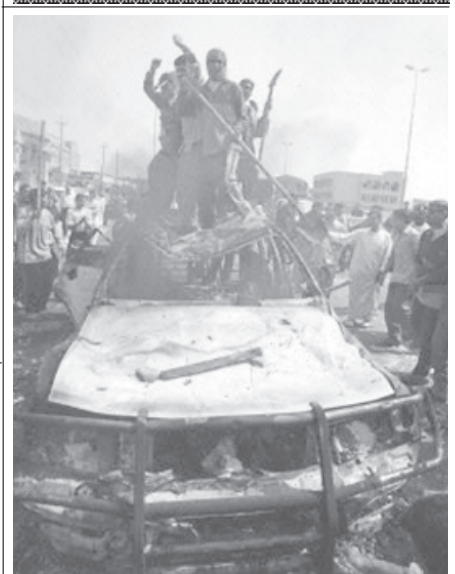
Hu appreciated France's stance of sticking to the one-China policy on the Taiwan issue. The Chinese Government attaches importance to the Sino-French ties and is willing to enrich and expand bilateral relations, and enhance the mutually-beneficial cooperation with France in all fields, Hu said.

The French culture year in China will definitely be a

success as related departments of the two governments have been cooperating closely, the Chinese President said. The lifting of the ban on arms sales to China by the EU at an early date will be conducive to the sound and overall development of Sino-EU relationship, Hu said. Hu said he believes that the Sino-French comprehensive strategic partnership will be more fruitful with the joint efforts from the two countries.

MNA/Xinhua

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Iraqis celebrate on the wrecked car attacked in Falluja on 31 March.—INTERNET

## Kerry statement on deaths of US soldiers and civilians

WASHINGTON, 2 April — Democratic presidential candidate John Kerry issued the following statement on the deaths of US soldiers and civilians today in Iraq:

"My deepest sympathies are with the families of those lost today. Americans know that all who serve in Iraq — soldier and civilian alike — do so in an effort to build a better future for Iraqis. These horrific attacks remind us of the viciousness of the enemies of Iraq's future. United in sadness, we are also united in our resolve that these enemies will not prevail."—Internet



A truck carrying used cars bought overseas arrives at a lot in the Iraqi capital of Baghdad, on 31 March, 2004.—INTERNET

## Thousands protest newspaper closure in Iraq

**BAGHDAD, 2 April**— Thousands of Iraqi protesters blocked streets in central Baghdad for hours on Wednesday, demanding the reopening of a newspaper US authorities shut down for what they called incitement to violence.

The US-led authorities in Iraq closed the weekly *al-Hawza* newspaper on Sunday, handing the editor a letter from the US governor in Iraq, Paul Bremer, that accused the paper of provoking violence against US troops.

The paper is a mouthpiece for radical Shi'ite cleric Moqtada Sadr, and his supporters were out in force on Wednesday outside the main US headquarters in Baghdad.

A few thousand protesters waved banners and pictures of Sadr, burnt at least two American flags and chanted that Bremer "should be ready" for the Mehdi Army, Sadr's militia.

"We denounce the occupation and its methods," cleric Sheikh Tahsin al-Itabi said. "They claim to represent freedom—stopping a newspaper is against freedom...They are targeting the whole organization of Moqtada Sadr."

Sadr, a young and radical Shi'ite cleric, has often spoken out against the US occupation, in contrast to many other Shiite groups that have sought to work with occupying forces.

Bremer's letter said several articles in *al-Hawza*, including an editorial entitled "Bremer follows the steps of

Saddam", misled readers and incited hatred.

A senior official with the US-led coalition said *al-Hawza* had not been given a warning before being closed for 60 days.

"Under international law we have an obligation to maintain security here and it's...within our legal obligation to act against institutions or individuals that are provoking violence," he said. Last July, the US-led administration closed down another newspaper in the mainly Shi'ite city of Najaf for inciting violence. At least one other of an estimated 200 papers that have sprung up in occupied Iraq has received a warning.

The Arabic-language satellite television news channels Al Jazeera and Al Arabiya have also faced sanctions after the administration and the Iraqi Governing Council said they violated a law issued last year that bans inciting violence.

More than a hundred of Sadr's supporters protesting on Wednesday wore black shirts with Mehdi Army written on them. Four clerics went inside the fortified US compound to meet the Iraqi Governing Council.

MNA/Reuters

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## Three contractors killed in Iraq were US citizens

**WASHINGTON, 2 April** — Three of four contractors working for the US-led coalition in Iraq who were killed in an ambush in Falluja on Wednesday are US citizens, a State Department official said.

"We've identified three of the four as Americans," said the official, who asked not to be identified. Cheering Iraqis dragged the charred and mutilated bodies of the four through the streets of Falluja.

The Falluja violence began when two four-wheel-drive vehicles were attacked by guerillas on a main road in the town, 32 miles west of Baghdad. A crowd then set the vehicles ablaze and hurled stones into the burning wreckage.

Brigadier-General Mark Kimmitt, deputy director of operations for the US Army in Iraq, said all four contractors in the vehicles were killed. He did not give their nationalities.— MNA/Reuters



An Iraqi man jubilates near a US Humvee on the site of a roadside bomb attack near Fallujah, Iraq, on Thursday, 1 April, 2004.—INTERNET

## UN Council backs Annan's Iraq oil, food probe

**UNITED NATIONS, 2 April** — The UN Security Council on Wednesday welcomed a United Nations probe into allegations of corruption in the Iraqi oil-for-food programme and expressed readiness to cooperate with the inquiry.

UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan notified Council members last week he was setting up an independent panel to probe any wrongdoing by UN officials running the programme. He asked for cooperation from member states to investigate companies around the world who sold supplies and bought oil from Iraq. Russia, one of several countries with companies that had extensive dealings with Iraq, only wanted to "note" Annan's intention to pursue a full-scale investigation. To satisfy Moscow, a letter from Secretary-General's letter, support unanimously his initiative," Sabliere said.

Annan is investigating the UN-run programme that began in late 1996 and ended

last year. Some 65 billion US dollars passed through the programme, which monitored Iraqi oil sales and purchases of civilian goods, and hoped to ease the impact on ordinary Iraqis of UN sanctions imposed after the 1991 Gulf War. The General Accounting Office, the investigative arm of the US Congress, says Iraqi elites raised 4.4 billion US dollars by imposing illegal surcharges. Iraq is estimated to have smuggled another 5.7 billion US dollars in oil outside the UN programme. Annan said in a letter last week that the panel would investigate companies with contracts in the oil-for-food programme and protect the confidentiality of whistle blowers.—MNA/Reuters

## Famous Chinese medicine company opens in S Korea

**SEOUL, 2 April**— Tongrentang, China's most famous traditional medicine producer and seller, on Wednesday opened a joint venture here to promote Chinese medicine's image in South Korea.

With the official opening of the Beijing Tongrentang & Boryung Co, Ltd, the Bezoar Resurrection Pills, one of Tongrentang's products well-known among domestic and overseas clients, can be sold in South Korea.

The ceremony was held at the Tongrentang drugstore in Jongno, a bustling street called by local people as "medicine street" in central Seoul.

Founded in 1669, Beijing Tongrentang Group Company has grown into a large enterprise including two marketed sub-companies and 347 branches across the world.

Known for its therapeutic Chinese medicine with 24 drug forms and over 800 varieties per year, the group in 2003 realized net profits of 230 million US dollars, with total capital assets reaching 2.7 billion US dollars.

From 2000, Tongrentang and South Korean Boryung Pharm. Co, Ltd, a 330-year-old company in the country, started seeking cooperation in inducing Chinese medicine into South Korean market.

The two sides injected 1.5 million US dollars into the joint venture, in which Tongrentang controls 51 per cent of the shares.

"We spent almost three years to acquire the entering permission of the Bezoar Resurrection Pills," Ding Yongling, vice general manager of Tongrentang Group Company, told *Xinhua*. "You know, in order to protect domestic traditional medicine market, South Korea has very strict rules against Chinese traditional medicine. But we are very confident of the effect of our products," said Ding, adding "the Bezoar Resurrection Pills have passed the stringent tests made by the South Korean Food and Drug Administration."— MNA/Xinhua

## Trans-Asia festival to be held in Vietnam

**HANOI, 2 April** — China, Thailand, Myanmar, Laos and Vietnam are expected to hold a festival full of tourism, culture and sport activities, slated for late July in Vietnam's central region.

"The festival will be held in Quang Tri central province from July 25-28, mainly to boost tourism and cultural exchanges of localities of countries in the West-East Economic Corridor," Nguyen Duc Chinh, vice chairman of the provincial People's Committee told *Xinhua* on Wednesday.

Major events at the festival christened "Trans-Asia Bridge" will include performances of traditional music and folk dances, cycling, international trade fairs and tourism

seminars, he noted.

A trans-Asia bicycle race with expected participation of nearly 150 cyclists will be organized during the festival. The 1,000-kilometre race is to start in Thailand. "Five Vietnamese localities, three Thai provinces and three Lao provinces have registered to attend the festival. We are expecting more localities from Myanmar and China's Yunnan Province," Chinh said.

MNA/Xinhua



Australian soldiers secure their embassy in Baghdad on 31 March, 2004.

INTERNET

## Ukrainian, Polish presidents vow to promote ties

**KIEV, 2 April** — Ukrainian President Leonid Kuchma and visiting Polish President Alexander Kwasniewski vowed here Wednesday to promote their bilateral ties.

Kuchma told a joint news conference after his talks with Kwasniewski that Ukraine hopes that Poland's entry into the European Union (EU) would create a new era for the development of relations between Ukraine and Poland, rather than leading to lost markets in Poland for Ukraine. Kwasniewski said his country, which is set to join the EU on May 1, will keep its doors open to Ukraine just as before.

As neighbours, relations between Ukraine and Poland have been quite close and Poland has been actively supporting Ukraine's bid for EU membership.

During their talks, the two presidents discussed infrastructure construction along their border areas, visa and immigration policies, and cooperation against terror and organized crime.

MNA/Xinhua



## CONTINUING IRAQI GUERILLA ATTACKS INFLICT RISING US CASUALTY



Under the eyes of US soldiers, some of tens of thousands of protesters take to the street of Baghdad on 31 March, 2004 to protest the US led coalition shut down of a weekly newspaper.—INTERNET



American soldiers in Baquba. Five US soldiers in Iraq were killed when their vehicle struck a roadside bomb in Al-Ambar Province, west of Baghdad, a coalition spokesman said.—INTERNET



A British soldier takes position at the site of an explosion in the southern Iraqi city of Basra recently. Three British soldiers were injured near the southern Iraqi city of Basra when their vehicle was hit by an explosive device, Britain's Defence Ministry said.—INTERNET



Iraqi protesters run from the protest site in the southern city of Basra, on 1 April, 2004. —INTERNET



An Iraqi man looks at a sport utility vehicle on fire after an attack in the restive town of Falluja, on 31 March, 2004. INTERNET



A US Humvee vehicle burns on a highway near the restive Iraqi town of Falluja, on 1 April, 2004, after it had been hit by a roadside bomb, abandoned and set on fire.—INTERNET

## US-backed Iraq trade fair postponed indefinitely

**BAGHDAD, 2 April** — A US-sponsored trade fair billed as Iraq's largest postwar business gathering was postponed on Thursday, in a blow to efforts to boost investment and project an image of Iraq as a place to do business.

A spokesman for the Baghdad Expo, which had been due to be held on April 5 to 8 at a site that guerrillas rocketed last month, said no new date had yet been set for the event.

"There will be an announcement made in the next two days. The decision is in US hands," the official told Reuters.

The postponement came a day after four US contractors were killed in the city of Fallujah, west of Baghdad, and their bodies burned and dragged through the streets by a jubilant crowd.

Several firms out of 200

foreign companies due to take part had pulled out of the fair in recent weeks because of concerns about security.

International companies hoping to win a slice of Iraqi reconstruction had planned to attend, along with US companies that won most of the contracts Washington has awarded to rebuild Iraq so far, such as Bechtel, Halliburton and Fluor.

The projects include oil, military bases, electricity generation, and water and security facilities.

The fair, next to the former intelligence directorate, was intended to link US

contractors who usually operate out of hard-to-access compounds with Iraqi and foreign companies looking for business in the country. Although postwar subcontracts are on offer, few foreign companies have chosen to set up in the country as instability continues and facilities such as hotels come under attack.

One Arab businessman said Arab companies could gain an advantage as Western businesses stay away from Iraq. "They are still coming. Many have dual Arab-US nationalities," the businessman said. — MNA/Reuters



*Iraqi cyclists pass the wreckage of a car bomb which exploded in the town of Baquba, on 31 March, 2004. — INTERNET*

## Security pushes up Iraq contracts price

**WASHINGTON, 2 April** — Soaring security and insurance costs are driving up the price of contracts to rebuild Iraq and more funds may be needed, said a report on Wednesday by the US-led authority's chief inspector in Iraq.

Stuart Bowen, inspector general for the Coalition Provisional Authority, said security costs and the oversight of spending and control of cash would be among his main concerns in the months ahead as his team looks at US-funded contracts.

In a quarterly report made public on Wednesday online Bowen said security rate was up 10-15 per cent or more of the total costs of Iraqi contracts, and he predicted more funding would be needed to cover this.

"With continued and significant threats to human life being experienced in the Green Zone (in Baghdad) and throughout Iraq, the inability to predict the costs of security (including insurance), raises questions about the need for more funding — Iraqi, donor, or US, to accomplish the reconstruction mission," said the report delivered to Congress on Tuesday. Bowen, a former White House lawyer, said his office would work closely with other US agencies to see whether the government

should provide insurance or find other ways to control security-related costs without compromising safety.

The report did not provide estimates on how much more should be budgeted for security but contractors have complained that the price of keeping their staff safe in such a hostile environment has cut deeply into profit margins.

All contractors working in Iraq have expensive private security to protect staff, and some have moved non-essential personnel to neigh-

boring countries to reduce the risk.

Bowen was appointed in January to review how US taxpayer and Iraqi funds were being spent in Iraq, particularly the 18.6 billion US dollars appropriated by Congress for reconstruction.

The contracting process in Iraq has been criticized, particularly contracts handed out without competition to among others, Halliburton the oil services company once run by Vice-President Dick Cheney.

MNA/Reuters

## Three British soldiers wounded in Iraq blast

**LONDON, 2 April** — Three British soldiers have been injured in an explosion in southern Iraq, Britain's Ministry of Defence said on Wednesday.

A ministry spokesman said an improvised explosive device had gone off near a vehicle south of Basra. He had no further details on the extent of the soldiers' injuries or the explosion itself.

Basra, Iraq's second city, and the rest of the southern Iraq region where British forces are deployed, has been generally calmer than the rest of the country, although there have been several recent flare-ups.

British troops clashed with demonstrators on Monday outside the offices of a religious organization in Basra and at least one protester and two British soldiers were wounded.

Some 20 British soldiers have been killed in combat attacks in Iraq since the start of the war last year. Thirty-eight have died in non-combat incidents. — MNA/Reuters

## Chavez rejects US interference in Venezuela, Haiti

**CARACAS, 2 April** — Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez reiterated Wednesday that his government rejects the United States' interference in the internal affairs of other nations, specifically in Haiti and Venezuela.

"My government does not recognize the one (government) placed by the United States in Haiti and we call on the other countries of the continent, as the Caribbean Community and Common Market (Caricom) has already done, to pronounce this," he said.

He indicated that "only unity among us will guarantee respect for sovereignty".

Chavez questioned the role of the Organization of American States (OAS), whose voice over Haiti's situation is absent, saying that "silence in this case is remarkable". Deploing the OAS' failure to make pronouncement on this case and the international human rights organizations' "silence, eternal silence", the Venezuelan leader said, "This

world is full of hypocrisy."

He also said Wednesday afternoon that the Venezuelan Ambassador to the United States Jorge Valero "will give a speech that I approved, in which all this perverse interventionist plan waged by the government of Washington against Venezuela will be denounced".

MNA/Xinhua

## ASEAN Regional Forum vows to combat terrorism in transport

**MANILA, 2 April** — The Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN) Regional Forum members vowed Wednesday here to take measures to keep safe air and sea lanes as well as roads and rail.

In a statement after a two-day meeting, the delegates committed to combating international terrorism in transport security, identification and sharing of counter-terror measures as well as technical, legislative, and legal adjustments to enhance coordination in the region.

William Pope, deputy coordinator for counter-terrorism of the US Department of State, said he believes that terrorists would be attracted by commercial shipping and possible targets could be ships plying the Straits of Malacca and Singapore, the world's busiest shipping lanes.

Southeast Asian countries need a region-specific approach to curb potential terrorist attacks, Pope said, adding that ASEAN "has not yet developed broad cooperative arrangement to combat the endemic piracy that is on the rise, much less terrorism."

Like the United States, Australia also focused on terrorists' interest in attacking economic assets as means of undermining the global economy, including strikes against shipping. The meeting's co-chair, Vladimir Andreyev, director of the Department of New Challenges and Threats of the Russian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, said terrorists have not been completely defeated because they still have the initiative.

The fight against terrorism, he added, is 90-per cent collecting information and working on it, including exchanging it with partners and doing it rapidly and fully enough to counteract terrorists' plans.

About 125 delegates from 23 members attended the 2nd Inter-session Meeting on Counter-terrorism and Transnational Crime, co-chaired by the Philippines and Russia.

MNA/Xinhua

## Germany says restaurant food must be marked as GMO

**HAMBURG, 2 April** — Restaurant and canteen food containing genetically modified organisms (GMOs) must be clearly marked when new rules on GMO labelling take effect in April, the German Government said on Wednesday.

On April 18 new European Union rules mean food on sale in shops will have to be labelled if it contains GMOs. Animal feed sold to farmers will also have to be labelled.

The rules also apply to restaurants, Junior German Agriculture and Consumer Protection Minister Alexander Mueller said in a statement.

If canteens or restaurants use genetically-modified food this must be clearly

marked on the menu or in a notice," he said.

The ministry has completed talks with German state authorities, responsible for food inspections, and food industry associations to achieve a smooth implementation of the new regulations, Mueller said. "It is now the responsibility of the private sector to fulfil its labelling responsibilities," he added. He expected state authorities to increase food inspections from April 18. — MNA/Reuters



*Tom Cole, owner of Cole's Gun Works, in Moyock, NC, a shop that deals with Blackwater Security Consulting, stands in his shop on Wednesday, 31 March, 2004. Cole said that the killings in Iraq weren't "anything different than the kind of stuff that happened in Vietnam."*

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# On return from Ayeyawady

Sein Sein Thein (Dagon University)



Group leader presents gift to Ayeyawady Division Peace and Development Council Chairman Maj-Gen Soe Naing.

If was my fifth arrival at Ayeyawady Division. We have arranged training programmes for our new generations to enhance their technical know-how through excursions to the natural training ground. It is very urgent time to work out to know bio-technology and environmental studies.

These subjects are the applied science and has advanced in our country. Myanmar is a country with a long coast-line and three major rivers are rich in prawns, shrimps, lobsters which are highly favoured by the people and consumed in various forms. On the first week of March, altogether 50 members of scholars and students of Bio-technology of Dagon University arrived at Ayeyawady Division, in the hope of studying culture methods by using bio-techniques. The aims and objects of our excursion to Ayeyawady is to provide descriptions of the species collected and to record many new species. At 10.30 am we all took rest in office of Department of Fisheries. Fishery officials and staff of DOF warmly welcomed us. Divisional officers of DOF, U Win Myint Maung explained the successful farming methods by using bio-technological ways and natural resources of this region. Like all scientists, we, zoologists, have to work rather like detectives. This involves asking questions and trying to work out the answers with official of

DOF and entrepreneurs of Ayeyawady Division.

After lunch, Ayeyawady Division Peace and Development Council Chairman Maj-Gen Soe Naing arrived at the meeting room and encouraged us. And, he gave advice, saying due to soil and weather condition, Ayeyawady Division produces fish, prawns, shrimps, lobsters and fishery products. The divisional aquaculture sector is important for our nation.

Nowadays, Ayeyawady has been developing year by year. We are looking forward to the day on which all the efficient graduates specializing "Bio-technology" could be able to serve our country.

All of our students are years under 24, so we describe them as youth. All of the youth agreed with him and were pleased with his honourable prizes for them. The students stated that Tatmadaw men are energetically implementing the nation-building projects covering numerous sectors including education.

I am convinced that education and training are the mainstay in the creation of qualified and skilled human resources. Today, in the world, the proportion of species that face extinction stand at 34 percent for fish and shell fish. Fish and shell fish are our staple food. The single largest problem is habitat loss, such as man's conversion and fragmentation of coral reef, rivers and

many other habitats that species call home. There is no need to doubt that interrelation of biological environment and fish, shell fish is one of the interesting portion of Ecology. Thus we find out the new edible species for our country.

Fish, prawn and fishery products are major sources of animal protein for the increasing population and Bio-technology provides both products and services.

Bio-technology may be defined more broadly as the use of other living organism for the benefit of human beings. We taught Bio-technology in this field trip.

In the evening, we arrived at Ngwe Hsaung Beach. Like all life, that of the shore has beauty and as always that beauty is the greatest in its natural setting in Ngwe Hsaung Beach. On the beach, we have observed so many bivalves such as oysters, cockles and scallops. These are well-known edible mollusc. We had an opportunity to visit shrimp breeding farms, Yuzana, Shwe Kha Yu and

mainly from intertidal zone of the sea. Altogether 34 species of pelecypods (Bivalves), 16 species of fishes, 10 species of shrimps, five species of lobsters of Ngwe Hsaung and Chaung Tha beaches were observed. All of the students were discussed at night in Sea Sein Hotel. They stated that Aquaculture System must be considered in relations to natural resources system. Natural resources are necessary for economic growth, thus we need to learn natural resource economy. I assumed, the newest resources, biological diversity is perhaps a special type of extractive resources. Diversity is not a feature of one ecosystem or species or gene but of a collection of them. But the justification for preservation of diversity is often expressed in extractive terms. Diversity may also be important in general ecosystem maintenance. Preservation of diversity normally implies a shift away from traditional types of extractive activities.

Researchers of universities and other departments should work together in Myanmar. More research is needed and they should focus on providing answers to the problems related to use of natural resources.

We wish to thank Deputy Minister U Aung Thein and Major Cho Win (Pathein) for their help and encouragement to carry on with the research work on natural resources of Ayeyawady Division.



U Zaw Win explains the operation area on the map.

Pale Nadi Co Ltd. We have looked into what would be the best way to improve coastal aquaculture development in Ayeyawady Division.

We have seen coconut palms, silvery sandy beach and amazing sea. The scene is very beautiful in Ngwe Hsaung and Chaung Tha. Specimens are collected

Very important point to recognize is that nation-building work can be accomplished only by the people for the people.

We all, people and Tatmadaw and officials of all of the ministries will train the youth to enable them to take part in building a new modern and developed nation.

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## သတိပေးနှိုးဆော်ချက်

ရန်ကုန်မြို့တော် စည်ပင်သာယာနယ်နိမိတ်အတွင်း ခရီးသည်တင်ယာဉ် (ဘတ်စ်ကား)များအား ထိရောက်စွာ အရေးယူဆောင်ရွက်ခဲ့သဖြင့် ယာဉ်တိုက်မှု၊ ယာဉ်တိမ်းမှောက်မှုများလျော့နည်းကျဆင်းသွားသည်ကိုတွေ့ရှိရပါသည်။ ယခုအခါ တွင် ဌာနဆိုင်ရာယာဉ်များနှင့် တကွ စီအေဒုး ယာဉ်များမှလည်း ယာဉ်တိုက်မှုများလျော့နည်း ကျဆင်းလာသည်ကိုတွေ့ရှိရပါသည်။ ကိုယ်ပိုင်ယာဉ်များမှလည်း ယာဉ်တိုက်မှုများ လျော့နည်းကျဆင်းလာမှု မရှိသေးကြောင်း တွေ့ရှိရပါသဖြင့် ယာဉ်တိုက်မှု မဖြစ်အောင် ထိန်းသိမ်းစောင့်ရှောက်မှုနှင့် ယာဉ်တိုက်မှုဖြစ်ပွားပါက ပြစ်ဒဏ်သတ်မှတ်ချက်များအား မည်သည့်နည်းနှင့်မျှ ကင်းလွတ်ခွင့်ပြုမည် မဟုတ်ကြောင်း သတိပေးနှိုးဆော်အပ်ပါသည်။

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## သတိပြုရန်

- (၁) မြန်မာ့ရိုးရာယဉ်ကျေးမှု မဟာသင်္ကြန် ကာလအတွင်း ယာဉ်စောင့်သူများ လိုက်နာရန်
- (က) မူးယစ်သောက်စား၍ ယာဉ်မမောင်းရ။
- (ခ) အရေးယူမှုများ ဖြစ်ပေါ်လာခြင်း မမောင်းရ။
- (ဂ) ခရီးတော်ယာဉ်၊ ခရီးတော်ဆိုင်ကယ်များတွင် အိတ်စောင့်ပိုင် ဖြုတ်မမောင်းရ။
- (ဃ) ယာဉ်နံပါတ်ပြားမပါရှိဘဲ မမောင်းရ။
- (င) ယာဉ်နံပါတ်အမှတ်များအခြားယာဉ်နံပါတ်များတပ်ခြင်းမပြုရ။
- (စ) ယာဉ်၏ဘေးတစ်ပါးများ၊ နောက်ဖုများဖြတ်၍ မမောင်းရ။
- (ဆ) ယာဉ်မောင်းလိုင်စင်၊ ယာဉ်မှတ်ပုံတင် မပါဘဲ မမောင်းရ။
- (ဇ) ယာဉ်သိမ်းယာဉ်အိုးဟောင်းများဖြင့်ဆွဲယာဉ်များ မမောင်းရ။
- (ဈ) နိုင်ငံတကာအလံများ ယာဉ်တွင်တပ်ဆင်၍ မမောင်းရ။
- (ည) ဟွန်းသံကင်းမဲ့ရန်အတွင်း ဟွန်းလုံးဝမတီးရ။
- ၂။ ကျူးလွန်ပါက တည်ဆဲဥပဒေအရ ထိရောက်စွာ အရေးယူမည်။
- ၃။ “သင့်ကြောင့် မြန်မာ့ရိုးရာ ယဉ်ကျေးမှု မဟာသင်္ကြန်ကို အကျဉ်းတန် မညစ်နွမ်းပါစေနှင့်”

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- (၁) လေပေါင်(၁၀၀)မှ(၁၅၀)အထိ အတင်အချမြင့်လှ၍ ရသည့် ကွန်ပရက်ဆာပန်များဖြင့် ရေပတ်ကစားခြင်းကြောင့်ရေစူးအား ပြင်းလွန်၍ရေပတ်ခရေသွင် အသားအရေများပွန်းပဲ့စွတ်ထွက်နိုင်ခြင်း၊ မျက်စိနာများအားထိုးမိပါကမျက်လုံး၊ နားကနဲ နိုင်ခြင်း၊ အန္တရာယ်ဖြစ်စေနိုင်ပါသဖြင့် ရေကစားမဇာတ်များ၊ ရေပတ်ကစားများတွင် ကွန်ပရက်ဆာပန်များသုံး၍ရေပတ်ရန် တားမြစ်ပါသည်။
- (၂) သင်္ကြန်ရေပတ်ကစားခြင်းအားသင်္ကြန်ရေပတ်များအတွင်းနေ့စဉ် နံနက်(၇)နာရီမှညနေ(၆)နာရီအတွင်းသာ ရေပတ်ကစား ကြရန်နှင့် ည(၆)နာရီနောက်ပိုင်း ရေပတ်ကစားခြင်း မပြုရန်တားမြစ်ပါသည်။
- (၃) တားမြစ်ချက်အားဖောက်ဖျက်ပါက ထိရောက်စွာအရေးယူ ခံရမည် ဖြစ်ပါသည်။

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## မြန်မာ့ယဉ်ကျေးမှုသင်္ကြန်

- \* အမျိုးသားယဉ်ကျေးမှုကို ထိန်းသိမ်းပါ။
- \* သရုပ်ဖော်ယဉ်ကျေးမှုကို ရှောင်ကြဉ်ပါ။
- \* အမျိုးဂုဏ်ဇာတိဂုဏ်ကို မြန်မာ့ယဉ်ကျေးမှုသင်္ကြန်ဖြင့် မြှင့်တင်ပါ။

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## ရေခဲထုပ်၊ ရေပူဖောင်း၊ ဆပ်ပြာရည်ဂတ်စ်ဘူးဖြင့်ကစားက

- ၁။ လက်ဝယ်တွေ့သူ - တောင် (၁)နှစ်
- ၂။ ကစားသူ - တောင် (၃)နှစ်
- ၃။ ထုတ်လုပ်ရောင်းချသူ - တောင် (၅)နှစ်နှင့်ပစ္စည်းကိုသိမ်း

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## မြန်မာ့ရိုးရာယဉ်ကျေးမှု မဟာသင်္ကြန်ဆင်နွှဲသူများ လိုက်နာရန် တိုက်တွန်းနှိုးဆော်ချက်

- (က) မြန်မာ့ရိုးရာယဉ်ကျေးမှုလေ့စရိုက်နှင့်ဖီလာဆန်ကျင့်ပြီး မြန်မာလူမျိုးများ၏ အမြင့်တွင် မတင်တယ်သည် ဝတ်စားဆင်ယင်မှု ပြုမူပြောဆိုမှုများ မပြုလုပ်ရန်၊
- (ခ) ဗုဒ္ဓဘာသာ ယဉ်ကျေးမှုအဆုံးအမနှင့်ဖီလာဆန်ကျင့်သည် အပြုအမူ၊ ပြောဆိုမှုများ မပြုလုပ်ရန်၊
- (ဂ) အချင်းချင်းဒဏ်ရာအနာတရဖြစ်စေပြီး အန္တရာယ်ဖြစ်စေသည့် ကြမ်းတမ်းသည့် ရေကစားမှုများ မပြုလုပ်ရန်၊
- (ဃ) တိုင်းရင်းသားစည်းလုံးညီညွတ်မှုကို ဖျက်ပြားစေပြီး ဆူပူမှုကို ဖြစ်စေနိုင်သည့် လူ့ဆော်ဖ်တီ ပြုမူပြောဆို ကြိုးပမ်းမှုများကို မပြုလုပ်ရန်။

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Prawn breeding ponds of Yuzana Co's shrimp farm.



Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing offer 'soon', fruits, lights, water and joss sticks to Manaungmyin Pyidawbyan Buddha Image in Zalun.— MNA



## Senior General Than Shwe inspects...

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Rear-Admiral Soe Thein and Capt Aye Pe (Navy). In his guidance, the Senior General said as Hainggyi Island region is located at the boundary of the Myanmar territorial waters, harmonious efforts should be made to further strengthen the rule of law, regional peace and stability, administrative machinery and regional devel-

opment.

Local people are required to be imbued with the spirit to ensure national security, patriotism and the spirit to love the Union, while possessing the will to safeguard their region and the nation by themselves.

The Government will fulfil and make arrangements for regional development, and it will practically

implement the five rural development tasks for progress of Hainggyi Island and its surrounding areas.

Efforts will have to be made in cooperation with the local people for development of transport infrastructure.

Endeavours should be made for development of not only the island, but also its surrounding areas. There must be a harmony between the regional development and national development undertakings. Besides, the

Beikmandawgyi.

Local authorities, departmental personnel, members of Union Solidarity and Development Association and other social organizations and religious associations and guests were also present.

Joint Secretary of the Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Sayadaw Abhidhaja Maha Rattha Guru Bhaddanta Osadhabhivamsa administered the Five Precepts. Senior General Than Shwe and Daw Kyaing

Kyaing Kyaing, party and the congregation.

The ceremony came to an end with the recitation of Buddha *sasanam ciram tithatu* three times. After the ceremony, Senior General Than Shwe, wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing and party viewed round Patheingyi by car.

Next, Senior General Than Shwe, wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing and party arrived at Zalun by helicopter. They were welcomed there

by Col Bo Ni, senior military officers, departmental officials, members of social organizations and locals.

Senior General Than Shwe, wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing and party visited Manaungmyin Pyidawbyan Pagoda, where they offered alms, fruits, lights, flowers, water and joss sticks to the Buddha Image and paid homage to it.

They also offered *Shwe Thingan* to the Buddha Image. After signing in the visitors' book at the pagoda, Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing donated cash to the pagoda through the pagoda board of trustees. Senior



Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing present cash donations to members of pagoda board of trustees of Zalun Pyidawbyan Buddha Image. — MNA



Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing and party being welcomed by officials and local people on Hainggyi Island. — MNA



General Thura Shwe Mann meets Tatmadawmen and families of regiments and units in Patheingyi Station. — MNA



## 246 drug cases exposed in February

YANGON, 2 April— Tatmadaw, Myanmar Police Force and the Customs Department exposed 246 drug-related cases— 55,583 kilos of opium in 50 cases, 37,6619 kilos of heroin in 75 cases, 0.0962 kilo of opium oil in two cases, 2,3324 kilos of low-grade opium in 10 cases, 46,9707 kilos of marijuana in 25 cases, 8.3 litres of Phensedyl in five cases, 39,620 stimulant tablets in 32 cases, 0.015 kilo of stimulant powder in one case, 0.62 litre of cough syrup in one case, 22 cases for failure to register and 23 other cases in February 2004.

Action was taken against 322 persons in 246 cases — 265 men and 57 women — under the law in February 2004.

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## Vietnamese delegation leaves

YANGON, 2 April — The three-member Vietnamese broadcasting delegation led by Mr Nguyen Van Khoa, Deputy Director of the Voice of Vietnam that visited Myanmar under the cooperation programme between the Myanmar Radio and Television and the Voice of Vietnam, left here by air for home this morning.

The Vietnamese del-

egation was seen off at Yangon International Airport by U Ko Ko Htwe, Director (Myanma Radio) of MRTV of the Ministry of Information and officials.

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## WHO director for SEA region leaves

YANGON, 2 April — Dr Samlee Plianbangchang, Director of the Southeast Asian Region of the World Health Organization, left here by air this morning as he had studied and discussed the health care activities being implemented in Myanmar under the programme of WHO.

He was seen off at Yangon International Airport by Deputy Minister for Health Dr Mya Oo, directors-general of departments under the ministry, deputy directors-general, officials, WHO Resident Representative Dr Agostino Borra and responsible personnel.

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Head of State Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing share merits at the Myat Mawtin Dhammayon in Ngapudaw Township. — MNA



The Hsawdawshin Myat Mawtin Pagoda in Ngapudaw Township of Ayeyawady Division. — MNA



## Minister receives guests

YANGON, 2 April — Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Pyi Sone received the journalist delegation led by Mr Liu Zhanmian of the *Farmers' Daily* of China, at his office on Strand Road this afternoon. Present were Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Aung Tun and departmental heads. — MNA

## Management Officers Course ends

YANGON, 2 April — The Management Officers Course No 9 of the Customs Department under the Ministry of Finance and Revenue concluded at the training hall of the department here this afternoon, with an address delivered by Minister for Finance and Revenue Maj-Gen Hla Tun.

It was attended by Governor of the Central Bank of Myanmar U Kyaw Kyaw Maung, Director-General of the Customs Department Col Khin Maung Lin, directors-general and managing directors of departments and enterprises under the ministry. A total of 24 officers attended the course, which lasted eight weeks. — MNA

## Donations for Tatmadaw medical units

YANGON, 2 April— In honour of the 59th Anniversary Armed Forces Day, Thiha Thudhamma Theingi Thiri Thudhamma Theingi Agga Maha Thiri Thudhamma Theingi Daw Ni and family, on behalf of Chairman of Shwe Thanlwin Co Ltd U Kyaw Win, donated 100 beds worth K 25 million for Defence Services medical units at Defence Services Liver Specialist Hospital on 25 March afternoon.

Director of Medical Services Col Than Aung accepted the donations and presented a certificate of honour to the wellwisher. Next, the director spoke words of thanks.

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## Heroin seized in Lashio

YANGON, 2 April — A combined team comprising members of local intelligence unit, Myanmar Police Force and Special Anti-Drug Squad, acting on information that narcotic drug will be sold at the tea shop near the market in Ward 2, Lashio, on 24 March, seized 669 grams of heroin hidden in 40 soap boxes from Ma Yan Kway Chin, daughter of U Yan Chauk Pauk of Namhsan Street, Region 18, Ward 5, Lashio.

According to further information, the team arrested U Yon Phint who was the owner of the heroin, son of U Laung Shan of Shwe Myitta Street, Region 9, Ward 6, Lashio.

Action is being taken against them under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.

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Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Pyi Sone receives the Chinese journalist delegation. — MNA

## Nursery Market Festival continues

YANGON, 2 April— The Nursery Market Festival continued at Myayha 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. Poultry farming and fish breeding are also exhibited there. — MNA



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Soe Win meets departmental personnel, social organization members and officials in City Hall in Magway.— MNA

## Secretary-1 inspects multi-purpose...

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city. On completion, the project will not only supply water to a total of 108,000 acres of farmland but also generate 330 million kilowatt hours on an annual basis.

Before 1988, the country could produce a total of over 580 megawatts of electricity on a national basis. However, after 1988, more than 560 megawatts of electricity was produced additionally by constructing 28 hydel power stations and six gas-powered stations, totaling 34 stations.

As a result, nearly 1,200 megawatts of electricity can now be generated.

At the same time, efforts are under way to produce another 2,000 megawatts of electricity with the use of rich water resources in the third five-year plan.

Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Soe Win and party arrived back in Magway by helicopter and met with departmental officials and members of social organizations at the city hall of Magway.

Magway Division Peace and Development Council Chairman Col Zaw Min reported on the location of Magway Division, its climate, the use of land and water resources, cultivation of crops, sufficiency of rice and edible oil in the region, cultivation of major crops, the undertaking of livestock breeding, the investment in industrial zones and their productivity, education, health and

rural development measures.

Departmental officials reported on progress of their tasks and the requirements to be fulfilled.

Next, Lt-Gen Ye Myint spoke of the need of departmental officials to organize local people to cooperate with the Government in regional development tasks.

Speaking on the occasion, Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Soe Win said that in building a modern and developed nation, the Government has been laying down and implementing long-term and short-term plans.

Dam projects and river water pumping station projects have been implemented to extend cultivation of the ten main crops including paddy till reaching the goal. Priority has been given to irrigation as Magway Division gets less amount of rainfall annually. Magway Division is one of the six most reliable divisions of the nation.

The division cannot produce enough food for its local requirement yet.

Thus, efforts should be made to extend sown acreage, multiple cropping and per acre yield, while effectively using the irrigation facilities set up by the Government.

The Government has been using various means of irrigation to ensure surplus food for the growing population of the future, and to enable them to live with

peace of mind. Thus, all the local people will have to strive for regional agricultural development.

Besides, industrial development plays a key role in building a modern and developed nation that can stand shoulder to shoulder with the global nations.

Nineteen industrial zones have been set up for industrial development, and various means are being applied to develop the private industries.

The Government has been opening institutions of higher learning and subject-wise advanced level courses to bring out brilliant new generation and experts in various fields and develop human resources who may help develop the nation.

As various means are being applied in generating hydro power from rivers and creeks to supply enough electricity to the nation's industrial sector, the nation will enjoy adequate power supply in the near future.

In addition to the national development drive, border area development project, 24-development zone project and five rural tasks have been or are being implemented for progress of all sectors and all regions of the nation.

Thanks to the Government's farsighted efforts, the nation is on the development track.

It is a common knowledge that seven-point future policy programme has been laid down and implemented

to build a modern, developed and discipline-flourishing democratic nation.

All the national races will have to strive for the success of the programme. Local authorities and departmental personnel are urged to serve the interest of the regions they are assigned and of the nation.

The Secretary-1 cordially greeted those present at the meeting.

Next, the Secretary-1 and party proceeded to the 200-bed teaching hospital construction project site of Magway Institute of Medicine.

At the briefing hall, the Secretary-1 and party heard a report presented by Director of Myanma Industrial Construction Services under the Ministry of Industry-2 U Than Aye on matters related to construction of the 200-bed teaching hospital.

After giving necessary instructions, the Secretary-1 and party inspected construction of the 200-bed teaching hospital.

After that, the Secretary-1 and party arrived at Magway Institute of Medicine where they were welcomed by the rector, associate professors, heads of department, registrar and faculty members.

At the meeting hall, Rector of Magway Institute of Medicine U Than Myint reported on construction of the institute, academic and management matters and staff affairs.

Director-General of Medical Science Depart-

ment Dr U Maung Maung Wint gave a supplementary report.

Later, the Secretary-1 gave necessary instructions.

Next, the Secretary-1 and party viewed round physiological practical room, library, computer room and construction of Block-C for the institute.

Afterwards, the Secretary-1 and party arrived at the Thaphanseik river water pumping project being undertaken by Water Resources Utilization Department under the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation in Thaphanseik region, Magway Township where they were welcomed by departmental officials.

At the briefing hall, Deputy Director-General of Water Resources Utilization Department U Hla Myint

Maung reported to the Secretary-1 and party on matters related to the river water pumping project.

Next, Chairman of Magway Division Peace and Development Council Col Zaw Min reported on irrigated farmlands of river water pumping projects in Magway Division.

After giving necessary instructions, the Secretary-1 inspected the Thaphanseik river water pumping project and flow of Ayeyawady river. On completion, the project will benefit about 7,200 acres of farmlands in Thaphanseik region, Magway Township and contribute to greening of 7-mile radius of Magway.

Next, the Secretary-1 and party arrived in Magway.

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## e-Procurement Project formally launched

YANGON, 2 April—With the directives of the e-National Task Force and co-operation of Myanmar ICT Development Corporation Ltd, the e-Government Pilot Projects such as e-Visa, e-Passport, Smart Card, Smart School and Certification Authority are being implemented.

Today, the e-Procurement programme was formally launched for 2004-2005 financial year at MICT Park, Hline Universities' Campus, here, this morning.

Present were Chairman of the e-National Task

Force Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs Brig-Gen Thein Zaw, Deputy Minister for Mines U Myint Thein, Deputy Minister for Hotels and Tourism Brig-Gen Aye Myint Kyu, MICTDC Chairman e-Application Committee Chairman Brig-Gen Thein Swe, members of the e-National Task Force, departmental heads from departments and enterprises which will start to apply the e-Procurement Project and officials of local and foreign companies.

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Deputy Director-General U Hla Myint Maung of Water Resources Utilization Dept reports Thaphanseik river water pumping project to Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Soe Win.— MNA



# e-Education Learning Centre သင်ခန်းစာထုတ်လွှင့်မည့်အစီအစဉ်

- ၃-၄-၂၀၀၄ (စနေနေ့)**
  - \* အဝေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ်ကျောင်းသူ/သားများအတွက်သင်ခန်းစာများ
- ၄-၄-၂၀၀၄ (တနင်္ဂနွေနေ့)**
  - \* အဝေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ်ကျောင်းသူ/သားများအတွက်သင်ခန်းစာများ
- ၅-၄-၂၀၀၄ (တနင်္လာနေ့)**
  - \* Cost Accounting
    - ဒုတိယနှစ်စီးပွားရေး၊ စီးပွားစီမံကျောင်းသူ/သားများ
  - \* Health Care and Health Services
    - ဒုတိယနှစ်အိမ်တွင်းစီးပွားကျောင်းသူ/သားများ
  - \* Introduction to Statistics
    - ဒုတိယနှစ်ပြည်သူ့ရေးရာကျောင်းသူ/သားများ
  - \* Random Variables and Distribution Function
    - ဒုတိယနှစ်စီးပွားရေးကျောင်းသူ/သားများ
- ၆-၄-၂၀၀၄ (အင်္ဂါနေ့)**
  - \* Income and Expenditure A/C
    - ဒုတိယနှစ် စီးပွားစီမံကျောင်းသူ/သားများ
  - \* Index Numbers
    - ဒုတိယနှစ်စီးပွားရေးကျောင်းသူ/သားများ
  - \* Cost Accounting (Control of Material Cost)
    - ဒုတိယနှစ်စီးပွားရေး၊ စီးပွားစီမံကျောင်းသူ/သားများ
- ၇-၄-၂၀၀၄ (ဗုဒ္ဓဟူးနေ့)**
  - \* The Preparation of Accounts from Single Entry or Incomplete Records
    - ဒုတိယနှစ် စီးပွားစီမံကျောင်းသူ/သားများ
  - \* Consumer's Equilibrium
    - ဒုတိယနှစ် စီးပွားရေးကျောင်းသူ/သားများ
  - \* Macroeconomics Policy Objectives and Instruments
    - ဒုတိယနှစ် စီးပွားရေးပြည်သူ့ရေးရာကျောင်းသူ/သားများ
- ၈-၄-၂၀၀၄ (ကြာသပတေးနေ့)**
  - \* Graphical Presentation
    - ပထမနှစ်စီးပွားရေး၊ စီးပွားစီမံ အိမ်တွင်းစီးပွားကျောင်းသူ/သားများ
  - \* Measures of Dispersion
    - ပထမနှစ်စီးပွားရေး၊ စီးပွားစီမံ အိမ်တွင်းစီးပွားကျောင်းသူ/သားများ
  - \* Legal Forms and Business Organization
    - ပထမနှစ်စီးပွားရေး၊ စီးပွားစီမံကျောင်းသူ/သားများ
- ၉-၄-၂၀၀၄ (သောကြာနေ့)**
  - \* Cash Book
    - ပထမနှစ်စီးပွားရေး၊ စီးပွားစီမံကျောင်းသူ/သားများ
  - \* The Preparation of Accounts From Single Entry or Incomplete Records
    - ပထမနှစ်စီးပွားရေးကျောင်းသူ/သားများ
- ၁၀-၄-၂၀၀၄ (စနေနေ့)**
  - \* အဝေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ်ကျောင်းသူ/သားများအတွက်သင်ခန်းစာများ
- ၁၁-၄-၂၀၀၄ (တနင်္ဂနွေနေ့)**
  - \* အဝေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ်ကျောင်းသူ/သားများအတွက်သင်ခန်းစာများ
- ၁၂-၄-၂၀၀၄ (တနင်္လာနေ့)**
  - \* Importance of Micro Business in Economics Development
    - ပထမနှစ်အိမ်တွင်းစီးပွားရေးကျောင်းသူ/သားများ
  - \* Concepts of Equilibrium

- ပထမနှစ်စီးပွားရေး၊ စီးပွားစီမံပြည်သူ့ရေးရာကျောင်းသူ/သားများ
- \* Internal Structure and Organization
  - ပထမနှစ်စီးပွားရေး၊ စီးပွားစီမံ၊ ပြည်သူ့ရေးရာကျောင်းသူ/သားများ
- \* Application of Demand and Supply
  - ပထမနှစ်စီးပွားရေး၊ စီးပွားစီမံ၊ ပြည်သူ့ရေးရာကျောင်းသူ/သားများ
- ၁၃-၄-၂၀၀၄ (အင်္ဂါနေ့)**
  - \* Double Entry and Book-keeping
    - ပထမနှစ်စီးပွားရေး၊ စီးပွားစီမံကျောင်းသူ/သားများ
  - \* Historical Background of Myanmar Economy
    - ပထမနှစ် ပြည်သူ့ရေးရာကျောင်းသူ/သားများ
  - \* Myanmar Economic Reforms (1989-1996)
    - ပထမနှစ်ပြည်သူ့ရေးရာကျောင်းသူ/သားများ
- ၁၄-၄-၂၀၀၄ (ဗုဒ္ဓဟူးနေ့)**
  - \* Micro Business
    - ပထမနှစ် အိမ်တွင်းစီးပွားကျောင်းသူ/သားများ
  - \* Book-keeping Procedures and Cash-Book
    - ပထမနှစ်စီးပွားရေး၊ စီးပွားစီမံကျောင်းသူ/သားများ
  - \* Legal form of Organization
    - ပထမနှစ်အိမ်တွင်းစီးပွား ကျောင်းသူ/သားများ
- ၁၅-၄-၂၀၀၄ (ကြာသပတေးနေ့)**
  - \* Measure of Dispersion
    - ပထမနှစ်စီးပွားရေး၊ စီးပွားစီမံအိမ်တွင်းစီးပွားကျောင်းသူ/သားများ
  - \* Total Debtors Account and Total Creditors
    - ပထမနှစ်စီးပွားရေးကျောင်းသူ/သားများ
  - \* Measures of Dispersion and Further of Descriptions
    - ပထမနှစ်စီးပွားရေး၊ စီးပွားစီမံအိမ်တွင်းစီးပွား ကျောင်းသူ/သားများ
  - \* Natural Resource Development
    - ပထမနှစ် ပြည်သူ့ရေးရာကျောင်းသူ/သားများ
- ၁၆-၄-၂၀၀၄ (သောကြာနေ့)**
  - \* Simple Linear Regression
    - ပထမနှစ်စီးပွားရေး၊ စီးပွားစီမံပြည်သူ့ရေးရာကျောင်းသူ/သားများ
  - \* Correlation
    - ပထမနှစ်စီးပွားရေး၊ စီးပွားစီမံ ပြည်သူ့ရေးရာကျောင်းသူ/သားများ
  - \* Structure of Markets
    - ပထမနှစ်စီးပွားရေး၊ စီးပွားစီမံ ပြည်သူ့ရေးရာကျောင်းသူ/သားများ
  - \* Monopoly
    - ပထမနှစ်စီးပွားရေး၊ စီးပွားစီမံ ပြည်သူ့ရေးရာကျောင်းသူ/သားများ
- ၁၇-၄-၂၀၀၄ (စနေနေ့)**
  - \* အဝေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ်ကျောင်းသူ/သားများအတွက်သင်ခန်းစာများ
- ၁၈-၄-၂၀၀၄ (တနင်္ဂနွေနေ့)**
  - \* အဝေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ်ကျောင်းသူ/သားများအတွက်သင်ခန်းစာများ
- ၁၉-၄-၂၀၀၄ (တနင်္လာနေ့)**
  - \* An Introduction to the Final Accounts of Limited Liability Companies (Financial Accounting)
  - ဒုတိယနှစ်စီးပွားရေး၊ စီးပွားစီမံကျောင်းသူ/သားများ
  - \* Consignment Account
    - ဒုတိယနှစ်စီးပွားစီမံကျောင်းသူ/သားများ
- ၂၀-၄-၂၀၀၄ (အင်္ဂါနေ့)**
  - \* The Family
    - ဒုတိယနှစ်အိမ်တွင်းစီးပွားကျောင်းသူ/သားများ
  - \* Nutrition
    - ဒုတိယနှစ်အိမ်တွင်းစီးပွားကျောင်းသူ/သားများ
  - \* Imperfect Competition Market
    - ဒုတိယနှစ်စီးပွားရေးကျောင်းသူ/သားများ
  - \* Statistical Theory Moments and Generating Functions
    - ဒုတိယနှစ်စီးပွားရေးကျောင်းသူ/သားများ
- ၂၁-၄-၂၀၀၄ (ဗုဒ္ဓဟူးနေ့)**
  - \* Cost Accounting (Job, Order Costing)
    - ဒုတိယနှစ်စီးပွားရေးကျောင်းသူ/သားများ
  - \* Time Series Analysis and Forecasting
    - ဒုတိယနှစ်စီးပွားရေး ကျောင်းသူ/သားများ
- ၂၂-၄-၂၀၀၄ (ကြာသပတေးနေ့)**
  - \* Contract Costing
    - ဒုတိယနှစ်စီးပွားရေး၊ စီးပွားစီမံကျောင်းသူ/သားများ
  - \* Financial Accounting (Partnership Account Final A/C)
    - ဒုတိယနှစ်စီးပွားရေး၊ စီးပွားစီမံကျောင်းသူ/သားများ
- ၂၃-၄-၂၀၀၄ (သောကြာနေ့)**
  - \* Linear Programming I
    - ဒုတိယနှစ်စီးပွားစီမံကျောင်းသူ/သားများ
  - \* Linear Programming II
    - ဒုတိယနှစ်စီးပွားစီမံကျောင်းသူ/သားများ
- ၂၄-၄-၂၀၀၄ (တနင်္ဂနွေနေ့)**
  - \* အဝေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ်ကျောင်းသူ/သားများအတွက်သင်ခန်းစာများ

## ကျန်းမာပျော်ရွှင် ဘဝတစ်ခွင်

ကျန်းမာခြင်းဆိုသည်မှာ ရောဂါဘယကင်းရှင်းစွာ သာမက ကိုယ်၏ကျန်းမာကြံ့ခိုင်ခြင်း၊ စိတ်ချမ်းသာခြင်းနှင့် လူမှုရေးသမာ ဖြည့်ဝခြင်းကိုဆိုသည်။

ဘဝတစ်ခွင် ကျန်းမာပျော်ရွှင်စေရန် အောက်ပါအတိုင်း လိုက်နာဆောင်ရွက်ပါ။

- (၁) တစ်ကိုယ်ရည်သန့်ရှင်းမှုကိုဆောင်ရွက်ပါ။
- (၂) အန္တရာယ်ကင်း၍ အာဟာရပြည့်ဝသော အစားအသောက်များကို စားသုံးပါ။
- (၃) ပိုမိုကင်းစင်၍ သန့်ရှင်းသောရေကို သောက်သုံးပါ။
- (၄) ရာသီဥတုနှင့်လိုက်လျောညီထွေစွာ ဝတ်စားဆင်ယင် နေထိုင်ပါ။
- (၅) အသက်အရွယ်နှင့်လိုက်လျောညီထွေရှိသည့် သင့်တင့်မျှတသောကိုယ်လက်လှုပ်ရှားမှုကို မှန်မှန်ဆောင်ရွက်ပါ။
- (၆) နေ့စဉ်လုပ်ငန်းဆောင်တာများ ဆောင်ရွက်ခြင်းကြောင့် ပင်ပန်းနွမ်းနယ်မှုကိုပြေပျောက်စေရန် အနားယူပါ။
- (၇) ခြင်အန္တရာယ်မှကာကွယ်ရန် ခြင်ထောင်ဖြင့်အိပ်ပါ။
- (၈) ကျန်းမာရေးနှင့်ညီညွတ်သော ယဉ်လုံအိမ်သာကိုသုံးစွဲပါ။
- (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

## အိမ်တိုင်းမှာသစ်ပင် ရွာစဉ်မှာတောတန်း

တစ်တောဝင်တစ်တောင်ဆက်

မြို့တက်မယ့်လမ်း။

## “သတိပေးနှိုးဆော်ချက်”

ခရီးသည်တင် ဖော်တော်ယာဉ်များအား ဖြိုတွင်းသို့ နေ့/ည ခရီးသည် ပို့ဆောင်နိုင်ရေးအတွက် သတိမှတ်ခေါက်ရေခွင့်အညီ စက်သုံးဆီ ထုတ်ပေး ထားပြီဖြစ်ပါသည်။ ယာဉ်စီမံများအားလည်း သတိမှတ်နှုန်းထားများ အတိုင်းတောင်းခံရန် ညွှန်ကြားထားရှိပါသည်။ သို့ရာတွင် အချို့ယာဉ်လိုင်းများမှ ယာဉ်မောင်းနှင့် ယာဉ်နောက်လိုက် တို့သည် ယာဉ်စီမံများကို ညှိနှိုင်းထုတ်ပို့မိတောင်း ယူနေကြောင်းသိရပါသည်။ထိုသို့ပို့မိတောင်းခံပါက ထိရောက်စွာ အရေးယူနိုင်ရန် အောက်ပါနိပါတ်များ သိရှိကြောင်းသိရပါသည်။

- (၁) မြန်မာနိုင်ငံရဲတပ်ဖွဲ့၊ ရန်ကုန်တိုင်း (ဖုန်း ၁၉၉)
- (၂) ကြိုးကြေးနန်းနှင့်ယာဉ်ထိန်းတပ်ဖွဲ့မှ (ဖုန်း၂၄၁၂၈၅/၂၄၁၂၈၄)
- (၃) ဖော်တော်ယာဉ်လုပ်ငန်းပေါင်းစုထိန်းသိမ်းရေးကော်မတီ (ဖုန်း ၅၄၁၉၀၅/၅၄၁၉၀၄)

ယာဉ်စီးကမ်းထိန်းသိမ်းရေးကြီးကြပ်မှုကော်မတီ

## အရက်ကြောင့်ဖြစ်သည့် ရောဂါများ

အရက်ကိုလွန်ကျွံစွာနှင့် စွဲလမ်းစွာသောက်သုံးခြင်းကြောင့် ဖြစ်ပွားတတ်သော ရောဂါများမှာ အသည်းရောင်ခြင်း၊ အသည်းခြောက်ခြင်း၊ သွေးအန်ခြင်း၊ အစာအိမ်ရောဂါ ဖြစ်ခြင်း၊နုလုံးရောဂါဖြစ်ခြင်း၊ဦးနှောက်နှင့်အာရုံကြော ထိခိုက်ခြင်း၊ စိတ်ရောဂါ များဖြစ်ခြင်း စသည်တို့ဖြစ်ပါသည်။

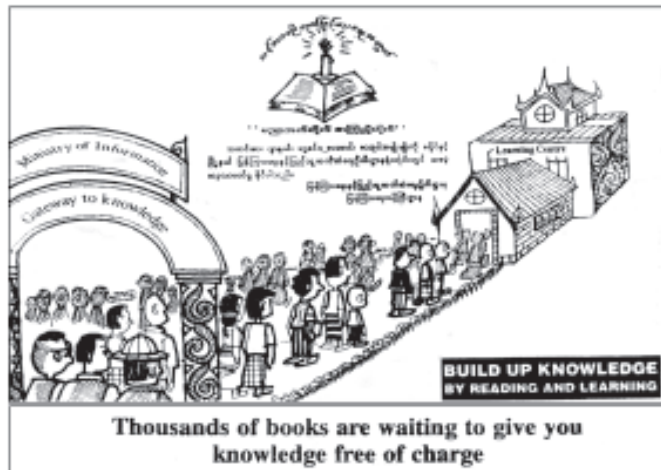
အရက်ကြောင့်ဖြစ်တတ်သော စိတ်ရောဂါများမှာ -

- ၁။ ကယောင်ကတမ်းဖြစ်ခြင်း (Delirium Tremors)၊ ကြောက်လန့်ခြင်း၊ အချိန်၊ နာရီ၊ နေရာ၊ လူ ခန့်မှန်းနိုင်စွမ်း မရှိခြင်း၊ ကြောက်စရာလူနဲ့စရာများမြင်ရခြင်း၊ အသံဗလများ ကြားရခြင်း၊ ပိုမိုများများ ခန္ဓာကိုယ်ပေါ် ရုစိရုစိ သွားသလို ခံစားရခြင်း၊ လက်တုန်ရောဂါဖြစ်တတ်ခြင်း။
- ၂။ အရက်အလွန်အကျွံသောက်သည့်အခါတွင် လူမရှိပဲ နားထဲတွင် ခေါ်သံများ၊ မြို့မ၊ ခြောက်သံများ၊ ခေါက်ကားခေါက်ကားသံ များကြားနေရတတ်ခြင်း (Alcoholic Halluncinosis)။
- ၃။ အတက်ကြီးရောဂါဖြစ်တတ်ခြင်း (Rum Fits) (ဝက်ရုမြန် ရောဂါ ကဲ့သို့တတ်ခြင်း)။
- ၄။ စိတ်ဓာတ်ကျရောဂါဖြစ်တတ်ခြင်း (Depressive Illness)။
- ၅။ စိတ်ဖောက်ပြန်ခြင်း (Alcoholic Psychosis)။
- ၆။ ဦးနှောက်ချို့ယွင်းခြင်း။
- ၇။ အရက်နှင့်မတည့်သောသူများသည် အရက်အနည်းငယ်သောက် ရုံဖြင့် ရုတ်တရက် စိတ်ဖောက်ပြန်တတ်ခြင်း (Pathological Drunkenness)။
- ၈။ မိမိ၏ဇနီးကို အထင်အမြင်လွဲမှားခြင်းများဖြစ်တတ်ခြင်း (Morbid Jealousy)။
- ၉။ အရက်ကြောင့် ရာဇဝတ်မှု ကျူးလွန်သည့်အထိဖြစ်နိုင်ခြင်း။

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

ကျန်းမာရေးဝန်ကြီးဌာန





## ADVERTISEMENTS

### CLAIMS DAY NOTICE MV KENG TUNG VOY NO (25)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV KENG TUNG Voy No (25) arrived on 4-4-2004 are hereby notified that their cargo will be discharged into the premises of Myanma Port Authority where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

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

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MYANMA FIVE STAR LINE**

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### CLAIMS DAY NOTICE MV SEA MERCHANT VOY NO (501)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV SEA MERCHANT Voy No (501) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 3-4-2004 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of A.W.P.T where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

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

**SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT  
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY  
AGENT FOR: M/S ADVANCE CONTAINER**  
Phone No: 256908/378316/3676797

### ARRIVAL/CLAIMS DAY NOTICE MV "MANDALAY" VOY NO 123/N

Consignees of cargo carried on MV "MANDALAY" Voy No 123/N are hereby notified that the vessel has arrived at Yangon port on 6-4-2004 and will be berthing on about 7-4-2004 and cargoes will be discharged into the premises of Myanma Port Authority where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11:30 am and 12 noon to 4 pm into Claims Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the vessel.

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

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## ပြည်တွင်းပြန်ကိုအားပေးပါ

### New SARS vaccine works in mice, human trials near

LONDON, 2 April — A new, experimental vaccine against SARS that protects mice from the infectious disease could soon be tested in humans, scientists said on Wednesday.

The vaccine, which contains a small piece of DNA from the virus that causes the respiratory illness, stopped it replicating in infected mice.

"The good news from this study is that it really provides the first proof of concept that you can vaccinate and you can get immune protection against the SARS coronavirus," said Dr Gary Nabel of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases (NIAID) in the United States.

"It also provides the first description of an immune mechanism by which that occurs," he added in an interview. "That is important

for developing a human vaccine and for developing antiviral therapies."

Severe acute respiratory syndrome (SARS) first emerged in southern China in 2002.

It infected more than 8,000 people in nearly 30 countries and killed nearly 800. Although the outbreak was brought under control, public health experts say it could re-emerge.

Scientists identified its cause as a new virus from the family of so-called coronaviruses that are responsible for the common cold and a range of animal illnesses.

China, Hong Kong and Canada were among the most severely affected by the virus which spread around the world through international air travel.

The vaccine developed by Nabel and his team is made

from a tiny piece of modified SARS DNA linked to a protein on the outer surface of the virus. The protein helps the virus infect cells.

The DNA used in the vaccine is too small to reproduce the SARS virus but sufficient to stimulate an immune response.

The scientists tested two versions of the vaccine containing different amounts of genetic material from the virus and compared the results with mice that were not vaccinated.

Mice injected with the vaccine launched an immune response against the virus shortly after they were infected. Animals that had been vaccinated had one million times fewer virus particles in their lungs than the non-vaccinated mice, according to the research published in the science journal *Nature*.

MNA/Reuters

### US military sex assaults linked to "friendly fire"

WASHINGTON, 2 April — Sexual assaults by US military men against their female comrades-in-arms amount to a different kind of "friendly fire" in the Iraqi-Afghan theatre, victims' advocates told members of Congress on Wednesday.

"While these friendly fire attacks leave no trail of blood, they leave many damaged souls in their wake," Scott Berkowitz, President of the Rape, Abuse & Incest National Network, told a panel of women lawmakers. "They rob our country of the services of many we have trained and nurtured to protect us."

There have been 129 cases of sexual assault reported to the independent Miles Foundation in the current theatre of operations — Iraq, Kuwait, Afghanistan and Bahrain — but only 27

were reported to military officials, according to foundation chief Christine Hansen.

One reason victims are reluctant to tell their commanding officers is the lack of confidentiality and a blame-the-victim mentality within the military, Hansen told the Congressional Caucus for Women's Issues.

Others may fear that simply reporting an attack will hurt their careers, especially for victims who are officers, who may be charged with such disciplinary infractions as fraternization, conduct unbecoming an officer or adultery while their rapists face nominal penalties and stay in the military, Hansen said.

"The more you report, the more they say you're making it up," said Jennifer Machmer, a US Army captain who was sexually assaulted in Kuwait

in 2003 and is being medically discharged from the military as a direct result.

Machmer said she had reported extreme sexually abusive language by a subordinate in 2001, and was sexually abused by a military chaplain to whom she went for marital counselling in 2002.

She did not report the 2002 incident, but when she was assaulted in Kuwait in March 2003, "There was no way I could file away another violation, so I went and I reported it within a half hour."

The investigation took until August, but Machmer said the man was never punished and remained in the military, while she is being discharged with a 30-per-cent temporary retirement benefit.

MNA/Reuters

### China to offer vocational training for 10 million migrant labourers

BEIJING, 2 April — The Chinese Government is planning to launch a national vocational training programme targeting the 10 million to-be rural migrant labourers across the country, which will help them improve job skills and thus increase rural income.

Six Chinese ministries, namely the Ministry of Agriculture, the Ministry of Finance, the Ministry of Labour and Social Security, the Ministry of Education, the Ministry of Science and Technology and the Ministry of Construc-

tion, jointly released a circular Wednesday, urging local governments to launch the training program for the local rural migrant labour force.

The training programme is considered a major measure for the six ministries to implement their scheme made last September. The scheme said between 2003 and 2005, the government will offer vocational guidance to 10 million rural labourers who plan to move to non-agricultural industries or migrate to cities.

Half of those to-be mi-

grant rural labourers will receive vocational training and further job training will also be provided to about 50 million migrant rural workers who have already left the rural areas, according to the scheme.

Currently, the six ministries have set up a leading group for the training programme and the leading office was set in the Ministry of Agriculture. The six ministries have also made relevant regulations for the implementation of the training programme.

MNA/Xinhua

### Turkish police seize 4.41 tons of base morphine in Istanbul

ANKARA, 2 April — Turkish police has seized 4.41 tons of base morphine in an operation in the country's largest city of Istanbul, Istanbul Governor Muammer Guler announced on Wednesday.

Anatolia news agency quoted Guler as saying that the Istanbul police had confiscated the base morphine hidden in a truck in Esenyurt District in Istanbul's Buyukcekmece town on 29 March.

MNA/Xinhua



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## UN envoy urges help for Swaziland to fight "HIV-AIDS"

UNITED NATIONS, 2 April — A top United Nations official for HIV-AIDS in Africa appealed on Wednesday to the international community to help Swaziland fight against HIV-AIDS.

"HIV/AIDS has reached into the viscera of Swaziland and is tearing it apart," Stephen Lewis, UN special envoy for HIV-AIDS in Africa, told a Press briefing at the UN Headquarters in New York after a visit earlier in the month to the southern African country.

Swaziland, with the highest prevalence rate of HIV/AIDS in the world, is undergoing socially wrenching changes, with some heads of families now as young as eight and the number of or-

phans likely to rise to 10 or 15 per cent of the population by 2010, according to an envoy.

"The rise and sweep of the virus has been inexorable, and thus far, irreversible," said Lewis. The HIV prevalence among pregnant women attending antenatal care centres in 1992 was 3.9 per cent and it jumped to 38.6 per cent in 2002, Lewis said.

Meanwhile, between a four-year drought and the AIDS illnesses and deaths

of the predominantly female agricultural force, "the fields are shrivelling from neglect," he said. "You don't eat if you can't plant." Many people depended on the UN World Food Programme to get enough food to survive, Lewis said.

Lewis also said Swaziland's National Emergency Response Council in HIV/AIDS had requested funds from the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria to pay 10,000 women 40 US dollars a

month each to become surrogate mothers for some of the orphans.

The UN envoy expressed concern that the seed money the World Health Organization needs, 200 million US dollars over this year and next to put three million people into treatment by the end of next year, is still not forthcoming.

He called on donor countries to donate money to WHO to enable it to do this indispensable, life-saving work. — MNA/Xinhua

## ADB proposes loan of \$1,368m for Bangladesh

DHAKA, 2 April — The country programming mission of the Asian Development Bank (ADB) has proposed a 1,368-million-US-dollar lending programme (2004-2006) for Bangladesh.

The lending programme, consisting of 17 projects, will be placed before the ADB management for the final approval, the *United News of Bangladesh*, a private news agency here, reported Wednesday.

Of the proposed loan amount, 618 million dollars is expected to come from Asian Development Fund and 750 million dollars from the ordinary capital resources.

The programme accommodates several thematic priorities, including promotion of the private sector, good governance, development and regional cooperation.

MNA/Xinhua

## Miss India returns crown amid marriage rumours

MUMBAI, 2 April — The winner of the Miss India World contest relinquished her crown on Wednesday amid persistent media speculation she was married in violation of pageant rules.

"Lakshmi Pandit surrendered her crown today (Wednesday) afternoon," AP Parigi, managing director of Times Infotainment Media Ltd, told a Mumbai news conference.

Following her selection, television channels broadcast interviews with neighbours stating she was married. The title is coveted by young Indian women seeking instant fame and Bollywood stardom.

In an affidavit to event organizers, Pandit — who would have represented the country at the Miss World contest — insisted she was single and legally entitled to use the title "Miss". But she returned the glittering tiara. "The intense media scrutiny has taken its toll on my family and me and in this emotionally surcharged and traumatic state, I do not think I can do justice to the training required for the international pageant," she said in a statement. — MNA/Reuters

## Fiji sets investment targets at 25% of GDP

WELLINGTON, 2 April — Fiji Government had set its investment targets at 25 per cent of gross domestic product (GDP), Fiji's Prime Minister Laisenia Qarase said.

"At this stage we have lifted it to 16 per cent — so we have a long way to go. I am quite confident we can reach our goal," he said.

The Prime Minister made these comments Wednesday afternoon while addressing the Auckland Business Community and Investors in New Zealand on the investment climate in Fiji, according to a Fiji Government Press release reaching here from Suva Thursday.

Qarase told them that Fiji has low interest rates and inflation and last year

achieved record tax collections.

"Consumer attitudes are positive and spending is strong, more of our citizens are in employment," he said.

On the issue of visitor arrivals, the Prime Minister said that January and February this year were at all-time highs, after a record 2003.

"We are forecasting another record year for tourism this year. Construction — a good indicator of economic performance in any country — is booming.

"The result of this coordinated drive for jobs, in-

vestment and prosperity, is that we have had three years of strong growth," Qarase said.

The Prime Minister told the Auckland Business community and investors that by the end of last year Fiji had reached its growth target of 5 per cent of GDP.

"That was very good by any measure — and placed us among the highest achievers in Asia and the Pacific. In 2004, the growth trend will continue, although we expect a slowdown to 4.1 per cent. My personal view is that it may be possible to

surpass this," the Prime Minister said.

Qarase said that winning the support and trust of the business community was essential for releasing the economy's potential for creating jobs.

He said that Fiji is now experiencing a broadening stream of investments supported by local and foreign investors. Qarase is currently on his first state visit to New Zealand on the invitation of his New Zealand counterpart, Helen Clark. He is expected to return to Fiji on Friday. — MNA/Xinhua

## Japan compiles guidelines to stop taxi crimes

TOKYO, 2 April — Japan's National Police Agency (NPA) has compiled a set of guidelines for measures to cope with a surge of taxi-related crimes, the agency said Thursday.

The NPA said it has asked the taxi industry to take measures based on the guidelines and ordered prefectural police forces to instruct taxi operators and drivers about measures to be taken.

According to the latest NPA statistics, the number of taxi robbery cases rose

by 58 to 226 last year, or about 30 per cent more than the previous year.

According to the NPA, about 80 per cent of the taxis in the robbery cases were not equipped with exterior alarm lights and some 40 per cent had no crime-prevention partition between the driver's seat and the rear passenger

area, the agency said.

The guidelines call for taxi companies to designate a crime-prevention supervisor at each taxi depot and to hold crime-prevention drills and draw up manuals for drivers, as well as equipping their taxis with partitions and external alarm lights. — MNA/Xinhua

## Australia considers fertilizer licensing plan

CANBERRA, 2 April — Australia is considering a plan to license the sale of ammonium nitrate fertilizer, a prime ingredient in explosives used in the 2002 bombings on the Indonesian island of Bali that killed 202 people.

Australia's mining industry uses around 850,000 tons of fertilizer annually to make explosives, while another 50,000 tons is used by farmers for crops, the Fertilizer Industry Federation of Australia (FIFA) said on Thursday.

The licensing plan comes two days after British police seized half a ton of ammonium nitrate from a warehouse in London and arrested eight men in the country's biggest anti-terror operation since the September 11,

2001, attacks on the United States.

On Wednesday, gunmen stole explosives and 1.4 tons of ammonium nitrate from a quarry in Thailand's largely Muslim south, which has seen the revival of a low-key separatist war, just days after a bomb attack in the region wounded 28 people.

Australian Attorney-General Philip Ruddock was due to receive a report on the fertilizer licensing proposal on Thursday, a spokeswoman for his office said.

"We are looking at a licensing system that would be administered by the states and territories, whose responsibility it is. It is a high priority," said the spokeswoman, adding that further details were likely to be available later on Thursday.

A FIFA spokesman said there were only curbs on the storage and transport of ammonium nitrate because it was classified as a dangerous item, but there were no regulations on the sale of the fertilizer. — MNA/Reuters

## China, Thailand to improve military cooperation

BANGKOK, 2 April — China stands ready to join efforts with Thailand to continuously push forward the existing all-round Sino-Thai friendly relations of cooperation and good-neighbourliness, the visiting Chinese Defence Minister Cao Gangchuan said.

"China and Thailand have developed their bilateral relations in a way of mutual respect, mutual trust and mutual help," said Cao when he meeting with his Thai counterpart Chettha Thanajaro here on Wednesday.

The Sino-Thai friendship has developed in all sectors including the military area, which is to the interests of both peoples, he added.

"The defence establishments and militaries of the two countries have had close interaction and cooperation and made positive contribution toward maintaining regional peace and development," said the Chinese Defence Minister, who is also vice chairman of the Central Military Commission and state councillor. Thailand has long seen China as a reliable friend

and cooperation partner, said Chettha, who had invited Cao to have an official good will visit to Thailand.

Cao is the first foreign Defence Minister visiting Thailand since Chettha took office earlier this month, showing the good relations between the two countries and militaries, according to the Thai Defence Minister.

MNA/Xinhua

## Japan to delay launch of lunar probe satellite

TOKYO, 2 April — Japan will delay the plan to launch its first lunar exploration satellite this summer because valves for the orbiter's attitude control engine have been recalled by their US manufacturer, Japan's space exploration agency (JAXA) said Wednesday.

The launch of the LUNAR-A probe on an M-5 rocket, which has been postponed repeatedly since fiscal 1995, is now pushed back to no earlier than next year, according to the agency.

The six valves were recalled by the New York-based manufacturer Moog Inc. in January for repairs

after a similar kind of valve was found to have caused unstable flows of fuel. The unmanned LUNAR-A is designed to directly investigate the interior of the moon to look into its origin and evolution, instead of just geographical research on the configuration of the lunar surface, according to

JAXA's web site.

JAXA said it will reconsider the launch schedules for various space projects after obtaining results on comprehensive inspections of its satellites and rockets following the failed liftoff of the H-2A rocket carrying two spy satellites last November.

MNA/Xinhua

## SPORTS

## South Korea held to shock 0-0 draw by Maldives

SEOUL, 2 April — South Korea were held to a shock 0-0 draw away from home by the Maldives in a 2006 World Cup Asian zone Group Seven qualifier on Wednesday.

The 2002 World Cup semifinalists enjoyed the bulk of possession in the Male National Stadium but couldn't breakthrough against the Indian Ocean islanders, ranked a lowly 141st in FIFA's world rankings.

Early reaction from South Korean media was harsh and is likely to pile renewed pressure on coach Humberto Coelho.

Disgruntled South Korea fans were also reported to be landing a string of emails criticising the team's performance on Internet bulletin boards.

Anderslecht striker Seol Ki-hyeon put the ball in the net for South Korea in the 20th minute, but the goal was disallowed after fellow striker Ahn Jung-hwan was penalized for handling the ball moments earlier.

In the 54th minute Japan-based striker Ahn also had a goal disallowed for offside.

Roving wing-back Song Chong-gug found a lot of space on the right hand side for the visitors, but South Korea's strike force repeatedly failed to get on the end of his crosses. — MNA/Reuters

## Andresen penalty gives Norway win in Belgrade

BELGRADE, 2 April — A Martin Andresen penalty in the 76th minute gave Norway a 1-0 win against 10-man Serbia and Montenegro in a friendly international on Wednesday.

Andresen, currently on loan to English club Blackburn Rovers, converted the spot kick after Morten Gamst Pedersen was felled by the home team's keeper Vladimir Disljenkovic, following a goalmouth scramble.

The hosts had been reduced to 10 men on the hour when Darko Kovacevic was sent off for deliberately elbowing an opponent off the ball.

Kovacevic hit the crossbar with a powerful header in the 24th minute and Dejan Stankovic also missed a good chance for Serbia and Montenegro, when his spectacular volley cannoned off the post on the stroke of halftime.

Mateja Kezman could have put the hosts ahead following Kovacevic's dismissal, but his close range effort was well saved by Norway's keeper Thomas Myhr.

The match kicked off with a minute of silence to pay tribute to the Serbia and Montenegro Football Association secretary general Branko Bulatovic, killed by an unknown gunman in central Belgrade last Friday.

The home team's manager Ilija Petkovic, whose side failed to qualify for the Euro 2004 finals like Norway, said neither his side's performance nor the result gave much room for optimism.

MNA/Reuters

## Venus ousted by Dementieva in Miami

WASHINGTON, 2 April — Russia's Elena Dementieva doomed an expected all-Williams final at the 6.5 million US dollars Nasdaq-100 Open, knocking out Venus with a 6-3, 5-7, 7-6 win in the quarterfinals on Wednesday.

The fifth seed got off to the more consistent start and could have won in straight sets but failed to close out when serving for the match at 5-4 in the second.

Williams suffered a foot injury two games later at 6-5 when she landed awkwardly after a forehand. The three-time champion at the hardcourt event was forced to take a three-minute injury time-out while she received treatment, following which Venus improved so much to win 14 of the first 17 points and seize a 3-0 edge in the final set

before Dementieva rallied.

But Venus' improvement made Dementieva unsure if the second-seeded American was faking or fighting back.

The Nasdaq-100 Open is Williams' fourth tournament of the season and she has yet to get past the quarterfinal stage after missing the second half of last year with abdominal injuries. Dementieva next plays winner between compatriot Nadia Petrova and Frenchwoman Nathalie Dechy in Friday's semifinals.

MNA/Xinhua

## Defoe stakes his claim

LONDON, 2 April — England's Sven-Goran Eriksson will name his Euro 2004 squad in 47 days with 17 players guaranteed to be making the trip to

Portugal in June.

That leaves six places up for grabs to complete Eriksson's 23-man squad.

England's coach will have been given few clues in the friendly with Sweden as to who will make up the squad, with only Jermain Defoe staking a claim.

Coming on as an 11th-minute substitute for Darius Vassell, debutant Defoe caused Sweden plenty of problems. Still only 21, Defoe has demonstrated, be it at Bournemouth, West Ham and now Spurs an impressive goalscoring pedigree.

Spurs director of football David Pleat has been banging the Defoe drum for international inclusion ever since his move to White Hart Lane, emphasising his versatility and ability to make an impact even as a substitute. In promoting Wayne Rooney to the senior squad, Eriksson has shown he is willing to blood players, whatever their age, which suggests Defoe will be on the plane to Portugal.

Internet

## Healy strike in Estonia ends Northern Ireland's bleak run

TALLINN, 2 April — Northern Ireland finally ended their dire run of 15 games without a win spanning more than two years when they beat Estonia 1-0 in a friendly on Wednesday.

The visitors, whose last success was 1-0 World Cup qualifying win in Malta in October 2001, took the honours when striker Ian Healy latched onto a long pass in the last minute of the first half and thundered shot from 25 metres into the top right hand corner.

The Preston North End striker had ended Northern Ireland's two-year goal drought when he scored in last month's 4-1 defeat by Norway.

Estonia goalkeeper Martin Kaalma, who earlier made a great save to deny Crewe midfielder Steve Jones from close range, had no chance with the winner.

Sunderland midfielder Jeff Whitley missed a great chance to double the lead late on but sidefooted over an open goal after Kaalma had parried a shot.

Northern Ireland — drawn against England, Poland, Austria, Wales and Azerbaijan World Cup 2006 qualifying Group Six — outplayed the toothless Estonians for most of the game and deserved to win in their second game under new coach Lawrie Sanchez.

Estonia are to play Portugal, Russia, Slovakia, Latvia, Liechtenstein and Luxembourg in Group Three.

MNA/Reuters

## Palestinians celebrate going top after 1-1 draw with Iraq

JERUSALEM, 2 April — Palestine's 1-1 draw with Iraq in a World Cup qualifier in Doha gave soccer fans throughout the West Bank and Gaza a rare reason to celebrate on Wednesday.

The draw put Palestine top of Asian qualifying Group Two on goal difference from Uzbekistan after two matches following their 8-0 win over Taiwan in their opening match last month.

The match against Iraq was played in the Gulf state of Qatar because of the violence in the Middle East, but at home the conflict was put aside for the afternoon while fans gathered at cafes and in friend's houses to watch the game.

Iraq took the lead in the 20th minute when Razzaq Farhan rose high to head home a free kick taken by Imdad Mohammed.

Palestine's equalizer came in the 71st minute from a well taken free kick by Roberto Beshe from 17 me-

tres out in front of goal.

The ex-patriate Chilean who plays in Greece, curved his shot past the defensive wall leaving the Iraqi goalkeeper no chance.

The result put Palestine top of Group 2 in the Asian Zone qualifiers with four points from their opening two matches, leaving them ahead of Uzbekistan on goal difference.

Iraq are third with two points from their two matches and Taiwan are bottom of the four-team group with no points.

The Palestinian team is

made up of locally-based players and ex-pats, mainly from Chile where a number of them play for local league side Palestino.

The team is coached by Austrian Alfred Riedl, while his assistant is Israeli Azmi Nasser.

Nasser, a former coach of Israeli Premier League side Ahi Nazareth, coached Palestine in their last World Cup qualifying campaign when they failed to advance past the first stage on the road to the finals that were held in Japan and South Korea in 2002. — MNA/Reuters

## Joaquin set to become Real's next Galactico

MADRID, 2 April — Joaquin is close to becoming Real Madrid's next mega-money signing.

The Merengues' interest in the winger is no secret, and after declining a move to Manchester United—who had apparently agreed terms with Betis—the youngster has said 'yes' to Real.

The projected move will throw further doubt on Luis Figo's future at the Bernabeu. — Internet



Joaquin — INTERNET



Defoe



## MRTV-3


**3-4-2004 (Saturday)  
(Programme Schedule)  
Morning Transmission  
(9:00 - 10:00)**

- 9:00 Signature Tune  
Greeting
- 9:02 Song of Myanmar  
Beauty & Scenic  
Sights "Mingalabar"
- 9:06 Sagaing Pagoda-Stud-  
ded Hills
- 9:10 National News**
- 9:12 Mandalay, A Close  
distance
- 9:15 National News**
- 9:20 Myanmar Movie Im-  
pact "VCD Songs (For  
the New Year)"
- 9:30 National News**
- 9:35 Ancient Pakhangyi  
Monastery
- 9:40 Song "Mesmerize  
Your Longing Wish"
- 9:45 National News**
- 9:50 From Yangon to the  
Peak of Mt Victoria
- 9:58 Song of Myanmar  
Beauty & Scenic  
Sights "Come and See  
Myanmar"

**3-4-2004 (Saturday)  
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 "Myanmar Pano-  
rama & Myanmar Sen-  
timent"
- 15:36 Sagaing Pagoda-Stud-  
ded Hills
- 15:40 National News**
- 15:42 Mandalay, A Close  
distance
- 15:45 National News**
- 15:50 Myanmar Movie Im-  
pact "VCD Song (For  
the New Year)"
- 16:00 National News**
- 16:05 Ancient Pakhangyi  
Monastery
- 16:10 Song "Mesmerize  
Your Long Wish"
- 16:15 National News**
- 16:20 From Yangon to the  
Peak of Mt Victoria
- 16:25 Song of Myanmar  
Beauty & Scenic  
Sights "Mingalabar"

- 16:30 National News**
- 16:35 Rakhine Ordination  
Novitiation & Ear-bor-  
ing Auspicious Cere-  
mony
- 16:40 Traditional Food of the  
Region Myeik
- 16:45 National News**
- 16:50 Glimpses At Myanmar  
Movies "Hmone Shwe  
Yi (Part-I)"
- 17:00 Weekly News High-  
lights**
- 17:05 Excursion in Yangon  
River
- 17:10 Song "Towards Man-  
dalay Golden City"
- 17:15 Weekly News High-  
lights**
- 17:20 Glimpses At Myanmar  
Movies "Hmone Shwe  
Yi (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 "Mingalabar"
- 19:36 Hill Resort Town (Thandaung)
- 19:40 National News**
- 19:42 Traditional Chin  
House
- 19:45 National News**
- 19:55 Myanmar's Ancient  
City Bagan
- 19:58 Myanmar-ah-hla-Yat-  
taung-Ahka
- 20:00 National News**
- 20:05 Native of Pa-O Nation-  
als (Kyauktalane)
- 20:10 Song "Missing you so  
much"
- 20:12 Akha Weaving Train-  
ing School
- 20:15 National News**
- 20:20 All Lives Under the  
Sky: "Catch of Fish by  
Cooperation of Fisher-  
man and Dolphin"
- 20:25 Song on Screen  
"Past Merit"
- 20:30 National News**
- 20:35 Fisheries work in  
Pyapon
- 20:40 Myaung Hay Hun Ele-  
phant Camp
- 20:45 National News**
- 20:50 Journey to Mogok  
(The Ruby Land)
- 20:55 Kayin Dance (Ton  
Pana (or) Kywe Min  
Don Dance)
- 21:00 National News**
- 21:05 Folk Art of Pottery

- 21:10 Song "The Beauty of  
the Ayeyawady River  
(Sagaing)"
- 21:15 Weekly News High-  
lights**
- 21:20 Myanmar Bamboo  
Xylophone (or) Patala
- 21:30 Song of Myanmar  
Beauty & Scenic  
Sights "Myanmar Pano-  
rama & Myanmar Sen-  
timent"
- 21:35 Sagaing Pagoda-Stud-  
ded Hills
- 21:40 National News**
- 21:42 Mandalay, A Close  
distance
- 21:45 National News**
- 21:50 Myanmar Movie Im-  
pact "VCD Songs (For  
the New Year)"
- 22:00 National News**
- 22:05 Ancient Pakhangyi  
Monastery
- 22:10 Song "Mesmerize  
Your Longing Wish"
- 22:15 National News**
- 22:20 From Yangon to the  
Peak of Mt Victoria
- 22:25 Song "Lodestar"
- 22:30 National News**
- 22:35 Rakhine Ordination  
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mony
- 22:40 Traditional Food of the  
Region Myeik
- 22:45 National News**
- 22:50 Glimpses At Myanmar  
Movies "Hmone Shwe  
Yi (Part-I)"
- 23:00 National News**
- 23:05 Excursion in Yangon  
River
- 23:10 Song "Towards Man-  
dalay Golden City"
- 23:15 Weekly News High-  
lights**
- 23:20 Glimpses At Myanmar  
Movies "Hmone Shwe  
Yi (Part-II)"
- 23:25 Song of Myanmar  
Beauty & Scenic  
Sights "Come and See  
Myanmar"

**3-4-2004 (Saturday) &  
4-4-2004 (Sunday)  
Evening & Morning  
Transmission  
(23:30 - 1:30)**

- 23:30 Signature Tune  
Greeting
- 23:32 Song of Myanmar  
Beauty & Scenic  
Sights "Mingalabar"
- 23:36 Sagaing Pagoda-Stud-  
ded Hills
- 23:40 National News**
- 23:42 Mandalay, A Close  
distance

- 23:45 National News**
- 23:50 Myanmar Movie Im-  
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the New Year)"
- 24:00 National News**
- 00:05 Ancient Pakhangyi  
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- 01:00 Weekly News High-  
lights**
- 01:05 Excursion in Yangon  
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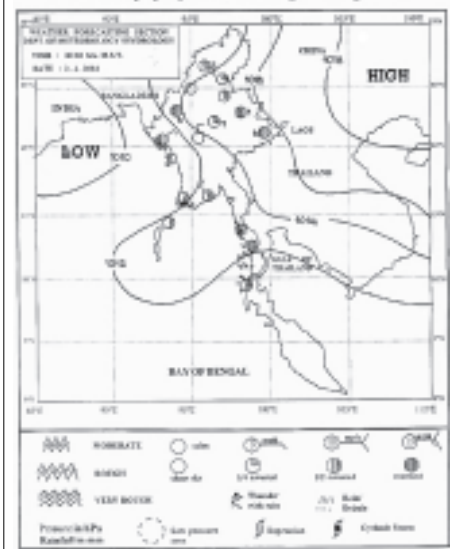
**4-4-2004 (Sunday)  
Morning Transmission  
(03:30-07:30)**

- 03:30 Signature Tune  
Greeting
- 03:32 Song of Myanmar  
Beauty & Scenic  
Sights "Myanmar Pano-  
rama & Myanmar Sen-  
timent"
- 03:36 Hill Resort Town  
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- 03:40 National News**
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- 06:00 National News**
- 06:05 Ancient Pakhangyi  
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- 07:00 National News**
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- 07:15 Weekly News High-  
lights**
- 07:20 Glimpses At Myanmar  
Movies "Hmone Shwe  
Yi (Part-II)"
- 07:25 Song of Myanmar  
Beauty & Scenic  
Sights "Come and See  
Myanmar"

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas


**WEATHER**

Friday, 2 April, 2004

**Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST:**  
During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers has been isolated in Bago Division and Rakhine State, scattered in Mandalay Division, widespread in Sagaing Division, Chin and Shan States and weather has been partly cloudy in the remaining areas. Day temperatures were (3°C) above normal in Ayeyawady Division and Kayin State, (4°C) below normal in lower Sagaing Division, Chin, Kayah and Kachin States, (6°C) below normal in Shan State and Mandalay Division and about normal in the remaining areas. The noteworthy amount of rainfall recorded was Hakha (1.02) inches. Maximum temperature on 1-4-2004 was 38.5°C (101°F). Minimum temperature on 2-4-2004 was 19.7°C (68°F). Relative humidity at 9:30 hrs MST on 2-4-2004 was 53%. Total sunshine hours on 1-4-2004 was (9.0) hours approx. Rainfall on 2-4-2004 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 15 mph from Northwest at (22:00) hours MST on 1-4-2004.

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

**Forecast valid until evening of 3-4-2004:** Rain or thundershowers isolated to scattered are likely in Kachin, Chin, northern Rakhine and Shan States, upper Sagaing, Mandalay, Magway and Taninthayi Divisions and weather will be partly cloudy in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (60%).

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

**Outlook for subsequent two days:** Continuation of rain or thundershowers are likely in Northern Myanmar areas.

**Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 3-4-2004:** Partly cloudy.

**Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 3-4-2004:** Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

**Weather outlook for first weekend of April 2004:** During the coming weekend, weather will be partly cloudy in Yangon Division and isolated rain or thundershowers are likely in Mandalay Division.



Saturday, April 3

**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. Delicacies
- 8:05 am**
6. ရုပ်သံကြည့်ပြန်ပုံ
- 8:20 am**
7. ရွှေတောင်တံတား
- 8:30 am**
8. International news
- 8:45 am**
9. Happy and Educational  
English Summer Course  
MRTV (Junior Class-I)

- 11:00 am**
1. Martial song
- 11:10 am**
2. Musical programme
- 11:30 am**
3. News
- 11:40 am**
4. Games for children
- 12:05 pm**
5. Roundup of the week's  
TV local news
- 1:25 pm**
6. နိုင်ငံခြားစာတတ်ပုံ  
"နက်ရှိုင်းစေ့" (အပိုင်း-၂၅)
- 2:00 pm**
7. Dance of national races
- 2:15 pm**
8. "ဓမ္မာနုပေါ်တယ်ဒီလိုအောင်"  
လွင်မိုး၊ ထွန်းထွန်းဝင်း၊  
အိမ်ခြံကွက်စင်၊ စင်သန်းနွယ်  
(ဒါရိုက်တာ-စိုးကျော်ဆန်း)
- 2:30 pm**
9. သံလွင်တံတား(မော်လမြိုင်)တည်  
ဆောက်ရေးပုံပြန်အစဉ်(၁)
- 2:45 pm**
10. International news
- 4:00 pm**
1. Martial song
- 4:15 pm**
2. Song to uphold  
National Spirit
- 4:30 pm**
3. English for Everyday Use
- 4:45 pm**
4. Dance variety

- 5:00 pm**
5. အစောင့်တက္ကသိုလ်သုတေသန  
ရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ တတိယခန်း  
(သန့်အေးထွန်း) (သန့်)
- 5:15 pm**
6. Musical programme
- 5:25 pm**
7. Games for children
- 5:45 pm**
8. Delicacies
- 6:00 pm**
9. ရွှေတောင်တံတားရွှေတောင်တံတား  
မော်လမြိုင်အစဉ် (၆-၄-၁၉၉၉)
- 6:30 pm**
10. Evening news
- 7:00 pm**
11. Weather report
- 7:05 pm**
12. Discovery
- 7:20 pm**
13. နိုင်ငံခြားစာတတ်ပုံ  
"စိုးမိုးမိုးစေတော့ကွယ်"  
(အပိုင်း-၃၂) (စာတတ်ပုံစီမံ)
- 8:00 pm**
14. News
- 8:35 am**
15. International news
- 8:40 am**
16. Weather report
- 8:45 am**
17. Myanmar video feature:  
"ဓမ္မာနုပေါ်တယ်ဒီလိုအောင်"  
(အပိုင်း-၁) လွင်မိုးအောင်လွင်၊  
နုစုလွင် (ဒါရိုက်တာ-မောင်မြိုးမင်း၊  
စင်ထွန်းမြင့်)
- 8:50 pm**
18. The next day's  
programme

**Saturday, April 3  
Tune in today:**

- 8:30 am** Brief news
- 8:35 am** Music
- 8:40 am** Perspectives
- 8:45 am** Music
- 8:55 am** National news/  
Slogan
- 9:05 am** Music
- 9:10 am** International news
- 9:15 am** Music (Spotlight on  
a star)
- 1:30 pm** -Amy Grant  
News/Slogan
- 1:40 pm** Request  
-Heart beat (Jimmy  
Somerville)  
-Independent love  
song (Scarlett)
- 9:00 pm** News
- 9:10 pm** Article
- 9:20 pm** Myanmar culture by  
Dr. Khin Maung  
Nyunt  
Myanmar Army of  
late Konebaung  
period II
- 9:30 pm** Souvenirs  
April love  
(Connie Francis)
- 9:45 pm** News/Slogan
- 10:00 pm** PEL



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Soe Win inspects construction of water intake of Mone Creek Multi-purpose Dam Project.—MNA

## Secretary-1 inspects multi-purpose dam projects, hydro-electric power projects in Magway Division

YANGON, 2 April— Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Soe Win, accompanied by Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Ye Myint of the Ministry of Defence, deputy ministers, officials of the State Peace and Development Council Office and departmental heads, left here by air on 1 April morning and arrived in Magway at 7.30 am.

The Secretary-1 and party were welcomed at Magway Airport by Chairman of Mandalay Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Central Command Maj-Gen Ye Myint, Chairman of Magway Division Peace and Development Council Col Zaw Min and officials.

Next, the Secretary-1 and party flew to the construction site of Kyeon Kyeewa Dam Project in Pwintbyu Township, Magway Division by helicopter.

At the briefing hall, Director U Tun Aung Lwin of Construction-3 of Irrigation Department reported on facts about the dam, annually generating of 300 million kilowatt hours of electricity on completion and requirements. Director-General U Kyaw San Win gave a supplementary report.

After hearing the reports, the Secretary-1 said that they have experiences and qualification in construction to a certain extent. It is required to minimize loss and wastage of heavy machinery and fuel in the construction sites as much as possible. All the workers are to conscientiously discharge their duties in construction for ensuring timely completion of the tasks meeting set standard. And, departmental heads at different levels are to supervise the staff for uplift of their morale.

Next, the Secretary-1 and party inspected construction of separation wall and diversion canal with the use of heavy machinery.

Kyeon Kyeewa Dam Project is being implemented in Pwintbyu Township. It lies in the region five miles from Mezali Diversion Weir in Pwintbyu Township and 15 miles away from Mone Creek Multi-purpose Dam Project in Sedoktara Township. The dam will be 164 feet high and 3,280 feet long.

Flow of water from Mone Creek Dam and from watershed area of the two dams will be controlled to be able to generate 60 megawatt of electricity through Kyeon Kyeewa Dam and to supply farmlands through canals of Mezali Dam. So, the project will be able to control the water flow of Mone Creek.

Afterwards, the Secretary-1 and party proceeded to Buywa Dam Project in Sedoktara Township where Director U Myint Than of Construction-8 of ID reported on preliminary works of the project, finding of the axis and embankment, land preparations and geological conditions. Officials gave supplementary reports. The Secretary-1 attended to the needs and gave necessary instructions.

The project site is situated near Bu village, 13 miles upstream the Mone Creek Dam in Sedoktara Township, Magway Division. On completion, it will have a capacity to generate some 300 kilowatts hours of electricity a year.

Afterwards, the Secretary-1 and party arrived at the Mone Creek Multi-purpose Dam Project in Sedoktara Township, Minbu District, Magway Division. Deputy Minister

for Electric Power U Myo Myint reported on cooperation of the Hydro Electric Power Department and the Irrigation Department in implementing the project that will be able to generate 75 megawatts of electricity, work progress, tasks being carried out and arrangements for timely completion of the project; Deputy Director-General of the HEPD U Aung Koe Shwe, on progress of work; and Director of the Construction Group-8 of the ID U Myint Than, on progress in constructing separation wall, the main embankment, tunnels, power intake structure, buildings, the dam and the spillway. Director-General of the ID U Kyaw San Win gave a supplementary report.

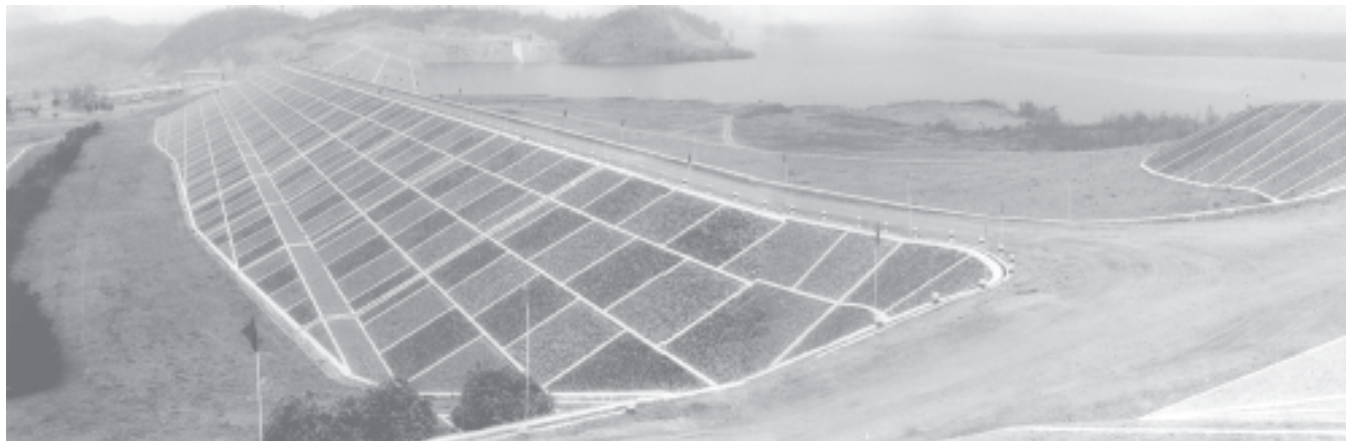
Regarding the reports, the Secretary-1 called for cooperation of the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation and the Ministry of Electric Power for timely completion of the project.

Next, the Secretary-1 and party inspected work progress round the project site.

At the Central Control Room of the Mone Creek hydel power station, the Secretary-1 and party heard reports on the generation of electricity and distribution of electricity to Chauk power substation.

Next, Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Soe Win presented baskets of fruits to Chinese technicians from CITIC Technology Co Ltd of the People's Republic of China who are rendering assistance to the Mone Creek hydel power station project.

The Mone Creek multi-purposed dam project is being implemented on Mone Creek, two miles north of Sedoktara (See page 10)



Progress in construction of Mone Creek Multi-purpose Dam Project in Sedoktara Township, Magway Division. — MNA

## Meeting to ensure greening of 30-mile radius of Yangon Airport held

YANGON, 2 April— The meeting to ensure greening of 30-mile radius of Yangon International Airport all the year round was held at the meeting hall of Yangon Command Headquarters this morning, attended by Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe.

Speaking on the occasion, the commander said that the plan is being implemented for cultivation of monsoon and summer paddy, edible oil crops, vegetables and other crops to ensure greening of 30-mile radius of Yangon International Airport all the year round. The government has spent a large amount of money on water

supply system for the plan. Departmental officials are to industriously supervise cultivation matters for greening tasks in vacant and virgin lands of respective zones.

Next, officials reported on their respective sectors. Later, the commander gave necessary instructions and attended to their needs.

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## Yangon Division Supervisory Committee for Ensuring Secure and Smooth Transport meets

YANGON, 2 April—The Yangon Division Supervisory Committee for Ensuring Secure and Smooth Transport held its meeting at the meeting hall of Yangon Command at 4 pm today with an address by Chairman of the Supervisory Committee Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint

Swe. In his address, Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe stressed a host of measures to be taken by members of the Supervisory Committee for the convenience of passengers commuting downtown Yangon and from Yangon to various parts of the country.

Next, members of the Supervisory Committee reported on tasks being carried out for the convenience

of passengers.

Next, Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe made a speech. He said that the road accidents in Yangon Division have been on the decrease; that but there have been still road accidents due to recklessness of drivers and pedestrians; that officials at different levels are to take severe action against the drivers and action to the pedestrians. — MNA