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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

500,000 acres of oil palm grown in Taninthayi Division will yield surplus for export Coordination meeting (2/2004) on development of oil palm industry in Taninthayi Division held



General Thura Shwe Mann addresses coordination meeting on development of oil palm industry in Taninthayi Division.—MNA

YANGON, 5 April—The coordination meeting (2/2004) on development of oil palm industry in Taninthayi Division was held at Zeyathiri Beikman on Konmyinthar here this morning with an address by member of the State Peace and Development Council General Thura Shwe Mann.

Also present on the occasion were members of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Maung Bo, Quartermaster-General Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo and Lt-Gen Tin Aye, Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thaung, Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha, deputy ministers, officials of the State Peace and Development Council Office, heads of department, national entrepreneurs who are engaged in oil palm cultivation in Taninthayi Division and guests.

First, member of the State Peace and Development Council General Thura Shwe Mann made a speech. He said that they together with entrepreneurs inspected private oil palm plantations in Taninthayi Division and held a co-ordination meeting.

It is encouraging to note that entrepreneurs who are currently engaged in oil palm cultivation and new entrepreneurs are going to further engage in cultivation of oil palm.

The country has to import edible oil as there has been insufficiency in edible oil in the nation, and if 500,000 acres of oil palm are grown in Taninthayi Division, there will be not only self-sufficiency in oil but also prospects of export of the surplus. At the same time, Taninthayi Division will surely become the oil pot of the nation.

The government is giving encouragement to cultivation of oil palm after designating it as a national project since it could benefit not only the entrepreneurs but also the State.

The government invited the national entrepreneurs who have not only capital but also capability so that they can engage in oil palm cultivation and about 90,000 acres of land have been put under oil palm. There have been also

entrepreneurs who are to further engage in cultivation of 300,000 more acres of oil palm. Therefore, there will be over 500,000 acres of oil palm in the division.

The cost for 500,000 acres of oil palm will be some K 300 billion as the capital volume of oil palm industry is huge.

Emphasis is being placed on development of oil palm industry as it is a direct investment and will surely fulfil the demand of edible oil in the nation. The national economy will develop only if there is rise in the production sector.

Therefore, those present at the meeting are to frankly present the requirements for development of oil palm industries.

Next, member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Maung Bo, Minister U Aung Thaung, Minister U Soe Tha, deputy ministers and heads of department reported on matters related to land to be obtained for cultivation of oil palm, investment, loans and import of machinery.

After that, oil palm entrepreneurs reported on matters related to extension of sown acreage and future programmes.

In response to the reports, General Thura Shwe Mann gave instructions, warning departmental personnel against causing delays on their part. He also spoke of the need to carry out the work speedily in accord with rules and regulations to fully cultivate the permitted land meeting the target, to share the newly permitted land systematically among the entrepreneurs, to exchange views and experiences among them. After discussing the environmental issue, he urged entrepreneurs to make all-out efforts for the success of oil palm cultivation, adding that the government will provide necessary assistance to the most possible degree as oil palm cultivation is a national project. Further meetings will be held for development of the oil palm industry.

MNA

Model village set up in Kachin State

YANGON, 5 April — A model village has been set up in Myitkyina Township, Kachin State, as a means for rural development of the region.

Officials of Development Affairs Department and local authorities inspected the

model village, Tonphe, on 1 April to facilitate its development undertakings. They also met with local people and members of social organizations of the model village, and sought ways to further develop it and raise the living standard of the villagers. — MNA



Those present at the coordination meeting on development of oil palm industry in Taninthayi Division. — MNA

PERSPECTIVES

Tuesday, 6 April, 2004

Enjoy Thingyan Festival in peace and happiness

Thingyan, or the Water Festival, is just round the corner. It is also known as the Myanmar New Year Festival. The festival is the time for saying goodbye to the old year and welcoming the new one.

The objectives for holding Thingyan Festival for 1365 ME have been laid down. They are to observe the festival in accordance with Myanmar traditions and customs, for the people to be able to enjoy the festival with peace of mind, to refresh the mind of the people with Thingyan water so that they can perform duties of the State with renewed strength in the New Year and to preserve Myanmar traditional culture and national characteristics.

Thingyan is an age-old traditional festival Myanmar people eagerly looks forward to every year. During the festival, people, especially the young, throw water at one another.

Water-throwing is a symbol of cleansing the impurities of the old year. Elderly people keep Sabbath throughout the festival. Meritorious deeds such as setting animals free and donating blood are done.

It is important for the people to take part in the festival in accordance with Myanmar traditions and customs and to avoid behaviour and mode of dress alien to Myanmar culture. Rules and regulations have been made public to make sure that people can enjoy the festival peacefully and happily.

Thingyan is a traditional Myanmar festival handed down to us by our ancestors. Therefore, it is necessary for us to participate in the festival, keeping its essence and preserving our traditional culture.

We would like to urge all the national people to follow the rules and regulations for holding the festival so that they can enjoy it in peace and happiness.

ကုသကာကွယ် မူးယစ်အန္တရာယ်

၁။ မူးယစ်ဆေးဝါးသုံးစွဲလျှင် အသည်းရောင် အဆာဝါရောဂါ၊ အသည်းခြောက်ရောဂါ၊ အသည်းကင်ဆာရောဂါ၊ သွေးဆိပ်တက်ခြင်း၊ နှင့်နှလုံးရောဂါ၊ အဆုတ်ရောဂါများ၊ ခုခံအားကျဆင်းမှုရောဂါ (AIDS) နှင့် စိတ်ပိုင်းဆိုင်ရာရောဂါများ စသည်တို့ဖြစ်ပွားနိုင်သည့် အပြင် စီးပွားရေးနှင့် လူမှုရေးများ ထိခိုက်ပျက်စီးခြင်း၊ ဥပဒေရေးယူခံရခြင်းတို့ဖြစ်နိုင်ပါသည်။

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ကျန်းမာရေးဝန်ကြီးဌာန

People's Desire

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

Minister inspects archaeological works in four divisions

YANGON, 5 April — Minister for Culture Maj-Gen Kyi Aung and party inspected excavation of Aungmyethazan Pagoda built by King Swasawke in the south of ancient Pindaya and gave instructions on restoration of the pagoda.

The minister gave instructions on renovation after inspecting the Innwa Hsinkyon Fort.

The minister and party inspected Innwa Archaeological Museum, Thabyedan

Fort built in the east of Sagaing Bridge in 1236 Myanmar Era, Sagaing Asaykhan Fort built in 1237 ME and the war memorial of the British soldiers.

The minister and party inspected renovated Ariyavamsa Monastery of Innwa period on Sagaing Hill.

They went to Mandalay and inspected Maha Minhtin wooden Kyaungdaw in north east of Maha Myatmuni Buddha Image, construction of

sculpture hall, rehearsal theatre and paving of road in the compound of University of Culture (Mandalay) and construction of 61 pagodas in the precincts of Sandamuni Pagoda.

On 3 April, the minister and party inspected renovation of Yokesone Kyaung in Salin and Kohsaungkyaung where patriotic revolutionary leader Bo Ottama camped, construction of retaining walls for prevention of erosion. Officials con-

cerned reported on excavation of old Lekaing city.

On 4 April, they inspected the archway of old Beikthano city in Magway Division. They visited an ancient temple and Shwelethla Pagoda in the old city, entrance gate 15 and renovation of Shwe-in-taung Pagoda in Taungdwingyi.

The minister went to Pyay and inspected palace ring road in old Tharekhittaya city.

MNA

Annual meeting to review Reproductive Health Project held



Vice-Chairperson of MMCWA Dr Daw Tin Lin Myint addresses the meeting. — MNA

YANGON, 5 April — An annual meeting to review Reproductive Health Project, jointly-organized by Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association, UNFPA and Japanese Organization for International Co-operation in

Family Planning (JOICFP), which is a Japan-based social organization, was held at the building of the association at the corner of Parami Street and Thanthuma Roads, South Okkalapa this morning.

Present on the occasion were Vice-Chairperson of MMCWA Dr Daw Tin Lin Myint and members, patrons of supervisory committee, resident representative of UNFPA Mr Najib M Assifi and officials, officials of the JOICFP, Chairperson of Yangon Division MCWA and members, officials of Health Planning Department and Health Department, course instructors, trainees of Kachin State, Shan State (East) and (North), Mon State, Rakhine State, Sagaing Division, Mandalay Division, Magway Division, Ayeyawady Division and Bago Division.

First, Vice-Chairperson of MMCWA Dr Daw Tin Lin Myint made a speech on the occasion.

Next, resident representative of UNFPA Mr Najib M Assifi explained the purpose of the meeting and the meeting ended. The meeting continues tomorrow. — MNA

UMFCCI delegation leaves for India

YANGON, 5 April — A Myanmar delegation comprising Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry President U Win Myint, CEC member U Tun Aung, U Myo Thant and U Hla Maung left here by air for Calcutta, India, this afternoon to attend the meeting on formation of India-Myanmar Economic Cooperation Work Committee to be held from 5 to 8 April 2004.

The delegation was seen off at Yangon International Airport by UMFCCI General Secretary U Sein Win Hlaing, Joint-Secretary-2 Dr Maung Maung Lay and officials. — MNA

Donate blood



Annual meeting to review Reproductive Health Project in progress. — MNA



UMFCCI President U Win Myint and delegation being seen off at the airport. — MNA

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Ten US troops killed in Iraqi attacks

NAJAF, 5 April— Supporters of an anti-American cleric rioted in four Iraqi cities Sunday, battling coalition troops in the worst unrest since the spasm of looting and arson immediately after the fall of Saddam Hussein. At least 22 Iraqis, eight US troops and one Salvadoran soldier died.

Sunday's attacks—along with the unrelated killings of two Marines in Anbar province—pushed the US death toll to at least 610.

Hundreds were wounded as fighting raged in Baghdad, Najaf, Nasiriyah and Amarah. Tanks rolled through the Iraqi capital and two Humvees burned in the streets of its eastern Sadr City neighbourhood.

Protesters, some dressed all in black or waving green banners, raced toward the fighting in Najaf as heavy gunfire echoed through the city. One man stood on a bridge, a rocket-propelled grenade launcher at the ready.

The riots were ignited by the arrest on Saturday of an

aide to anti-American cleric Muqtada al-Sadr, known to his reverent followers as 'al-Sayed,' or master.

"I am happy to die for al-Sayed," 21-year-old Ali Hussein said after being shot in the arm during fighting with troops in Najaf. "Take me to see my mother first then let me die."

The unrest appeared to be a show of force by Al-Sadr, a 30-year-old Shiite cleric backed by an illegal militia and hundreds of young Iraqis. They are devoted to him because of his anti-US stance and the memory of his father, a Shiite religious leader gunned down by suspected Saddam agents in 1999.

Al-Sadr issued a statement later Sunday calling off street protests and saying he would stage a sit-in.

The explosion of violence will likely place al-Sadr back under the scrutiny of the U.S. military, whose leaders threatened to arrest him six months ago after his militia fought gunbattles with U.S. troops and moderate Shiites, who support the coalition.

In the Baghdad neighbourhood of Sadr City, a militia loyal to al-Sadr attacked police stations and government buildings—touching off battles that killed seven US soldiers and wounded at least 24, the US military said in a written statement.

A resident said some

American soldiers had taken refuge in a building. The report could not be independently confirmed, and it was unclear whether the soldiers involved were those who died.

Near Najaf, supporters of al-Sadr opened fire on the Spanish garrison during a street protest that drew about 5,000 people.

The Spanish and Salvadoran soldiers inside the garrison fired back, and assailants later regrouped in three clusters outside the base as the shooting continued for several hours.

Two soldiers—a Salvadoran and an American—died and at least nine other soldiers were wounded, the Spanish defence ministry said. Twenty Iraqis died and more than 200 were wounded, said Falah Mohammed, director of the Najaf health department.

In nearby Kufa, al-Sadr supporters took over a police station and seized guns inside. No police were in sight.

Militiamen demonstrating against al-Yacoubi's detention also traded fire with Italian troops in the southern city of Nasiriyah, said Italian Lt Col Pierluigi Monteduro. One Italian officer was wounded in the leg.

Protesters also clashed with British troops in Amarah, the British Ministry of Defence said. It was unclear whether there were casualties.

Internet



Iraqi demonstrators hold projectiles during clashes in front of the main police station in Basra. Clashes erupted when demonstrators started throwing projectiles at British troops.—INTERNET

ထိုက်တိုက်နှစ်သက်စိုးမြင်ကြ

American military death toll in Iraq rose to at least 610 Sunday

BAGHDAD, 5 April—The American military death toll in Iraq rose to at least 610 Sunday, following the announcement of several deaths over the weekend.

As of Friday morning, the Department of Defence said 596 US service members had died since the beginning of military operations in Iraq last year. Of those, 406 died as a result of hostile action and 190 died of non-hostile causes. The department did not provide an update over the weekend. The British military has reported 58 deaths; Italy, 17; Spain, eight; Bulgaria, five; Ukraine, three; Thailand, two; Denmark, El Salvador, Estonia and Poland have reported one each.

Since May 1, when President Bush declared that major combat operations in Iraq had ended, 458 US soldiers have died—297 as a result of hostile action and 161 of non-hostile causes, according to the Department of Defence as of Friday. Since the start of military operations, 2,988 US service members have been injured as a result of hostile action, according to the Defence Department's figures as of Friday.

The latest deaths reported by the military:

-One US soldier was killed Sunday in a battle at the Spanish garrison in Najaf.

-Seven US soldiers were killed Sunday while fighting Shiite militiamen in the Baghdad neighbourhood of Sadr City.

-Two Marines assigned to the 1st Marine Division were killed after attacks in Anbar province Saturday.

Internet

Spanish forces kill 3 Iraqi protesters

NAJAF, 5 April— Spanish soldiers killed three Iraqi protesters supporting a Shiite leader and injured several others Sunday in the Iraqi southern holy city of Najaf.

Eyewitnesses said the Spanish troops, part of the US-led coalition in Iraq, opened fire with automatic weapons as protesters surrounded the Coalition Provisional Authority building.

The protesters, supporters of a Shiite leader, Muqtada al-Sadr, were demanding the freedom of al-Sadr's top aide, Sheikh Mustafa al-Yacoubi, believed to have been detained by the Spanish forces.

The protesters also demanded the lifting of a ban on al-Sadr's newspaper, al-Hawza al-Nateqa, which US officials shut down on charges it was instigating violence against the coalition.

The demonstrators chanted slogans against the United States, Israel and the interim Iraqi Governing Council.

Similar demonstrations were held Baghdad and in the southern city of Basra.—Internet



A US soldier checks the scene of an explosion in Baghdad's al-Dora District on 4 April, 2004.—INTERNET

GCC countries become biggest consumers of desalinated water

ABU DHABI, 5 April— The United Arab Emirates (UAE) Industrial Bank has rated the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) countries as the biggest consumers of desalinated water in the world over the past two decades, the official WAM news agency reported Saturday.

The bank said in its latest newsletter that the GCC, which includes the UAE, Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Qatar, Oman and Bahrain, collectively consume 672 billion gallons of water per year at present.

The GCC countries had spent a total of 40 billion US dollars in building desalination plants. The amount includes operation and maintenance costs.

They have become increasingly reliant on desalinated water to meet their growing demands as a result of rise in population and accelerating economic growth, one of the fastest in the world. This constitutes almost 50 per cent of the total capacity of desalinated water in the world.

MNA/Xinhua

UAE's tourism demand expected to grow in 2004

ABU DHABI, 5 April— Total demand in the United Arab Emirates (UAE)'s travel and tourism sector is expected to generate economic activity worth 17.20 billion US dollars in 2004, a report of the World Travel and Tourism Council (WTTC) said on Saturday.

Travel and tourism demand in the country is expected to grow by 2.5 per cent per annum, in real terms, between 2004 and 2014, according to the report, published by the newspaper Khaleej Times.

The 2004 report was prepared by Oxford Economic Forecasting for the WTTC. "The message from 2004's research is generally positive on a global basis for a healthy return to growth," Jean-Claude Baumgarten, WTTC president, said while releasing the report.

"On a more specific basis, in 2004, the UAE's travel and tourism industry is expected to generate 1.1 per cent of GDP and 23,779 jobs, while the broader travel and tourism economy is expected to total 10 per cent of GDP and 151,549 jobs," he said.

MNA/Xinhua

Saudi Arabia signs WTO deal with China

RIYADH, 5 April— Saudi Arabia and China inked a final bilateral agreement on commodity price and service lists Saturday as part of its effort to join the World Trade Organization (WTO).

The deal was signed by Deputy Minister of Saudi Trade and Industry Fawaz al-Alamy and Chinese Assistant Minister of Commerce Yi Xiaozhun.

Both sides agreed that Saudi Arabia's WTO membership will be beneficial to both countries as well as other WTO members.

Addressing the signing ceremony, the Chinese official said the deal is a major event in Chinese-Saudi economic and trade relations, emphasizing that it will greatly contribute to pushing forward bilateral economic and trade cooperation.

In 2003, trade exchange between the two nations hit 7.34 billion US dollars, he said, adding that China's crude imports from Saudi Arabia reached 15.18 million tons.

For his part, the Saudi official said his country appreciates China's support for its bid to join the WTO, stressing that the significant deal would help reinforce economic and trade relations between the two nations.

MNA/Xinhua

Cracks in ruined vault of Iraq's ancient Ctesiphon palace

IPHON, 5 April—Long deserted by tourists, the ruined vault of Iraq's ancient Ctesiphon palace, which boasts the highest single-span brick arch in the world, is developing worrisome cracks although experts say it is unlikely to collapse.

Located on the northeast bank of the Tigris River, 30 kilometres (20 miles) south of Baghdad, Ctesiphon was founded on the site of an older town, Opis, in the second century BC by Parthian King Mithridates.

The site was once one of the most popular tourist destinations in a country which is the cradle of many civilizations.

"There were busloads of tourists coming. Today we hardly get 100 visitors a week," said Wadeh Kherdeb, custodian of the site for the past 15 years, who remembers such illustrious sightseers as Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat and the late King Hussein of Jordan.

The rare visitors today are soldiers, Iranian pilgrims or Indian travellers. Ctesiphon owes its fame to the remains of its grand vaulted hall, the Taq Kiswa, with a span of 25.5 metres (84 feet), a depth of 48 metres (158 feet) and a height of 37 metres (122 feet), a record for a single-span brick arch.

Kherdeb maintains that the vault is in danger of collapsing. "Archaeologists of the culture ministry are advising against standing underneath. There used to be a fence to keep people away but it was broken by vandals," he said.

He points to rain water infiltrations under the elliptical vault. "These cracks are recent. They appear as a result of the war," he added. Muhy Thamer, a postcard vendor, shows the few visitors present craters left by bombs near the site.

"There were Iraqi soldiers in the area. The Americans bombed it," he said.

Then pointing to the right wing of the palace, now rebuilt after it was swept away by flood waters from the Tigris River, he insisted that a large crack was caused by the explosions. A rocket even hit the wall, damaging some bricks.

Kherdeb fumed at the prospect that the vault might collapse. "This is sad. This site embodies the history of our country," he said.

Giovanni Curatola, a professor of archeology and Islamic art at Italy's Udine university who is working with the US-led coalition occupying Iraq, confirmed that the site needs to be shored up. "The cracks must be repaired and a thorough archeological study is necessary," he said. But he played down the risk of seeing the vault collapse.

"The cracks are under control" and have hardly changed over the past 20 years," he said. —Internet



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Mountain fire still ravaging Western Cape

JOHANNESBURG, 5 April—A fire ignited by unseasonal lightning flashes across the Western Cape Province on Thursday morning was still burning fiercely along the Stellenbosch mountain range on Friday.

Danie Wilds, Boland District municipality's fire chief, said about 100 fire-fighters were battling to put a lid on the fires.

"The situation is better but the fire is still not under control," he said Friday.

MNA/Xinhua

Iran grants Nigeria \$1.5m development assistance

ABUJA, 5 April—Iran and Nigeria on Friday signed a memorandum of understanding, under which Iran grants Nigeria 1.5 million US dollars in development assistance aimed at promoting bilateral relations between the two countries.

The memo for the grant was signed at the end of a two-day official visit of Iranian Foreign Minister Kamal Kharrazi to Nigeria.

Kharrazi signed the grant on behalf of his country while his Nigerian counterpart Olu Adeniji signed for Nigeria.

According to the Nigerian Foreign Minister, the two ministers also signed a formal agreement on the creation of a Joint Economic Commission and the Agreed Minutes of the two-day session of the commission.

"With the three documents signed, we are set on the road to economic cooperation, in keeping with the determination of our two countries to ensure that the level is as high as our political cooperation," he said.

Responding, Kharrazi said there was political will at the level of "our two presi-

dents to promote bilateral relations between our two countries".

He noted that when Nigerian President Olusegun Obasanjo visited Iran in 2001, the two presidents agreed to set up a joint commission, saying that the documents signed in Abuja had prepared the way for expansion of existing cooperation between the two countries.

During their talks, the two ministers identified possible areas for cooperation to include education, health, industries, pharmaceuticals and construction.

Kharrazi led a 90-member delegation made up of four deputy ministers as well as businessmen and representatives of different ministries to the two-day talks that began on Thursday.

MNA/Xinhua

September 11 panel head says findings will surprise public

WASHINGTON, 5 April—The chairman of the commission probing the September 11 attacks said in a television interview

Sunday that some of the panel's findings has surprised him and will surprise the public as well.

"I've been surprised by

some of what we've found, and so, I think, (the public) will, yes," Thomas H. Kean said on NBC's "Meet the Press." — MNA/Xinhua

ဝက်စွမ်းအား ခေတ်ကျော်လွှား

Two US Marines killed in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 5 April—Two Marines have been killed in Iraq's western Anbar province "as a result of enemy action," the US military said in a statement Sunday.

The two, both assigned to the 1st Marine Division, were injured in separate incidents Saturday. One died the same day; the other died Sunday, the statement said. It provided no other details.

The most populous city in Anbar province, which stretches from Baghdad to the Jordanian border is Fallujah, where four American civilians were killed and their bodies mutilated Wednesday.

In the city of Baqouba, 30 miles northeast of Baghdad, a bomb exploded Sunday in the al-Rasool al-Adham Shiite mosque, damaging part of the building, but causing no casualties, said the mosque's caretaker Haider Yassin.

In central Baghdad, hundreds of supporters of radical Shiite Muslim cleric Muqtada al-Sadr rallied in Firdous Square to protest the arrest on Saturday of one of his senior aides, Mustafa al-Yaqubi, in a raid on his house in the city of Najaf.

It was not clear who detained him. US officials could not confirm the arrest and Spanish forces based in the city denied taking action against him.

About 5,000 members of al-Sadr's self-styled militia, the al-Mahdi Army, paraded in Sadr City, a mainly Shiite district in eastern Baghdad, on Saturday. The cleric has been an outspoken critic of the US-led occupation, but has not called for attacks on the occupying forces.

Al-Sadr's weekly newspaper was shut by US officials on March 28, provoking an enormous anti-American outpouring.

On Saturday, gunmen shot and killed the police chief of Mahmoudiya town, 20 miles south of Baghdad, and his driver while they were driving home from the capital.

Not long afterward, six attackers shot at a four-man police patrol in Mahmoudiya, killing one and wounding three, police officer Khaldoon al-Gurairi said. A 60-year-old bystander was also killed.

Guerillas often target police because they view them as collaborators with the US-led occupation. Also they make easier targets because they are less armed and protected than the US troops.

Internet

WFP says Angola food crisis worsens as ship halted

JOHANNESBURG, 5 April—The UN's World Food Programme (WFP) will be forced to stop all cereal food aid to 1.9 million Angolans by June if international donors do not give more money, the agency said on Friday.

A WFP spokesman said the assessment was made after it was forced to cancel a shipment of 19,000 tons of US corn following Angola's decision to ban the importation of genetically modified food.

On Monday the UN body said it would have to cut rations by 30 per cent in April and May, and 50 per cent thereafter, but a

WFP spokesman said the ship's cancellation had put an even greater strain on resources.

International donors have so far only provided 24 per cent of the 143 million US dollars needed to feed 1.9 million Angolans, 1.5 million of them refugees and internally displaced people after nearly three decades of civil war.— MNA/Reuters



Iraqis gather around a police vehicle at the site where a pool of oil was set ablaze near the city of Basra in southern Iraq, on 4 April, 2004.—INTERNET

American, Salvadorean killed in Iraq clash

MADRID, 5 April — One American and one Salvadorean soldier died in clashes near Iraq's holy Shiite city of Najaf on Sunday, Spain's Defence Ministry said, and not four Salvadorean soldiers as it had reported earlier.

The ministry said there had been confusion in its earlier Press statement which had reported four Salvadorean soldiers killed and nine wounded when their "Al-Andalus" base in Najaf was attacked on Sunday morning.

The correct casualty figures were one US and one Salvadorean soldiers killed and 19 Salvadoreans wounded, a spokesman said.

Dr Falah al-Numhna, Najaf's director general for health, said 20 Iraqis were

also killed and at least 200 wounded in the battle. He said at least two Iraqi police were among the dead.

Forces from Spain and El Salvador returned fire when their "Al-Andalus" base in Najaf was attacked, "apparently by supporters of Mohamed Al Yacub", the statement said in an apparent reference to Mustapha Yacoubi, an arrested aide to radical Shiite cleric Moqtada al-Sadr.

Spain leads a brigade that includes troops from Central America in a large

swathe of Shiite territory south of Baghdad. Until now the brigade has not suffered the kind of attacks that US troops have experienced in the Sunni triangle around Baghdad.

"The coalition forces... which include Salvadoreans and some Spaniards returned fire in legitimate self-defence and according to the rule of engagement, dispersing the attackers," the Spanish statement said. "No Spanish soldier has been wounded."

A building of the Coa-

lition Provisional Authority, guarded by the Salvadoreans, also came under attack in Najaf, the statement said. Coalition forces responded by calling in Apache attack helicopters and other aircraft, the statement said.

Incoming Spanish Prime Minister Jose Luis Rodriguez Zapatero, elected three days after the March 11 train bombings in Madrid that killed 191 people, has vowed to bring home the 1,300 Spanish troops in Iraq by June 30 unless the United Nations is granted a much larger role in Iraq.—MNA/Reuters

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Half in Hawaii say Bush misled public about Iraq

HONOLULU, 5 April—A Honolulu Advertiser poll shows half of Hawaii residents believe the Bush administration misled the American people about the rationale for war in Iraq.

Some 49 percent of poll respondents said they felt misled while 40 percent said they thought they were provided with correct information about the reasons for war. Eleven percent said didn't know.

Big Island resident Karreen Sayre says she didn't believe the Bush administration from the start of the war and nothing she's seen since then has changed her mind.

Lily Kim, of Moanalua, says she doesn't know what soldiers are dying for. The poll found 56 percent of Hawaii residents — including 66 percent of all women — said they didn't believe the war has made the world safer.

The statewide survey of 605 residents was conducted March 24 to 27 by Ward Research. It has a margin of error of four percent.—Internet

AMF urges Iraq to focus on investment, cutting debt

ABU DHABI, 5 April — The Abu Dhabi-based Arab Monetary Fund (AMF) urged Iraq to focus on attracting capital and tackling its massive debt in its drive to rebuild its war-wrecked economy, the official WAM news agency reported on Friday.

Iraq is passing through a crucial stage of resurrecting its economy that has been shattered by three major wars and the disruption of its oil exports due to a long UN embargo, said Jassim Al Manai, chairman of the AMF, while addressing Iraqi officials at the end of a 10-day training course in a headquarters of AMF in Abu Dhabi on Thursday.

Estimates by the IMF-style Arab fund showed Iraq's foreign debt totalled around 120 billion US dol-

lars at the end of 2003.

This included nearly 42 billion US dollars owed to the 19-nation Paris Club, 60 billion US dollars for Arab countries, Russia and East European nations, and nearly 18 billion US dollars for multi-national organizations and credit institutions, including the AMF.

Manai said Iraq needs sound plans to repair economic damage caused by major conflicts, disruption of its vital oil earnings, and the 1990-2003 UN sanc-

tions.

"There is no doubt that Iraq is in a pressing need now for sound and effective planning," Manai told the Iraqi officials from the Central Bank, and Finance and Economy ministries, who took part in the training course.

"These plans should focus on controlling inflation, stimulating economic growth, tackling the debt and encouraging local and foreign investment," he added.

MNA/Xinhua



Iraqi boys run past a burning US Army Humvee following clashes with Iraqis in Baghdad's al-Sadr City district.—INTERNET

Morocco seeks international help against locusts

RABAT, 5 April—Morocco appealed on Friday for international help against the threat of locusts ravaging its cereal crops.

The United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) said last month the problem of locusts in northwest Africa risked turning into a full-blown plague. Algeria and Morocco were among the countries most at risk, it said.

"The situation calls for more vigilance. In a few days, eggs laid after recent rains in northern Mauritania will hatch and the little insects will need to eat," said Abdelaziz Arifi, an engineer

in charge of the issue at the Agriculture Ministry.

Asked if the locusts had reached cereal-planted areas, Arifi said: "Thank God they have not. Locusts are still confined to the extreme southern and eastern part of the country." But we have to act and we are preparing a campaign to stop the newly born locusts," he said, adding that the insects were mainly coming from Algeria and Mauritania.

The Moroccan authori-

ties, who have so far treated 532,000 hectares and spent nearly 14 million US dollars to kill the winged insects, need mainly pesticides, sprayers and communication equipment, Arifi said.

"We can do our best to eradicate locusts... But we need international help to do that," he added. Moroccan farmers are otherwise expecting a second straight bumper cereals harvest this year thanks to generous rainfall.

MNA/Reuters

Zimbabwe's associated newspapers lay off 167 workers

HARARE, 5 April — A total of 167 workers from the Associated Newspapers of Zimbabwe (ANZ) have received letters of retrenchment from their company due to financial constraints, the Herald newspaper reported on Saturday.

ANZ human resources director Henry Mushunje was quoted as saying that the issue had been presented to the Ministry of Public Service, Labour and Social Welfare through the Department of Labour.

"We have forwarded a

list of 167 retrenches," he said.

"The matter has been directed to the ministry and until the government issues a statement, the employees still belong to ANZ."

The retrenchment, he said, was necessitated by the

fact that the company had not been generating income following its failure to publish its newspapers.

It was reported that the company has not been publishing for the past six months.

MNA/Xinhua

Foreign investment rises in Zambia

LUSAKA, 5 April — Zambia has recorded an upsurge in foreign investment, with the agriculture sector recording the highest, Zambia Investment Centre (ZIC) said here on Friday.

According to ZIC, investment inflows during the first quarter of 2004 have started on a good note with a combined total of 27.9 million US dollars in investment commitments and corresponding total employment commitments of 1,678.

ZIC executive director Richard Chavula said the total pledged investment last year exceeded 121 million US dollars while the total corresponding employment pledges was 11,383.

By comparison, he said investment performance during 2003 was much better compared to the year 2002, which recorded a total investment of 83 million US dollars.

MNA/Xinhua



A US Army soldier from the Fort Louis, Washington Stryker Brigade keeps watch during a marketplace patrol in the northern Iraqi city of Mosul on 1 April, 2004.—INTERNET

24 dead in Iraq shoot-out

BAGHDAD, 5 April—Supporters of an anti-American Shiite Muslim cleric opened fire on the Spanish garrison near the holy city of Najaf on Sunday during a huge street protest. Four Salvadoran soldiers and at least 20 Iraqis died, and about 210 people were wounded.

In Baghdad, witnesses said US forces moved into the poor Sadr City neighbourhood and fired to disperse followers of the charismatic, young cleric, Muqtada al-Sadr. Helicopter gunships flew overhead. The US military had no immediate comment.

Earlier, the cleric's supporters took over several police stations in Sadr City, a stronghold of the cleric, and television footage showed gunmen driving through the area in police cars they had seized.

Protesters also clashed with Italian and British forces in other cities in a broad, violent challenge to the US-led coalition, raising questions about its ability to stabilize Iraq ahead of a scheduled June 30 handover of power to Iraqis.

Late Sunday, UN envoy Lakhdar Brahimi and a team that will assist Iraqis in the political transition to an interim Iraqi government arrived in Baghdad, the United Nations announced.

North of the capital, a bomb killed three

members of the Iraqi security forces. And in Kirkuk, also in the north, a car bomb exploded, killing three civilians and wounding two others, police said.

Five kilometres east of Najaf, the shooting broke out after thousands of supporters of al-Sadr gathered outside the Spanish garrison. A spokesman for the Spanish headquarters in nearby Diwaniyah, Commander Carlos Herradon, said attackers opened fire at about noon.

The Spanish and Salvadoran soldiers fired back, and assailants later regrouped in three clusters outside the base. Shooting continued for several hours.

Along with the four soldiers killed, nine Salvadoran soldiers were wounded, the Spanish defence ministry said in Madrid.

The Salvadorans, who number about 360, are under Spanish command as part of an international brigade that includes troops from Central America. No Spaniards were injured.—Internet

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Iraqi protestors rush for cover as a grenade explodes during clashes outside the Iraqi Shiite holy city of Najaf, on 5 April, 2004. —INTERNET

Kerry camp hits Bush for “drunken sailor” spending

BOSTON, 5 April—Democrat John Kerry, back in full campaign mode after shoulder surgery and a vacation, opened a new front on Sunday in his election-year battle with President George W Bush over the US economy and soaring federal budget deficits.

Branded by Republicans as a classic tax-and-spend liberal, the Massachusetts senator's campaign tried to turn the tables with a report — to be released on Monday — accusing Bush of “empty rhetoric and political posturing” by claiming to be a fiscal conservative.

“It's as if Bush is a drunken sailor, spending recklessly,” said Roger Altman, deputy treasury secretary in the Clinton administration and a Kerry adviser. “When it comes to spending, this administration's rhetoric

does not match the reality.”

The report said Bush had run up a spending bill that would increase the budget deficit by 6 trillion US dollars over the next 10 years alone.

Relying on Bush's specific proposals and official cost estimates, the Kerry campaign computed the figure as follows:

- 2,227 billion US dollars in enacted tax cuts
- 243 billion US dollars in other tax cuts
- 1,427 billion US dollars for Social Security privatization.
- 887 billion US dollars

in other mandatory spending such as the Medicare prescription drug benefit.

- 1,642 billion US dollars in interest on the national debt.

“Basically, American taxpayers cannot afford another four years of George W Bush,” Altman said. “If a family managed their household budget like this, they'd lose their house, their car, and any hope of building a brighter future for their

children.”

Bush and his Republican allies have told Americans in television ads and speeches that Kerry would raise their taxes 900 billion US dollars over 10 years to pay for expanded health care and reducing the deficit. They say Bush's budget proposal would cut the federal shortfall in half in five years by slowing spending growth and making his tax cuts permanent.—MNA/Reuters

Bahrain, Jordan call for earlier Arab summit

CAIRO, 5 April—Bahrain and Jordan agreed on Saturday that the postponed Arab summit should be held as soon as possible with well-preparation, reports reaching here from Manama said.

Bahrain's King Hamad bin Isa Al-Khalifa and his Jordanian counterpart Abdullah II, who is in Manama on a two-day visit, made the call during their talks on efforts to reconvene the postponed Arab summit, the reports said.

King Abdullah was quoted as saying that Arab countries should reach common ground to ensure the success of the summit, which was called off by host Tunisia last Saturday indefinitely.

Meanwhile, Syrian Foreign Minister Farouk Al Shara phoned Saturday his Bahraini and Qatari counterparts Sheikh Mohammed bin Khalifa and Sheikh Hamad bin Jabr Al Thani to exchange views on consultations on holding the postponed Arab summit.

Last week Egypt offered to host an Arab summit at the earliest possible time after Tunisia had postponed a scheduled conference indefinitely.—MNA/Xinhua

China praised for cleaning up blood bank

BEIJING, 5 April—China, roundly vilified for allowing blood-selling schemes to spread HIV/AIDS, won praise on Sunday for cleaning up its transfusion blood bank.

China is one of the three countries most at risk from AIDS outside Africa and health agencies say it could have 10 million victims by 2010 if it fails to take the scourge seriously. The other two are Russia and India.

But the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, organizer of a blood-donor conference which opened in Beijing on Sunday, said China had realized its responsibilities and made “great progress” in recent years.

“China has realized that securing the nation's blood supply is an important issue for the health of its 1.3 billion citizens,” Henk Bekedam, the World Health Organization's China representative, said.

Officials say between 840,000 and one million people in China have HIV.

Many activists estimate the extent of the disease to be far greater than official figures show, with more than one million people infected in central Henan Province alone in recent years by blood-selling schemes.

The clinics paid farmers to extract their blood plasma, then pumped the unused components back into the donor from a pool tainted with blood from other people. Activists say the process infected legions of people in six neighbouring provinces.

The Beijing conference brings together more than 180 specialists on voluntary blood transfusion.

MNA/Reuters

Wreckage of missing “Jaguar” aircraft found

NEW DELHI, 5 April—The wreckage of the two missing *Jaguar* fighter aircraft was located by IAF helicopters on Saturday, four kilometres north of Sonamarg in India-controlled Kashmir, Defence Ministry sources said.

They said the wreckage has been found in an extremely inhospitable terrain laden with thick snow making it impossible for helicopters to reach there.

The two missing jets were part of a group of four *Jaguars* that had taken off on a “routine Kashmir Val-

ley flying mission” on Friday afternoon from the airbase in Kashmir's summer capital Srinagar.

A massive search and rescue mission was mounted in the Sonamarg region by the IAF and Indian Army units from Friday to Saturday morning. Helicopters

were used over the snow-clad mountains to trace the missing jets.

The IAF has lost six *Jaguar* jets in accidents since 2001. The most recent crash occurred in February when a *Jaguar* crashed in the Pokhran Range in Rajasthan State.—MNA/Xinhua

Nepal's tourist arrivals surge in March

KATHMANDU, 5 April—The total number of tourists visiting Nepal last month increased significantly by 60 per cent over the same period of last year, the Nepal Tourism Board said Sunday.

Altogether 31,198 visitors from different parts of the world came to Nepal by air in March this year, against the arrival of 19,549 tourists into this country in March 2003, according to a Press release issued by the government bureau.

The number of Indian tourists arriving in Nepal grew by 80 per cent to 7,928 visitors, while tourists from other countries recorded an overall increase of 54 per cent to 23,270 visitors.

Tourist arrivals from Nepali tourist industry's traditional markets, namely the United States, Britain, Germany and Japan recorded increases of 54 per cent, 53 per cent, 33 per cent and 3 per cent respectively.

MNA/Xinhua



Turtles wait before being freed into the Orinoco River in Santa Maria del Orinoco, on 3 April, 2004. Venezuela's government has established what it believes is a record for releasing an endangered species back into the wild by setting free tens of thousands of protected Arrau turtles into the Orinoco River. —INTERNET

“Road safety is no accident”

Dr Kyaw Myint Naing

Myanmar is progressing towards a modern and prosperous state. In accordance with the growing population, road accidents increased relatively. Along with the modernization more travelling, transportation and the urbanizations are the usual problem. Road accidents and injuries are unnecessary mishaps following the above changes. Road safety should be ensured by avoiding the unwanted accidents and injuries. To have the safety it needs multisectoral involvements — Supreme authorities from government, governmental organizations, nongovernmental organizations and private sectors, and last but not the least most important-community.

Global Burden of the disease

It was reported that during 1996, about 5.8 million people died from injuries in the whole world and road accidents were the main cause. At present every year traffic accidents are killing one million people, injuring 23 million people, and claiming US \$500 billions. (Ross, A1904)

For those aged 5 to 44, RTA is now the most important cause of death in male and 5th most in females.

In 1990 RTA was the 9th leading health problem worldwide and it is estimated that it will become up to 3rd most important by 2020. WHO takes leading role to make aware of this problem to all agencies of countries all over the world.

‘Myanmar Situation’

LEADING CAUSES OF DEATH (URBAN/MYANMAR) (Per 100,000 population)

S.N	CAUSE GROUP	1980	1990	2000
1	Senility	108.6	146.3	130.1
2	Diseases of the heart	78.7	89.7	76.5
3	Pneumonia	56.4	57.6	45.3
4	Perinatal period	34.4	45.0	39.2
5	Intestinal infectious diseases	39.5	40.6	32.3
6	Accident	28.3	34.0	30.4
7	TB	38.3	32.6	27.4
8	Cancer	32.2	34.0	29.1
9	Malaria	19.8	20.0	28.7
10	Bronchitis, emphysema and asthma	19.3	13.5	12.7
11	ill-defined conditions	308.2	341.3	174.1

Source: Central Statistical Organization

INCIDENCE & DEATH RATE OF ROAD TRAFFIC ‘ACCIDENT IN

YEAR	ACCIDENT /10000 VEHICLES	INJURY /10000 VEHICLES	INJURY /ACCIDENT	DEATH /10000 VEHICLES	DEATH /ACCIDENT	DEATH /INJURY
1980	537	354.89	0.66	47.23	0.69	0.13
1990	114	149.81	0.32	14.51	0.13	0.10
2000	48	86.88	1.79	6.40	0.13	0.07

Chirac visits Russia’s top-secret space centre

Moscow, 5 April — Visiting French President Jacques Chirac became the first Western leader to visit a top-secret Russian space centre Saturday as he fled into Krasnoznamensk, where the Titov test and control space centre was based, for a meeting with his Russian counterpart Vladimir Putin.

Putin and Russian Defence Minister Sergei Ivanov greeted Chirac at the Titov test and control space centre in Krasnoznamensk, some 40 kilometres south-

west of Moscow. This was the first time that the closed Soviet-era military facility, which collects and analyses all information gathered from Russia’s military spy satellites, had been opened to a Western leader. When reporting work to the two heads of state, Russian Space Forces Commander, Lieutenant-General Vladimir Popovkin, said it is one of Russia’s priorities to expand space cooperation with France, a leading force of the European Space Agency. —MNA/Xinhua

Preventive measures for road accidents have been taken in Myanmar since 1983, initiated through first national seminar on accident prevention by Ministry of Health and later with the collaboration and cooperation of many other departments. Though different responsibilities were undertaken for preventive measures, it seems focusing mainly on two biggest cities—Yangon and Mandalay, where general population as well as vehicles are abundant. All the government agencies have been implementing all road safety measures. Traffic rules enforcement Supervisory Committee was formed with many agencies —Government, NGOs and private sectors, in 1989. The actions have been carried out for road safety measures with cooperation and coordination of many agencies supervised by TRESP.

It is quite clear that the Road Safety problem is concerning with health, socioeconomic issue for any country and measures should be taken by multisectoral approach. Road Safety Action Draft was drawn during 15-19th March 2004 National Action Plan workshop with multisectoral agencies involvement.

“Role of Ministry of Health”

1. Initiated the road accident prevention activities for other departments— 1st National Seminar 1983
2. Collaborative project — MOH + WHO 1990
3. Training doctors, health personnel, Non-Gos for awareness, primary trauma care
4. Expansion of new trauma care centres and upgrading of the existing ones.
5. Providing modern equipments for emergency services.
6. Disability prevention through community base rehabilitation project. (MOH + WHO)
7. Collaboration and cooperation of road safety activities with other departments.

Success Stories

With that effective effort and preventive measures in Yangon City, the incidence of RTA decreased from 393/10,000 vehicles in 1982 to 48/10,000 in the year 2000. The number of injuries dropped from 27 deaths/10,000 vehicles in 1982 to 6.4 deaths/10,000 vehicles in 2000.

During the National seminar in 1983 the project revealed the magnitude of Rear-end — injuries (having crushed injuries to one or both legs hitting from the car behind while victim standing on the bar at the rear end of the buses). After the seminar, a local order came out to remove all the bars at the rear end of the buses and no more rear — end — injury happened since then.

In 1980 July many DOH motorcycles accidents came

to trauma department of Yangon General Hospital and all the victims were found to be adolescents. Enquiry revealed that it was due to a new business of hiring motorcycles (15 Kyats per one hour) for riding as amusement. The boy rode motorcycles for fun without license and got injuries. One of the member staff wrote an article as “15 kyats Disease” in one of the famous newspapers. A day after the local authority closed down all the hiring shops and adolescents with motorcycle accidents stopped coming to hospital.

Conclusion

Myanmar is now aware that the problem of road safety is a major public health problem and it is high time to establish National Road Safety Committees with participation of the many agencies, National Road Safety Committee will lead the role for activities towards the Road Safety with the adequate supply of funds in the near future.

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- (၁) လေပေါင်(၁၀၀)မှ(၁၅၀)အထိ အတင်အချပ်ပြုလုပ်၍ ရသည့် ကွန်ပရက်ဆာပန်များဖြင့် ရေပတ်ကစားခြင်းကြောင့်ရေစွဲအား ပြင်းလွန်၍ရေပတ်ခရုသွားသွား အသားအရေများပွန်းပဲ့စက်ထွက် နိုင်ခြင်း၊ ဖျက်စီးခြင်းများအားထိခိုက်မှုမရှိအောင် နားကုန်း နိုင်ခြင်း၊ အန္တရာယ်ဖြစ်စေနိုင်ပါသဖြင့် ရေကစားမဏ္ဍာပ်များ၊ ရေပတ်ခံကားများတွင် ကွန်ပရက်ဆာပန်များသုံး၍ရေမပတ်ရန် တားမြစ်ပါသည်။
- (၂) သင်္ကြန်ရေပတ်ကစားခြင်းအားသင်္ကြန်ရက်များအတွင်းနေ့စဉ် နံနက်(၇)နာရီမှညနေ(၆)နာရီအတွင်းသာ ရေပတ်ကစား ကြရန်နှင့် ည(၆)နာရီနောက်ပိုင်းရေပတ်ကစားခြင်းမပြုရန် တားမြစ်ပါသည်။
- (၃) တားမြစ်ချက်အားဖောက်ဖျက်ပါက ထိရောက်စွာအရေးယူ ခံရမည် ဖြစ်ပါသည်။

ရန်ကုန်တိုင်းအေးချမ်းသာယာရေးနှင့်ဖွံ့ဖြိုးရေးကော်မီတီ

မြန်မာယာဉ်ကျေးမှုသင်္ကြန်

- * အချို့သားယာဉ်ကျေးမှုကို ထိန်းသိမ်းပါ။
- * သရုပ်ဖော်ယာဉ်ကျေးမှုကို ရှောင်ကြဉ်ပါ။
- * အချို့သားယာဉ်ကျေးမှုကို မြန်မာယာဉ်ကျေးမှုသင်္ကြန်ဖြင့် မြှင့်တင်ပါ။

ရန်ကုန်တိုင်းအေးချမ်းသာယာရေးနှင့်ဖွံ့ဖြိုးရေးကော်မီတီ

ရေစွဲထုပ်၊ ရေပွေးထုပ်၊ ဆပ်ပြာရည်ဂတ်စီဘွဲ့ဖြင့်ကစားက

- ၁။ လက်ဝယ်ထွေးသူ - ထောင် (၁)နှစ်
- ၂။ ကစားသူ - ထောင် (၃)နှစ်
- ၃။ ထုတ်လုပ်ရောင်းချသူ - ထောင် (၅)နှစ်နှင့်ပစ္စည်းကိုင်သိမ်း

ရန်ကုန်တိုင်းအေးချမ်းသာယာရေးနှင့်ဖွံ့ဖြိုးရေးကော်မီတီ

မြန်မာရီးရာယာဉ်ကျေးမှု မဟာသင်္ကြန်ဆင့်သွားရန် လိုက်နာရန် တိုက်တွန်းနှိုးဆော်ချက်

- (က) မြန်မာရီးရာယာဉ်ကျေးမှုစာရင်းစနစ်ဖိလားဆန်ကျင့်ပြီး မြန်မာလူမျိုးများ၏ အမြင့်တွင် မတင်တင်ယာဉ် ဝတ်စားဆင်ယင်မှု ပြုမပြောဆိုမှုများ မပြုလုပ်ရန်၊
- (ခ) ဗုဒ္ဓဘာသာ ယာဉ်ကျေးမှုအဆုံးအမနှင့် ဖိလားဆန်ကျင့်သည့် အပြုအမူ၊ ပြောဆိုမှုများ မပြုလုပ်ရန်၊
- (ဂ) အချင်းချင်းဒဏ်ရာအနာတရဖြစ်စေပြီး အန္တရာယ်ဖြစ်စေသည့် ကြမ်းတမ်းသည့် ရေကစားမှုများ မပြုလုပ်ရန်၊
- (ဃ) တိုင်းရင်းသားစည်းလုံးညီညွတ်မှုကို ဖျက်ပြားစေပြီး ဆူပူမှုကို ဖြစ်စေနိုင်သည့် လူ့ဆော်ဖန်တီးပြုမပြောဆို၊ ကြိမ်းပမ်းမှုများကို မပြုလုပ်ရန်။

မဟာသင်္ကြန်စည်းကမ်းထိန်းသိမ်းရေးကော်မီတီ



Minister for Finance and Revenue Maj-Gen Hla Tun being seen off at the airport.

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Mayor inspects replacement of water pipes, vehicle department

YANGON, 5 April — Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin together with officials concerned inspected replacement of water pipes in Pabedan Township and factory and vehicle department in Mingala Taungnyunt and

attended to the requirements this afternoon.

First, the mayor inspected replacing the old iron pipes with new plastic ones with 6 inches in diameter between Maha Bandoola Street and Anawrahta Street implemented by Engineering Department (Water and

Sewage). The mayor proceeded to YCDC factory and vehicle department in Mingala Taungnyunt Township and inspected major repairs of garbage trucks and maintenance and production of vehicle spare parts and progress in maintenance of heavy machinery. — MNA

Arts of Spring Gallery continues

YANGON, 5 April — *Arts of Spring Gallery*, exhibited by Dawei painters as a brand-new taste for arts enthusiasts, continued for the

third day today at National Theatre on Pyay Road here from 9 am to 4 pm.

The works of celebrated

painters and sculptors can be viewed at the exhibition, which will be kept open to all till 7 April.

MNA

Drug trafficker gets jail sentence

YANGON, 5 April — Tachilek District Court on 17 February sentenced 17 years' imprisonment to Kyaphi, son of U Law Ta, of No 3/78, Sansai Ward-B, Tachilek, under section 19 (A) of Narcotic Drug

and Psychotropic Substances Law.

Acting on a tip-off, a combined team comprising members of local intelligence unit and Tachilek special anti-drug squad on 8 December searched his

house and seized 300 grams of heroin.

In connection with the case, action was taken against him by Tachilek Police Station under the law.

MNA



Myanmar finance delegation leaves for Singapore

YANGON, 5 April — A Myanmar delegation led by Minister for Finance and Revenue Maj-Gen Hla Tun left here for Singapore by air this morning to attend the 8th Meeting of ASEAN Finance Ministers from 6 to

7 April.

Among those who saw the delegation off at the Yangon International Airport were Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lun Thi, Minister for Labour U Tin Win, Deputy Minister for Finance

and Revenue Col Hla Thein Swe and officials.

The delegation was also accompanied by Assistant Director U Aung Myo Win of the Ministry of Finance and Revenue.

MNA

Aphyauk gas field inspected

YANGON, 5 April — Deputy Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Than Htay, accompanied by officials, arrived at Aphyauk gas field in Taikkyi Township, Yangon Division, on the morning of 2 April.

At the briefing hall, the deputy minister heard reports on the current capacity of gas

production and fire preventive measures.

Next, the deputy minister spoke of the need to make efforts to exceed the target, to take great care not to waste the State's revenues and property on account of accidents, and to strictly follow the fire preventive instructions.

He later inspected the exploration of gas, measures for prevention of outbreak of fire, tasks for the supply of water all the year round, prospects of the digging of fish ponds to boost fish production, and conditions of water supply.

MNA



Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Than Htay inspects Aphyauk gas field in Taikkyi Township.

ENERGY

Drug refinery raided in Waingmaw

YANGON, 5 April — Acting on information that stimulant tablets were manufacturing at Tabubun valley in Sadon region, Waingmaw Township, near Myanmar-China border at an estimated map reference D-789457, a combined team comprising members of the Tatmadaw in the region, the military intelligence unit, the special anti-drug squad and Kachin State Special Regions 1 and 2, raided the place at 8.20 am on

24 March.

The authorities seized one machine used for production of stimulant tablets, 15 kilos of ethyl-vanillin, 2,400 kilos of Phenyl acetic acid (white powder), 1,000 boxes of sodium hydroxide, one box of ammonium chloride, 70 kilos of various kinds of chemical powder, 40 boxes of coloured powder, 102 kilos of bone charcoal, 5,197 litres of ether, 2,178 litres of hydrochloric acid, 8,118 litres of spirit, three

refrigerators, four motorcars, two pumps, 30 gas containers, four air containers, 165 empty plastic containers, 52 iron barrels, two 20-KVA generators, machinery used in production of narcotic drugs, and 11 kinds of other paraphernalia. Arrangements are under way to take action against those involved in the case by the police station concerned under Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law. — MNA



The four photos show the seized stimulant tablet refinery at Tabubun valley in Sadon region, Waingmaw Township and drugs and related equipment found at the refinery. MNA



Poem

Padauk Showers

- * Like a guest, it comes in time
To usher in waterfest the shower comes
Fretting if it'll come or not
Looking forward with anguish
With much in mind, Virgin Padauk
Comes to my heart.
- * As if one step is worth a million
There's a harbinger to come the clouds roll in
As if it'd come instantly, there's a threat
That rogue shower, dares to frighten
Felt as if crying, because of anguish
My heart beats faster, Virgin Padauk.
- * There's roll of thunder, that precedes rain
Fragrance of earth, in the soft breeze
With sign to pour, it brings joy
No to spill out, it has to be contained
Can't be withheld, the heart flutters
My pride is hurt, Virgin Padauk.
- * If she coaxes, I'll bend over
Even if I'm firm, I'd have to give in
Even before coaxed, was ready to surrender
'Cause I gave in, bend to other side
Padauk buds bloom, with shame I win
The rainwater simply comes pouring down.
- * If the rain showers coax
It buds and blooms in Tagu
Merry and fresh, sprinkled with goodwill
To cool the heart, it pours
— Thingyan rain, please pour
— Virgin Padauk, keep chin up
— Yearning for waterfest's arrival.

Yan Naing Oo (Trs)

(Hailing the 1365 Thingyan)

Myanmar delegation arrives back from India

YANGON, 5 April — Myanmar goodwill delegation led by Chairman of the Civil Service Selection and Training Board Dr Than Nyun arrived back here by air this afternoon from India after concluding the visit from 30 March to 5 April.

Auditor-General Maj-Gen Lun Maung, Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin, CSSTB members, Charge d'Affaires of Indian Embassy Mr Rahul Kulshreshtha and officials welcomed back the delegation at the Yangon International Airport.

The delegation members U Aung Myint of the CSSTB, Director-General of the Civil Service Selection and Training Department U Hla Kyi and Rector of the Central Institute of Civil Service (Upper Myanmar) Col Aung Hsan Win also arrived back on the same flight. — MNA



CSSTB Chairman Dr Than Nyun being welcomed back at the airport. — MNA

Deputy Minister inspects Satsan dry dock

YANGON, 5 April — Deputy Minister for Transport U Pe Than this morning arrived at Satsan dry dock of the Myanmar Port Authority here and inspected Thamada

ship which is being docked there.

At the briefing hall, Managing Director of the MPA and officials reported to the deputy minister on condi-

tion of Thamada ship which is in dock. Afterwards, the deputy minister attended to the needs and gave necessary instructions.

MNA

UDE courses to be given, examination centres announced

YANGON, 5 April — Intensive lecture courses for 2003-2004 academic year of Yangon University of Distance Education will be given from 21 through 30 April 2004. And final ex-

aminations will be held from 4 to 10 May 2004 at Dagon University, Yangon Eastern University, Mawlamyine University, Patheingyi University, Sittway University, Pyaw University, Taungtha University, Dawei University, Hinthada University, Hpa-an University, Myeik University and Bago Degree College.

The students majoring in third-year Arts, Eco and Law and fourth-year Law who have registered at Dagon branch (Dagon University) of Yangon University of Distance Education are to attend the courses at Dagon University. Those majoring in third-year Eco are to sit for their exam at BHES-1, North Oakkapala, BHES-2, North Oakkapala, BHES-3, North Oakkapala, BHES-4, North Oakkapala, BHES-5, North Oakkapala, BHES-1 Dagon Myothit (North), BHES-3 Dagon Myothit (North), and BHES-4 Dagon Myothit (North), and other third- and fourth-year majors are to appear in the exam at

Dagon University.

The students majoring in third-year Arts, Eco and Law and fourth-year Law who have registered at Eastern Branch (University Eastern University) of Yangon Distance Education are to attend the courses at University Eastern University. Third-year students majoring in Myanmar are to sit for exam at BEHS-1, Thanlyin; third-year English majors at BEHS-1, Thanlyin; and third-year Law majors at BEHS-2, Thanlyin. Other third-year majors and fourth-year Law majors are to sit for exam at Yangon Eastern University.

Those majoring in third-year Arts, Eco and Law and fourth-year Law who have registered at respective local branches of Yangon University of Distance Education are to attend the courses and to appear in exam at their universities and degree colleges concerned.

Detailed information will be announced at respective branches of University of Education and BEHSs.

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Myanmar Wushu sport team that will undergo training in China. — NLM

Myanmar Wushu team leaves for PRC

YANGON, 5 April — A 22-member Myanmar Wushu sports team comprising Wushu Sanshou selected led by U Khun Ja Aung, coach of the Myanmar Wushu Federation, left here

for Guangdong Province, People's Republic of China, this evening to undergo joint wushu training with Chinese wushu athletes for World Wushu Championship.

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Myanmar Trade Fair-2004 concludes

YANGON, 5 April — Quartz International Co Ltd displayed Myanmar Trade Fair-2004 with the permission of the Ministry of Commerce at Yangon Trade Centre on Upper Pazundaung Street today for the last day.

At the trade fair, Great Summit Int'l Co Ltd, Win-

ner Plastic Manufacturing Co Ltd, Lion Lady Enterprise and other companies put on sale a variety of their goods. Managing Director Daw Myat Thet Aye presented the best decoration award to the booth of Pan Wut Hmon Traditional Medicine Enterprise.

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Daw Myat Thet Aye of Quartz Int'l Co Ltd presents flower basket to Daw Ni Ni Myint of Great Summit Int'l Co Ltd. — MNA

Narcotic drugs seized in Mandalay

YANGON, 5 April — A combined team comprising members of Local Intelligence Unit and Mandalay Special Anti-Drug Squad, acting on information, on 25 February, 2004, searched the house of Phon Zu Wai of 28th Street between 80th and 81st Streets, Chanayethazan, Mandalay and arrested him together with drug user Kyar Phu and seized 3.5 grams of heroin and 966 stimulant tablets bearing 'WY' letters in

the bedroom.

In connection with the case, action was taken against Phon Zu Wai, son of U Phu Wa A, No 28th Street, 80x81 Street, Chanayethazan, Mandalay and Kyar Phu, son of U Lhu Yu Shin, Moyma Road, Hopin under Section of 15/19 (a)/20(a)/21 of Narcotic Drug and Psychotropic Substances Law by No 8 Mandalay Police Station.

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Phon Zu Wai and Kyar Phu seen together with seized drugs. — MNA

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ခရီးသည်တင် ဖော်တော်ယာဉ်များအား ဖြိုဖျက်သုံး နေ့/ည ခရီးသည်ပို့ဆောင်နိုင်ရေးအတွက် သတ်မှတ်ခေါ်ကရေနှင့်အညီ စက်သုံးဆီ ထုတ်ပေးထားပြီးဖြစ်ပါသည်။ ယာဉ်စီမံများအားလည်း သတ်မှတ်နှုန်းထားများအတိုင်း တောင်းခံရန် ညွှန်ကြားထားရှိပါသည်။ သို့ရာတွင် အချို့ယာဉ်လိုင်းများမှ ယာဉ်မောင်းနှင့် ယာဉ်နောက်လိုက်တို့သည် ယာဉ်စီမံများကို ညပိုင်းတွင် ပိုမိုတောင်းယူနေကြောင်း သိရပါသည်။ ထိုသို့ပိုမိုတောင်းခံပါက ထိရောက်စွာ အရေးယူနိုင်ရန် အောက်ပါနည်းတို့များကို တိုင်ကြားနိုင်ပါသည်။

(၁) မြန်မာနိုင်ငံရဲတပ်ဖွဲ့၊ ရန်ကုန်တိုင်း (ဖုန်း ၁၉၉)
(၂) ကြီးမဲကြေးနန်းနှင့်ယာဉ်ထိန်းတပ်ဖွဲ့မှူး (ဖုန်း ၂၅၁၂၈၅/၂၅၁၂၈၅)
(၃) ဖော်တော်ယာဉ်လုပ်ငန်းပေါင်းစုံထိန်းသိမ်းရေးကော်မတီ (ဖုန်း ၅၄၁၉၀၅/၅၄၁၉၀၄)

ယာဉ်စည်းကမ်းထိန်းသိမ်းရေးကြပ်မူကော်မတီ

အရက်ကြောင့်ဖြစ်သည့် ရောဂါများ

အရက်ကိုလွန်ကျွံစားရုံနှင့် စွဲလမ်းစွာသောက်သုံးခြင်းကြောင့် ဖြစ်ပွားတတ်သော ရောဂါများမှာ အသုံးပြုရောင်းချခြင်း၊ အသုံးပြုရောင်းချခြင်း၊ သွေးအန်ခြင်း၊ အစာအိမ်ရောဂါဖြစ်ခြင်း၊ နှလုံးရောဂါဖြစ်ခြင်း၊ ဦးနှောက်နှင့်အာရုံကြောထိခိုက်ခြင်း၊ စိတ်ရောဂါများ ဖြစ်ခြင်း စသည်တို့ဖြစ်ပါသည်။

အရက်ကြောင့်ဖြစ်တတ်သော စိတ်ရောဂါများမှာ -

၁။ ကယောင်ကတမ်းဖြစ်ခြင်း (Delirium Tremors)၊ ကြောက်လန့်ခြင်း၊ အချိန်၊ နာရီ၊ နေရာ၊ လူ ခန့်မှန်းနိုင်စွမ်း မရှိခြင်း၊ ကြောက်စရာလန့်စရာများမြင်ရခြင်း၊ အသံလေးများ ကြားရခြင်း၊ ပိုးမွှားများ ခန္ဓာကိုယ်ပေါ် ရွံ့စွံသွားသလို ခံစားရခြင်း၊ လက်တုန့်ရောဂါဖြစ်တတ်ခြင်း။

၂။ အရက်အလွန်အကျွံသောက်သုံးခြင်းအခါတွင် လူမရှိဘဲ နားထဲတွင် ခေါ်သံများ၊ ခြိမ်းခြောက်သံများ၊ စော်ကားမော်ကားသံများ ကြားနေရတတ်ခြင်း (Alcoholic Hallucinations)။

၃။ အတက်ကြွ၊ ရောဂါဖြစ်တတ်ခြင်း (Rum Fits) (ဝက်ရူးပြန်ရောဂါကဲ့သို့တတ်ခြင်း)။

၄။ စိတ်ဓာတ်ကျရောဂါဖြစ်တတ်ခြင်း (Depressive Illness)။

၅။ စိတ်ဖောက်ပြန်ခြင်း (Alcoholic Psychosis)။

၆။ ဦးနှောက်ချိုယွင်းခြင်း။

၇။ အရက်နှင့်မတည့်သောသူများသည် အရက်အနည်းငယ်သောက်ရခြင်း ရုတ်တရက် စိတ်ဖောက်ပြန်တတ်ခြင်း (Pathological Drunkenness)။

၈။ မိမိ၏ ဇနီးကို အထင်အမြင်လွဲမှားခြင်းများဖြစ်တတ်ခြင်း (Morbid Jealousy)။

၉။ အရက်ကြောင့် ရာဇဝတ်မှုကျူးလွန်သည်အထိ ဖြစ်နိုင်ခြင်း။

အထက်ပါဆိုကျိုးများကို မခံစားရစေရန် အရက်သောက်သုံးခြင်း၊ အထူးသဖြင့် အလွန်အကျွံသောက်သုံးခြင်း၊ အရက်ကို စွဲလမ်းစွာသောက်သုံးခြင်းတို့မှ ရှောင်ကြဉ်ရန် တိုက်တွန်းအပ်ပါသည်။ အရက်စွဲရောဂါဖြစ်ပွားပါက စိတ်ကျန်းမာရေးဆေးရုံနှင့် ကုသရေးဌာနများတွင် စနစ်တကျကုသမှုခံယူရန် အသိပေးနိုးဆော်အပ်ပါသည်။

ကျန်းမာရေးဝန်ကြီးဌာန

Spokesman says Iran has no secret nuclear sites

TEHRAN, 5 April — Iran reiterated on Sunday that it was not hiding any of its nuclear facilities from UN inspectors and its resumption of work on a key part of the nuclear fuel cycle was not a violation of its commitment to suspend uranium enrichment activities.

“There is no nuclear site that the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) is not aware of and that we have hidden from IAEA inspectors,” Foreign Ministry Spokesman Hamid-Reza Asefi told a Press briefing.

“We have a transparent and constructive cooperation with IAEA, and this will continue. We are committed to our engagements, and up to now have not violated any of them,” Asefi said.

Meanwhile, Asefi denied a Western news agency report claiming that traces of enriched uranium have been found in one of Iran’s nuclear sites, terming such report as “baseless and false”.

“The IAEA experts have not reported any case to this effect at the end of their recent visit to Teheran,” Asefi stressed. He also described IAEA Director General Mohammed ElBaradei’s upcoming one-day visit to Iran on Tuesday as “important”.

In a deal with the IAEA late last year, Teheran agreed to suspend uranium enrichment and related activities while UN inspectors delved into its programme.

But Asefi claimed the resumption of work at a uranium conversion facility near the central city of Isfahan which was announced last week was not a violation of the deal.

“The resumption of activities at Isfahan does not violate any of our commitments. It is for the production of UF4 in an experimental fashion, which has nothing to do with our commitment to voluntarily suspend uranium enrichment,” Asefi said.

Asefi also confirmed that a new visit by IAEA inspectors would take place later this month, with the latest probe focusing on “the suspension of enrichment and the G-2 centrifuge”.

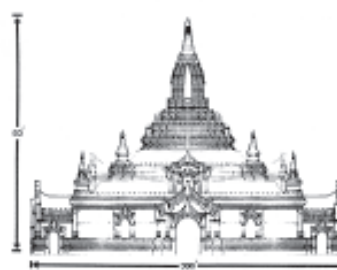
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Ugandan President urges Africans to unite on trade with West

KAMPALA, 5 April — Ugandan President Yoweri Museveni has urged Africans to unite on trade with the West, according to a news release issued by the Ugandan State House here Sunday. He made the call in his closing speech at the three-day Africa food security conference, which started here Thursday.

He told the more than 400 participants that since the first African country won independence nearly 50 years ago, no African country has been transferred from the third world to the first world

status because of lack of direction and failure to face the continent’s real problems.

He said the way forward for Africa is the New Partnership for Africa’s Development (NEPAD) because it provides the framework to address the trade issues together with infrastructure development.

The President said that Africa cannot favourably negotiate and make a global impact because of the fragmented markets.

At the closing of the meeting, Ugandan

Agriculture, Animal Husbandry and Fisheries Minister Kisamba Mugerwa said the conference resolved that food and nutrition for Africa must be achieved. He said that Africa must raise agricultural productivity, foster pro-poor economic growth through improved markets, build better infrastructure, harness better trade competitiveness, establish institutional and human capacity, improve nutrition and health service, pay attention to HIV/AIDS and strengthen good governance. —MNA/Xinhua

Nigerian police kill 9 fleeing robbery suspects

LAGOS, 5 April — Nine armed robbery suspects were fatally shot by police in central Nigeria, local newspaper *Weekend Vanguard* reported Saturday.

The suspects were killed by officers in Criminal Investigation Department (CID) in Lafía, Nigeria’s central state of Nassarawa. Assistant Commissioner of Police (ACP) in charge of CID Musa Kwankiyal Abodullahi was quoted as

saying the nine suspects were trying to escape from detention at about one o’clock Friday morning (0000 GMT).

“The suspects had about 0100 hours rushed out of their cells in the bid to escape and which forced the armed policemen on guard to open fire,” Abodullahi said.

Four of the robbers were killed at the scene, while the remaining five died on the way to the hospital, he said.

Crime level has been risen in Nigeria, the most populous African country of over 130 million, as economy worsens in recent years.

To stem rampant armed robberies, the Nigerian police have launched a campaign called “Operation Fire-for-Fire” since 2002 across the nation. So far hundreds of armed robbers were killed and thousands were arrested.

MNA/Xinhua

Ugandan Army kills 7 rebels

KAMPALA, 5 April — Ugandan Government forces killed seven rebels in the northern part of the country on Friday, *Sunday Monitor* newspaper reported Saturday.

A media and public relations officer of the Uganda People’s Defence Forces (UPDF) said the battles took place in Kitgum District.

“The Army killed seven rebels, rescued 12, captured three and while three surrendered including a second lieutenant,” Paddy Ankunda was quoted by the

newspaper as saying.

In the operations the Army also recovered four guns, two grenades, and 342 rounds of ammunition.

The UPDF is gaining ground on the rebel Lord’s Resistance Army (LRA), Ankunda said.

Led by the reclusive Joseph Kony, the LRA rebels have been fighting an 18-year war to topple the Ugandan Government dominated by southerners, and give power to the northern Acholi tribe.

MNA/Xinhua

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Say No To Drugs

UN eminent persons panel speaks highly of 1st regional meeting

HANGZHOU, 5 April — Members of the panel of eminent persons on UN reform and the UN's role spoke highly Sunday of its first regional meeting sponsored by China, the "Asia High-Level Symposium on Threats, Challenge and Change".

The meeting, which began on April 2, invited 11 members of the panel of eminent persons and 33 former senior officials and experts from nearly 20 countries to hold discussions on the threats and challenges brought by globalization and collective actions to deal with the threats and challenges, as well as the operation, coordination and reform of the UN.

According to the spokesperson of the meeting, participants, after three days of discussions, all claimed the meeting proceeded in a frank and earnest atmosphere and reached

good results and outstanding consensus, including strengthening multilateralism and the UN's role, increasing investment in terms of development, and solving international issues through peaceful means.

The spokesperson said participants believed the meeting, attended by representatives from nearly 20 Asian countries, was more positive, open and specific to the point than expected. The meeting showed that face-to-face communication is still important and necessary despite advanced communication means.

Quite a few members

with the UN eminent persons panel also said they felt the results of the meeting were conducive to their work and all parties' efforts to strengthen the UN's role, the spokesperson said.

When talking about the war in Iraq, all delegates not only raised inquiries about the war, but also expressed criticism over the unilateralism. Some even worried about the negative impact brought by the war to the UN's role, and the possible results caused by unilateralism, the spokesperson said.

Delegates agreed the reform of the UN Security

Council is one of the most important issues concerning all parties, which demands the political will, patience, determination and collective and coordinative actions of all parties. They also held that the UN Security Council should highly represent the interests of the developing countries, and enhance its own working efficiency, the spokesperson said.

They also expressed satisfaction over the arrangement of the symposium and appreciation for the warm reception by Hangzhou people, the spokesperson said.

MNA/Xinhua

Tanzania hopes to eradicate polio next year

DAR-ES-SALAAM, 5 April — Tanzania hopes to eradicate polio by the year 2005, a senior official with the Health Ministry said in Iringa, southern Tanzania, on Saturday.

Ali Mziga, director of the disease prevention services of the ministry, explained that the country's last polio patient under the age of five was reported seven years ago.

At present, he said, less than 4 per cent of children under the age of five are suffering from measles, while the figure was as high as 25 per cent during the 1980s.

He attributed such a success to enough resources that his ministry has in the implementation of its different responsibilities together with the people's cooperation.

About 89 per cent of children under the age of five, he said, had been vaccinated against different diseases, including polio, measles and lung disease, in the country till 2002.

It is estimated that in the 2002/2003 financial year, the Tanzanian Government has distributed about four billion shillings (about four million US dollars) to the Health Ministry and in the 2003/2004 financial year, the budget has reached about five billion or six billion shillings (about five million or six million dollars). — MNA/Xinhua

WHO says polio situation in Nigeria still alarming

LAGOS, 5 April — The wild polio situation in Nigeria is still very alarming, although remarkable achievements have been made in polio eradication programme, local newspaper *This Day* reported recently.

Patrick Akande, surveillance officer of the World Health Organization (WHO) in Cross River State, south Nigeria, was quoted as saying that 23 of the country's 36 states "are still harbouring the virus".

He called for greater efforts from the Nigerian federal and state governments "to keep the virus at bay". The WHO officer also appealed to Nigerian health workers

and local people to report any weakness of the limbs occurring in children below 15 years old to the nearest health centre.

Surveillance information showed that Cross River State had been polio-free for over four years now, but Akande warned that Cross River "is still at risk of wild polio virus".

According to Cross River State Commissioner for Health Iyam Ugot, although several rounds of National Immunization Days (NIDs) have been conducted in Nigeria since 1998, wild polio virus is still circulating freely in some states of the federation.

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

Chile says Bolivia's sea access depends on Peru

SANTIAGO, 5 April — Chilean President Ricardo Lagos said Saturday that Bolivia's sea access depends on Peru and ruled out that Chile might be divided by a Bolivian strip.

"We concluded our borders with Bolivia a long time ago," Lagos told the local Bio Bio radio, adding his country proposed a plan on a Bolivian corridor in 1950 and 1975 but Peru refused to accept.

Bolivia became landlocked after losing the Pacific War (1879-1883) to Chile while Bolivia's ally lost the states of Arica and Tarapaca.

Lagos noted that the Chilean-Peruvian treaty signed in 1929 did not allow Chile to dispose Arica and Tarapaca without Peru's permission.

However, he reiterated the border controversy with Peru could not be subjected to arbitration as Peru had proposed.

Lagos also ruled out the possibility of swapping the sea outlet for gas. "None of that is exchangeable. Peru has the answer," he said.

Meanwhile, the Bolivian Senate's Foreign Commission President Leopoldo Fernandez downplayed the diplomatic tensions between the two nations sparked by Bolivia's sea outlet demand.

Fernandez said that the conflict was "a small controversy" when he attended the assembly of the Inter-Parliamentary Forum of the Americas on Saturday.

MNA/Xinhua

More Canadian forests controlled by companies

OTTAWA, 5 April — Canada's public forests are increasingly falling under the control of large corporations, local Press reported Sunday.

In a national survey of forest tenure, Global Forest Watch Canada found the amount of public forest controlled by companies increased by 9 per cent between 2000 and 2003.

Global Forest Watch Canada is a non-profit organization conducting research into development activities in Canada's forests and their environmental impacts. — MNA/Xinhua

Venezuela sets record saving river turtles

SANTA MARIA DEL ORINOCO (Venezuela), 5 April — Venezuela's government has established what it believes is a record for releasing an endangered species back into the wild by setting free tens of thousands of protected Arrau turtles into the Orinoco River.

Scrambling over each other to reach the Orinoco waters, thousands of palm-sized, green turtles were released over the weekend from a sandy island on the huge river in the latest part of a 10-year programme to preserve the species.

"We've been doing this for 10 years now and with this part we have released a total of 166,000 turtles. It's a historic release of a protected species," Environment Minister Ana Elisa Osorio told Reuters

as turtles bobbed in the brownish waters.

The programme takes tiny, new-born Arrau from the river banks to raise them in a refuge for a year before releasing them back into the wild.

Officials hope by protecting the hatchlings during their most vulnerable months they can increase the survival rate of South America's largest fresh water turtle, which has a long list of predators including fish, birds and crocodiles.

Poor residents in the region near the Colombian border, part of Venezuela's sweltering southern flatlands, also have a tradition of eating the turtle eggs and meat. But officials say environment education programmes have reduced turtle hunting.

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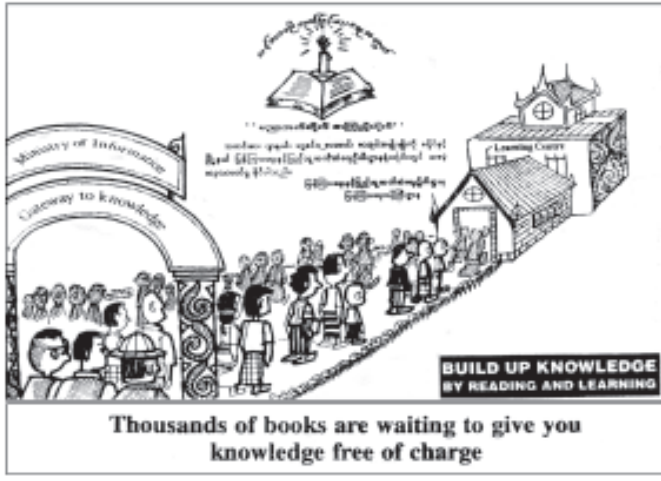
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- (၁) တစ်ကိုယ်ရည်သန့်ရှင်းမှုကိုဆောင်ရွက်ပါ။
- (၂) အန္တရာယ်ကင်း၍ အာဟာရဖြည့်ဝသော အစားအသောက်များကို စားသုံးပါ။
- (၃) ပိုမိုကင်းစင်၍ သန့်ရှင်းသောရေကို သောက်သုံးပါ။
- (၄) ရာသီဥတုနှင့်လိုက်လျောညီထွေစွာ ဝတ်စားဆင်ယင် နေထိုင်ပါ။
- (၅) အသက်အရွယ်နှင့် လိုက်လျောညီထွေရှိသည့် သင့်တင့်မျှတသော ကိုယ်လက်လှုပ်ရှားမှုကို မှန်မှန်ဆောင်ရွက်ပါ။
- (၆) နေ့စဉ်လုပ်ငန်းဆောင်တာများ ဆောင်ရွက်ခြင်းကြောင့် ပင်ပန်းနွမ်းနယ်မှုကိုပြေပျောက်စေရန် အနားယူပါ။
- (၇) ခြင်္သေ့ရယ်ကွယ်ရန် ခြင်္သေ့တောင်ခြင်အိပ်ပါ။
- (၈) ကျန်းမာရေးနှင့်ညီညွတ်သော ယဉ်လုံ့လသဘောကိုသုံးစွဲပါ။
- (၉) အရက်သောက်ခြင်း၊ ဆေးလိပ်ဆေးရွက်သောက်သုံးခြင်း၊ ကွမ်းစားခြင်းတို့ကိုရှောင်ကြဉ်ပါ။
- (၁၀) မူးယစ်ဆေးဝါးနှင့် စိတ်ကိုမြှောင်လဲစေသည့် ဆေးဝါးများ သုံးစွဲခြင်းကို ရှောင်ကြဉ်ပါ။
- (၁၁) အပျော်အပါးလိုက်စားခြင်းကို ရှောင်ကြဉ်ပါ။
- (၁၂) ရေ၊ မြေ၊ လေ သဘာဝပတ်ဝန်းကျင်နှင့် နေထိုင်မှု၊ အသက်မွေးမှုပတ်ဝန်းကျင်တို့အား ညစ်ညမ်းစေသည့် အပြုအမူများကို ရှောင်ကြဉ်ပါ။

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Zanzibar police detonates bomb

DAR-ES-SALAAM, 5 April — The Zanzibar Police Force has detonated an object that is believed to be a bomb at the Tumbatu, a small island in its northern place.

Regional Assistant Police Commissioner Haji Shaka said on Friday in northern Zanzibar that the bomb was defused by bomb experts from Tanzania Peoples Defence Forces.

Commander Shaka said the bomb was found floating on the sea, and the experts believed that it is dangerous to people's safety.

It is the first incident in Tumbatu Island, since a series of explosion happened in Zanzibar last month.

MNA/Xinhua

DON'T SMOKE

Spain warns embassies after receiving letter of threat

MADRID, 5 April — The Spanish Government urged all its embassies in northern Africa and the Middle East to be "more careful" and step up security measures after its representative at El Cairo, Egypt, received a letter of threat.

This was informed Friday by Spanish State Secretary of Foreign Affairs Ramon Gil Casares when confirming that

El Cairo Embassy received on March 28 a letter signed by the organization of Jatib Abu Hafis El Masri (the battalion of the Egyptian Abu Hafsel), a fundamentalist Islamic group tied to al-Qaeda.

The letter threatened to use bomb-vehicles against Spanish interests in northern Africa and the Mediterranean if Spain did not withdraw its

troops from Iraq and Afghanistan in "four complete weeks".

Gil Casares pointed out other embassies also received threats and said the Egyptian authorities took it "seriously" but "did not give too much credibility", although the delegations of the area were informed and ordered to step up security measures.

MNA/Xinhua

Italy wants Red Brigades included on EU terrorist list

ROME, 5 April — Italy is pushing to get the Red Brigades included on the European Union's list of terrorist organizations, the Italian foreign and interior ministries said on Friday.

The ministries said the Italian centre-right government was preparing a request that would be put to the Eu-

ropean Union later this month.

They said pressure to include Italy's leftist terrorist organization on the European list confirmed the government's commitment to fighting terrorism.

Resurgent Red Brigades have claimed responsibility for the assassinations of two

Labour Ministry consultants — Massimo D'Antona in May 1999 and Marco Biagi in March 2002. Police have since arrested the suspected leader and several members of the group, which calls itself the Red Brigades-Party of Communist Combatants (BR-PCC).

MNA/Xinhua

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French police arrest senior ETA suspect

MADRID, 5 April — French police have arrested a man suspected of being a leader of the armed Basque separatist group ETA and responsible for a number of killings in the 1980s, a Spanish security source said on Friday. The man, identified as Felix Ignacio Esparza Luri, was detained close to Dax in southwest France. French police said he had been under surveillance for some time and a broader operation was still going on.

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Bad diets, lack of exercise, smoking main killers in NZ

WELLINGTON, 5 April—Bad diet, smoking and sitting around are the top three killers in New Zealand, said the Health Ministry in a report issued here Saturday. The Looking Upstream report, published by *The Dominion Post*, listed the top 20 causes of death in New Zealand, taking into account conditions and risk factors.

The ministry claimed that the report was the country's first comprehensive mortality analysis.

Using mortality figures from 1997, the study divides deaths into biological, behavioural, environmental and social categories.

Diet and insufficient physical activity, combined, were believed to have killed about 11,000 people, accounting for almost 40 per cent of the total deaths in that year, said the report.

About 30 per cent of deaths were attributed to the joint effect of dietary factors, including 6 per cent to poor vegetable and fruit consumption. Insufficient physical activity accounted for almost 10 per cent.

Smoking was responsible for 18 per cent of all deaths, including passive smoking, while poverty and high blood cholesterol were close behind at 17 per cent.

Elevated cholesterol levels were the top biological cause, causing some 4,700 deaths. The report noted that New Zealand had a larger proportion of sufferers than other Western societies, probably due to their high consumption of saturated fats such as meat and dairy products. Cholesterol surpassed high blood pressure (13 per cent or 3,700 deaths) and obesity (11.5 per cent or 3,200 deaths).

The air that the people breathe can also be a killer. Microbes accounted for 6.5

per cent of deaths, with air pollution causing 3.5 per cent or 970 deaths—40 per cent of which were thought to be caused by vehicle fumes.

Lower risk factors included alcohol consumption (3 per cent), illicit drug use (0.5 per cent) and unsafe sex (0.5 per cent).

The report's author, Dr. Martin Tobias, from the ministry's Public Health Intelligence Unit, said the aim of the report was to help improve disease prevention and health promotion.

"Much of the information is already available, but the report brings it together and also provides a more consistent way to classify causes of death at risk factor level," Tobias said.—MNA/Xinhua

Dengfeng star observatory applies for World Cultural Heritage

ZHENGZHOU, 5 April—Dengfeng Star Observatory Platform in central China's Henan Province, the oldest of its kind in the country, is applying to be listed as a World Cultural Heritage, said an official with the Henan provincial cultural relics administration.

The platform, built in 1276 in the early Yuan Dynasty (1271-1368), was located in a temple courtyard in Gaocheng, 12 kilometres to the southeast of Dengfeng City. Built with bricks and stone, the building has two parts, the platform and the stone Chinese sundial.

On the 9.46-metre-high platform, there are two small cottages on each side. To the

north of the platform is an entry and exit which are symmetrically arranged. Linking the entry and exit to the platform are stairs and pathways. Between the two pathways is the 31.19-metre-long stone Chinese sundial, which was paved by 36 slates.

According to historical records, a total of 27 observatories were built in the Yuan Dynasty but only the one in

Dengfeng is known to have survived. Using these observatories, former astronomer Guo Shoujing and others had compiled the world's earliest calendar in Yuan Dynasty. Surrounding the star observatory platform, there are also other cultural relics which are also of great importance to the historical and arts study, said the official.—MNA/Xinhua

EU ministers out in cold as Irish smoking ban hits

PUNCESTOWN (Ireland), 5 April—Europe's economic leaders got a chill taste of Ireland's pioneering new smoking ban on Saturday.

Nicotine-hooked finance ministers and central bankers huddled in the cold outside a European Union meeting near Dublin for a quick hit, five days after the Irish Government introduced a blanket ban on smoking in the workplace.

Clouds of cigarette, cigar and pipe smoke tend to hang in the air when the finance chiefs gather across Europe. But in Ireland, smoking at work now carries a 3,000 euro fine.

There had been rumbles of dissent from some foreign officials in the run-up to the meeting at Puncestown racecourse, outside the capital. Publicly, though, no one was complaining at the weekend.

"No minister broke the rule about smoking," said Irish Finance Minister Charlie McCreevy. As president of the EU until June, Ireland will host numerous further ministerial meetings.

Dutch Finance Minister Gerrit Zalm offered Luxem-

bourg's Jean-Claude Juncker a light on a chilly, damp Irish day outside the meeting and declared the new law "excellent" — with just a hint of irony.

With tobacco one of the most heavily taxed products in Europe, many finance ministers fear following Ireland's lead would hit their revenues. But the Dublin government argues that better public health will eventually save money on medical care.—MNA/Reuters

Kelly Osbourne enters rehabilitation for drug use

WASHINGTON, 4 April—Heavy metal rocker Ozzy Osbourne and his wife Sharon said their 19-year-old daughter Kelly entered a California drug rehabilitation clinic earlier in the day to grapple with her abuse of painkillers.

Sharon Osbourne told CNN's "Larry King Live" the couple confronted their daughter early on Friday after the family was contacted by an English tabloid seeking comment on a picture in which Kelly appeared to be buying drugs.

"She admitted it after a lot of twisting," she told CNN. "Literally, a couple of hours ago, she was admitted to rehab." She said their son, Jack Osbourne, who underwent substance abuse treatment last year, took Kelly to Promises Drug & Alcohol Re-

habilitation Addiction Center in Malibu, California.

Ozzy Osbourne, an admitted drug addict and alcoholic who has spent time in rehabilitation clinics himself, said he had asked Kelly repeatedly if she used drugs, but she denied it.

"I can't believe we were buying into it," he said. "The amount of pills I found in her bag was astounding."

The Osbournes were slated to appear on the CNN programme to promote the third season of their reality TV series "The Osbournes,"

but decided to reveal their latest family trauma.

"As usual with the Osbournes, you never know what's going to happen next," Sharon Osbourne told CNN, saying she was angry, upset and beginning to wonder if the family was cursed.

Ozzy Osbourne is still recovering from an accident on an all-terrain vehicle that left him in a coma for eight days. The rocker shot to fame in the 1970s with Black Sabbath and remained in the public eye after he launched a solo career.—MNA/Reuters

Saudi Arabia defends OPEC output cut

WASHINGTON, 5 April—Saudi Arabia on Sunday blamed record high US gasoline prices on America's tough environmental laws and lack of refining capacity, saying OPEC's oil production policies were not at fault.

The Organization of Petroleum-Exporting Countries last week voted to cut production by one million barrels a day as the average price US consumers paid for gasoline hit a record 1.76 US dollars per gallon.

Adel Al-Jubeir, foreign

affairs adviser to Saudi Crown Prince Abdullah, defended the OPEC output cut, saying global crude oil production and demand "are in balance".

"In fact, there's a slight surplus and that's why OPEC cut back," he said in an interview on CNN's "Late Edition".

The Bush Administration said it was disappointed with the cartel's move to reduce production. US lawmakers have accused OPEC,

and the Saudis in particular, of gouging American consumers at the pump.

Saudi Arabia is the world's biggest oil producer and a major US crude supplier.

However, Al-Jubeir said the lack of refining capacity in the United States was a key reason gasoline prices were rising.

"There has not been a refinery built in America in the last 20 years.

MNA/Reuters

Policeman, three suspects dead in Madrid blast

LEGANES (Spain), 5 April—Three men sought for the Madrid train bombings and a police officer were killed when the suspects set off an explosion when cornered on Saturday, the government said.

"Right now I can tell you that there are three bodies of suspected terrorists who may have killed themselves," Interior Minister Angel Acebes told a news conference.

A police officer was killed and 11 others injured during the operation in the southwestern Madrid suburb of Leganes, Acebes said.

Police units arrived at a Leganes flat on Saturday evening in search of suspects in the March 11 bombings that killed 191 people, Acebes said. When the occupants of the flat spotted the police, "they began firing and shouting and chanting in Arabic", he said.

The police were about to raid the flat when the suspects set off a powerful ex-

plosion, he said. Acebes said it was possible one of the suspects may have escaped before the police cordoned off the area but he was unable to confirm it.

Spain is holding 15 people, many of them Moroccan, over the March 11 commuter train bombings.

Witnesses said the facades had been blown out of the first three floors of the block of flats where the suspects had been holed up.

Acebes said earlier on Saturday that a bomb found on a high-speed rail track on Friday contained the same explosive and may have a similar detonator to the bombs that blew up four commuter trains last month.—MNA/Reuters

Ugandan President praised for role in reducing HIV/AIDS

KAMPALA, 4 April—President of the Rockefeller Foundation Gordon Conway has praised Ugandan President Yoweri Museveni in particular and Uganda in general for playing an exemplary role in the fight against HIV/AIDS.

Meeting with Museveni here Thursday Conway highly commended Uganda for a wonderful job at the Joint Clinical Research Centre on HIV/AIDS in Kampala, which he said is the best in the region, according to a Press release issued here Friday by the Ugandan State House.

He told Museveni that his foundation has put aside a vote of 50 million US dollars to finance research work on the HIV/AIDS pandemic and other related diseases.

On the bio-technology research centre in Kawanda in southeastern Uganda, Conway said the work done by Ugandan scientists is very impressive and it has reached an advanced stage in all its scientific findings on improved seeds and food and in obtaining solutions to crops diseases.

Museveni said Thursday on another occasion that his country has made tremendous strides in reversing the HIV/AIDS prevalence from 30 per cent 15 years ago to 6 per cent today. —MNA/Xinhua



A model sports an outfit by Indonesian designer Ika Butoni during a fashion show in Moscow, on 2 April, 2004. The annual Russian Fashion Week started in Moscow on Friday.—INTERNET

SPORTS

Sevilla claim 1-0 win over struggling Espanyol

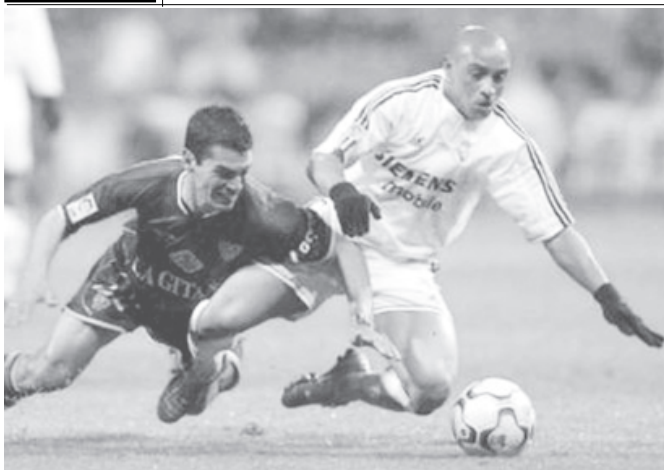
MADRID, 4 April— Sevilla put an end to a three-match losing streak when a well-taken volley from striker Antonito gave them a 1-0 win at home to relegation-threatened Espanyol in the Primera Liga on Saturday.

Defeat for Espanyol dealt a severe blow to their hopes of retaining their top-flight status and left them two points behind Real Mallorca, who sit just above the relegation places and face Real Sociedad on Sunday.

Sevilla, who moved up two places to ninth, had the better of the early exchanges but were unable to put the finishing touches to several promising attacks, while visitors Espanyol hardly managed to create any danger in the first half.

Antonito grabbed the winner when he smashed the ball home from seven metres after fellow striker Dario Silva headed back across the goal six minutes into the second half and the Andalucians withstood some late pressure to hold on for the win.

MNA/Reuters



Real Madrid's Brazilian Roberto Carlos (R) and Sevilla's Francisco Casquero fight for the ball during their Spanish League soccer match at Santiago Bernabeu stadium March 28, 2004. —INTERNET

Late goals salvage Celtic's unbeaten home record

GLASGOW, 4 April — Celtic scored twice in the last three minutes on Saturday to salvage a 2-2 draw with Hearts and extend their long unbeaten home record to 76 games.

The runaway Scottish Premier League leaders struggled for fluency against a well-drilled Hearts and were staring defeat in the face after Kevin McKenna's 21st minute opener and a

second from substitute Mark de Vries on 72.

But Chris Sutton threw Celtic a lifeline in the 87th minute before Didier Agathe walloped high into the net in injury time.

The equalizer maintained Celtic's hopes of becoming the first Scottish side to go through a league season unbeaten since Rangers in 1898-99.

Ajax Amsterdam remain the last side to win at Celtic Park in a Champions League qualifier in August 2001. Dundee's 2-0 win in May of the same year is the last victory there by any Scottish side.

Celtic are now 20 points ahead of champions Rangers — who visit Motherwell on Sunday — with seven games left.

Failure to beat Hearts means they must wait until next week's match at Kilmarnock to clinch a third SPL title in four years but that will be of minor concern after coming perilously close to defeat.

In Saturday's other games, Aberdeen beat Dundee United 3-0, Dundee overcame bottom side Partick Thistle 2-1 while Dunfermline Athletic beat Kilmarnock, also 2-1.

Hibernian avenged their recent league cup final defeat against Livingston with a 3-1 home win.

MNA/Reuters

Chelsea close gap on Arsenal with win at Spurs

LONDON, 4 April — Chelsea closed the gap on leaders Arsenal to four points on Saturday with a pulsating 1-0 win at Tottenham Hotspur in the English Premier League.

Chelsea's Dutch striker Jimmy Floyd Hasselbaink followed his hat-trick against Wolverhampton Wanderers last week with the goal from a Damien Duff pass in the 38th minute.

The win put pressure on Arsenal who lost their FA Cup semifinal 1-0 to third-placed Manchester United earlier on Saturday and who meet Chelsea on Tuesday in the second leg of their Champions League quarterfinal.

It also extended Chelsea's unbeaten league run against Spurs to 28 games, the longest run between two clubs in the top flight.

Spurs had several good chances to break the hoodoo, particularly in the first half, when Ledley King sent an easy header wide with only the keeper Marco Ambrosio to beat. Robbie Keane had a shot cleared off the line by Ambrosio and in the second half he tipped an effort from Jermaine Defoe over the bar.

Chelsea, tight at the back and dangerous on the break, got the upper hand in the second half, however, and Duff looked a constant danger down the left wing.

"We had chances to finish the match. We made three great counter-attacks to kill it off," Chelsea coach Claudio Ranieri said, mindful of his side's contrasting 17-match failure to beat Arsenal despite often scoring first. The following are the Brief match reports of Saturday's English Premier League games:

Fulham 0 — Birmingham City 0

Fulham and Birmingham, both in the hunt for a European place next season, failed to find the net. In Birmingham's case it was largely due

to fine goalkeeping by Maik Taylor. Steed Malbranque and Luis Boa Morte bombarded the Birmingham area particularly in the first half but could not get through.

Middlesbrough 2 — Bolton 0

A repetition of the League Cup final minus a goal from Bolton. Middlesbrough went ahead in the eighth minute with an own-goal from Kevin Nolan who tried to hook the ball clear but put it into his own net. Jonathan Greening got the second in the 51st from a Massimo Maccarone pass.

Newcastle United 4 — Everton 2

Craig Bellamy put Newcastle in front from six metres in the fifth minute dribbling round diving keeper Nigel Martyn after a header from Alan Shearer. Thomas Gravesen equalized eight minutes later with a right-foot shot drilled home from a Tomasz Radzinski pass.



Chelsea Captain John Terry—INTERNET

Marseille's Meriem inflicts shock defeat on Lyon

PARIS, 4 April — A second-half goal by Camel Meriem handed Olympique Marseille a 2-1 victory at Olympique Lyon on Saturday and denied the defending champions the chance to return to the top of Ligue 1.

Lyon have 63 points from 31 matches and trail leaders Monaco by a point with seven games left after the principality side fought back from 3-0 down at halftime against struggling AC Ajaccio on Friday to salvage a point in a 3-3 home draw.

Marseille, still chasing a UEFA Cup spot, stay sixth in the standings with 50 points behind AJ Auxerre — who travel to lowly Toulouse on Sunday — on goal difference.

Paris St. Germain are third with 60 points as they revived their title hopes with a 3-2 win at home to Nantes.

Gregory Pujol put the visitors in front at the Parc de Princes as he latched on to a cross from Olivier Quint in the 16th minute but his Nantes team-mate Sylvain Armand deflected a Branko Boskovic free kick into his own net before the break.

Boskovic put PSG back in front in the second half when he netted from close range after being set up by Pedro Pauleta, who sealed the win himself in the 76th minute before Stephane Ziani got an injury-time consolation for the visitors.

Sochaux remain fourth, six points adrift

of PSG, as they shared the points at Toulouse in a goalless draw after their forward Mickael Pagis missed a penalty 11 minutes from time.

Marseille made a dream start when Drogba opened the scoring after only five minutes at Lyon. The Ivory Coast striker was set up by midfielder Sylvain N'Diaye and outmuscled the Lyon defence to volley home from close range.

Drogba was just as invaluable at the other end five minutes later when he helped out goalkeeper Fabien Barthez by stopping a Peguy Luyindula header on the goal line.

Lyon levelled in the 17th minute courtesy of a goal by France striker Luyindula, who took advantage of a Brahim Hemdani blunder in the box to score from five metres.

They lost another French international, Sidney Govou, to a muscle strain in the first half and the forward is very doubtful for Wednesday's Champions League quarterfinal against Porto. Lyon trail 2-0 from the first leg in Portugal.

MNA/Reuters

Bayern beat 10-man Kaiserslautern to close gap

BERLIN, 4 April — Champions Bayern Munich closed the gap on leaders Werder Bremen to six points with a 2-0 away victory over 10-man Kaiserslautern on Saturday.

Dutch striker Roy Makaay opened the scoring from a headed pass by Michael Ballack in the 47th minute before Paraguay forward Roque Santa Cruz doubled the visitors' score with a header 13 minutes from time.

Bayern, who are fighting to secure second place and win direct access to the Champions League, dominated from the kickoff but did not take control until the second half.

Werder, who entertain SC Freiburg on Sunday, remain firmly on title course. There will be seven matches left after the weekend.

Kaiserslautern, facing a struggle against relegation, fought bravely until having midfielder Stefan Malz sent off in the 28th minute for a second booking.

VfB Stuttgart held on to third place with a spectacular 5-1 win at VfL Wolfsburg that left Wolfsburg coach Juergen Roever facing an uncertain future.

Germany striker Kevin Kuranyi, who had not scored for Stuttgart for several weeks, contributed and so did Germany defender Philipp Lahm with his first Bundesliga goal.

Bottom club Cologne, who are virtually relegated, showed pride with a 2-0 victory over fellow strugglers Eintracht Frankfurt.

Hanover 96 left the relegation zone with a 2-0 win at TSV 1860 Munich, their first victory under new coach Ewald Lienen. — MNA/Reuters

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- 9:06 Putao Surrounded by
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- 9:10 National News**
- 9:12 Golden Mandalay Hill
- 9:15 National News**
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- 9:25 MRTV-3's Thingyan
Festival (Dance and be
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- 9:30 National News**
- 9:35 New, Modernized
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- 9:40 Song "Sagawa Flowers
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- 9:45 National News**
- 9:50 Myanmar Traditional
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- 9:58 Song of Myanmar
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- 15:32 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
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- 15:36 Putao Surrounded by
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- 15:40 National News**
- 15:42 Golden Mandalay Hill
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- 19:36 Memorial Stones from
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- 19:40 National News**
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- 19:45 National News**
The Pindaya Natural
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- 19:55 MRTV-3's Thingyan
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- 20:00 National News**
Tour In Myanmar
"Bago, Thanlyin"
- 20:10 Song "Feel like an
Earthquake"
- 20:15 National News**
Kambozathadi: Palace
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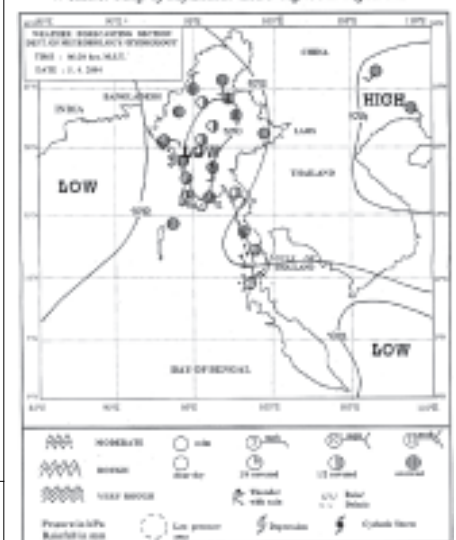
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- 01:15 National News**
The World's Biggest
Book
- 01:25 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Come and See
Myanmar"

7-4-2004 (Wednesday)
Morning Transmission
(03:30-07:30)

- 03:30 Signature Tune
Greeting
- 03:32 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Mingalabar"
- 03:36 Memorial Stones from
Chin Mountain Ranges
- 03:40 National News**
Myanmar Traditional
Food "Pone Ye Gyi"
- 03:45 National News**
The Pindaya Natural

- Cave
- 03:55 MRTV-3's Thingyan
Festival (Auspicious
Greeting)
- 04:00 National News**
Tour In Myanmar
"Bago, Thanlyin"
- 04:05 Song "Feel like an
Earthquake"
- 04:15 National News**
Kambozathadi: Palace
of Conquerors
- 04:20 Song "A Way for Lov-
ers"
- 04:30 National News**
Myanmar Eretes
Sticticus
- 04:40 Palm Leaf Inscription
- 04:45 National News**
Myanmar Gems Mo-
saic
- 04:55 The Rakhine Dance,
The Pride of Yoma
- 05:00 National News**
The Gok Heik Viaduct
- 05:05 Myanmar Modern
Song "Bagan the Won-
der Land"
- 05:15 National News**
Green Turtle
- 05:20 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Myanmar Pano-
rama & Myanmar Sen-
timent"
- 05:35 Putao Surrounded by
Natural Scenic Beauty
- 05:40 National News**
Golden Mandalay Hill

- 05:45 National News**
Ayeawady Dolphin
Expedition (Part-I)
- 05:55 MRTV-3's Thingyan
Festival (Dance and be
Beautiful)
- 06:00 National News**
New, Modernized
Myanmar Food
- 06:05 Song "Sagawa Flowers
Land"
- 06:15 National News**
Myanmar Traditional
Flower Arrangements
(Decoration with Lac-
quer)
- 06:25 Songs On Screen "Ma
Ma Moe"
- 06:30 National News**
Myanmar Tapestry Art-
ist
- 06:40 Mong La Says "Bye
Bye Opium"
- 06:45 National News**
Baungte: My village
- 06:55 Dancing Duo
- 07:00 National News**
Rakhine State Cultural
Museum
- 07:10 Song "Rice Flowing
Like a Canal"
- 07:12 An Umbrella For Style
- 07:15 National News**
The World's Biggest
Book
- 07:25 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Come and See
Myanmar"

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas
**WEATHER**

Monday, 5 April, 2004

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST:
During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been wide-
spread in Kayah State, isolated in Shan and Chin States, upper
Sagaing, Bago and Yangon Divisions and weather has been partly
cloudy in the remaining areas. Day temperatures were (6°C)
below normal in upper Sagaing Division, (3°C) to (4°C) above
normal in northern Shan and Kayin States, Mandalay, Magway
and Ayeawady Divisions and about normal in the remaining
areas. The significant day temperature was (42°C) in Magway.
The noteworthy amount of rainfall recorded was (1.30) inches
in Loikaw.

Maximum temperature on 4-4-2004 was 37.5°C (100°F).
Minimum temperature on 5-4-2004 was 21.0°C (70°F). Relative
humidity at 9:30 hrs MST on 5-4-2004 was 77%. Total
sunshine hours on 4-4-2004 was (6.2) hours approx. Rainfall on
5-4-2004 was nil at Yangon Airport, 12mm (0.47 inch) at Kaba-
Aye and 3mm (0.12 inch) at central Yangon. Total rainfall
since 1-1-2004 was 3 mm (0.12 inch) at Yangon Airport and
12mm (0.47 inch) at Kaba-Aye and 3 mm (0.12 inch) at cen-
tral Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye)
was 30 mph from Northwest at (15:15) hours MST on 4-4-
2004.

Bay inference: Weather is partly cloudy to cloudy in the
Bay of Bengal. **Forecast valid until evening of 6-4-2004:** Iso-
lated rain or thundershowers are likely in Kachin, Chin, Rakhine
and Shan States, upper Sagaing, Mandalay, Magway, Bago,
Ayeawady and Yangon Divisions and weather will be partly
cloudy in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (60%).
State of the sea: Seas will be moderate in Myanmar waters.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Likelihood of isolated
rain or thundershowers in upper Myanmar areas. **Forecast for
Yangon and neighbouring area for 6-4-2004:** Likelihood of
isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).
Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 6-4-2004:
Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of cer-
tainty is (60%).


Tuesday, April 6
View today:

7:00 am

1. စော့ဖုရင်မင်းကွန်ဆာရာဇာဘုရား
ဣန္ဒြေ၊ နိုင်ငံတော်သံသရာဟောပြော
အဗ္ဗိဇာတိဟောသင်တန်း၊ အဘိဓမ္မာ
ရှုထုတ်၊ အဘိဓမ္မာအသံသရာ
ဓာတ်တံ၊ တိပိဋကဓမ္မ၊ ဓမ္မာနာ
ဂါရိတ၊ ဆရာတော် ဘဒ္ဒန္တဝိမ္ဗူ
အရာတိုင်သစ် ပရိတ်တရားတော်

7:15 am

2. တိပိဋကဓမ္မ၊ ဓမ္မာနာဂါရိတ၊
အဂ္ဂဟာတုတံ၊ ဘဒ္ဒန္တဝိမ္ဗူဘိဝံသ
(ယောဇာရာဇာတော်) ဟောကြားတော်
မူဆင်သော ဥပ္ပါတသင်္ဂါယနီတော်

7:25 am

3. To be healthy exercise

7:30 am

4. Morning news

7:40 am

5. Nice and sweet song

7:50 am

6. ကဏ္ဍာဝန်ဥယျာဉ်

8:00 am

7. အတူပြိုင်ပွဲ

8:10 am

8. Song of yesteryears

8:20 am

9. နေ့စဉ်ခရီးလှည့်ကဏ္ဍ

8:30 am

10. International news

8:45 am

11. Grammar made easy

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. Musical programme

4:55 pm

5. အစပင်တက္ကသိုလ်ဟောပြော

ရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်တန်း တတိယနံပါတ်

(ရုပ်မြင်သံကြား) (ရုပ်မြင်)

5:10 pm

6. Dance of national races

5:25 pm

7. ဓမ္မာနာဓာတ်တော်ဓာတ်တော်

5:30 pm

8. တောင်ဆူမြို့နယ်မြို့တော်မြို့တော်

(အပိုင်း-၃)

5:50 pm

9. Sing and Enjoy

6:30 pm

10. Evening news

7:00 pm

11. Weather report

7:05 pm

12. Musical programme

7:15 pm

13. သာဓကမြို့ပြသံသရာ

7:30 pm

14. The mirror images of

musical oldies

8:00 pm

15. News

16. International news

17. Weather report

18. နိုင်ငံတော်ဓာတ်တော်

"အစုခိုင်းသံသရာ" (အပိုင်း-၂၀)

19. The next day's

programme


Tuesday, April 6
Tune in today:

- 8.30 am** Brief news
8.35 am Music
8.40 am Perspectives
8.45 am Music
8.50 am National news/
Slogan
9:00 am Music
9:05 am International news
9:10 am Music
1:30 pm Lunch time music
1:40 pm -We are the world
-Everytime you go
away (Paul Young)
-One more night
(Phil Collins)
-Lover moon (Gleen
Grey)
-Tear drops (Shakin
Stevens)
9:00 pm English Lesson Look
Ahead(10)
9:15 pm Article/Music
9:25 pm Weekly sports reel
9:35 pm Music for your
listening pleasure
-I love you come too
late (Joey Monty)/
Misty blue (Monies)
-Stay (Stephen
Crately)
-Together forever
(Daze)
9.45 pm News/Slogan
10.00 pm PEL

Cash donated towards funds of Bagaya monastic education school



Lt-Gen Tin Aye accepting donations from wellwishers. — MNA

YANGON, 5 April — A ceremony to donate cash towards the funds of the monastic education school of Shwe Taung Taikthit Sarthintaik, Bagaya Monastery, in Sangyoung township here was held at the monastery this afternoon, attended by member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Tin Aye of the Ministry of Defence and Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe.

Present at the ceremony were Member of the State Central Working Committee of the Sangha Chairman of Tipidhakadhara Selection Ovadhacariya Committee Abhidhaja Maha Ratthaguru Mawlamyine Sasana Mann Aung Webyan Sarthintaik Sayadaw Bhaddanta Vijayabhivamsa and members of the Sangha, No 1 Military Region Commander Col Tun Kyi, Yangon West

District PDC Chairman Lt-Col Kyaw Tint and members, wellwishers and guests.

The Webyan Sarthintaik Sayadaw invested the congregation with the Five Precepts at the ceremony. Lt-Gen Tin Aye and the commander and officials then offered provisions to the Sayadaw and members of the Sangha. Then followed the cash donation ceremony for the monastic education. Donations were K 1 million by Lt-Gen Tin Aye and wife Daw Kyi Kyi Ohn and family, and K 300,000 by Bandoola bus line and K 300,000 by others. Next, the well-wishers were presented certificates of honour.

Later, Bagaya Monastery Wantha Maydani Sarthintaik Presiding Sayadaw Agga Maha Ganthavacaka Pandita Bhaddanta Vayama delivered a sermon, followed by sharing of merits gained, and the ceremony ended.

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Measures for modernization of Yangon City inspected

YANGON, 5 April — Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Chairman and Yangon Command Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe viewed round the progress made in the tasks of upgrading and beautifying Yangon City along Yangon port this evening and gave instructions.

The commander arrived at the briefing hall at Botahtaung jetty here at 4.30 pm. The commander was welcomed there by Deputy Minister for Transport U Pe Than, Vice-Mayor Col Maung Pa, Managing Director of Myanmar Port Authority U Thein Htay, No 4 Military Region Commander Col Yan Naing Oo, and local authorities.

At the briefing hall, Deputy Minister U Pe Than reported to Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe on tasks being carried out at the jetty, measures for making the jetty not only the loading and unloading place but also for the public recreation centre, and sanitation work.

Vice-Mayor Col Maung

Pa also reported on progress of extending Strand Road into a six-lane highway and future tasks.

In response to the reports, Maj-Gen Myint Swe said it is apparent that the modernization of Yangon

inspected progress of modernization tasks being implemented along Botahtaung jetty.

The commander also looked into the upgrading tasks being carried out at the place from Sin Ohdan wharf

to Wadan wharf and gave instructions.

He also inspected the measures for beautifying Bagaya wharf and gave instructions on speedy implementation of the tasks.

MNA



Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe inspects development of Botahtaung Jetty. — MNA



New oil wells drilled in Pantanaw, Nyaungdon

YANGON, 5 April — Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lun Thi yesterday afternoon inspected drilling of oil test well No 1 in Pantanaw Township in Ayeyawady Division.

At the work site, officials concerned reported to the minister on progress of the drilling and prospects for oil and gas production. Next, the minister gave instructions on timely completion of oil well which will extend ten thousand feet in depth, more oil exploration in the rainy season and attended to the needs and laid down the future plans.

Afterwards, the minister inspected the new oil test well which is being drilled near Nyaungdon in the division. The minister gave instructions on increased

production of oil and natural gas in the region and work site safety.

During his tour, the min-

ister also saw over the work site for laying of new gas pipeline and distribution of natural gas. New pipelines

are being laid for distribution of natural gas produced from Nyaungdon region.

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Minister Brig-Gen Lun Thi inspects laying of a new gas pipeline between Yangon and Nyaungdon. — ENERGY

Premier league football tourney continues

YANGON, 5 April — The 2003-2004 premier league football tournament, organized by the Myanmar Football Federation, continued here this evening.

In a match held at Aung San Stadium, the forestry team beat the Yangon City Development Committee team 4-2. The 'man of the match' award went to Aung Tun Kyaw of the winning team.

In the match between the agriculture and irrigation team and the electric power team at Youth Training Centre (Thuwunna), the former beat the latter 4-3. Htay Maung of the winning team secured the 'man of the match' award.—MNA

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