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YANGON, 9 April — The graduation parade of the Sixth Intake of the Defence Services Technological Academy took place in the Parade Grounds of the university in PyinOoLwin this morning, with an address delivered by Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe.

In his speech, Senior General Than Shwe said: At this graduation parade of the 6th Intake of Defence Services Technological Academy, I would like to solemnly inform you of matters of importance.

You have already been trained and taught a host of subjects on military and technology by the DSTA and you, today, are going to be appointed and assigned duty as military engineer junior leaders.

Being Tatmadaw members, you are to uphold the 12 fine traditions of Tatmadaw, even at the risk to your own lives.

To be able to continue upholding the fine traditions of Tatmadaw, you are to be morally good, to observe discipline, to be loyal to the State, to be united, and to possess the three capabilities. These are the five basic qualities every unit and soldier should have.

Good morality implies strong patriotism, selflessness and noble mind willing to sacrifice for the country. Good morale brings about good discipline, loyalty to the country, the people and the Tatmadaw, and unity with the sole national belief. For that reason, the morale is the most principal and fundamental necessity.

Good morale contributes much to leadership. Good leadership must be endowed with the spirit of a good commander, of parenthood, of serving the interest of the unit, perseverance, industry and diligence, a heart of gold, team spirit, courage and determination, and desire to work for the welfare of others.

Therefore, a member of the Tatmadaw with good morale will be able to establish himself into a good leader if he strives for acquiring the three capabilities and supervision.

I would like to urge you all to become good leaders capable of upholding the fine traditions of the Tatmadaw.

It is incumbent upon you to build not only a modern Tatmadaw but also a new modern and devel-

oped nation. Hence, you need to have a sense of initiative and innovation.

Although you have completed learning at the academy, you all are to be in the continuous pursuit of it. You should not be content with the education you have acquired but you should strive to arm yourselves with the technology new to you all.

Our country lagged behind in science and technology. Therefore, strenuous efforts are being made for human resources development the length and breadth of the nation. Moreover, arrangements have been made for presenting medals for outstanding performance in science and technology. Honourary titles are being presented to those who are outstandingly contributing their shares towards public

service in the respective fields, those who are making earnest efforts for socio-economic development of the State and those who are striving for human resources development. Therefore, I would like to urge you to strive to become ones who are to fulfil the requirements of Tatmadaw and the State.

Currently, the Tatmadaw, hand in hand with the people, has been making all-out efforts to bring about harmonious and equitable development across the nation. In the process, projects for development of border areas and national races, the 24-development projects and the five rural development tasks have been laid down and are being implemented. I would like to urge you to take part (See page 8)

Excerpts from Senior General Than Shwe's address

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The graduation companies of 6th Intake of Defence Services Technological Academy seen at the graduation parade.—MNA

PERSPECTIVES

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Towards industrial development

Industrial development plays a key role in building the Union of Myanmar to become a modern and developed nation. With this end in view, the Government is endeavouring for industrial development.

New factories and workshops have been built and industrial zones established wherever possible in the country. Out of the established industrial zones, all are going smoothly in Yangon, Mandalay, Taunggyi Aye Thaya and Monywa Industrial Zones.

Various types of vehicles, farm equipment, spare parts for vehicles, paper and plastic ware and foodstuff are successfully produced in these industrial zones.

The Silver Sea Fisheries Industrial Zone was opened near Shwepyitha Bridge in Hlinethaya Township, Yangon Division, on 7 April, attended by Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt.

On the occasion, the Prime Minister gave a speech saying that basic requirements were fulfilled in Silver Sea Fisheries Industrial Zone, and that as the zone would surely contribute much towards effective utilization of marine resources of Myanmar, officials were to strive for the industrial zone to turn it into a comprehensive one that possesses the characteristics of a modern industrial zone.

Being built on 213.43 acres of land, the Silver Sea Fisheries Industrial Zone is situated on the bank of the Hline River near Shwepyitha Bridge in Hlinethaya Township.

The zone is the first ever of its kind in Myanmar. One-stop service including cold storage, food procession and banking services are being provided for the customers at the zone. Ships can easily berth and dock at the zone and it is a good place for dealing in marine products.

At a time when the Government is encouraging export promotion and boosting production of import-substitute items, the emergence of a fisheries industrial zone will surely contribute much towards industrial development. We would like to urge officials concerned to lend themselves to efforts to establish the Silver Sea Fisheries Industrial Zone as a modern one, utilizing the marine resources of the nation.

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Sangyoung BEHS No 1 to hold respect-paying ceremony on 2 May

YANGON, 9 April—The 10th ceremony to pay respects to teachers who taught the pupils from 1965 to 1980 will be held at the hall of Sangyoung Basic Education High School No 1 at 9 am on 2 May.

Those wishing to donate something may contact Saya U Thein Myint, Tel: 243748; U Nyunt Than, Tel: 501919; U Hla Aung Shwe (Shwe Family) Tel: 502681, 502682 and 503716; U Thet Oo, Tel: 250142; U Maung Maung Htay, Tel: 526362; and U Soe Naing (Aye Myitta Car Parts Shop, South Okkalapa), Tel: 565885.— MNA

Cash and kind donated to MMCWA

YANGON, 9 April—Wellwishers at home and from abroad donated cash and provisions to the Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association at a ceremony held at the meeting hall of the association in South Okkalapa Township here this morning. MMCWA President Dr Daw Khin Win Shwe accepted the donations and expressed her thanks to wellwishers.

Donations made today were: snacks worth of K 250,000 by Mr Shio Bara of Japan; medicines and medical equipment worth K 300,000 by Daw Thanda Khin, wife of the Myanmar ambassador to Malaysia, on behalf of Myanmar nationals in Malaysia; 108 dozens of Rainbow exercise books by U Thein Naing, U Myo Win and U Hla Naing of Tri Star General Trading Co Ltd; 50 dozens of exercise books by U Kyaw Soe, managing director of Eastern Star Trading Co Ltd; 27 dozens of exercise books by U Thein Zaw, director of Lucky Mon Co; 16 dozens of exercise books by U Shwe Wa, managing director of Shwewawin Co; and 16 dozens of exercise books by Myanmar 21st Century Group.

After accepting the donations, MMCWA President Dr Daw Khin Win Shwe presented certificates of honour to the wellwishers. The donation ceremony was also attended by members of the central executive committee of MMCWA. — MNA



MMCWA President Dr Daw Khin Win Shwe accepts cash donation from a wellwisher. — MNA

Steel bridge frame factory inspected

YANGON, 9 April—Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe, Minister for Rail Transportation Maj-Gen Aung Min and Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin inspected the steel bridge frame factory of the Civil Engineering Department under the Myanmar Railways in Mahlawagon, Mingala Taungnyunt Township, here, yesterday morning. Deputy Minister U Pe Than reported on production of reinforced concrete bore piles, steel frames and parts of bridges and main-

tenance work to the constructed bridges.

Regarding the report, the commander and the minister gave instructions on work site safety and meeting the set standards and attended to the needs.

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Heroin, marijuana seized in Tamu, Hlinethaya

YANGON, 9 April—A combined team comprising members of the local intelligence unit and Tamu Special Anti-Drug Squad searched the bus with number plates 5Kha/5785 bound to Khampat from Tamu at the bus terminal of Tamu on 25 February 2004 and seized 506 grams of ownerless heroin kept in 37 soap boxes inside a basket on the roof of the bus.

The team seized Ma Neim Kho Tin who came to fetch the basket at

Sawbwa Bus Terminal near Tamu Myoma Market.

Action was taken against Ma Neim Kho Tin, daughter of U Zam Ngin of Ward 3, Khampat Myo, under Section 15/19(A) of Narcotic Drug and Psychotropic Substances Law.

Similarly, a team comprising members of the local intelligence unit, Yangon Special Anti-Drug Squad and Thauingyi Police Station, acting on information, searched Aung Ko Latt on Thakhin Po Hla



Aung Ko Latt with seized marijuana. — MNA

Gyi Road in Ward 18, Hlinethaya Township, on 21 February 2004 and nabbed 653 grams of marijuana in his steel food carrier.

Action was taken against Aung Ko Latt, son of U Shwe Ngwe of Yamanya 2nd Street, Ward 133, Dagon Myothit (East) Township, under Section 15/19(A) of Narcotic Drug and Psychotropic Substances Law.

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Ma Neim Kho Tin with seized heroin. — MNA

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

Don't smoke

Alleged tape by Zarqawi vows more Iraq attacks

DUBAI, 9 April — Senior al-Qaeda operative Abu Musab al-Zarqawi, sentenced to death in absentia in Jordan on Tuesday, urged Islamist militants to step up attacks on US forces and what he called their Shiite collaborators.

"God has privileged you and humiliated at your hands the mightiest power in history," he said, according to an audio tape aired on an Islamist web site.

"Sharpen your swords and burn the ground under the invaders' feet. Fight the Americans, fight the rejectionists (Shiites) and the agents and hypocrites," the tape said.

"We will not let you off, you snakes of evil, until you lift your hands off our mosques and stop shedding the blood of Sunnis... and helping the enemies — the crusaders and Jews — against Muslims," the voice on the tape added.

Hany el-Seba'ie, director of the London-based Maqrizi Centre for Historical Studies, said he believed the tape was the voice of Zarqawi. "I have other previous tapes by him. I compared these tapes. It is the same voice, the same style and

moreover I know his voice," he told Reuters by telephone.

In the tape, believed to have been recorded in Iraq, Zarqawi claimed responsibility for a wave of attacks that have targeted US and other coalition forces since US troops captured Baghdad last April.

"We have chopped their heads off and torn their bodies... at the United Nations in Baghdad, coalition forces in Kerbala, the Italians in Nassiriya, the American forces on the Khalidiya Bridge, US intelligence at Chahine Hotel, the Presidential Palace in Baghdad, the CIA in al Rashid Hotel and the Polish forces in (the town) of Hilla," it said.

He said the most recent attack targeted the Israeli Mossad intelligence services in the Mount Lebanon Hotel in Iraq.

MNA/Reuters



Ukrainian soldiers take shelter behind military vehicles after Iraqi demonstrators started throwing grenades towards them in the southern city of Kut. —INTERNET

ACLU sues US government over "no-fly" list

WASHINGTON, 9 April — Seven Americans filed a class-action lawsuit on Tuesday to challenge the US Government's "no-fly" list that stops suspected terrorists from boarding planes.

All seven claim they have been wrongly placed on the US Transportation Security Administration's "no-fly" list because their names are similar or identical to names on the list. The lawsuit demands that the government remove their names so they can travel on planes without being interrogated and searched.

MNA/Reuters

11 foreign hostages reported seized in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 9 April — Seven South Koreans, three Japanese and a Briton were reported on Thursday to have been seized in Iraq and militants threatened to burn the Japanese alive unless their country withdrew its troops.

Gunmen frequently stage hold-ups on Iraq's lawless roads but the taking of hostages would mark a sharp escalation of the growing conflict between US-led forces and Iraqi and foreign militants opposed to the occupation.

No demands were issued in relation to the South Koreans, who were members of a church group, or the Briton, identified as a contractor. The Japanese were reported to be a female aid worker, a researcher and a freelance cameraman.

Arab television Al Jazeera showed the three Japanese, kneeling with their eyes bound with white cloth and surrounded by masked men holding rifles and also sitting on the floor without their bindings and talking to their captors. The walls of the room were riddled with bullets.

It said they had been taken hostage by a hitherto unknown Iraqi group called Saraya al-Mujahedin (Mujahedin Brigades). "We tell you that three of your children have fallen prisoner in our hands and we give you two options —

"You have three days from the date of this tape's airing," it said in a statement, accusing Japan of betraying Iraqis by supporting the US-led occupation.

A Japanese Government spokesman demanded their immediate release and said the country had no plans to pull out of Iraq.

Nudged by the United States, Tokyo has sent 550 troops to Samawan on a non-combat mission to help rebuild Iraq in its riskiest military deployment since World War II. Another US-ally, South Korea has 600 military engineers and medics in Iraq and plans to send 3,000 more for reconstruction.

South Korea's Foreign Ministry said seven South Korean members of a church group had been taken hostage by armed men. — MNA/Reuters

Young artists share dreams of Mekong

PHNOM PENH, 9 April — Five talented youngsters from the Lower Mekong River Basin have been named regional winners of an art competition organized by the Mekong River Commission (MRC).

MRC Officer-in-Charge Dr Dao Trong Tu announced the winners of the "Our Mekong, Our Future" art competition at a special function held here on Wednesday.

Nearly 2,000 youngsters from the four Lower Mekong Basin countries of Cambodia, Laos, Thailand and Vietnam took part in the contest, which was launched late last year. The contest was open to children aged between nine and 15 and prizes were awarded in five age categories. In the first phase, 20 winners were selected. Then they were judged again to choose the five top entries for the whole region.

The contest, which was organized with the cooperation of several NGOs, aimed to get the children of the river basin thinking about what the Mekong meant to them and what they would like to see happen to it in the future. — MNA/Xinhua

Chinese young prize-winners taking journalism scene

TOKYO, 9 April — In an age when mobile phones, the Internet and numerous multimedia dominate the lives of modern youth, the world has been seeing a decline in news headlines and readership.

But the awarding of the first Developing Asia Journalism Awards to four young Chinese news writers has lit up the journalism scene, especially among the young, giving China and the world of serious news an aura of the cool and hip.

The winners — Ma Guihua, Lin Gu, Wang Ya and Hu Yifan — received their awards Wednesday

from the Asian Development Bank Institute (ADBI) at the Foreign Correspondents' Club of Japan in Tokyo.

About 20 journalists from a dozen of countries across Asia, who have covered various development issues and their impact on countries in the Asia-Pacific Region, gathered at the ceremony and shared the prizes in six categories.

MNA/Xinhua

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642 US service members killed since beginning of military operations in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 9 April — As of Thursday, 8 April, 642 US service members have died since the beginning of military operations in Iraq last year, according to the Department of Defence. Of those, 448 died as a result of hostile action and 194 died of non-hostile causes.

The British military has reported 58 deaths; Italy, 17; Spain, eight; Bulgaria, five; Ukraine, four; others 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, 504 US soldiers have died — 339 as a result of hostile action and 165 of non-hostile causes, according to the military.

The latest deaths reported by the military:

— Wednesday: 1st Armored Division soldier died in a rocket attack in Taji, Iraq; a 1st Infantry Division soldier died in fighting near Samarra; a Marine died in fighting in Anbar province

— Thursday: A Marine died in fighting in Anbar province; a 1st Infantry Division soldier died in an attack near the town of Khan Bani Sa'ad; a soldier died of injuries from Sunday attack in Mosul.

The latest identifications reported by the military and family members:

— Army Spc. Scott Q. Larson Jr., 22, Houston, died Monday in Baghdad when his convoy was ambushed; assigned to 1st Battalion, 37th Armor Regiment, 1st Brigade, 1st Armor Division, Ray Barracks, Friedberg, Germany.

— Army Spc. Tyanna S. Felder, 22, Bridgeport, Conn., died Wednesday in Balad of injuries from an attack on her convoy Sunday in Mosul; assigned to 296th Brigade Support Battalion, 3rd Brigade, 2nd Infantry Division, Fort Lewis, Wash.

— Army Staff Sgt. George S. Rentschler, 31, Louisville, Ky., died Wednesday in Baghdad in an attack on his vehicle; assigned to 1st Battalion, 35th Armored Regiment, 1st Armored Division, Baumholder, Germany.

Killed Tuesday in fighting in Anbar province; all assigned to 2nd Battalion, 4th Marines, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, Calif.

— Marine Pfc. Benjamin R. Carman, 20, Jefferson, Iowa

— Marine Lance Cpl Marcus M. Cherry, 18, Imperial, Calif.

— Marine Lance Cpl Kyle D. Crowley, 18, San Ramon, Calif.

— Marine Lance Cpl Anthony P. Roberts, 18, Bear, Del.

— Marine Staff Sgt. Allan K. Walker, 28, Lancaster, Calif.

— Marine 2nd Lt. John T. Wroblewski, 25, Oak Ridge, NJ

Internet



Iraqis taking part in a convoy of food and medical supplies to be delivered to Fallujah wave as they drive past the site of an attack on US tankers near Abu Ghraib, Iraq, a western suburb of Baghdad, on 8 April, 2004. — INTERNET

Eight killed in clashes with US troops in north Iraq

KIRKUK (Iraq), 9 April — Eight Iraqis were killed when clashes broke out between US troops and demonstrators voicing support for Sunni resistance to the US-led occupation on Wednesday, police said.

Police said demonstrators in Hawija, 50 kilometres south west of Kirkuk, were showing solidarity with guerillas battling US forces west of Baghdad. Around ten people were wounded.

It was unclear what started the clashes in the mostly Sunni town, which lasted about an hour. US troops sealed off the town shortly afterwards.

Guerillas west of the capital have been fighting fierce running battles with US Marines in the past few days. At least 45 Iraqis have been killed and 18 Marines.

US-led coalition forces are also facing a major insurgency from Shiite opponents to the occupation across the south and centre of Iraq.

MNA/Reuters

Locals say US attack in Fallujah kills 25 Iraqis

FALLUJAH (Iraq), 9 April — At least 25 Iraqis were killed in an attack that destroyed a house in Fallujah, witnesses and doctors said on Wednesday, and locals blamed US forces who have launched a major crackdown in the Sunni Muslim town.

Witnesses said the house in the town, 32 miles west of Baghdad, was hit by rockets fired by a US helicopter on Tuesday night. A US military spokeswoman in Baghdad said she had no information on the incident.

The house was reduced

to rubble in the attack. Locals said four families had been sheltering there and that some victims were still buried in the debris.

Hospital officials said at least 30 Iraqis had been killed in Fallujah on Tuesday, including those in the

destroyed house.

US Marines who took charge of the tense Sunni cities of Fallujah and Ramadi last month have begun an operation aimed at hunting down guerillas in the area.

MNA/Reuters



US army tanks guard Baghdad's Shiite neighbourhood of Sadr City. US force occupied all police stations in Sadr City, after a night of heavy clashes with militants of Shiite radical leader Moqrada Sadr, on 8 April, 2004.—INTERNET

Gulf countries to spend big infrastructure fund on telecommunication

ABU DHABI, 9 April — Gulf countries will spend approximately 25 per cent of their infrastructure development funds on the expansion of the telecommunications sector, the official WAM news agency reported here Wednesday.

According to industrial experts, the mobile phone market in the Middle East is growing at a rapid pace, outnumbering fixed lines in most countries of the region.

Market studies indicate that up to three billion US dollars would be invested in mobile network infrastructure in the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) region in 2003 and 2004.

How to expand the potential market of the telecom sector in MENA region is one of the issues that will be discussed at CONNECT, the international telecoms summit, to be held in Dubai from May 30 to June 2.

With the theme of "Maximising Profitability in Competitive Telecoms Markets", the summit will feature case studies, presentations, and two full-day

workshops, conducted by 19 leading international and regional telecoms operators, who will be addressing the summit.

The summit will also highlight the lucrative growth opportunities in the Gulf region's booming telecoms sector, local Press reported here.

CONNECT is supported by Etisalat, a telecommunication company of the

United Arab Emirates (UAE), and endorsed by UMTS Forum, the Global Billing Association and the Telecommunications Britain Fraud Forum, with an objective to build a visible forum for knowledge sharing between regional and international experts and other players in the increasingly competitive telecoms industry in the Middle East.

MNA/Xinhua

Cyprus, Syria sign cooperation protocol on tourism

NICOSIA, 9 April — Cyprus and Syria signed on Tuesday a protocol providing for the enhancement of the two countries' relations in the tourist sector.

The protocol was signed here by Cypriot Commerce, Industry and Tourism Minister Yiorgos Lillikas and Syrian Minister of Tourism Saad Agha Alkaala.

In their statements after signing the protocol, both Lillikas and Alkaala praised the prospects of enhancing the two countries' cooperation in the tourist sector.

The two countries also agreed on a series of actions aiming at improving tourism as well as other commercial activities.

Alkaala said that Cy-

prus and Syria have "historical relations for many years" and he was here to improve their relations in tourism.

"Today we signed an agreement that will open for us all the opportunities to work together in tourism. Syria and Cyprus both have a very good potential on tourism," he added.

Alkaala said that there are a lot of opportunities of cooperation between Syria and Cyprus to be explored for the benefits of both countries.

Lillikas said that officials from Syria, Egypt, Greece, Lebanon, Jordan and Cyprus are scheduled to meet during the Dubai International Fair in the United Arab Emirates to exchange views on issues of cooperation.

"There is will from all neighbouring countries for the development of common programmes to attract tourism from these countries and also for common efforts to promote the whole region as a tourist destination," Lillikas said.— MNA/Xinhua

Iranian police seize over two tons of narcotic drugs

TEHERAN, 9 April — Iran's anti-drug police has seized a total of over two tons of illegal drugs during the past two weeks, the official IRNA news agency reported.

During operations in Yazd Province in southern Iran, police confiscated some 1,300 kilos of narcotic drugs, four criminal gangs were crushed and 20 smugglers arrested.

MNA/Xinhua

Israel in top world bracket for road accidents

JERUSALEM, 9 April — Since the beginning of the year, 137 Israelis have been killed in roads accidents, more than 10 per cent above last year's figure, Israel Radio reported Wednesday.

It has placed Israel in the world top bracket of casualties per cars, said the report, adding the cost of the Israeli economy on traffic accidents is about three billion US dollars annually.

Since 1948, 21,600 Israelis have died in wars and security-related incidents, while 22,700 have died on the roads.

MNA/Xinhua

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Turkish FM says Shiite-US clashes herald new stage in Iraq

ANKARA, 9 April — Turkish Foreign Minister and Deputy Prime Minister Abdullah Gul said on Wednesday that a new era has recently begun in Iraq with the escalation of the conflicts between the country's Shiite insurgents and US occupation forces.

The Turkish Radio and Television (TRT) quoted Gul as saying that there was "a very serious danger for Iraq which was facing a new situation" as Shiite people had entered "an open war".

He claimed that the United States had neglected the realities in Iraq as the war-torn country's ethnic structure had not been analysed properly.

The United States trusted too much the Iraqi groups which made recommendations on the country's complex ethnic structure, but those recommendations had started to turn out to be wrong, Gul said.

He noted that Turkey has closely followed the clashes in Iraq, adding that the neighbouring country's stability is very important to Turkey. — MNA/Xinhua

Jordan, Syria urge bigger UN role in Iraq

AMMAN, 9 April — Jordanian King Abdullah II and Syrian President Bashar Al Assad called here on Wednesday for a "bigger role" for the United Nations in Iraq in the coming period.

The two leaders held talks on bilateral relations and major Arab issues, particularly the situation in Iraq and the Palestinian areas, the official Petra news agency reported.

They underlined the necessity to revive the stalled Middle East peace process and to put an end to the cycle of violence in the Palestinian lands, the report said.

They also called for speeding up measures to convene an Arab summit, which was called off by host Tunisia late last month.

The talks, held over a luncheon meeting attended by senior Jordanian and Syrian officials, touched on ways to further develop bilateral relations in various fields, according to Petra.

Speaking at a Press conference following the meeting, Foreign Minister Marwan Muasher described the talks as very positive.

"We are fully satisfied with the outcome of the discussions. It is clear that the atmosphere now is heading toward a successful summit," Muasher told reporters.

The two sides expressed willingness to overcome the difficulties that may impede an Arab consensus on all the topics on the summit agenda as prepared by Arab League foreign ministers, he added. — MNA/Xinhua



An Iraqi woman sits beneath a defaced billboard advertising the new police force, in central Baghdad, on 7 April, 2004.—INTERNET

US, ALLIES FACE INTENSIFIED IRAQI RESISTANCE



British troops patrol Iraq on 8 April. A British man was feared kidnapped in Iraq after the Foreign Office in London confirmed that he had gone missing for several days from the southern city of Nasiriyah.—INTERNET



US Marines control one of the main entrance of the city of Fallujah, Iraq, on Thursday, 8 April, 2004. —INTERNET



A US Marine guards a road to Fallujah, Iraq, on Thursday, 8 April, 2004, as a vehicle carrying medical supply drives past. —INTERNET



Iraqi youths pelt a British Army Warrior armoured vehicle with stones in the southern Iraqi city of Basra, on 8 April, 2004. US-led troops fought fierce battles with Sunni and Shi'ite guerillas on Thursday and a spate of kidnappings hit foreigners.—INTERNET



An unidentified injured US soldier is carried on a stretcher on the US Airbase of Ramstein, southern Germany, on Thursday, 8 April, 2004. Eight US soldiers injured in combat in Iraq were flown on a C17 out of Iraq to get medical treatment in the nearby US hospital in Landstuhl.—INTERNET



A US soldier pulls an injured comrade away from a burning tank in Falluja, Iraq, on 8 April, 2004. US troops fought Sunni and Shi'ite guerillas in Falluja and Kerbala on Thursday as hospital officials reported hundreds of casualties in the heaviest fighting since Saddam Hussein fall a year ago.—INTERNET

Iraq violence tests US allies' resolve

BRUSSELS, 9 April — Iraq's fresh eruption of violence pitting US-led forces against Sunni guerillas and now Shiite insurgents risks breaking the resolve of allies with troops on the ground, analysts said on Wednesday.

The three dozen countries supporting the United States in Iraq have between them deployed some 26,500 troops, a snip compared to the United States' 130,000; but their withdrawal would be a huge political blow to US President George W. Bush.

"Unless they can be induced by a pledge of greater security they are going to be reluctant to stay the course, particularly countries where it's domestically controversial," said Jonathan Stevenson of the International Institute for Strategic Studies.

The vast majority of coalition members are for the

moment holding firm despite political and popular pressure to pull their forces back from danger.

But the risks have mounted considerably this week following the outbreak of gun battles with followers of radical Shiite cleric Moqtada al-Sadr, which have claimed the lives of one Ukrainian and one Salvadorean soldier.

Bulgaria has asked the United States to send troops to reinforce its 450-strong battalion in the southern city of Kerbala, and Ukrainian troops have pulled out of the town of Kut after coming under fierce attack.

Kazakhstan said on Wednesday it would pull out its roughly 30-strong contingent in May. South Korea, with 600 military engineers and medics in Iraq, has ordered its personnel to suspend activities outside military camps.

Spain, which with about 1,300 troops has the sixth-largest contingent in Iraq, looks likely to withdraw its forces unless the United Nations takes charge there by the end of June. The spiralling violence has now ramped up domestic pressure on leaders in some of these countries to quit.

Among them is Italian

Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi, whose support for Bush ahead of the Iraq war last year went against the grain of popular opinion.

Poland, whose troops in Iraq lead an international force in a Shiite-dominated stabilization zone and are outnumbered only by American, British and Italian forces, was sucked into the battles with Sadr militia this week.

Bulgaria's opposition Socialists have asked the government to push for a UN resolution that might encourage other nations to join the stabilization effort and change Spain's mind.

MNA/Reuters



Explosions heard near Japanese troops' Iraq camp

TOKYO, 9 April — Explosions were heard at or near a camp in southern Iraq where Japanese troops are based, but there were no reports of injuries among Japanese military personnel, a Defence Ministry spokesman in Tokyo said on Thursday.

He said checks were being made into the explosions, which occurred during Wednesday night, but no further information was available.

"What we do know is that there were no injuries among any of the personnel at the camp," he added.

Kyodo news agency reported that several mortar shells had been found just outside the camp grounds, but the spokesman said he could not confirm this.

MNA/Reuters

US senators argue over Iraq as next Vietnam

WASHINGTON, 9 April — US senators argued on Wednesday over whether the conflict in Iraq was becoming another Vietnam and some Republican supporters of President George W. Bush suggested he consider extending a June 30 deadline for the handover of power there.

"I think we would be wise to re-evaluate the June 30 deadline. There are so many unanswered questions, not the least of which is to whom will we be turning over power," said Republican Senator Susan Collins of Maine.

Her comments echoed those recently made by one of the Senate's most powerful Republicans, Senate Foreign Relations Committee Chairman Richard Lugar of Indiana.

With spiralling violence, Collins said it "suggests strongly to me that this is not the time to be drawing down our troops unless we can replace them with troops from other countries."

In the last three days, 35 American and

allied soldiers and at least 200 Iraqis have been killed in the heaviest fighting since the fall of Saddam Hussein nearly a year ago.

US-led forces battled Sunni Muslim guerillas and a spreading Shiite uprising, as Iraqi anger was inflamed by a US bombing of a mosque compound that witnesses said killed 25 people. Arizona Republican Senator John McCain called comparisons between Iraq and Vietnam "totally false". But he said more troops were needed "because we haven't got sufficient troops to pacify the divisive elements in Iraq". But Democratic Senator Edward Kennedy of Massachusetts said, "Vietnam ended up in a quagmire. Iraq is as well." — MNA/Reuters



Protesters stand outside the US embassy in Madrid, on 8 April, 2004 on the anniversary of the death of Spanish journalist Jose Couso at a Baghdad hotel during the war in Iraq. — INTERNET

Polish troops kill top Sadr aide in Kerbala

KERBALA (Iraq), 9 April — Polish troops killed the head of militant Iraqi cleric Moqtada al-Sadr's office in Kerbala during overnight clashes in the holy Shiite city which killed at least seven people, Iraqi police said on Wednesday.

Iraqi police spokesman Rahman Mashawi told Reuters Murtada al-Mussawi, who ran Sadr's Kerbala office, was killed in fighting with Polish troops in the centre of town.

A spokesman for the Polish forces, who head a multinational division in the area, said

he could not confirm the report but was checking.

Lieutenant-Colonel Robert Strzelecki said the overnight clashes with Sadr's militias had ended at around 7 am (0300 GMT). He said seven Iraqis were killed and five Iraqi security officials wounded. There were no

Polish casualties, he said.

Sadr's militias have been battling occupying forces across south and central Iraq since Sunday. Sadr has rallied supporters with calls for an end to the occupation. The US Army said on Wednesday it would destroy his militia. — MNA/Reuters

US terrorism policy spawns steady staff exodus

WASHINGTON, 9 April — Since the September 11 attacks, the Bush Administration has faced a steady exodus of counterterrorism officials, many disappointed by a preoccupation with Iraq they said undermined the US fight against terrorism.

Former counterterrorism officials said at least half a dozen have left the White House Office for Combating Terrorism or related agencies in frustration in the 2-1/2 years since the attacks.

Some also left because they felt US President George W. Bush had sidelined his counterterrorism experts and paid almost exclusive heed to the Vice-President, the Defence Secretary and other Cabinet members in planning the "war on terror," former counterterrorism officials said.

"I'm kind of hoping for regime change," one official who quit told Reuters.

The Administration's handling of the battle against terrorism is a key issue for the presidency, and could be key to Bush's re-election effort.

Similar charges were made by Bush's former counterterrorism czar, Richard Clarke, who told the independent commission investigating the September 11,

2001, attacks that the Administration ignored the al-Qaeda threat beforehand and was fixated on Iraq afterward. National Security Adviser Condoleezza Rice testifies before the 9/11 panel on Thursday.

"Iraq has been a distraction from the whole counterterrorism effort," said the former official, adding the policy had frustrated many in the White House anti-terrorism office, about two-thirds of whom have left and been replaced since September 11.

The Administration vehemently denies the accusations, and says it is making strong progress in the global war on terror.

Roger Cressey, who served under Clarke in the White House counterterrorism office, said: "Dick accurately reflects the frustration of many in the counterterrorism community in getting the new administration to take the al-Qaeda issue seriously."

MNA/Reuters

US military confirms 12 Marines killed in Ramadi

BAGHDAD, 9 April — The US military confirmed on Wednesday that 12 Marines were killed in a seven-hour battle in the Sunni Muslim town of Ramadi in western Iraq on Tuesday.

The deaths bring to 441 the number of US troops killed in action in Iraq since the invasion last year to oust Saddam Hussein.

The US military has suffered 31 combat deaths in Iraq since Sunday.

"Eleven Marines died while engaged with the anti-Iraqi forces for more than seven hours; one died from wounds suffered during the firefight," the US military said in a statement.

Marines began a major operation this week to crack down on guerillas in the cities of Ramadi and Fallujah, in Iraq's Sunni heartland where most of the unrest against occupying troops has been concentrated. — MNA/Reuters



An Iraqi Shiite Muslim boy cries as he looks at his destroyed house in Baghdad's Shiite neighbourhood of Sadr City. — INTERNET

Welcoming New Year with new vigor

Hla Tun (Twantay)



The Amay-myar troupe entertaining the public at a Thingyan pandal.

Man of letters U Kyawh of Taungdwingyi once composed a poem featuring many wonders and beauty of the golden Padauk flower that blossoms only once a year during or around the Thingyan Festival in many parts of Myanmar. He named the poem "The Golden Padauk".

Myanmar traditions and culture have three significant days — the day on which the Buddhist lent starts, the day on which the Buddhist lent ends, and the New Year Day. On all those three days, we Myanmarers, since our childhood days, have never failed to pay respects to our elders as a tradition. And the tradition is a true heritage we always cherish and value, especially, the New Year Day is full of auspiciousness for us all.

As present year's Thingyan Festival falls on week days, all government employees are going to enjoy nine consecutive holidays. Thus, travel agencies are competing one another to make advertisements for the pleasure tours and destinations.

All the civilized peoples of the world value their New Year Day. They hold festivals in accord with their traditions to happily usher

into the New Year. All will have to preserve their traditions. Every year, we, the Myanmar people, observe the New Year Day on a grand scale, and we call it "Thingyan Festival".

The Concise Myanmar Dictionary explains the meaning of the word "Thingyan" as follows:

"Of the 12 calendar months of the Myanmar year, Thingyan that falls in Myanmar month of Tagu or Kasone marks the beginning of the New Year or in other words, it is a time people welcome the New Year by pouring cool and clear water on each other with the belief that it would clean all the misdeeds of the past year. This year, Thingyan Akyo or the eve of Thingyan (the first day of the festival) falls on the 8th waning of Hnau Tagu 1366 Myanmar Era (Monday, the 12th of April 2004).

Scholars define the word "Thingyan" in many ways, and one of the definitions is that it is a time of entering a new era. Some scholars say that it is a time to clean all the past misdeeds.

All the peoples around the world regard new year as an auspicious occasion. But they vary each other in essence in holding

their new year festivals. To mark the new year, some pour coloured water on one another; some display fire-crackers; and some perform dances and say prayers at churches. But Myanmarers pour water on each other. Some believe that Thingyan water ensures longevity.

As a Myanmar saying which goes "Natural inflow of water to all lakes stops in Tagu, and in Kasone all lakes dry up", Thingyan falls at a time when the weather is extremely dry and hot in most parts of Myanmar. So, what the people want during the time is a bowl of cool and clean water to freshen their mind and body. Thus, they merrily and happily douse water on each other during the festival. Thus, Thingyan symbolizes coolness, cleanliness and unity.

In olden days, Myanmarers held the festival in a gentle way. They doused scented water on one another. Young men poured water on the maidens only after asking permission from their parents.

Thingyan has its own fine traditions. During the festival, people hold charities and do meritorious deeds such as serving food free of charge, presenting

'soon' and offerings to Buddhist monks, pouring scented water on and cleansing Buddha images, taking Sabbath, seeking advice from monks, cleaning the premises and environs of pagodas, monasteries and other religious buildings, paying respects to grandparents, parents and teachers, tending aged persons, reciting religious verses, and freeing fish, birds and other animals.

On the New Year Day, Buddhist monks all over the country recite *paritas* in wards of every township to make sure that people are free from all kinds of danger.

With purity in mind and body, the entire people of Myanmar do meritorious deeds during the festival, and their mind and body are thus refreshed with new vigor.

Now is the time when all-out efforts are being made for the emergence of a peaceful, modern and developed nation. In this regard, I would like to urge all the people of Myanmar to strive with new vigor in the respective sectors for the success of the National Convention, that will be reconvened soon, while welcoming the New Year.

(Translation: TMT)

သတိပေးနှိုးဆော်ချက်

ရန်ကုန်မြို့တော် စည်ပင်သာယာနယ်နိမိတ်အတွင်း ခရီးသည်တင်ယာဉ်(ဘတ်စ်ကား)များ အား ထိရောက်စွာအရေးယူဆောင်ရွက်ခဲ့သဖြင့် ယာဉ်တိုက်မှု၊ ယာဉ်တိမ်းမောက်မှုများ လျော့နည်းကျဆင်းသွားသည်ကို တွေ့ရှိရပါသည်။ ယခုအခါတွင် ဌာနဆိုင်ရာယာဉ်များနှင့် ကြွေစီအမှတ်ယာဉ်များမှာလည်း ယာဉ်တိုက်မှုများလျော့နည်းကျဆင်းလာသည်ကို တွေ့ရှိရပါသည်။ ကိုယ်ပိုင်ယာဉ်များမှာမူ ယာဉ်တိုက်မှု လျော့နည်း ကျဆင်းလာမှုမရှိသေးကြောင်းတွေ့ရှိရပါသဖြင့် ယာဉ်တိုက်မှုမဖြစ်အောင် ထိန်းသိမ်းမောင်းနှင်ကြရန်နှင့် ယာဉ်တိုက်မှုဖြစ်ပွားပါက ပြစ်ဒဏ် သတ်မှတ်ချက်များအား မည်သည့်နည်းနှင့်မျှ ကင်းလွတ်ခွင့်ပြုမည်မဟုတ်ကြောင်း သတိပေးနှိုးဆော်အပ်ပါသည်။

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သတိပြုရန်

- (၁) မြန်မာ့ရိုးရာယဉ်ကျေးမှု မဟာသင်္ကြန်ကာလအတွင်း ယာဉ်မောင်းသူများလိုက်နာရန်
- (က) မူးယစ်သောက်စား၍ယာဉ်မမောင်းရ။
- (ခ) အပျော်လွန်ကျူး စည်းကမ်းမဲ့ ပြိုင်/လှမမောင်းရ။
- (ဂ) ဖော်တော်ယာဉ်၊ ဖော်တော်ဆိုင်ကယ်များတွင် အိတ်စောပိုက်မြှတ်မမောင်းရ။
- (ဃ) ယာဉ်နံပါတ်ပြာ မပါရှိဘဲ မမောင်းရ။
- (င) ယာဉ်နံပါတ်အမှတ်များ၊ အခြားယာဉ်နံပါတ်များတင်ပြခြင်းမပြုရ။
- (စ) ယာဉ်၏ဘေးတစ်ပါးများ၊ နောက်ဖုများဖြတ်၍ မမောင်းရ။
- (ဆ) ယာဉ်မောင်းလျှင်စင်၊ ယာဉ်မှတ်ပုံတင်မပါဘဲ မမောင်းရ။
- (ဇ) မျက်သိမ်းယာဉ်ဆိုင်/ဟောင်းများ၊ ပြုပြင်ဆင်ယာဉ်များ မမောင်းရ။
- (ဈ) နိုင်ငံတကာအလံများ ယာဉ်တွင်တပ်ဆင်၍ မမောင်းရ။
- (ည) ဟွန်းသံကင်းမဲ့မှုများအတွင်း ဟွန်းလုံးဝမတီးရ။
- ၂။ ကျူးလွန်ပါက တည်ဆဲပဒေသရ ထိရောက်စွာ အရေးယူမည်။
- ၃။ "သင့်ကြောင့် မြန်မာ့ရိုးရာ ယဉ်ကျေးမှု မဟာသင်္ကြန်ကို အကျဉ်းတန် မညစ်နွမ်းပါစေရန်"

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သတိ

- (၁) လေပေါင်(၁၀၀)မှ(၁၅၀)အထိ အတင်အချပြလှုပ်၍ ရသည့် ကွန်ပရက်ဆာပန်များဖြင့် ရေပတ်ကစားခြင်းကြောင့်ရေစူးအားဖြင့်လွန်၍ရေပတ်ခံရသည့် အသားအရေများပွန်းပဲ့ရက်ထွက်နိုင်ခြင်း၊ မျက်စိနာများအားထိုးမိပါကမျက်လုံး၊ နားကန့်၊ နှိပ်ခြင်း၊ အန္တရာယ်ဖြစ်စေနိုင်ပါသဖြင့် ရေကစားမဏ္ဍာပ်များ၊ ရေပတ်ခံကားများတွင် ကွန်ပရက်ဆာပန်များသုံး၍ရေမပတ်ရန် တားမြစ်ပါသည်။
- (၂) သင်္ကြန်ရေပတ်ကစားခြင်းအားသင်္ကြန်ရက်များအတွင်းနေ့စဉ်နံနက်(၇)နာရီမှညနေ(၆)နာရီအတွင်းသာ ရေပတ်ကစားကြရန်နှင့် ည(၆)နာရီနောက်ပိုင်းရေပတ်ကစားခြင်းမပြုရန် တားမြစ်ပါသည်။
- (၃) တားမြစ်ချက်အားဖောက်ဖျက်ပါက ထိရောက်စွာအရေးယူခံရမည် ဖြစ်ပါသည်။

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မြန်မာ့ယဉ်ကျေးမှုသင်္ကြန်

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

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ရေစဲထုပ်၊ ရေဖောင်း၊ ဆပ်ပြာရည်ကတ်စားဖြင့်ကစားက

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

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- (က) မြန်မာ့ရိုးရာယဉ်ကျေးမှုလေ့စရိုက်နှင့်ဖီလာဆန်ကျင့်ပြီး မြန်မာလူမျိုးများ၏ အမြင်တွင် မတင်တယ်သည့် ဝတ်စားဆင်ယင်မှု ပြုမပြောဆိုမှုများ မပြုလုပ်ရန်၊
- (ခ) ဗုဒ္ဓဘာသာ ယဉ်ကျေးမှုအဆုံးအမနှင့် ဖီလာဆန်ကျင့်သည့် အပြုအမူ၊ ပြောဆိုမှုများ မပြုလုပ်ရန်၊
- (ဂ) အချင်းချင်းဒဏ်ရာအနာတရဖြစ်စေပြီး အန္တရာယ်ဖြစ်စေသည့် ကြိမ်းတမ်းသည့် ရေကစားမှုများ မပြုလုပ်ရန်၊
- (ဃ) တိုင်းရင်းသားစည်းလုံးညီညွတ်မှုကို ဖျက်ပြားစေပြီး အူပူမှုကို ဖြစ်စေနိုင်သည့် လူ့ဆော်ဖန်တီးပြုမပြောဆို၊ ကြိုးပမ်းမှုများကို မပြုလုပ်ရန်။

မဟာသင်္ကြန်စည်းကမ်းထိန်းသိမ်းရေးကော်မတီ



Girls of a national race cultural troupe perform a dance at the Ministry for PBANRDA Pandal.



Senior General Than Shwe takes salute of cadet companies at graduation parade of 6th Intake of DSTA.— MNA

Strenuous efforts being made for human resources ...

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in the five rural development tasks being implemented at the rural regions where you are assigned duties with Union Spirit. The good morale is the patriotism and the loyalty to the State.

Finally, in accord with the objectives of the Defence

Services Technological Academy, I exhort you: to strive to become good technicians for serving the national defence duty; to make efforts for building a modern Tatmadaw and enhancing the standard of science and technology of Tatmadaw; to strive to become new generation

leaders who are to safeguard the fine traditions of Tatmadaw at the risk to your lives; and to work strenuously towards building up a modern and development nation while striving for boosting the role of science and technology of Tatmadaw.

Present on the occasion were member of the State Peace and Development

Council General Thura Shwe Mann of the Ministry of Defence, Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Soe Win, members of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Ye Myint of the Ministry of Defence, Quartermaster-General Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo, Chief of Armed Forces Train-

ing Lt-Gen Kyaw Win and Lt-Gen Tin Aye of the Ministry of Defence, Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Rear Admiral Soe Thein, Commander-in-Chief (Air) Lt-Gen Myat Hein, Commander of North-East Command Maj-Gen Myint Hlaing, Commander of Eastern Command Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint, Commander of Central Command Maj-Gen Ye Myint, ministers Maj-Gen Nyunt Tin, U Aung Thau, U Soe Tha, Maj-Gen Saw Tun, Brig-Gen Thein Aung, Brig-Gen Ohn Myint, Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan, Brig-Gen Thein Zaw, Brig-Gen Lun Thi, U Thau, Maj-Gen Tin Htut and Dr Kyaw Myint, Military Appointment-General Maj-Gen Hsan Hsint, Judge Advocate-General Maj-Gen Soe Maung, Defence Services Inspector-General Brig-Gen Thein Htaik, Vice-Chief of Military Intelligence Maj-Gen Kyaw Win, Vice-Chiefs of Armed Forces Training Maj-Gen Aung Kyi and Brig-Gen Nyan Win, Vice-Adjutant-General Brig-Gen Hla Shwe, Directors of the Ministry of Defence Maj-Gen

Mya Win, Maj-Gen Tin Soe, Maj-Gen Thein Tun, Maj-Gen Khin Aung Myint, Maj-Gen Khin Maung Tint, Col Than Aung, Maj-Gen Tin Tun, Maj-Gen Than Htay, Maj-Gen Sein Lin and Brig-Gen Aye Myint, senior military officers, Mandalay Mayor Brig-Gen Yan Thein, departmental personnel, Commander of Pyin Oo Lwin Station Brig-Gen Min Aung Hlaing, Rector of DSTA Brig-Gen Win Myint, relatives of graduating cadets, and guests.

After inspecting the graduating cadet companies, Senior General Than Shwe took their salute. Next, Senior General Than Shwe presented awards to cadet Zeya Tun Nyo, who won the best engineer cadet award and the best training award, and cadet Thiha Thein Win, who won the excellent study award.

After the ceremony, Senior General Than Shwe met with the two outstanding cadets and their parents at the parlour of the rector of the DSTA and encouraged them.

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Commander inspects tasks of mines in Heho, Pindaya

YANGON, 9 April— Chairman of Shan State Peace and Development Council Commander of Eastern Command Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint arrived at the mine of No 3 Mining Enterprise of the Ministry of Mines in Heho, Kalaw Township, on 5 April. The commander heard reports on works and gave necessary instructions.

At Bawhsaing Mine Project Office in Pindaya Township, the commander heard reports on tasks of the barite mine and inspected the factory of the mine. Next, the commander paid homage to the remains of Konlon Pariyatti Monastery Presiding Nayaka Sayadaw Bhaddanta Tejaniya and inspected progress in construction of the Beikman for the Sayadaw.

Afterwards, the commander went to the antimony refinery plant in Inbyin Village, Kalaw Township and gave necessary instructions.— MNA

Minister back from ...

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Next, the joint communique of the ASEAN Finance Ministers released and the press conference was held.

On 6 April, the minister met with Singaporean Minister at the Prime Minister's Office and also Minister of Finance Mr Lim Hng Kiang and discussed cooperation in financial service.

Minister Maj-Gen Hla Tun received Vice-President of Development Bank of Singapore Mr Frank Wong and party on 5 April; and Chairman and CEO of United Overseas Bank Mr Lee and party on 8 April, and discussed mutual cooperation matters.

Members of the delegation Vice-Governor of CBM U Than Nyein, Director Daw Ohnma Sein of CBM and Assistant Director U Aung Myo Win of the Ministry of Finance and Revenue also arrived back on the same flight.

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Senior General Than Shwe inspects cadet companies at the graduation parade of 6th Intake of DSTA.— MNA



Senior General Than Shwe meets with two outstanding cadets and their parents.— MNA

Commander attends opening of prayer halls

YANGON, 9 April — A ceremony to open the prayer halls of Myaseinyang Koenawin Pagoda in the compound of Aung Mingala Monastery in Sathsan Ward, Kyimyindine Township, here was held at the monastery this morning.

Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Chairman Yangon Command Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe and Yangon City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Linn attended the ceremony.

At the ceremony, Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe and wellwisher U Soe Soe formally opened the northern prayer hall; Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin and wellwisher U Win Naing Oo the western prayer hall; and Yangon West District PDC Chairman Lt-Col Kyaw Tint and wellwisher U Tun Wai the southern prayer hall.

Then the merit-sharing ceremony followed, and Aung Mingala Monastery Sayadaw Bhaddanta Visada invested the congregation with the Five Precepts. Next, the commander, the mayor and officials offered provisions to the Sayadaw and members of the Sangha. The wellwishers made cash donations, and the Sayadaw delivered a sermon, followed by sharing of merits gained.

Similarly, a stake-driving ceremony for construction of Kon Village wooden bridge near Sathsan Ward, Kyimyindine Township, was held. — MNA

Regional development tasks inspected in Shan State (North)

YANGON, 9 April — Shan State (North) Peace and Development Council Chairman North-East Command Commander Maj-Gen Myint Hlaing inspected the groundwork for building a pagoda to be named “Yan Taing Aung” at the gateway to Lashio on 6 April morning.

After giving instructions and fulfilling the requirements, the commander looked into tasks for greening of the pagoda precinct’s environs and the axis for construction of a road leading to the pagoda and left necessary instructions.

Next, the commander inspected Hsinshweli hybrid summer paddy field and macadamia nursery in Kwe village, Ohmmakha village-tract, Nawngkhio Township, and attended to the needs. On arrival at Kangyi village Basic Education Middle School in Nawngkhio Township, the commander chose the site for construction of Kangyi village BEHS building and attended to the requirements.

He visited Taungkham village monastery and offered provisions to Sayadaw Bhaddanta Vijana. The commander also chose sites for construction of a BEHS building and a station hospital in Taungshei village. MNA

Commander inspects development tasks in Putao

YANGON, 9 April— Chairman of Kachin State Peace and Development Council Commander of Northern Command Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe, accompanied by departmental officials, attended the opening ceremony of Namhton Hydroelectric Power Station in Tonlitu Village, Putao Township, on 2 April afternoon.

Local Tactical Operations Commander Col Khaing Soe and officials reported on construction of the power station. The commander formally opened the plant and launched the power line. Next, the commander and party inspected the plant and gave necessary instructions.

On 3 April afternoon, the commander inspected the site for construction of Shwehlay Tagun Hotel in Mulashedi Village, Putao Township. The engineer-in-charge reported on arrangements for building the hotel. Afterwards, the commander inspected Putao Township Hospital and Putao Basic Education High School and fulfilled the requirements. Similarly, the commander saw over the site for construction of Putao Hotel in Kaungkahtaung Ward, Putao Township, Matpan paddy field of Myanma Agriculture Service, milling of paddy with the use of hydel power and generating of paddy husk-fired power plant in Hokho Ward.

On 4 April, the commander went to Putao Hydroelectric Power Plant and inspected supply of electricity and the lake in Duttan Village. The commander attended to the requirements of officials. In the afternoon, the commander met local people and departmental officials at Khakaborazi Hall in Putao. He heard reports on development of Putao District and attended to the needs.

On 5 April, the commander attended the third novitiation ceremony of Kachin State Peace and Development Council and Northern Command at Kaungmulon Pagoda in the township.— MNA



Senior General Than Shwe presents a prize to Cadet Zeya Tun Nyo who won the best engineer cadet award and the best training award. — MNA



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Dignitaries seen at the passing out parade of the 6th Intake of DSTA. — MNA



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Dignitaries seen at the passing out parade of the 6th Intake of DSTA. — MNA

China sets first "AIDS" legal research centre

BEIJING, April 9 — China's first legal research centre on AIDS-related issues has been established in east China's Shanghai City, indicating that the country is making more efforts to curb rocketing spread of AIDS virus within its territory.

Comprising eight consultants and 13 researchers, the centre is supposed to carry out AIDS-related activities like academic research, social probe, legal aid and writing legislative proposal.

"AIDS is accelerating its spread in China at a horrible speed of 30-40 per cent every year.

It is not only a medical issue but a serious social one," said director Yan Shaoqiang, also an experienced lawyer who works as a councillor of the Shanghai Municipal Government. Yang said laws should be updated according to the country's current situation instead of lagging behind.

China now has more than 300 laws and regulations on AIDS prevention and control, which were framed by both central government and local governments at all levels, with some even taking AIDS as a venereal disease and imposing some unreasonable duties on the AIDS patients, which infringed

AIDS patients' residence rights, employment rights, education rights, and marriage rights as well as privacy and caused great panic in society.

Experts from various fields consider the centre of great importance since it starts the first of its kind to explore legal protection of HIV/AIDS patients in China.

The recent amendment draft to China's 15-year-old law on contagious disease prevention and control has cancelled forcible isolation of HIV/AIDS patients, an important legal step to eliminate bias against HIV/AIDS patients.

It also dropped the AIDS prevention and con-

trol management standard from the highest level to the medium level, cancelling requiring forcible isolation of HIV/AIDS patients any more.

"Our practices in the past is that every HIV/AIDS patient must be isolated, even by use of police force. You know, forcible isolation is not always necessary," said Yang.

As another major effort to curb AIDS, China's Ministry of Public Health announced on April 5 a list of 51 pilot zones in 11 provinces, in a bid to work out an effective AIDS preventative and treatment mechanism through pilot programmes.

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Thailand, Japan cooperate in steel industry

BANGKOK, 9 April — Thailand and Japan have agreed to join hands to boost their competitive edge in upstream industries such as steel, Chutaporn Lamphasara, Director-General of the Office of Industrial Economics of Thailand disclosed Wednesday.

The agreement was made during the first Japan-Thailand Steel Dialogue

meeting, aimed at cooperation in the development of the two countries' steel industries, Chutaporn Lamphasara was quoted by the Thai News Agency as saying.

The agreement will focus on the exchange and linkage of information, as well as collaborative attempts to determine trade standards, she added.

The meeting resulted in a joint plan to develop Thailand's steel industry, as well as approaches to solve the problem of raw materials shortages and the rising price of steel, she said.

The government hopes that the plan will help reduce Thailand's reliance on imported steel, said the director-general.

Last year, Thailand produced steel worth a total of over 70 billion baht (1.794 billion US dollars), the agency reported.

Among Thailand's major export markets, China imported Thai steel worth over 8.1 billion baht (207 million US dollars), with an impressive growth rate of 99.58 per cent.

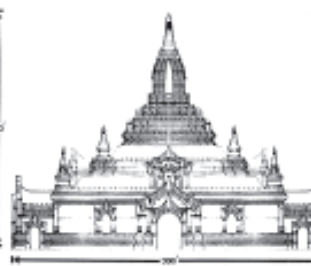
Other important export markets were Japan, Malaysia, the United States and Hong Kong.

This was offset by imports of iron and steel worth 157 billion baht (4.025 billion US dollars).

Major sources of imports last year were Japan, Russia, Ukraine, Brazil and South Korea.

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ရှေးဟောင်းသုတေသနဦးစီးဌာန (ရုံးချုပ်)

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China to set up system to regulate, control unemployment

BEIJING, 9 April — The Chinese Government announced Tuesday that it will set up a system to regulate and control unemployment in the next two to three years.

The Ministry of Labour and Social Security said that it will concentrate on exploring possible methods for the regulation and control of unemployment, to avoid over-concentration in a certain period.

China's registered unemployed rate stood at 4.3 per cent by the end of 2003, and has set a goal to keep it within 4.4 per cent this year. "With the goal to control unemployment, we will regulate the unemployment situation through legal, economic and administrative means, and keep its influence within people's resilience," said Zhang Xiaojian, Vice-Minister.

Through unemployment regulation, China aims to control over-unemployment, shorten the cycle of unemployment, avoid over-concentration of laid-off workers in a certain period and ensure the jobless could sustain a living.

Statistics showed that 103.73 million people have been covered by unemployment insurance system by the end of 2003, 24 million more in 1998. And 4.5 million laid-off workers currently claim unemployment compensation, seven times more than in 1998.

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ကျန်းမာပျော်ရွှင် ဘဝတစ်ခွင်

ကျန်းမာခြင်းဆိုသည်မှာ ရောဂါဘယကင်းရှင်းစွာ သာမက ကိုယ်၏ကျန်းမာခြင်းနှင့် စိတ်ချမ်းသာခြင်းနှင့် လူမှုရေးသမ္မတ ဖြစ်နိုင်ခြင်းကိုဆိုလိုသည်။ ဘဝတစ်ခွင် ကျန်းမာပျော်ရွှင်စေရန် အောက်ပါအတိုင်း လိုက်နာဆောင်ရွက်ပါ။

- (၁) တစ်ကိုယ်ရည်သန်ရှင်းစင်မှုကိုဆောင်ရွက်ပါ။
- (၂) အန္တရာယ်ကင်းစင်စွာ အာဟာရပြည့်ဝသော အစားအသောက်များကို စားသုံးပါ။
- (၃) ပိုမိုကင်းစင်စွာ သန့်ရှင်းသောရေကို သောက်သုံးပါ။
- (၄) ရာသီဥတုနှင့်လိုက်လျောညီထွေစွာ ဝတ်စားဆင်ယင် နေထိုင်ပါ။
- (၅) အသက်အရွယ်နှင့်လိုက်လျောညီထွေရှိသည့် သင့်တင့်မျှတသောကိုယ်လက်လှုပ်ရှားမှုကို မှန်မှန်ဆောင်ရွက်ပါ။
- (၆) နေ့စဉ်လုပ်ငန်းဆောင်တာများ ဆောင်ရွက်ခြင်းကြောင့် ပင်ပန်းနွမ်းနယ်မှုကိုပြေပျောက်စေရန် အနားယူပါ။
- (၇) ခြင်္သေ့ရောင်မှတစ်ဆင့် ကျန်းမာရေးနှင့်ဆိုင်သည့် သင့်တင့်ကျန်းမာရေးနှင့်ညီညွတ်သော ယဉ်ကျေးမှုသဘာဝကို စိုက်ပျိုးပါ။
- (၈) အရက်သောက်ခြင်း၊ ဆေးလိပ်ဆေးရွက် သောက်သုံးခြင်း၊ ကွမ်းစားခြင်းတို့ကိုရှောင်ကြဉ်ပါ။
- (၁၀) မူးယစ်ဆေးဝါးနှင့် စိတ်ကိုပြောင်းလဲစေသည့် ဆေးဝါးများ သုံးစွဲခြင်းကို ရှောင်ကြဉ်ပါ။
- (၁၁) အပျော်အပါးလိပ်စားခြင်းကို ရှောင်ကြဉ်ပါ။
- (၁၂) ရေ၊ မြေ၊ လေ သဘာဝပတ်ဝန်းကျင်နှင့် နေထိုင်မှု၊ အသက်မွေးမှုပတ်ဝန်းကျင်တို့အား ညစ်ညမ်းစေသည့် အပြစ်အမှားကို ရှောင်ကြဉ်ပါ။

ကျန်းမာရေးဝန်ကြီးဌာန

Wellwishers invited for sinking tube-wells

YANGON, 9 April — The Development Affairs Committees under the Ministry for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs are making concerted efforts in sinking tube-wells in order to get sufficient fresh water in rural areas in States and Divisions where water is scarce.

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

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

အပူဒဏ်အန္တရာယ်ကာကွယ်ရေးနည်းဆော်ချက်

- ယခုအခါတွင် နေရာသီရောက်လာပြီဖြစ်သဖြင့် ရာသီဥတု ပူပြင်းလာပြီ ဖြစ်ပါသည်။ ထိုအပူဒဏ်ကြောင့် ချွေးထွက်လွန်ပြီး ခန္ဓာကိုယ်အတွင်းရှိ ရေနှင့်ဓာတ်ဆားများ ဆုံးရှုံးမှုများပြားပါသည်။ ထိုသို့ဆုံးရှုံးမှုကြောင့် စိတ်နှင့်ယားဖူးများထွက်လာခြင်း၊ ပင်ပန်းနွမ်းနယ်ခြင်း၊ မူးမော်ခြင်း၊ ကြွက်တက်ခြင်း၊ ချွေးခြောက်ပြီး ကိုယ်အပူရှိန်တက်ခြင်း၊ သတိလစ်ခြင်းတို့အပြင် အသက်အန္တရာယ် စိုးရိမ်ရသော အခြေအနေ အတိဖြစ်တတ်ပါသည်။
- သို့ဖြစ်ပါ၍ အပူဒဏ်ကြောင့် မလိုလားအပ်သော အကျိုးဆက်များ မဖြစ်ပေါ်စေရန်အောက်ပါအချက် အလက်များကို လိုက်နာကြပါရန် နှိုးဆော်အပ်ပါသည်။
- (၁) နံနက် (၁၀)နာရီမှ ညနေ (၅)နာရီအတွင်း လွင်တီး ခေါင်ပြင်း၊ မြစ်ကမ်းနား၊ ရေဆိပ်စသည်တို့တွင် ရေချိုးခြင်းမှ ရှောင်ကြဉ်၍ အရိပ်ရ အေးမြသောနေရာများတွင် နေပါ။
 - (၂) နေပူထဲမှပြန်လာပြီး ချက်ချင်းရေချိုးခြင်းမှ ရှောင်ကြဉ်ပါ။
 - (၃) နေပူထဲတွင် ပြင်းထန်သောကိုယ်လက်လှုပ်ရှားမှုများ မပြုလုပ်သင့်ပါ။
 - (၄) အရက်သောက်ခြင်းသည် အပူဒဏ်အန္တရာယ်ကို ကြီးပေါ်လွယ်စေခြင်းနှင့် ဖြစ်ပွားပါက ပြင်းထန်စွာ ခံစားရခြင်းကြောင့် ရှောင်ကြဉ်သင့်ပါသည်။
 - (၅) နေ့ခင်းဘက် အပြင်ထွက်သည့်အခါတိုင်း အရိပ် လုံလောက်စွာ ရရှိနိုင်သည့် ထီး၊ ဦးထုပ်များ ဆောင်ပါ။
 - (၆) အလင်းရောင်ပြန်သော အဖြူရောင် သို့မဟုတ် အရောင်ပျော့ပျော့ အဝတ်အထည်များကို ဝတ်ဆင်ပါ။
 - (၇) ဖွင့်ချောင်းချောင်း ချည်ထည်များကို ဝတ်ဆင်ပါ။
 - (၈) ချွေးထွက်လွန်ပါက ကိုယ်တွင်းရှိရေနှင့်ဓာတ်ဆားဆုံးရှုံးမှုကို ပြန်လည်ဖြည့်တင်းနိုင်ရန် ဓာတ်ဆားရည် သောက်ပါ။
 - (၉) ကိုယ်အပူရှိန်တက်ပါက ရေအေးဖတ် နှိပ်နိုင်တတ်ပါ။
 - (၁၀) ဆီးချိုရောဂါ၊ နှလုံးရောဂါ၊ သွေးတိုးရောဂါ အစရှိသူများ၊ ကလေးသူငယ်များနှင့် သက်ကြီးရွယ်အိုများအနေဖြင့် နေ့လည်နေ့ခင်း တွင် အရိပ်ရ၍ လေဝင်လေထွက်ကောင်းသော နေရာမျိုး၌ နားနေပါ။
 - (၁၁) စိတ်ဖူးယားနားများထွက်ပါက ရေအေးဝတ်ကပ်ခြင်း၊ သန့်စင်လိမ်းခြင်းတို့ကို ပြုလုပ်ပါ။
 - (၁၂) အပူဒဏ်ကြောင့် ပင်ပန်းနွမ်းနယ်ခြင်း၊ ကိုယ်အပူရှိန်တက်ခြင်း၊ သတိလစ်ခြင်းနှင့် အတက်ရောဂါဖြစ်ပါက နီးစပ်ရာ ကျန်းမာရေးဌာန တွင် ပြသပါ။

ကျန်းမာရေးဝန်ကြီးဌာန

Hydroelectric power projects on the golden rivers

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Yeywa Hydropower project, the largest in Myanmar.

(Continued from yesterday)

Based on the experiences, Yeywa Hydroelectric Power Project has emerged to tap the Dokhtawady or Myitnge River flowing over 12 million acre-feet of water annually. A dam will be built on the river at the place where Mandalay, PyinOoLwin and Kyaukse townships meet. The waters of the river will run the four turbines that will have a combined generation capacity of 780 megawatts. The largest hydroelectric power project of the nation up to now has been implemented with might and main.

Four 100-megawatt turbines will be installed at the hydel power project that is being implemented on Shweli River that rises in the People's Republic of China and empties into the Ayeyawady. It is a large-scale project that will supply power to the national grid. Its generation capacity is larger than that of the Lawpita Station and the Paunglaung Station. More electricity will be harnessed from the golden rivers of Myanmar.

Hydel Power Projects of the upper Ayeyawady Basin

Sr	River	Annual flow (acre-feet in million)	Capacity (megawatts)
1.	Zawgyi	0.4	31.2
2.	Panlaung	1.1	56.0
3.	Mu	3.0	30.0
4.	Myitnge	12.1	790.0
5.	Shweli	6.6	400.0

In addition to the rivers there are also big streams like Mone and Mann that flow into the Ayeyawady in its upper basin area. But the Mone, with its annual torrent of about 3.5 million acre-feet, is as large as a small river. A 75-megawatt project has been almost completed on the Mone. The Kyion-kyiwa Project on the creek has been started, and another project the Buywa is in planning stage. Thus, there will be three hydroelectric power stations on the Mone.

The Sittoung River Basin Project covers Paunglaung Project, Shwegyin Project, Thaukyekhat Project, Bawgahta Project, Khaboung Project, Kuon Project, Pyu Project, Yenwe Project and Pathi Project. A 280-megawatt project on Paunglaung River will be completed this year. And other projects will be completed in three or four years. The projects will add value to the golden Sittoung River.

Hydel power projects in Sittoung Basin

Sr.	Project	Capacity (megawatts)
1.	Paunglaung	280
2.	Bawgahta	160
3.	Thaukyekhat	150
4.	Shwekyin	75
5.	Kun	60
6.	Pyu	40
7.	Khaboung	30
8.	Yenwe	25
9.	Pathi	2

At present, the Thanlwin River Basin Project covers Kengtawng Hydroelectric Power Project, which is under construction, and Tarhsan Hydroelectric Power Project, which is under feasibility study. The former is a 54-

megawatt capacity project and the latter, a huge project with a calculated generation capacity of 7,110 megawatts. The Thanlwin with strong current has been tapped to generate electricity. It is also a golden river for Myanmar.

Plans are under way to implement Htamanthi, Homalin, Mawlaik and Shwesayay hydroelectric power projects on Chindwin River that originates in the Hukaung Valley. The Htamanthi is a largest-scale project with about 1,200-megawatt generation capacity.

Shwesayay Project located 20 miles north of Monywa is a project with high prospects. Its generation capacity can exceed 600 megawatts. The experts are taking into account the silting rate of the river and geographical, geological and climatic conditions of its surrounding areas. The Chindwin can be termed a large river as its annual current volume is 115 million acre-feet or 16.5 per cent of the nation's fresh water resources. By now, we are able to control and harness well the natural watercourses with an annual current from three to six million acre-feet. But Myitnge's torrent exceeds that mark by a large margin at 12 million acre-feet. The huge Shwesayay Project on the river is challenging the ability of Myanmar engineers and technicians. If we can build a number of dams on the river to control its flow, we can generate a large amount of electricity from the watercourse. Moreover, the dams can also irrigate crops and help enhance the qualification of the Myanmar engineers and technicians.

Hydel power projects in Chindwin Basin

Sr.	Project	Capacity (megawatts)
1.	Htamanthi	1200
2.	Shwesayay	600
3.	Mawlaik	400
4.	Homalin	150

We already have experiences in controlling and harnessing small rivers such as the Bago, the Zawgyi, the Mu, the Myitnge, the Shweli, the Panlaung, and the Paunglaung. So, we are sure that we will be able to control and harness large rivers like the Chindwin also. Human ability and labour are improving with the passage of time. Thus, we believe that we can build dams one after another on the Chindwin to raise its value.

On the other hand, we will have to be aware of the fact that hydroelectric power projects consume much capital and time. The Government spent over K 4,300 million including foreign exchange to build Zaungtu Project, which took about six years to complete, alone. Thus, we will have to strive to strengthen the nation's economy and increase its wealth to implement further hydel power projects.

Anyhow, it is true that all the large and small rivers of the nation can be tapped to generate electricity. In this regard, I would like to urge all Myanmar to strive with the power of perseverance, unity, technology and confidence, while applying cost-effective means, to build power projects one after another till entering the golden age.

(Concluded)

(Translation: TMT)
Myanma Alin: 8-4-2004

“သတ်ပေးနိုးဆော်ချက်”

ခရီးသည်တင် မော်တော်ယာဉ်များအား ဖြိုကွင်းသို့ နေ့/ည ခရီးသည် ပို့ဆောင်နိုင်ရေးအတွက် သတ်မှတ်ခေါက်ရေနှင့်အညီ စက်သုံးဆီ ထုတ်ပေးထားပြီးဖြစ်ပါသည်။ ယာဉ်စီးခများအားလည်း သတ်မှတ်နှုန်းထားများအတိုင်း တောင်းခံရန် ညွှန်ကြားထားရှိပါသည်။ သို့ရာတွင် အချို့ယာဉ်လိုင်းများမှ ယာဉ်မောင်းနှင့် ယာဉ်နောက်လိုက်တို့သည် ယာဉ်စီးခများကို ညပိုင်းတွင် ပိုမိုတောင်းယူနေကြောင်း သိရပါသည်။ ထိုသို့ပိုမိုတောင်းခံပါက ထိရောက်စွာ အရေးယူနိုင်ရန် အောက်ပါနည်းများသို့ တိုင်ကြားနိုင်ပါသည်။

- (၁) မြန်မာနိုင်ငံရဲတပ်ဖွဲ့၊ ရန်ကုန်တိုင်း (ဖုန်း ၁၉၉)
- (၂) ကြီးမဲကြေးနန်းနှင့်ယာဉ်ထိန်းတပ်ဖွဲ့မှူးရုံး (ဖုန်း ၂၉၁၂၈၅/၂၉၁၂၈၄)
- (၃) မော်တော်ယာဉ်လုပ်ငန်းပေါင်းစုံထိန်းသိမ်းရေးကော်မတီ (ဖုန်း ၅၄၁၉၀၅/၅၄၁၉၀၄)

ယာဉ်စည်းကမ်းထိန်းသိမ်းရေးကြီးကြပ်မှုကော်မတီ

အရက်ကြောင့်ဖြစ်သည့်ရောဂါများ

အရက်ကိုလွန်ကျွံစားနှင့် စွဲလမ်းစွာသောက်သုံးခြင်းကြောင့် ဖြစ်ပွားတတ်သောရောဂါများမှာ အသည်းရောင်ခြင်း၊ အသည်းခြောက်ခြင်း၊ သွေးအန်ခြင်း၊ အစာအိမ်ရောဂါ ဖြစ်ခြင်း၊ နှလုံးရောဂါဖြစ်ခြင်း၊ ဦးနှောက်နှင့်အာရုံအာရုံအိမ်ခြင်း၊ စိတ်ရောဂါများဖြစ်ခြင်း စသည်တို့ဖြစ်ပါသည်။

- အရက်ကြောင့်ဖြစ်တတ်သော စိတ်ရောဂါများမှာ -
- ၁။ ကယောင်ကတမ်းဖြစ်ခြင်း (Delirium Tremors)၊ ကြောက်လန့်ခြင်း၊ အချိန်၊ နာရီ၊ နေရာ၊ လူ ခန့်မှန်းနိုင်စွမ်း မရှိခြင်း၊ ကြောက်စရာလန့်စရာများမြင်ရခြင်း၊ အသံဗလများ ကြားရခြင်း၊ ပိုမိုများစွာတိုးပွားလာသည့် ရုစိတ်သွားသလို ခံစားရခြင်း၊ လက်တုန်ရောဂါဖြစ်တတ်ခြင်း။
- ၂။ အရက်အလွန်အကျွံသောက်သုံးခြင်း လွှဲလျော် နှာထဲတွင် ခေါ်သံများ၊ ခြိမ်းခြောက်သံများ၊ စော်ကားမော်ကားသံများ ကြားနေရတတ်ခြင်း (Alcoholic Hallucinations)။
- ၃။ အတက်ကြီးရောဂါဖြစ်တတ်ခြင်း (Rum Fits) (ဝက်ရုပ်မြန်ရောဂါကဲ့သို့ တက်ခြင်း)။
- ၄။ စိတ်ဓာတ်ကျရောဂါဖြစ်တတ်ခြင်း (Depressive Illness)။
- ၅။ စိတ်ဖောက်ပြန်ခြင်း (Alcoholic Psychosis)။
- ၆။ ဦးနှောက်ချို့ယွင်းခြင်း။
- ၇။ အရက်နှင့်မတည့်သောသူများသည် အရက်အနည်းငယ်သောက် ရုံဖြင့် ရုတ်တရက် စိတ်ဖောက်ပြန်တတ်ခြင်း (Pathological Drunkenness)။
- ၈။ မိမိ၏ခန္ဓာကိုယ် အထင်အမြင်လွဲမှားခြင်းများဖြစ်တတ်ခြင်း (Morbid Jealousy)။
- ၉။ အရက်ကြောင့် ရာဇဝတ်မှုကျူးလွန်သည့်အထိ ဖြစ်နိုင်ခြင်း။

အထက်ပါဆို ကျိုးများကို မခံစားရစေရန် အရက်သောက် သုံးခြင်း၊ အထူးသဖြင့် အလွန်အကျွံသောက်သုံးခြင်း၊ အရက်ကို စွဲလမ်းစွာသောက်သုံးခြင်းတို့မှ ရှောင်ကြဉ်ရန်တိုက်တွန်းအပ်ပါသည်။ အရက်စွဲရောဂါဖြစ်ပွားပါက စိတ်ကျန်းမာရေးဆေးရုံနှင့် ကုသရေး ဌာနများတွင် စနစ်တကျကုသမှုခံယူရန် အသိပေးနိုးဆော် အပ်ပါသည်။

ကျန်းမာရေးဝန်ကြီးဌာန

ကုသကာကွယ် မူးယစ်အန္တရာယ်

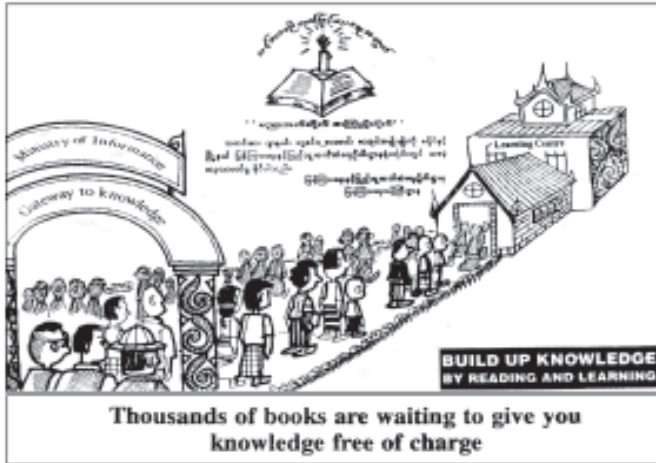
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- ၂။ ထို့ကြောင့် အဆိုပါဒုက္ခများမှကင်းဝေးစေရန် မူးယစ်ဆေးဝါးကို လုံးဝရှောင်ကြဉ်ပါ။
- ၃။ မူးယစ်ဆေးဝါးသုံးစွဲသူများသည် သတ်မှတ်ဆေးရုံများတွင် မှတ်ပုံတင်၍ ဆေးကုသမှုခံယူပါ။

ကျန်းမာရေးဝန်ကြီးဌာန

Nursery Market Festival continues

YANGON, 9 April — The Nursery Market Festival continued at Myay Padetha Park in Bahan Township here today with the aim of providing necessary assistance to growers and attracting the public to be interested in agriculture, horticulture, livestock breeding and vegetable farming.

Kitchen crops, fruits and saplings of herbal plants are being shown at the festival. Poultry farming and fish breeding are also exhibited there. Booklets and pamphlets on utilization of fertilizers are also available there. MNA



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CLAIMS DAY NOTICE MV HIBISCUS VOY NO (-)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV HIBISCUS Voy No (-) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 18-4-2004 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of M.I.P where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the port of Yangon.

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

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

**SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY
AGENT FOR: M/S PREMIER SPECTRUM**
Phone No: 256908/378316/376797

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE MV YANGON STAR VOY NO (350)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV YANGON STAR Voy No (350) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 16-4-2004 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of M.I.T.T where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the port of Yangon.

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

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

**SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY
AGENT FOR: M/S EAGLE CORPORATION**
Phone No: 256908/378316/376797

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE MV SEA MERCHANT VOY NO (503)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV SEA MERCHANT Voy No (503) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 18-4-2004 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of A.W.P.T where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the port of Yangon.

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

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

**SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY
AGENT FOR: M/S ADVANCE CONTAINER**
Phone No: 256908/378316/376797

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE MV MAGWAY VOY NO (4)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV MAGWAY Voy No (4) arrived on 10-4-2004 are hereby notified that their cargo will be discharged into the premises of Myanma Port Authority where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

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

**AGENCY DEPARTMENT
MYANMA FIVE STAR LINE**
Phone : 295279, 295280, 295281, 295658, 295659

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE MV SAIPAN SKIPPER VOY NO (030)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV SAIPAN SKIPPER Voy No (030) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 14-4-2004 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of M.I.P where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the port of Yangon.

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

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

**SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT
MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY
AGENT FOR: M/S PREMIER SPECTRUM**
Phone No: 256908/378316/376797

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE MV QING CHUN MEN VOY NO (069)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV QING CHUN MEN Voy No (069) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 11-4-2004 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of A.W.P.T where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the port of Yangon.

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

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US environment policy slashed in Cuba

HAVANA, 9 April — The US environment policy came under severe criticism Wednesday by experts attending the Tropic 2004 Convention in Cuba.

Experts from America, Europe and Africa accused Washington of being responsible for environmental pollution. Ecuadorian expert Carlos Erazo cautioned the US and other developed countries to consider their companies' profits along with environmental protection. *MNA/Xinhua*

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Russian DM expresses concerns over NATO expansion

WASHINGTON, 9 April — Russia was concerned about the expansion of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) but willing to cooperate with the alliance to ensure global stability, the Russian Defence Minister said in an article published Wednesday in *The New York Times*.

Sergei Ivanov said that through expansion "the alliance is gaining greater ability to control and monitor Russian territory" and Russia "cannot turn a blind eye as NATO's air and military bases get much closer to cities and defence complexes in European Russia". The minister, who was on a working visit to Washington, also expressed Russia's concern over the US plan to rearrange the military abroad, including in Europe. —*MNA/Reuters*

Rich geothermal reserves found in E China

JINAN, 9 April — Prospectors have discovered abundant geothermal reserves in east China's Shandong Province and successfully drilled a well on Tuesday. The new geothermal reserves, probably the largest of its kind in China, was discovered 1,180 to 1,400 metres below the surface in the Shanghe County oilfield, according to the Committee of Geological Reserves of Shandong.

The ground water obtained on Tuesday measures some 60 degrees Celsius and geologists estimate that the total reserves of hot water in Shanghe will hit 4.8 billion cubic metres and two billion is available for exploitation *MNA/Xinhua*

Ancient fish species discovered in South China Sea

GUANGZHOU, 9 April — A large number of lancelets, a marine creature of the same age of dinosaurs, were discovered in the sea area off Maoming City, South China's Guangdong Province.

Bordering the South China Sea, the Maoming City boasts a coastline of over 360 kilometres.

The first group of about 30 lancelets were discovered in April 2002 when the local marine and piscatorial staff were making an investigation at the sea area off the Fangji Island. In August 2003, led by Zhanjiang Uni-

versity of Oceanology, an investigation team began to set observation spots in the sea area and discovered that the largest distribution density of the lancelets is 573 heads per square metre.

Later observation results at the end of last year further proves that there are abundant lancelets resources in the sea area of over 150 square kilometres.

Named as "living fossils", the lancelets are of great value to the research on the evolution of animals and human beings.

MNA/Xinhua

Over 300 critically rare species unprotected

LONDON, 9 April — More than 300 of the world's rarest and most exotic creatures, including flying foxes in the Comoros Islands and yellow-eared parrots in the Colombian Andes, are completely unprotected, scientists said on Wednesday.

All could disappear in future decades because global

efforts to protect them are inadequate, the scientists believe. Although 11.5 per cent of the Earth's surface is a protected zone, conservationists have discovered huge gaps in coverage that could lead to the extinction of unique species of mammals, birds, amphibians, turtle and tortoises. —*MNA/Reuters*

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WTO judges back ruling against EU anti-drugs plan

GENEVA/BRUSSELS, 9 April — World Trade Organization (WTO) appeals judges ruled on Wednesday that a European Union tariff programme designed to reduce the production of illegal drugs violates global free trade rules.

The European Commission said the ruling — essentially upholding an earlier finding by a WTO panel in a case brought by India — was positive in that it allowed the EU to continue to offer developing countries preferential trading terms.

But the Commission also accepted that the ruling meant it would have to make its anti-drugs programme more transparent and non-discriminatory.

The report, the result of an EU appeal against the earlier panel ruling handed down in December, said the anti-drugs programme went against the WTO principle that all trading partners must be treated equally.

It means the EU will have to abolish or change its "Special Arrangements to

Combat Drug Production and Trafficking", which offers low import tariffs to Pakistan and 11 Latin American countries to encourage them to produce goods other than drugs.

All 12 are seen as leading producers of narcotics, including opium and coca, that are sold illegally on European streets. The EU said the programme helped poorer countries to focus on legal crops and thus helped their economies grow.

Trade analysts said the EU would probably adjust the programme, in force since 2001, leaving open the possibility of a new case if India was not satisfied.

The Commission focused on another part of the ruling, which said trade benefits to developing countries could be

offered in different ways, as the EU does under its special Generalized System of Preferences (GSP) for poor states.

"Today's decision makes it clear that we can continue to give trade preferences to developing countries according to their particular situation and needs, provided this is done in an objective, non-discriminatory and transparent manner," Trade Commissioner Pascal Lamy said in a statement.

"This is certainly good news for many developing countries whose preferential access to the EU was being put at risk by India's WTO challenge," he added.

MNA/Reuters

Utah woman pleads guilty in stillborn case

SALT LAKE CITY, 9 April — A woman charged with homicide for refusing to have a Caesarean section that doctors said would have saved her stillborn twin pleaded guilty on Wednesday to two child endangerment charges after prosecutors dropped the murder charge.

Melissa Ann Rowland, 28, had been charged with criminal homicide because police said she repeatedly refused to have surgery that would save her twins because she feared being scarred by the operation.

"Yes, your honour," Rowland said repeatedly when asked by Judge Dennis Fuchs if she understood the plea agreement. Rowland, who has a history of mental health problems, delivered twins on 13 January. One child, a boy, was stillborn. The other, a girl, survived, but suffered from extreme respiratory distress.

The child endangerment charges are for using cocaine while she was pregnant. Each of the two third-degree felony charges carries a prison term of up to five years. Rowland will be sentenced on 29 April. —MNA/Reuters

Oil pipeline shooter ordered to pay \$17m

ANCHORAGE (Alaska), 9 April — A man convicted of shooting at the trans-Alaska oil pipeline in October of 2001 and causing 285,000 gallons of crude to coat a forested area has been ordered to pay over 17 million US dollars in restitution for the act, state officials said on Wednesday.

It is highly unlikely that Daniel Lewis, now in jail in Fairbanks after receiving a 16-year sentence last June, will be able to come up with such compensation, officials acknowledged. Lewis, who shot the 800-mile oil line near its midpoint, has little employment history and only sparse sources of income, they said.

But at a restitution hearing in state Superior Court on Tuesday, Judge Jane Kauvar determined that Lewis would be able to pay something for the damage he caused once he leaves jail, said Assistant Alaska Attorney General Kevin Burke, who prosecuted the case.

"What the judge found was he should be able to pay, while he's on probation, to pay 1,000 US dollars (a year)," Burke said. —MNA/Reuters

New US tests predict prostate, colon cancer better

WASHINGTON, 9 April — Two new tests may predict who is most at risk of two top cancer killers, colon and prostate cancer, US researchers said on Tuesday.

One test can show which men might be most at risk of colon cancer while the other points to who is most likely to die from prostate cancer if surgery or radiation fails. Both studies, done at Brigham and Women's Hospital and Harvard Medical School in Boston, are published in the *Journal of the Natl. Dr. Jiang Ma* and colleagues found that men with longtime high levels of C-peptide — an indicator of insulin production — had triple the risk of developing colorectal cancer.

A high C-peptide read-

ing usually suggests a patient has hyperinsulinemia, in which insulin in the body can rise to damaging levels. Plasma C-peptide levels are higher among people who are overweight, inactive and eat lots of red meat, high-fat dairy products and refined grains.

"This study supports our hypothesis that men with long-term elevated insulin production, as a result of long-term exposure to Western dietary and lifestyle risk factors, are at a much higher risk of developing colorectal cancer in their lifetimes," Ma said in

a statement.

Patients with high levels may be able to eat better and exercise more to prevent cancer, although no study has shown this will work.

Ma and her colleagues looked at the medical records of nearly 500 men followed for 13 years as part of a larger, long-term study called the Physicians' Health Study. They compared C-peptide levels among 176 men who were diagnosed with colorectal cancer to 294 men who were cancer-free.

Colon cancer will kill 57,000 people in the United

States alone this year and is the second leading cause of cancer death and lung cancer.

In the prostate cancer study Dr Anthony D'Amico and colleagues found that the patterns of prostate specific antigen after treatment for prostate cancer could predict who was more likely to die.

They found men whose PSA levels rose quickly and fell slowly after getting hormone-based therapy were 13 times more likely to die than men whose PSA levels rose slowly at first and then fell sharply. —MNA/Reuters

Yahoo's profit up sharply in first quarter

LOS ANGELES, 9 April — Yahoo said Wednesday that its profit for the first-quarter reached 101 million US dollars, or 14 cents per share, up from 47 million dollars, or eight cents a share, in the year-earlier period.

Beating Wall Street estimates, Yahoo also said strength in advertising helped it increase first-quarter sales to 758 million dollars from 283 million dollars in the same quarter last year. "Yahoo's performance surpassed even our high expectations, delivering the most successful quarter in the company's history," said Terry Semel, chair-

man and chief executive officer of Yahoo.

Analysts surveyed by Thomson First Call expected 11 cents per share, on average, on sales of 498 million dollars. On the high end, some analysts expect Yahoo to earn 12 cents and deliver nearly 3 percent more revenue than the average estimate, or 512 million dollars.

MNA/Xinhua

Report shows Italy Mafia big in anti-environment business

ROME, 9 April — The Mafia's environmentally dangerous businesses — including hazardous waste disposal, illegal constructions and animal trafficking — enjoyed a boom year in 2003, a new report said on Tuesday.

The number of crimes committed by what the Italian media has dubbed the "eco-Mafia" soared 33 per cent last year and the value of business rose to 20 billion euros, leading environmental group Legambiente said in its annual study of the racket.

"Today, the direct role that Mafia organizations have in the looting of the environmental and cultural heritage of our country, especially in the south, is a fact," the group's president Roberto Della Seta said.

Sicily's Cosa Nostra, the Naples-based Camorra and the increasingly powerful 'Ndrangheta from Calabria in the south are all players in the eco-Mafia racket which has generated 132 billion euros over the last decade, Legambiente said.

The group has counted a total number of 169 Mafia clans involved, up by 11 from 2002.

Illegal waste disposal, often of toxic materials, has become a big business in southern Italy, with estimates that 11 million tons of

garbage disappear each year.

Trade in illegal waste was up 10 per cent last year, the group said, and has been grabbing headlines recently after a garbage crisis blamed on the Mafia forced schools near Naples to close and sparked massive protests.

MNA/Reuters

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China starts producing cheaper drugs to fight "AIDS"

BEIJING, 9 April — China has started producing five drugs that can be used in four different cocktails to treat AIDS patients, whose numbers are rising alarmingly.

The State Food and Drug Administration (SFDA) said if the patients use domestic medicines, their expenditure for the treatment of AIDS will be around 362 US dollars annually, or one-tenth the cost of using imported medicines.

"This substantial reduction is definitely worth a salute, especially for a country with 840,000 carriers of HIV, the virus that causes AIDS, and 80,000 full-blown cases

of the disease," the state-run *China Daily* said.

Now that the prices of the pills are more reasonable, it is hoped the treatment can cover more patients, it said.

In April 2003, the Chinese Government launched a project under which AIDS patients in poverty-stricken provinces could receive free drugs, but the dropout rate reached 20 per cent after six months.

A recent report by the United Nations cautioned

China about the rapidly spreading HIV/AIDS disease in the country.

"HIV/AIDS is only now beginning to spread rapidly, and the government has taken action to contain the disease. Only if efforts intensify, however, will China stand a chance of reversing the spread of HIV/AIDS by 2015," the report, "Millennium Development Goals, China's Progress", said.

MNA/PTI

Intel introduces four mobile chips

LOS ANGELES, 9 April — Intel, the world's largest chip maker, introduced on Wednesday four mobile chips for portable computers, including two ultra low voltage chips for thin and light notebooks.

Intel's new offerings are the low voltage Pentium M processor at 1.30 GHz, the ultra-low voltage Pentium M processor at 1.10 GHz, Celeron M processor at 1.40 GHz and the ultra low voltage Intel Celeron M processor at 900 MHz.

"All four processors are based on Intel's micro-architecture designed specifically for mobile computing and built using the company's 0.13-micron

manufacturing technology," Intel said.

The ultra-low-voltage chips have relatively low clock speeds, but they use the least power of any of Intel's notebook chips.

By operating at just over 1 volt, the chips consume about 7 watts of power.

In contrast, standard Pentium M and Celeron M chips for notebooks operate at about 1.36 volts and typically consume around 25 watts.

Some of Intel's desktop Pentium 4 processors can consume 100 watts or more.

Intel priced its 1.1GHz ultra-low-voltage Pentium M is at 262 US dollars each, and the new 900MHz ultra-low-voltage Celeron at 161 dollars.

The company sells the 1.3GHz low-voltage Pentium M for 284 dollars and the 1.4GHz Celeron M for 134 dollars.

MNA/Xinhua

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Abramovich says Chelsea win showed "Russian character"

Moscow, 8 April — Chelsea's dramatic Champions League quarterfinal victory over rivals Arsenal showed "Russian character", said Roman Abramovich on Wednesday, in a rare public comment on the club he bought last summer.

Chelsea came from behind in the quarterfinal against their London rivals to win 3-2 on aggregate on Tuesday, thanks to a late goal from England defender Wayne Bridge which earned them a 2-1 away win on the night.

"Chelsea played great and I think the team showed the Russian character to hold, to fight, to win," said the Russian oil tycoon in comments relayed through his spokesman.

In fact, there were no Russians in the Chelsea line-up on Tuesday night and both their goals were scored by Englishmen.

"This is a great result. We are now waiting for Monaco."

He made no comment about the future of coach Claudio Ranieri whose position had been thought by the British media to be under threat all season but is now regarded by some writers as unsackable in the near future. — MNA/Reuters



Paraguay's Arnaldo Vera, right, of Libertad, fights for the ball against Argentina's Nelson Cuevas of River Plate during their Libertadores Cup match in "Defensores del Chaco Stadium" in Asuncion, Paraguay on Wednesday, April 7, 2004. — INTERNET

Chelsea bosses may regret eagerness for change

LONDON, 8 April — As Claudio Ranieri wiped away tears of joy following Chelsea's accomplished 2-1 Champions League victory over Arsenal his boardroom masters may have been regretting their apparent eagerness to cast him aside.

The amiable Italian coach, whose job has been the subject of intense speculation since Russian oil tycoon Roman Abramovich bought Chelsea last July, took the side into the semifinals of the world's most prestigious club competition for the first time on Tuesday.

Chelsea are also just four points adrift of a shocked and dispirited Arsenal in the Premier League and with confidence brimming the players believe they can overtake their London rivals in the final run-in.

Only last month chief executive Peter Kenyon, poached from Manchester United to raise Chelsea's worldwide profile, had talks with England coach Sven-Goran Eriksson about taking Ranieri's job.

The Swede turned Chelsea down but the episode, after weeks of speculation about other possible candidates, left a sour taste at Stamford Bridge and increased sympathy for Ranieri.

During the home 1-1 first leg against Arsenal a fortnight ago, fans chanted the Italian's name and waved banners demanding he be left alone.



Claudio Ranieri

Newspapers, who earlier had mocked Ranieri for his idiosyncratic English and criticized his squad rotation, have united in support of him, describing Chelsea's treatment of him as shabby.

London's *Evening Standard* even launched a backpage campaign "Save Ranieri for London".

Ranieri has won friends for his dignity and humour in

the midst of the fevered rumours. He is not one publicly to criticize referees, opposing coaches or his own bosses.

"Can you still sack him now Roman?" trumpeted Wednesday's *Daily Mirror*, while Matt Dickinson in *The Times* asked: "What odds the sack for Ranieri this morning? Longer one suspects than his chances of reaching the European Cup final in Gelsenkirchen on May 26."

A semifinal against Monaco stands in Ranieri's path to Germany.

It is the players, though, whose solidarity with their boss, has been most marked.

"All the players want him to stay because he is good for us," wing back Wayne Bridge who scored the 87th minute winner on Tuesday, said. "All the pressure that we have been under he takes on himself. He tells us not to worry because it is worse in Italy."

MNA/Reuters

Maniche double eases Porto into semifinals

LYON (France), 8 April — Maniche Ribeiro scored twice to ease Porto into the Champions League semifinals with a 2-2 draw at Olympique Lyon on Wednesday.

The UEFA Cup holders completed a 4-2 aggregate success and set up a semifinal against Deportivo Coruna, who upset holders AC Milan in Wednesday's other quarterfinal return.

Maniche fired high into the net after only six minutes from Deco Souza's clever pass to open the scoring.

French international Péguy Luyindula equalized for Lyon eight minutes later but Maniche's volleyed finish from another Deco pass two minutes after the break killed the tie.

Lyon had Brazilian defender Edmílson sent off 16 minutes from time before his compatriot Giovane Elber scored a late consolation equalizer.

The result means Porto, who won the European Cup in 1987 and reached the Champions League semifinals 10 years ago, have now not lost to Lyon in four matches after winning their first three encounters.

"Lyon took risks and were dangerous in the first half when they were breaking down the wings. We had problems dealing with it," Porto coach Jose Mourinho told reporters. "In the second half it was much easier," he added.

The hosts had to attack in a bid to overhaul Porto's 2-0 first-leg lead and Luyindula found the net in the fourth minute but his effort was harshly ruled out for offside.

A minute later, Luyindula's low strike was blocked by Porto keeper Vitor Baia as Lyon piled on the pressure.

However, it was Porto who opened the scoring with their first chance when Maniche, set up by Deco, blasted the ball

into the top right-hand corner of Gregory Coupet's goal.

Luyindula gave the home side a little hope in the 14th minute when he controlled a cross from winger Florent Malouda on his left thigh and poked the ball home with his right foot.

Lyon, knowing they had to score another three goals to stay in the competition, continued to press hard with Luyindula a permanent threat to the Porto defence.

After half an hour, Lyon's Brazilian striker Giovane Elber forced Vitor Baia to a save his curling 18-metre shot.

But the French champions were not rewarded for their efforts as Porto's back four maintained their concentration.

Stuck in their own half for most of the first 35 minutes, Porto broke twice, only for Coupet to deny first Deco and then Benni McCarthy a second goal for the visitors.

The Portuguese side had another chance just before the interval but McCarthy failed to take advantage of a Jeremy Berthod blunder as he shot wide.

Porto made a stunning start to the second half, dashing their opponent's hopes when Maniche volleyed home another perfect cross from Deco in the 47th minute.

Porto held firm as Lyon played three forwards after Bryan Bergounoux replaced the disappointing Juninho on the hour mark.

A frustrated Edmílson was sent off 16 minutes from time after a second booking for a foul on Paulo Ferreira before Elber salvaged a little pride for Lyon with a last minute header from a cross by Malouda to secure a draw on the night. — MNA/Reuters



Florent Malouda of Lyon, center challenges for the ball with Costinha, left and Ricardo Carvalho of Porto during their Champions League quarterfinals second leg soccer match, Wednesday, April 7, 2004, in Lyon stadium, central France.

Robson relishing return to PSV

NEWCASTLE (England), 8 April — Newcastle United manager Bobby Robson will relive fond memories when he returns to former club PSV Eindhoven in the quarterfinals of the UEFA Cup on Thursday.

Robson's extensive managerial career included two spells with the Dutch side during the 1990s, winning the league title in his first two seasons in the Netherlands.

"When I went back to (former club) Barcelona and the Nou Camp in the Champions League with Newcastle last season it was a very special occasion for me," Robson told reporters.

"It will be just the same when we go to PSV Eindhoven. In fact, I spent longer at PSV than I did with Barcelona because I was in charge for three seasons over two spells."

Robson joined PSV in 1990, shortly after he led England to the semifinals of the World Cup where they lost on penalties to West Germany.

He was an instant success in Eindhoven,

securing back-to-back titles in 1991 and 1992 before the demand for his skills took him to Sporting Lisbon, Porto and Barcelona.

He returned to PSV in 1998 before the lure of becoming Newcastle manager proved too hard to resist.

"We won the league two years running during my first time in charge and they are great memories," said Robson.

"I spent three years of my managerial life at PSV, three happy years, three great years. PSV is a wonderful club."

"The people there are fantastic and I am pleased to be going back. I have nothing but good memories of my time in Holland, but I will be going there to try to knock them out."

While PSV overcame Auxerre in the UEFA Cup fourth round, the Premier League side secured their last-eight berth with an emphatic 7-1 aggregate victory over Real Mallorca.

MNA/Reuters

MRTV-3



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

9:00	Signature Tune
	Greeting
9:02	Song of Myanmar
	Beauty & Scenic
	Sights "Myanmar Panorama & Myanma Sentiment"
9:06	Pottery, A Home Industry
9:10	Headline News
9:12	Ayeyawady Dolphin Expedition (Part-V)
9:15	National News
9:20	Unforgettable Customs of the Chins
9:25	Water Festival In The Month of Dagu
9:30	National News
9:35	Toddy Palm Arts
9:40	Song "Hill Steps Town"
9:45	National News
9:50	The Splendour of Mt Victoria (Natmataung)
9:55	Song of Myanmar
	Beauty & Scenic
	Sights "Come and See Myanmar"

10-4-2004 (Saturday) Regular Programmes for Viewers from Abroad Evening Transmission (15:30 - 17:30)

15:30	Signature Tune
	Greeting
15:32	Song of Myanmar
	Beauty & Scenic
	Sights "Mingalabar"
15:36	Pottery, A Home Industry
15:40	Headline News
15:42	Ayeyawady Dolphin Expedition (Part-V)
15:45	National News
15:50	Unforgettable Customs of the Chins
15:55	Water Festival In The Month of Dagu
16:00	National News
16:05	Toddy Palm Arts
16:10	Song "Hill Steps Town"

16:15	National News
16:20	The Splendour of Mt Victoria (Natmataung)
16:25	Song of Myanmar
	Beauty & Scenic
	Sights "Myanmar Panorama & Myanma Sentiment"
16:30	National News
16:35	Visiting Artist, A Century Ago
16:40	Traditional Medical Training School
16:45	National News
16:50	Glimpses at Myanmar Movies
17:00	Weekly News Highlights
17:05	Poppy Farmers Hand Over Poppy Seeds
17:10	Song "Treasure Land"
17:15	Weekly News Highlights
17:20	Glimpses at Myanmar Movies
17:25	Song of Myanmar
	Beauty & Scenic
	Sights "Come and See Myanmar"

Evening Transmission (19:30 - 23:30)

19:30	Signature Tune
	Greeting
19:32	Song of Myanmar
	Beauty & Scenic
	Sights "Myanmar Panorama & Myanma Sentiment"
19:36	Sittway with Magnificent Sight
19:40	Headline News
19:42	Ayeyawady Dolphin Expedition (Part-IV)
19:45	National News
19:50	Wall-Hung Giant Lobsters
19:55	MRTV-3's Thingyan Festival (Thingyan Drizzle)
20:00	National News
20:05	Hsinbushin Temple, Stone Carving and Monasteries
20:10	Song "The Towering Flowers"
20:15	National News
20:20	Nipa Palm Forest
20:25	Song "Moonlight"
20:30	National News
20:35	Talent Show on a Maze of Xylophones
20:40	Myanmar Spirulina (Ye Kharr Lake)
20:45	National News
20:50	What an Interesting

20:55	Souvenir Shop
	Culture Stage "A Dance to the Harvest"
20:58	Yangon, The Capital
21:00	National News
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23:20	Glimpses at Myanmar Movies
23:25	Song of Myanmar
	Beauty & Scenic
	Sights "Come and See Myanmar"

10-4-2004 (Saturday) & 11-4-2004 (Sunday) Evening & Morning Transmission (23:30 - 1:30)

23:30	Signature Tune
	Greeting
23:32	Song of Myanmar
	Beauty & Scenic

23:36	Pottery, A Home Industry
23:40	Headline News
23:42	Ayeyawady Dolphin Expedition (Part-V)
23:45	National News
23:50	Unforgettable Customs of the Chins
23:55	Water Festival In The Month of Dagu
24:00	National News
00:05	Toddy Palm Arts
00:10	Song "Hill Steps Town"
00:15	National News
00:20	The Splendour of Mt Victoria (Natmataung)
00:25	Song of Myanmar
	Beauty & Scenic
	Sights "Myanmar Panorama & Myanma Sentiment"
00:30	National News
00:35	Visiting Artist, A Century Ago
00:40	Traditional Medical Training School
00:45	National News
00:50	Glimpses at Myanmar Movies
01:00	Weekly News Highlights
01:05	Poppy Farmers Hand Over Poppy Seeds
01:10	Song "Treasure Land"
01:15	Weekly News Highlights
01:20	Glimpses at Myanmar Movies
01:25	Song of Myanmar
	Beauty & Scenic
	Sights "Come and See Myanmar"

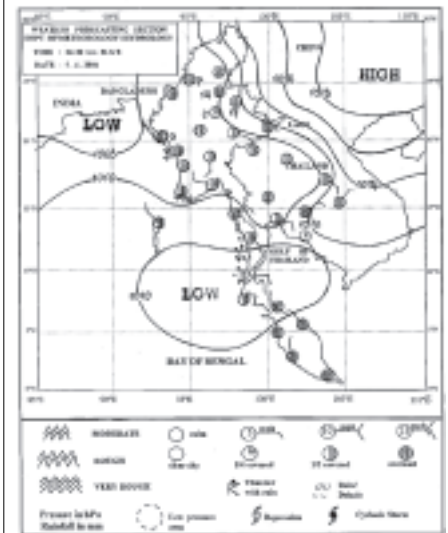
11-4-2004 (Sunday) Morning Transmission (03:30-07:30)

03:30	Signature Tune
	Greeting
03:32	Song of Myanmar
	Beauty & Scenic
	Sights "Myanmar Panorama & Myanma Sentiment"
03:36	Sittway with Magnificent Sight
03:40	Headline News
03:42	Ayeyawady Dolphin Expedition (Part-IV)
03:45	National News
03:50	Wall-Hung Giant Lobsters
03:55	MRTV-3's Thingyan Festival (Thingyan Drizzle)

04:00	National News
04:05	Hsinbushin Temple, Stone Carving and Monasteries
04:10	Song "The Towering Flowers"
04:15	National News
04:20	Nipa Palm Forest
04:25	Songs "Moonlight"
04:30	National News
04:35	Talent Show on a Maze of Xylophones
04:40	Myanmar Spirulina (Ye Kharr Lake)
04:45	National News
04:50	What an Interesting Souvenir Shop
04:55	Culture Stage "A Dance to the Harvest"
04:58	Yangon, The Capital
05:00	National News
05:05	Historical Shwe Inpin Monastery
05:10	Song "Have Sweet Dreams"
05:15	Weekly News Highlights
05:20	Finished Products of Teak
05:25	Song of Myanmar
	Beauty & Scenic
	Sights "Myanmar Panorama & Myanma Sentiment"
05:35	Pottery, A Home Industry

05:40	Headline News
05:42	Ayeyawady Dolphin Expedition (Part-V)
05:45	National News
05:50	Unforgettable Customs of the Chins
05:55	Water Festival In The Month of Dagu
06:00	National News
06:05	Toddy Palm Arts
06:10	Song "Hill Steps Town"
06:15	National News
06:20	The Splendour of Mt Victoria (Natmataung)
06:25	Song On Screen "You From Next Door"
06:30	National News
06:35	Visiting Artist, A Century Ago
06:40	Traditional Medical Training School
06:45	National News
06:50	Glimpses at Myanmar Movies
07:00	National News
07:05	Poppy Farmers Hand Over Poppy Seeds
07:10	Song "Treasure Land"
07:15	Weekly News Highlights
07:20	Glimpses at Myanmar Movies
07:25	Song of Myanmar
	Beauty & Scenic
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Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Friday, 9 April, 2004

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Mon State, Yangon and Bago Divisions, scattered in Mandalay Division, Kachin, Shan and Rakhine States, widespread in Sagaing Division and weather has been partly cloudy in the remaining areas. Day temperatures were (3°C) above normal in Yangon and Taninthayi Divisions, (5°C) above normal in Ayeyawady Division, (3°C) to (4°C) below normal in Kachin, Shan and Rakhine States, Bago, upper Sagaing Divisions and about normal in the remaining areas. The noteworthy amount of rainfall recorded was (1.34) inches in Shweygin. Maximum temperature on 8-4-2004 was 37.8°C (100°F). Minimum temperature on 9-4-2004 was 20.8°C (69°F). Relative humidity at 9:30 hrs MST on 9-4-2004 was 77%. Total sunshine hours on 8-4-2004 was (7.1) hours approx. Rainfall on 9-4-2004 was 2 mm (0.08 inch) at Yangon Airport, nil at Kaba-Aye and central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2004 was 5 mm (0.12 inch) at Yangon Airport and 12mm (0.47 inch) at Kaba-Aye and 3 mm (0.12 inch) at central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was 12 mph from Northwest at (15:20) hours MST on 8-4-2004. **Bay inference:** Weather is partly cloudy to cloudy in the Bay of Bengal. **Forecast valid until evening of 10-4-2004:** Rain or thundershowers are likely to be scattered in Kachin State, upper Sagaing and Mandalay Divisions, isolated in Shan and Rakhine States, Magway, Bago, Yangon, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi Divisions and weather will be partly cloudy in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (60%). **State of the sea:** Seas will be slight to moderate in Myanmar waters. **Outlook for subsequent two days:** Continuation of isolated rain or thundershowers are likely in upper Myanmar areas. **Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 10-4-2004:** Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers in the afternoon or evening. Degree of certainty is (60%). **Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 10-4-2004:** Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%). **Weather outlook for second weekend of April 2004:** During the coming weekend, isolated rain or thundershowers are likely in Yangon and Mandalay Divisions.



Saturday, April 10

View today:

7:00 am

1. ဓမ္မစာအုပ်အသစ်များ
2. ဓမ္မစာအုပ်အသစ်များ
3. To be healthy exercise
4. Morning news
5. Nice and sweet song
6. ဓမ္မစာအုပ်အသစ်များ
7. ဓမ္မစာအုပ်အသစ်များ
8. ဓမ္မစာအုပ်အသစ်များ
8. လူမှုပတ်ဝန်းကျင်ဆိုင်ရာ

8:20 am

9. ဓမ္မစာအုပ်အသစ်များ
10. International news
11. Happy and Educational English Summer Course MRTV
- 11:00 am
1. Martial song
- 11:05 am
2. ဓမ္မစာအုပ်အသစ်များ
- 11:20 am
3. News
- 11:30 am
4. ဓမ္မစာအုပ်အသစ်များ
- 12:00 noon
5. Round-up of the week's local news
- 1:40 pm
6. ဓမ္မစာအုပ်အသစ်များ
- 2:30 pm
8. ဓမ္မစာအုပ်အသစ်များ
- 2:45 pm
9. International news
- 4:00 pm
1. Martial song
- 4:15 pm
2. Song to uphold National Spirit
- 4:30 pm
3. Musical programme

4:45 pm

9. အစောဆုံးသောသတင်းများ
- ရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသတင်းများ
- 5:00 pm
5. ဓမ္မစာအုပ်အသစ်များ
- 5:15 pm
6. Musical programme
- 5:30 pm
7. ဓမ္မစာအုပ်အသစ်များ
- 5:45 pm
8. ဓမ္မစာအုပ်အသစ်များ
- 6:15 pm
9. Delicacies
- 6:30 pm
10. Evening news
- 7:00 pm
11. Weather report
- 7:05 pm
12. Discovery
- 7:15 pm
13. ဓမ္မစာအုပ်အသစ်များ
- 7:40 pm
14. ဓမ္မစာအုပ်အသစ်များ
- 8:00 pm
15. News
16. International news
17. Weather report
18. Myanmar video feature: "သတင်းစာအုပ်အသစ်များ" (အပိုင်း-၁)
19. The next day's programme



Saturday, April 10

Tune in today:

- 8:30 am Brief news
- 8:35 am Music
- 8:40 am Perspectives
- 8:45 am Music
- 8:55 am National news/Slogan
- 9:05 am Music
- 9:10 am International news
- 9:15 am Music (Spotlight on a star)
- 1:30 pm News/Slogan
- 1:40 pm Request
- Top of the world (Carpenters)
- I have a dream (West Life)
- Everyday I love you (Boy Zone)
- Rhythm Divine (Enrique Islesies)
- 9:00 pm ASEAN review
- News
- 9:10 pm Article
- 9:20 pm Myanmar culture by Dr. Khin Maung Nyunt (Thingyan Part I)
- 9:20 pm Souvenir
- April love (Connie Francis)
- April shower (Elvis Presley)
- 9:45 pm News/Slogan
- 10:00 pm PEL

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



Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe and Commander Maj-Gen Ko Ko formally open Taikkyi-Phaunggyi-Bago Road across Bago Yoma.— YANGON COMMAND

Taikkyi-Phaunggyi-Bago Road across Bago Yoma opened

YANGON, 9 April— The opening ceremony of Taikkyi-Phaunggyi-Bago laterite roads across Bago Yoma (mountain range) linking Yangon Division and Bago Division was held at the archway of the road in Taikkyi Township this morning.

Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe gave a speech.

Staff Officer (Grade-I) Lt-Col Thaik Soe of Directorate of Military Engineers reported on construction of Taikkyi-Phaunggyi-Bago

Road.

Next, Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe, Commander of Southern Command Maj-Gen Ko Ko and Lt-Col Thaik Soe formally opened the road. The commanders and party viewed conditions of the road and bridges.

Similarly, the other side of Taikkyi-Phaunggyi-Bago Road was opened at the junction of Yangon-Bago six-lane highway and the Taikkyi-Phaunggyi-Bago Road this afternoon.

Commander Maj-Gen Ko Ko gave a speech. Next, Commander Maj-Gen

Myint Swe, Commander Maj-Gen Ko Ko and Lt-Col Thaik Soe formally opened the road.

Taikkyi-Phaunggyi-Bago Road is 42 miles and five furlongs long and 22 feet wide laterite on 40 feet wide earth road. There are three reinforced forced concrete bridges, 60 concrete conduits, three wooden bridges and 18 wooden conduits on the road.

The road was built by Tatmadawmen. It is 22 miles and three furlongs shorter than Taikkyi-Hmawby-Htaukkyant-Hlegu-Bago Road.

MNA

Minister back from ASEAN meetings in S'pore

YANGON, 9 April— The Myanmar delegation led by Minister for Finance and Revenue Maj-Gen Hla Tun arrived back here by air this afternoon after attending the ASEAN Finance Ministers' Informal Meeting (Retreat) on 6 April and the Eighth Meeting of ASEAN Finance Ministers in Singapore. The minister and party were welcomed back at the airport by Minister for Labour U Tin Winn, Minister at the Prime Minister's Office Maj-Gen Thein Swe, Deputy Minister for Finance and Revenue Col Hla Thein Swe, Governor of Central Bank of Myanmar U Kyaw Kyaw Maung, departmental heads and families of the delegation members.

On 6 April afternoon, the ASEAN Finance Ministers' Informal Meeting (Retreat) was held at Sentosa Resort and Spa where they discussed development of regional investment market and preparations for holding the International Monetary Fund and World Bank Annual Meetings to be held in Singapore in 2006.

On 7 April morning, the opening ceremony of the Eighth Meeting of ASEAN Finance Ministers was held at Shangri-la Singapore Hotel. Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance Lee Hsien Loong of Singapore gave an opening speech. Next, the ASEAN Finance Ministers posed for documentary photos.

Afterwards, the meeting was held. Singaporean Minister at the Prime Minister's Office and Minister of Finance-2 Lim Hng Kiang presided over the meeting. Asian Development Bank President Mr Tadao Chino explained potentials of ASEAN economic condition. The ministers exchanged their views on the report. Afterwards, ASEAN Secretary-General Mr Ong Keng Yong reported on overview on economy of ASEAN countries and policies. The ministers explained economic affairs, changes and policies of their respective countries.

Similarly, the ministers discussed regional economic cooperation, financial cooperation of ASEAN Cooperation Roadmap approved by the leaders of ASEAN countries, implementation of Chinagmai Plan and others.

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Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt sends congratulations to Sri Lankan PM

YANGON, 9 April—General Khin Nyunt, Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of congratulations to His Excellency Mr Mahinda Rajapakse, on his assumption of the Office of the Prime Minister of the Democratic Socialist Republic of Sri Lanka.—MNA



Minister Maj-Gen Htay Oo receives the Chinese Ambassador — COOPERATIVES

Cooperatives Minister receives Chinese guests

YANGON, 8 April — Minister for Cooperatives Maj-Gen Htay Oo received Ambassador of the People's Republic of China to Myanmar Mr Li Jinjun at the former's office on Bogyoke Aung San Street here this morning.

The cordial discussions

focused on enhancing bilateral friendship, invitation of cooperative societies to the forthcoming western international fair to be held in the People's Republic of China, and bilateral cooperation in small and minimum industries. Also present at the call were Di-

rector-General of the Cooperatives Department Col Soe Win, Director-General of the Cottage Industries Department U Sein Than, Acting Managing Director of the Co-operative Export and Import Enterprise U Myo Than and officials of the Ministers' Office. MNA

Dailies in alternative circulation

YANGON, 9 April —Dailies of the News and Periodicals Enterprise will be published in turn during Thingyan holidays.

Kyemon Daily and The New Light of Myanmar Daily will not appear on 12, 13 and 14 April (Thingyan Akyo, Akyo and Akyat days) while Myanma Alin Daily will take holidays on 15, 16 and 17 April (Thingyan Akyat & Atet days and Myanmar New Year Day). Regular delivery of all dailies will resume on 18 April. —MNA



Minister for Finance and Revenue Maj-Gen Hla Tun together with ASEAN Finance Ministers pose for documentary photo at 8th ASEAN Finance Ministers' Meeting.— F&R