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Senior General Than Shwe gives guidance on construction of Anisakhan Airfield in PyinOoLwin Township.— MNA

## Senior General Than Shwe inspects upgrading of Anisakhan Airfield in PyinOoLwin Township

YANGON, 10 April—Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe, accompanied by member of the State Peace and Development Council General Thura Shwe Mann, 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, Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo and Lt-Gen Kyaw Win, Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Rear-Admiral Soe Thein, Commander-in-Chief (Air) Lt-Gen Myat Hein, the ministers, senior military officers of the Ministry of Defence, officials of the State Peace and Development Council Office and heads of departments, left here by air on 7 April morning and arrived at Mandalay International Airport in TadaU Township, Mandalay Division at 9.30 am.

Senior General Than Shwe and party were welcomed at the airport by Chairman of Mandalay Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Central Command Maj-Gen Ye Myint, Mandalay Mayor Brig-Gen Yan Thein, Deputy Chief Justice U Khin Maung Latt and officials.

Next, Senior General Than Shwe and party inspected Yeywa Hydel Power Project being implemented near Mandalay and construction of Dokhtawady Bridge (Nawngkhio) on Yaksawk-Nawngkhio motor road.

Afterwards, Senior General Than Shwe and party arrived in PyinOoLwin.

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Giving instructions regarding the bridge, Senior General Than Shwe said that Yaksawk-Nawngkhio motor road is a prerequisite for Shan State (South) and Shan (State North). For that reason, strenuous efforts are to be made for renovation of the road and timely completion of the bridge meeting the set standard.

On 8 April morning, Senior General Than Shwe and party inspected upgrading of Anisakhan Airfield in PyinOoLwin Township.

At the briefing hall, Director of Military Engineers of the Ministry of Defence Maj-Gen Tin Lun reported to Senior General Than Shwe and party on matters related to extension of the airport, work to be carried out under the design of the airfield and arrival of machinery.

Next, Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Nyunt Tin reported to Senior General Than Shwe and party on work to be carried out by the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation in extending the airport.

After that, member of the State Peace and Development Council Quartermaster-General Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo gave a supplementary report.

In response to the reports, Senior General Than Shwe gave necessary instructions.

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### Four political objectives

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

### Four economic objectives

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

### Four social objectives

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

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

## PERSPECTIVES

Sunday, 11 April, 2004

## Happy Thingyan

Tomorrow will be the Akyo Nay or Ushering-in Day of the Myanmar Traditional Thingyan Water Festival in the year 1365 Myanmar Era which will be followed by four days of waterfest ending up in New Year Day 1366.

The festival starts in the month of Tabaung and concludes when it enters Tagu, the first month on the Myanmar calendar. The modern-day calendar month of April shares the two Myanmar months half by half and at this time of year, the sun's scorching rays which peak on earth are conveniently doused by lavishing of water thrown on one and all, be they strangers or mere bystanders, for this is the spirit of Thingyan.

To explain the origin of Thingyan, there are two reasons — one, a legend, and another, a myth. The legend is that in centuries gone by, Myanmar monarchs who had their ornate palaces on the bank of the Ayeyawady indulged in the traditional hair-shampooing ceremony in the great river close to the palaces. The kings, with members of the royal household, accompanied by courtiers, would, while having their hair shampooed, splash the cool river water on each other in frolic and thus enjoy themselves. As time went by, the annual frolic was conducted in the palace grounds and eventually, everyone in the city was allowed to take part in the merrymaking.

The myth is that the Thagyamin, King of the Celestial Beings, had a wager with a Bramah mathematician, and the one who lost would have his head cut off. It so happened that the Bramah lost, but his head was so hot that the King had to entrust it to the custody of celestial maidens who carried it in turn. When the head changed hands, the Thagyamin would come on a sojourn to the Abode of Humans where the holding of the Water Festival went into progress.

Whatever the myth and legend, the term Thingyan literally means transit — in Sanskrit it is sankranta, in Pali it is sankanta — the transit of the Sun to Aries from Pisces. It must here be pointed out that it has little, if anything, to do with religion although the elderly go and stay in the rest houses of the monasteries to take Sabbath and where there are also novitiations and ordinations into the Buddhist Order with due pomp and ceremony on both the rural and urban scenes. In essence, however, these underscore the importance of being aligned with the Order and thus finding better understanding.

For three or four days, according to the prescriptions in the calculations, the revellers — some assuming the role of water-throwers equipped with gear beginning with squirts to heavily pressurized hoses are ready for the big splash and those desirous of being hosed down come by in cars, and trucks. There is much merriment and light banter is exchanged, with mere strangers treating each other as long-lost brothers. The dancing, singing and shouting to the rhythmic thump-thump of tin cans banged against water drums on cars and the amplified Thingyan music at the pandals are all part and parcel of the merriest of the merry-go-round of festivals in Myanmar.

Those who find joy in merriment as has been described above, are, of course, those who belong to the modern set. There are still mandats where ladies fair sprinkle scented water from silver bowls with eugenia leaves, in the best tradition of golden Myanmar, the ancient and modern going side by side. Call it a kaleidoscope if you will, Thingyan, with its variegated sides offers a glimpse of Myanmar's culture.

Come out there and enjoy a "Happy Thingyan".

## ကုသကာကွယ် မူးယစ်အန္တရာယ်

- ၁။ မူးယစ်ဆေးဝါးသုံးစွဲလျှင် အသက်ရှောင် အသားဝါရောဂါ၊ အသည်းခြောက်ရောဂါ၊ အသည့် ကင်ဆာရောဂါ၊ သွေးဆိပ်တက်ခြင်းနှင့် နှလုံးရောဂါ၊ အဆုတ်ရောဂါများ၊ ခွံအားကျဆင်းမှုရောဂါ (AIDS) နှင့်၊ စိတ်ပိုင်းဆိုင်ရာရောဂါများ စသည့်တို့၊ ဖြစ်ပွားနိုင် သည့်အပြင်၊ စီးပွားရေးနှင့် လူမှုရေးများ ထိခိုက်ပျက်ပြားခြင်း၊ ဥပဒေအရ အရေးယူရခြင်းတို့ ဖြစ်နိုင်သည်။
- ၂။ ထို့ကြောင့် အဆိုပါဒုက္ခများမှ ကင်းဝေးစေရန်၊ မူးယစ်ဆေးဝါးကို လုံးဝ ရှောင်ကြဉ်ပါ။
- ၃။ မူးယစ်ဆေးဝါး သုံးစွဲသူများသည် သတ်မှတ်ဆေးရုံများတွင်၊ မှတ်ပုံတင်၍ ဆေးကုသမှုခံယူပါ။

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## People's Desire

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



Deputy Minister for Information U Thein Sein offers provisions to a newly-ordained monk of Printing and Publishing Enterprise. — MNA



Deputy Minister for Information Brig-Gen Aung Thein offers 'soon' to Sayadaws at the ordination ceremony of PPE. — MNA

## PPE holds novitiation and ordination ceremony

YANGON, 10 April — The Printing and Publishing Enterprise under the Ministry of Information held its novitiation and ordination ceremony for the staff families at Yadana Beikman Pariyati Sarthintaik, Ward 5, Mayangon Township, here this morning. The ceremony was attended by Deputy Ministers for Information U Thein Sein and Brig-Gen Aung Thein, departmental heads and their wives, guests and staff families.

First, the ceremony was opened with three-time recitation of *Namo Tassa* and the staff families offers

alms to members of the Sangha.

Next, the congregation received the Five Precepts from Yadana Beikman Pariyati Sarthintaik Sayadaw Agga Maha Saddhamma Jotikadhagja Candobhasa and members of Sangha recited Parita. PPE Managing Director U Myint Thein's wife Daw Kyi Kyi Swe and officials offered alms to members of the Sangha. The congregation shared merits gained. After the ceremony, Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Aung Thein and heads of department offered *Soon* to members of the Sangha. — MNA

## Drug possessors sentenced in Taunggyi, North Okkalapa

YANGON, 10 April — A combined team comprising members of the local intelligence unit, Taunggyi Special Anti-Drug Squad and Taunggyi Police Station, acting on information, searched the house of Ma Hla Hnin at 58/16, Mya Yadana Street, Ye-aye-kwin Ward, Taunggyi, on 30 August 2002 and seized 219.84 grams of heroin and 5,460 stimulant tablets.

Action was taken against Ma Hla Hnin, daughter of U Moe Khaung, under Sections 15/19 (A) of Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.

On 13 February 2004, Taunggyi District Court sentenced Ma Hla Hnin to life sentence under Section 19 (A) of the law.

Similarly, the combined team comprising members of the local intelligence unit and Yangon Special Anti-Drug Squad, acting on a tip-off, searched the house of Win Aye on 10th Thumeikta Street, Ward 1, North Okkalapa Township, on 21 July 2003.

The team seized 203.925 grams of marijuana.

Action was taken against Win Aye, son of U Kyaw Thauung, under Sections 15/19(A) of Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.

On 26 February 2004, sub-District Court-1 sentenced Win Aye to five years' imprisonment under Section 15 and 20 years under Section 19 (A) to serve separately. — MNA

## Field tour made to exploit water resources in Nawngkhio Township

YANGON, 10 April — A group of high-ranking officers of the Ministry of Agriculture & Irrigation headed by Myanma Farms Enterprise Managing Director Col Myint Shwe and comprising Deputy Director-General of Agricultural Mechanization Department Col Kyi Win, Deputy Director-General of the Irrigation Department U Khin Zaw, Deputy Director-General of the Water Resources Utilization Department U Hla Myint Maung and officials made field tour to exploit water resources in Nawngkhio Township in

northern Shan State from 2 to 4 April 2004. The group studied facts on feasibility of exploiting water resources in Bantwe, Hokho and Thayetgon regions there. In Nawngkhio region, virgin and fallow plots are being allotted to private entrepreneurs for growing coffee and macadamia under the sponsorship of the Myanma Farms Enterprise, the Forest department and the Settlement and Land Records Department. The Myanma Agricultural Development Bank is also providing loans to coffee growers. — MNA



Myanma Farms Enterprise Managing Director Col Myint Shwe and party on field tour to exploit water resources in Nawngkhio Township. — MNA

Don't smoke

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



# Russia urges US to halt 'disproportionate' use of force in Iraq

MOSCOW, 9 April—Russia called on US-led forces in Iraq to refrain from "disproportionate" use of force and halt their latest offensive, in one of its toughest statements on Iraq to date.

"Russia calls for an end to military operations and restraint," the foreign ministry said Friday, in one of the staunchest opponents of the US-led war.

The statement followed a week of violence in Iraq that has claimed the lives of dozens of US troops and hundreds of Iraqis.

The ministry said in a

statement the US assault on towns in southern and central Iraq, particularly Fallujah, were causing a humanitarian disaster and the troops had to scale back.

It pointed out that the United Nations Security Council had approved a resolution in May 2003, just weeks after the United States

launched the war, that not only lifted sanctions against Iraq but also forbade Western powers from exercising unreasonable force in their disputed campaign.

Russia expressed particular concern about the situation in Fallujah, which was encircled and bombed by US troops after four civilian contractors were killed and

dragged through the streets by a mob.

"Hospitals, civilian buildings and religious establishments are being attacked. Completely innocent people are being killed as a result, including the elderly, women and children. We have seen hundreds of people wounded," the ministry said.

Moscow said it was "imperative ... to halt the humanitarian catastrophe" afflicting some Iraq cities, and avoid an escalation of conflict.

The Russian statement made no direct appeal to Sunni or Shiite militia to drop their weapons, another apparent sign of increasing frustration with Washington over how it is managing the occupation.

Russia appeared Friday to put all the responsibility on Washington's shoulders, saying the United Nations—where it plays a key role—should not get involved in peace efforts until the United States had security under control.

Internet



An Iraqi girl holding a child walks out of a house being searched by US marines from the First Battalion Fifth Marines in an industrial zone of Fallujah on 9 April, 2004.

INTERNET

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## Two US troops killed, 13 wounded in two attacks in Iraq

WASHINGTON, 10 April—Two US soldiers were killed and 13 wounded in two separate attacks in Iraq, the US Central Command said.

"One 1st Cavalry Division soldier was killed and another was wounded ... when their quick reaction force was targeted by a coordinated attack," the command said in a statement.

"One 13th Corps Support Command soldier is dead and 12 are injured as a result of an attack on their convoy," which occurred near the Baghdad International Airport, the statement said.

The US-led occupation of Iraq meanwhile sank deeper in turmoil on the anniversary of Saddam Hussein's ouster as its forces pressed a drive against insurgents in the besieged town of Fallujah after seeking to arrange talks.

The coalition scrambled to shore up control of cities in central and southern Iraq, while insurgents held at least six foreign hostages as bargaining chips.—Internet

## Koizumi sees Japan facing 1st terrorist threat in Iraq

TOKYO, 10 April — Japanese Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi indicated Thursday that Japan is facing its first terrorist threat in Iraq, saying explosions Wednesday around a Japanese camp in Samawah could be an attack aimed at it.

Amid speculation that the incident may force Japan's Ground Self-Defence Force (GSDF) to review its reconstruction assistance there due to security, Chief Cabinet Secretary Yasuo Fukuda denied Japan will scale down the size of its deployment.

Koizumi told reporters, "I think this incident is part of the terrorists' intimidation efforts," referring to the blasts that occurred near the camp for members of the GSDF.

"Terrorists aim to throw the situation into confusion at all costs. They want to see the Self-Defence Forces (SDF) pulling out soon and want to drive the United States and British forces out," he said.

The Japanese Government has been trying to determine if the SDF camp was really targeted since it learned about the apparent attack early Thursday.

Fukuda denied the government will review the size of the GSDF contingents in Samawah, telling a Press conference later Thursday, "We have yet to come up with anything to do under the current situation."

Fukuda also said there is no change in the government's interpretation that Samawah is still in a noncombat zone, a legal requirement for the SDF dispatch under Japan's war-renouncing Constitution.

In Samawah, explosions were heard near the camp in what may have been the first attack aimed at Japanese troops, *Kyodo News* reported.

Two marks indicating mortar shells or rockets had hit the ground were also found about 300 metres north of the camp, *Kyodo* said.—MNA/Xinhua

## US military deaths in Iraq climbs to 649

BAGHDAD, 9 April—As of Friday, April 9, 2004, 649 US service members have died since the beginning of military operations in Iraq last year, according to the Department of Defence. Of those, 455 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; Thailand, two; Denmark, El Salvador, Estonia and Poland have reported one each.

Since May 1, when President Bush declared that major combat operations in Iraq had ended, 511 US soldiers have died—346 as a result of hostile action and 165 of non-hostile causes, according to the military.

The latest deaths reported by the military:

-A 1st Cavalry Division soldier died Friday in an attack in Taji, Iraq.

-A 13th Corps Support Command soldier died Friday in an attack near Baghdad International Airport.

-Three Marines with the First Marine Expeditionary Force died Thursday in an attack in Anbar province.

The latest identifications reported by the military:

-Marine Capt Brent L Morel, 27, Martin, Tenn; died Wednesday in fighting in Anbar province; assigned to 1st Reconnaissance Battalion, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, Calif.

-Army Sgt 1st Class Marvin L Miller, 38, Dunn,

NC; died Wednesday in Balad, Iraq, when he was shot while on traffic control duty; assigned to 1st Squadron, 4th US Cavalry, 1st Infantry Division, Schweinfurt, Germany.

-Army Sgt 1st Class William W Labadie Jr, 45, Bauxite, Ark, died Wednesday in Baghdad when his camp was attacked; assigned to Army National Guards Troop E(-), 151st Cavalry Squadron, 39th Infantry Brigade, 1st Cavalry Division, from Marianna, Ark.

-Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Fernando A Mendezaceves, 27, Ponce,

Puerto Rico, died Tuesday in fighting in Anbar province; assigned to the Naval Medical Center San Diego, First Marine Division Detachment, San Diego.

-Army Sgt Lee D Todacheene, 29, Farmington, NM, died Tuesday in Balad when mortar fire hit his guard post; assigned to 1st Battalion, 77th Armoured Regiment, 1st Infantry Division, Schweinfurt, Germany.—Internet

## Lebanon's top cleric blasts US "massacres" in Iraq

BEIRUT, 10 April—Lebanon's top Shiite cleric compared the US-led occupation of Iraq to that of Israel in Palestinian territories, and said on Friday the excessive use of force against Iraqi rebels would only fuel anti-US sentiment.

"The bloody scene of savage Israeli crimes against the Palestinian people... is being replayed in the shape of savage American massacres against the Iraqi people," Grand Ayatollah Mohammad Hussein Fadlallah said in a sermon in Beirut.

"If the Palestinians are fighting in Palestine in response to occupation and its massacres, the Iraqi people—in recent events—is also fighting as a reaction to occupation and its massacres," he said.

US-led forces are battling Sunni Muslim guerrillas west of Baghdad and a Shiite uprising in central and southern Iraq. Hundreds of Iraqis, including many civilians, and more

than 40 foreign soldiers have been killed in the violence in the past week. Fadlallah, who is widely respected among Shiite Muslims around the world, stopped short of voicing support to Moqtada al-Sadr, a firebrand Shiite cleric whose supporters took up arms against occupation forces in Iraq.

But he was very critical of US policy in Iraq, a year after the toppling of Saddam Hussein. "If the Americans speak of liberating the Iraqi people and spreading freedom and democracy among their ranks, the question is: Is this the way you convince the Iraqi people of American-style democracy?"

MNA/Reuters



A US soldier guards Mosul's city hall after nightfall on 9 April, 2004 following a clash earlier in the day that killed three Iraqis.

INTERNET

## Blasts heard from near US-led authority HQs in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 9 April—Explosions sounded across central Baghdad on Thursday, and police said they had come from inside the "Green Zone" where the US-led administration in Iraq has its headquarters.

"Those were not controlled explosions. We are checking on them," a US military spokeswoman said.

Earlier on Thursday, two bombs were found and defused inside the heavily fortified Green Zone, soldiers at the scene said.

The soldiers said the "improvised explosive devices" were found on Thursday morning.

The sprawling Green Zone area includes several buildings and offices, including one of the palaces of the toppled Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein.

Everybody coming in and out of the Green Zone at official entry points is searched at checkpoints and has their bags checked. US soldiers regularly patrol the area.

MNA/Reuters

## First Honduran serviceman wounded in Iraq

MANAGUA, 9 April—The Honduran military contingent deployed in Iraq suffered its first victim when a military officer was wounded in mortar attacks, the Honduran Armed Forces said Thursday.

Lieutenant Marco Antonio Reyes was injured in the arm and foot Wednesday when a Honduran patrol was attacked by mortars in the Shiite holy city of Najaf. But his injury was not serious, according to reports from the Honduran capital Tegucigalpa.

The 370-strong Honduran contingent sent last February to contribute to the US-led multinational forces in Iraq was safe in the Najaf base, a spokesman of the Honduran Armed Forces was quoted as saying.

MNA/Xinhua

## Polish DM says Iraq situation at critical time

WARSAW, 10 April — Polish Defence Minister Jerzy Szmajdzinski said Thursday that the situation in Iraq is very complicated at the moment as various parties are scrambling for power.

He made the remarks in the wake of an overnight exchange of fire between the Polish and Bulgarian soldiers and the Shiite Muslims who attacked them near the city hall in the Iraqi city of Karbala.

The attacks began about 11 p.m. Wednesday and continued until nearly sunrise. Coalition forces suffered no casualties but killed nine attackers and wounded an estimated 20 others, according to the spokesman for the Polish troops in Iraq, Lieutenant-Colonel Robert Strzelecki.

In an interview with TVN24 television, the Polish Defence Minister raised doubts that a military solution in Iraq was possible and called for a bigger role for the Iraqi police.

He added however that so far it is too early to come to the conclusion that the coalition forces have lost control of the situation in Iraq.

The Polish official said that Poland pledges its help for the Iraqis to establish as soon as possible an interim government to make them take responsibility for their own country.

The commander of the Polish force in Iraq had vowed to do his utmost to ensure the safety of the Polish soldiers in the face of the critical conditions of Iraq, said the minister.

According to the Polish news agency PAP, the Shiite militia of radical cleric Moqtada Sadr had issued an ultimatum Thursday for occupation forces under Polish command to quit Karbala where a major religious celebration is scheduled for this weekend.

Poland commands a 9,000-strong international force in southern Iraq, which includes Bulgarian troops.

MNA/Xinhua



US Marines search Iraqi men at a checkpoint on the road to Fallujah, Iraq, on Thursday, 8 April, 2004. — INTERNET

## Kerry says Bush makes US job in Iraq "lot tougher"

CHICAGO, 10 April—Democratic presidential candidate John Kerry said on Friday that the ideology and arrogance of the Bush Administration had created gridlock in Iraq that made it "a lot tougher" for the United States to succeed there.

On a campaign swing through industrial states that have suffered significant job losses on Bush's watch, Kerry sought to focus on his economic agenda. But for the second consecutive day, he was sidetracked by questions about the deteriorating situation in Iraq.

"This administration has been gridlocked by its own ideology and its own arrogance," Kerry told about two dozen Democratic donors at a breakfast meeting. "Yes, we can succeed but, boy I tell you, it's a lot tougher".

The presumptive Democratic presidential nominee said President George W Bush should admit the conduct of the war in Iraq and the country's subsequent reconstruction "is more complicated than they thought it was".

Critics have complained that Bush rushed into war with Iraq on the advice of hawks in his administration like Vice-President Dick Cheney, Defence Secretary Donald Rumsfeld and his deputy, Paul

Wolfowitz, and without a realistic plan for its aftermath. Kerry said Bush had failed to minimize the risk for US soldiers in Iraq as well as the cost to taxpayers.

"This administration has stubbornly refused to involve other countries in the real decision-making," the senator from Massachusetts said. "I think this is a failure of diplomacy, a failure of foreign policy, a failure of creative leadership."

Bush campaign spokeswoman Nicole Devenish called Kerry's criticisms a "political calculation" and "personal attacks against the president and our allies who are standing strong against global terror".

Kerry said the United States now had three options in Iraq. The first—to continue along the same lines—would mean American troops would remain exposed, taxpayers would bear billions of dollars in costs and "we will go down a very dangerous road where the outcome is very difficult".

MNA/Reuters

## Briton killed in Iraq

LONDON, 10 April — A British man working for a US security company in Iraq has been shot dead, the Foreign Office and relatives said on Friday.

"A Briton has been killed in Iraq. I can confirm his name is Michael Bloss," the spokeswoman told Reuters.

Bloss, 38, was working for Virginia-based security firm Custer Battles. The company said he was guarding electrical contractors in the town of Hit, about 120 miles west of Baghdad, when the group was ambushed.

His father, Peter, told BBC Radio News that his son had moved the electrical contractors to safety on Thursday but was then shot himself. "Michael was killed as a result of an ambush near the town of Hit, while successfully protecting contractors involved in the reconstruction effort," Custer

Battles said in a statement.

A company spokeswoman called his death "a tragic loss" and said the firm sent its condolences to his family and friends. Bloss said he had not been told who had shot Michael but he assumed it was "rebels". Michael Bloss, from Bridgend in South Wales, was a former soldier who had served with the Parachute Regiment.

He had been working as a ski instructor in Colorado before he left for Iraq. A former colleague told the BBC that Bloss had sent e-mails from Iraq that recounted the increasing dangers he faced.— MNA/Reuters

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## Two US troops, civilians missing in Iraq

WASHINGTON, 10 April—Two American troops and an unknown number of civilian contractors are missing in Iraq after an attack on a fuel convoy west of Baghdad, a Defence Department official said on Friday.

"We do have the two US service members unaccounted for, and an unknown number of contractors," said the official, who spoke on condition of anonymity.

No other details of those missing were immediately available.

Witnesses at the scene of the convoy attack said at least nine people were killed. Several vehicles were ablaze and overturned.

A Reuters photographer on the scene said the convoy included US military vehicles and fuel tankers.

Friday marked the first anniversary of the fall of Saddam Hussein after the US-led invasion of Iraq. The country was in turmoil as Sunni and Shi'ite rebels battled US forces and held three Japanese and several other foreign hostages.

In the past week, at least 51 American and allied soldiers and hundreds of Iraqis have been killed in the fighting.

Internet

## Doctor claims Fallujah fighting kills at least 280 Iraqis

FALLUJAH (Iraq), 9 April—Between 280 to 300 Iraqis have been killed and at least 400 wounded in fighting this week as US Marines mounted a major mission to root out guerillas in Fallujah, the director of the main hospital, Rafi Hayat, said on Thursday.

Fierce fighting has raged in Fallujah all week as US Marines launched "Operation Iron Resolve", which followed the killing and mutilation of four US private security guards in the town last week.

Fighting has also raged in the nearby Sunni Muslim city of Ramadi, where 12 Marines were killed this week.

MNA/Reuters

## New Iraqi Interior Minister, Security Chief named

BAGHDAD, 10 April — US Governor of Iraq Paul Bremer appointed a new Iraqi interior minister on Friday and appointed a Governing Council member to the new position of national security adviser.

Bremer said Samir Sumaidy, a Sunni Muslim political independent on the Governing Council, had been appointed Interior Minister, replacing Nouri Badran, a Shi'ite, who resigned on Thursday.

Bremer also said that Mowaffaq al-Rubaie, a Shi'ite independent on the Governing Council, would take on the newly created national security adviser role.

MNA/Reuters



Activists in Tokyo hold candles while marching to the Prime Minister's Office Friday night, demanding the withdrawal of Japan's troops from Iraq, after an armed group took three Japanese civilians hostage. — INTERNET



# Iraqis march to bring supplies to besieged Fallujah

BAGHDAD, 9 April — Thousands of Iraqis backed by dozens of cars marched Thursday towards the city of Fallujah which has been sieged by US Marines.

Sunni and Shiite Muslims gathered at UM Al Qura mosque in west of Baghdad, in response to a statement issued by the Association of Muslim Clerics in which it urged all Iraqis to march and carry supplies of food, medicine and blood to residents of Fallujah.

Dozens of Iraqi civilians have been killed or injured

since US Marines launched a military operation to crack-down guerillas in the restive city four days ago.

The marchers chanted "No Sunnis, no Shiites, yes for Islamic unity. We are Sunni and Shiite brothers and will never sell our country," they chanted.

Sheikh Ahmed Abdul Ghafur al Samarai, the

mosque's imam and a member of the Association of Muslim Clerics, told reporters that "people of Baghdad decided to send 90 cars with food, medicines and blood donated by people to Fallujah families."

"We want to express solidarity with our brothers in Fallujah who are being sieged and bombed by US

warplanes and tanks," he said.

Al Samarai denounced the mutilation of four bodies of American contractors killed in Fallujah last week in an incident that ignited US outrage, but said US troops "are doing the same thing by mutilating the residential neighbourhoods".

The city is suffering from acute shortage in medicine and because of the fierce battle, wounded people cannot reach the field hospital erected temporarily by local doctors in the city centre. Some wounded were bleeding to death.

MNA/Xinhua

## Hamas chief hails Iraqi fight against "US terror"

GAZA, 9 April — A leader of the Palestinian militant group Hamas urged Iraqi guerillas on Thursday to fight American troops in Iraq until they achieved victory over "US terrorism".

"We are with you as you fight the enemies of Islam. You will achieve victory against US terrorism," Abdel-Aziz Rantissi told a rally in Gaza City, where Hamas activists burned an effigy of US President George W Bush.

At least 3,000 Hamas supporters attended the rally to hear Rantissi, appointed leader of the group in the Gaza Strip following Israel's March 22 assassination of Sheikh Ahmed Yassin.

Rantissi said Hamas stood beside the Iraqi people and praised Shiite Muslim cleric Moqtada al-Sadr, whose militia have engaged US forces.

"I want to greet Sheikh Moqtada al-Sadr and tell him we are with you. In Hamas we support you," said Rantissi, whose movement is on the US State Department's list of terrorist organizations.

MNA/Reuters

## Saudi al-Qaeda man calls for killing Americans

DUBAI, 9 April — One of Saudi Arabia's most wanted al-Qaeda militants has called on Muslims to kill Americans everywhere and vowed attacks against Arab leaders allied to Washington, according to a video carried on an Islamist web site.

A masked man identified as Abdulaziz al-Muqrin in a video on the Dirasat web site said Americans had yet to feel the "real fires of battle". In an apparent reference to a guerilla uprising in Iraq, he said Washington faced another Vietnam.

"O Mujahedin, fight the Americans everywhere and fight the Americans with all your might and capabilities. Terrorize them as they have terrorized your brothers," the man said.

There was no independent confirmation of the identity of the figure whose brown cloth mask obscured all but his eyes.

"O Mujahedin this is your day, your

jihad, and this is your enemy occupying your land, turning it into bases to fight Islam and Muslims, and controlling apostate agents. So fight them until...you only see blood and body parts as they have done to your brothers in Palestine, Afghanistan and Iraq in their battles in the Muslim peninsula," the man said.

The web site has in the past carried statements purporting to be from Saudi-born al-Qaeda leader Osama bin Laden, widely believed to be behind September 11 attacks on the United States, and other officials of the militant network.

MNA/Reuters

## China becomes more skilled with int'l trade rules, foreign businessmen

BEIJING, 9 April — China passed an amendment to the Foreign Trade Law on Thursday, indicating another step in improving property rights protection.

The draft amendment to the Chinese Foreign Trade Law, submitted for deliberation for the third time, was passed by a unanimous vote at the Eighth Meeting of the 10th National People's Congress (NPC) Standing Committee closed Tuesday.

Eddy Chan, vice-president of Fedex China region, said by the new law, China has turned the rules of the World Trade Organization into part of domestic law.

Intellectual property protection in China is one of the major issues that foreigners are concerned about and many foreign companies have also filed lawsuits against Chinese companies. However, little attention has been paid to Chinese intellectual property rights

infringed upon abroad.

The revised law has added clauses on protecting intellectual property rights in trade, which is common in many countries' business law, aiming to protect the rights of both domestic and foreign property owners.

Wilson Kwok, of the Canadian Business Company said China will protect its legal rights. The revised law also added clauses concerning how to maintain fair trade and how to exert trade relief, so that the domestic foreign trade conductors could utilize anti-subsidy and anti-dumping means under the WTO framework to safeguard their own justified interests in international trade affairs. — MNA/Xinhua



US troops pass a damaged truck after it was attacked in the Baghdad suburb of Abu Ghraib, on 9 April, 2004. — INTERNET

## ASEAN must work together to deal with challenges

SINGAPORE, 9 April — Singapore Deputy Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong urged the Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN) to broaden and deepen economic cooperation in a bid to deal with tougher competition from globalization.

Speaking at the opening ceremony of the 8th ASEAN Finance Ministers Meeting here on Wednesday, Lee, who is also Singapore's Finance Minister, said that the world today is even more globalized than decades ago, and globalization has presented many challenges to ASEAN, but it has also created many opportunities.

Lee stressed that ASEAN is determined to overcome the challenges, and embrace globalization to benefit the lives of their people.

He cited the rise of the economies of China and India, saying that ASEAN can benefit tremendously from the rise of the two large neighbours by trading with them, investing in them, and attracting investments and tourists from them.

He called for more cooperation with the two Asian giants and further integrating economies of the ASEAN member states.

Lee noted that bilaterally, individual ASEAN countries are already increasing their economic links with China and India, but ASEAN should complement these individual efforts with combined ones, either several ASEAN countries which are ready proceeding first, or the whole of ASEAN working together as a group.

"We are negotiating a Free Trade Agree-

ment with China, and targeting to conclude the goods chapter by middle of this year. By 2010, we should have a Free Trade Agreement between China and the original six ASEAN countries. By 2015, all ten ASEAN members will be included," the Deputy Premier said.

Lee stressed the need of deeper integration of ASEAN economies, saying that integrating ASEAN economies requires hard work, political will and tough decisions.

Ten Finance Ministers from ASEAN member states are in Singapore to attend the one-day meeting, which will issue a joint statement later in the day.

MNA/Xinhua

## Indonesia's economic growth to beat target

JAKARTA, 9 April — The governor of Indonesia's central bank, Burhanuddin Abdullah, said here Thursday that he is optimistic that the economic growth would outreach the target in 2004.

The governor of the Bank of Indonesia (BI) noted that as the target of economic growth in the white paper was set between 4.5 per cent to 5 per cent this year, it grew by 4.8 per cent in the first quarter of this year.

MNA/Xinhua



Iraqi youths hold a US military uniform near a convoy of burning fuel trucks after they were attacked in the Baghdad suburb of Abu Ghraib on 9 April, 2004. — INTERNET

# AL chief urges coalition forces in Iraq to respect int'l law

CAIRO, 9 April— Arab League (AL) Secretary-General Amr Moussa on Thursday called on the US-led coalition forces in Iraq to respect international law amid escalating armed clashes between guerillas and the occupation troops.

"We are all concerned over the bloody developments in Iraq," Moussa was quoted by the official *MENA* news agency as saying.

"We, accordingly, demand a condemnation of such painful measures against the civilians and respect for international law in Iraq," he said.

The AL chief called for putting an end to the suffering of the Iraqi people and

ending the destruction and siege imposed on the country as soon as possible, the report said. An Arab silence regarding what is going on in Iraq would be very dangerous and unacceptable, Moussa warned, vowing that the pan-Arab organization will take steps to play a role.

"We will not stay quiet amid this extremely dangerous situation. The condition

in Iraq has reached an unacceptable level," he said.

"The Arab League will do everything it can to help," Moussa added, noting that he had phoned UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan, Arab and European foreign ministers earlier in the day.

"It is natural that Iraq should restore its sovereignty and that the UN should undertake the main role in han-

dling such a dangerous and unacceptable situation," he said.

Moussa's spokesman, Hossam Zaki, told *MENA* that the AL Secretary General made telephone conversation earlier Thursday with Masoud Barzani, rotating president of the interim Iraqi Governing Council (IGC).

Moussa expressed his deep concern over the rising number of Iraqi civilian casualties and stressed the need to immediately put an end to the bloody incidents, the spokesman said.

For his part, Barzani thanked the Arab League's chief, saying that the IGC was pursuing meetings and contacts to ward off further deterioration, according to the *MENA* report.

MNA/Xinhua

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## Six more US soldiers killed in action in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 10 April— The US military said it had suffered six more combat deaths in Iraq on Wednesday and Thursday, bringing to 449 the number of US soldiers killed in action since the start of the war to oust Saddam Hussein.

In a statement, the military said five more soldiers had been killed in action on Wednesday and Thursday, and added that another soldier had died after being wounded in a bomb attack on 4 April in the northern city of Mosul.

The statement said two Marines had been killed in western Iraq, one on Wednesday and one on Thursday. Marines have been fighting heavy battles to try to pacify the cities of Fallujah and Ramadi in western Iraq.

It said a US soldier was killed in a rocket attack on a camp just north of Baghdad on Wednesday evening, and another was killed in a gun attack on a checkpoint in Samarra, also north of Baghdad, later that day.

On Thursday morning, a US 1st Infantry Division soldier was killed by an attack involving a roadside bomb, a rocket-propelled grenade and small arms fire north of Baghdad, the statement said.

It said a soldier had also died on Thursday from wounds suffered in a roadside bomb attack last Sunday on a convoy in the northern city of Mosul. — MNA/Reuters



US soldiers carry a colleague from the scene of an attack on their convoy in Fallujah, Iraq, in this image made from video on 8 April, 2004.—INTERNET

## Three Spanish soldiers wounded in Iraq

MADRID, 10 April— Three Spanish soldiers were wounded Thursday night in an ambush in the northern Iraqi town of Diwaniyah, the Spanish Defence Ministry said.

A Spanish patrol was attacked by members of the self-claimed Al Mahdi Army when crossing a bridge in Diwaniyah, the headquarters of the 1,300-strong Spanish troops stationed in Iraq, a statement of the Defence Ministry said.

The Spaniards of the II Plus Ultra Brigade "were doing a foot journey, escorted by a BMR armoured vehicle against which two rocket propelled grenades were launched," said the statement. A captain and two soldiers were wounded.

The three were taken to the Advanced Medical Echelon (EMAT) of the Spanish base in Diwaniyah. One was hit in his left eye and other two in the neck, but none of the injuries was life-threatening, according to doctors.

Spain's Prime Minister-elect Jose Luis Rodriguez Zapatero has pledged to withdraw the Spanish contingent from Iraq before June 30 if the United Nations does not take charge from the US-led coalition authorities in the war-devastated country. — MNA/Xinhua

## Iraqi guerillas say seize six foreigners

ABU GHRAIB (Iraq), 10 April— Iraqi guerillas said they had seized four Italians and two Americans on the western outskirts of Baghdad on Friday.

A *Reuters* journalist saw two captive foreigners, said by the guerillas to be Italians, being hauled into a mosque in a village in the Abu Ghraib District.

One was wounded in the left shoulder, apparently from a gunshot. Both were weeping. They were wearing close-fitting dark blue T-shirts.

The men called out "Italians, Italians" as they were hauled into the mosque by Sunni guerillas.

The men were muscular with dark hair and looked European. The *Reuters* journalist only saw two of them, but the guerillas said they took four. The abductors said the captured men had been well armed, and that a sniper rifle and other weapons had been found in their vehicle.

The guerillas, many of them masked, said they had seized the men after stopping their vehicle on a road near Abu Ghraib.

Other militants among the group of 30-40 said they had earlier taken two others who they said were Americans.

The mosque was heavily guarded by about 40 men armed with rocket-propelled grenades, AK-47 assault rifles and other weapons. Most of them were wearing masks on their faces.

Italy's ambassador in Iraq and Italian military authorities said they had no information about any Italians being abducted. US military authorities did not immediately have any information about any of their personnel being seized.

US soldiers in a tank in the area near the village of al-Dhahab al-Abyad said they knew some Americans and other foreigners had been taken hostage, but had no details.

"That's why we are sealing off the road," said one soldier.—MNA/Reuters

## Contractors struggle with new Iraqi violence

WASHINGTON, 10 April — Faced with a mounting threat of targeted attacks and hostage-taking, many foreign contractors in Iraq said on Thursday they were struggling to get on with their work as "no-go" areas expanded.

Publicly, most contractors repeat US Government statements that billions of dollars in reconstruction work is going ahead as planned. But privately they said work is being seriously affected by the surge in violence that has targeted foreign civilians as well as US forces.

"It's a daily, often hourly, assessment in terms of where we can and can't go," said one major contractor, who asked not to be identified for fear of making their staff a target.

Contractors are taking extraordinary security measures, keeping only essential staff in the country, taking advantage of video conferencing instead of direct meetings that involve travel, and transferring more work to Iraqi staffers.

"Obviously it's intense and we are taking all the prudent security measures. It's definitely having an impact on our work," said one contractor, adding that most of its employees were living in heavily fortified housing.

Contractors stressed that not all of Iraq is affected and work is going on in many areas, although at a slower pace.

San Francisco engineering giant Bechtel, which has worked in many of the world's trouble spots, said its work was going ahead as planned.

"We knew it would be a challenging environment and we are taking appropriate measures to ensure the safety of our personnel," said Bechtel spokeswoman Allison Abbott.

American and a couple of British firms make up the bulk of prime contractors but sub-contractors comprise many nationalities, from Korean and Japanese to Saudi companies.

Civilians working in Iraq have become targets and last week four security contractors were killed and their mutilated bodies dragged through Fallujah. A British civilian was kidnapped this week in the southern Iraqi town of Nassiriya and three Japanese were taken hostage.—MNA/Reuters

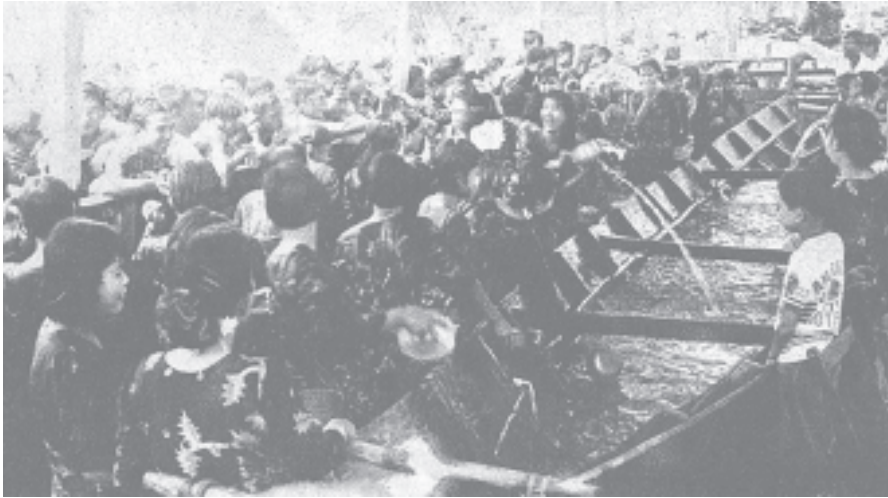


US Army troops guard a government building in the impoverished Baghdad suburb of Al Sadr City on 8 April, 2004.—INTERNET



# Unprecedented style Rakhine Thingyan to be held at Theinbyu-kwin

Aung Shwe Oo



Rakhine nationals joyfully participating in the Rakhine Traditional Thingyan Festival.

Rakhines are lovers of custom and traditions. They cherish their social and cultural values so that those of the alien would never be able to taint them.

There are seven states and seven divisions in our Union. Though the name of the nationality concerned is prefixed in the name of respective states, in all the states and divisions different races of the soil reside. Though some races have been the natives of the locality from time immemorial, most of the races no longer count the place of birth as a serious question. With infrastructural development, business and commercial intercourse has become a determining factor for the quality of life of citizens as a whole.

Look Yangon! It is a place of union of unions, state of states and division of divisions. All races of the land in relatively more or less number reside in

Yangon. Rakhines can be seen or met in all townships of Yangon City, Yangon Division.

Since long time ago, Rakhine Water Festival has been popular in Yangon. Rakhine Water Festival pandals have to be built in time to be used during Thingyan day. Rakhines who are living in Yangon have no room for nostalgia in Thingyan season, as every possible facility could be afforded in Yangon. Young men would roam from one township to another to find Rakhine Water Festival pandals. Mostly, Rakhine damsels would be waiting at their respective pandals to accept challenge of water throwing from the members of their opposite gender. Rakhine mandats or pandals are normally supervised by elderly ladies committee wise. The procedure is highly disciplined. Water throwing is based on the style of single combat.

The current Rakhine Thingyan in Yangon is unprecedented as full cooperation is given by Yangon City Development Committee.

The whole Theinbyu-kwin, just a small distance from the throbbing heart of the city, measures 480 feet by 350 feet.

Seven big pandals have been built to accommodate makeshift dugout boats. At each pandal about 50 damsels in uniform will be ready to engage in water throwing, called playing of water.

Each pandal has a name chosen to represent their symbol or township in Rakhine State. Look, and behold! How beautiful are their names: Myat Pann Thazin of Rakhine Women Association, Rakhine Tazaung of Mrauk-U township, May-yu Pyo Phyu of Maungdaw township, Uritmye of Ponnagyun township, Roma Runtwe of

Rakhine youths, Roma Nadi of Taungup and An townships and Rakhine-thu, specially slated for honourable guests.

The opening ceremony held under the auspices of Rakhine Literary and Culture Association will commence at 0830-0900 on April 13. Invitees will be entertained to traditional Rakhine music and dance while Rakhine traditional eatables will be served at the ceremony. Until last day of Thingyan, shops that sell Rakhine vermicelli, Rakhine Montdi and various traditional sweetmeats some of which are on the verge of oblivion will be open at the Theinpyu-kwin so that participants and supporters may be able to save time and motion. Donations will be accepted at the gates so that expenses incurred will be defrayed without much difficulty.

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သို့ဖြစ်ပါ၍ အပူဒဏ်ကြောင့် မလျော့အပ်သောအကျိုး ဆက်များ မဖြစ်ပေါ်စေရန် အောက်ပါအချက်အလက်များကို လိုက်နာ ကြပါရန် နှိုးဆော်အပ်ပါသည်။

- (၁) နံနက် (၁၀)နာရီမှ ညနေ (၅)နာရီအတွင်း လွင်တီး ခေါင်ပြင်း၊ ဖြစ်ကမ်းနား၊ ရေဆီပ်စသည်တို့တွင် ရေချိုးခြင်းမှ ရှောင်ကြဉ်၍ အရိပ်ရ အေးမြသောနေရာများတွင် နေပါ။
- (၂) နေပူထဲမှပြန်လာပြီး ချက်ချင်းရေချိုးခြင်းမှ ရှောင်ကြဉ်ပါ။
- (၃) နေပူထဲတွင်ပြင်းထန်သောကိုယ်လက်လှုပ်ရှားမှုများ မပြုလုပ်သင့်ပါ။
- (၄) အရက်သောက်ခြင်းသည် အပူဒဏ်အန္တရာယ် ကို ဖြစ်ပေါ်လွယ်စေခြင်းနှင့် ဖြစ်ပွားပါက ပြင်းထန်စွာ ခံစားရခြင်းကြောင့် ရှောင်ကြဉ်သင့်ပါသည်။

(၅) နေ့ခင်းဘက် အပြင်ထွက်သည့်အခါတိုင်း အရိပ် လုံလောက်စွာ ရရှိနိုင်သည့် ထီး၊ ဦးထုပ်များ ဆောင်းပါ။

(၆) အလင်းရောင်ပြန်သော အဖြူရောင် သို့မဟုတ် အရောင်ဖျော့ဖျော့ အဝတ်အထည်များကို ဝတ်ဆင်ပါ။

(၇) ပွပူချောင်ချောင် ချည်ထည်များကို ဝတ်ဆင်ပါ။

(၈) ရွှေ့ထွက်လွန်ပါက ကိုယ်တွင်းရှိရေနှင့်ဓာတ်ဆားဆုံးရှုံးမှုကို ပြန်လည်ဖြည့်တင်းနိုင်ရန် ဓာတ်ဆားရည်သောက်ပါ။

(၉) ကိုယ်အပူရှိန်တက်ပါက ရေအေးဖတ်နိုင်ရန်တိုက်ပါ။

(၁၀) ဆီချောင်း၊ နုလုံးရောင်၊ သွေးတိုးရောင်၊ အခဲရှိသူများ၊ ကလေးသူငယ်များနှင့် သက်ကြီးရွယ်အိုများ အနေဖြင့် နေ့လယ်နေ့ခင်းတွင် အရိပ်ရ၍ လေဝင်လေထွက်ကောင်းသော နေရာမျိုး၌ နားနေပါ။

(၁၁) မိတ်ဖု၊ ယားနားများထွက်ပါက ရေအေးဝတ်တံဖြင့်၊ သနပ်ခါး လိမ်းခြင်းတို့ကို ပြုလုပ်ပါ။

(၁၂) အပူဒဏ်ကြောင့် ပင်ပန်းနှစ်နပ်ခြင်း၊ ကိုယ်အပူရှိန်တက်ခြင်း၊ သတိလစ်ခြင်းနှင့် အတက်ရောဂါဖြစ်ပါက နီးစပ်ရာ ကျန်းမာရေးဌာနတွင် ပြသပါ။

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## သတိပေးနှိုးဆော်ချက်

ရန်ကုန်မြို့တော် စည်ပင်သာယာနယ်နိမိတ်အတွင်း ခရီးသည် တင်ယာဉ်(ဘတ်စ်ကာ)များအား ထိရောက်စွာအရေးယူဆောင်ရွက် ခဲ့သဖြင့် ယာဉ်တိုက်မှု၊ ယာဉ်တိုက်မှုမှတ်တမ်းများ လျော့နည်း ကျဆင်းသွားသည်ကို တွေ့ရှိရပါသည်။ ယခုအခါတွင် ဌာနဆိုင်ရာ ယာဉ်များနှင့် တက္ကသိုလ်များ၊ ယာဉ်များ၊ ယာဉ်တိုက်မှုများ လျော့နည်း ကျဆင်းလာသည်ကို တွေ့ရှိရပါသည်။ ကိုယ်ပိုင်ယာဉ် များမှာမူ ယာဉ်တိုက်မှု လျော့နည်းကျဆင်းလာမှု မရှိသေးကြောင်း တွေ့ရှိရပါသဖြင့် ယာဉ်တိုက်မှုမဖြစ်အောင် ထိန်းသိမ်း မောင်းနှင်ကြရန်နှင့် ယာဉ်တိုက်မှုဖြစ်ပွားပါက ပြစ်ဒဏ်သတ် မှတ်ချက်များအား မည်သည့်နည်းနှင့်မျှ ကင်းလွတ်ခွင့်ပြုမည် မဟုတ်ကြောင်း သတိပေးနှိုးဆော်အပ်ပါသည်။

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## သတိပြုရန်

- (၁) မြန်မာရိုးရာယဉ်ကျေးမှု မဟာသင်္ကြန်ကာလအတွင်း ယာဉ်မောင်းသူများလိုက်နာရန်
- (က) မူးယစ်သောက်စား၍ယာဉ်မောင်းရ။
- (ခ) အပျော်လွန်ကျူး စည်းကမ်းမဲ့ ပြိုင်/လှမမောင်းရ။
- (ဂ) မော်တော်ယာဉ်၊ မော်တော်ဆိုင်ကယ်များတွင် အိတ်စောပိုက်မြှတ်မမောင်းရ။
- (ဃ) ယာဉ်နံပါတ်ပြာမပါရှိဘဲ မမောင်းရ။
- (င) ယာဉ်နံပါတ်အမှား၊ အခြားယာဉ်နံပါတ်များတင်ခြင်းမပြုရ။
- (စ) ယာဉ်၏ဘေးတစ်ပါးများ၊ နောက်ဖုများဖြတ်၍ မမောင်းရ။
- (ဆ) ယာဉ်မောင်းလှိုင်းစင်း ယာဉ်မှတ်ပုံတင်မပါဘဲ မမောင်းရ။
- (ဇ) ဖျက်သိမ်းယာဉ်အိုး/ဟောင်းများ၊ ပြုပြင်ဆင်ယာဉ်များ မမောင်းရ။
- (ဈ) နိုင်ငံကာလအများ ယာဉ်တွင်တပ်ဆင်၍ မမောင်းရ။
- (ည) ဟွန်းသံကင်းမဲ့မှုများအတွင်း ဟွန်းလုံးဝမတီးရ။
- ၂။ ကျူးလွန်ပါက တည်ဆဲဥပဒေအရ ထိရောက်စွာ အရေးယူမည်။
- ၃။ “သင်ကြောင့် မြန်မာရိုးရာ ယဉ်ကျေးမှု မဟာသင်္ကြန်ကို အကျဉ်းတန် မညစ်နွမ်းပါစေရန်”

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## သတိ

- (၁) လေပေါင်(၁၀၀)မှ(၁၅၀)အထိ အတင်အချပြုလုပ်၍ရသည့် ကွန်ပရက်ဆာပန်များဖြင့် ရေပက်ကစားခြင်းကြောင့်ရေစူးအား ဖြင်းလွန်၍ရေပက်ခံရသူတို့ အသားအရေများပွန်းပဲ့စုတ်ထွက် နိုင်ခြင်း၊ ဖျက်စီး နားများအားထိုးမိပါကမျက်လုံး၊ နားကနဲ နိုင်ခြင်း၊ အန္တရာယ်ဖြစ်စေနိုင်ပါသဖြင့် ရေကစားမဏ္ဍပ်များ၊ ရေပက်ခံကားများတွင် ကွန်ပရက်ဆာပန်များသုံး၍ရေပက်ရန် တားမြစ်ပါသည်။
- (၂) သင်္ကြန်ရေပက်ကစားခြင်းအားသင်္ကြန်ရက်များအတွင်းနေ့စဉ် နံနက်(၇)နာရီမှညနေ(၆)နာရီအတွင်းသာ ရေပက်ကစား ကြရန်နှင့် ည(၆)နာရီနောက်ပိုင်းရေပက်ကစားခြင်းမပြုရန် တားမြစ်ပါသည်။
- (၃) တားမြစ်ချက်အားဖောက်ဖျက်ပါက ထိရောက်စွာအရေးယူ ခံရမည် ဖြစ်ပါသည်။

ရန်ကုန်တိုင်းအေးချမ်းသာယာရေးနှင့်ဖွံ့ဖြိုးရေးကောင်စီ

## မြန်မာယဉ်ကျေးမှုသင်္ကြန်

- \* အမျိုးသားယဉ်ကျေးမှုကို ထိန်းသိမ်းပါ။
- \* သရုပ်ဖော်ယဉ်ကျေးမှုကို ရှောင်ကြဉ်ပါ။
- \* အမျိုးဂုဏ်၊ ဓာတ်ဂုဏ်ကို မြန်မာယဉ်ကျေးမှုသင်္ကြန်ဖြင့် မြှင့်တင်ပါ။

ရန်ကုန်တိုင်းအေးချမ်းသာယာရေးနှင့်ဖွံ့ဖြိုးရေးကောင်စီ

## ရေခဲထုပ်၊ ရေပူဖောင်း၊ ဆပ်ပြာရည်ကပ်စည်းဖြင့်ကစားက

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

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## မြန်မာရိုးရာယဉ်ကျေးမှု မဟာသင်္ကြန်ဆင်နွှဲသူများ လိုက်နာရန် တိုက်တွန်းနှိုးဆော်ချက်

- (က) မြန်မာရိုးရာယဉ်ကျေးမှုလေ့စရိုက်နှင့်ဖီလာဆန်ကျင့်ပြီး မြန်မာလူမျိုးများ၏အမြင်တွင် မတင် တယ်သည့် ဝတ်စားဆင်ယင်မှု၊ ပြုမူပြောဆိုမှုများ မပြုလုပ်ရန်၊
- (ခ) ဗုဒ္ဓဘာသာ ယဉ်ကျေးမှုအဆုံးအမနှင့် ဖီလာဆန်ကျင့်သည့် အပြုအမူ၊ ပြောဆိုမှုများ မပြုလုပ်ရန်၊
- (ဂ) အချင်းချင်းဒဏ်ရာအနာတရဖြစ်စေပြီး အန္တရာယ်ဖြစ်စေသည့် ကြမ်းတမ်းသည့် ရေကစားမှုများ မပြုလုပ်ရန်၊
- (ဃ) တိုင်းရင်းသားစည်းလုံးညီညွတ်မှုကို ဖျက်ပြားစေပြီး ဆူပူမှုကို ဖြစ်စေနိုင်သည့် လူဆောင်ဖန်တီးပြုမူပြောဆို ကြိုးပမ်းမှုများကို မပြုလုပ်ရန်။

မဟာသင်္ကြန်စည်းကမ်းထိန်းသိမ်းရေးကော်မတီ



Senior General Than Shwe inspects progress in construction of PyinOoLwin Pharmaceutical Factory.— MNA



Senior General Than Shwe and party being welcomed at Mandalay International Airport by officials.— MNA



Head of State Senior General Than Shwe hears reports on construction of Anisakhan Airfield by an official.— MNA



Head of State Senior General Than Shwe inspects progress in construction of Anisakhan Airfield in PyinOoLwin Township.— MNA



PyinOoLwin Pharmaceutical Factory.— MNA

## Senior General Than Shwe inspects ...

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Next, Senior General Than Shwe and party inspected Anisakhan Airfield.

Afterwards, Senior General Than Shwe and party proceeded to new PyinOoLwin Pharmaceutical Factory of Myanma Pharmaceutical Industries under the Ministry of Industry-1.

At the briefing hall, Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thaung reported on the purposes of construction of the factory, area of the factory project, already completed buildings and machines imported.

In response to the report, Senior General Than Shwe gave guidance, saying that integrated and well-coordinated efforts are to be made for production of potent and widely used medicines lesser-known medicines should not be produced any longer; and efforts are to be made to run the factory on self-reliant basis; that it is required to conduct research to be able to produce raw materials.

Next, Senior General Than Shwe and party inspected progress in construction of the factory. The construction of new PyinOoLwin Pharmaceutical Factory will contribute much towards speedy distribution of medicines to upper and central regions of Myanmar and reduce the import of medicines.—MNA

### Yangon Command MCWA opens Tailoring Course

YANGON, 10 April— The opening ceremony of Tailoring Course No 2/2004 organized by Yangon Command Maternal and Child Welfare Association was held at the hall of Yangon Command this morning.

It was attended by Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Chairman Yangon Command Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe and wife Patron of Yangon Division Supervisory Committee for MCWA

Daw Khin Thet Htay. The commander accepted donations for the Yangon Command MCWA from wellwishers.

The eighth-week course is being attended by 45 trainees.

MNA

### Tree planting ceremony held at Yangon Station

YANGON, 10 April— The tree planting ceremony of Yangon Station was held at the local battalion in South Okkalapa Township this morning, attended by Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe. At the ceremony, the commander made a speech. No 4 Military Region Commander Yangon Station Commander Brig-Gen Myo Myint reported on arrangements to be made for growing saplings at the regiments and units. Next, the commander and officials sowed seeds of perennial trees in the small bags. Afterwards, the commander planted a teak sapling. Yangon Station will grow 64,724 saplings in the tree planting ceremony. — MNA



## Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt hoists htidaw atop Maha Thuwunna Pathada Gandakuti Kyaungdawgyi

YANGON, 10 April — Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt, accompanied by member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than, ministers, deputy ministers, officials of the State Peace and Development Council Office, departmental heads and officials, left here by air and arrived at Sittway in Rakhine State yesterday morning. They were welcomed there by Rakhine State Peace and Development Council Chairman Western Command Commander Maj-Gen Maung Oo, Deputy Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Brig-Gen Khin Maung, military and civil officials and members of social organizations. Together with the commander, the Prime Minister and party helicoptered to the Buddha's Footprint on Moese Island in Yathedaung Township. The hoisting of Htidaw (tiered and ornamented finial), Hngetmyatnadaw (Vane) and Seinbudaw (Diamond Orb) atop Maha Thuwunna Pathada Gandakuti Kyaungdawgyi and the Bronze Pythada prayer hall of the Buddha's Footprint was held at the Kyaungdawgyi, attended by Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt.

The ceremony was graced by Presiding Nayaka of Alodawpyi monasteries Agga Maha Pandita Agga Maha Saddhamma Jotikadhaja Alodawpyi Sayadaw Bhaddanta Ariyavamsa and members of the Sangha.

Also present on the occasion were Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than, Commander Maj-Gen Maung Oo, the ministers, the deputy ministers, officials, departmental heads, local authorities, wellwishers and local people.

The General paid reverence to the Buddha Footprint. Chairman of Rakhine State Sangha Nayaka Committee Zeegaing Guna Monastery Sayadaw Bhaddanta Dharasami administered the Nine Precepts to the congregation. Members of the Sangha recited parittas.

Next, the General presented Htidaw, Hngetmyatnadaw and Seinbudaw and cash donations for the Footprint to the Alodawpyi Sayadaw. Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than offered Shwehtidaw, Hngetmyatnadaw and Seinbudaw to be hoisted atop Maha Thuwunna Pathada Gandakuti Kyaungdawgyi to Alodawpyi Sayadaw Bhaddanta Ariyavamsa. Next, the commander, the ministers and wellwishers donated provisions to the Sayadaws.

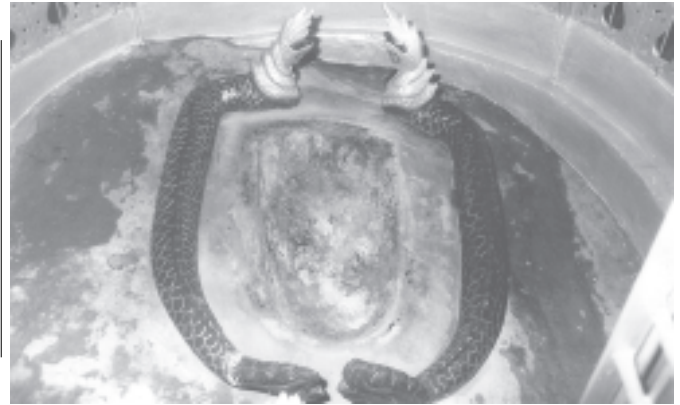
Afterwards, Minister for Cooperatives Maj-Gen Htay Oo donated K 100,000, U Kyaw Min and family K 450,000 and Rakhine Peace Group led by U Saw Tun Oo K 300,000 to Sayadaw Bhaddanta Ariyavamsa. The Sayadaw delivered a sermon, and the Prime Minister and party shared merits gained. Next, the Prime Minister hoisted Shwehtidaw, Hngetmyatnadaw and Seinbudaw atop the prayer hall. The General and party conveyed tiers of Htidaw, Hngetmyatnadaw and Seinbudaw atop Gandakuti by the decorated carriage. The lay persons hoisted tiers of Htidaw. The Prime Minister also fixed the Hngetmyatnadaw and the Seinbudaw atop the Gandakuti and sprinkled scented water on them. Later, the Prime Minister performed rituals of golden and silver showers to mark successful completion of the ceremony. — MNA



Maha Thuwunna Pathada Gandakuti Kyaungdaw seen in Moese Island, Yathedaung Township.— MNA



Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt hoists htidaw atop Gandakuti Kyaungdawgyi. MNA



The footprint of Lord Buddha seen in Moese Island of Yathedaung Township.— MNA

## Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt inspects ...

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Next, the General and party posed for a documentary photo together with members of the school board of trustees, the principal, teachers and students.

The stake-driving ceremony for construction of a two-storey building of Yathedaung BEHS was held at the school. The building will be constructed with over K 295.4 million donated by U Chaung-Daw Shwe Sin (Gold Uni Investment Co Ltd) and family of Wingapa Street in Bahan Township, Yangon Division, under the patronage of Alodawpyi Sayadaw Agga Maha Pandita Agga Maha Saddhamma Jotikadhaja Bhaddanta Ariyavamsa.

The General drove the stake at the designated site. He inspected the scale model of the building and gave instructions. On completion, the building will be 210 feet in length and 78 feet in width.

On arrival at Aungthabye model village in Maungdaw Township, the General heard reports by officials on regional development measures including regional security, prevalence of law and order, education, health and road and bridge construction; and locals, on requirements. The General gave necessary instructions and attended to the needs.

Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt presented to the officials concerned with a TV set for Aung Thabyay model village, medicines for village dispensary, exercise books and teaching aids for Aung Thabyay model village BEHS (Branch) and food for the staff. Next, the Prime Minister and party went to Taungpyo Letwe in Maungdaw Township where they were welcomed by members of the Township PDC, departmental officials, the No-3 region in charge of the border region immigration control personnel and their families.

No-3 region in charge U San Aung reported on community peace and prevalence of law and order and education and health matters and other development tasks in

the region. An official also gave a supplementary report. U Kyaw Soe of Township Administration Department reported on population of Taungpyo Letwe, cultivation of paddy, self-sufficiency in food, agriculture and livestock breeding, education and health affairs and requirements. Next, the Prime Minister attended to the needs. The Prime Minister presented food for the service personnel, medicines for Taungpyo-Letwe Hospital and a TV, a VCR and a set of computer for Taungpyo-Letwe BEHS to officials concerned.

On arrival at Taungpyo-Letwe People's Hospital, the Prime Minister and party, who were welcomed by medical superintendent Dr Aung Kyaw Moe and nurses, inspected the medical store, wards and the operation theatre.

Afterwards, the Prime Minister and party headed to Taungpyo-Letwe BEHS and gave necessary instructions to teachers. Next, the Prime Minister inspected the civil project of Taungpyo-Letwe and gave necessary instructions to officials.

The Prime Minister and party went to Maungdaw where they were welcomed by Tactical Operations Commander Col Aung Naing Tun, members of district and township PDCs, departmental officials, those of social organizations and townselders. A Thiri Mingalar hall of Maungdaw the Prime Minister met with members of district and township PDCs, departmental officials, those of social organizations and townselders. First, Maungdaw District PDC Chairman Lt-Col Yan Myo Aung reported on location and area of Maungdaw District and its population and number of households, land utilization, annual rainfalls, paddy cultivation, yield of paddy, local self-sufficiency of food, cultivation of pepper, vegetables and crops and other perennial trees, livestock breeding, health and education, power supply, water supply and requirements.

Next, Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt gave necessary instructions on education and health affairs, supply of more electricity, supply of drinking water, etc. He said that he and ministers toured there to coordinate matters on regional development as well as upgrading

transportation and economic cooperation with Bangladesh. When a region has become peaceful and tranquil, efforts can be made for regional development. Myanmar and Bangladesh have established friendly ties and agreements have been made to promote economic cooperation between the two countries.

He said the businessmen of both countries are to do business in proper means and through proper channel. Only when the economic undertakings are made properly, the long term interests of the nation and the individuals will be brought about. Accordingly, the requirements of the people will be fulfilled all the more. Today, the Government has been making earnest endeavours for enabling the country to keep abreast of the world nations and for uplift of national prestige and character. In the world today, some countries which lagged behind in development are now achieving rapid development due to their earnest and zealous endeavours. Development of a nation or a region depends on the zealous efforts of its people. That's the reason why emphasis is laid on exerting earnest efforts by the departmental personnel concerned and the residential people. The State on its part is providing necessary assistance and the departmental personnel are to make earnest and zealous efforts with duty-consciousness. Next, the Prime Minister gave away TV sets, video players and computers for Kyeingyaung and Letwedet BEHSs in Maungdaw and Buthidaung Townships to township education officers.

Later, the Prime Minister and party proceeded to Vesali model village in Maungdaw Township. They were welcomed there by authorities, departmental personnel, teachers, officials of social organizations and villagers. Vesali Model Village Peace and Development Council Chairman U Hla Tun Kyaw reported matters on development endeavours of the village. The Prime Minister fulfilled requirements. He also provided TV set, video player, exercise books and medicines for the primary school of the village. Then, the Prime Minister went back to Maungdaw and spent the night there.

MNA



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Soe Win inspects water storage capacity of Zawgyi Dam.—MNA

## Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Soe Win inspects construction tasks in Kyaukse

YANGON, 10 April — Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Soe Win together with member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Ye Myint, Chairman of Mandalay Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Central Command Maj-Gen Ye Myint, the ministers, the Mandalay mayor, senior military officers and heads of departments inspected construction tasks in Kyaukse, Mandalay Division on 8 April and gave instructions. The Secretary-1 and party inspected the water purifying plant No-1 of Kyaukse Township Development Affairs Committee.

The Secretary-1 and party also inspected Zawgyi dam, water storage and Zawgyi River. They inspected the water purifying plant No-2, installation of water tap and supply of water for Hsugon Ward. The Secretary-1 inspected water supply to houses in the ward. A houseowner reported on the use of clean water.

Later, the Secretary-1 and party inspected the supply of water from Zeetaw Dam. He next met with departmental personnel in Kyaukse District at the office of the Kyaukse Township Development Affairs Committee. Officials concerned reported to him matters on extension of water supply in Kyaukse carried out by the Ministry of PBANRDA and the Ministry of Agriculture & Irrigation.

The water supply extension works were completed in August 2003. Now, altogether 1,485 taps and 15 tanks have been built and 999 water supply metres have been installed. Measures taken for beautifying the town and construction of Kyaukse circular roads and rural roads were also reported. Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Soe Win and Lt-Gen Ye Myint of the Ministry of Defence gave necessary instructions.

Afterwards, the Secretary-1 and party went to construction site of Kyaukse Town Hall. At the briefing hall there, Project manager U Percy of AryanU Construction group reported on progress of work. The town hall is being built on Yangon-Mandalay Road in Pylonnaing ward. So far, 42 per cent of the construction works have been completed.

The Secretary-1 and party next went to Kyaukse University where they were welcomed by Pro-rector U Myo Tint Swe, professors, associate professors, and lecturers. First, the Secretary-1 and party inspected construction progress of the four-storey main building. Shwe Nanthit Construction Co Chairman U Myint Han reported on the construction tasks.

Next, the Secretary-1 and party viewed round the progress in construction of one three-storey building and

eight two-storey buildings and the e-Education learning centre and computer training centre.

At the briefing hall of the four-storey main building, Pro-rector U Myo Tint Swe reported on academic and administrative matters. In response to the reports, Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Soe Win said for the development of human resources, the State has been constructing institutions such as universities, colleges and schools in all the regions, and fulfilling the need of teachers.

That is why teachers, making full use of these physical structures and teaching materials, are to train and nurture their students to become literate ones on whom the State can rely, he added.

Kyaukse University was opened in June 2002. Afterwards, the Secretary-1 and party headed for the Government Computer College (Mandalay). At the briefing hall, Naungton Construction Co engineer in charge U Sai San Tun gave a report on construction of the college. Then, Myanmar Education Committee Vice-Chairman Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Soe Win and party looked into progress in construction of the Government Computer College (Mandalay), 38-per cent of the construction tasks of which has been completed.

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Progress in construction of four-storey building of Kyaukse University.—MNA



Completion of Government Computer College (Mandalay). —MNA

## Measures for ensuring smooth and secure transportation co-ordinated

YANGON, 10 April — Yangon Division Supervisory Committee for Ensuring Smooth and Secure Transport held its coordination meeting at the Yangon Command Headquarters yesterday afternoon, attended by Chairman of Yangon Division Supervisory Committee for Ensuring Smooth and Secure Transport Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Yangon Command Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe.

Also present on the occasion were Military Region Commanders, Station Commanders, Secretary of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Lt-Col Myint Kyi and members, members of Yangon Division Supervisory Committee for Ensuring Smooth and Secure Transport, Chairmen of District Peace and Development Councils, Registrars, officials, chairmen of all bus lines control committee. During the meeting, Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe made a speech on measures to be taken for ensuring the convenience of the public travelling in Yangon city and ones in other states and divisions and fulfilled the requirements. — MNA

## Victorious sports teams of Yangon Division honoured

YANGON, 10 April — A ceremony to present prizes to the teams representing Yangon Division which won championship shields and trophies in Inter-State/Division sport tournaments was held at the hall of Yangon Command Headquarters yesterday.

Present on the occasion were Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe and wife Patron of Yangon Division Supervisory Committee for MCWA Daw Khin Thet Htay, Deputy Commander Col Way Lwin's wife Daw Swe Swe

Oo, military region commanders and their wives, officials, coaches and athletes.

First, the soccer team which secured the championship trophy in Inter-State/Division Soccer Tournament for 2004, women's and men's cycling teams and golf team handed over championship shields and trophies to Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe.

The commander gave a speech on the occasion and presented cash prizes to victorious sports teams. Later, the commander and wife hosted a dinner to the athletes.

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## Commander, Mayor inspect sanitation tasks in Yangon City

YANGON, 10 April — Chairman of the Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe and Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin this morning inspected sanitation tasks and dredging of drains for proper flow of water being carried out by Tatmadawmen, members of Myanmar Police Force, workers of YCDC and local residents.

The commander and the mayor saw over Maha

Bandoola Park in Kyauktada Township, roads and drains in Mingala Taungnyunt and Insein Townships.

Next, the commander, the mayor and party went to Danyingon Vegetable Market by train and inspected progress in construction of the market and gave necessary instructions. The commander and party looked into repaving of Khayaybin Road by YCDC. They also inspected dredging of the drain along Thukhamein Road in North Okkalapa Township.

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## Hun Sen meets Thai Commerce Minister for closer ties

PHNOM PENH, 10 April — Cambodian Prime Minister Hun Sen Friday met with visiting Thailand Minister of Commerce Watana Muangsook and the two discussed ways to strengthen bilateral trade and investment cooperation.

“Minister Watana told Premier Hun Sen during the meeting that his mission to Cambodia came from the advice of Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra,” Darryl S Eang, a personal assistant to Hun Sen, told reporters after the meeting.

Watana also said that the main objective of his visit is to promote and strengthen the business cooperation between the two countries in order to create a win-win situation. “Which country that wins first is not a matter,” he said. “The most important thing is a good cooperation, business and development.”

During the meeting, Hun Sen asked the Thai minister to help Cambodia maintain foreign trade balance by allowing more Cambodian goods to be exported to Thailand.

Watana arrived here Thursday for a two-day official visit to Cambodia.

MNA/Xinhua

## Thailand to stage “Cobra Gold’04” joint exercise with four countries

BANGKOK, 10 April — The Armed Forces of Thailand, Singapore, Mongolia, Philippines, and the United States will conduct exercise Cobra Gold’ 04 in Thailand on May 13-27, said the US Embassy in Thailand in a statement Friday.

Cobra Gold’ 04 is a regularly-scheduled joint/combined multilateral exercise, and is designed to improve the five countries’ combat readiness and combined-joint interoperability, enhance security relationships and demonstrate US resolve to support the security and humanitarian interests of US friends and allies in the region, the statement said.

It is one of the largest exercises involving US forces in the Pacific Command, it added.

This year’s training will focus on improving interoperability between coalition forces conducting a United Nations sponsored peace enforcement operation in conjunction with humanitarian and disaster combined land, sea, and air operations, the statement said.

Approximately 13,500 US servicemen will participate in the war games. The Thai forces will number approximately 6,000, including elements of the Royal Army, Navy, Marine Corps, and Air Force, said the statement.

MNA/Xinhua

## Vietnam’s tea export to soar in second quarter

HANOI, 10 April — Vietnam is expected to export 15,000 tons of tea worth 13 million US dollars in the second quarter of this year, a year-on-year rise of 25 per cent in volume, said the Trade Ministry on Friday.

The country will focus on promoting the product in such traditional markets as Chinese Taiwan, Russia, Japan and Germany, as well as on retrieving the Iraqi market in the coming months.

Vietnam, which currently houses some 110,000 hectares of tea, plans to export 75,000 tons of the product this year, of which 30 per cent will go to Chinese Taiwan, 20 per cent to Pakistan, 10 per cent to Russia, and 7 per cent to the United States and Poland each.

The country shipped 13,000 tons of tea worth 11 million US dollars in the first quarter of this year, increasing 18.2 per cent in volume but remaining flat in value, according to the General Statistics Office.

Between January and March, the average export price of Vietnamese tea stood at 846 US dollars per ton, down from 928 US dollars in the same period last year, said the ministry.

Vietnam exported 60,000 tons of tea totalling 59.5 million US dollars in 2003, down 19.9 per cent in volume and 27.9 per cent in value over 2002, mainly because its key market of Iraq was affected by the Iraqi war.

MNA/Xinhua

## Mortar attack in central Baghdad, no casualties

BAGHDAD, 10 April — A mortar round landed close to Baghdad’s Sheraton Hotel on Friday, causing a thunderous explosion that echoed across the city centre, but there were no casualties, a Reuters correspondent at the scene said.

The mortar landed in the grounds of a house near the hotel, sending up a large plume of smoke.

US forces had been on high alert for major guerilla attacks in Baghdad on Friday to coincide with the first anniversary of the ousting of Iraqi President Saddam Hussein.

Many foreign contractors, businesspeople, diplomats and journalists are based in the Sheraton and the nearby Palestine Hotel. — MNA/Reuters

## At least nine dead in attack on US convoy in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 10 April — Guerrillas attacked a US convoy carrying fuel west of Baghdad on Friday, killing at least nine people, witnesses said.

A Reuters photographer on the scene said he saw bodies burning inside the vehicles, which were still on fire near Abu Ghraib. He said the convoy included US military vehicles and fuel tankers.

Huge clouds of black smoke hung over the area, visible from several kilometres away. There was heavy fighting between US troops and guerillas in Abu Ghraib on Thursday.

Truckloads of people from the area have also tried to head further west to help other insurgents battling US forces in Fallujah and Ramadi. — MNA/Reuters

## US forces retake Shiite town in Iraq

KUT (Iraq), 10 April — US-led troops retook control of the eastern Iraqi town of Kut on Friday, witnesses said, two days after Ukrainian forces withdrew from the city centre after clashes with Shiite militiamen.

Residents said American soldiers were in control of the centre of the town, 105 miles southeast of Baghdad, and convoys of US armoured vehicles were seen on roads to the area.

Reuters television pictures showed the Kut office of radical Shiite cleric Moqtada al-Sadr in ruins after coming under attack.

Sadr’s followers launched an uprising this week, battling US-led forces in Shiite areas across Iraq. One Ukrainian soldier was killed earlier in the week in the fighting in Kut. — MNA/Reuters

## Ex-Czech President cancels Canada trip, delays US visit

PRAGUE, 10 April — A lingering respiratory problem has forced former Czech president Vaclav Havel to cancel a planned visit to Canada and delay his departure for a trip to the United States, his office said on Friday.

Havel, 67, is working from home and is under the care of his personal physician, spokeswoman Jaroslava Durkova said.

She added that he had changed his programme as a precaution based on his doctor’s advice.

MNA/Reuters

## El Salvador receives body of soldier killed in Iraq

MEXICO CITY, 10 April — The body of the first Salbasorean soldier killed in Iraq arrived in El Salvador on Friday afternoon.

Natividad Mendez Ramox, 19 was killed in a battle on Sunday near Najaf. Another 12 Salvadorean soldier were wounded.

Ramos’ body, which was transported by a US Air Forces High Command. Erminia de Mendez Ramos’ mother, and Salvadorean Defence Minister Juan Antonio Martinez Werela were at the airport to receive his body.

Antonio said Salvadorean troops would remain in Iraq until August when their mission ends, but an extension of the term would be decided by the country’s Parliament.

“The Cuscatlan Battalion will continue with the humanitarian mission was entrusted and for the time being will remain Najaf,” he said. About 350 Salvadorean troops are deployed in Iraq. — MNA/Reuters

### “သတ်ပေးနိုးဆော်ချက်”

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

(၁) မြန်မာနိုင်ငံရဲတပ်ဖွဲ့၊ ရန်ကုန်တိုင်း (ဖုန်း ၁၉၉)

(၂) ကြီးမကြီးနန်းနှင့်ယာဉ်ထိန်းတပ်ဖွဲ့မှူးရုံး(ဖုန်း ၂၄၁၂၈၅/၂၄၁၂၈၄)

(၃) မော်တော်ယာဉ်လုပ်ငန်းပေါင်းစုံထိန်းသိမ်းရေးကော်မတီ

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ယာဉ်စည်းကမ်းထိန်းသိမ်းရေးကြီးကြပ်မှုကော်မတီ

### အရက်ကြောင့်ဖြစ်သည့်ရောဂါများ

အရက်ကိုလွန်ကျွံစွာနှင့် စွဲလမ်းစွာသောက်သုံးခြင်းကြောင့် ဖြစ်ပွားတတ်သောရောဂါများမှာ အသည်းရောင်ခြင်း၊ အသည်းခြောက်ခြင်း၊ သွေးအန်ခြင်း၊ အစာအိမ်ရောဂါ ဖြစ်ခြင်း၊နုလုံးရောဂါဖြစ်ခြင်း၊ ဦးနှောက်နှင့်အာရုံကြောထိခိုက်ခြင်း၊ စိတ်ရောဂါများဖြစ်ခြင်း စသည်တို့ဖြစ်ပါသည်။

အရက်ကြောင့်ဖြစ်တတ်သော စိတ်ရောဂါများမှာ —  
၁။ ကယောင်ကတမ်းဖြစ်ခြင်း (Delirium Tremors)၊ ကြောက်လန့်ခြင်း၊ အချိန်၊ နာရီ၊ နေရာ၊ လူ ခန့်မှန်းနိုင်စွမ်း မရှိခြင်း၊ ကြောက်စရာလန့်စရာများမြင်ရခြင်း၊ အသံဗလံများ ကြားရခြင်း၊ ပိုမိုများစွာကိုယ်ပေါ် ချစ်ရုံစီသွားသလို ခံစားရခြင်း၊ လက်တုန်ရောဂါဖြစ်တတ်ခြင်း။

၂။ အရက်အလွန်အကျွံသောက်သည့်အခါတွင် လူမရှိတဲ့ နားထဲတွင် ခေါ်သံများ၊ ခြိမ်းခြောက်သံများ၊ ဇော်ကားမော်ကားသံများ ကြားနေရတတ်ခြင်း (Alcoholic Hallucinations)။

၃။ အတက်ကြီးရောဂါဖြစ်တတ်ခြင်း (Rum Fits) (ဝက်ရုပ်မြန်ရောဂါကဲ့သို့တတ်ခြင်း)။

၄။ စိတ်ဓာတ်ကျရောဂါဖြစ်တတ်ခြင်း (Depressive Illness)။

၅။ စိတ်ဖောက်ပြန်ခြင်း (Alcoholic Psychosis)။

၆။ ဦးနှောက်ချို့ယွင်းခြင်း။

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

၈။ မိမိ၏ဇနီးကို အထင်အမြင်လွဲမှားခြင်းများဖြစ်တတ်ခြင်း (Morbid Jealousy)။

၉။ အရက်ကြောင့် ရာဇဝတ်မှုကျူးလွန်သည့်အထိ ဖြစ်နိုင်ခြင်း။  
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အရက်စွဲရောဂါဖြစ်ပွားပါက စိတ်ကျန်းမာရေးဆေးရုံနှင့် ကုသရေး ဌာနများတွင် စနစ်တကျကုသမှုခံယူရန် အသိပေးနှိုးဆော် အပ်ပါသည်။

ကျန်းမာရေးဝန်ကြီးဌာန

### ကုသကာကွယ် မူးယစ်အန္တရာယ်

၁။ မူးယစ်ဆေးဝါးသုံးစွဲလျှင် အသည်းရောင်အသားဝါရောဂါ၊ အသည်းခြောက်ရောဂါ၊ အသည်းကင်ဆာရောဂါ၊ သွေးဆိပ် တက်ခြင်းနှင့် နုလုံးရောဂါ၊ အဆုတ်ရောဂါများ၊ ခုခံအား ကျဆင်းမှုရောဂါ (AIDS)နှင့် စိတ်ပိုင်းဆိုင်ရာရောဂါများ စသည်တို့ဖြစ်ပွားနိုင်သည့်အပြင် စီးပွားရေးနှင့်လူမှုရေးများ ထိခိုက်ပျက်ပြားခြင်း၊ ဥပဒေအရအရေးယူခံရခြင်းတို့ ဖြစ်နိုင်ပါသည်။

၂။ ထို့ကြောင့် အဆိုပါဒုက္ခများမှကင်းဝေးစေရန် မူးယစ်ဆေးဝါးကို လုံးဝရှောင်ကြဉ်ပါ။

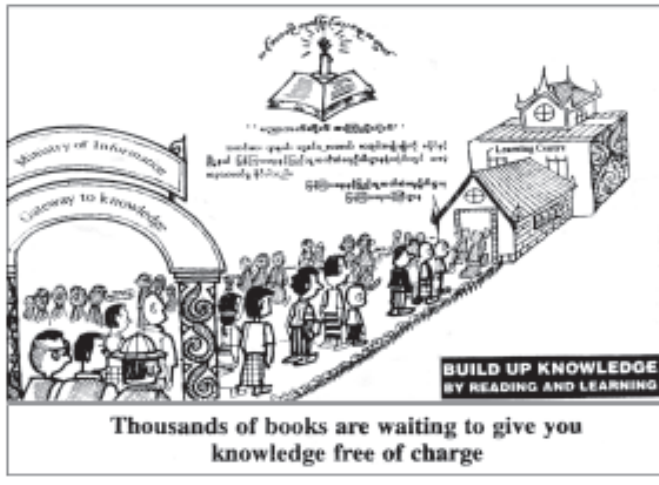
၃။ မူးယစ်ဆေးဝါးသုံးစွဲသူများသည် သတ်မှတ်ဆေးရုံများတွင် မှတ်ပုံတင်၍ ဆေးကုသမှုခံယူပါ။

ကျန်းမာရေးဝန်ကြီးဌာန

### Nursery Market Festival continues

YANGON, 10 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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### Chinese Proficiency Test (HSK)

Host Institutions : University of Foreign Languages, Yangon;  
Embassy of the People's Republic of China  
Sponsor : The State Commission of Chinese Proficiency Test  
Date : May 15, 2004 (Saturday)  
Place : University of Foreign Languages, Yangon  
University of Foreign Languages, Mandalay  
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The TEST has three different levels; the examinee can choose the level that best matches his or her ability and training.

Further information may be obtained from University of Foreign Languages, Yangon, 119-131 University Avenue, Yangon (Telephone: 513198) and University of Foreign Languages, Mandalay (Telephone: 32330)

HSK Guide Books may be purchased at the Cultural Section of the Embassy of the People's Republic of China: No-94, Kha Yae Pin Rd, Dagon Township, Yangon and Office of the Consulate-General of the People's Republic of China: Yadanar Lane, Yangyi Aung Road, 35th Street (Between 65th and 66th Streets), Mandalay.

### CLAIMS DAY NOTICE MV ODELIA VOY NO (10)

Consignee of cargo carried on MV ODELIA Voy No (10) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 15/16-4-2004 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of Myanmar Port Authority where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the port of Yangon.

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

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

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### Spain's King asks Zapatero to form new government

MADRID, 9 April — King Juan Carlos on Wednesday formally asked Socialist leader Jose Luis Rodriguez Zapatero, winner of last month's general election, to form Spain's next government.

The king's decision follows meetings with Spanish political parties over the last few days to sound out their views.

The official request was a formality after Zapatero's Socialists won most votes, though not an absolute majority in Parliament, in a March 14 general election overshadowed by the Madrid train bombings three days earlier.

"After holding consultations with the designated representatives of the political groups represented in Parliament, I hereby propose Jose Luis Rodriguez Zapatero as candidate to be prime minister," the king said in a declaration read out by Parliamentary Speaker Manuel Marin.

MNA/Reuters

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### Bangladesh sets up task force to contain terror financing

DHAKA, 9 April — The Bangladeshi Government Wednesday decided to form a high-powered task force to check loopholes in the law against money laundering and find out if any individual or organization is involved in terrorist financing activities.

According to the *Financial Express* on Thursday, the task force was formed Wednesday at an inter-ministerial meeting chaired by Finance and Planning Minister M. Saifur Rahman. It was also decided at the meeting to set up an inter-agency financial and economic crimes strike force by the task force and an independent financial intelligence unit (FIU).

The FIU will check fi-

nancial crimes, suspicious transactions, collect data and analyse such crimes, while the strike force led by the attorney general will help the FIU nab the persons or organizations involved in money laundering activities or any other financial crimes.

The Finance Minister said Wednesday that the task force has been set up in line with the United Nations resolution on money laundering,

and the United States will help Bangladeshi Government in this regard.

The participants of the meeting further discussed a number of recommendations raised by the Financial Sector Assessment Team of the United States, which visited Dhaka in 2002 as part of a US drive to stop fund flow to international terrorist outfits.

As to the US team's suggestions, the government decided to bring the moneychangers under closer regulation, take steps to verify the identities of bank customers, scrutinize the fund flow as well as financial operations of non-governmental organizations, and make necessary amendments to the country's existing Money Laundering Prevention Act (MLPA).

Meeting sources admitted the MLPA has many loopholes, saying since the enactment of the MLPA in May 2002, the Bureau of Anti-Corruption has filed some 60 cases, but the loopholes in the MLPA make the prosecution difficult. — MNA/Xinhua

### Nepal's garment export to US dips in March

KATHMANDU, 9 April — Nepal's ready-made garment export to the United States dropped by 11 per cent in March over the same period of last year, the Garment Association of Nepal said Wednesday.

Garments valued at 10.63 million US dollars were exported to the US in March, while the figure stood at 11.94 million dollars in March 2003, said the association.

This is the eighth straight month that Nepal's garment exports to the United States

have experienced a downfall, prior to which it has been growing for 12 consecutive months.

The garments industry in Nepal, entirely export-oriented, accounts for 40 per cent of the country's foreign currency earnings. It employs over 100,000 workers and sustains the livelihood of over 350,000 people.

The US is the largest market of Nepal's garment items, consuming some 85 per cent of its total garment export.

MNA/Xinhua

## ပြည်တွင်းဖြစ်ကိုအားပေးပါ

### Vietnam buys electricity from China for first time

HANOI, 9 April — Vietnam, for the first time, has purchased electricity from China, as part of a programme to connect its power grids with those of regional countries, especially of the neighbouring nation.

"This is a great progress in relations between the two power sectors of Vietnam and China. In our electricity development strategy, we have directions of plugging our national grid in that of regional countries, including China," said Dao Van Hung, General Director of the Electricity of Vietnam (EVN).

He made the statement at the ceremony on contract signing between EVN's

Power Company No. 1 and the Yunnan Electric Power Group Co. Ltd. under the China Southern Power Grid held here on Thursday.

Under the contract, the Power Company No. 1 buys power of the Chinese partner via the 110-kv transmission line with a capacity of 40 MW and annual output of 180-200 GWh to serve the whole northern province of Lao Cai.

"The Sino-Vietnam power cooperation is a step toward the realization of the Inter-Governmental Agreement on Regional Power Trade in the Greater Mekong Sub-region signed on November 2002. The power connection between China and Vietnam will further strengthen the friendship relations of the two countries," Wang Dazhuo, General Manager of the Yunnan Electric Power Group Co. Ltd.,

stated at the signing ceremony.

The power trade between the two companies is part of a long-term power trade programme between Vietnam and other members of the Greater Mekong Sub-region, Nguyen Phuc Vinh, Director of the Power Company No. 1, said, adding that while seeking foreign partners, his company pays special attention to Chinese power enterprises, especially those in the provinces of Yunnan and Guangxi.

"We will conduct negotiations to buy more electricity via the 220-kv transmission line from the China Southern Power Grid after the contract expires in late December 2006. At that time, national grids of Vietnam and China will be linked together," Vinh told *Xinhua* on the sidelines of the signing ceremony.

MNA/Xinhua

### Heart surgery without anaesthesia successful in India

NEW DELHI, 9 April — Claimed to be the first of its kind in the country, a hospital in Coimbatore City of southern India has success-

fully performed an awake open heart surgery on a 21-year-old woman, who witnessed the entire procedure.

The *Press Trust of India* reported that the woman, with congenital heart disease—a hole in the heart—was operated upon Wednesday while she was totally conscious.

She was given an epidural special medical injection near spinal cord, blunting the sensation all over the chest and abdomen. Chief Cardiac Surgeon T Jayarama Pai was quoted as saying,

The patient was completely awake, able to talk fluently, move her legs and hands without feeling any pain. During the operation, Pai said a 10-centimetre-long incision was made on the breast bone, which was cut open with electric saw, to expose the heart and put on heart lung machine.

After stopping the heart, the upper chamber (atrium) was opened and the large hole was identified and closed, Pai said.

The woman watched her heart beat in the cardiac monitor and observed the total stoppage of her own heart and the completion of the procedure, said the doctor, adding that she also observed restarting of her heart and enjoyed the whole process with a smile and absolutely without any pain.

MNA/Xinhua



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## First baby born to liver-transplant patient discharged from hospital

CHENGDU, 10 April—China's first baby born to a liver-transplant patient was discharged from hospital on Friday in southwest China's Sichuan Province.

The baby boy, born prematurely on 19 March after an emergency Caesarean section, is in good condition now and can be sent home, said Chen Yongxiu, a doctor with the Huaxi No 2 Hospital in Chengdu, capital of the province.

The hospital has also promised to provide free examinations for the baby, who was named "Zhao Huaxi" after the hospital, until he is seven, said Chen.

The mother, Luo Jiwei, 25, who had a liver transplant operation four years ago at the same hospital, has

already gone back home for further recuperation.

Luo had suffered from sclerotic cholangitis and liver abscesses. When she was transferred to the hospital in September 2000, she was on the verge of death.

Without a liver transplant, she would have survived only one month, said Yan Lunan, a surgeon in charge of the liver transplant operation.

In the wake of group consultation, Luo had a liver transplant operation the same month she was hospitalized. As the operation was suc-

cessful, she was discharged from the hospital three weeks later.

After seeking approval from Dr Yan, Luo got married in late 2002 and was found pregnant at a routine medical check at the hospital last November.

To ensure a safe delivery, obstetricians at the Huaxi Hospital had decided to perform a C-section in April. But doctors found the foetus was abnormally less active on the morning of March 19 and decided to immediately carry out the operation.

MNA/Xinhua

## Ancient musical instruments discovered in N-W China

URUMQI, 10 April—Archaeologists say that they have discovered three Konghous, an ancient plucked stringed instruments, during the excavation of the Yanghai Tombs in Shanshan County, northwest China's Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region.

"The three unearthed ancient musical instruments are well preserved and intact," said Zhang Yuzhong, deputy director of the local archaeological institute.

"The three musical instruments may be even older than the two Konghous excavated in Zhuluguke tombs dating back 3,000 years to the Sixth Century in Qiemo County of Xinjiang in the 1990s. The two had been considered the oldest plucked stringed musical instruments ever discovered in the world," said Zhang.

According to historical records on the Sui Dynasty

(581-618), Konghou is a musical instrument of the Western Regions which included present-day Xinjiang and parts of Central Asia. Experts in musical history also believed that the musical instrument originated in Central Asia and was introduced through Xinjiang to the central parts of China inhabited mainly by the Han people.

Archaeologists have discovered descriptions of this ancient musical instrument in Yungang Grottoes in north China's Shanxi Province, which was constructed as early as in the Fifth Century.—MNA/Xinhua

## Foreign commercial chambers welcome China's new Foreign Trade Law

BEIJING, 10 April — The revised Foreign Trade Law of China will take effect on July 1, concluding China's two-year-long review of its laws related to foreign trade, making China's legal system consistent with its WTO commitment.

Foreign commercial chambers in China told Xinhua here Friday that they welcome this new law and this is another important step that China performs its commitment to the World Trade Organization.

The draft amendment to the Chinese Foreign Trade Law, submitted for deliberation for the third time, was passed by a unanimous vote at the eighth meeting of the 10th National People's Congress (NPC) Standing Committee, which was closed on Tuesday.

During the revision, related Chinese departments have consulted foreign businessmen in China. This is the first time for China to do so when revising a law.

European Union Chamber of Commerce

in China said the newly promulgated law has been amended in a number of key areas, bringing the law closer in line with China's WTO commitment and providing a sound basis for future trade of the two sides.

Edward Smith, deputy chairman of the China-Australia Chamber of Commerce (AustCham), said, "AustCham wholeheartedly congratulates the Chinese Government for its revision of the Foreign Trade Law."

According to the new law, individuals can also be engaged in foreign trade. Smith said the further opening of foreign trade to individuals and small-medium enterprises will create new business opportunities and expand China's foreign trade, both in imports and exports. MNA/Xinhua

## Jet Airways awarded "Pride in Excellence Award 2003"

NEW DELHI, 10 April—India's private aircarrier — Jet Airways — was Thursday again awarded the "Pride in Excellence Award 2003" by the Boeing Company for consistently maintaining the highest Technical Despatch Reliability, the standard by which an airline's technical performance is measured.

Boeing's Vice-President Carl Brandenburg, who presented the award to Jet Airways' CEO Wolfgang Prock-Schauer in Mumbai, commended the company for achieving Technical Despatch Reliability in excess of 99 per cent every month for the year 2003.

A release from Jet Airways said though the criterion for the award was based on

departure within 15 minutes of the published schedule, the company achieved the target with "zero time delay".

Jet Airways, which has recently commenced international operations, is the only airline company in South Asian region to have won this award. The airlines had won the same award last year as well.

MNA/PTI

## China performs well on business environment

BEIJING, 10 April—China performs well in business judging by the indicators of business establishment, employment regulation, contract enforcement and credit market, said an International Finance Corporation (IFC) report released here Thursday.

That explains China's rocketing economic growth in recent years, said Michael Klein, World Bank vice-president and chief economist of IFC, the private sector arm of the World Bank Group.

Klein, the author of the report, who had witnessed the major progress that the Chinese economy achieved in recent years, said he was positive on China's future growth and believed it might catch up with some developed countries in the next decade.

The report, named Doing Business in 2004 Understanding Regulation, collects and analyses data on 133 countries, including countries of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD).

The analysis is based on assessment of each country's laws and regulations, with input from and verification by local experts, and allows countries to benchmark themselves against neighbours, major competitors and countries that developed best practice on the various indicators.

According to the report, China performs well on the cost of establishing a business, only accounting for 14 per cent of the per capita income, which is well below the East Asia average of 56.8 per cent and close to OECD average of 10.2 per cent.

It probably takes 46 days to start a business in China, 20 days less than that of East Asia average, the report added.

The report also showed that China excels in employment flexibility, which ranks first, together with Czech Republic, among the investigated countries.

However, the report said China performs less well on creditor rights and creditor information systems. Creditor information sharing is important because it opens up credit markets by expand-

ing access to first-time borrowers and repeat borrowers with good credit histories, said Klein.

For this reason, he said, China is currently making

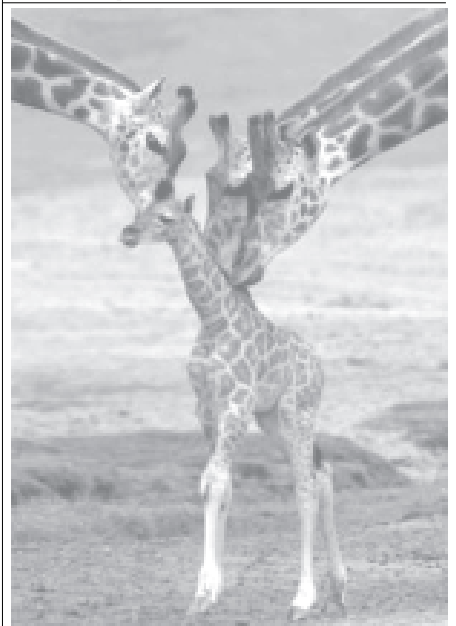
efforts to improve its creditor information sharing system and establish credit bureaus in various provinces and regions.

MNA/Xinhua

## All women Indian team to scale Mt Everest

NEW DELHI, 10 April—The first ever all-women Indian expedition to the world's highest mountain peak, Mount Everest, through the traditional south col route is planned to be launched next year by the Army.

Announcing this here Thursday Brigadier VK Chopra Deputy Director General of the Army Adventure wing said more than 100 women in uniform had volunteered for the expedition to the 8,848-metre high peak and the 24-member team would be chosen from them. Though Indian women have climbed the peak in mixed expeditions, this is for the first time that an all women team would be making a bid for the peak. He said the Army was also launching another major expedition to the world's third highest peak 8,598-metre high Mount Kangchenjunga from the eastern ridge route in North Sikkim this October. This would be the Army's second bid on the peak after Army climbers have summited the peak in 1977.—MNA/PTI



Tishari (C), a week-old Baringo giraffe, is greeted by fellow herd members after making her official public debut at the San Diego Zoo's Wild Animal Park, on 8 April, 2004. Tishari, which means 'lighter,' in Swahili, is the 90th Baringo giraffe to be born at the Wild Animal Park since 1972. —INTERNET

## SPORTS

## Drogba on the spot as Marseille beat Inter 1-0

MARSEILLE (France), 9 April — A second half goal by Didier Drogba earned Olympique Marseille a 1-0 win over Inter Milan in their UEFA CUP quarterfinal first leg clash at the Stade Velodrome on Thursday.

Marseille, however, will face a tricky challenge in the second leg as they will be without the Ivory Coast striker, who picked up a yellow card for over-celebrating his goal.

In a man-of-the-match performance, Drogba scored the winner straight from the second half kickoff, netting from close range after outmuscling the Inter defence.

Marseille dominated throughout the game, piling the pressure on their opponents, who were reluctant to leave their own half.

The home side had the first chance with a Laurent Batlles 20-metre drive cleared by Alberto Fontana, Inter hitting back five minutes before the break when Christian Vieri's fierce shot was saved by Fabien Barthez.

Marseille wasted some good chances in the second half, losing opportunities to ease into a comfortable lead.—MNA/Reuters



Arsenal midfielder Freddie Ljungberg (L) is chased by Liverpool forward Harry Kewell during their Premier-ship clash at Highbury on 9 April, 2004.—INTERNET

## Villa's Angel ruled out for three weeks

LONDON, 9 April — Aston Villa's leading scorer Juan Pablo Angel will be sidelined for up to three weeks because of a knee injury, the Premier League club said on Thursday.

The Colombian has scored 21 goals in all competitions this season and his absence will be a major blow to Villa, who are seventh in the League with a place in Europe in their sights. "He'll be out for about three weeks," Villa manager David O'Leary told the club's web site. "Hopefully he might be back for a couple of games towards the end of the season."

Villa, who play at Bolton on Saturday and host Champions League semifinalists Chelsea on Monday, have seven matches remaining in the season. Angel, who has blossomed this season after struggling for the first couple of years after his 9.5 million-pound (£17.55 million US dollars) move to Villa in 2001, played for Colombia against Peru in Lima last Wednesday.

MNA/Reuters

## Jenas secures Newcastle handy draw at PSV

EINDHOVEN (Netherlands), 9 April — Jermaine Jenas headed an equalizer on the stroke of halftime to earn Newcastle United a battling 1-1 draw at PSV Eindhoven in the first leg of their UEFA Cup quarterfinal on Thursday.

The England midfielder

nodded home a dubiously-awarded Laurent Robert free kick to cancel out Serbia and Montenegro striker Mateja Kezman's superb 15th-minute opener for the Dutch hosts. PSV, who won the UEFA Cup in 1978, were furious as moments before Jenas' equalizer Newcastle defender Titus Bramble escaped unpunished after appearing to thrust his arm into the face of defender Remco

van der Schaaf.

The second half was a scrappy affair but Newcastle manager Bobby Robson, facing one of his former clubs, can be hopeful of securing a semifinal place at St. James' Park next Wednesday thanks to Jenas' away goal.

"I think I have to be satisfied with a score draw. We didn't deserve a win, but it is still wide open and it will be close at St. James' Park," Robson said.

PSV coach Guus Hiddink was very unhappy with French referee Gilles Veissiere's decisions just before halftime.

"I believe our French friend made an enormous mistake and at that moment it meant an enormous setback for us," he said.

"But in the second half we fought back and with all the unexpected results in Europe this week we just have to get another surprising result next week."

The winners will face either Olympique Marseille or Italy's Inter Milan in the last four. Marseille earned a 1-0

first leg lead in France on Thursday.

Newcastle suffered a setback when England international Kieron Dyer failed a late fitness test due to a hamstring injury. Hiddink welcomed Johann Vogel and Dennis Rommedahl back into his squad after long injury absences.

Kezman opened the scoring when he received the ball from Jan Vennegoor of Hesselink, beat off a weak challenge from Aaron Hughes and gave Shay Given no chance with a curling shot into the top corner.

Eight minutes before the break Hughes crossed from the right flank but PSV keeper Ronald Waterreus tipped Alan Shearer's header over the crossbar. In a tumultuous final phase of the first half Bramble's clash with van der Schaaf was missed by the referee and his linesman and PSV were fuming when Olivier Bernard then won a debatable free kick from which Jenas equalized in stoppage time.

MNA/Reuters

## Henry confident of playing against Liverpool

PARIS, 9 April — Arsenal's Thierry Henry says he is confident he can play in Friday's Premier League game with Liverpool at Highbury despite being written off by his manager Arsene Wenger.

Wenger had said on Wednesday that Henry, who was substituted nine minutes from time during their surprise Champions League quarterfinal exit at the hands of Chelsea the day before, was suffering from a pulled hamstring.

But Henry told Thursday's L'Equipe that, in fact, it was a back disc problem which was pinching a nerve affecting his leg.

He said he would be having a fitness test before the leaders' 1130 GMT kick-off on Friday against fourth-placed Liverpool.

"But I sincerely believe I can play," he told the paper. "I already had the same problem after the World Cup in 1998 for four months with Monaco. It gives me a feeling of stiffness in the leg but the muscles are not affected."

Henry will be hoping his side, unbeaten in the league all season, can bounce back after successive defeats to Manchester United in the FA Cup semifinal (1-0) on Sunday and Tuesday's 2-1 reverse to Chelsea.

They lead second-placed Chelsea by four points with a game in hand after 30 matches.

British media speculated on Thursday that the losses would set Wenger's men on a slide which would deprive them for the second year running of the league title.

But Henry insisted: "We have not fought like we have since the start of the season to give up now." —MNA/Reuters



Thierry Henry stopped the rot ravaging Arsenal's season with a majestic match-winning hat-trick as Arsenal twice came from behind to beat Liverpool 4-2 in a thrilling Good Friday drama at Highbury on 9 April, 2004.—INTERNET

## Monaco says Morientes future in balance

PARIS, 9 April — On-loan Fernando Morientes, a Champions League winner for Monaco this week, faces an uncertain future, the club's chief Prince Albert said on Thursday.

Morientes enjoyed a bitter-sweet reunion with his Real Madrid clubmates as he scored the second goal in a 3-1 win which sent the principality club through to the last four at the expense of the 2002 winners on Tuesday.

But Prince Albert hinted that Monaco would be unable to make the move permanent for the Spanish international forward because of continuing cash problems.

"He loves Monaco. If he can, he'll stay. It will be tough. He knows he's only with us for a limited period of time," he said in French daily Aujourd'hui. Prince Albert makes the final decisions at the club.

Morientes also scored in the first leg which finished 4-2 in Real's favour but the Monaco away goals eventually took the Ligue 1 club through.

Prince Albert said a new sponsor would soon come to the club's rescue to save them from bankruptcy and potential relegation to Ligue 2.

Monaco have debts estimated at 51 million euros and their brilliant Champions League campaign has only helped to reim-

burse "some heavy debts", prince Albert said. He added, however, that Monaco were hoping to retain all their contracted players for next season.

"Last year, we wanted to keep everybody and we did. The idea is the same this year."

"We don't want to dilapidate our squad and the sale of a player will only be forced," he added.

With former French World Cup-winning captain Didier Deschamps as coach, Monaco are going through one of their best seasons ever, leading French Ligue 1 and qualifying for the Champions League semifinals for the third time in their history.

Deschamps has been rumoured to be heading for Serie A Juventus at the end of the season.

"He has proved himself. He has results and good relationships with the players. I don't think we should part with him," said Prince Albert.

"If he agrees with the plan we're going to put forward, he'll stay. Otherwise, we won't ask him to stay," Prince Albert said.

MNA/Reuters

## Larsson spares Celtic blushes against Villarreal

GLASGOW, 9 April — Striker Henrik Larsson extended Celtic's unbeaten home record to 77 games with a second-half equalizer in a 1-1 draw against Spanish side Villarreal in their UEFA Cup quarterfinal, first leg on Thursday.

The unbeaten Scottish Premier League leaders trailed to Josico's ninth minute header but Swede Larsson ended a sustained period of home pressure to level on 64 minutes.

Villarreal, making their European debut this season

after qualifying through the Intertoto Cup, also had their chances to net a second goal with a swift counter-attacking strategy that constantly troubled the runaway Scottish league leaders.

The visitors were content with the draw, however, and Celtic must now score in the away leg to keep alive their hopes of reaching a second successive UEFA Cup final. They lost last year's final 3-2 to Porto.

Celtic will have to do without England midfielder Alan Thompson, though,

because he is suspended after picking up a yellow card in the second half.

Villarreal, competing in Europe for the first time, may lie a modest 10th in the Primera Liga but they have quickly built a pedigree in winning the Intertoto Cup last July and disposing of Torpedo Moscow, Galatasaray and AS Roma to reach this stage. Celtic began on the offensive but their momentum was visibly disturbed when Villarreal struck with their first real attack.—MNA/Reuters

## Late goal gives Valencia 2-1 win at Bordeaux

BORDEAUX (France), 9 April — A late Francisco Rufete strike crowned a Valencia fight back from a goal down to beat 10-man Girondins Bordeaux 2-1 in their UEFA Cup quarterfinal, first leg on Thursday.

Bordeaux had been gifted the opening goal in the 19th minute when Valencia's Spain goalkeeper Santiago Canizares allowed a free kick by compatriot Albert Riera to slip past him.

The home side, a man down for more than an hour after Rio Mavuba was sent off in the 27th minute, bravely defended their lead but cracked in the last 15 minutes.

Valencia captain Ruben Baraja equalized in the 75th minute as the French side began to tire and Rufete grabbed the winner.

The home side had dominated from the kick off but their hopes took a serious blow when young midfielder Mavuba was shown a red card for apparently kicking Mohamed Sissoko. Bordeaux continued to dominate but with injured leading scorer Jean-Claude Darcheville out for the season, lacked options up front to be a real threat to the Valencia defence.

The visitors, unexpectedly reserved for most of the match, took advantage of a swift counter-attack by Spain's Baraja to level the scores after a splendid one-two with Sissoko.

Rufete's winning goal was a little lucky as he hit the post before volleying home to ruin Bordeaux's night three minutes from time.—MNA/Reuters



**MRTV-3**
**11-4-2004 (Sunday)  
(Programme Schedule)  
Morning Transmission  
(9:00 - 10:00)**

- 9:00 Signature Tune  
Greeting  
Song of Myanmar  
Beauty & Scenic  
Sights "Mingalabar"  
9:06 Ancient Architectural  
heritage of Taung-  
thaman Kyauktawgyi  
Pagoda  
**9:10** **Headline News**  
9:12 Ayeyawady Dolphin  
Expedition (Part-VI)  
**9:15** **National News**  
9:20 Kachin hand-woven  
material  
9:25 MRTV-3's Thingyan  
Festival  
**9:30** **National News**  
9:35 Yaw Clothes from  
Yaw Region  
9:40 Song "With a Weak  
Point"  
**9:45** **National News**  
9:50 A Wonderful to Ngwe  
Hsaung  
9:55 Song of Myanmar  
Beauty & Scenic  
Sights "Come and See  
Myanmar"

**11-4-2004 (Sunday)  
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15:55 MRTV-3's Thingyan  
Festival  
**16:00** **National News**

- 16:10 Yaw Clothes from  
Yaw Region  
16:12 Song "With a Weak  
Point"  
**16:15** **National News**  
16:20 A Wonderful to Ngwe  
Hsaung  
16:25 Song of Myanmar  
Beauty & Scenic  
Sights "Mingalabar"  
**16:30** **National News**  
16:35 Welcome to Bagan  
16:40 Citrus Products of  
Shwe Kyin  
**16:45** **National News**  
16:50 Parabaik Writings  
16:55 National Dance  
"Kayan Dance"  
**17:00** **National News**  
17:05 The Unique Pindaya  
Shan Paper  
17:10 Song "Naughty Girl"  
17:12 Stone Inscription  
**17:15** **National News**  
17:20 Drug Eradication  
Movement in Myan-  
mar  
17:25 Song of Myanmar  
Beauty & Scenic  
Sights "Come and See  
Myanmar"

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

- 19:30 Signature Tune  
Greeting  
19:32 Song of Myanmar  
Beauty & Scenic  
Sights "Myanma Pano-  
rama & Myanma Sen-  
timent"  
19:36 Pottery, A Home  
Industry  
**19:40** **Headline News**  
19:42 Ayeyawady Dolphin  
Expedition (Part-V)  
**19:45** **National News**  
19:50 Unforgettable Customs  
of the Chins  
19:55 Water Festival In The  
Month of Dagu  
**20:00** **National News**  
20:05 Toddy Palm Arts  
20:10 Song "Hill Steps  
Town"  
**20:15** **National News**  
20:20 The Splendour of Mt  
Victoria (Natmataung)  
20:25 Song "Ever Graceful  
Lady"  
**20:30** **National News**  
20:35 Visiting Artist, A Cen-  
tury Ago  
20:40 Traditional Medical  
Training School  
**20:45** **National News**  
20:50 Glimpses at Myanmar  
Movies

- 21:00** **National News**  
21:05 Poppy Farmers Hand  
Over Poppy Seeds  
21:10 Song "Treasure Land"  
**21:15** **National News**  
21:20 Glimpses at Myanmar  
Movies  
21:25 Song of Myanmar  
Beauty & Scenic  
Sights "Mingalabar"  
21:35 Ancient Architectural  
heritage of Taung-  
thaman Kyauktawgyi  
Pagoda  
**21:40** **Headline News**  
21:42 Ayeyawady Dolphin  
Expedition (Part-VI)  
**21:45** **National News**  
21:50 Kachin hand-woven  
material  
21:55 MRTV-3's Thingyan  
Festival  
**22:00** **National News**  
22:10 Yaw Clothes from  
Yaw Region  
22:12 Song "With a Weak  
Point"  
**22:15** **National News**  
22:20 A Wonderful to Ngwe  
Hsaung  
22:25 Song "Pleasant and  
Greenish Lake"  
**22:30** **National News**  
22:35 Welcome to Bagan  
22:40 Citrus Products of  
Shwe Kyin  
**22:45** **National News**  
22:50 Parabaik Writings  
22:55 National Dance  
"Kayan Dance"  
**23:00** **National News**  
23:05 The Unique Pindaya  
Shan Paper  
23:10 Song "Naughty Girl"  
23:12 Stone Inscription  
**23:15** **National News**  
23:20 Drug Eradication  
Movement in Myan-  
mar  
23:25 Song of Myanmar  
Beauty & Scenic  
Sights "Come and See  
Myanmar"

- 11-4-2004 (Sunday) &  
12-4-2004 (Monday)  
Evening & Morning  
Transmission  
(23:30 - 1:30)**  
23:30 Signature Tune  
Greeting  
23:32 Song of Myanmar  
Beauty & Scenic  
Sights "Myanma Pano-  
rama & Myanma Sen-  
timent"  
23:36 Ancient Architectural  
heritage of Taung-  
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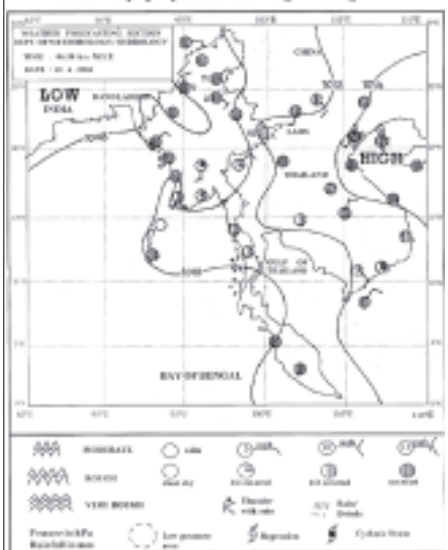
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**23:40** **Headline News**  
23:42 Ayeyawady Dolphin  
Expedition (Part-VI)  
**23:45** **National News**  
23:50 Kachin hand-woven  
material  
23:55 MRTV-3's Thingyan  
Festival  
**24:00** **National News**  
00:10 Yaw Clothes from  
Yaw Region  
00:12 Song "With a Weak  
Point"  
**00:15** **National News**  
00:20 A Wonderful Trip to  
Ngwe Hsaung  
00:25 Song of Myanmar  
Beauty & Scenic  
Sights "Mingalabar"  
**00:30** **National News**  
00:35 Welcome to Bagan  
00:40 Citrus Products of  
Shwe Kyin  
**00:45** **National News**  
00:50 Parabaik Writings  
00:55 National Dance  
"Kayan Dance"  
**01:00** **National News**  
01:05 The Unique Pindaya  
Shan Paper  
01:10 Song "Naughty Girl"  
01:12 Stone Inscription  
**01:15** **National News**  
01:20 Drug Eradication  
Movement in Myanmar  
01:25 Song of Myanmar  
Beauty & Scenic  
Sights "Come and See  
Myanmar"

**12-4-2004 (Monday)  
Morning Transmission  
(03:30-07:30)**

- 03:30 Signature Tune  
Greeting  
03:32 Song of Myanmar  
Beauty & Scenic  
Sights "Myanma Pano-  
rama & Myanma Sen-  
timent"  
03:36 Pottery, A Home  
Industry  
**03:40** **Headline News**  
03:42 Ayeyawady Dolphin  
Expedition (Part-V)  
**03:45** **National News**  
03:50 Unforgettable Customs  
of the Chins  
03:55 Water Festival In The  
Month of Dagu  
**04:00** **National News**  
04:05 Toddy Palm Arts  
04:10 Song "Hill Steps  
Town"  
**04:15** **National News**  
04:20 The Splendour of Mt  
Victoria (Natmataung)

- 04:25 Song "Ever Graceful  
Lady"  
**04:30** **National News**  
04:35 Visiting Artist, A Cen-  
tury Ago  
04:40 Traditional Medical  
Training School  
**04:45** **National News**  
04:50 Glimpses at Myanmar  
Movies  
**05:00** **National News**  
05:05 Poppy Farmers Hand  
Over Poppy Seeds  
05:10 Song "Treasure Land"  
**05:15** **National News**  
05:20 Glimpses at Myanmar  
Movies  
05:25 Song of Myanmar  
Beauty & Scenic  
Sights "Mingalabar"  
05:35 Ancient Architectural  
heritage of Taung-  
thaman Kyauktawgyi  
Pagoda  
**05:40** **Headline News**  
05:42 Ayeyawady Dolphin  
Expedition (Part-VI)  
**05:45** **National News**  
05:50 Kachin hand-woven  
material  
05:55 MRTV-3's Thingyan  
Festival  
**06:00** **National News**  
06:10 Yaw Clothes from

- Yaw Region  
Song "With a Weak  
Point"  
**06:15** **National News**  
06:20 A Wonderful to Ngwe  
Hsaung  
06:25 Song "Pleasant and  
Greenish Lake"  
**06:30** **National News**  
06:35 Welcome to Bagan  
06:40 Citrus Products of  
Shwe Kyin  
**06:45** **National News**  
06:50 Parabaik Writings  
06:55 National Dance "Kayan  
Dance"  
**07:00** **National News**  
07:05 The Unique Pindaya  
Shan Paper  
07:10 Song "Naughty Girl"  
07:12 Stone Inscription  
**07:15** **National News**  
07:20 Drug Eradication  
Movement in Myan-  
mar  
07:25 Song of Myanmar  
Beauty & Scenic  
Sights "Come and See  
Myanmar" Movies  
07:25 Song of Myanmar  
Beauty & Scenic  
Sights "Come and See  
Myanmar"

*Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas*
**WEATHER**
**Saturday, 10 April, 2004**

**Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST:**  
During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been widespread in upper Sagaing Division, Kachin and Chin States, isolated in Shan and Rakhine States, Mandalay and Bago Divisions and weather has been partly cloudy in the remaining areas. Day temperatures were (6°C) above normal in Ayeyawady Division, (4°C) above normal in Taninthayi Division, (3°C) to (4°C) below normal in Shan and Kayah States, upper Sagaing and Magway Divisions, (5°C) to (6°C) below normal in lower Sagaing, Mandalay and Bago Divisions and Bago Divisions and about normal in the remaining areas.

Maximum temperature on 9-4-2004 was 37.8°C (100°F). Minimum temperature on 10-4-2004 was 20.8°C (69°F). Relative humidity at 9:30 hrs MST on 10-4-2004 was 59%. Total sunshine hours on 9-4-2004 was (9.8) hours approx. Rainfall on 10-4-2004 was nil at Yangon Airport, 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 Southwest at (17:35) hours MST on 9-4-2004.

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

**Forecast valid until evening of 11-4-2004:** Rain or thundershowers are likely to be scattered in upper Sagaing Division, Kachin, Chin and Shan States, isolated in Rakhine State, Mandalay, 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:** Likelihood of continuation of isolated rain or thundershowers in northern Myanmar areas. **Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 11-4-2004:** Possibility of isolated rain or thundershowers in the afternoon/evening. Degree of certainty is (40%). **Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 10-4-2004:** Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

**Earthquake Report  
(Issued at 12:00 hour MST on Today)**

An earthquake of slight intensity (4.6) Richter Scale with its epicentre inside of Myanmar about (213) miles North of Kaba-Aye seismological observatory was recorded at (10)hrs (54)min (28)sec MST on 10th April 2004.


**Sunday, April 11**
**View today:**

- 7:00 am**  
1. Recitation of Parittas by  
Missionary Sayadaw U  
Ottamathara  
**7:25 am**  
2. To be healthy exercise  
**7:30 am**  
3. Morning news  
**7:40 am**  
4. Nice and sweet song  
**7:50 am**  
5. သင့်ကျေးဇူးပြု(၃၈)ပြုမင်္ဂလာ  
**8:00 am**  
6. အတိတ်ပြန်  
**8:10 am**  
7. တစ်ဝတ်လုံကြွတ်တား  
**8:20 am**  
8. ခါးသြဇာအဆီအကျား  
**8:30 am**  
9. International news  
**8:45 am**  
10. Say it in English

- 11:00 am**  
1. Martial song  
**11:10 am**  
2. ခါးသြဇာအဆီအကျား  
**11:25 am**  
3. ရုပ်ရှင်ဇာတ်ကား  
**11:40 am**  
4. Round-up of the week's  
international news  
**11:55 pm**  
5. နိုင်ငံခြားစာတမ်းတွဲ  
"နတ်နိုင်ငံမေတ္တာ" (အပိုင်း-၃၂)  
**12:30 pm**  
6. ဖွံ့ဖြိုးတိုးတက်ရေး  
**12:40 pm**  
7. Myanmar video feature:  
"နတ်တောင်စိမ့်စိမ့်တောင်စိမ့်"  
ရာဇာဓိပတိမင်းအုပ်စိုး၊ ကြည်လင်လုံခြုံ၊  
(ဒါရိုက်တာ-ဝင်းထွန်းထွန်း)  
**2:30 pm**  
8. ဖွံ့ဖြိုးတိုးတက်ရေး  
**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. Dance of National Races  
**4:45 pm**  
4. အစားအသောက်သုံးစွဲမှုဆိုင်ရာ

- ရုပ်ရှင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ-ဒုတိယပုဒ်  
(ရှုထောင့်အသုံးပြု) (ရှုထောင့်)  
**5:00 pm**  
5. ခါးသြဇာအဆီအကျား  
**5:15 pm**  
6. စာတန်းဆွဲပုံရိပ်တူရာဇာဓိပတိ  
(အပိုင်း-၁)  
**5:30 pm**  
7. Sing and enjoy  
**6:30 pm**  
8. Evening news  
**7:00 pm**  
9. Weather report  
**7:05 pm**  
10. နိုင်ငံခြားစာတမ်းတွဲ  
"နတ်နိုင်ငံမေတ္တာ" (အပိုင်း-၃)  
**7:30 pm**  
11. ခါးသြဇာအဆီအကျား  
**7:45 pm**  
12. Agricultural source  
country's development  
**8:00 pm**  
13. News  
14. International news  
15. Weather report  
16. Myanmar video feature:  
"သင်္ကြန်ရေစိမ့်စိမ့်" (အပိုင်း-၂)  
မေတ္တာစာတန်းဆွဲပုံရိပ်တူရာဇာဓိပတိ  
ဒါရိုက်တာ-မောင်စိုးလွင် (သပြေ)  
17. The next day's  
programme


**Sunday, April 11**
**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  
**1.30 pm** News/Slogan  
**1.40 pm** Story of children "Tit  
for tat"  
**1.50 pm** Songs for children  
**9.00 pm** Weekly news review  
**9.10 pm** Music  
**9.15 pm** Article  
**9.25 pm** Let's improve English  
through songs  
-Strangers in the night  
(K Ja Nu)  
**9.45 pm** News/Slogan  
**10.00 pm** PEL

## Senior General Than Shwe and Daw Kyaing Kyaing attend graduation dinner of 6th Intake of DSTA

YANGON, 10 April— The graduation dinner of the 6th Intake of Defence Services Technological Academy was held at the parade ground of DSTA in PyinOoLwin, Mandalay Division, yesterday evening, attended by Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing.

Also present at the dinner were Member of the State Peace and Development Council General Thura Shwe Mann, 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, Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo, Lt-Gen Kyaw Win and Lt-Gen Tin Aye, Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Rear-Admiral Soe Thein, Commander-in-Chief (Air) Lt-Gen Myat Hein, commanders, ministers, senior military officers of the Ministry of Defence, the Mandalay Mayor, officials of the State Peace and Development Council Office, departmental heads, the PyinOoLwin Station commander and senior military officers, the Rector of DSTA and professors, teachers, graduate officers and their parents and relatives.— MNA



Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing attend graduation dinner of 6th Intake of Defence Services Technological Academy.— MNA

## Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt inspects development works in Yathedaung, Taungpyo-Letwe, Maungtaw

YANGON, 10 April— Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt and party, accompanied by Chairman of Rakhine State Peace and Development Council Commander of Western Command Maj-Gen Maung Oo, arrived in Yathedaung at 11 am after attending the ceremony to hoist Shwehtidaw, Hngetmyatnadaw and Seinbudaw atop Maha Thuwunna Pathada Gandakuti Kyaungdawgyi and Atwin Bronze Pyathattaw on Moese Island in Yathedaung Township yesterday.

The Prime Minister and party were welcomed there by local authorities, departmental officials and local people. At Yathedaung Basic Education High School, the opening ceremony of multimedia teaching centre was held in conjunction with the stake-driving ceremony of the two-storey

building at the school, attended by Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt. Also present were Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than, Commander Maj-Gen Maung Oo, ministers, deputy ministers, officials of the State Peace and Development Council Office and departmental heads, local authorities, the school head, teachers and students. Outstanding students unveiled the plaque bearing Myanmar education goal. Headmaster U Than Aung formally opened the multimedia teaching centre of the school. The Prime Minister unveiled the signboard of the centre. Afterwards, the Prime Minister inspected the computer lab, the computer aided instruction, the language lab, the electric media (video system), the projected media, the printed media, the art

room and the domestic science training room. The Prime Minister also viewed skill demonstration of the students. Next, Headmaster U Than Aung reported on the purpose of opening the centre and installation of modern teaching aid.

Chairman of the School Board of Trustees U Oo Tha Zan reported on efforts made for emergence of the multimedia teaching centre. Next, the Prime Minister presented a TV and VCR set and a computer set to the school head. On behalf of the wellwishers, Chairman of Yathedaung Township Peace and Development Council U Myint Than presented K 3.5 million donated by wellwishers of Buthidaung and Maungtaw townships and K 1 million by Yathedaung Township to the headmaster.

Next, the Prime Minister held a meeting with lo-

cal authorities, departmental officials, members of social organizations and local senior citizens. On the occasion, Township PDC Chairman U Myint Than reported on location, area and population of the township, sown acreage and per acre yield of monsoon paddy, cultivation of summer paddy, measures being taken for extension and boosting the per acre yield of summer paddy, cultivation of pepper, agriculture and livestock breeding, health, education, construction of roads and bridges, water supply and construction tasks; and officials, on agriculture, livestock breeding, education, health sectors and requirements.

The Prime Minister attended to the needs, saying that being blessed with favourable climate and rich natural resources, Rakhine State has potential for a

promising future of development. Continuing efforts are to be made for meeting per acre yield of 100 baskets of paddy, he said.

Assistance and encouragement are to be provided for greater success in prawn breeding and livestock breeding. In this regard, officials concerned are to make greater efforts for development of Yathedaung Township, he urged.

Township level departmental officials are to convince that they are responsible for development of respective townships in carrying out development projects with diligence and goodwill, he said.

In a bid to ensure rapid development of the townships, the committees formed in various sectors are to make integrated and well-coordinated efforts, he said. The General spoke of the need for those in charge of respective townships to make field trips right down to the grassroots level to win the love and trust of local people by fulfilling their requirements and supervising the tasks. Only then, will respective townships develop in a short time.

The government has been laying basic foundations for all-round development of Rakhine State. In the process, departmental officials at all levels and local people, on their part, are to collectively participate in regional development undertakings, he said.

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### Rural road opened in Thayawady

YANGON, 10 April— A ceremony to open self-reliant laterite road was held in Gonminmyaung Village, Thayawady Township, on 8 April morning.

The road is 9,070 feet long and it was constructed with K 2.1 million donated by U Thein Htaik Oo-Daw Myo Myo Min and K 5.1 million by other well-wishers.— MNA



Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt meets local authorities, departmental personnel and local people of Maungtaw District and Buthidaung townships on 9 April.— MNA