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## Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt sends message of congratulations to Kingdom of Spain

YANGON, 19 April— General Khin Nyunt, Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of congratulations to His Excellency Mr Jose Luis Rodriguez Zapatero on his assumption of office as Prime Minister of the Kingdom of Spain. — MNA



Chairman of National Convention Convening Commission Secretary-2 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein inspects preparations in the mess of Nyaungnapinkwin, venue of National Convention. — MNA

## Work coordination meeting of National Convention Convening Commission, Work Committee and Management Committee held

YANGON, 19 April —A work coordination meeting of the National Convention Convening Commission, Work Committee and Management Committee was held in the Pyidaungsu Hall in Nyaungnapinkwin in Hmawby Township this morning.

Present were Chairman of National Convention Convening Commission Secretary-2 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein, members of

the commission, Chairman of the National Convention Convening Work Committee Chief Justice U Aung Toe, members of the Work Committee, Chairman of Management Committee Auditor-General Maj-Gen Lun Maung and members.

Joint Secretary of the National Convention Convening Commission Maj-Gen Khin Aung Myint of the Ministry of Defence acted as master of ceremonies.

Chairman of National

Convention Convening Commission Secretary-2 Lt-Gen Thein Sein delivered an address.

He said it was the second meeting of the National Convention Convening Commission, Work Committee and Management Committee to discuss work done, being done and to be done relating to the National Convention.

The first meeting was held in the Pyidaungsu Hall in Kyaikkasan Grounds on 16 February 2004. Regarding the

National Convention, tasks to be undertaken were laid down and duties were assigned, he said.

Tasks on the National Convention laid down at the first meeting were implemented and measures were also undertaken. The National Convention will be held at Nyaung-napinkwin on 17 May 2004 and there is only a month left to hold the National Convention, he said.

Within a month, he said, the commission, work com-

mittee and management committee are to discuss work done and being done and measures to be taken when the National Convention is in progress. After accepting the guidance of high-ranking officials of the State, necessary buildings such as Convention hall, meeting halls for group discussion, hostels the mess, hospital, gymnasiums, canteens and recreation centres were constructed in Nyaungnapinkwin.

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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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Chairman of National Convention Convening Commission Secretary-2 Lt-Gen Thein Sein makes a speech at the coordination meeting of the NCCC, Work Committee and Management Committee. — MNA



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

## PERSPECTIVES

Tuesday, 20 April, 2004

## Build new roads and bridges for regional development

The Government of Myanmar has been taking measures for speedy development of education, health and social sectors by implementing the plan for development of border areas and national races, the 24-region development plan and the five rural development tasks.

Smooth and easy transport is the sine qua non for the development of a region. The better the transportation is, the more improved the education, health and social conditions of people in a region will be. Therefore, the Government is giving top priority to the task of improving transportation in all states and divisions.

Rakhine State is a region rich in natural resources. In the past, it was difficult of access because we had to depend mainly on air and water transport. But now, transportation between Rakhine State and other states and divisions has improved as new motor roads have been built.

The Yangon-Sittway Union Highway was completed in the year 2000. As a result, local people of Rakhine State can easily travel from Sittway to Yangon and other states and divisions. Now, the Kyaukphyu-Maei-Taungup and the Maei-An motor road are under construction. Moreover, new roads and bridges in the state are being constructed. The Nayikan bridge on the Yangon-Sittway Union Highway was inaugurated on 17 April and the opening ceremony was attended by member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than of the Ministry of Defence.

The 300-foot-long bridge is situated in Sittway township and it is the 29th among the bridges 180 feet and above long built across Rakhine State. The bridge will ensure speedy flow of goods and passengers along the Yangon-Sittway Union Highway.

Rakhine State is abundant in land and water resources. Moreover, an enormous deposit of natural gas has been found there. If natural resources in the state can be fully explored, it can become a region the State can depend on economically. Therefore, we would like to urge all the local people and departmental personnel to cooperate in the construction of new roads and bridges for the development of their region.

## Review meeting on

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Afterwards, members of Water Treatment Plant Construction Work Committee reported on tasks being carried out and future tasks to Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin. In response to the reports, Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin gave necessary instructions to officials concerned and the meeting came to a close. — MNA

## 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

## ကုသကာကွယ် မူးယစ်အန္တရာယ်

၁။ မူးယစ်ဆေးဝါးသုံးစွဲလျှင် အသည်းရောင် အသားဝါရောဂါ၊ အသည်းခြောက်ရောဂါ၊ အသည်းကင်ဆာရောဂါ၊ သွေးဆိပ်တက်ခြင်းနှင့် နှလုံးရောဂါ၊ အဆုတ်ရောဂါများ၊ ခုခံအားကျဆင်းမှုရောဂါ (AIDS) နှင့်၊ စိတ်ပိုင်းဆိုင်ရာရောဂါများသည်တို့ ဖြစ်ပွားနိုင်သည်။ အပြင်၊ စီးပွားရေးနှင့်၊ လူမှုရေးများ ထိခိုက်ပျက်ပြားခြင်း၊ ဥပဒေအရ အရေးယူခံရခြင်းတို့ဖြစ်နိုင်သည်။

၂။ ထို့ကြောင့် အဆိုပါဒုက္ခများမှတစ်ဆင့်စေရန် မူးယစ်ဆေးဝါးကို လုံးဝ ရှောင်ကြဉ်ပါ။

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Progress of preparation at Pyidaungsu Hall of Nyaungnnapinkwm, Hmawby Township. (News page 1) — MNA



Preparatory works at meeting hall for delegates to political parties of National Convention Convening Commission. (News page 1) — MNA



Progress of preparation at meeting hall for delegates to farmers of National Convention Convening Commission. (News page 1) — MNA

## PyinOoLwin invitational golf tournament held

YANGON, 19 April — Prize presentation ceremony for the 46th PyinOoLwin invitational golf tournament and the first leg of Myanmar Golf Tour, organized by Myanmar Golf Federation and PyinOoLwin Golf Club was held at PyinOoLwin Golf Club on 15 April evening.

In gold medal level, Rector of Defence Services Technological Academy Brig-Gen Win Myint presented the first prize to YCDC team with 445 strokes and the second to PyinOoLwin team in the team event; the first prize to Soe Kyaw Naing (Pan-West) with 287 strokes, the second to Zaw Zaw Latt (Pan-West) with total 291 strokes and the third to Aung Win (YCDC) with 295 strokes in professional event. Next, Vice-President of PyinOoLwin Golf Club Brig-Gen Tun Ye presented the first prize to Zaw Zaw Win (YCDC) with 287

strokes, the second to Than Naing Oo (Forestry) with 300 strokes and the third to Naing Naing Lin (YCDC) with 300 strokes in individual amateur event. Afterwards, the prizes were presented to prize winners by Executive U Ko Ko Lay of MGF, Professional Golfer U Chan Han of General Secretary of

MPGA, Director of KM Golf Centre Daw Aye Aye Tint, Secretary of PyinOoLwin Golf Club Col Myint Aung and Board of Directors of KM Golf Centre U Maung Maung Myint. The tournament was mainly sponsored by KM Golf Centre and PyinOoLwin Golf Club and co-sponsors were Maruman,

Shwe Sar Yan Golf Resort, Eden Group, Air Mandalay, Imperial Jade, MK Fashion Shop, VES, AK Company, Wilson, Tiger and Sun Far Travels and Tour.

It was organized by Han Event Management and PyinOoLwin Golf Club for ensuring successful holding of the tournament. — MNA



Rector of Defence Services Technological Academy Brig-Gen Win Myint presents Thingyan Gold Cup to YCDC team at the 46th PyinOoLwin invitational golf tournament. — MGF





# Eleven US troops killed in Iraq in one day

## US death toll in Iraq reaches 700

**BAGHDAD, 19 April**—US troop deaths in Iraq reached 700, with 504 killed in combat, on Sunday as the military added 11 American casualties to the war's death toll.

The US casualties announced Sunday included five Marines killed in fierce fighting near Iraq's border with Syria. The Marines were killed Saturday when a patrol reported coming under attack by insurgents with machine guns and rocket-propelled grenades near the town of Husaybah, the Marines said.

Reinforcements, backed by helicopters, also came under fire by insurgents operating from near Husaybah's former Baath Party headquarters, the military said. The fight continued through the night, the Marines said, pitting their troops against 120 to 150 insurgents. The Marines estimated 25 to 30 insurgents

were killed in the attack.

They also reported seeing women and children surrounding mortar positions but could not tell if they were there voluntarily. They said the insurgents fired at medical helicopters carrying wounded Marines from the battlefield. Elsewhere, three US soldiers were killed Saturday

when their 1st Armoured Division convoy was ambushed near the southern Iraqi town of Diwaniyah.

Three Iraqi civilians and a member of radical cleric Muqtada al-Sadr's militia, the Mehdi Army, were also killed, Iraqi police in Diwaniyah said.

A ninth American, assigned to the 1st Marine Expeditionary Unit, was killed Saturday in fighting west of Baghdad in the violent Anbar province. Officials announced two more deaths Sunday. A US soldier was killed and two others injured Saturday when their tank rolled over in north Baghdad, and another soldier died of wounds received Saturday in a roadside bombing. — *Interne*



US soldiers from 2nd Battalion, 2nd Regiment of the First Infantry Division patrol on a bridge crossing the Euphrates river near the holy city of Najaf on 18 April, 2004.

INTERNET

## Spain to withdraw troops from Iraq

**MADRID, 19 April**—The Prime Minister ordered Spanish troops pulled out of Iraq as soon as possible Sunday, fulfilling a campaign pledge to a nation still recovering from terrorist bombings that al-Qaida militants said were reprisal for Spain's support of the war.

The new Socialist Prime Minister issued the abrupt recall just hours after his government was sworn in, saying there was no sign the United States would meet his demands for staying in Iraq — United Nations control of the postwar occupation.

Jose Luis Rodriguez Zapatero's party won the March 14 general election amid allegations that outgoing Prime Minister Jose Maria Aznar had provoked commuter-train terrorist bombing, which killed 191 people three days earlier, by backing the war in Iraq.

Zapatero pledged to remove Spanish troops in his winning campaign. But his announcement — a setback for the United States — was a bombshell, coming just hours after his government was sworn in, and as his foreign minister planned to travel

to Washington to discuss the dispute.

In a five-minute address at the Moncloa Palace, Zapatero said he had ordered Defence Minister Jose Bono to "do what is necessary for the Spanish troops stationed in Iraq to return home in the shortest time possible."

Zapatero cited his campaign pledge to bring the 1,300 troops in Iraq home by June 30, when their mandate expires, if the United Nations failed to take political and military control of the situation.

"With the information we have, and which we have gathered over the past few weeks, it is not foreseeable that the United Nations will adopt a resolution" that satisfies Spain's terms, Zapatero said.

Also, the latest poll showed 72 percent of Spaniards wanted the troops withdrawn.

Internet

## Thailand sees car sales growth in 1st quarter

**BANGKOK, 19 April**—Thailand witnessed a strong growth of 24 per cent of vehicle sales in the first quarter of this year backed by rising confidence in economy and low interest rates.

As the first quarter ending March, total car sales in the kingdom rose to 147,585 units, rising 23.9 per cent from the same period over last year, the newspaper *Business Day* on Friday quoted a Toyota Motor (Thailand) statement as saying.

For the month of March, sales rose by 30.6 per cent year-on-year to 54,418 units while the total vehicle sales stood at 49,044 units in Feb-

ruary, according to the Toyota statement.

The bright prospect of vehicle sales in the first quarter reflected the unrest situation in southern Thailand and the bird flu epidemic had little impact over Thai economy, Toyota Motor (Thailand) Vice-President Vudhikorn Suriyachantananon was quoted as saying.

He also noted that the other main reason for the

sharp growth of sales in March was the 25th Bangkok International Motor Show, which offered special promotion price to consumers.

The 10-day event, ending in early April, generated 14 billion baht (about 333 US dollars) in sales, or 17 per cent more than last year, with over 13,000 vehicles sold.

MNA/Xinhua

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## 99 US soldiers in Iraq killed in April

**BAGHDAD, 19 April**—Ten US troops were killed on Saturday in combat across Iraq — including five US Marines killed in pitched battles near the Syrian border — and an eleventh soldier died in a tank rollover, the military said.

The deaths brought to 99 the number of US troops killed in violence since April 1. Two Iraqi civilians were killed in a guerilla rocket barrage in Baghdad, the US military said Sunday.

In the far-western city of Husaybah, five Marines were killed during a daylong firefight waged after a Marine patrol was ambushed Saturday morning by insurgents with machine guns and rocket-propelled grenades.

Helicopter-backed reinforcements also came under heavy rifle and rocket-propelled grenade fire from as many as 150 guerillas, who fought through the night and into Sunday, according to a release from the 1st Marine Division. Marines killed 25 to 30 insurgents in the battle, leaving an unknown number wounded, the release said.

Also Saturday, three US Army soldiers travelling in a 1st Armoured Division convoy were killed when their convoy came under fire near the southern Iraqi city of Diwaniyah on Saturday evening, the military said. The 1st Armoured Division is based in Germany.

Another US soldier was killed Saturday morning when a roadside bomb exploded near a military convoy in Baghdad, the military said. The soldier was from Task Force Baghdad, which is made up mostly of troops from the Texas-based 1st Cavalry Division.

Separately, a US Marine from the 1st Marine Expeditionary Force was also killed in action in western Iraq, the Marines said, giving no further details.

Also Saturday, a US Army soldier was killed and two others were injured when their Abrams tank rolled over in northern Baghdad. The military did not say whether the rollover occurred during combat, and did not specify the soldiers' unit.

Internet

## Arroyo wants "zero casualty" for Filipinos in Iraq

**MANILA, 19 April**—Philippine President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo said Friday she wants all Filipinos in Iraq to be safe and unharmed as concerns over the safety of foreign nationals working in Iraq are mounting.

"We want a 'zero-casualty' goal for Filipino civilians and peacekeepers as tension continuously escalates in Iraq. All government agencies and the public should support this aim," the Presidential Palace quoted Arroyo as saying in a statement.

"We will stand by our international commitments and we will make sure our nationals are safe," Arroyo said.

"I admire the courage of our peacekeepers and workers but they should take care, keep together and keep in close contact with the Iraq team," she added.

Likewise, she ordered that Filipino peacekeeping troops be restricted to their camps and that the deployment of new humanitarian

forces to Iraq be stopped.

However, she said the Philippine contingent will remain in Iraq and coordinate all actions with the US-led coalition forces and the Iraqi authorities.

Currently, there are only 43 Filipino soldiers and eight policemen left in Iraq out of its original 96-member humanitarian contingent.

In the past several days, scores of foreign hostages were held in Iraq, including a Filipino driver who were held briefly and then released.

However, an Iranian diplomat and an Italian captive were murdered by Iraqi rebels in a bid allegedly to push the US-led forces out of the country.

MNA/Xinhua



US soldiers from 2nd Battalion, 2nd Regiment of the First Infantry Division patrol near a bridge over the Euphrates river near Najaf on 18 April, 2004. — INTERNET

## Two British soldiers hurt in Iraq

LONDON, 19 April — Two British soldiers have been injured after their convoy was ambushed in southeast Iraq, the Ministry of Defence says.

The men were shot during an attack on a joint British Army and Iraqi Civil Defense Corps convoy late on Saturday near the town of Amara.

"Their injuries are not life-threatening," an MoD spokesman said on Sunday. He denied media reports that "fierce fighting" was raging around the town.

The soldiers' personal details and regiments will not be released.

Britain has the second biggest military force in Iraq after the United States. There are around 10,000 British troops in Iraq, most around the southern city of Basra.

Six British soldiers were killed and eight injured last June in two separate incidents near Amara after what the British army called a "misunderstanding" with locals over weapons searches. — *Internet*

## Five US Marines killed in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 19 April — A US newspaper said on Sunday that five US Marines and dozens of Iraqis had been killed in a 14-hour battle close to the Syrian border.

The US military in Baghdad said it had no information about fighting in the remote region of western Iraq.

But the St Louis Post-Dispatch, whose reporter was with Marines in the area, quoted Marine Intelligence as saying nearly 300 insurgents launched an attack Saturday, setting off a roadside bomb to lure out the troops and then firing 24 mortars.

At least nine Marines were wounded and more than 20 Iraqi fighters captured and taken to the main Marine base near the western town of al-Qaim.

Marines based in al-Anbar province west of Baghdad — which includes towns like Falluja and Ramadi — face fierce resistance from Sunni Muslim insurgents fighting the occupation. — *Internet*



*Iraqi resistance releases the two remaining Japanese held hostage in Iraq, on 17 April, 2004. — INTERNET*

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## Japanese, oppose US Iraq policy

TOKYO, 19 April — Most Japanese were supportive of government's handling of the latest hostage crisis but opposed to US policy on Iraq, the leading *Asahi Shimbun* said Saturday.

According to a Friday survey, 64 per cent of respondents said they were satisfied with government's rescuing efforts for three Japanese hostages. 73 per cent expressed their support for the decision not to withdraw the Self-Defence Forces (SDF) from Iraq, while 16 per cent criticized the stance.

The Iraqi kidnappers had demanded Japan pull the 500-strong troops out of Iraq in exchange for the hostages' release, but handed them over on Thursday without the prerequisite being met. An earlier statement reportedly from the group said they had decided to release the three because they were not supporters of the military presence, while asking the Japanese to pressure the government for a pullout.

The survey result may help embolden Japanese Prime Minister Junichiro Koizumi to go on with his hardline policy.

Those who opposed US policy on Iraq stood at 71 per cent, a sharp contrast to supporters declining dramatically from the 21 per cent in January to 12 per cent, the paper said.

As for whether the troops should remain there, 50 per cent of the respondents held favourable view, and 32 per cent wanted them back, arguing the SDF would be involved in combat or the dispatch was illegal from the very beginning.

A legislation adopted in July authorized the operation, but confined the activities in non-combat areas. Critics maintain that the law is in violation of Japan's pacifist Constitution.

*MNA/Xinhua*

## Anti-war protesters at Blair's doorstep

LONDON, 19 April — About 200 anti-war protesters rallied outside the London residence of British Prime Minister Tony Blair on Saturday, chanting "end the occupation".

They gathered under a banner proclaiming: "Iraq for the Iraqis". Protester Andrew Burgin of the Stop the War Coalition, which helped organize the demonstration, said: "We are calling for an immediate withdrawal of foreign troops in Iraq."

*MNA/Reuters*

## IDB President urges modernization of Latin America

MONTEVIDEO, 19 April — Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) President Enrique Iglesias said here on Friday that it is necessary to modernize the economic structure, social policies and political system in Latin America.

The fundamental basis of the inter-American bank is society-oriented macroeconomic administrations, state-market relations and a clever international insertion, Iglesias said at a meeting with Uruguayan officials.

He indicated that Latin America may have difficulty in fulfilling the UN-proposed Millennium Objectives, which aim to reduce poverty by half before 2015.

The president said corruption has severely undermined the region's economy. He also forecast that Uruguay's economic growth would be above the 4-per-cent estimated for Latin America. — *MNA/Xinhua*

## High-speed Internet boosts e-commerce in Canada

OTTAWA, 19 April — Expanding use of high-speed Internet connections helped e-commerce sales grow by 40 per cent last year, Statistics Canada reported Friday.

Private and public sector online sales in Canada jumped to 19.1 billion Canadian dollars (about 14.5 billion US dollars) last year, with private sector sales accounting for 18.6 billion Canadian dollars (about 13.5 billion US dollars) of that. Online sales by public sector enterprises rebounded from a decline in 2002, jumping more than 56 per cent to 511.4 million Canadian dollars (about 390 million US dollars).

About 7 per cent of private sector firms sold goods or services online last year, virtually unchanged from 2002. These firms accounted for 29 per cent of gross business income in Canada. — *MNA/Xinhua*

## Relatives plead for lives of Italian hostages

ROME, 19 April — The families of three Italian security guards held hostage in Iraq pleaded with the kidnappers on Saturday to spare the men's lives.

In a videotape appeal broadcast on the Arabic-language satellite TV channel Al Jazeera, the sister of one of the captives said the three men had only gone to Iraq to look for work and had no political agenda.

"We are simple people like yourselves.

We appeal to your religious consciences as believers," said Antonella Agliana, whose brother Maurizio was seized along with three other Italians outside Baghdad last Monday. Two days later, the Iraqi kidnappers shot dead one of the four men and warned that they would kill the other captives if Italy refused to withdraw some 2,700 troops deployed in Iraq.

"We respect your God. We are afraid that what you are threatening to do will not serve the cause you support," said Agliana, speaking on behalf of the other families. "Our boys only went (to Iraq) to look for work without

any ideological motives," she added. "You, too, have families and you can understand our anguish. Spare the lives of our boys."

The four Italians worked for a US-based security company. Colleagues said they served as bodyguards for foreign businessmen involved with the reconstruction of Iraq.

The murder of hostage Fabrizio Quattrocchi shocked Italy and Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi has said he is doing everything possible to secure the release of the remaining three captives. Berlusconi has dispatched his special envoy Gianni Castellana to the Middle East to help resolve the crisis. The envoy has held talks with Iranian leaders in Teheran and is expected to meet Syrian President Bashar al-Assad soon. Iranian Foreign Minister Kamal Kharrazi is due to fly to Italy on Sunday and will meet Berlusconi in Milan on Sunday evening. — *MNA/Reuters*



*One year ago, Vivian Salem Mate lost her husband Nasim and three children - Husam, 15, Wasim, 12 and Merna, 6, - when an American tank shelled their car as the family attempted to flee heavy fighting in Baghdad. Since then she has struggled to rebuild her life, but can't forgive the Americans for killing her family. "If they want the oil, they can take it. Is it worth more than my children? They didn't even leave me one," she says. — INTERNET*

## Japan's crude steel output hits 13-year high in 2003

TOKYO, 19 April — Crude steel output by Japanese steelmakers came to 110.98 million tons in fiscal 2003, eclipsing the 110 million-ton line for the first time in 13 years, an industry body said Friday.

The Japan Iron and Steel Federation said output for the year to March 31 represented a 1.1-per-cent increase over the previous year and the fifth-largest amount ever logged.

Japanese steelmakers are running their steelworks at full factory utilization ratios amid growing signs of a rebounding economy, the federation noted.

The federation attributed the higher output partly to brisk exports, particularly to China.

In addition, strong domestic demand from the automobile, shipbuilding and industrial machinery industries has also resulted in brisk steel output in fiscal 2003, it said.

Steel sheet output grew 1.9 per cent with thick steel sheets for use in ships enjoying particularly robust demand. Such thick steel output soared 14.9 per cent.

In contrast, steel bar output for use as construction material and other items shrank, the federation noted.

Output of specialty steel for use in automobiles jumped 7.2 per cent to a record 22.73 million tons.

*MNA/Xinhua*



## Anti-US guerillas disrupt Iraq road network

**BAGHDAD, 19 April**—Guerillas blew up bridges over a main highway from Baghdad to southern Iraq, further disrupting the country's battered transport system, witnesses said on Saturday.

They said debris from blasts targeting at least two bridges closed the Baghdad-Hilla Road, one of two highways leading to the port city of Basra.

The US-led administration said in a statement that two highways, including the Basra-Hill Route, were closed for repairs and to help halt guerilla attacks against US forces and supply convoys.

The US military said it had no information about blasts targeting highway bridges.

But a traveller who came from Hilla said: "The guerillas are after US supply lines. American convoys are having to drive off the highway and go through rough terrain

around the bridges."

The military also closed another main highway leading north of Baghdad on Saturday.

Sunni and Shiite Muslim guerillas in central and southern Iraq have severely disrupted the transport system, harmed trade, and restricted supply routes.

Iraq's Oil Ministry has stopped importing gasoline through Syria, Jordan and the Gulf because of poor security along western and southern highways.

The western highway leading to Syria and Jordan is deemed too dangerous to travel as guerillas fight US forces in and around the city of Fallujah. — MNA/Reuters

## China to carry out resources saving campaign

**BEIJING, 19 April** — China has decided to carry out a nationwide campaign from 2004 to 2006 to promote resources saving a wareness and practices in an all-encompassing way.

According to a circular recently issued by the General Office of the State Council, the campaign should be widely carried out to promote both saving and integrated utilization of resources including energy, raw materials, water and land.

Premier Wen Jiabao had earlier said that it is of great significance to carry out such a campaign in a persistent, deep and all-round way.

Publicity and education to that end should also be widely conducted and all saving policies and measures should be enforced as required, said Wen.

He also required integrating the campaign with the general tasks of economic and social development.

MNA/Xinhua

## Passengers in China will enjoy faster, comfortable trips by train

**BEIJING, 19 April**—Passengers in China will enjoy a faster, more comfortable trips by train as the country's rail network will pick up steam on 18 April, reported *China Daily* on Saturday.

The large-scale acceleration on railway transportation will enable passenger trains to run at a speed of 65.7 kilometres per hour and a top speed of 200 kilometres per hour along a 7,700-kilometre-long network, said Hu Yadong, Vice-Minister of the Ministry of Railway.

The freight trains would also run faster, said Hu.

Among the passenger trains, the speed of

direct express trains will reach 119.2 kilometres per hour and 92.8 kilometres per hour on the average.

This is the fifth time China has moved to speed up its trains since 1997. As of Sunday, 19 pairs of new express trains, to be marked with "Z" on the schedule, will run from the departure station to the destinations without a single stop on route.

MNA/Xinhua

## Natural disasters cause huge eco losses in Jiangxi Province

**NANCHANG, 19 April**—East China's Jiangxi Province incurred heavy economic losses of up to seven billion yuan (843 million US dollars) from devastating natural disasters in 2003, nearly 4.4 billion yuan (525 million US dollars) of which were sustained by the agricultural sector.

From April to June 2003, six strong gales, cyclones, and heavy rain hit Jiangxi, leading to flooding in 46 counties with rainfall exceeding 100 millimetres in 24 hours.

Then the province suffered a drought

from July to December, with an average rainfall of 32 millimetres, the most severe situation since 1951.

The calamities affected 1.54 million hectares of farm land, involving 30 million people, 163,000 of whom were forced to resettle.

More than 70,000 houses were pulled down, depriving three million people and 1.1 million heads of livestock of sufficient water supply.

MNA/Xinhua



US Marines from the 1st Battalion 5th Marine on house-to-house search for weapons and guerillas in Fallujah. — INTERNET

## 6.5 million pirated CDs destroyed in south China city

**ZHUHAI, 19 April**—China destroyed 6.5 million pirated compact discs (CDs) here Friday, a move indicating its resolve to protect intellectual property rights.

The CDs were crushed at the Ningxi Culture Square in Zuhai, a coastal city in the southern province of Guangdong, which borders Macao Special Administrative Region.

Officers of Gongbei Customs of Zuhai have taken tough measures against smuggling of pirated CDs in recent years.

Statistics show that Gongbei Customs officers seized more than 25.23 million copies of illegal publications, including 24.56 million smuggled pirated CDs from 2000 to the end of March this year.— MNA/Xinhua

## Sadr's followers vow war if US attacks Najaf

**BAGHDAD, 19 April**—Moqtada al-Sadr's core supporters vowed on Friday there would be all-out war if US forces stormed Najaf, saying Iraq's Shiite Muslims would not let another of their leaders be killed with impunity.

A 2,500-strong US force is poised near the holy city of Najaf to kill or capture the young cleric, but has not yet attacked the city. The chances of peaceful compromise appeared to dim after Sadr vowed not to disband his Mehdi army militia.

"You Americans, do not fall into a quagmire and storm Najaf. Rivers of your blood will flow," Sheikh Nasser al-Saedi told tens of thousands of Sadr supporters in Baghdad's

Sadr City slum, named after the cleric's revered father and uncle. The mood in Sadr City, from where Moqtada — like his late father — drew his main support, was charged with defiance. Chants such as "Yes, yes, Moqtada" thundered from the crowd.

Saedi said Sadr would triumph against an overwhelming enemy force, even if he died.

"We killed the American dream. You will not take over

this country. You do not understand what martyrdom means. Look at our imams, who died for principle and belief," Saedi added.

He was referring to Sadr's uncle, Imam Mohammad Baqer, one of Islam's foremost thinkers, and father Sayyed Mohammad Sadeq, who courted impoverished Shiites marginalized politically under former President Saddam Hussein.

MNA/Reuters



A US soldier keeps guard over suspected Mahdi militiamen, who sit detained at an US army base on the outskirts of Najaf, Iraq, Saturday, 17 April 2004. —INTERNET

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## At least four killed in Iraq's Kufa clashes

**BAGHDAD, 19 April** — At least four Iraqis were killed and 11 others injured in armed clashes near the Iraqi town of Kufa on Friday, witnesses said.

A US military convoy was attacked by radical Shiite cleric Moqtada al-Sadr's Mehdi Army while driving from Al Abbasia bridge east of Kufa, a stronghold of Sadr's supporters near the southern city of Najaf, to a rural area between Kufa and Al Abbasia where clashes erupted, witness Muhsin Jawad told *Xinhua*.

Two armoured vehicles were damaged in the clashes and a US helicopter evacuated the American casualties, said Jawad, who earlier reported that a US convoy of two dozen armoured vehicles moved toward Abbasia in an apparent attempt to launch a strike at the city.

Also on Friday, fierce overnight clashes erupted between Spanish troops and Iraqi militants around Najaf, a witness in the city said. Sadr's militia launched resistance attacks against occupying troops this month, inflicting heavy casualties on both sides. — MNA/Xinhua

## Businessman on UAE passport abducted in Basra

**BAGHDAD, 19 April**—A Jordanian-born businessman travelling on a United Arab Emirates passport was abducted in Iraq's southern city of Basra five days ago, an official with the US-led coalition authorities said on Friday.

Wael Mamduh arrived in Basra two months ago, the official said. There were no other details.

At least 40 foreigners have been abducted in Iraq in recent weeks. Most have been released, after appeals from Sunni and Shiite clerics for guerillas not to target foreign civilians. Three Czechs and one Canadian were released on Friday. Several foreigners are still missing. —MNA/Reuters

## Iraq devoid of sovereignty under foreign occupation

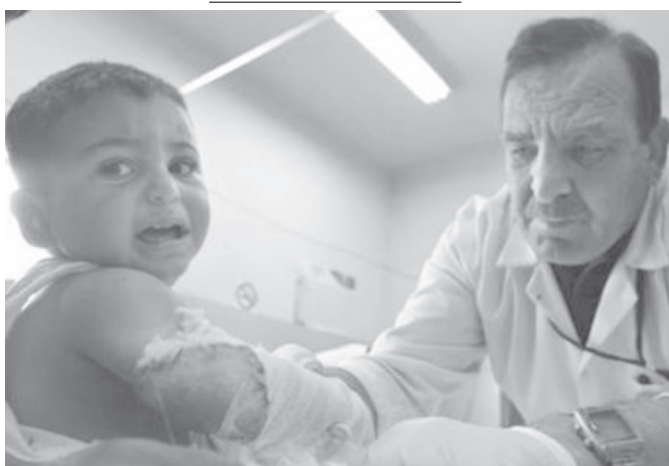
### Images to be viewed from true perspective



*Wounded two year old Iraqi boy Ali Abdullah is carried by his father to a clinic after he was hurt by an overnight blast that destroyed their neighbour's home in the besieged town of Falluja on 11 April 2004.*



*A wounded nine-year-old Iraqi girl Ahlam Sa'ad, who was shot in the neck, is cared for by medical staff at a small clinic in the embattled town of Falluja April 8, 2004.*



*Wounded one and a half year old Iraqi baby Qusay Issam, who was shot in the arm in the besieged town of Fallujah, is treated in Baghdad's al-Nouman hospital, on 13 April, 2004.*



*An Iraqi woman, right, cries next to the bed of her 3-year-old son Ali Majeed, left, at the al-Kindy hospital in Baghdad Iraq on 5 April, 2004. The boy was shot in the shoulder during an exchange of fire between US soldiers and armed militiamen while playing in his house in Sadr City, the largest Shiite neighborhood in Baghdad.*



*Nura, 3, an Iraqi child wounded during fighting between US forces and Iraqi guerillas is rushed into a public clinic by her father in Fallujah, Iraq on 8 April, 2004.*



*A young girl lies in a hospital after she was injured in clashes in Fallujah, on 10 April, 2004.*



# Youngsters enjoying peace and happiness throughout Myanmar

## Human resources the future nation can rely



*School children show their computer skills at the ceremony to mark 2003-2004 academic year School Family Day.*



*Children from No 4 Pre-primary School, Ahlon Township, present dances to the audience at the Myanmar Traditional Water Festival.*



*At the opening of School Family Day of 2003-2004 academic year, students present Kayan traditional dance to the audience.*



*New generation youths undergo Karatedo training conducted by Sports and Physical Education Department during the summer holidays.*



*New generation Wushu athletes demonstrate their skill at Yankin Education Practising School.*



*Youth taking part in tennis training conducted by Sports and Physical Education Department at Theiby Tennis Plaza.*



Coordination meeting of the NCCC, Work Committee and Management Committee being held in Pyidaungsu Hall. — MNA

## Work coordination meeting...

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He said the National Convention will be held in accord with the procedures on holding of the National Convention announced by the National Convention Convening Commission and six objectives of the National Convention. He urged the work committee and management committee to make necessary arrangements for the convenience of the delegates.

Secretary of National Convention Convening Commission Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan reported on invitation sent to the delegates, accommodation, welfare and requirements of the delegates, arrangements for documentary photos and publication of books and arrangements for successful holding of the National Convention.

Chairman of the National Convention Convening Work Committee Chief Justice U Aung Toe reported on work done by the committee, Chairman of Management Committee Auditor-General Maj-Gen Lun Maung on work done and requirements. A general round of discussions followed.

Chairman of the Commission Secretary-2 Lt-Gen Thein Sein fulfilled the requirements. The meeting came to a close after concluding remarks by the chairman.

After the coordination meeting, Chairman of NCCC

Secretary-2 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein and party inspected progress in preparations in Pyidaungsu Hall.

Chairman of NCCC Secretary-2 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein and party proceeded to the hostel for women delegates and inspected the meeting room, bedrooms, recreation hall and the mess hall.

Next, they looked into the GEC welfare shops, Winthuza shops of the Ministry of Industry-1. After that, Lt-Gen Thein Sein and party inspected beauty salon, photo studios, optical shops, public telephone booth, fax, E-mail and express mail services being opened there together with the welfare shops.

Later, the Secretary-2 and party arrived at the gymnasium and inspected construction of women's fitness centre, women's table tennis hall, men's fitness centre, men's table tennis hall, modern sports gear, arrangements being made for construction of badminton court.

Next, they arrived at the hospital being opened for the delegates and inspected patient wards, traditional medicine clinic, dental clinic, operation theatre, laboratory and medical store. After giving necessary instructions to officials, Lt-Gen Thein Sein and party left Nyaungnapinkwin at 11 am where the National

Convention will be held.

The National Convention will be convened in Nyaungnapinkwin beginning 17 May 2004. Hence, the respective committees and sub-committees are making necessary preparations. Arrangements have been made for the delegates to hold discussions in Pyidaungsu Hall at

the same time. The health sub-committee office is being opened in the basement of Pyidaungsu Hall, the financial sub-committee on the first floor, the information sub-committee and the decoration sub-committee on the second floor and office of the National Convention Convening Management Committee on



Secretary of National Convention Convening Commission Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan presents reports. — MNA



Joint-Secretary of the NCCC Maj-Gen Khin Aung Myint of Ministry of Defence acts as master of ceremonies. — MNA

the third floor. Altogether 39 hostels for the delegates have already been built.

In each hostel there are eight bedrooms each of which can accommodate four delegates and each bedroom is provided with a bathroom and toilet. Each bedroom has been facilitated with TV and VCD.

The delegates of political parties will hold discussions in Room-1 of the National Convention Convening Work Committee Office, the delegates of the representatives-elect in Room-2, the delegates of peasants in Room-4, the delegates of workers in Room-5, the delegates of intellectuals and intelligentsia in Room-6, the delegates of State serv-

ice personnel in Room-7 and other invited delegates in Room-8. The delegates of national races will hold discussions in Room-3 on the right side of Pyidaungsu Hall.

Shops are kept open at Nyaungnapinkwin to enable the delegates to the National Convention to buy household utensils, foodstuff, stationery and other general goods at affordable prices.

At the shop of Yangon Division Government Employees Cooperatives (GEC), books and periodicals, consumers' goods, general items, textile, clothes, various kinds of books and periodicals and stationery.

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Preparations for the meeting hall for national races delegates to the National Convention. — MNA



Chairman of NCC Work Committee Chief Justice U Aung Toe presents reports. — MNA



Chairman of NCCMC Auditor-General Maj-Gen Lun Maung presents reports. — MNA



Entrance to Nyaungnapinkwin Hmawby, where National Convention is to be reconvened. — MNA



## Work coordination...

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Winthuzar shop of the Ministry of Industry-1 also opens a shop there and put on sale in it clothes, food-stuff, medicines, ceramics, other general materials.

Besides the shops, studios for documentary photo, beauty salons, optical wares and optical clinics are also opened there.

Moreover, the Ministry of Communications, Posts and Telegraphs will provide mail and telegraph services

for the delegates to the National Convention. The ministry will also provide the direct dial system for international and local calls.

Arrangements have been made for enabling the delegates to the National Convention to enjoy breakfast, lunch and dinner. The mess hall-1 can accommodate 250 delegates at a time; the mess hall-2, 410; and the mess hall-3, 410. Staffed with specialists, surgeons, orthopedists, oculists and

other physicians and installed with modern hospital equipment, one hospital is kept open to look after the health of the delegates. Traditional medicines are also available at the hospital.

One gymnasium measuring 120' x 90' x 36' was also constructed there to enable the delegates to do sports exercises.

In the gymnasium are four badminton courts, one body fitness hall equipped with modern sports gear where men and women can do exercises separately and

one tennis court.

Theatres were also constructed for the evening recreation of the delegates.

Rice, edible oil, salt, beans and pulses and other dried foodstuff have been stored systematically.

Separate mess hall, bedroom, bathroom and water closet were also constructed for employees from respective ministries who will carry out their duties at the National Convention. Teashops and cold drinks shops will also be opened for them there. — MNA



Preparations for the meeting hall for delegates of representatives-elect. —MNA

## Construction of Parami Overpass coordinated

YANGON, 19 April — Overpass construction work committee, part of the work committee for beautifying the Yangon City and construction, held a coordination meeting on construction of Parami flyover at the briefing hall of the Parami flyover construction project site this afternoon.

Present at the meeting were Chairman of the work committee for beautifying the Yangon City and construction Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Com-

mander Maj-Gen Myint Swe, Minister for Rail Transportation Maj-Gen Aung Min, Yangon City Development Committee Chairman Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin, Deputy Ministers for Rail Transportation Thura U Thaung Lwin and U Pe Than, No 2 Military Region Commander Brig-Gen Myo Myint, Myanmar Railways Managing Director U Min Swe and departmental heads, Yangon East District PDC Chairman Lt-Col Maung Maung Shein and guests.

First, Minister for Rail Transportation Maj-Gen Aung Min explained matters related to combined tasks with departments concerned for work site safety in construction of the Parami overpass. Next, All Bus Line Control Committee (Yangon Division) Chairman Brig-Gen Myint Swe (Rtd) and Col Myo Myint of Parami Bus Line reported on matters pertaining to changing the routes of passenger bus lines and using Wayzayanta Road as a temporary road where buses will run. Chief Engineer U Tin Aung reported on changing of power lines.

Next, Deputy Minister U Pe Than reported on construction of Parami flyover, measures to be taken for temporary closure of Parami Road between Kaba Aye Pagoda Road and Wayzayanta Road during the construction and arrangements for entry and exit of cars in the construction area. Those present took part in the discussions.

Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin discussed the assistance to be rendered by YCDC for timely completion of the project.

Afterwards, Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe said there frequently occurs traffic congestion as the level crossing where Parami road crosses the circular railroad at the border of South Okkalapa Township and Yankin Township has to be closed while the circular trains pass. Upgrading tasks are being carried out to make Yangon City possess characteristics of the city of international level. The tasks include upgrading the roads into six-lane ones, renovation and painting and other upgrading tasks. The commander said now flyovers are being built at the level crossings in Yangon. He then called on concerted efforts of departmental officials for timely completion of Parami overpass construction project. Parami overpass will be 742.5 feet long and 48 feet wide. It will have pedestrian lanes on both sides and it is of reinforced concrete type. On completion, the overpass can withstand 60-ton loads and its clearance is 14 feet high. The overpass will be constructed by the engineering team of the Myanmar Railways in six months. — MNA



Preparations for the meeting hall for delegates of service personnel. —MNA

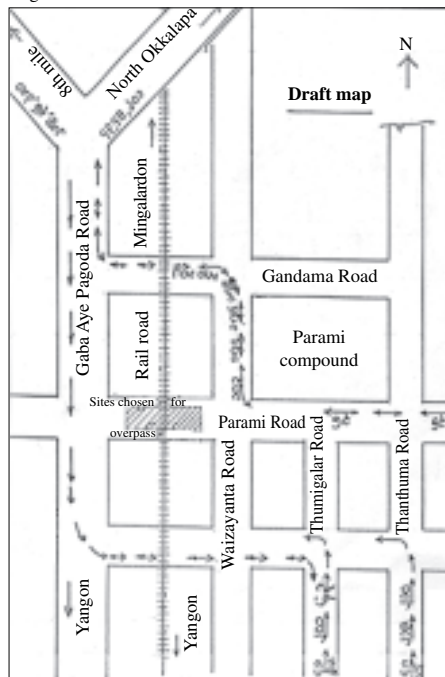
## Routes of bus lines to be changed temporarily

YANGON, 19 April—As Parami overpass is being constructed, Parami road between Wayzayanta Road and Kaba Aye Pagoda Road will be temporarily closed to traffic beginning 21 April. The routes of passenger bus lines will be changed as follows.

The bus numbers 49 (Green) and 201 will not reach Nandawun market. Instead, they will use Kaba Aye Pagoda Road via Kanbe Traffic Point. The bus numbers 49 (Yellow), 219 and 210 will not go to Bailey Bridge. Instead, they will go along Kaba Aye Pagoda Road via Kanbe Traffic Point. The bus numbers 36 will ply along Wayzayanta Road and then they will turn into Kaba Aye Pagoda Road from Gandama Road. Instead of going along the road leading to Nandawun market, the bus number 43 (Green) will drive along Kaba Aye Pagoda Road via Kanbe Traffic Point. For the Parami bus lines such as 173, 174, 176, 179, 180 and 182, they will go along Wayzayanta Road and turn into Kaba Aye Pagoda Road from Gandama Road. — MNA



Preparations for the meeting hall for delegates of workers. —MNA



Map showing the location of Parami Overpass.

## Commander, minister meet entrepreneurs of Ayethaya Industrial Zone

YANGON, 19 April—Chairman of Shan State Peace and Development Council Commander of Eastern Command Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint and In Charge of Ayethaya Industrial Zone Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lun Thi met with the entrepreneurs of the industrial zone at the meeting hall of the industrial zone in Taunggyi this morning.

At the meeting, the commander gave instructions, saying that new land plots in the industrial zone will be allotted only to those who are really engaged in the industrial work and the plots will also be allotted to those from Kayah State and Shan State (East) if they come and work in the industrial zone.

Next, the minister gave instructions, saying that efforts are to be made for speedy implementation of

iron foundry and moulding plant needed for the industrial zone, adding that steps are to be taken for timely completion of test-producing buses and lorries.

Next, Head of Shan State Land Records Department U Tin San reported on matters related to extension of the industrial zone while the Secretary of Shan State Peace and Development Council reported on work being carried out in the industrial zone under the guidance of the Head of State to the commander who attended to the needs. After that, the minister left instructions. He stressed the need for the entrepreneurs to make concerted and relentless efforts for extended production of quality natural fertilizer and for timely completion of test-producing buses and lorries. — MNA



Preparations for the meeting hall for other invited delegates. —MNA



Preparations for the meeting hall for delegates of intellectuals and intelligentsia —MNA

**Donate blood**



Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs and for Hotels and Tourism Brig-Gen Thein Zaw and Chairman of Magway Division Peace and Development Council formally open Digital Auto-exchange. —MNA

## Telecommunications services inspected in Mandalay and Magway

YANGON, 19 April — Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs and for Hotels and Tourism Brig-Gen Thein Zaw inspected the construction of Nanmyint tower in Bagan-NyaungU of Mandalay Division on 17 April.

The minister also inspected the Myanmar Posts and Telecommunications in NyaungU and gave instructions on installation of more telephone lines for public use.

The minister proceeded to Hsinphyukyun in Magway Division, where the minister, together with Magway Division Peace and Development Council Chairman Col Zaw Min, formally opened the newly-constructed digital auto-

exchange station.

The minister, together with Col Zaw Min, also opened the newly-constructed digital auto-exchange station in Salin, and they viewed round the station.

At 11.30 am, the minister and party arrived at Pwintbyu, where the minister, together with Col Zaw Min, also opened a new digital auto-exchange and viewed round it.

In the afternoon, the minister and party paid homage to State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Secretary Sayadaw Bhaddanta Kumara of Magway Maha Visuttarama Monastery and offered provisions to the Sayadaw. They also attended to the

requirements for construction works at the monastery. The minister and party also inspected Magway Hotel and Phankhamyay Hotel in the region.

On 18 April morning the minister oversaw posts and telecommunications services in Magway Division.

The minister went to Taungdwingyi, where he met with members of the pagoda board of trustees and engineers at Aungmyinzey pagoda, which was under renovation, and attended to the requirements.

The minister also looked into posts and telecommunications services in Taungdwingyi and Aungmye townships.

MNA

## Most Canadians plan to donate organs upon dying

OTTAWA, 19 April — Nearly 75 per cent of Canadians plan to donate at least one organ upon dying,

according to a recent opinion poll.

Thirty-nine per cent of respondents in the Leger

Marketing survey said they had already taken the necessary measures to make their decision known, while another 34 per cent said they would follow suit.

Seventeen per cent said they would not donate any organs while the remaining 10 per cent refused to answer.

The poll of 1,500 Canadians was conducted February 27-March 2. It is considered accurate within 2.6 percentage points, 19 times out of 20, when the entire sample is taken into account.

The Canadian Institute for Health Information released figures last week on organ procurement and said the rate of donations across the country continued to fall far short of the need for transplants.

In 2003, 124 of every one million Canadians, or almost 4,000 people, were waiting for new organs.

MNA/Xinhua

### ကျန်းမာပျော်ရွှင် ဘဝတစ်ခွင်

ကျန်းမာခြင်းဆိုသည်မှာ - ရောဂါဘယကင်းရှင်းစွာ သာမက၊ ကိုယ်၏ကျန်းမာခြင်းနှင့် စိတ်ချမ်းသာခြင်းနှင့် လူမှုရေးသုခ ဖြည့်ဝခြင်း ကိုဆိုသည်။

ဘဝတစ်ခွင် ကျန်းမာပျော်ရွှင်စေရန် အောက်ပါအတိုင်း လိုက်နာဆောင်ရွက်ပါ။

- (၁) တစ်ကိုယ်ရည်သန့်ရှင်းမှုကိုဆောင်ရွက်ပါ။
- (၂) အန္တရာယ်ကင်း၍ အာဟာရပြည့်ဝသော အစားအသောက်များကိုစားသုံးပါ။
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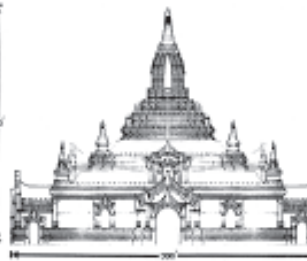
ကျန်းမာရေးဝန်ကြီးဌာန

## တကောင်းမြို့၊ ရှေးဟောင်း လေးမျက်နှာဘုရားကြီး ပြန်လည်ပြုပြင် တည်ဆောက်ရာတွင် ကုသိုလ်ယူ ငါဝင်လှူဒါန်းနိုင်



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ရှေးဟောင်းသုတေသနဦးစီးဌာန (ရုံးချုပ်)

မှန်း ၅၁၂၄၇၅ ၅၁၂၄၇၅

ယဉ်ကျေးမှုအမွေအနှစ်ဝေစာရင်းဦးစီးဌာန (ဗဟိုဌာန)

မှန်း ၁၂-၄၆၂၄၇၅ ၁၂-၄၆၂၄၇၅

တကောင်းမြို့၊ ရှေးဟောင်းလေးမျက်နှာဘုရားဝေါဟာရအရင်းအမြစ်

## Rantisi killing fuels EU dismay over Middle East

STRAFFAN (Ireland), 19 April — The killing of a top Hamas leader rekindled European Union dismay over the Middle East crisis on Saturday, just hours after the bloc had struggled to put a positive spin on Israel's course of action.

"Israel has a right to protect its citizens from the terrorist attacks, but actions of this type are not only unlawful, they are not conducive to lowering tension," EU foreign policy chief Javier Solana said after Abdel-Aziz al-Rantisi was killed in an Israeli missile strike. His comment was released in Ireland, where earlier EU foreign ministers had agreed that Israel's planned withdrawal from the Gaza Strip could be a "significant step" towards peace.

Diplomats said the ministers' statement signalled an unwillingness

to pick a fight with US President George W Bush — who endorsed the unilateral plan — for the sake of EU-US relations and the survival of the "roadmap" to peace.

But there was no hiding frustration over the plan, which would allow Israel to keep parts of the occupied West Bank and deny Palestinians the right to return to land lost in Israel.

EU External Relations Commissioner Chris Patten told reporters Washington's support for the initiative had caused "an awful lot of damage" that the EU would have to help repair.

"An awful lot of Palestinians will have taken the view as a result of this week that their aspirations for a two-state solution have been knocked on the head," he said.

French Foreign

Minister Michel Barnier, piqued that the United States had bypassed other members of the Quartet that sponsors the roadmap — Russia, the EU and the United Nations — demanded "respect" for Europeans as partners in the process.

And the host of the meeting, Irish Foreign Minister Brian Cowen, said as the ministers gathered on Friday that Israel should make deals with its "enemies", the Palestinians, rather than its friends in Washington.

In their statement, the ministers said the roadmap — which calls for a Palestinian state alongside Israel by 2005 — was the only way ahead and insisted that any final settlement must emerge from negotiations between Israelis and Palestinians.

MNA/Reuters

## Arab League members reject new Mideast US policy

CAIRO, 19 April — The 22 members of the Arab League on Saturday rejected Washington's new policy on the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, saying it was a threat to security and stability in the Middle East.

US President George W

Bush said this week that Israel might be able to retain parts of the occupied West Bank and that Palestinian refugees should give up hope of regaining their homes in what is now Israel.

At the request of Palestine, a full league

member, the Arab League held a special session in Cairo at permanent representative level on Saturday to respond to Bush.

"The council...affirmed unanimously that it rejects the new American position, which is likely to wreck the peace process in the Middle East," an official statement said.

"This position encourages Israel to persist in its aggression against the Palestinian people and its threats to security and stability in the region," it added. — MNA/Reuters

## Annan condemns Rantisi killing

UNITED NATIONS, 19 April — UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan condemned Israel's killing of Hamas leader Abdel Aziz al-Rantisi on Saturday, saying the assassination

could lead to more violence in the Middle East.

"The Secretary-General condemns Israel's assassination of Hamas leader Abdel Aziz Rantisi," a spokesman for Annan said

in a statement. "He reiterates that extrajudicial killings are violations of international law and calls on the government of Israel to immediately end this practice." — MNA/Reuters



# Thai BOI attributes UNCTAD rating to new investment strategies

**BANGKOK, 19 April — The Board of Investment of Thailand (BOI) has said that the United Nations' recent rating of Thailand as the fourth most attractive investment location in the world was a direct result of its emphasis on skills, training and innovation (STI).**

BOI secretary-general Somphong Wanapha was quoted Sunday by the *Thai News Agency* as saying that the UN ranking was a clear indication of the success of the BOI's new investment strategies, and expressed confidence that the continuation of such strategies would lead to a huge influx of new investment.

It was reported the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) placed Thailand behind China, India and the United States as one of the most attractive investment locations in the world.

The BOI has recently shifted its focus towards STI, in response to globalization and increasing competition, as well as the diminishing product life cycle.

This has necessitated that businesses shift their research and development facilities to a location near their production bases. Thailand is now focusing on five key industrial sectors, including automobiles and components, electronic goods and electronics, agriculture and food, services and the fashion industry.

MNA/Xinhua

## Woodward says Saudis learned of war plan before Powell

WASHINGTON, 19 April — US Secretary of State Colin Powell learned about President George W. Bush's decision to go to war in Iraq after Saudi Arabia's ambassador to the United States had already been informed, journalist Bob Woodward said on Sunday.

Woodward, author of a new book entitled, *Plan of Attack*, said in a CBS' "60 Minutes" interview that Bush told national security leader Condoleezza Rice, Vice-

President Dick Cheney and Defence Secretary Donald Rumsfeld first about his decision to go to war in January 2003. "He told Condi Rice. He told Rumsfeld. He knew Cheney wanted to do this. And they realized they haven't told Colin Powell," said Woodward, who described Powell as being opposed to the war.

But before Bush called Powell to the Oval Office, he gave Cheney and Rumsfeld permission to inform Saudi Ambassador Prince Bandar bin Sultan about his decision for war. They even showed him a top-secret map of the war plan, Woodward said.

"They describe in detail the war plan for Bandar," he told "60 Minutes" reporter Mike Wallace.

Bandar "says to Cheney and Rumsfeld, 'So Saddam this time is going to be out, period?'" And Cheney, who has said nothing, says the following: "Prince Bandar, once we start, Saddam is toast." Bush later confirmed to Bandar what Rumsfeld and Cheney had said, telling the Saudi royal: "Their message is my message." Rice denied Powell learned about Bush's decision for war after the Saudi ambassador, telling CBS' "Face the Nation" on Sunday the Secretary of State was called to the White House to learn Bush's feeling that diplomacy was not working. "I just can't let this impression stand. The Secretary of State was privy to all of the conversations with the President, all of the briefings for the President," she said.

But Woodward, who first earned fame in the early 1970s by helping to break open the Watergate scandal that led to President Richard Nixon's resignation, presented details of the meeting between the President and his Secretary of State. "Powell says to him somewhat in a chilly way, 'Are you aware of the consequences?' because he'd been pounding for months on the President, on everyone — and Powell directly says, 'You know you're going to be owning this place.'" And the President says, "I understand that." In the end, Powell agreed to support the President's decision for war. "And then the President says, 'time to put your war uniform on,'" Woodward related.

MNA/Reuters

## ASEAN launches joint tourism programme

**BANGKOK, 19 April — The Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN) has launched a joint programme aimed at boosting intra-ASEAN tourism, getting ASEAN residents to visit more than one of the member countries for their holidays.**

The ASEAN Tourism Association said that the so-called "ASEAN Hip-Hop Pass," which will run until March 31, 2005, is a promotional programme offering competitive prices for intra-regional travel by citizens of the ASEAN-member countries, the *Thai News Agency* reported Sunday.

ASEAN groups Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, and Vietnam.

The programme involves air, hotel and tour passes, which can only be

purchased in ASEAN countries.

The air pass offers visits to at least two ASEAN countries, including three flights at a price of 399 US dollars for a five-day to one-month trip, with additional flights available for 150 US dollars each.

At least 157 hotels are involved in the programme. The programme previously ran in the third quarter of last year.

About 45 per cent of tourists visiting ASEAN countries are citizens from the member nations.

MNA/Xinhua

## “သတ်ပေးနိုးဆော်ချက်”

ခရီးသည်တင်မော်တော်ယာဉ်များအား ဖြိုခွင်းသို့ နေ့/ည ခရီးသည်ပို့ဆောင်နိုင်ရေးအတွက် သတ်မှတ်ခေါ်ဝေါ်ရန်နှင့် အညီ စက်သုံးဆီထုတ်ပေးထားပြီး ဖြစ်ပါသည်။ ယာဉ်စီမံများအားလည်း သတ်မှတ်နှုန်းထားများအတိုင်းတောင်းခံရန် ညွှန်ကြားထားရှိပါသည်။ သို့ရာတွင် အချို့ယာဉ်လိုင်းများမှ ယာဉ်မောင်းနှင့် ယာဉ်နောက်လိုက်တို့သည် ယာဉ်စီမံများကို ညပိုင်းတွင် ပိုမိုတောင်းယူနေကြောင်း သိရပါသည်။ ထိုသို့ ပိုမိုတောင်းခံပါက ထိရောက်စွာ အရေးယူနိုင်ရန် အောက်ပါနိပါတ်များသို့ တိုင်ကြားနိုင်ပါသည်။

(၁) မြန်မာနိုင်ငံရဲတပ်ဖွဲ့၊ ရန်ကုန်တိုင်း (ဖုန်း ၁၉၉)

(၂) မြို့မကြေးနန်းနှင့်ယာဉ်ထိန်းတပ်ဖွဲ့ (ဖုန်း ၂၉၁၂၈၅/၂၉၁၂၈၄)

(၃) မော်တော်ယာဉ်လုပ်ငန်းပေါင်းစုံသိမ်းဆီးရေးကော်မတီ (ဖုန်း ၅၄၁၉၀၅/၅၄၁၉၀၄)

ယာဉ်စည်းကမ်းထိန်းသိမ်းရေးကြီးကြပ်မှုကော်မတီ

## အရက်ကြောင့်ဖြစ်သည့်ရောဂါများ

အရက်ကိုလွန်စွာသုံးစွဲလမ်းစွာသောက်သုံးခြင်းကြောင့် ဖြစ်ပွားတတ်သောရောဂါများမှာ အသည်းရောင်ခြင်း၊ အသည်းခြောက်ခြင်း၊ သွေးအန်ခြင်း၊ အစာအိမ်ရောဂါဖြစ်ခြင်း၊ နှလုံးရောဂါဖြစ်ခြင်း၊ ဦးနှောက်နှင့်အာရုံကြောထိခိုက်ခြင်း၊ စိတ်ရောဂါများဖြစ်ခြင်း စသည်တို့ဖြစ်ပါသည်။

အရက်ကြောင့်ဖြစ်တတ်သော စိတ်ရောဂါများမှာ —

၁။ ကယောင့်ကတမ်းဖြစ်ခြင်း (Delirium Tremors)၊ ကြောက်လန့်ခြင်း၊ အချိန်၊ နာရီ၊ နေရာ၊ လူ ခန့်မှန်းနိုင်စွမ်း မရှိခြင်း၊ ကြောက်စရာလန့်စရာများမြင်ရခြင်း၊ အသံဗလများ ကြားရခြင်း၊ ပိုမိုများစွာကွယ်ဝေါ် ရွံစိမ့်သွားသလိုခံစားရခြင်း၊ လက်တုန့်ရောဂါဖြစ်တတ်ခြင်း။

၂။ အရက်အလွန်အကျွံသောက်သုံးခြင်းကြောင့် လူမရှိတဲ့ နားထဲတွင် ခေါ်သံများ၊ ခြိမ်းခြောက်သံများ၊ ခေါ်ကားမော်ကားသံများ ကြားနေရတတ်ခြင်း (Alcoholic Hallucinations)။

၃။ အတက်ကြီးရောဂါဖြစ်တတ်ခြင်း (Rum Fits) (ဝက်ရုခြင်းရောဂါကဲ့သို့ တတ်ခြင်း)။

၄။ စိတ်ဓာတ်ကျရောဂါဖြစ်တတ်ခြင်း (Depressive Illness)။

၅။ စိတ်ဖောက်ပြန်ခြင်း (Alcoholic Psychosis)။

၆။ ဦးနှောက်ချို့ယွင်းခြင်း။

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

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

၉။ အရက်ကြောင့် ရာဇဝတ်မှုကျူးလွန်သည့်အထိ ဖြစ်နိုင်ခြင်း။ အထက်ပါဆို ကျိုးများကို မခံစားရစေရန် အရက်သောက် သုံးခြင်း၊ အထူးသဖြင့် အလွန်အကျွံသောက်သုံးခြင်း၊ အရက်ကို စွဲလမ်းစွာသောက်သုံးခြင်းတို့မှ ရှောင်ကြဉ်ရန် တိုက်တွန်းအပ်ပါသည်။ အရက်စွဲရောဂါဖြစ်ပွားပါက စိတ်ကျန်းမာရေးဆေးရုံနှင့် ကုသရေး ဌာနများတွင် စနစ်တကျကုသမှုခံယူရန် အသိပေးနိုးဆော် အပ်ပါသည်။

ကျန်းမာရေးဝန်ကြီးဌာန

## BR to procure 100 tank-wagons from China

DHAKA, 19 April — Bangladesh Railway (BR) will procure 100 tank-wagons from China at a cost of some 3.66 million US dollars for carrying petroleum products.

According to the official *Bangladesh News Agency*, BR Saturday signed an agreement here with a company from China's Liaoning Province.

Since independence, Bangladesh Railway has declared 142 of its tank-wagons scrap. BR has

replaced 31 of those scrapped wagons in 1979 and 25 in 1981.

BR at present has 492 metre-gauge fuel-carrying tank-wagons and 209 broad-gauge tank-wagons, some of which are being used for over 60 years against their stipulated longevity of 40 years. The new tank-wagons from China will facilitate the BR to reach petroleum products to different parts of the country particularly to northern Bangladesh.

MNA/Xinhua

## ရှောင်လေဝေးဝေး

## မူးယစ်ဆေး

## တီဘီရောဂါကာကွယ်နိုင်နည်းရေး

(က) ရောဂါဖြစ်ပွားကူးစက်ပုံ  
ဤရောဂါသည်တီဘီရိုးကြောင့်ဖြစ်သော ကူးစက်ရောဂါဖြစ်သည်။ ဝေဒနာရှင် ချောင်းဆိုးခြင်း၊ နှာချေခြင်း၊ သလိပ်တံတွေးမှ တစ်ဆင့် ရောဂါပိုးများလေထဲတွင်ပျံ့နှံ့ ကူးစက်သည်။

- အသက်အရွယ်မရွေး လူတိုင်းတွင်ဖြစ်ပွားနိုင်သည်။  
- အဆုတ်တွင်အများဆုံးဖြစ်ပွားပြီး ကိုယ်ခန္ဓာအနံ့အပြားတွင်လည်း ဖြစ်နိုင်သည်။

- ဆီးချိုရောဂါ၊ ခုခံအားကျဆင်းမှုကူးစက်ရောဂါနှင့် အာဟာရ ချို့တဲ့မှုရှိသူများတွင် အဖြစ်များသည်။

(ခ) ရောဂါလက္ခဏာများ

- ရက်ရှည်ချောင်းဆိုးခြင်း (ရက်သတ္တပတ် (၃) ပတ်နှင့်အထက်)။  
- ချောင်းဆိုးသွေးပါခြင်း။  
- သလိပ်တွင်သွေးပါခြင်း။  
- အများစုရက်ရှည်ခြင်း။  
- ခံတွင်းပျက်ခြင်း၊ မောပန်းလွယ်ခြင်း။  
- ကိုယ်အလေးချိန်လျော့နည်းပိန်ချိုခြင်း။  
- ကျောရင်အောင်ခြင်း။

(ဂ) ကြိုတင်ကာကွယ်ခြင်း

- ရင်သွေးငယ်များအား ကာကွယ်ဆေး(ဘီစီဂျီ)ကိုမပျက်မကွက် တိုးပေးပါ။  
- အာဟာရပြည့်ဝသော အစားအစာများကိုစားသုံးပါ။  
- သင့်တင့်လျောက်ပတ်သောကိုယ်လက်လှုပ်ရှားမှုပြုလုပ်ပါ။  
- ချောင်းဆိုးခြင်း၊ နှာချေလျှင် လက်ကိုင်းဝါကို အသုံးပြုပါ။  
- သလိပ်နှင့်တံတွေးကိုစည်းကမ်းမဲ့ထွေးခြင်းမှရှောင်ကြဉ်ပါ။  
- ဆေးလိပ်သောက်ခြင်းမှရှောင်ကြဉ်ပါ။

(ဃ) ကုသမှုယူခြင်း

- တိုက်ရိုက်ကြည့်ရှုအချိန်တိုနှင့်တူညီခြင်း ရောဂါကင်းသည့်အထိ ကုသမှုခံယူပါ။  
- ကုသမှုခံယူခြင်းသည် အခြားသူများသို့ကူးစက်စေခြင်းမှ အကောင်းဆုံးကာကွယ်ခြင်းဖြစ်သည်။

တီဘီရောဂါသံသယရှိလျှင် နီးစပ်ရာကျန်းမာရေးဌာနတွင် စစ်ဆေး၍ တီဘီရောဂါရှိပါက အစွမ်းထက်သောတီဘီဆေးပါးများဖြင့် အခမဲ့ကုသမှုခံယူပါ။

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## Dutch museum recovers long-lost 1922 Valentino film

AMSTERDAM, 19 April — The Dutch national film archive has discovered a complete copy of the long-lost 1922 silent classic "Beyond the Rocks" starring Rudolph Valentino and Gloria Swanson in a private collection, it said on Saturday.

"Film historians and restorers have been looking for 'Beyond the Rocks' — a classic melodrama about impossible love — for almost three-quarters of a century," the Filmmuseum, the Dutch national centre for cinematography, said in a statement.

Jan van den Brink, a film historian and Valentino expert who works for the Filmmuseum, said the 1922 hit film had turned up among well over 2,000 film canisters bequeathed to the archive in 2000 after the death of a collector in the town of Haarlem.

"We are feeling rather excited because it is a wonderful rediscovery especially as the film is the only film in which Valentino and Swanson starred together," he told Reuters.

The deceased collector, whose family van den Brink said did not want to be named, had a strange way of organizing his films, so it took the archive several years of searching through the reels to realize there was a full copy of "Beyond the Rocks". Van den Brink said the 81-minute romantic melodrama about a woman pushed into a marriage with an older man who falls for Valentino's nobleman character on her honeymoon was in good condition apart from about two minutes which were damaged.

MNA/Reuters

## At least 50 killed in Djibouti floods

NAIROBI, 19 April — At least 50 people have died and many more were missing in floods after torrential rains pounded Djibouti this week, aid workers said on Friday.

Many homes were washed away as floodwaters surged along the dry Ambouli riverbed between the capital, also called Djibouti, and Balbala suburb, an area in which 65 per cent of the capital's 400,000 inhabitants live.

"So far the storm has claimed the lives of 50 people but as many as 100 more are missing and feared dead," said Abdourahman Chamsan Saleh, secretary-general of the Djibouti Red Crescent Society.

The Red Crescent and national authorities estimated that about 10,000 people had lost shelter and property.

The storm brought down telephone poles in the capital, causing a virtual communications blackout for four days. Electricity had been restored to about 50 per cent of the population.

Officials said they were concerned that only 40 per cent of the city's water supply — usually inadequate for the needs of its population, especially in the poorer suburbs — was functioning.

The Djibouti military, with the assistance of US and French military helicopters, evacuated about 1,500 people to the safe grounds of two schools.

MNA/Reuters

## Round-the-world trip of amphibious plane starts from Philippines

MANILA, 19 April — The Philippines on Friday became the starting point of an eight-month round-the-world voyage of an amphibious plane based on the designs of the classic Dornier flying boats of the 1930s and 1940s.

Iren Dornier, a grandson of the German aircraft designer Claude Dornier, piloted the three-engined Do24-ATT and took off from the former US Clark Airbase, north of Manila, the Philippine Star daily on-line news quoted organizers of the tour as saying.

The aircraft, which will visit 47 countries, is scheduled to make stopovers at Dornier's hometown by Lake Constance and the Hudson River in New York.

The Do24-ATT is based on a design initially built for

the Dutch Government in 1937 which was once used for transport and sea rescues all over the world.

The new model, built in 1983 and equipped with modern technology and turbo-prop engines, was acquired and refurbished by Philippine carrier Southeast Asian Airlines. The aircraft reportedly will be used by the airlines to fly tourists to Philippine resorts after the trip ends in Philippines in December.

MNA/Xinhua

## Mysterious disease kills 19 in Bangladesh

DHAKA, 19 April — At least 19 people have died of an unidentified disease in the last one month in western district of Faridpur in Bangladesh.

Sources from Faridpur told Xinhua Saturday about a dozen people hit by the disease are now undergoing treatment at hospitals and clinics in the district.

This is the second spell of virus outbreak in the area, as at least 18 children were killed in the first spell at the end of January in three adjacent western districts neighbouring Faridpur.

The Institute of Epidemiological Disease Control and Research (IEDCR) has sent samples of blood, tissue and bone marrow of the patients to the Centre for Disease Control in Atlanta, and the result will come out in a few days.

The test result of the first spell identified the killer as a Nipah-like virus with fruits bat as carriers.

The difference in Faridpur this time, however, is that most of the victims were of the age between 25 and 50, instead of almost all children in January's outbreak.

The symptoms of the patients in Faridpur are also somewhat different from those of January's infection, as respiratory problem has been added to the symptoms list other than high fever, unconsciousness, headache and vomiting tendency that were reported during the previous outbreak. — MNA/Xinhua

## Thai fruit gets thumbs up in Hong Kong

BANGKOK, 19 April — Fruit from Thailand has made a huge hit among the people of Hong Kong, many

of whom are re-exporting Thai fruits to neighbouring countries.

The Thai News Agency quoted a report from the Hong Kong branch of the Office of International Trade Promotion as saying Friday that topping the market for Thai fruits in Hong Kong is durian, followed by rambutans, longans and mangosteens.

Exports of lychees to Hong Kong, meanwhile, have averaged at around 284 million baht (7.28 million US dollars) per year over the past three years.

While the initial phase of the free market in fruits and vegetable trade between Thailand and China has seen a reduction in the quantity of Thai fruits destined for Hong Kong, the impact is expected to be minimal.

MNA/Xinhua

## Russia says space crew must stay longer to save money

BAIKONUR, 19 April — Two days before a new crew blasts off to the International Space Station, Russia's space agency insisted on Saturday there was no choice but to extend astronauts' missions to save money.

Russia has had the financial burden of being the sole lifeline to the ISS since the United States withdrew its shuttles last year. Extending mission times would free up places for space tourists — who pay 20 million US dollars.

"NASA has not given us a concrete answer yet but I think they will decide positively," Russian space agency spokesman Sergei Gorbunov said at Russia's cosmodrome on the steppes of Kazakhstan.

"We don't have any other option. We are in the same boat, we have to come to an agreement."

The Russians proposed last month to double the ISS crew's mission times to a year. But NASA, which grounded its shuttles last year after Columbia disintegrated on re-entry, has been cagey so far.

"The Russians have discussed that scenario with us and with the ISS management," said NASA spokesman Rob Navias, in Baikonur for the launch. "No decisions have yet been made. They may be made in the next few weeks or so." — MNA/Reuters

## Moscow launches Soviet-style spring clean

MOSCOW, 19 April — Hundreds of thousands of Muscovites turned out on Saturday to scrub, paint or sweep the Russian capital in the annual "subbotnik" or spring clean.

The Soviet Government started mobilizing ordinary citizens in 1919 to clean up after Russia's long winter.

The custom of giving up time one spring weekend to spruce up parks, streets and courtyards survived the fall of Communism and, like many aspects of Soviet life, now has nostalgic appeal. Even some Western companies now organize public-spirited cleaning days for their employees.

Saturday's participants appeared to quite enjoy scrubbing Moscow, which is left covered with litter and mud when the snow melts after five months of fierce winter.

MNA/Reuters

## 14 African migrants drown on way to Spain's Canaries

MADRID, 19 April — Fourteen African migrants drowned when their boat sank as they tried to reach Spain's Canary Islands on Saturday, and a search was under way for a nine-month-old baby, police said.

Another boat reached shore, a spokesman for the Civil Guard police said, and a total of 46 migrants arrived safely in Fuerteventura, the most easterly of the islands.

"They've picked up 14 bodies," the spokesman said, adding that the migrants were from sub-Saharan Africa. "They are still looking for a nine-month-old baby."

The Canary Islands are less than 125 miles off the coast of northwest Africa and each year thousands of would-be immigrants try to

cross the Atlantic stretch in boats that are not seaworthy.

Moroccan immigrant group ATIME estimates that some 4,000 people have died since 1997 crossing the Atlantic Ocean to the Canary Islands and the Straits of Gibraltar to southern Spain.

Some 500,000 illegal immigrants a year enter the European Union, according to European Commission estimates. Illegal immigrants detained in Spain are often deported to their country of origin. — MNA/Reuters

## 100 immigrants saved in stormy Mediterranean

ROME, 19 April — A Tunisian merchant ship has plucked 100 immigrants to safety in stormy seas, Italian Coast Guards said in a statement on Saturday.

The group of 82 men, 15 women and three children ran into trouble on Thursday as they headed across the Mediterranean in search of a better life in Europe. They raised the alarm via a mobile phone, but an initial search by Maltese rescue teams and NATO warships was called off because of rough weather in the central Mediterranean. However, Italian Coast Guards said the 40-foot boat was later spotted south of the Italian island of Lampedusa.

A nearby Tunisian ship was diverted to the area and picked up the last of the immigrants "in extremely severe weather" late on Friday. The ship then resumed its journey towards the Tunisian port of Sfax. — MNA/Reuters



Dutch ESA astronaut Andre Kuipers (Bottom) and US astronaut Edward Michael Fincke. A Soyuz rocket carrying a US and Dutch astronaut and a Russian cosmonaut headed for the International Space Station to install vital equipment and carry out a slew of experiments at the multi-national project. — INTERNET

## SPORTS

## Chelsea draw, United lose to boost Arsenal

LONDON, 19 April—Chelsea and Manchester United helped Arsenal's unbeaten surge towards the Premier League title on Saturday when champions United were beaten 1-0 by Portsmouth and second-placed Chelsea drew 0-0 at home with Everton.

Arsenal's 5-0 thrashing of Leeds United on Friday, on the back of four goals from French striker Thierry Henry, had put them 10 points ahead of Chelsea, who play Monaco in the Champions League semifinals on Tuesday.

The leaders now need just four points from their last five games to win their 13th title.

Arsenal (81 points) and United (68) have five games remaining. Chelsea (72) just four. The match between Chelsea and United at Old Trafford on May 8 could decide which team finishes second to qualify directly for the Champions League group stage.

Chelsea should have won by several goals against Everton but strikers Adrian Mutu and Jimmy Floyd Hasselbaink missed a hatful of chances while Frank Lampard hit the bar in the first half. United also dominated possession at Portsmouth but a Steve Stone goal in the 36th minute was enough to guarantee the south coast club's first victory over United for 47 years. It also pulled Portsmouth away from the relegation struggle.—MNA/Reuters



Villarreal's Argentinian Rodolfo Arruabarrena (R) vies with Celtic's Petrov (L) during their UEFA Cup quarter-final second leg football match at Madrigal stadium in Villarreal.—INTERNET

## Depor's title hopes fade after home draw

MADRID, 19 April—Deportivo Coruna effectively waved goodbye to their already slim chances of winning the Spanish title when they were held to a 1-1 draw at home to struggling Valladolid in the Primera Liga on Saturday.

Champions League semifinalists Depor, who have only five games left, are six points behind second-placed Real Madrid and eight adrift of leaders Valencia, both of whom have yet to play this weekend.

Athletic Bilbao took an important step towards booking their place in next season's UEFA Cup with a 4-0 win over nine-man Real Zaragoza at San Mames. The Basque side move up to fifth place on 51 points, three ahead of Osasuna, who host relegation-threatened Espanyol on Sunday.

Valladolid took a deserved lead on the stroke of halftime when leading scorer Oscar finished off a slick counter-attack with a pin-point left foot shot after racing on to a neat through-ball from Fernando Sales.

MNA/Reuters

## Red Star stay on course with draw at Partizan

BELGRADE, 19 April—Red Star Belgrade stayed on course for their first league title in three years with a 0-0 draw against champions Partizan in a tense city derby on Saturday.

Red Star stayed three points ahead of second-placed Partizan and firmly in the driving seat in a two-horse race for the Serbia and Montenegro championship with four matches remaining.

Chances in a match littered with fouls were few and far between but Partizan were unlucky not to take a seventh minute lead

when striker Ivica Iliev netted, only to be ruled offside by the linesman.

Television replays showed Iliev was well onside when skipper Vladimir Ivic played a defence-splitting pass to put him through and the striker complained bitterly after the match.

Partizan had the upper hand but Red Star always looked more likely to score and very nearly did so on the hour, when international midfielder Dragan Mladenovic saw his shot cleared off the line by Albert Nadj.

MNA/Reuters

## Ajax title party on hold

AMSTERDAM, 19 April—PSV Eindhoven put Ajax Amsterdam's championship party on hold with a 3-0 win at home to NEC Nijmegen in the Dutch First Division on Saturday.

Ajax, who lead the table with 69 points, host RBC Roosendaal on Sunday.

PSV are seven points behind with four matches remaining. Feyenoord, third on 56 and travelling to Utrecht on Sunday, are two points clear of Heerenveen who lost 1-0 at Zwolle.

PSV started poorly after their mid-week UEFA Cup defeat by Newcastle United but eight minutes before the break Mateja Kezman broke the deadlock, converting a penalty.

Five minutes before the final whistle Kezman scored his 24th of the season, deflecting a Mark van Bommel free kick. Skipper van Bommel made it 3-0 with two minutes remaining.

Lowly Zwolle moved up to 16th as they ended Heerenveen's unbeaten run of 11 matches.

Bert Zuurman scored the only goal on the stroke of halftime.

ADO Den Haag beat Twente Enschede 1-0 with a first-half goal from Roy Stroevé and are four points clear of the relegation zone.

MNA/Reuters

## Bayern's titles hopes almost gone

BERLIN, 19 April—Bayern Munich's slim hopes of retaining the Bundesliga title almost vanished with a 2-0 defeat at arch-rivals Borussia Dortmund on Saturday.

The second-placed champions, who were already two goals down when they had playmaker Michael Ballack sent off for a second booking in the 68th minute, stay seven points behind leaders Werder Bremen.

Bayern will find it tough to catch the northerners, who will move 10 points clear with five matches left if they beat Hanover 96 on Sunday.

Brazilian striker Ewerthon put Dortmund in the lead against the run of play by converting a debatable penalty in the 55th minute.

Germany defender Christian Woerns completed the victory when he volleyed home from inside the box six minutes later.

The 83,000 fans packing Dortmund's stadium suffered until the penalty, awarded for a challenge on striker Salvatore Gambino by Bayern defender Hasan Salihamidzic which looked fair from television replays.

The visitors then collapsed and the Bayern players started looking nervous, particularly Ballack, who had already been booked for contesting a refereeing decision when he

received his marching orders after a dangerous tackle on Gambino. Dortmund coach Matthias Sammer, whose team climb to fifth to stay on course for a UEFA Cup berth, said top games were often tense.

Bayern, at risk of ending the season without a title after making early exits from the Champions League and the German Cup, now face a battle to secure second place and direct access to the Champions League.

Third-placed VfB Stuttgart moved just two points behind Bayern with a 3-1 win over strugglers Eintracht Frankfurt.

Germany striker Kevin Kuranyi showed Stuttgart the way to their third consecutive victory. Goals from Belarus midfielder Alexander Gleb and defender Marcelo Bordon followed before midfielder Alexander Schur pulled one back for Eintracht, who stay second from bottom.

TSV 1860 Munich dropped to fourth from bottom with a 2-1 home defeat by Hamburg SV after which coach Falko Goetz was sacked. His successor will be appointed on Sunday.—MNA/Reuters

## Kaka winner keeps Milan on track for title

MILAN, 19 April—Brazilian Kaka headed an 80th minute winner as AC Milan beat Siena 2-1 on Saturday to extend their lead at the top of Serie A to 12 points.

Milan have 75 points with four games remaining while second placed AS Roma have 63 points and six matches left including Sunday's trip to Modena.

Ukrainian striker Andriy Shevchenko put Milan in front in the 26th minute of the season, reacting quickly to fire home after Rui Costa's shot had been parried

by Siena keeper Marco Fortin. Kaka then tested Fortin with a wicked bending drive from 25 metres as Milan, despite being without strikers Filippo Inzaghi and Jon Dahl Tomasson, caused plenty of problems for the Tuscan defence.

Siena drew level, though, seven minutes before the break after a handball in-

side the area from Shevchenko, who raised his arm in the wall at a free kick. Referee Pierluigi Collina's decision allowed former Italy forward Enrico Chiesa to convert from the penalty spot.

Milan continued to enjoy more possession after the break, with Andrea Pirlo just wide with a cracking long-range shot and Shevchenko going close again after neat work from Rui Costa.

Gennaro Gattuso, back to his combative best in midfield for Milan, saw a 25-metre shot well saved by Fortin as the leaders searched for the winner.

Siena had midfielder Simone Vergassola sent off in the 79th minute for a second bookable offence following a foul on Kaka and a minute later Milan grabbed the winner.

MNA/Reuters

## Sochaux win League Cup to clinch UEFA Cup spot

PARIS, 19 April—Sochaux beat Nantes 5-4 on penalties after captain Benoit Pedretti scored the winner to secure their first French League Cup success after the final had finished 1-1 at the end of extra time on Saturday.

Sochaux, last year's runners-up, had not won a title since they were crowned league champions in the 1937/38 season and will play in the UEFA Cup next season.

Nantes had taken the lead in the 14th minute when striker Gregory Pujol latched on to a cross from Nicolas Savinaud.

But Sochaux hit back five minutes later when defender Sylvain Monsoreau headed home a fine free kick by Pedretti.

Nantes then started to push forward and seven minutes from halftime Emerse Fae's shot from 18 metres flew just over.

Five minutes after the break Viorel Moldovan had a good chance to put Nantes further ahead but the Romanian striker was too shy in the box to double their tally.

Sochaux were always under threat from Nantes left back Sylvain Armand, whose breaks down the wing proved tricky to handle for the Easterners' defence.

In the last minute of normal time Richert cleared a

fierce attempt from Savinaud, sending the teams into an extra period.

In the 94th minute, Pujol just missed the target in a packed goalmouth as both sides tried to grab the winner.

MNA/Reuters



The Russian synchronized swimming team performs a technical routine during an Olympic qualification tournament in the Olympic Aquatic Center in Athens City.

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**MRTV-3**

**20-4-2004 (Tuesday)  
(Programme Schedule)  
Morning Transmission  
(9:00 - 10:00)**

- 9:00 Signature Tune  
Greeting  
9:02 Song of Myanmar  
Beauty & Scenic  
Sights "Mingalabar"  
9:06 Lucky Bamboo  
9:10 **Headline News**  
9:12 A Gift to Mark a Visit  
to Myikyina (Kachin-  
Snack)  
9:15 **National News**  
9:20 Myanmar Footwear  
and Bags  
9:25 Beginning of Summer-  
time  
9:30 **National News**  
9:35 Mythun (Counterpart  
of Cattle)  
9:40 Myanmar Modern  
Song "Ngwe Hsaung  
Beach Resort"  
9:45 **National News**  
9:50 Leisurely Cruise Along  
The Coast (Maw-  
lamyaing to Myeik)  
9:58 Song of Myanmar  
Beauty & Scenic  
Sights "Come and See  
Myanmar"

**20-4-2004 (Tuesday)  
Regular Programmes for  
Viewers from Abroad  
Evening Transmission  
(15:30 - 17:30)**

- 15:30 Signature Tune  
Greeting  
15:32 Song of Myanmar  
Beauty & Scenic  
Sights "Myanma Pano-  
rama & Myanma Sen-  
timent"  
15:36 Lucky Bamboo  
15:40 **Headline News**  
15:42 A Gift to Mark a Visit  
to Myikyina (Kachin-  
Snack)  
15:45 **National News**  
15:50 Myanmar Footwear  
and Bags  
15:55 Beginning of Summer-  
time  
16:00 **National News**  
16:05 Mythun (Counterpart  
of Cattle)  
16:10 Myanmar Modern  
Song "Ngwe Hsaung

- Beach Resort"  
16:15 **National News**  
16:20 Leisurely Cruise Along  
The Coast (Maw-  
lamyaing to Myeik)  
16:25 Song of Myanmar  
Beauty & Scenic  
Sights "Mingalabar"  
16:30 **National News**  
16:35 World-class Commer-  
cial-Scale Gas Deposit  
in Myanmar  
16:40 Mosaic Painting of  
Myanmar  
16:45 **National News**  
16:50 Myanma Ancient Or-  
naments Showroom  
16:55 Kayah Dance  
17:00 **National News**  
17:05 Mazin Industry's  
Wood Products  
17:10 Song "Dear Myanmar"  
17:15 **National News**  
17:20 Ah Mae Ywa Litera-  
ture Nursery  
17:25 Song of Myanmar  
Beauty & Scenic  
Sights "Come and See  
Myanmar"

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

- 19:30 Signature Tune  
Greeting  
19:32 Song of Myanmar  
Beauty & Scenic  
Sights "Mingalabar"  
19:36 Inle Phaung Daw Oo  
Pagoda Festival  
19:40 **Headline News**  
19:42 U Pain Bridge  
19:45 **National News**  
19:50 Wonderful Swiftles  
Dwelling in House  
19:55 The Unforgettable  
Bonfire Dance  
20:00 **National News**  
20:05 Lacquerware in Bagan  
Myanmar Modern  
Song "Blue Moon"  
20:10 **National News**  
20:15 Leisurely Cruise Along  
The Coast (Yangon to  
Mawlamyaing)  
20:25 Song "Love Boat"  
20:30 **National News**  
20:35 Development Centre  
for Rubber Techno-  
logy  
20:40 Kachin Traditional  
New Crop Feast &  
Drum Dance  
20:45 **National News**  
20:50 Marine Products in  
Myeik  
20:55 Dance of the Oil  
Lamps  
21:00 **National News**  
21:05 Unforgettable Tradi-  
tions of PaO National

- 21:10 Song "Aristocratic  
Beauty"  
21:12 Tour In Myanmar  
"Yangon"  
21:15 **National News**  
21:20 Child Art Competition  
Song of Myanmar  
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23:28 Song of Myanmar  
Beauty & Scenic  
Sights "Come and See  
Myanmar"

**20-4-2004 (Tuesday) &  
21-4-2004 (Wednesday)  
Evening & Morning  
Transmission  
(23:30 - 1:30)**

- 23:30 Signature Tune  
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23:32 Song of Myanmar  
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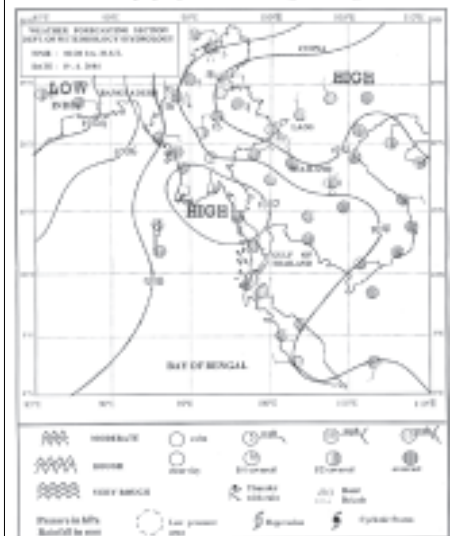
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Regular Programmes for  
Viewers from Abroad  
Morning Transmission  
(03:30 - 07:30)**

- 03:30 Signature Tune  
Greeting  
03:32 Song of Myanmar  
Beauty & Scenic  
Sights "Mingalabar"  
03:36 Inle Phaung Daw Oo  
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Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



**WEATHER**

Monday, 19 April, 2004

**Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST:**

During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been widespread in lower Sagaing Division, Kachin and Shan States, scattered in Chin State, upper Sagaing and Mandalay Divisions, isolated in Kayah State and weather has been partly cloudy in the remaining areas. The noteworthy amount of rainfall recorded were (2.48) inches in PyinOoLwin, (2.13) inches in Hsipaw, (1.46) inches in Kale and (1.42) inches in Hakha. Day temperatures were (5°C) to (8°C) below normal in upper Sagaing Division, Kachin and Northern Shan States, (5°C) to (7°C) above normal in Taninthayi and Ayeyawady Divisions, (3°C) to (4°C) above normal in Kayin State and Yangon Division and about normal in the remaining areas.

Maximum temperature on 18-4-2004 was 39.0°C (102°F). Minimum temperature on 19-4-2004 was 23.0°C (73°F). Relative humidity at 9:30 hrs MST on 19-4-2004 was 66%. Total sunshine hours on 18-4-2004 was (9.8) hours approx. Rainfall on 19-4-2004 was nil at Yangon Airport, Kaba-Aye and central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2004 was 5 mm (0.20 inch) at Yangon Airport and 12 mm (0.47 inch) at Kaba-Aye and 3 mm (0.12 inch) at central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was 15 mph from Southwest at (18:35) hours MST on 18-4-2004.

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

**Forecast valid until evening of 20-4-2004:** Rain or thundershowers are likely to be scattered in upper Sagaing Division, Kachin and Chin States, isolated in Rakine and Shan States, lower Sagaing, Magway, Mandalay, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi Divisions, weather will be partly cloudy in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (60%). **State of the sea:** Seas will be moderate in Myanmar waters.

**Outlook for subsequent two days:** Likelihood of continuation of isolated rain or thundershowers in upper Myanmar areas. **Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 20-4-2004:** Possibility of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (40%).

**Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 20-4-2004:** Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).



**Tuesday, April 20  
View today:**

7:00 am

1. ကျေးဇူးရှင်မင်းကွန်:ဆရာတော်ဘုရား  
ဦး၊ နိုင်ငံတော်သံသယဟာမဟာမဟာ  
အညွန့်တော်သားတို့၏ အဘိဓမ္မာ  
ရှင်ရုပ်၊ အဘိဓမ္မာပစ္စယသဒ္ဓမ္မ  
ဇောတိက၊ တိပိဋကဓမ္မ၊ ဓမ္မဘုရား  
ဂါရုတ၊ ဆရာတော် ဘဒ္ဒဝိမ္ဗ  
သာရာဘိဝံသ၏ ပရိတ်တရားတော်

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. ကဗျာပန့်ဥယျာဉ်

8:00 am

6. Song of Yesteryears

8:10 am

7. အကုဏ္ဍိနီ

8:20 am

8. သမုဒ္ဓိ:ဆိပ်စုရောင်းတစ်

8:30 am

9. International news

8:45 am

10. Grammar Made Easy

4:00 pm

1. Martial song

4:15 pm

2. Song to uphold National  
Spirit

4:30 pm

3. English for everyday use

4:45 pm

4. Musical programme

5:00 pm

5. အစောင့်သတ္တဝါလုံပညာရေး  
ရှုပ်မြင်သင်ကြားသင်ခန်းစာ-ဒုတိယနှစ်  
(သမံအထူးပြု) (သမံစာ)

5:15 pm

6. Dance of national races

5:30 pm

7. Musical programme

5:40 pm

8. မိမိအားဆောင် တေးဂီတဝင်

5:50 pm

9. Sing and enjoy

6:30 pm

10. Evening news

7:00 pm

11. Weather report

7:05 pm

12. Musical programme

7:15 pm

13. ရှစ်ပြည့်ရက်တော်မိုး  
လင်းမောက်တော

7:25 pm

14. The mirror images of  
musical oldies

7:40 pm

15. သားငယ်မြို့မြို့ ပြည့်အထူး

8:00 pm

16. News

17. International news

18. Weather report

19. "နိုင်ငံခြားစာတိုလမ်းစဉ်"

- အစုစုဆိုသည့်မှာ (အပိုင်း-၂၄)

20. The next day's  
programme



**Tuesday, April 20  
Tune in today:**

- 8:30 am Brief news  
8:35 am Music  
8:40 am Perspectives  
8:45 am Music  
8:50 am National news/  
Slogan  
9:00 am Music  
9:05 am International news  
9:10 am Music  
9:15 am News/Slogan  
9:20 am Lunch time music  
-Something like you  
(N'sync) Together  
again (Janet Jackson)  
-Walk me home  
(Mandy Moore)  
-Owner of my heart  
(Shah)  
9:30 am English Speaking  
course (II)  
9:35 am Article/Music  
9:45 am Weekly sports reel  
9:50 am Music for your  
listening pleasure  
-On my honour  
(Donna Summer)  
-Do it all for my baby  
(Huey Lewis)  
9:55 am News/Slogan  
10:00 pm PEL

## Work coordination...

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The list of the delegates to the National Convention was scrutinized and selected and invitations were sent to the delegates beginning 7 April. The government has sanctioned financial allotments, he added. The National Convention is to be reconvened after it was adjourned in 1996.

There will be eight groups—delegates of political parties, delegates of representatives-elect, delegates of national races, delegates of peasants, delegates of workers, delegates of intellectuals and intelligentsia, delegates of State service personnel and other invited delegates.

The groups include delegates representing the majority of the national races.

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Pyidaungsu Hall in Nyaungnapinkwin, Hmawby where National Convention Convening Commission will be held. —MNA



Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe looks into raising of chickens at No 1 Poultry Farm. — MNA

## Review meeting on accomplishment of WTP Construction Work Committee held

YANGON, 19 April — A meeting to review the accomplishments of Water Treatment Plant Construction Work Committee of Yangon City Development Committee was held at the City Hall of YCDC this evening. Chairman of the Water Treatment Plant Construction Work Committee Chairman of YCDC Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin

made a speech on the occasion.

Present on the occasion were Secretary of the Water Treatment Plant Construction Work Committee Joint-Secretary of the YCDC U Kyi Win, officials of Department of Human Settlement and Housing Development, Myanmar Port Authority, Health Department, Yangon East District Peace and De-

velopment Council, Engineering Department of YCDC (Water and Sewage) and Departments concerned.

First, Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin gave instructions on measures to be taken for construction of the plant to meet the set standard and continuous supervision by officials concerned for timely completion.

Next, Mayor Brig-Gen

Aung Thein Lin heard reports on undertakings for the plant to be established, gathering of necessary materials and progress of work presented by Joint-Secretary of Water Treatment Plant Construction Work Committee Dr Tun Than Tun. Joint-Secretary of YCDC U Kyi Win gave supplementary reports.

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## Commander inspects poultry farms

YANGON, 19 April — Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe inspected breeding farms of Yangon Command this evening.

The commander arrived at the No-1 poultry farm in Sawbwagyigon in Insein Township. Farm in-charge Captain Win Zin Maung reported on raising of fowls, production of chicken and briquette.

The commander gave in-

structions on sale of eggs and chicken at tax-free markets and other markets. The commander and party inspected production of 5,000 briquette a day, raising of chicken, boosting production, measures for sanitation and growing of seasonal crops.

The commander also inspected Taingshwagon meat and vegetable shop in Sawbwagyigon and the main fish breeding farm in Mingaladon Township.

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## Coord meeting on organizing Fourth World Buddhist Summit held

YANGON, 19 April — A coordination meeting on organizing the Fourth World Buddhist Summit to meet the international standard was held at Wizaya Mingala Dhamma Thabin hall on Thiri Mingala Kaba Aye Hillock this afternoon.

Present at the meeting were Chairman of the work committee for organizing World Buddhist Summit Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung and committee members, sub-committee members, departmental heads,

officials, advisers, and construction entrepreneurs.

First, the minister made an opening speech, and Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Thura Aung Ko explained work programmes of respective subcommittees and tasks being carried out for holding of the summit.

Next, officials of the subcommittees reported on tasks carried out and future works for holding the summit. Then, the minister gave concluding remarks and the meeting came to a close.

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Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung delivers an address at the coordination meeting on organizing the Fourth World Buddhist Summit. — MNA