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Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt receives Chinese Ambassador Mr Li Jinjun at Zeyathiri Beikman.— MNA

Work Coordination Meeting No 1/2004 on Myanma Industrial Development continues

YANGON, 21 April—The Work Coordination Meeting No 1/2004 on Myanma Industrial Development continued for the second day at the training hall of the Ministry of Industry-1 on Kaba Aye Pagoda Road here this afternoon, attended by Chairman of Industrial Development Committee Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Soe Win.

Also present were Chairman of Myanma Industrial Development Committee Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thaung, Chairman of Myanma Industrial Development Work Committee Minister for Industry-2 Maj-Gen Saw Lwin, Minister for Cooperatives Maj-Gen Htay Oo and the deputy ministers, chairmen of sub-committees, officials of the State Peace

and Development Council Office, chairmen of District Peace and Development Councils, chairmen of Industrial Zone Supervisory Committees and members, the President of Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry and officials, industrialists, guests.

Secretary of Myanma Industrial Development Committee Deputy Minister for Industry-1 Brig-Gen Kyaw Win and Joint Secretary Deputy Minister for Industry-2 Lt-Col Khin Maung Kyaw reported on extended assembling of buses and trucks at the industrial zones.

Members of Industrial Zone Supervisory Committees, the industrialists and chairmen of sub-committees reported on assembling of vehicles, production of farm

implements including power tillers, experiences gained in production of quality products that are on high demand depending on regional and geographical conditions.

Chairman of Industrial Development Committee Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Soe Win took part in the discussions. He said he wished the industrialists and delegates from the industrial zones discuss production of farm and industrial equipment, assembling of cars, import substitute industries and production of marketable machines and parts. The State would provide necessary assistance to them, he said.

Ministers U Aung Thaung and Maj-Gen Saw Lwin said it is true that the

Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt receives Chinese Ambassador

YANGON, 21 April — Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar General Khin Nyunt received Ambassador of the People's Republic of China to the Union of Myanmar Mr Li Jinjun at Zeyathiri Beikman on Konmyinthta at 4.30 pm

today.

Also present at the call were Minister for Foreign Affairs U Win Aung and Director-General of the Protocol Department Thura U Aung Htet.

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State and ministries concerned will provide assistance for promotion of the private industrial sector. The industrialists of the zones are to discuss establishment of industries that will produce farm equipment, they said.

The meeting ended in the evening.—MNA

Myitkyina Open golf tourney from 6 to 9 May

YANGON, 21 April — Organized by the Myanmar Golf Federation and sponsored by Jade Land Myanmar Co Ltd, the second leg of Myitkyina Open Golf Tournament 2004 will be held on a grand scale at

Northern Star Golf Club in Myitkyina, Kachin State, from 6 to 9 May.

The tournament will be categorized into professional golfers level and amateur level. Only the golfers with 0 to 12 handicap will be eligible for the amateur level. Those under the age of 18 will not be considered.

Golfers are to enroll at Northern Star Golf Club or Han Event Management not later than 4 May. Detailed information about the competition will be available on request.

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Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Soe Win meets members of Industrial Zone Supervisory Committees and industrial entrepreneurs.— MNA

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

PERSPECTIVES

Thursday, 22 April, 2004

Strive for better healthcare services

It is said that health is wealth. And in our endeavour for a peaceful and developed nation, it is important that the people of the nation are healthy. Only then will they be able to work for the development of the nation. Investment in the health sector is the most fundamental investment. Therefore, the Ministry of Health is building health infrastructures, spending more and more year after year.

The opening of a specialist hospital in Kyaukse in Mandalay division was held on 18 April and it was attended by Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Soe Win, also Vice-Chairman of the National Health Committee. In his speech on the occasion, the Secretary-1 stressed that the newly-opened 200-bed specialist hospital would contribute a lot not only to the healthcare services for the local people but also to the development of the region.

The government is trying to improve the health standard of the people by implementing national health plans. Before 1988, there were only four institutes under the Ministry of Health but now the number has increased to fourteen. The number of doctors stood at 12,268 in 1988 and it has increased to 16,570. The number of hospitals has also increased from 617 in 1988 to 766.

And a total of 140 hospitals has been upgraded. In the border areas, there were only eight hospitals and six dispensaries before 1988 but there are now 54 hospitals, 81 dispensaries, 32 rural health centres and 51 sub-rural health centres. Between the fiscal years 1999-2000 and 2002-2003, hospitals in Yangon, Mandalay and headquarters of other states and divisions were installed with modern equipment at a cost of US\$ 21.7 million to improve diagnosis and treatment.

In accordance with the guidance of the Head of State and to bridge the gap between the health divide of Upper and Lower Myanmar, Mandalay People's Hospital, like the one in Yangon, has been installed with modern equipment and staffed with specialists and other technicians. The 200-bed hospital in Kyaukse was built to meet the demand of the region. Therefore, we would like to urge all the health staff of the new hospital to discharge their duties enthusiastically and with good intentions so that they will be able to effectively raise the health standard of the local people.

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

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ကျန်းမာရေးဝန်ကြီးဌာန

Minister inspects roads, bridges in Rakhine State

YANGON, 21 April — Minister for Construction Maj-Gen Saw Tun and officials of Public Works inspected Taungup-Thandwe Road on 19 April.

Thandwe District Superintending Engineer of Public Works U Nyan Tun reported on measures undertaken for better roads. The minister gave instructions on completion of the tasks before monsoon and maintenance of small bridges along the roads.

The minister and party inspected Taungup-Maei Road, a major section of Yangon-Pyay-Taungup-Maei-Kyaukphu Road.

The minister and party inspected Hsarpayin Village bypass on Yangon-Sittway Road (Taungup-Maei section), the site for Hsarpayin Bridge and construction of



Minister for Construction Maj-Gen Saw Tun inspects progress in building Londawpauk Bridge in Rakhine State.— CONSTRUCTION

Lamu Bridge. They inspected Yangon-Kyaukphu Road (Maei-Kyaukphu section). Deputy Superintending Engineer U Than Nyunt reported on construction of road with the use of geotextile process and meas-

ures undertaken for paving of the road. The minister gave instructions on close supervision for durability.

The minister and party inspected the sites for construction of Londawpauk and Thanthamagyi Bridges.

On 20 April, they inspected An-Padekyaw section, construction of small wooden bridges and Htanchaung Bridge. The minister inspected Minbu-An Road and gave instructions.

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YANGON, 21 April— Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint left here by air this morning for Penang, Malaysia to attend the 7th ASEAN Health Ministers' Meeting and the First ASEAN+3 Health Ministers' Meeting to be held on 22 and 23 April. The delegation was seen off at Yangon International Airport by Minister for Culture Maj-Gen Kyi Aung, Minister for Education U Than Aung, Deputy Minister for Health Dr Mya Oo, Malaysian Ambassador to Myanmar Dato' Cheah Sam Kip, directors-general and

Myanmar delegation leaves for Malaysia



Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint being seen off at the airport. — MNA

officials of the Ministry of Health and their families. The minister was accompanied by Director-General of Health Planning Department Dr Kyi Soe and

Director of Foreign Relations Division Dr Pe Thet Tun. — MNA

Change of bus route announced

YANGON, 21 April — Change of bus line routes of Nos 49 (Green and Yellow), 201, 219, 210, 36, 43 (Green), 173, 174, 176, 179, 180 and 182 due to the Parami Overpass Construction Project has been featured in the news item "Routes of bus lines to be changed temporarily" appeared in column one, page 9 of the New Light of Myanmar daily issued on 20 (Tuesday) April 2004. Further information from Myanma Railways officials has said that the No 43 (Green) will run on its original route through the junction of Waisayanta and Parami roads located under North Okkalapa Bridge.

Myanma Railways



Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Kyaw Thu and wife being welcomed by British Ambassador Ms Vicky Bowman at the reception to mark the birthday of Queen Elizabeth II.— MNA

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Don't smoke

At least 106 US troops killed in Iraq in April

WASHINGTON, 21 April—US troops are dying in higher numbers in Iraq this month than at any time during the war, with polls showing rising unease among Americans over the mounting death toll and doubts about the conflict's merits.

At least 106 US troops have died in April amid fierce attacks by guerillas in both Sunni Muslim and Shi'ite regions -- far more than any month since the US-led invasion to oust President Saddam Hussein. The previous peak was 82 deaths in November during an earlier spike in attacks by insurgents.

In 13 months of military involvement in Iraq, 709 Americans have been killed in Iraq, the Pentagon said on Tuesday.

The death toll in the first three weeks of April has about matched the 109 killed in combat from the March 2003 start of the invasion until President Bush declared an end to "major combat" operations six weeks later. Bush made that declaration aboard the aircraft carrier USS Abraham Lincoln standing in front of a banner stating, "Mission Accomplished."

In a Washington Post-ABC News poll of 1,201 US adults published on Tuesday, 65 percent said there had been an "unacceptable" number of US military casualties while 33 percent said the level was "acceptable."

Analysts said the mounting US death toll illustrates the rising difficulty of the military task and threatens to undermine public support for Bush's Iraq policies during a presidential election year.

"What it shows is that the breadth of the insurgency is increasing, that our troops are confronting firefights on multiple fronts, and the sophistication of the insurgents is growing," said Cato Institute defense analyst Ted Carpenter. "This doesn't bode well for the fate of our mission, unfortunately."

Defence Secretary Donald Rumsfeld has expressed surprise at the recent level of US military deaths in Iraq.—Internet



Honduran soldiers with US troops on a Bradley fighting vehicle, at a Honduran base in Najaf, Iraq, on 20 April, 2004. Honduras has decided to pull its troops out of Iraq.

INTERNET

Bremer says Iraqi forces unable to meet threat alone

BAGHDAD, 21 April — Iraqi forces alone will be unable to face the threat posed by guerillas after the US coalition transfers power to Iraqis on 30 June, US Administrator Paul Bremer said in a statement on Sunday.

Bremer said the surge of violence and kidnappings in Iraq in the past two weeks illustrated the dangers.

"It is clear that Iraqi forces will not be able, on their own, to deal with these threats by June 30 when an Iraqi Government assumes sovereignty," he said.

"Instead, Iraq and troops from many countries, including the United States will be partners in providing the security Iraqis need."

Ninety-nine US soldiers have been killed in action this month — more than the number of US combat deaths in the three-week war that toppled Saddam. Hundreds of Iraqis have also died, many of them civilians.

Up to 50 foreigners have been kidnapped since April 8 and while many have been released, those holding four Italians have killed one hostage and have threatened to kill the others unless Italy

withdraws its troops from Iraq.

The United States has trained and fielded more than 200,000 Iraqi security forces serving in police, civil defence units, border patrol and a new national Army and site protection units.

But the process of setting up the Armed Forces has been fraught with problems.

Most members of the first Iraqi battalion to be set up quit within weeks due to dissatisfaction over pay and conditions. Many of the soldiers sent to fight in Fallujah this month refused, saying they would not fight fellow Iraqis.

US forces detained about 200 Iraqi paramilitary troops who refused to take part in the Fallujah offensive, some Iraqi soldiers said.

US Joint Chiefs of Staff Chairman Richard Myers said last week there were

problems with the Iraqi troops' reliability.

"I'd characterize it as their performance has been uneven. But there are instances where they performed very well, and other instances where they've been less than perfect," he said.

In his statement Bremer noted incidents early in April when guerillas overran Iraqi police stations and seized public buildings and Iraqi forces were unable to stop them.

"If former members of the Republican Guards, the mukharabbat, the Fedayeen Saddam and the Moqtada's militia are to be prevented from shooting their way into power, Iraq's security forces must have help until they are fully equipped and trained. This is what the coalition intends to do," Bremer said.

MNA/Reuters

Iraq guerillas hit Marines in Fallujah

FALLUJAH, 21 April—About 35 Iraqi guerillas attacked US Marines in northern Fallujah just after daybreak Wednesday, setting off a heavy gunbattle, the military said. There was no immediate word on casualties.

The attack began with a massive barrage of rocket-propelled grenades and small arms fire. Explosions were heard throughout the city. Marine forces here were put on high alert.

The attack comes following Monday's announcement of an agreement aimed at ending hostilities in the embattled city. US officials have warned that if guerillas don't comply with a call by city leaders to disarm, Marines may launch an all-out assault to take the city.—Internet

Hamas nominates new leader in Gaza

GAZA, 21 April—Palestinian Islamic Resistance Movement (Hamas) nominated on Sunday a new leader in the Gaza Strip to replace Abdel Aziz Rantisi who was assassinated by Israel on Saturday, official Hamas sources reported.

They said the movement decided not to reveal his name for security reasons. The decision was made after two top Hamas leaders Sheikh Ahmed Yassin and Rantisi were assassinated by Israel within one month.

"A new general leader for the movement was chosen. The name of the new leader would be a top secret in order to protect him from being targeted by the Zionists," they said.

Rantisi was nominated as the new Hamas leader on March 24 after Yassin was assassinated, and Mahmoud Azzahar was nominated as a deputy to Rantisi.

MNA/Xinhua

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Dominican Republic to pull out of Iraq

SANTO DOMINGO, (Dominican Republic), 21 April—The Dominican Republic will pull its troops out of Iraq early, in the next few weeks, following the lead of Spain and Honduras, General Jose Miguel Soto Jimenez said Tuesday.

The announcement came just two days after President Hipolito Mejia pledged to keep the country's 302 troops in Iraq until their one-year commitment ended in August.

"The troops in Iraq will be coming back in the next couple weeks," the Dominican Armed Forces general said.

Soto Jimenez said the President changed course based on security concerns for Dominican soldiers after Honduras announced its troops would be pulled back early.

The Dominicans have been serving with the 370 Honduran troops under a Spanish-led brigade policing Iraq's al-Qadisiya and Najaf provinces since August.

On Sunday, Spain said it would pull out its 1,300 soldiers early, prompting Honduras to follow Monday. The two countries' troops were expected home in about six weeks.

The party of Spain's new Prime Minister, Jose Luis Rodriguez, won March 14 elections three days after subway terrorist bombings in Madrid. Exit polls showed many Spanish voters believed outgoing Prime Minister Jose Maria Aznar, by backing the US-led war in Iraq, had provoked the bombings, Spain's worst terror attack.

Many Dominicans also have criticized Mejia's support of the war, particularly over the past two weeks: Dominican troops have been attacked more than a dozen times, though none have been reported injured. Opposition party candidates have derided Mejia's participation in Iraq ahead of May 16 elections. The President is seeking re-election.—Internet

Colleagues say US forces kill two Iraqi TV staff

BAGHDAD, 21 April—US forces killed a reporter working for the US-funded Iraqiya Television along with his driver on Monday north of Baghdad, the victims' colleagues said.

They said a cameraman was also injured in the attack in the city of Samarra, 60 miles north of Baghdad. The US military said it had no information on the deaths.

"Early information say US forces shot them while they were in their car," said Ziad Tareq, an Iraqiya journalist.

Dubai's Al Arabiya television named the dead journalist as As'ad Kathem. Local and international media organizations have criticized the conduct of US forces in Iraq, saying more care should be taken to protect journalists.

At least six other journalists have been killed by US forces in Iraq since the US-led war began.—MNA/Reuters



An Iraqi youth cries near the grave stone of Fallujah resident Abu Abdullah, at a makeshift cemetery in the besieged town, on 20 April, 2004. The script in Arabic reads, 'Abu Abdullah the martyr, mutilated by Americans.' — INTERNET

Former security adviser Berger says Iraq at 'boiling point'

BLOOMBERG, 21 April—US failure to plan the occupation of Iraq has left the nation near a "boiling point," and no clear way to avoid disastrous consequences for the entire Middle East, former National Security Adviser Sandy Berger said.

"We could have an Iraq that is slipping into chaos, civil war, radicalism, redefining not only Iraq, but the region and our relationship with it," Berger, who was Democratic President Bill Clinton's top security adviser from 1995 to 2001, told the Senate Foreign Relations Committee in hearings today.

It is "unrealistic" to expect new Iraqi leaders to govern the country on July 1, after the US-led coalition transfers political power to the Iraqis, and greater use of US military force against guerrillas might create a "dangerous backlash," Berger said.

More than 90 coalition soldiers have died this month in some of the deadliest fighting in Iraq since US-led forces ousted dictator Saddam Hussein a year ago. At least 22 Iraqi prisoners were killed and 92 others wounded when a US-run deten-

tion centre in Baghdad was hit by insurgents' mortar fire today, the US-led Coalition Provisional Authority in Iraq said in a statement.

James Schlesinger, former US Secretary of Defence and Central Intelligence Agency Director under presidents Richard Nixon and Gerald Ford, also appeared before the committee and criticized US failure to prepare for the July 1 transfer of power or to allow enough time for proper training of Iraqi security forces.

Schlesinger joined Senator Richard Lugar of Indiana, the Republican chairman of the committee, in citing US inability to communicate with the Iraqis. "We have failed to convey to the Iraqis what our intentions are," Schlesinger said. "It is time for us to remind Iraqis, if you want a decent life, you must not support the elements that are destroying your

country." The US doesn't have enough troops in Iraq and "put a higher value on maintaining control than on sharing risk" by failing to properly train Iraqi police or soldiers to secure their country, Berger said.

Berger called for 40,000 more troops in Iraq and said it would take up to five years to build effective Iraqi police and military forces. He endorsed the suggestion of Senator Joseph Biden of Delaware, the ranking Democrat on the committee, for creation of an "international board of directors" of major world powers to oversee Iraq's political transition.

In his opening statement, Biden said the Republican Bush Administration made an "arrogant mistake" by refusing to send requested witnesses to the hearing. He didn't say what officials had been sought. — *Internet*

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Blasts hit police stations in south Iraq's Basra

BASRA, 21 April— Explosions ripped through three police stations in Iraq's southern city of Basra on Wednesday, causing many casualties, police and witnesses said.

Police could not say how many people had been killed or wounded in the blasts, but one car carrying children to kindergarten had been caught in one explosion.

Two police stations in the central Ashar district were hit by mortar bombs, police said. The third police station targeted was in the Old City of Basra.

The explosions in the morning rush hour sowed panic across Basra, which had been relatively peaceful during this month's surge of violence in other parts of central and southern Iraq.

— *Internet*



US Army soldiers check an Iraqi car driving into the embattled Baghdad suburb of Abu Ghraib, Iraq, on 20 April, 2004. — *INTERNET*

Archbishop says Iraq war damaged UK

LONDON, 21 April—The Archbishop of Canterbury Dr Rowan Williams has suggested the aftermath of the Iraq war has resulted in a loss of trust in the nation's political system.

Dr Williams hinted the UK's "political health" has been damaged by failure to find weapons of mass destruction. Admitting error might be one way to restore trust, he said in a sermon delivered in Cambridge on Tuesday.

Downing Street said Dr Williams' views on the war were well known and it had nothing further to add. The archbishop's remarks were addressed to the congregation at St Benet's Church in Cambridge.

He spoke on the theme of Christian obedience in the commemoration sermon. He warned Christians should not expect an "impossible" standard of corporate selflessness from government.

But, he said, part of the "continuing damage" to the nation's political health was to do with concern over what had really driven

events on the international scene.

Dr Williams said claims on the political loyalty of Christians had to do with a "demonstrable attention to truth, even unwelcome truth".

He said: "There were things government believed it knew and claimed to know on a privileged basis which, it emerged, were anything but certain—there were things which regional experts and others knew which seemed not to have received attention."

He added: "The evidence suggests to many that obedience to a complex truth suffered from a sense of urgency that made attention harder." The archbishop said restoring trust lay in the government's openness to accountability, the freedom to think again and willingness to admit error or miscalculation.

— *Internet*

Japanese bombing victims demand compensation

CHONGQING, 21 April — Ten victims of the five-year bombing of Chongqing, provisional capital in the War of Resistance to Japan (1937-1945), recently formed a group to demand compensation from the Japanese Government.

The group is a non-governmental organization composed of 382 bombing victims.

Intruding Japanese troops bombed the city of Chongqing on 218 occasions, dropping 21,593 bombs from 9,513 sorties and killing 11,889 people and injuring 14,700 others in five years from February 1938 to August 1943.

The most intensive bombing occurred on May 3 and 4, 1939, which claimed 3,991 lives and made 200,000 people homeless in the two days, turning into one of the most tragic massacres in global air attack history.

MNA/Xinhua

Support for Blair's Iraq policy dwindles in Britain

LONDON, 21 April — Support for British Premier Tony Blair's Iraq policy has dwindled sharply among British voters in the last two months, with almost half — 48 per cent — saying the war was not justified, according to a latest poll.

Two-thirds of British voters have little or no confidence in the Americans' handling of the situation in Iraq, with 79 per cent saying it is too dangerous for civilians working for British companies to be in that country, said the *Guardian*/ICM survey conducted after the bloodiest month since the invasion of Iraq.

British voters believe Blair should follow the example of the new Spanish Government and bring the Army home within six months.

The detailed results show that support for the war has slumped from 53 per cent in January to 41 per cent. The percentage of people prepared to support the anti-war case and argue that the invasion was unjustified has grown from 41 per cent to 48 per cent.

Anti-war sentiments has not reached these levels since September, when the Hutton inquiry hearings appeared to place question marks against the likelihood of finding weapons of mass destruction.

Blair's personal rating remains in the doldrums at minus 20 points. But this month's opinion poll does contain some good news for the British Prime Minister, with the Labour Party regaining a five point lead over the Conservatives despite being buffeted by the Beverley Hughes immigration row at home and by events in Iraq and Israel.

MNA/PTI

Guerillas cripple Iraq roads, damage trade

BAGHDAD, 21 April — Iraq's commercial transport network has practically come to a halt because of a deterioration in security and the closure of main roads by US forces, shippers and merchants said on Monday.

They said trade and economic activity had slowed down sharply. Iraq became more dependent on imports after postwar looting and 13 years of a crippling economic embargo all but wiped out its industrial base.

"Baghdad has been effectively isolated," said Muzahim al-Azzawi, executive manager of Gezairi Transport.

He said truck movement had mostly stopped on the western roads to Jordan and Syria, and that a bridge on the only road left open to Baghdad from the south was now too weak to cross because of war damage and recent sabotage. The western route leading to Jordan, Syria and Lebanon accounts for an estimated 70 per cent of Iraqi shipments. — *MNA/Reuters*



An Iraqi family heads back home to the restive city of Fallujah on 20 April, 2004. Hundreds of civilians began returning to the battle-scarred city, a day after the US army cautiously lifted a two-week siege, as the coalition in Iraq suffered a new blow with the decision of Honduras to pull out its troops. — *INTERNET*

Canadian kidnapped in Iraq; Ottawa urges leaving

OTTAWA, 21 April—Canada said on Tuesday that another of its citizens had been kidnapped in Iraq, and strongly advised all Canadians remaining in the war-torn country to consider leaving.

A senior foreign ministry official said 41-year-old Mohammed Rifat, who disappeared on 8 April somewhere between Baghdad and the nearby town of Abu Ghareb, was alive and being held by an unknown group.

"The government of Canada is aware that he is being detained. We call on those who have detained him to release him immediately," said Dan McTeague, responsible for helping Canadians who run into trouble abroad.

McTeague said the kidnapping had been confirmed by officials in Iraq. CBC tel-

evision quoted family members as saying Iraqi-born Rifat had been carrying out contract repair work at a prison in Abu Ghareb.

Some 50 foreigners have been kidnapped in Iraq in recent weeks. One victim, an Italian, was killed by his captors.

Canadian humanitarian worker Fadi Fadel, taken hostage in Iraq on the same day that Rifat went missing, was freed by his captors last week and was due back in Canada later on Tuesday.

"Those Canadians who are there (in Iraq) ought to

consider very strongly getting out as quickly as possible. This is the second example of a Canadian who has been detained," McTeague told reporters.

Fadel was released after Foreign Minister Bill Graham appeared on Al Jazeera television to stress the kidnapped man was Canadian and not an Israeli spy as his captors had alleged.

"This, as you can well appreciate, is a very delicate situation. It's a little bit of *deja vu* — we've been through this a week and a half ago. We must empha-

size above all that he (Rifat) is a Canadian citizen," said McTeague.

Graham also made the point to media in the region that Canada had not supported the US war on Iraq and had not contributed troops to the invasion. Ottawa has pledged C\$300 million (\$220 million) to the reconstruction of Iraq.

"The government has an absolute interest in ensuring that he is freed as quickly as possible.... No stone will be left unturned," said McTeague.

Internet

Canadian man missing in Iraq for 11 days

OTTAWA, 21 April — A Canadian man has been missing in Iraq for 11 days but it is not clear whether he has been kidnapped, officials said on Monday. They said 41-year-old Mohammed Rifat disappeared on 8 April somewhere between Baghdad and the nearby town of Abu Ghareb.

"We checking to see (if we can) grab any piece of information that will allow us to locate him, (going) through a series of intermediaries and contacts," said one official who asked not to be named.

MNA/Reuters



As residents try to return to their homes in Fallujah, Iraq, a girl cries during a melee at a checkpoint on the outskirts of Fallujah on 20 April, 2004. — INTERNET

France says UN resolutions needed for Iraq

Moscow, 21 April—French Foreign Minister Michel Barnier on Monday outlined steps France wanted to see taken for a smooth transition of power from US-led occupation to a local authority in Iraq, including two UN resolutions.

But Barnier, speaking after talks with Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov, provided few details of what was needed in the resolutions to secure the approval of France, which opposed last year's invasion of Iraq to topple Saddam Hussein.

He said the process depended on how UN special envoy Lakhdar Brahimi worked to produce a legitimate government to take over from US-led occupation authorities on 30 June. Brahimi, he said, would provide the basis for which an interim government to be set up on 1 July will be representative, qualified and respected by Iraq's different communities — Shiite, Sunni and Kurd.

"There will then be straight away a UN resolution to consolidate the process. And then a second resolution," Barnier told reporters.

"And then I believe there will be at least an inter-Iraqi conference at first then a broader one to consolidate the process before January

2005. There you have concrete stages.

"These stages must be prepared one by one and in the proper order, starting with a truly representative and credible government on 1 July."

France was joined by Germany, Russia and China in opposition to the US-led

war, launched in the absence of a UN Security Council resolution.

All insist the United Nations play a central role in handing power back to an Iraqi authority.

Barnier, together with German Foreign Minister Joschka Fischer, met in Paris on Sunday.

Lavrov told reporters the main task was to create a legitimate government enjoying the broad support of Iraqis.

"Only the Iraqis themselves can do this, that is all political forces in Iraq, and only with the help of the United Nations," he said.

MNA/Reuters

SAARC signs agreement with UNAIDS

NEW DELHI, 21 April — In an effort to strengthen the response to HIV/AIDS, the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) on Monday signed a memorandum of understanding with UNAIDS which will help the region scale up HIV care, treatment and prevention services. The partnership agreement, signed in Kathmandu, focusses specifically on tackling the challenges of stigma and discrimination as well as scaling up HIV care, treatment and prevention services, UNAIDS said in a release.

These services are significantly lacking in SAARC member countries — India, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Maldives, Nepal, and Sri Lanka, UNAIDS said.

"Home to close to 50 per cent of the world's poor living on less than a dollar a day, South Asia is faced with a potentially explosive AIDS epidemic that could erupt unless existing HIV prevention and care efforts are scaled up immediately," Dr. Peter Piot, executive Director of the joint UN Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS), said. SAARC's commitment to AIDS emerged from the 12th SAARC summit held in Islamabad in January this year during which 2004 was declared as the "SAARC Awareness Year for TB and HIV/AIDS", the release said.

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US soldiers adjust to changes in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 21 April—With the coalition fraying and guerrilla violence spreading, the latest job for the US military in Iraq appears to be patching holes — like those left by the impending withdrawal of Spanish, Honduran and Dominican troops.

The military here is in the midst of a serious reorganization, shifting and swapping troops to cope with simultaneous crises in the south — where some coalition partners have balked at clashing with rebellious Shiites — and in the west, where a standoff in Fallujah has drained troops from elsewhere. The rearranging could mean a continued, large US military presence in the south, where the United States had handed security duties to its allies. The coalition partners signed on believing they were patrolling a peaceful region, a situation that has dramatically changed.

The Dominican Republic was the latest planned withdrawal, announcing Tuesday night it would pull its 302 troops out of Iraq within several weeks. Honduran and Dominican forces have been serving under a Spanish-led brigade since August.

Thai Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra said Tuesday that his country's 443 troops in Karbala will be withdrawn if the government feels they may be harmed.

"We are giving priority to the safety of the soldiers. If we consider that our soldiers are in danger, that they will be harmed, we will take them back," he said. — Internet

Civilians return to Fallujah after siege as Honduras quits Iraq

FALLUJAH, 21 April— Hundreds of civilians began returning to this battle-scarred city, a day after the US Army cautiously lifted a two-week siege, as the coalition in Iraq suffered a new blow with the decision of Honduras to pull out its troops.

US marines checked identity papers and screened civilians with metal detectors at a checkpoint on the outskirts of Fallujah, 50 kilometres (30 miles) west of Baghdad, while about 100 cars and trucks formed a long line on the main road leading to the borders of Jordan and Syria.

The marines were assisted by Iraqi police and members of the paramilitary Iraqi Civil Defence Corps (ICDC), who began carrying out joint patrols with US soldiers under the terms of a ceasefire with insurgents still holed up in the city.

Faud Rawi, a member of the Sunni Iraqi Islamic Party who helped mediate the deal, said he was "optimistic about the willingness of the fighters to respect the ceasefire" which, he said, "averts the destruction of the city." But Dan Senor, spokesman for the US-led force, warned that "major hostilities" could resume at short notice if a "full and unbroken" ceasefire failed to hold.

The ceasefire included an amnesty for fighters handing in heavy weapons, unfettered access to the city's main hospital and burial of the dead.

Hospital sources estimated that more than 600 Iraqis, half of them women, children and elderly people, died in Fallujah in the bloodiest fighting since the US-led invasion of their country in March last year. The US military says it is impossible to verify the figure. — Internet



US Army soldiers check Iraqis for weapons as residents return to their homes in Fallujah, Iraq, on 20 April, 2004. With a ceasefire between US Marines and Iraqi guerrillas holding, Fallujah began filtering back into town on Tuesday through checkpoints run by US and Iraqi security forces. — INTERNET

Thai PM says troops to leave Iraq if attacked

BANGKOK, 21 April — Thailand will withdraw its 451 medical and engineering troops from Iraq if they are attacked, the Thai Prime Minister said on Tuesday after a wave of kidnappings and attacks on US allies in Iraq.

Thaksin Shinawatra's government is facing growing calls to withdraw the troops, who were sent last year to do humanitarian work in the southern city of Kerbala, 60 miles south of Baghdad.

"If we get hurt or killed, I will not keep them there," Thaksin told reporters a day after Honduras followed Spain in announcing they would pull their troops out of Iraq.

His comments come after Thailand's Embassy in Sweden received a letter earlier this month threatening the Southeast Asian country with attacks similar to the train bombings in the Spanish capital Madrid in retaliation for sending troops to Iraq.

The Thai Senate debated a resolution on Tuesday calling for the troops to come home. "We have simply sent our troops to jail, waiting to be killed. Isn't it better just to pull back now before an incident takes place?" Senator Karun Saingam, who sponsored the resolution, asked the assembly.

The resolution later failed to win a majority of votes in the 200-seat Senate after a heated five-hour debate.

Thai soldiers have been confined to their Kerbala camp since a wave of violence erupted across Iraq a few weeks ago.

"We do not go there to fight. If we get killed why should we stay?" Thaksin said.

Two Thai soldiers were killed in a truck bomb attack in Kerbala last December.

The deaths shocked many Thais and sparked criticism that the government had failed to explain to the public the risks of deploying troops to Iraq, even on a humanitarian mission.

Spain said on Monday it had begun withdrawing its 1,400-strong contingent from Iraq.

Security ministers told the senators the government had to bear in mind the country's honour and international commitments in deciding the future of its Iraqi mission.

"I can tell you all that if we can't stay there, we will certainly rush out. But whatever we do, we must do it discreetly, not to lose friends and dignity," said Deputy Prime Minister Chavalit Yongchaiyudh, the government's Chief Security Minister.

MNA/Reuters

654 people killed in road accidents during Thailand's New Year celebrations

BANGKOK, 21 April — Bangkok Metropolitan Administration (BMA) has planned to further run the campaign on safe driving after Songkran holidays to reduce traffic accidents in the capital, Bangkok City Clerk Nathanon Thavisin said Tuesday.

Nathanon was quoted by the *Thai News Agency* as saying that BMA's Traffic and Transportation Department would organize various activities to instill a new sense of discipline and safety among drivers to prevent or reduce the traffic accidents in the city.

The campaign would be carried on until the Buddhist Lent in October, she said, adding that booklets on traffic rules would be distributed as well as brochures, stickers and posters.

Training camps for kids and youths would be held as part of the campaign to raise their awareness on road safety, she

added.

Six hundred and fifty-four people were killed in road accidents during Thailand's New Year celebrations last week.

Although this year's death toll was lower than last year's 840, it was still twice the average daily deaths due to traffic accidents, Deputy Prime Minister Chaturon Chaisang who chairs the Road Safety Centre said.

He said a total of 36,642 people were injured in the April 9-18 period covering the Thai New Year holiday, known as Songkran. Thousands of road accidents involving reckless and drunken drivers particularly motorcycle riders without helmets. —MNA/Xinhua



Fallujah residents pass through a checkpoint to return to their homes in Fallujah, Iraq, on 20 April, 2004. — INTERNET

China says UN should consider Iraqi people's opinions

BEIJING, 21 April — China said Tuesday that the United Nations (UN) should take Iraqi people's views into consideration when making decisions on the Iraq issue.

Foreign Ministry Spokesman Kong Quan said at a regular Press conference that UN envoy Lakhdar Brahimi is visiting Iraq and working to submit a report to the UN Security Council on the Iraqi situation.

Kong said as a permanent member of the UN Security Council, China is greatly concerned about the Iraq issue and has actively and constructively participated in discussions.

"We believe that the United Nations should collect the views of different strata and different factions in Iraq on the transitional mechanism and election arrangements," Kong said. "The UN should consider the views before making decisions because they represent the opinions of the Iraqi people."

Kong said China has always maintained the Iraq issue should be solved within the UN framework, a view shared by the vast majority of world nations. He believed as preconditions to the UN's playing a major role in the Iraq peace process, security should be resumed in the country, the Iraqi people should govern Iraq and the reconstruction should be started as soon as possible.

MNA/Xinhua

Halliburton identifies workers killed in Iraq

WASHINGTON, 21 April — Three of four bodies found after an attack on a supply convoy in Iraq on April 9 have been identified as workers for Halliburton, the Texas-based company said on Tuesday.

"We grieve today for the tragic and sudden loss of our co-workers. Halliburton extends its sincere condolences to the families of these employees," spokeswoman Wendy Hall said in a statement.

The State Department said a week ago four bodies had been found after the attack on the convoy west of Baghdad on April 9. The identity of the fourth person has not been announced.

The company said the three were identified as Stephen Hulett, 48, of Manistee, Michigan; Jack Montague, 52, of Pittsburg, Illinois; and Jeffery Parker, 45, of Lake Charles, Louisiana. The men were working in Iraq for Halliburton subsidiary Kellogg Brown and Root, which has a major logistics contract with the US military as well as another deal rebuilding the country's shattered oil infrastructure.

Civilian contractors in Iraq have come under increasing attacks in recent weeks and Halliburton has lost 33 staff and contractors while doing work in the Kuwait-Iraq region.

MNA/Reuters

Malaysia urges UN to play bigger role in Iraq

KUALA LUMPUR, 21 April — Efforts to rebuild the heavily bombed Iraq should be left to the United Nations, Malaysian Deputy Prime Minister Najib Tun Razak said on Tuesday.

"Our position is that the administration of Iraq should be fully entrusted to the United Nations and then left to the people of Iraq. It is within this ambit that we will decide on anything," Najib said after closing a seminar here.

He said before Muslim states sent troops or provided any other assistance to Iraq, there was a need to ensure that UN play a much bigger role to ensure peace and stability in the country.

"You see, even the ICO has no legitimate authority as such, it is only within the context of the UN," he said.

Earlier, Malaysian Prime Minister Abdullah Ahmad Badawi said that Malay-

sia was deeply concerned by the outbreak of hostilities between the occupying coalition forces and some segments of the local population in Iraq.

"Malaysia wishes to call upon all concerned to exercise the utmost restraint and sensitivity. All hostilities should be brought to an end immediately in order to enable calmness and stability to return to all parts of Iraq," he said. Malaysia is expected to host an ICO Ministers' Emergency Meeting on latest developments in Iraq and Palestine late this week.

Malaysia currently holds the chairmanship of the 57-member grouping which was set up in 1970. —MNA/Xinhua

Beijing to host Asian Education Forum in August

BEIJING, 21 April — The Asian Education Forum is scheduled to be held in Beijing in August this year.

The forum was launched by former heads of some Asian countries in December 2003 and then confirmed through discussion by 95 representatives from 18

countries and regions.

High-ranking educational department officials in charge of international exchanges in Asian countries will be invited to the forum to discuss such matters as scholarship and mutual recognition of records of formal schooling and academic

degrees, said Cao Guoxing, director of the International Cooperation Department under China's Ministry of Education.

China proposed to set up the Asian Scholarship and decided to be the first to offer 20 full scholarships, Cao said.

China has sent 700,000 students to study in more than 100 countries. In recent years, 120,000 students a year left China for further study abroad. Meanwhile, some 300 universities in various parts of China enrolled 400,000 students from 170 countries. —MNA/Xinhua



An Iraqi Shi'ite militiaman, aligned with radical cleric Moqtada al-Sadr, joins other militia members brandishing their weapons in the southern city of Diwaniya on 19 April, 2004. — INTERNET

From a granary to an industrial zone

Tekkatho Tin Kha



Myanmar Farm Machinery Factory in Inngon Village, Kyaukse.

(Continued from yesterday)

I would like to mention the opening of Plastic Factory, one of the projects being implemented in Kyaukse industrial zone. The Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council and party on 11-4-2004 arrived in Kyaukse by helicopter to attend the opening of Plastic factory (Kyaukse) of Myanma Pharmaceutical Industries under the Ministry of Industry-1.

The opening ceremony was also attended by heads of department under the Ministry of Industry-1 and officials, departmental officials of Kyaukse District and Township, members of the Union Solidarity and Development Association and social organizations, band troupes, dance troupes and others.

Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Ye Myint of the Ministry of Defence, Chairman of Mandalay Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Central Command Maj-Gen Ye Myint and Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thaung formally opened the factory.

Next, the Secretary-1 and party sprinkled the signboard of the factory with scented water. And they inspected the factory.

After that, at the briefing hall, Managing Director U Myint Oo of Myanma Pharmaceutical Industries reported on location of the factory and purpose of construction of the factory, progress in installation of machinery, investment and production of cement bags.

Minister U Aung Thaung gave a supplementary report. In response to the report, the Secretary-1 gave necessary instructions to officials.

Plastic Factory (Kyaukse) will be able to produce 9 million cement bags per year. It was learnt that the factory will also produce onion bags in future.

In the afternoon, the Secretary-1 and party arrived at the Government Technological College (Kyaukse), where they were welcomed by Director-General U Kyaw Soe of Technical and Vocational Education Department and officials. At the briefing hall, the Secretary-1 and party heard a report presented by Pro-Rector of Yangon Technological University Head of Chemical Engineering and Biotechnological Department Daw Mya Mya Oo on biogas research work being conducted by Yangon Technological University, measures being taken for electric power supply with biogas for Kyaukse and TadaU, natural fertilizer obtained from biogas tank and its abilities, production of biogas through pieces of woods and paddy husk and production of biofertilizer.

Commander Maj-Gen Ye Myint reported on measures taken for utilization of the biogas tank in the villages and use of the biogas tank by the villagers.

In response to the reports, the Secretary-1 gave instructions, saying that efforts are to be made for construction of biogas tanks that can produce natural fertilizer and generate electricity in the villages.

The Secretary-1 and party inspected biogas research work, biofertilizer research work and plant tissue culture research work being displayed there.

Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Soe Win met the people of

the villages where natural fertilizer and electricity is being used after constructing biogas tanks. Later, the villagers reported on the benefits for utilization of the biogas tank.

Biogas tanks with 17.2 inches in diameter, 10 feet in height and 50 cubic metres in thickness were constructed in nine villages of Kayukse Township and in three villages of TadaU Township.

In biogas tanks, droppings of animals such as cattle, sheep and horses, agricultural byproducts, forest byproducts such as branches of trees, grass, water hyacinth and fallen leaves, byproducts of mills and municipal are being used for producing biogas. Electricity and natural fertilizer are being produced with the use of the biogas.

Next, the Secretary-1 and party inspected CNC Machine Shop at the Government Technological College. They also looked into research work on cultivation of orange and foreign orchid varieties by means of tissue culture.

The Secretary-1 and party inspected research work on preparation for biofertilizer and production of biogas with bits of woods and gave instructions to officials concerned.

Chemical Engineering Department and Biotechnology Department of Yangon Technological University are conducting research on production of electricity and natural fertilizer with droppings and pieces of wood.

The Government Technological College in Kyaukse is a practical field for Kyaukse Industrial Zone. It was encouraging to see Pro-Rector of Yangon Technological University Head of Chemical Engineering and Biotechnological Department Daw Mya Mya Oo

- * Use daylight as the main source of light
- * Use the least possible amount of electricity only if there is not enough natural light
- * Use the least possible amount of electricity required in production and service enterprises
- * Preventing waste of electricity benefits the user and others

There are about 500,000 households using electricity in Yangon. Thus, saving a four-foot fluorescent lamp everyday by each household amounts to saving power that is equal to the capacity a 20-megawatt power station can supply.

Efficient use of fuel

- * Saving one gallon of fuel per car per month will save the nation one US dollar
- * Thus, a total of 455,822 cars in Myanmar can save US\$ 5.5 million in a year
- * The amount, US \$ 5.5 million, can build a major bridge across Ayeyawady River

All this needs to be known

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

and faculty members studying their thesis for Doctorate Degree at the technological college. They are worthy of honour because although they are educated women they devoted their life in conducting research on biogas tanks in the interest of villagers there. They also made field trips right down to villages in Kyaukse and TadaU Townships where they heartily replied to queries raised by the villagers.

Chairman of Industrial Development Committee Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Soe Win himself made field trips to the villages and met with villagers. At the meeting, the villagers explained how biogas tanks benefit them. Kyaukse has been the granary of the country in successive eras. With significant development, it will soon become a modern industrial zone.

(Translation:TS)

Kyemon: 20-4-2004

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သို့ဖြစ်ပါ၍ အပူအသိကြောင့် မလိုလားအပ်သော အကျိုးဆက်များ မဖြစ်ပေါ်စေရန် အောက်ပါအချက်အလက်များကို လိုက်နာကြပါရန် နှိုးဆော်အပ်ပါသည်။

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- (၂) နေပူထဲမှပြန်လာပြီး ချက်ချင်းရေချိုးခြင်းမှ ရှောင်ကြဉ်ပါ။
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- (၅) နေ့ခင်းဘက် အပြင်ထွက်သည့်အခါတိုင်း အရိပ်လုံလောက်စွာ ရရှိနိုင်သည့် ထီး၊ ဦးထုပ်များ ဆောင်ပါ။
- (၆) အလင်းရောင်ပြန်သော အဖြူရောင် သို့မဟုတ် အရောင်မျောမျော အဝတ်အထည်များကို ဝတ်ဆင်ပါ။
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ကျန်းမာရေးဝန်ကြီးဌာန

Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than tours Ponnagyun, Kyauktaw, MraukU townships

YANGON, 21 April— Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than of the Ministry of Defence, after inspecting Sittway-Ponnagyun road section and bridges on it on Yangon-Sittway Highway, accompanied by Chairman of Rakhine State Peace and Development Council Commander Maj-Gen Maung Oo and Col Than Tun Aung of Sittway Station, arrived in Ponnagyun on 18 April morning.

At the hall of the Township Peace and Development Council, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than met with departmental officials, social organization members and local people.

Chairman of Ponnagyun Township Peace and Development Council U Wai Myo Khaing reported on the agricultural sector, breeding of fish and prawn, growing of pepper, carrying out health, education and social affairs, condition of roads and bridges and township development tasks, township net production and services. Officials gave supplementary reports.

Speaking on the occasion, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than gave instructions on extended cultivation of cow pea and other crops in addition to 10 major crops designated by the State, growing of pulses and beans and other crops in the areas

where summer paddy cannot be cultivated, efforts to be made for thriving pepper and cooperation of departments concerned for development of the township.

After the meeting, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than cordially conversed with those present.

Accompanied by Commander Maj-Gen Maung Oo, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than arrived at the local battalion and met with officers, other ranks and family members. After giving instructions, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than cordially greeted the Tatmadawmen.

On arrival at the Model Pepper Farm of Myanma Agriculture Service in Ponnagyun, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than gave instructions on growing of pepper to become Rakhine State where the largest number of pepper acres exist. Next, he inspected pepper nursery, propagation and thriving of pepper. The Model Farm is 10.64 acres of land and 400,000 saplings are being nurtured there.

Afterwards, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than proceeded to the 1,000-acres farmland reclamation project at the foot of Bengaya Hill in the township. Col Than Tun Aung of Sittway Station reported on land reclamation tasks in 11 fields and future tasks. The commander gave a supplementary report.

Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than gave necessary in-

structions and inspected land reclamation works. The project will be implemented within two years. So far, 168 acres of land have been reclaimed. At present, 1,500 acres of land are being reclaimed.

On arrival at Maha Muni Buddha Image in Kyauktaw, they were welcomed by Deputy Commander Col Tin Hlaing and officials. Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than and party paid homage to the pagoda and released fish at the lake in the precinct of the pagoda.

Next, they went to Vesali Hsutaungpyay Pagoda in MraukU Ancient Cultural Region. First, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than paid obeisance to the pagoda. Deputy Director U Kyaw Oo Lwin of Archaeology Department (MraukU) reported on history of the pagoda. Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than gave instructions on all-round renovation of the pagoda.

Afterwards, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than and party met with departmental personnel and local people. He heard reports on matters related to the township by officials. Next, he gave necessary instructions.

They arrived at the local battalion in MraukU in the evening. Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than met with officers, other ranks and family members at the meeting of the local battalion and gave necessary instructions.

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Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt greets PRC Ambassador Mr Li Jinjun at Zeyathiri Beikman. (News on page 1)— MNA

Educational Management Course to be broadcast live

YANGON, 21 April— With the aim of ensuring promotion of efficiency of educational service personnel at different levels and efficient implementation of educational functions, Ministry of Education is making arrangements to broadcast educa-

tional management course at e-Education Learning Centres.

Programme of lessons covered by Myanmar Education Research Bureau will be broadcast through Electronic Data Broadcasting Centre of Yangon Univer-

sity of Distance Education.

Lectures of the course will be broadcast from 9 am to 11 am and from 1 pm to 3 pm twice a day from 26 to 30 April at the designated e-Education Learning Centres across the country. Moreover, salient points of the course will be broadcast in advance at 1 pm on 24 and 25 April. The opening ceremony of the course will be held at Myanmar Education Research Bureau on 26 April morning. The programme of the opening ceremony will also be broadcast live. MNA

UMFCCI official meets guests

YANGON, 21 April— A 7-member delegation led by Korea-Myanmar Friendship Association Chairman Mr Kim Jung-Ho called on UMFCCI General Secretary U Sein Win Hlaing at the latter's office here yesterday. They discussed matters on investment and trade cooperation. — MNA



Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than meets departmental officials and social organization members in Ponnagyun.— MNA

Work Committee for Implementation of Agreements on ASEAN Economic Affairs meets

YANGON, 21 April — The Work Committee for Implementation of Agreements on ASEAN Economic Affairs held its third coordination meeting at the meeting hall of the Ministry of Commerce on Strand Road this afternoon, attended by Chairman of the Work Committee Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Pyi Sone.

Also present on the occasion were members of the Work Committee Minister for Finance and Revenue Maj-Gen Hla Tun and deputy ministers, the Deputy Attorney-General, the Vice-Chairman of e-National Task Force, departmental heads, the Vice-President of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry and departmental officials.

At the meeting, the chairman gave a speech. Next, Joint-Secretary-2 Director of Directorate of Trade U Tint Thwin reported on approval of the minutes of the previous meeting and implementation of the resolutions.

Secretary Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Kyaw Thu gave a supplementary report on implementation of the decisions of the meeting. Next, chairmen and officials of sub-committees submitted reports on their respective sectors. Later, the chairman gave concluding remarks. — MNA



Mr Kim Jung-Ho and party call on UMFCCI General Secretary U Sein Win Hlaing. —UMFCCI



Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than pays homage to Buddha images in Kyauktaw and MraukU ancient cultural regions on 18-4-2004.—MNA

Study Says lack of females may have wiped out dinosaurs

WASHINGTON, 21 April — An asteroid may have wiped out the dinosaurs 65 million years ago not simply by changing the world's climate and causing years of dark skies, but also by causing too many of them to be born male, US and British researchers said on Tuesday.

If dinosaurs were like modern-day reptiles such as crocodiles, they change sex based on temperature, David Miller of the University of Leeds in Britain and colleagues noted. And even a small skewing of populations toward males would have led to eventual extinction.

Most experts agree that one or more asteroid impacts probably triggered a series of global changes that killed off the dinosaurs and many other species of life on Earth. The impacts would have kicked up dust that cooled the air and also triggered volcanic activity that would have created even more dust and ash.

No one really knows if dinosaurs were more like reptiles, or something closer to mammals. Reptiles have very different metabolisms than mammals and also have various ways of determining the sex of offspring.

In mammals, if a baby gets an X and a Y chromosome, it will be male and if it gets two X chromosomes it will be female, with a few very rare exceptions. Similar mechanisms work for birds, snakes and some reptiles such as lizards.

But in crocodilians, turtles and some fish, the temperature at which eggs are incubated can affect the sex of the developing babies.

Miller's team ran an analysis that showed a temperature shift could theoretically have led to a preponderance of males. Other studies have shown that when there are too few females, eventually the population dies out.

"The Earth did not become so toxic that life died out 65 million years ago; the temperature just changed, and these great beasts had not evolved a genetic mechanism (like our Y chromosome) to cope with that," said Dr. Sherman Silber, an infertility expert in St. Louis who worked on the study.

But crocodiles and turtles had already evolved at the time of the great extinction 65 million years ago. How did they survive?

"These animals live at the intersection of aquatic and terrestrial environments, in estuarine waters and river beds, which might have afforded some protection against the more extreme effects of environmental change, hence giving them more time to adapt," the researchers wrote.

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Turkey, Bulgaria to open new border gate

ANKARA, 21 April — Turkish Transportation Minister Binali Yildirim said here on Tuesday that there were ongoing efforts in both Bulgaria and Turkey to open a new border gate between the two countries.

Yildirim made the remarks while meeting with his Bulgarian counterpart Nicolai Vasilev, who came to Turkey to attend the 20th session of Turkey-Bulgaria Joint Transportation Commission. Yildirim said that the two sides would work to update agreements involving navigation and aviation during negotiations and the agreements would be signed on Wednesday. Even though there is no serious problem in highway, railway and airline transportation, there is some congestion at border gates, said Yildirim, adding that Turkey and Bulgaria have taken steps to eliminate the problems.— *MNA/Xinhua*



Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than hears reports on ancient cultural region in MraukU on 19-2-2004.—MNA

International geothermal meeting opens in Kenya

NAIROBI, 21 April — The Third International Geothermal Conference opened in Kenya on Tuesday to discuss ways on how to harness geothermal energy for economic gains.

Speaking at the opening ceremony, Kenyan Assistant Minister for Energy Mwangi Kiunjuri said that the world is now focusing on geothermy as a resource that can be developed to accelerate industrialization and economic growth which is especially a tool of poverty reduction on the African continent.

"This is the first time where a strategy for project development and finance of geothermal energy is the primary focus of discussions (in Africa)," said Tom Hamlin, project officer with the United Nations Environment Programme's Division of Technology, Industry and Economics.

The two-day meeting has brought over 200 scientists, experts, decisionmakers, financiers and investors from geothermal producing countries from all over the world.

MNA/Xinhua

Norway, Nigeria sign oil development aid deal

LAGOS, 21 April — The Norwegian Petroleum Directorate (NPD) has signed an agreement for institutional cooperation with Nigeria's Department of Petroleum Resources (DPR), local newspaper *The Guardian* reported Tuesday.

"The main objective of the agreement is to assist in petroleum administration in Nigeria," said NPD project manager Steinar Nja, adding: "Such an institutional cooperation can also make a positive contribution to the presence of the Norwegian oil and gas industry in Nigeria."

Norwegian industrial companies, including Statoil and Aker Kvaerner, have had operations since the mid-1990s in Nigeria, Africa's largest oil producer and world's sixth largest oil exporter with a daily crude oil output of over 2 million barrels.

According to a statement issued by the NPD, the main elements of the agreement are linked to petroleum resource management, petroleum activities monitoring, general skills acquisition, metering deepwater operation monitoring, data management, environmental and safety management.

Next, a Norwegian petroleum delegation headed by Norwegian Minister of Petroleum and Energy Einar Steensnaes is reportedly to tour Nigeria for a four-day visit.

MNA/Xinhua

Wellwishers invited for sinking tube-wells

YANGON, 21 April— The Development Affairs Committees under the Ministry for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs are making concerted efforts in sinking tube-wells in order to get sufficient fresh water in rural areas in States and Divisions where water is scarce.

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

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

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Donate blood

UN official warns of problems with urbanization in APR

SHANGHA, 21 April — All countries in the Asian-Pacific Region should attach importance to solving problems brought by urbanization, said officials attending a meeting of the UN Economic and Social Commission for Asia and the Pacific (UNESCAP) here Tuesday.

As a side event of the UNESCAP 60th session, the eighth session of the Special Body on Pacific Island Developing Countries began to address a series of problems arising in the process of urbanization, including increasing migration, urban infrastructure construction and management.

Participants of the meeting said urbanization has become an inevitable trend in the Asian-Pacific Region. However, the infrastructure construction and management of the Asian-Pacific cities did not match the fast increasing of urban population, and therefore a series of social and environmental problems emerged.

The United Nations estimated that the urban population in developing countries would rise from 1.9 billion in 2000 to 3.9 billion in 2050, with the majority of the

increase in the Asian-Pacific Region.

Kim HakSu, executive secretary of UNESCAP, told *Xinhua* that the income gap is the direct reason that so many rural people swarmed into the urban area.

The surging of the urban population put a heavy burden for the cities to satisfy public demands, especially in such fields as drinking water, energy, medical treatment and education, Kim said.

China's urbanization sees a rapid development and faces the same problem as other Asian-Pacific countries, he said, adding that China should raise more funds to speed up the infrastructure construction.

The UNESCAP 60th Session is scheduled to be held in Shanghai from April 22 to 28.

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Nigeria aims to develop indigenous shipping industry

LAGOS, 21 April — Nigeria will make greater efforts to develop indigenous shipping industry, a senior Nigerian official said recently.

Ferdinand Agu, director-general of the National Maritime Authority (NMA), told reporters that the Federal Ministry of Transport, the NMA and other government agencies were committed to developing institutional capacity to assist indigenous shipping companies to grow.

With the country's Cabotage Act comes into effect on May 1, the Nigerian Government would be happy to see the development of local shipyards, he said. "We are going to heed financial capacity, human resource

capacity developments and committed seafarers," he added.

The NMA head, however, stressed that the government was not saying that come May 1 people would watch an "armada" of vessels owned by indigenous operators.

He described the cabotage policy as a "Bill of Rights" for the domestic shipping community and that it was his hope that "one day we will look back and say look at how far indigenous shipping in Nigeria has come and how far we shall go".

The director-general was optimistic that in the next 10 to 15 years, the stakeholders would be called upon to develop vast capacity and "it will be wonderful if

we can celebrate how far we have gone". Assessing the human resources capacity of the shipping industry, Agu said the most populous African country had a lot of experienced human resources from the old Nigerian National Shipping Line. Given the appropriate environment, they could groom the young ones.

However, he expressed regret that the Maritime industry, though rich in resources and huge in potentials, is a bit under-performing unless given the opportunities to perform.

The NMA head observed that if stakeholders were to look at how many vessels with the Nigerian flag and ocean-going, they could come up with a pessimistic view of the Maritime industry, as the maximum tonnage of cargo for the country, the nation's register of ships and the number of the nation's seafarers in line with the national potentials fell short of expectations.

MNA/Xinhua

ကျန်းမာပျော်ရွှင် ဘဝတစ်ခွင်

ကျန်းမာခြင်းဆိုသည်မှာ - ရောဂါဘယကင်းရှင်းရုံ သာမက၊ ကိုယ်၏ကျန်းမာကြံ့ခိုင်ခြင်း၊ စိတ်ချမ်းသာခြင်းနှင့် လူမှုရေးသုခ ပြည့်ဝခြင်းကို ဆိုသည်။

ဘဝတစ်ခွင် ကျန်းမာပျော်ရွှင်စေရန် အောက်ပါအတိုင်း လိုက်နာဆောင်ရွက်ပါ။

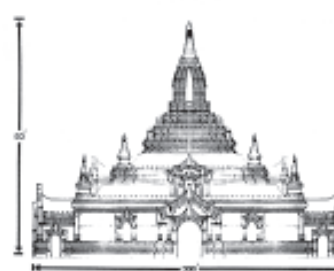
- (၁) တစ်ကိုယ်ရည်သန့်ရှင်းမှုကို ဆောင်ရွက်ပါ။
- (၂) အန္တရာယ်ကင်း၍ အာဟာရပြည့်ဝသော အစားအသောက်များကို စားသုံးပါ။
- (၃) ပိုမိုနားထောင်ရန် သန့်ရှင်းသောရေကို သောက်သုံးပါ။
- (၄) ရာသီဥတုနှင့် လိုက်လျောညီထွေစွာ ဝတ်စားဆင်ယင်နေထိုင်ပါ။
- (၅) အသက်အရွယ်နှင့်လိုက်လျောညီထွေရှိသည့် သင့်တင့်မျှတသော ကိုယ်လက်လှုပ်ရှားမှုကို မှန်မှန်ဆောင်ရွက်ပါ။
- (၆) နေ့စဉ်လုပ်ငန်းဆောင်တာများ ဆောင်ရွက်ခြင်းကြောင့် ပင်ပန်းနွမ်းနယ်မှုကိုပြေပျောက်စေရန် အနားယူပါ။
- (၇) ခြင်္သေ့ရယ်မှကားကွယ်ရန် ခြင်္သေ့အမြင်အာရုံပါ။
- (၈) ကျန်းမာရေးနှင့်ညီညွတ်သော ယဉ်ကျေးမှုသဘောကို သုံးပါ။
- (၉) အရက်သောက်ခြင်း၊ ဆေးလိပ်ဆေးရွက် သောက်သုံးခြင်း၊ ကွမ်းစားခြင်းတို့ကိုရှောင်ကြဉ်ပါ။
- (၁၀) မူးယစ်ဆေးဝါးနှင့် စိတ်ကိုပြောင်းလဲစေသည့် ဆေးဝါးများ သုံးစွဲခြင်းကို ရှောင်ကြဉ်ပါ။
- (၁၁) အပျော်အပါးလိုက်စားခြင်းကို ရှောင်ကြဉ်ပါ။
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ကျန်းမာရေးဝန်ကြီးဌာန

တကောင်းမြို့ ရှေးဟောင်း လေးမျက်နှာတုရားကြီး ပြန်လည်ပြုပြင် တည်ဆောက်ရာတွင် ကုသိုလ်လှူ ငါးဝင်လှူ ခန်းနိုင်



အေဒီ(၁၁)ရာစု အနောက်တောင်ကြီးတောင်မြို့စတင် ဖြစ်သောလေးမျက်နှာတုရားကြီးသည် ဝင်လှူခန်း၊ ရာသီဥတု ဝန်ထုပ်ကြောင့် ဖြိုကျလျက်ရှိခဲ့ပြီး နှစ်ပေါင်းများစွာ တောဖျားများအုပ်စုလျက် အုတ်ကျင်းကြီး တစ်ခုအဖြစ် ရပ်သွားခဲ့ပြီး ယခု ကျေးလက်ကြီးကြီးဖြင့် တကောင်းမြို့ဟောင်းတွင် ပြန်လည်ပြုပြင် တည်ဆောက်ပါမည်။



ဧကရာဇ် ကုသိုလ်လှူများ သမ္ဘာတစ်ဝှမ်းသို့ ကုသိုလ်လှူ ဝင်လှူခန်း နှစ်နိုင်ပါသည်။

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Turkey, Chile agree on military cooperation

ANKARA, 21 April — Turkey and Chile here Tuesday reached an agreement of technical and scientific cooperation in military training and defence industry.

Turkish Deputy Chief of General Staff Ilker Basbug and visiting Chile's Defence Minister Michelle Bachelet signed the agreement at General Staff Headquarters here.

Speaking at the signing ceremony, Basbug said that the agreement would contribute to further improvement of military relations between the two countries.

"Our countries will participate more effectively in protection of global and regional peace thanks to those relations in

military field," he noted.

For his part, Bachelet said that the agreement of cooperation was the peak of rapprochement in defence institutions between the two countries and it is the beginning of a new period.

Bachelet pointed out that Turkey and Chile shared common values and principles in foreign politics and defence fields, adding the agreement included basic factors for starting of broader cooperation possibilities in the field of defence. — MNA/Xinhua

Russian Parliament ratifies 4-nation single economic zone accord

Moscow, 21 April — Russia's State Duma (Lower House of Parliament) ratified on Tuesday an agreement between Russia, Ukraine, Belarus and Kazakhstan on forming a single economic

space.

The goal of Common Economic Space (CES) treaty, which was signed by the presidents of the four former Soviet republics in Yalta, Ukraine, in September 2003, is to

stabilize and speed up economic development and raise living standards in the countries. The Duma also ratified two Russian-Ukrainian treaties on the state border and cooperation in using the Sea of Azov and the Kerch Strait.

The treaty on the Russian-Ukrainian border, signed in Kiev in January 2003, marks the land border between the two countries and approves principles for dealing with issues of sovereignty over the Black Sea, the Sea of Azov, and the Kerch Strait, which links the two seas. The treaty on the joint use of the Sea of Azov and the Kerch Strait, signed in Kerch city, Ukraine, in December 2003, declares the sea and strait the two states' internal waters.

Earlier on Tuesday, Ukraine's Parliament ratified the three treaties, too.

The parliaments of Belarus and Kazakhstan have yet to ratify the CES treaty. — MNA/Xinhua

Shell's chief financial officer resigns

LONDON, 21 April — The Royal Dutch-Shell Group confirmed on Monday its chief financial officer, Judith Boynton, has resigned, the second executive who stepped down due to a controversy over the energy giant's oil and gas reserves estimates.

The company said it has reviewed 90 per cent of its reserves and a total of 4.85 billion barrels were hitherto downgraded. This was the third time that Shell, the world's third-largest public oil company in terms of market capitalization, had downgraded its reserves since January.

Reserves constitute an oil company's most valuable asset, and any reclassification of reserves into less certain categories is a major concern for investors.

The company said it also planned to restate its earnings in 2002 as it noticed that the reserve errors has brought nearly 100 million US dollars more to its earnings.

Boynton will remain an employee of the company at least till the annual general meetings in June. Tim Morrison has been appointed as acting chief financial officer, the group added. — MNA/Xinhua

The best time to plant a tree

was 20 years ago.

The second best time is now.

China to raise grain output by popularizing “super rice”

HAIKOU, 21 April — China is hoping to raise grain output by adding more sown acreage of hybrid rice, or “super rice” as it is often referred to in the country, to halt the fall in per-hectare yield of cropland in the country and eventually hike it up notably.

China’s total rice output has been falling since 1999, along with a drop in the per-hectare yield of rice paddies, said Cheng Shihua, head of the China Rice Research Institute.

“Therefore, growing rice output will be of vital significance to safeguarding the grain security of China and of the world at large,” said Cheng at a recent symposium on super rice cultivating technology held in Qionghai, a city in southern Hainan Island province.

Rice has remained a staple food for over 60 per cent of China’s population and accounts for 40 per cent of the country’s total cereals consumption. The concept of hybrid rice, or “super rice” was first set forth by the International Rice Research Institute (IRRI) based in the Philippines. Since IRRI proposed hybrid rice with the per hectare yield of 12 tons to be reaped by 2000, various rice producing nations the world over have been vying with each other in announcing their respective super rice research plans. China has been the most successful with its super rice research scheme, noted Cheng.

The Chinese Ministries of Agriculture, and Science and Technology launched a two-phase rice research programme with the participation of Chinese research workers from more than 20 agricultural organizations in 1996. In line with the scheme, super rice strains with a per hectare yield of 10.5 tons should have been developed by 2000, while hybrid rice strains with a 12-ton yield would be developed by 2005.

By now, Chinese rice specialists have acquired the hereditary theory about hybrid high yield rice and have so far developed nine new super rice strains, plus a dozen hybrid rice varieties with super high yields.

And the aggregated sown acreage of new hybrid rice strains totalled some 7.47 million hectares in China over the past five years, and the experiments have proved that there is an average 10 per cent rise in yield by using hybrid rice seed than the ordinary ones, noted Cheng.

MNA/Xinhua

China, Cambodia to promote bilateral ties

BEIJING, 21 April — Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao put forward a four-point proposal to enhance the relationship between China and Cambodia when he held talks with Cambodian Prime Minister Hun Sen Tuesday.

The proposal includes strengthening the political foundation through high-level contacts; exploring new areas for economic and trade cooperation on infrastructure, telecommunications, agriculture and resources; promoting contacts in culture, education, sports and tourism; and promoting cooperation and coordination in the Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN), and sub-regional cooperation such as Mekong River exploration.

Wen said China and Cambodia are reliable neighbours and partners, and the two countries have trusted each other politically and cooperated economically, and have been committed to peace, stability and development in dealing with international affairs. He noted that the Chinese Government follows the principle of building friendship and partnership with neighbours, and the guideline of building a friendly, peaceful and prosperous neighbourhood. China will enhance cooperation with Cambodia according to the above principles, he said. Wen expressed gratitude for the adherence of the Cambodian Government to the one-China policy, and its support for China’s reunification cause. He voiced his hope that Cambodia would maintain political stability and economic development, and said the Chinese Government will support Cambodian Government’s efforts to safeguard the country’s stability, unity and economic development. Hun Sen said China’s development conforms to the interest of its people, and benefits the surrounding areas and the countries around Mekong River as well. Cambodia takes China as its strategic friend, and furthering relations with China is Cambodia’s priority in foreign policy. He expressed gratitude for the assistance offered by China. He reaffirmed that Cambodia’s adherence to the one-China policy has been established by its King Norodom Sihanouk, and the Cambodian Government will continue to be a strong supporter of this policy and stand with China unconditionally.

MNA/Xinhua

Scaffolding collapse kills 1, injures 11 in SKorea

SEOUL, 21 April — One was dead, 11 were injured in a scaffolding collapse during a repair work at a department store in a city near Seoul on Monday late night, reported South Korean Yonhap news agency.

The accident took place around 10:38 p.m. (1338 GMT) Monday, when 13 workers were changing tiles of the outer wall of the LG Department Store on the nine-storeyed scaffolding in Bucheon adjacent to Seoul.

At that time, 27 workers were working at the scene, and 14 of them narrowly escaped the mishap, police said.

The dead is a 36-year old worker, according to the police. The injured were rushed to nearby hospitals. But, an unidentified worker is still buried under the collapsed structure. A total of 425 police, rescue personnel and medics were sent to the site to conduct rescue job, said Yonhap. — MNA/Xinhua

VD cases decline for the first time in 10 years in Guangdong

GUANGZHOU, 21 April — South China’s Guangdong Province, one of the country’s leading economic powerhouses, reported 85,405 new cases of venereal diseases in 2003, a drop of 10.4 per cent from a year before, the first year-on-year decrease recorded in the past 10 years. Venereal diseases infected in entertainment places declined from 23.1 per cent of the total in 2002 to 19.96 per cent in 2003, which is the major factor behind the improved situation, according to the provincial skin and venereal diseases prevention and control centre.

Female patients accounted for 44.38 per cent of the total in 2003, or 37,903, a slight rise from a year ago, and unmarried women made up 31 per cent of the total, said the centre. Some 90.21 per cent of the new infections in 2003 were caused by heterosexual contact, 19.26 per cent of which occurred between spouses, followed by 6.81 per cent through intravenous drug use, blood donation and other indirect channels, and 0.33 per cent transmitted from mothers to babies, said the centre.

Some 72 per cent of the patients had received only middle-school education, followed by 14 per cent with higher education in colleges and universities, and 13 per cent having only attended primary school. MNA/Xinhua

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(၁) မြန်မာနိုင်ငံရဲတပ်ဖွဲ့၊ ရန်ကုန်တိုင်း (ဖုန်း ၁၉၉)

(၂) ကြံ့မဲကြေးနန်းနှင့် ယာဉ်ထိန်း တပ်ဖွဲ့ (ဖုန်း ၂၅၁၂၈၅/၂၅၁၂၈၄)

(၃) မော်တော်ယာဉ်လုပ်ငန်းပေါင်းစုံထိန်းသိမ်းရေးကော်မတီ (ဖုန်း ၅၄၁၉၀၅/၅၄၁၉၀၄)

ယာဉ်စည်းကမ်းထိန်းသိမ်းရေးကြီးကြပ်မှုကော်မတီ

အရက်ကြောင့်ဖြစ်သည့်ရောဂါများ

အရက်ကိုလွန်ကျွမ်းကျင်စွာ စွဲလမ်းစွာသောက်သုံးခြင်းကြောင့် ဖြစ်ပွားတတ်သောရောဂါများမှာ အသုံးပြုရင်း၊ အသုံးပြုခြင်း၊ သွေးအန်ခြင်း၊ အစာအိမ်ရောဂါဖြစ်ခြင်း၊ နှလုံးရောဂါ ဖြစ်ခြင်း၊ ဦးနှောက်နှင့်အရေကြောထိခိုက်ခြင်း၊ စိတ်ရောဂါများဖြစ်ခြင်း စသည်တို့ဖြစ်ပါသည်။

အရက်ကြောင့်ဖြစ်တတ်သော စိတ်ရောဂါများမှာ -

၁။ ကယောင့်ကတမ်းဖြစ်ခြင်း (Delirium Tremors)၊ ကြောက်လန့်ခြင်း၊ အချိန်၊ နာရီ၊ နေရာ၊ လူ ခန့်မှန်းနိုင်စွမ်း မရှိခြင်း၊ ကြောက်စရာလန့်စရာများမြင်ရခြင်း၊ အသံလဲများ ကြားရခြင်း၊ ပိုများများ ခန္ဓာကိုယ်ပေါ် ချိတ်ခံသွားသလိုခံစားရခြင်း၊ လက်တုန်ရောဂါဖြစ်တတ်ခြင်း။

၂။ အရက်အလွန်အကျွံသောက်သည့်အခါတွင် လူမရှိဘဲ နာထဲတွင် ခေါ်သံများ၊ ခြိမ်းခြောက်သံများ၊ စော်ကားမော်ကားသံများ ကြားနေရတတ်ခြင်း (Alcoholic Hallucinations)။

၃။ အတက်ကြွ ရောဂါဖြစ်တတ်ခြင်း (Rum Fits)

(ဝတ်ချုပ်ခြင်းရောဂါကဲ့သို့ တတ်ခြင်း)။

၄။ စိတ်ဆတ်ကျရောဂါဖြစ်တတ်ခြင်း

(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။

အထက်ပါဆိုကျိုးများကို မခံစားရစေရန် အရက်သောက် သုံးခြင်း၊ အထူးသဖြင့် အလွန်အကျွံသောက်သုံးခြင်း၊ အရက်ကို စွဲလမ်းစွာသောက်သုံးခြင်းတို့မှ ရှောင်ကြဉ်ရန် တိုက်တွန်းအပ်ပါသည်။ အရက်စွဲရောဂါဖြစ်ပွားပါက စိတ်ကျန်းမာရေးဆေးရုံနှင့် ကုသရေး ဌာနများတွင် စနစ်တကျ ကုသမှုခံယူရန် အသိပေးနှိုးဆော် အပ်ပါသည်။

ကျန်းမာရေးဝန်ကြီးဌာန

Beijing expects to host 4.4 million overseas tourists in 2008

BEIJING, 21 April —

The national capital Beijing expects to host more than 4.4 million overseas tourists in the Year 2008, a result of the city’s holding the 29th Olympic Games, a local tourism official predicted.

Beijing expects to harvest a tourism income of 4.5 billion US dollars in foreign exchange, said Yu Changjiang, director of the city tourism administration at a news conference on business opportunities associated with the 2008 Olympic Games.

The 2008 Olympic Games was sure to bring great opportunities for the

local tourism industry, Yu said.

The number of overseas tourists to Beijing was expected to increase by 7-8 per cent annually in the three years before 2008 and by 13 per cent in the Year 2008, Yu said.

Beijing expects to welcome 152 million domestic tourists in 2008, bringing an income of 14.8 billion US dollars, according to Yu.

With a huge tourism market, Beijing expects to receive 3.1 million overseas tourists and 124.2 million domestic tourists in 2004, Yu said.

MNA/Xinhua

တီဘီရောဂါကာကွယ်နိုင်နည်းရေး

(က) ရောဂါဖြစ်ပွားကူးစက်မှု

ဤရောဂါသည်တီဘီရိုးကြောင့်ဖြစ်သော ကူးစက်ရောဂါဖြစ်သည်။ ဝေဒနာရှင် ရောင်းဆိုးခြင်း၊ နှာချေခြင်း၊ သလိပ်တံတွေးမှ တစ်ဆင့် ရောဂါပိုးများလေထဲတွင်ပျံ့နှံ့၍ ကူးစက်သည်။

- အသက်အရွယ်မရွေး လူတိုင်းတွင်ဖြစ်ပွားနိုင်သည်။
- အဆုတ်တွင်အများဆုံးဖြစ်ပွားပြီး ကိုယ်ခန္ဓာအနံ့အပြားတွင်လည်း ဖြစ်နိုင်သည်။

- ဆီးချိုရောဂါ၊ ခုခံအားကျဆင်းမှုကူးစက်ရောဂါနှင့် အာဟာရ ချို့တဲ့မှုရှိသူများတွင် အဖြစ်များသည်။

(ခ) ရောဂါလက္ခဏာများ

- ရုတ်တရက်ရောင်းဆိုးခြင်း [ရက်သတ္တပတ် (၃) ပတ်နှင့်အထက်]။
- ရောင်းဆိုးသွေးပါခြင်း။
- သလိပ်တံတွေးသွေးပါခြင်း။
- အဖျားတာရှည်ခြင်း။
- ခံတွင်းပျက်ခြင်း၊ မောပန်းလွယ်ခြင်း။
- ကိုယ်အလေးချိန်လျော့နည်းပိန်ချိုခြင်း။
- ကျောရင်အောင့်ခြင်း။

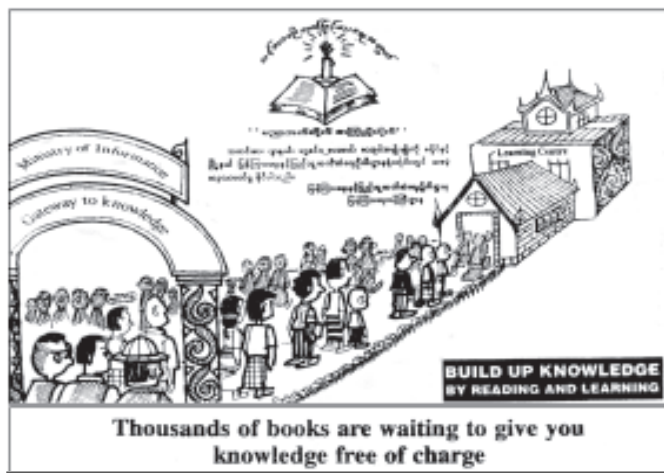
(ဂ) ကြိုတင်ကာကွယ်ခြင်း

- ရင်သွေးငယ်များအား ကာကွယ်ဆေး(ဘီစီဂျီ)ကိုမပျက်မကွက် ထိုးပေးပါ။
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- သင့်တင့်လျောက်ပတ်သောကိုယ်လက်လှုပ်ရှားမှု ပြုလုပ်ပါ။
- ရောင်းဆိုးလျှင်၊ နှာချေလျှင် လက်ကိုဝါးပါးကို အသုံးပြုပါ။
- သလိပ်တံတွေးကိုစည်းကမ်းမဲ့ထွေးခြင်းမှရှောင်ကြဉ်ပါ။
- ဆေးလိပ်သောက်ခြင်းမှရှောင်ကြဉ်ပါ။

(ဃ) ကုသမှုယူခြင်း

- တိုက်ရိုက်ကြည့်ရှု အချိန်တိုနှင့်တူနည်းဖြင့် ရောဂါကင်းသည်အထိ ကုသမှုခံယူပါ။
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တီဘီရောဂါသံသယရှိလျှင် နီးစပ်ရာကျန်းမာရေးဌာနတွင် စစ်ဆေး၍ တီဘီရောဂါရှိပါက အစွမ်းထက်သောတီဘီဆေးဝါးများဖြင့် အခမဲ့ကုသမှုခံယူပါ။

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Thailand rushes to breed cows as demand for milk soars

BANGKOK, 21 April — The Thai Organization for the Promotion of Milch Cows has stepped up efforts to breed cows as demand for milk soars, according to senior official on Tuesday.

Dr Phiphob Jarikphakorn, head of the organization's Office of Milch Cow Promotion, was quoted by the *Thai News Agency* as saying that the organization is heavily promoting milch cow farming in 21 provinces under its jurisdiction.

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India to propel South Asia GDP growth to 7.2% in 2004

WASHINGTON, 21 April — India's robust economic growth is expected to push up growth in South Asia to 7.2 per cent in 2004, but high fiscal deficit and infrastructure bottleneck was coming in the way of sustaining such high growth, a World Bank report said here.

"Sustaining such high level of growth in future is possible. There are significant challenges. Infrastructure bottlenecks remain pervasive in the region. India remains saddled with a large fiscal deficit," the 'Global Economic Development Finance 2004' report released by World Bank said. World Bank, however, said "continued reforms in India — including tax cuts early in 2004 and capital account liberalization — will contribute to future growth".

Considering the high GDP growth of India in 2004, the report forecast that economic growth in South Asia is expected to be 7.2 per cent in 2004, boosted by IT exports from India and the growing practice of outsourcing from Organization of Economic Cooperation and Development economies.

The South Asia GDP rise in 2003 was 6.5 per cent, a sharp pick-up from the 4.3 per cent registered in 2002, and is expected to touch 7.2 per cent

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Xinjiang sees recovery of wildlife resources

URUMOI, 21 April — After years of efforts in ecological protection, northwest China's Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region, one of the largest natural habitats for wildlife in China, has seen a recovery in the number its wild animals.

Covering one-sixth of the territory of China, the Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region spans the temperate zone, the mesothermal zone and the warm temperate zone and boasts a large number of wildlife species.

"Even in the desert, the natural condition of which is rather dry and adverse, there are many special rare animal species," said Zhu Fude, an official with the local bureau of forestry in charge of the protection of wild animals.

But since the 1960s and 1970s, the wildlife resources of Xinjiang have suffered wanton hunting and slaughter, resulting in the sharp reduction in number of animals and species.

Since the Law on the Protection of Wildlife went into effect in 1989, the autonomous region has made great

efforts in wildlife protection, and as a result witnessed the recovery of its wildlife resources.

So far, 26 nature reserves have been established, covering an area of 204,200 square kilometres. Among them, seven are under the state administration, including the Altun Mountains Nature Reserve, Bayinbuluke Swan Nature Reserve, Kanasi Nature Reserve, West Tianshan Mountains Nature Reserve, Ganja Lake Nature Reserve, Tomur Mount Nature Reserve and Lop Nur Wild Camel Nature Reserve.

Now Xinjiang boasts 116 animal species under state protection, accounting for one-third of the total protected species of China. Among them 67 are endangered species.

"With our efforts, wild

animals in the nature reserves, especially those endangered, have been increasing in recent years," said Zhu.

According to Zhu, the number of swans in Bayinbuluke Nature Reserve has increased from 2,000 to over 8,000. The number of Asiatic wild asses in Kalamaili Nature Reserve has reached over 6,000, a sharp rise over the less than 1,000 it had before the establishment of the nature reserve. And the amount of goitred gazelles has risen to some 12,000 heads from only 1,000 before.

Despite this, "the existence of wild animals in Xinjiang still faces many unfavourable factors. For example, the annual cases cracked on wildlife wanton hunting and slaughter is over 2,000," said Zhu.

MNA/Xinhua

French firms seek more business opportunities in HK

HONG KONG, 21 April — France hopes to expand cooperation with Hong Kong by attending international bidding of the Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) government's projects and launching other bilateral cooperative projects.

Consul-General of France in Hong Kong Serge Mostura made the remarks at the Seminar on Public Private Partnership (PPP) held here Monday. The one-day seminar

focuses on discussions of French-Hong Kong PPP cooperation in transport, civil works, water and waste treatment.

French companies are interested in cooperation in the technical, legal and communications fields, he noted.

Mostura said France has a long history of public and private partnership in building large infrastructure and other projects. The private sector can join the government's modernization by tapping the market capital and transferring advanced technology.

He said he believed that there is great prospect for strengthening French-HK public and private partnership.

Sarah Liao Sau-tung, Hong Kong Secretary for the Environment, Transport and Works, said at the seminar that Hong Kong wants to draw international experience in its modernization drive and speed up the drive by using less financial outlay.

She said a number of

upcoming government infrastructure projects need foreign participation.

Lui Ping-hong, principal environment protection officer of the Hong Kong Environment Protection Department, told *Xinhua* that Hong Kong has three garbage disposal plants and that all of them are French-HK jointly-run ventures.

Though no cooperation projects of the kind are at hand, Hong Kong's environmental protection projects may need other foreign partners in the near future, he said. So he came to the seminar to have a better knowledge of French companies.

By the end of January this year, over 470 French companies had established their business in Hong Kong and over 10 per cent of them had benefited from the implementation of the Chinese Mainland/Hong Kong Closer Economic Partnership Arrangement, according to sources from the French Chamber of Commerce and Industry in Hong Kong. —MNA/Xinhua

First foreign private university set up in Singapore

SINGAPORE, 21 April — Singapore on Tuesday announced the establishment of the University of New South Wales, the first foreign private university in the island state.

This was announced by Singapore's Trade and

Industry Minister George Yeo while he was attending a signing ceremony between Singapore's Economic Development Board (EDB) and the university, which will start enrolling students from February 2007.

MNA/Xinhua

**AIDS is
a national concern.**

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World Bank sees strong developing economies growth

WASHINGTON, 21 April — Developing countries should post their strongest growth in two decades in 2004 as the global recovery firms, but a sudden rise in interest rates could harm the outlook, a World Bank report said on Monday.

In its 2004 Global Development Finance report, the Bank warned that governments should prepare themselves for a possible rise in international borrowing rates and avoid overexposure to short-term foreign debt.

It said a rate rise could come quickly if current account imbalances, in particular the US trade and budget gaps, were unwound in a way that disrupted financial mar-

kets.

World Bank economist Hans Timmer told a news conference that preparing for a rise was more important than the size of an increase.

"It is much more important that developing countries are being prepared now to handle some higher interest rates instead of suddenly being surprised," he told a news conference. The report forecast gross domestic product

growth in developing economies at 5.4 percent in 2004, up from 4.8 per cent last year. This, it said, could slow to about 5 percent over 2005 and 2006 as the booming economies of East Asia cooled.

Timmer said there were several signs of economic overheating in China, including a 30 per cent increase in investment, import growth of over 30 per cent and money supply growth of more than 20 per cent — twice as much as nominal GDP growth.

"We are not that concerned because the Chinese authorities are very well aware of this fact and have shown they are able in guiding the growth rate and clearly understand there are limits," he said.

A rebound in global capital flows to all regions except the Middle East and North Africa is helping to propel growth, driven mainly by more liquidity in industrialized countries and stronger economic policies from emerging market governments.

Net private flows, including official flows, increased in 2003, reaching 228 billion US dollars — their highest level since 1998 and up from 191 billion US dollars in 2002.

World Bank chief economist Francois Bourguignon said flows were mainly going to the few large developing countries like China, Russia, Mexico, India and Brazil.

MNA/Reuters

China subsidizes soybeans, wheat, corn, rice growers

BEIJING, 21 April — The Chinese Ministry of Agriculture recently announced the country will subsidize grain farmers who plant high-quality soybeans, wheat, corn and rice. According to the ministry, farmers growing high-quality soybeans, wheat and corn will get 150 yuan of subsidy per hectare, and those planting rice will be subsidized 150 to 225 yuan per hectare.

The subsidy programme this year covers a total of 13 provinces and autonomous regions including Hebei, Liaoning, Jilin, Heilongjiang, Jiangsu, Anhui, Jiangxi, Shandong, Henan, Hubei, Hunan and Sichuan provinces and the Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region, the ministry noted. — MNA/Xinhua

Castro blasts US' Guantanamo "concentration camp"

HAVANA, 21 April — Cuban President Fidel Castro lashed out at the United States on Monday for building a "concentration camp" at Guantanamo Bay for prisoners suspected of ties to terrorist organizations.

Without naming the United States, Castro said the US naval base had been "converted into a concentration camp where absolutely no rights are respected."

The 77-year-old Castro, wearing a military uniform, spoke during a television talk show marking the anniversary of the botched 1961 Bay of Pigs invasion by CIA-trained Cuban exiles seeking to end his fledgling socialist revolution.

On April 15, the UN rights commission narrowly approved a US-backed Honduran-sponsored resolution condemning Cuba's one-party Communist-run state for violating basic freedoms and urging Cuba to allow the visit of a UN envoy designated a year ago.

Havana's defence was to attack the United States for holding hundreds of suspected al-Qaeda and Taleban militants in Guantanamo without due process.

Cuban diplomats tabled a resolution the very same day on arbitrary detentions at the US base. It called for a UN investigation of Guantanamo Bay.

The resolution is due to be debated in Geneva by Thursday. If approved, it would give UN special rapporteurs on torture and judicial independence and a working group on arbitrary detention a mandate to consider conditions in Guantanamo Bay.

The United States maintains prisoners held at its naval base on Cuban territory acquired a century ago after the Spanish-American war are beyond the jurisdiction of the US legal system.

Havana accused its arch-enemy Washington of drafting the annual resolution and pressuring Honduras to sponsor the text in Geneva. It passed by 22-21 votes, with 10 abstentions.

MNA/Reuters



Australian Pat Skinner, 69, poses with her pelvic x-ray in Sydney on 20 April, 2004. Skinner was given a clean bill of health after she underwent surgery at St George Hospital to have part of her colon removed in 2002. When she complained of severe abdominal pain over the next 18 months, she was told it was part of the recovery process. It was only after insisting on having an X-ray that she discovered a pair of 6.7 inch (17cm) surgical scissors had been left inside her. — INTERNET

Philips signs MoO with People's University of China

BEIJING, 21 April — Philips Electronics China Group signed a memorandum of understanding here Monday with the People's University of China in the national capital to fund its education and research on intellectual property.

The Netherlands-based electronics giant will fund two European intellectual property experts to teach postgraduates in the People's University of China for two semesters from September this year and will send Chinese experts to European colleges, said Ruud J. Peters, CEO of Intellectual Properties and Standards of Royal Philips Electronics.

Philips will establish a scholarship to fund local research programmes on intellectual property as well. The company is also talking with Qinghua (Tsinghua) University about similar cooperation, including funding a senior

research programme on intellectual property management, Peters added.

"Education and research will raise the general level of intellectual property knowledge in Chinese society, which is also in our interests," he acknowledged. "China is of vital importance for Philips. We have done more and more research and technology development in China."

The company has 13 research and development centres on the Chinese Mainland with more than 700 technicians. Among the 100,000 patents it has obtained now, some 200 were developed and patented in China.

Experience and know-

ledge from a multinational like Philips will be useful for China to improve intellectual property protection and develop a system that fits the country's reality, said Professor Liu Chuntian, director of the Teaching and Research Centre of Intellectual Property attached to the university that first started the research in this field in China.

Philips has set up 35 solely-owned firms and joint ventures in China with a total investment of over 2.6 billion US dollars since its first joint venture was set up in 1985.

Last year, the company reported an operating revenue of 7.5 billion US dollars in China. — MNA/Xinhua



A Boeing Delta II rocket lifts off the launch pad on 20 April, 2004 from Vandenberg Air Force Base, in California. The rocket successfully deployed NASA's Gravity Probe B satellite, to test two predictions of Albert Einstein's General Theory of Relativity of 1916. — INTERNET

SPORTS

Man United's Scholes banned for three matches

LONDON, 21 April—Manchester United midfielder Paul Scholes was banned for three matches on Monday after pleading guilty to a charge of violent conduct.

The charge related to the England international's angry confrontation with Middlesbrough's Brazilian midfielder Doriva during United's 3-2 home defeat on February 11.

The incident was missed by match officials but the Football Association charged Scholes on the basis of television evidence which showed him grabbing Doriva's neck.

At a disciplinary hearing on Monday Scholes pleaded guilty, the FA said on its official web site. United said they would not appeal, so Scholes's suspension starts immediately.

His ban is a blow to United's hopes of overhauling Chelsea to finish second in the Premier League and qualify automatically for the group stage of next season's Champions League.

United, who trail Chelsea by four points with a game in hand, face Charlton Athletic at Old Trafford on Tuesday and Scholes will miss that match along with the home game against Liverpool on April 24 and the trip to Blackburn Rovers on May 1.—MNA/Reuters



Monaco's team captain Ludovic Giuly (L) heads the ball away from Chelsea's Claude Makelele, during their Champions League semi-final first leg soccer match at the Louis II Stadium, in Monaco, on 20 April, 2004.

INTERNET

Wales take Euro 2004 plea to Court of Arbitration

LONDON, 21 April—Wales have appealed to the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) to be awarded Russia's place at Euro 2004 in the wake of midfielder Yegor Titov's failed drugs test.

The Football Association of Wales (FAW) said on its official web site on Monday that it had filed an appeal to the court in Lausanne, Switzerland after UEFA rejected their original appeal in March.

UEFA banned Titov after he tested positive for a banned stimulant following Russia's first-leg playoff against Wales in November in Moscow, which was drawn 0-0. Titov did not play in that match but featured in the second leg that Russia won 1-0 to qualify for the tournament in Portugal.

"Throughout this matter, the FAW has always maintained that it would pursue all available remedies in an effort to obtain a just outcome," said FAW secretary-general David Collins.

"The FAW feels that the UEFA Appeals Body did not give sufficient weight to the powerful arguments which the FAW submitted at the hearing and erred in not letting the nominated expert scientific witnesses give evidence in person..."

"The FAW has therefore lodged an appeal with CAS which has been acknowledged. UEFA's response to the appeal... is awaited."

UEFA issued a statement in March, after Wales' appeal to European soccer's governing body was turned down, which said:

"The Appeals Body based its decision in particular on the failure by the Welsh FA to present evidence of any implication of the Football Union of Russia in the alleged doping infringement."

MNA/Reuters

Cisse ban reduced to four matches by Court of Arbitration

LAUSANNE (Switzerland), 21 April—France striker Djibril Cisse will miss Euro 2004 after his five-match international ban was reduced by only one game by the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) on Monday.

The AJ Auxerre player appealed to the court after receiving the ban for kicking an opponent and further incidents when he was subsequently sent off in an Under-21 international against Portugal in November.

Cisse, who is the top scorer in Ligue 1 this season with 21 goals, was backed in his appeal by French Football Federation (FFF) as the ban effectively ruled him out of this year's European Championship.

But France coach Jacques Santini said that even with the reduction, the suspension made it highly unlikely that he would make the Euro 2004 squad.

"Five or four games does not make any difference as far as Euro 2004 is concerned," Santini said through spokesman Philippe Tournon on Monday. "It is still very difficult to select a player who is under such a disproportionate ban."

A statement released by the CAS after Monday's hearing said: "The Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) has decided to reduce Cisse's suspension to four matches of

UEFA competition."

"Cisse appealed to the CAS to ask that this suspension be reduced to no more than two UEFA matches."

"After deliberation, the judges decided to settle the suspension of Djibril Cisse at four official matches."

"They decided that the player... was guilty of insulting the referee."

"On the other hand, contrary to UEFA, the CAS did not recognize an act of unsporting behaviour on the part of the player, who, according to UEFA, may have been slow to reach the technical zone after receiving his red card."—MNA/Reuters

Kenyans dominate Boston marathon

WASHINGTON, 21 April — Timothy Cherigat and Catherine Ndereba, both of Kenya, beat the scorching heats to win the men's and women's titles at the 108th Boston Marathon on Monday.

Cherigat continued Kenya's dominance in the world's oldest annual marathon, winning in 2 hours 10 minutes 37 seconds to make it 13 Kenyan victories in the last 14 men's races, and six Kenyans finished in the first seven places as compatriots Robert Cheboror came second in 2:11.49, ahead of Martin Lel (2:13.38).

In the women's race, Ndereba crossed the finish line in 2:24.27 after beating Elfenesh Alemu of Ethiopia in the final mile. Alemu finished 16 seconds behind, Olivera Jevtic of Serbia and Montenegro was third in 2:27.43.

Ndereba, who nearly collapsed after her win, complained of severe leg cramping which she attributed to the unseasonable heat. "It's much tougher this year because of the weather," said Ndereba, 31, who also won in 2000 and 2001. "It was more of a fight today. I was struggling with the last few kilometres."

The temperature measured 29.4 Celsius at the finish line and several elite runners, including Mohamed Ouadi of France and Grzegorz Gajdos of Poland, dropped out.

"The weather was not all that good. It really slowed us down a lot. I had to take on a lot of water and pour it over my head," said Cherigat whose time was just over a minute slower than his personal best, and well short of the course record of 2:07.15 set by Cosmas Ndeti, also of Kenya, in 1994.—MNA/Xinhua

South Korea coach steps down

SEOUL, 21 April—South Korea coach Humberto Coelho said on Monday he had reached an agreement with the Korea Football Association (KFA) to step down from his position.

Under pressure since a recent humiliating scoreless draw against the Maldives in a World Cup qualifier, a tired-looking Coelho said that he would leave South Korea on Tuesday.

"I am very sorry that I could not finish my term," the former Portugal coach told a news conference.

"I hope the KFA will support the next coach of the Korean national soccer team," he added.

Coelho, who stressed that he had not resigned, said his departure several months before the end of his contract had been mutually agreed.

He declined to elaborate on the exact reasons for going, citing a confidentiality agreement, but hinted that there had not been given enough time to build the team and that he had not had sufficient time to train.—MNA/Reuters

Maradona better, but still in critical stage

BUENOS AIRES, 21 April—Argentina's Diego Maradona, one of the most gifted players in soccer history, showed a slight improvement in his condition by Monday night, 24 hours after he was put in intensive care with heart and breathing problems.

Family doctor Alfredo Cahe told reporters outside a Buenos Aires clinic that the 43-year-old was still in a critical stage (in proceedings) and remained on an artificial respirator. The respirator had been turned down to the minimum level.

The medical team will issue a bulletin on Maradona at midday (1500 GMT) on Tuesday.—MNA/Reuters

Two players fail dope tests in Libertadores

ASUNCION, 21 April — Nacional striker Sebastian Eguren and Cobreloa defender Adan Vergara were both banned for six months on Monday for failing doping tests in the Libertadores Cup, the South American Football Confederation (CSF) said.

CSF general secretary Eduardo de Luca told reporters that Eguren failed his test after the Uruguayan club's Group Five match away to El Nacional of Ecuador on February 12.

Nacional said Eguren tested positive for cocaine but club officials blamed coca tea, widely drunk in the Andean countries to alleviate the effects of altitude, for the result. The game was played at 2,800 metres above sea level in Quito.

Vergara tested positive for a banned substance after the Chilean champions played away to Sao Paulo of Brazil in Group Four on February 26. Sao Paulo won 3-1.

MNA/Reuters

Vanenburg named to coach crisis-hit TSV 1860 Munich

BERLIN, 21 April—Gerald Vanenburg was named as the new coach of Bundesliga strugglers TSV 1860 Munich on Monday.

The club, who sacked Falko Goetz on Saturday after a 2-1 defeat by Hamburg SV sent them fourth from bottom, denied on Sunday that Dutchman Vanenburg had already signed a contract but said a deal was imminent.

Vanenburg, 40, played for TSV from 1998 to 2000 and was an assistant coach at the club for a brief spell two years ago.

Goetz, formerly with Hertha Berlin, was appointed by TSV in March 2003.—MNA/Reuters



Monaco's French midfielder Jerome Rothen(R) is tackled by Chelsea's Dutch defender Mario Melchiot during their Champions League semi-final first-leg football match in Monaco, on 20 April, 2004. — INTERNET

MRTV-3

**22-4-2004 (Thursday)
(Programme Schedule)
Morning Transmission
(9:00 - 10:00)**

- 9:00 Signature Tune
Greeting
9:02 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Mingalabar"
9:06 The Alaung Daw
Kathapa National Park
9:10 Headline News
9:12 The Patheon Umbrella
9:15 National News
9:20 Myanmar's Pride &
Glory
9:25 Culture Stage "Mag-
nificent Pindaingsan
Dance"
9:30 National News
9:35 Tour In Myanmar
"Mrauk-U, Ngapali"
9:40 Myanmar Modern
Song "Cherry Present"
9:42 The Role of Myanmar
Rice
9:45 National News
9:50 Extravagant Evidences
of Myanmar Culture
(Part-I)
9:58 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Come and See
Myanmar"

**22-4-2004 (Thursday)
Regular Programmes for
Viewers from Abroad
Evening Transmission
(15:30 - 17:30)**

- 15:30 Signature Tune
Greeting
15:32 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Myanmar Pano-
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timent"
15:36 The Alaung Daw
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15:40 Headline News
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Their Master's Images
16:40 National News
16:45 Music for Your Ears
(A Sweet Sounding
Musical Piece)
16:55 Tribal Dances of
Lajapet and Khaku
National Races in
Kachin State
17:00 National News
17:05 National Races Village
(Chin, Mon, Rakhine)
17:10 Song "Do you love
me?"
17:15 National News
17:20 Vegetable and Fruit
Research & Develop-
ment Centre
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 A Glimpse at the
Mighty Loggers
19:40 Headline News
19:42 Usefulness of the
whole Toddy Palm
19:45 National News
19:50 Pride of Palace in
Bagan (The Ananda
Temple)
19:55 Manaw Dances of
Zeegon & Lonshayin
Tribes in Kachin State
20:00 National News
20:05 Endeavours for Green-
ing Mount TantKyi
Song "Tranquil
Bagan"
20:15 National News
20:20 Leisurely Cruise Along
The Coast (Meyik to
Kawthoung)
20:25 Song "Golden Myan-
mar Golden Welcome"
20:30 National News
20:35 Daungumaw Mudcrab
Breeding
20:40 Myanmar Traditional
Marionette The Alche-
mist Dance
20:45 National News
20:50 National Races Village
(Kachin, Kayah,
Kayin)

**Asleep in Jesus
Daw Khin Khin Myint @ Ida
Simons
UNDP New York (Retired)
Age (82) years**

Daughter of (Mr.Samuel E. Simons and Annette
Daw Pu); younger sister of (Randolph Tu Tu); (Ronnie
Khin Mg Yin) + Daw Khin May; (Reggie Sein Min)
+ Daw Minnie; elder sister of (Cecelia Khin Khin
Tint); (Dicky Than Pe) - Barbara; Felix + (Teresa
Khin Khin Nu); John Kyaw Myint-Thelma; fell asleep
in Jesus on 2nd April 2004 and buried 4th April 2004
in New York.

Bereaved Family

Condolence

Myanmar ASEAN Women's Friendship Asso-
ciation (MAWFA) tenders its heartfelt sympathy and
condolences to the bereaved family of Daw Khin Swe
Soe, wife of Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs and
Member of Board of Patrons of Myanmar ASEAN
Women's Friendship Association who passed away
on 20 April 2004.

**Myanmar ASEAN Women's Friendship
Association (MAWFA)**

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21:00 National News
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Song "Truth and
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Daw Khin Swe Soe

Age (59)

Managing Director

**Cooperative Export-Import Enterprise
Ministry of Co-operatives**

Daw Khin Swe Soe, daughter of (U Than Tin-
Daw Khin Swe Aye), daughter-in-law of U Ko Ko-(Daw
Mi Mi Khin), wife of U Khin Maung Win (Deputy
Minister, Ministry of Foreign Affairs), mother of Ma
Khin Swe Win Ko, Maung Myo Zin, Maung Myo Htwe,
sister of U Mya Shwe-Daw Khin Swe Hlaing, U Maung
Maung Than Tin -Daw Nyunt Nyunt Yi, Daw Khin Swe
Than, U Myo Hein, DrSaw Tun-DrKhin Swe Oo, Brig-
Gen Myo Lwin-Daw Khin Swe Yin and U Myo Din,
passed away on 20-4-2004 at (7:40) pm. Funeral will be
held at Ye-way Cemetery on 22-4-2004 at 4 pm.

Bereaved Family

Condolence

We express our heartfelt condolences to the
bereaved family on the sad demise of Daw Khin Swe
Soe (Managing Director, Cooperative Export-Import
Enterprise, Ministry of Cooperatives), wife of H.E.
U Khin Maung Win, Deputy Minister, Ministry of For-
eign Affairs.

Officials and staff of NCEA

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Wednesday, 21 April, 2004

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST:
During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been
isolated in Shan State and Taninthayi Division and weather has
been partly cloudy in the remaining areas. Day temperatures
were (3°C) to (4°C) above normal in Rakhine and Kayin States,
Yangon and Taninthayi Divisions, (3°C) to (4°C) below normal
in Shan and Chin States, Mandalay and Magway Divisions, (5°C)
below normal in Sagaing Division and about normal in the re-
maining areas. The significant day temperatures were (41°C)
each in Aungmye and Hpa-an.

Maximum temperature on 20-4-2004 was 40.5°C (105°F).
Minimum temperature on 21-4-2004 was 22.5°C (72°F). Relative
humidity at 9:30 hrs MST on 21-4-2004 was 49%. Total
sunshine hours on 20-4-2004 was (10.5) hours approx. Rainfall
on 21-4-2004 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 12 mph from Northwest at (21:30)
hours MST on 20-4-2004.

Bay inference: Weather is cloudy in the South Bay and
partly cloudy in the Bay of Bengal. **Forecast valid until evening
of 22-4-2004:** Rain or thundershowers are likely to be isolated
in Kachin, Chin Rakhine States, Sagaing, Mandalay, Ayeyawady
and Taninthayi Divisions and weather will be partly cloudy in the
remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (60%). **State of the
sea:** Seas will be moderate in Myanmar waters.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Possibility of isolated
rain or thundershowers in the upper Myanmar areas.

**Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 22-4-
2004:** Partly cloudy. **Forecast for Mandalay and neighbour-
ing area for 22-4-2004:** Possibility of isolated rain or thunder-
showers. Degree of certainty is (40%).



Thursday, April 22

View today:

7:00 am

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သောတော်တော် ပရိတ်တော်တော်

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. Dance of national races

8:00 am

6. အဆိုတော်

8:10 am

7. Dance variety

8:20 am

8. နိုင်ငံတော်သမ္မတတော်

8:30 am

9. International news

8:45 am

10. Let's go

4:00 pm

1. Martial song

4:15 pm

2. Songs to uphold National
Spirit

4:30 pm

3. English for Everyday Use

4:45 pm

4. Musical programme

5:00 pm

5. အဆင်သင့်တက္ကသိုလ်ပညာရေး

5:15 pm

6. Cute little dancers

5:30 pm

7. ဖြန့်ဖြန့်ဖြန့်ဖြန့်

5:45 pm

8. Musical programme

6:00 pm

9. နိုင်ငံတော်သမ္မတတော်
အကြီးအမှတ်တော်တော်

6:15 pm

10. သတင်းစာတော်သတင်း

6:30 pm

11. Evening news

7:00 pm

12. Weather report

7:05 pm

13. "နိုင်ငံတော်သမ္မတတော်"

7:30 pm

14. Musical programme

7:45 pm

15. အဆိုတော်တော်တော်တော်

8:00 pm

16. News

8:05 pm

17. International news

8:10 pm

18. Weather report

8:15 pm

19. Myanmar video feature:

8:20 pm

20. The next day's
programme



**Thursday, April 22
Tune in today:**

- 8.30 am** Brief news
8.35 am Music
8.40 am Perspectives
8.45 am Music
8.50 am National news/
Slogan
9.00 am Music
9.05 am International news
9.10 am Music
1.30 pm Lunch time music
1.40 pm -So much in love (All
4 one)
-Let the music heal
your soul (All Stars)
-You & I (Ace of base)
-If you still love me
(Stevie B)
9.00 pm Aspects of Myanmar
-Kayin State
9.15 pm Article
9.25 pm Pourri
-Study says cutting
back does not reduce
to virus in smokers
-Orbital module of
"Shenhou V" keeps
flying smoothly
21:30 pm Favourite songs
chosen by music
lovers
-My love (Westlife)
-Pretty boy (M2M)
-A long & lasting
love
(Crystal Gayle)
9.45 pm News/Slogan
10.00 pm PEL

Four political objectives

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

Four economic objectives

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

Four social objectives

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

Regional development undertakings inspected in Rakhine State

YANGON, 21 April — Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than of the Ministry of Defence held a meeting with officers and other ranks of An Station and their family members in An, Rakhine State, on 17 April morning.

Also present at the meeting were Chairman of Rakhine State Peace and Development Council Commander of Western Command Maj-Gen Maung Oo and Deputy Commander Col Tin Hlaing.

Speaking on the occasion, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than gave instructions on uplift of education, health and social sectors of the Tatmadaw members, cultivation of kitchen crops and livestock breeding on a small scale for higher income of their families and cooperation with the people in regional development tasks.

Next, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than and Maj-Gen Maung Oo inspected progress of An. Lt-Gen



Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than meets departmental personnel at the hall in An Township.— MNA

Khin Maung Than also met with departmental officials, members of social organizations and local senior citizens. It was also attended by the commander, the deputy commander, Col Myat Swe of An Station, local authorities, departmental personnel, members of the Union Solidarity and Development Association and social organizations. On the occasion, the chairman of Town-

ship PDC reported on economic and social sectors of the region, cultivation of monsoon and summer paddy and crops, highland reclamation, breeding of sea and fresh water prawn, education and health sectors of the region, and implementation of the five rural development tasks. Departmental personnel gave supplementary reports.

Responding to the re-

port, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than said that in respect of the agricultural sector of An township, the region grows over 35,000 acres of monsoon paddy a year, but still needs to extend further multi-cropping system. Thus, the scope of cultivating summer paddy, beans and pulses and other arable crops is to be expanded by utilizing the vacant land through cooperation with

respective departmental personnel after laying down plans, he urged. He called for extended cultivation of all suitable crops including edible crops, cashew and Thitseint (Belleric myrobalan) and pepper. He gave instructions on extension of sea prawn breeding without damaging paddy fields and breeding of local species of chicken on a commercial scale. In conclusion, he

called on the departmental officials and respective committees to make field trips right down to the grassroots level to cooperate with local people in a bid to effectively accomplish regional development tasks.

sLt-Gen Khin Maung Than and party viewed the An bypass. They arrived back here in the evening.

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Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than inspects all-round renovation of ancient pagodas in MraukU

YANGON, 21 April — Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than inspected all-round renovation of ancient pagodas in MraukU archaeological zone in Rakhine State on 19 April.

Accompanied by Chairman of Rakhine State Peace and Development Council Commander of Western

Command Maj-Gen Maung Oo and division level officials, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than discussed with officials the all-round renovation of Koethaung Pagoda. He also paid obeisance to Buddha images at the pagoda.

The pagoda was built in 1553 during the reign of Minhtika (Minteikka) son of Minbagyi. It included one of the ancient edifices of the

MraukU era. A large pagoda at the centre of the edifice is circled by 1,241 small pagodas.

At Shitthaung Pagoda, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than paid homage to Buddha images and inspected the stone statues. After inspecting the MraukU-Minbya section of Yangon-Sittway Highway and bridges on it, he arrived at Kyettetchaung

Dam near Kanni Village in Minbya Township.

Director of Irrigation Department U Myo Myint reported to him on salient points of the dam. Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than looked into the requirements.

Built on Kyettet Creek four miles east of Kanni Village in the township, the earth dam has a watershed area of 190 acres. It is 38

feet high and 420 feet long. Its storage capacity is 30 acre-feet. It will supply clean water to Kanni Village and its surrounding areas.

At the region battalion, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than met with Tatmadaw members and families. During the meeting he sought means to raise family income and to run manage-

able-scale farms, and discussed health, education and social matters.

During the inspection of Yawchaung-Myaungbwe section on Yangon-Sittway Highway, he heard a report on building of concrete bridges, road maintenance and other matters. After inspecting the road section, he left for An in the evening.

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Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than sees over implementation of Kyettetchaung Dam Project near Kanni Village, Minbya Township.— MNA