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Four political objectives

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

Four economic objectives

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

Four social objectives

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



Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt addresses coordination meeting for holding the Fourth World Buddhist Summit. — MNA

Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt attends meeting for holding 4th World Buddhist Summit

YANGON, 22 April — The coordination meeting for holding the fourth World Buddhist Summit took place at the International Theravada Buddhist Missionary University in Mayangon Township this afternoon, with an address by Chairman of the Leading Committee for Holding the summit Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt.

Also present on the occasion were Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon

Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe, ministers, the Yangon Mayor, deputy ministers, officials of the State Peace and Development Council Office, departmental heads, the pro-rector (Admin) of the ITBMU, officials of the Leading Committee and subcommittees and guests.

Secretary of the Leading Committee Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung reported on measures taken through coordination with the Japanese Buddhist

Association for successful holding of the summit, progress of work sector-wise, and future tasks; and chairmen of subcommittees, on progress of work for decoration, greening, invitation, accommodation, reception and transportation programmes, holding meetings, information and press release, financial and health sectors and future plans. Those present held a general round of discussions.

With regard to the reports, the Prime Minister

made a speech, giving instructions on holding the summit on a grand scale in accord with characteristics of international summits, cleanliness and greening of the place where the summit will be held and its surrounding areas, holding of the Summit in conformity with the essence of Buddhism, customs and traditions of Theravada Buddhism, and emphasis to be placed on making the delegates to the summit notice the nation's peace and stability

and the nation's unspoiled natural resources.

After the meeting, the Prime Minister inspected religious books to be used for the summit, furniture and samples of summit badges commemorating the summit and souvenir handbags.

Next, the Prime Minister looked into tasks for greening and beautifying the precinct of the Maha Pasana Cave and renovation of the cave and left necessary instructions.

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Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt inspects completion of decoration tasks at Maha Pasana Cave on Kaba Aye Hill. — MNA

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

PERSPECTIVES

Friday, 23 April, 2004

Strive for industrial development for bright future of the State

A study of the development situation of the industrial sector shows that its yearly growth rate is about 9 per cent during the first short-term plan period (1992-93 to 1995-96), 10.7 per cent during the second short-term plan period (1996-97 to 2000-2001), 21.8 per cent in 2001-2002, 26.8 per cent in 2002-2003 and 22.6 per cent in 2003-2004 of the current five-year short-term plan period. Thus, it can be found that the industrial sector is experiencing a rapid development.

The industrial sector is the second largest economic sector after the agricultural sector. There are over 100,000 private factories and mills all over the country, 90 per cent of them small and medium industries, and they employ roughly 2 million workers. Therefore, if small and medium industries are encouraged, the productivity of the industrial sector will surely increase. Only then, the agricultural country of ours will become an industrial one based on agriculture and thence a modern and fully developed nation in a short time.

The work coordination meeting No 1/ 2004 on Myanmar industrial development was held at the training hall of the Ministry of Industry-1 on 20 April and Chairman of the Industrial Development Committee Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Soe Win delivered an opening speech on the occasion. In his address, the Secretary-1 said that the development of industrial zones during the period of about 9 years was very remarkable owing to the constant encouragement and guidance and close supervision of industrial development committee at different levels and regional authorities. And he stressed that continued efforts will have to be made for further development of the industrial zones. For this, top priority must be given to industries that manufacture farm machinery, industrial equipment, transport vehicles and import-substitute items.

Now there are 19 private industrial zones all over the nation and the time has come for rapid development of the industrial sector. Therefore, the State has been taking all the necessary steps for speedy development of the industrial sector, starting from 2004-2005.

Therefore, we would like to urge all those responsible to try to the best of their ability for fast development of the industrial sector and for catching up with modern technologies of the present age.



Myanmar Badminton Federation President U Maung Maung Swe being seen off at Yangon International Airport on Thursday before departure for Asian Badminton federation conference to be held in Malaysia on 24 April.—NLM

Two players qualified for Asian Tennis C'ship

YANGON, 22 April— Two Myanmar players were qualified for the trials of 2004 Asian Tennis Championship being held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, on 21 April.

The two Myanmar players, Lwin Aung and Than Lwin Aung beat their rivals in the championship. Lwin Aung beat his rivals from Bangladesh and Malaysia 2-0 each and Than Lwin Aung beat those of Syria and Kazakhstan 2-0 each.

In the women's singles event, Hlaing Mon Kyu (Myanmar) beat Syrian player 2-0.—NLM

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

Myanmar Gazette

YANGON, 22 April — The State Peace and Development Council has appointed Managing Director of Myanmar General and Maintenance Industries of the Ministry of Industry-1 U Thaik Tun as Director-General of the Regional Industrial Coordination and Inspection Department of the same ministry from the date he assumes charge of his duties. — MNA

Business Matching Meeting between Myanmar and China held

YANGON, 22 April — Business Matching Meeting between Myanmar Enterprises and Yunnan Enterprises of China was held at Traders Hotel on Sule Pagoda Road this morning, attended by UMFCI President U Win Myint and CEC members, Myanmar entrepreneurs, Vice-President of Yunnan Provincial Chambers of Commerce Mr Li Guopei and Chinese entrepreneurs. After UMFCI President U Win Myint had extended greetings, Vice-President of UMFCI Chairman of Greater Mekong Subregion Business Forum U Win Aung and Vice-President of Yunnan Provincial Chambers of Commerce Mr Li Guopei made speeches on the occasion. Next, Joint-Secretary-2 of the UMFCI Dr Maung Maung Lay reported on Myanmar investment policies and opportunities. The two sides held discussions on business matters. — MNA



The business matching meeting between Myanmar and China in progress.—UMFCI

Marijuana, heroin seized

YANGON, 22 April — A combined team comprising members of Local Intelligence Unit and policemen of Mingaladon Police Station, acting on information, stopped and searched Win Yadana Highway Bus running from Kyauktto to Yangon at Wireless bus stop in Mingaladon Township on 23 March and seized 1.4697 kilos of marijuana inside passenger Hla Tun (a) Hsu Gyi's rucksack.

In connection with the case, action was taken against Hla Tun (a) Hsu Gyi, son of U Aye Maung of No 31, Gantgaw Street, Paukkon Section 11, Mingaladon under Sections 15/19(A)/20(A) of Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law by Mingaladon Police Station.

Similarly, a combined team comprising members



Yon Phint & Yan Kway Chi seen with seized heroin. MNA

ကုသကာကွယ် မူးယစ်အန္တရာယ်

၁။ မူးယစ်ဆေးဝါးသုံးစွဲလျှင် အသက်ရှောင် အသားဝါရောဂါ၊ အသည်းခြောက်ရောဂါ၊ အသည်းကင်ဆာရောဂါ၊ သွေးဆိပ်တက်ခြင်းနှင့် နှလုံးရောဂါ၊ အဆုတ်ရောဂါများ၊ ခုခံအားကျဆင်းမှုရောဂါ (AIDS)နှင့် စိတ်ပိုင်းဆိုင်ရာရောဂါများသည်တို့ ဖြစ်ပွားနိုင်သည့် အပြင်၊ စီးပွားရေးနှင့် လူမှုရေးများ ထိခိုက်ပျက်ပြားခြင်း၊ ဥပဒေအရ အရေးယူစစ်ဆေးတို့ဖြစ်နိုင်သည်။

၂။ ထို့ကြောင့် အဆိုပါဒုက္ခများမှကင်းဝေးစေရန် မူးယစ်ဆေးဝါးကို လုံးဝ ရှောင်ကြဉ်ပါ။

၃။ မူးယစ်ဆေးဝါးသုံးစွဲသူများသည်သတ်မှတ်ဆေးရုံများတွင် မှတ်ပုံတင်၍ ဆေးကုသမှုခံယူပါ။

ကျန်းမာရေးဝန်ကြီးဌာန

Myanmar delegation arrives back

YANGON, 22 April

Deputy Minister for Information Brig-Gen Aung Thein welcomed back Myanmar delegation led by Director-General of back Myanmar Radio and Television U Khin Maung Htay at Yangon International Airport this afternoon. The delegation arrived back here after attending 'The Asia Media Summit 2004'.



Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Aung Thein welcomes back the delegation. — MNA

held in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia.

Directors-General, Managing Directors, Deputy Directors-General and officials also welcomed back the Director-General.

Deputy Director of MRTV (Orchestra) U Win Aung and Staff Officer (Broadcast) Daw Hsan Hsan Oo also arrived back together with the Director-General. — MNA

**Don't
smoke**

of Local Intelligence Unit and Lashio Special Anti-Drug Squad, acting on information, searched suspect Daw Yan Kway Chi at a tea shop on Bogoyoke Street, No 2 Ward, Lashio on 24 March and seized 669 grams of heroin inside two paper boxes with dry noodle. Further information led to arrest of Yon Phint.

In connection with the case, action was taken against Daw Yan Kway Chi, daughter of U Yan Shouk Pauk of Namhsan, No 5 Ward, Lashio and Yon Phint, son of U Laung Shan of No 6 Ward, Lashio under Sections 15/19(A)/21 of Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law by Lashio No 1 Police Station.

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Hla Tun (a) Hsu Gyi with seized marijuana. — MNA

UK troops among injured in deadly Iraq blasts in Basra

BASRA, 22 April—Suicide bombers have killed 68 people, some of them children, in strikes on Iraqi police stations in British-patrolled Basra, shattering months of relative calm in the mainly Shi'ite city.

Basra mayor Wael Abdul-Hafeez accused Osama bin Laden's al Qaeda network of being behind the morning rush-hour blasts.

Near-simultaneous vehicle explosions hit three police stations in Basra and a police academy in Zubair, a mainly Sunni town 25 km (16 miles) to the south.

"All four attacks seem to have been carried out by suicide bombers," said a British Defence Ministry spokeswoman in Basra.

The mayor told a news conference 68 people, not counting the bombers, were killed and 99 wounded. Among the dead

were school children incinerated in a minibus caught by one blast.

A wounded Iraqi, Amin Dinar, said he had heard a huge explosion as he stood at the door of his house.

"I looked around and saw my leg bleeding and my neighbour lying dead on the floor, torn apart," he said from his hospital bed. The US-led occupation is due to end on June 30 with the handover of power to an interim Iraqi government, but preparations for the transition have been eclipsed by this month's bloodletting and hostage-taking in Iraq.—*Internet*



Iraqis gather as a car burns at site of an explosion in the southern Iraqi city of Basra on 21 April, 2004.—INTERNET

Poland considering Iraq exit options

WARSAW, 22 April—Poland is considering options for withdrawing its troops from Iraq, but any possible pull-out will not be sudden and will be agreed with Washington, outgoing Prime Minister Leszek Miller said on Wednesday.

Miller said his likely successor as Prime Minister, Marek Belka, would map out a strategy for Polish troops in his first policy speech expected in early May.

"We will not make any rash gestures. A final decision about the pullout date will be agreed and well thought over," he said.

He told reporters that Poland would not follow Spain's example to pull its troop from Iraq quickly, because this could destabilize the situation in the country.

"The problem (of pulling out troops) exists. We cannot turn a blind eye to the fact that

Spain and others are leaving Iraq," Miller said. "I cannot say when we will leave (Iraq), but I'm sure the new prime minister will say something more precise."

A government official, who asked not to be named, told *Reuters*, however, that Poland was ready to keep its troops in Iraq until the end of 2004 but would like to cut numbers from the current 2,500.

Poland's soldiers are responsible for a swath of central and southern Iraq, leading a multinational force of which the Spanish contingent is currently part.—*Internet*

Germany says UN resolution on Iraq needed soon

BERLIN, 22 April—A UN resolution on Iraq is needed before US-led occupation authorities hand over power to an Iraqi Government on 30 June, Germany said on Wednesday.

"I do think this deadline will be met because there is no alternative. A UN resolution would have to come before that," a German Government official, who declined to be named, said.

"We have to seize every opportunity to stabilize the situation. The political process has to be speeded up."

United Nations envoy Lakhdar Brahimi, who is working out a transition plan, indicated on Tuesday a resolution could be expected soon, but gave no timeframe.

The German official said a UN presence in Iraq to oversee transition was needed, but US forces were irreplaceable to ensure security.

Germany, which opposed the US-led war, has repeatedly ruled out sending troops to Iraq.

The US presidential election campaign may even be helpful to speed things up, the official said. "Without the campaign it would be even more difficult to start the processes that are needed. The Americans want this resolved."

Germany has been training Iraqi policemen in the United Arab Emirates, but says lack of security prevents it from sending civilian helpers into Iraq. Two German Embassy guards feared killed in an ambush in Iraq earlier this month remain missing. — *MNA/Reuters*

China, Brazil to boost economic cooperation

BRASILIA, 22 April—Visiting Chinese Vice-Premier Hui Liangyu and Brazilian Vice-President Jose Alencar said they are confident about the future of bilateral relations.

During their meeting Monday, Hui and Alencar highly appraised the strategic partnership between the two countries. They exchanged views on bilateral cooperation, saying their economies are mutually complementary, with broad space for cooperation.

On the same day, Hui also held talks with Brazilian Agriculture Minister Roberto Rodrigues and signed a memorandum of understanding on agricultural and livestock cooperation. — *MNA/Xinhua*

Spain asks US for files on newsman's death in Iraq

MADRID, 22 April—A Spanish High Court judge asked the United States on Tuesday to hand over documents on the death of a Spanish cameraman killed in a US tank attack on a Baghdad hotel during the Iraq war.

The court agreed last October to a request from relatives of Telecinco journalist Jose Couso to investigate his death. The relatives want three American soldiers put on trial.

Crusading Spanish judge Baltasar Garzon sent a formal request to the US Defence, State and Justice departments for copies of all the information they have on the case, according to a court document obtained by *Reuters*. The 37-year-old cameraman was killed on 8 April last year when a US tank fired at a hotel serving as the main Baghdad base for international journalists covering the war.

His family's lawyer said the attack was a war crime and that Spanish law allowed for suspected war criminals to be tried in Spain, no matter where the offence had been committed. — *MNA/Reuters*

Guinea's only "MIG-21" fighter crashes in Atlantic

CONAKRY, 22 April—Guinea's only operational MIG-21 fighter plane crashed into the sea off the capital Conakry, killing the pilot, military officials in the West African country said on Wednesday.

The pilot ejected from the aircraft just before the crash on Tuesday but his parachute did not open, officials said. "This was the only aircraft of this type that we had. It was a Soviet-made MIG-21," a senior military officer told *Reuters*. Guinea has a fleet of only a handful of military aircraft.

There was no word on the cause of the crash near an island in the Atlantic Ocean some three miles from Conakry. — *MNA/Reuters*

Missing Dane found dead in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 22 April—A Danish businessman reported missing in Iraq last week and believed to have been kidnapped has been found dead, the Danish Foreign Ministry says.

The man has not been publicly identified and no details about how he died or where he was found were immediately available.

In a statement Wednesday, the ministry said it was informed by the Coalition Provisional Authority in Iraq overnight that the Danish citizen had been found by Iraq police on April 12.

He was reported missing April 10.

It is unclear whether the man was abducted.

"There are as of now no information on the culprits or motive for the killing," the ministry statement said, adding that an Iraqi police investigation into the death has been made difficult by the present security situation.

The ministry said it had been "working intensely on the case since first being informed of the possible abduction" April 11. Currently, at least six people are believed to be held including a US soldier, a US contractor and three Italians. At least six more are reported as missing or status unknown.

Another Italian, Fabrizio Quattrocchi was executed by his captors last week. It was the first confirmed killing of a hostage by militants in Iraq.—*Internet*

Iraq's neighbours to meet on Iraq reconstruction

MEXICO CITY, 22 April—The parliamentary presidents of Iraq's neighbouring countries are to hold meetings next month in Amman, Jordan, to move forward the reconstruction of democratic institutions in Iraq after the United States transfers power to a local government.

Parliamentary presidents of Iran, Syria, Kuwait, Jordan, Turkey and Saudi Arabia would attend the meeting. Chilean Senator and President of the Inter-Parliamentary Union (IPU) Sergio Paez Verdugo said Tuesday during the 110th IPU assembly. A representative of the United Nations (UN) and a member of the Iraqi Governing Council will also participate in the meeting, Paez added.

About 1,500 people, 700 of them being legislators from 138 nations, are taking part in the 110th IPU assembly in Mexico, which started Sunday and will end next Friday.

During the assembly, the lawmakers expressed their concerns over the situation in Iraq and the worsening Israeli-Palestinian conflict after the assassination of Hamas leaders. They also called for unity of all nations in the fight against terrorism.

The parliamentary presidents of Iraq's neighbouring nations met Monday to discuss the situation in Iraq. During the meeting, lawmakers from Poland, Armenia, Palestine and the European Parliament demanded that the United States transfer power to the Iraqi people as soon as possible. — *MNA/Xinhua*



A wounded boy is carried to an ambulance after one of three car bomb explosions in the southern Iraqi city of Basra on 21 April, 2004. — INTERNET

Islamic nations urge UN to lead in Iraq

KUALA LUMPUR, 22 April— Islamic nations are urging the United Nations to take the lead in Iraq when US administrators give up power, and Pakistan and Malaysia said Wednesday they might send troops to protect the world body if it returns to the country.

The move comes as Washington warns to a UN plan to install a caretaker government to replace the US-appointed Iraqi Governing Council on June 30, and as American military planners try to find ways to bolster their forces amid rising violence and the planned withdrawal of some allied troops.

Islamic countries have avoided joining the US-led coalition that invaded Iraq a year ago, but some are responding more favourably to an US appeal for a new multinational force that would be tied directly to the United Nations.

On Wednesday, UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan said Iraq was still too volatile for the organization to send back humanitarian workers who were pulled out in October after two bomb-

ings at the UN headquarters in Baghdad.

"We are monitoring the security situation. We hope attempts to reduce the violence will succeed, (but) until that is done, security is a constraint for us," he said.

Pakistani Foreign Minister Khurshid Kasuri confirmed Wednesday that his country had been asked to contribute to a UN protection force in Iraq. "At the moment we are considering that," Kasuri told *The Associated Press*. "Of course, we will see the ground situation also, and public opinion in Pakistan."

Kasuri was speaking ahead of an emergency meeting of the 57-member Organization of the Islamic Conference to discuss surging violence in the

Middle East hot spots of Iraq and the Palestinian territories.

Malaysian officials have also said this Southeast Asian country may consider sending troops to Iraq — if they were deployed under a UN mandate rather than as US allies.

If the United Nations had a central role in Iraq, "then many countries may be able to participate, maybe some Islamic countries will be able to participate," Foreign Minister Syed Hamid Albar told reporters.

"At present it is still seen as an occupation force," he said. Thursday's meeting is expected to urge the United Nations to take a pivotal role in Iraq when US administrators — who are aiming for a June 30 handover — step back from power. —Internet

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Iraqis view the debris of a destroyed house in al-Doura, a suburb of Baghdad, Iraq, after several rockets hit the building on 21 April, 2004. — INTERNET

Experts say deadly blasts in southern Iraq were 'inevitable'

LONDON, 22 April— It was inevitable that increasingly organized Iraqi insurgents would strike deep inside British-occupied southern Iraq, testing the mettle of the United States' main coalition partner, experts said.

Local officials said 68 people were killed, many of them Iraqi police officers and school children, in five blasts in Basra city and the nearby town of Zubair.

Oil-rich southern Iraq is controlled by British forces, and until Wednesday had been largely spared the violence and unrest seen in US-held Fallujah and other parts of the country. "I think it was an inevitability that there would at some stage be something like this happening," defence analyst Paul Beaver said Wednesday as news about the blasts continued to come in.

"I see this as targeting the Iraqi police in order to demonstrate that the British are not as in control as people would like to believe," Beaver said. "It is a demonstration of the fact that the guerrillas can still strike in an area where the British have been very successful in doing so many other things." Beaver, speaking to Britain's domestic Press Association, said it was significant that one of the attacks was in Zubair, an area he described as a "hot-bed" of Sunni resistance.

"It is the last remaining Sunni outpost in the south," he said. "It has always been a dark place—it is the heart of darkness." Beaver said he believed the guerrillas were a mix of Saddam Hussein loyalists and anti-coalition militants.

"I think there is a much more structured resistance operation in Iraq now, more than the public knows about," he said. "What worries me is that the north and south used to be two separate areas — but not any more. I am not very optimistic."

Thomas Withington, a defence analyst and research associate at King's College centre for defence studies, in London, said the developments were "deeply tragic. This might indicate that the guerrilla war is widening to include the British sector as well," Withington said. —Internet

Thai Senate debates troop withdrawal from Iraq

BANGKOK, 22 April — Thailand's Senate on Tuesday morning started debate on whether to withdraw the nation's troops from Iraq as the situation there is deteriorating.

The Senate on Monday adopted an urgent motion for the debate on the withdrawal issue by a vote of 64 to 40.

Senators supporting the motion believed that it is time to pull out the 447 Thai soldiers from the southern Iraqi city of Karbala for the security concern and their limited move there for safety reasons.

"I have been informed by a senior Thai soldier that the Thai troops are being treated like prisoners because they are not allowed to go out anywhere," Senator Karun Saingarm was quoted by *Bangkok Post* as saying. The Thai soldiers currently stationed in Karbala were the second batch of Thais working in the postwar Iraq. They are mostly medical staff, mechanists and engineers. Two of them were killed in last December when an attack against foreign troops in Karbala occurred. Domestic call for withdrawal ran high when the Thai Embassy to Sweden in early April received a letter threatening to launch terrorist attack against Thai target if the government did not pull out its troops in Iraq.

The Thai Government insisted that the troops would withdraw from Iraq only after the scheduled authority transition completed in June. Defence Minister Chettha Thanajaro on Tuesday morning reiterated that the government so far had no plan to withdraw from Iraq. He was present at Senate debating on the same day.

Security issue has become a major concern of the Thai Government since the country was believed to have more involved with the United States' anti-terrorism war in last year and the southern provinces were caught in unrest this year. Thailand was granted with the non-NATO status last October for arresting Jemaah Islamiyah's (JI) second headman Hambali in August and sending troops to Iraq in September. —MNA/Xinhua

Oil eases from highs on Saudi assurances

NEW YORK, 22 April — Oil prices softened from fresh highs on Monday as dealers balanced supply assurances from OPEC heavyweight Saudi Arabia against rising tensions in the Middle East and worries over US gasoline stocks ahead of the summer driving season.

US light crude settled down 32 cents at 37.42 US dollars a barrel after hitting a four-week high at midday above 38 US dollars. London crude was down 18 cents at 33.46 US dollars a barrel after touching 34.20 US dollars to mark its priciest since the Iraq war.

White House spokesman Scott McClellan said Saudi Arabia's ambassador to the United States had "committed to making sure prices remained in a range of, I believe, 22 US dollars to 28 US dollars per barrel of oil, and that they don't want to do anything that would harm our consumers or harm our economy." OPEC has an official price target band for a basket of its oil grades of between 22 and 28 US dollars, but oil prices were last in that price range on December 1.

"Prices should be determined by market forces, and we are always in close contact with producers around the world on these issues," McClellan told reporters. —MNA/Reuters

Blair attacked over Iraq war

LONDON, 22 April — Britain's Archbishop of Canterbury has attacked British Prime Minister Tony Blair's handling of the war in Iraq, accusing him of damaging his country's "political health".

A government which "habitually ignored expert advice... repressed criticism (and) manipulated public media" risked jeopardizing "its claim to obedience", Dr Rowan Williams, spiritual leader of the world's 70 million Anglicans, said in a sermon published on Wednesday. "We face a general weakening of trust in the political system of our nation," he said in a carefully worded sermon which did not mention Blair or Iraq by name.

"There were things government believed it knew and claimed to know on a privileged basis which, it emerged, were anything but certain."

Blair's decision to back the US-led war on Iraq has been savaged by former government ministers, political opponents and former chief UN arms inspector Hans Blix following the failure to find any weapons of mass destruc-

tion in Iraq.

Iraq's alleged weapons programme was the main Anglo-American motive for the war.

Williams' outspoken comments will pile more pressure on Blair, whose approval ratings slumped over the Iraq war and who now faces the biggest gamble of his political career with a British referendum on an EU Constitution. The archbishop, appointed on Blair's recommendation in 2002, suggested the government, Washington's staunchest ally in Iraq, rushed to join the US-led war without knowing all the facts.

Part of the continuing damage to our political health in this country has to do with a sense of the events of the last year on the international scene being driven by something other than attention," Williams said.

MNA/Reuters



Rescuers rush to the scene of one of three car bomb explosions in the southern Iraqi city of Basra on 21 April, 2004. Dozens of people were killed when car bombs hit three police stations in the southern city of Basra. —INTERNET

Annan says no role for UN peacekeepers in Iraq

UNITED NATIONS, 22 April—UN Secretary General Kofi Annan said he saw no role for UN peacekeepers in Iraq, meaning the Security Council would have to approve an international force after Iraqis begin self-rule.

"There is need for assistance in the effort to create a secure environment," Annan said just hours after 68 people were killed in a series of car bombings in the southern Iraqi city of Basra.

"Some international military presence is going to be required for the foreseeable future. I do not think it can be or ought to be UN peacekeepers. So the council may have to agree to allow a multinational force to do it."

Security is a key concern for Annan, who has pledged

to help Iraqis set up an interim government to take sovereignty from the US-led occupation by July 1 and prepare for Iraq's first post-Saddam Hussein elections early next year.

He pulled all international staff out of Iraq in October following a bombing at the UN's Baghdad offices which killed 22 people, including top UN envoy Sergio Vieira de Mello.

Faced with a serious escalation of violence in Iraq, the United States has turned

to the United Nations for help in smoothing opposition to its plans for Iraq's future.

But Annan again said any UN role in Iraq will be limited by the bloodshed, and recalled that an earlier council resolution allowed him to use his discretion concerning the return of UN staff.

"We would like to play an important role in Iraq but the circumstances have to allow us to do that," he said. "We hope the attempts to reduce the violence will succeed. Until that is done,

security is a constraint for us."

He said the spread of violence to Basra, which has been relatively calm despite the bloodshed elsewhere in the country, was "not comforting" as the United Nations mulls how to proceed in Iraq.

"We have all been anxious to see the attempts to reduce violence succeed, not for it to spread. And of course, the security situation on the ground has a very important impact on our decisions."

Internet

Honduran troops to leave Iraq within two months

TEGUCIGALPA (Honduras), 22 April — The 370 Honduran troops in Iraq will leave within two months, Defence Minister Federico Breve said on Tuesday.

In a blow to Washington and its coalition allies, the Central American nation said on Monday it would bring all of its soldiers home due to spiralling violence and pressure following Spain's recent decision to remove its forces.

"We expect the return of the troops to take place in

the next six or eight weeks. We have given precise instructions to the leadership of the general staff," Breve told reporters.

Honduras, a close US ally, sent troops to Iraq last summer as peacekeepers only. They have been clearing mines and providing medical care in central Iraq.

The Hondurans were due to leave when their mandate expires in July, but there was uncertainty over whether a new contingent would be sent. The newly announced withdrawal schedule would bring them home in June without being replaced.

Breve said he hoped Honduras' close ties to Washington would continue. "I do not see any reason why relations between Honduras and the United States should deteriorate," he said. Spain has been in charge of troops in Iraq from the Spanish-speaking nations El Salvador, Honduras, Nicaragua and the Dominican Republic. — MNA/Reuters

Deadliest attacks in Iraq since May 2003

BAGHDAD, 22 April—A look at some of the deadliest attacks in Iraq since major combat was declared over on May 1, 2003:

April 21: Five blasts near police stations and police academy in southern city of Basra kill at least 55 people.

March 2: Coordinated blasts strike Shiite Muslim shrines in Karbala and in Baghdad, killing at least 181.

Feb. 11: Suicide attacker blows up a car packed with explosives in a crowd of Iraqis waiting outside an army recruiting center in Baghdad, killing 47 people.

Feb. 10: Suicide bomber explodes a truckload of explosives outside a police station in Iskandariyah, killing 53 people.

Feb. 1: Twin suicide bombers kill 109 people in two Kurdish party offices in Irbil.

Jan. 18: Suicide car bombing near main gate to US-led coalition's headquarters in Baghdad kills at least 31 people.

Dec. 27: Suicide bombers and assailants with mortars and grenade launchers blast coalition bases and governor's office in Karbala, killing 19.

Dec. 14: Suicide bomber detonates explosives in car outside police station west of Baghdad, killing at least 17.

Nov. 12: Suicide truck bomber attacks headquarters of Italy's paramilitary police in Nasiriyah, killing more than 30 people.

Oct. 27: Four suicide bombings target International Red Cross headquarters and four Iraqi police stations in Baghdad, killing 40 people, mostly Iraqis.

Aug. 29: Car bomb explodes outside mosque in Najaf, killing more than 85 people, including Shiite leader Ayatollah Mohammed Baqir al-Hakim.

Aug. 19: Truck bomber strikes United Nations headquarters in Baghdad, killing 23 people including top UN envoy.

Aug. 7: Car bomb explodes outside Jordanian Embassy, killing 19 people.

Internet



US soldiers place barbed wires on a highway west of the Iraqi capital, which leads to the besieged town of Fallujah, on 21 April, 2004. — INTERNET

Mubarak says Arabs hate US more than ever

PARIS, 22 April — Arabs in the Middle East hate the United States more than ever following the invasion of Iraq and Israel's assassination of two Hamas leaders, Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak said in comments published on Tuesday.

Mubarak, who visited the United States last week, told French newspaper *Le Monde* that Washington's actions had caused despair, frustration and a sense of injustice in the Arab world.

"Today there is hatred of the Americans like never before in the region," he said in an interview given during a stay in France, where he met President Jacques Chirac on Monday.

He blamed the hostility partly on US support for Israel, which assassinated Hamas leader Abdel-Aziz al-Rantissi in a missile strike in the Gaza Strip on Saturday weeks after killing his predecessor, Sheikh Ahmed Yassin.

"At the start some considered the Americans were helping them.

There was no hatred of the Americans. After what has happened in Iraq, there is unprecedented hatred and the Americans know it," Mubarak said.

"People have a feeling of injustice. What's more, they see (Israeli Prime Minister Ariel) Sharon acting as he pleases, without the Americans saying anything.

He assassinates people who don't have the planes and helicopters that he has."

Israel says such killings are self-defence. But Mubarak said the assassination of Rantissi could have "serious consequences" and that instability in Gaza and Iraq would not serve US or Israeli interests.

"The despair and feeling of injustice are not going to be limited to our region alone.

American and Israeli interests will not be safe, not only in our region but anywhere in the world," he said.

Asked about Sharon's plan to pull out of Gaza, Mubarak welcomed any withdrawal that was agreed with the Palestinians and in line with a peace "roadmap" drawn up by the United States, the European Union, the United Nations and Russia.

MNA/Reuters

FAO warns of deforestation in Asia-Pacific region

WELLINGTON, 22 April — The total forest area in the Asia-Pacific Region is estimated at 585 million hectares and 2.5 million hectares are cleared annually.

This was revealed in a report by the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) of the United Nations, tabled in a meeting Monday in Nadi, Fiji, according to a report reaching here from Suva Tuesday.

The FAO report said that in the past decade, significant forest losses in the region were due to land clearing for agriculture and forest logging.

In the 1990s, several countries lost more than 10 per cent of their forest cover. These were Indonesia, Malaysia, Nepal, Pakistan, the Philippines and Sri Lanka.

The report also stated that there has also been some progress in reducing deforestation in Asia and the Pacific in the last century.

It showed that the Asia-Pacific Region also leads the world in creating new forests and majority cover in the 1990s. — MNA/Xinhua



Iraqi girl, Randa Essam, 15, suffers from heavy injuries to her head after being hurt in one of the explosions in the centre of Basra, southern Iraq, on 21 April, 2004. — INTERNET



Shops destroyed near the site of a car bomb explosion in Basra, on 21 April, 2004.



An Iraqi man searches through the rubble of his bombed out house in Fallujah, Iraq , on Monday, 19, April 2004.

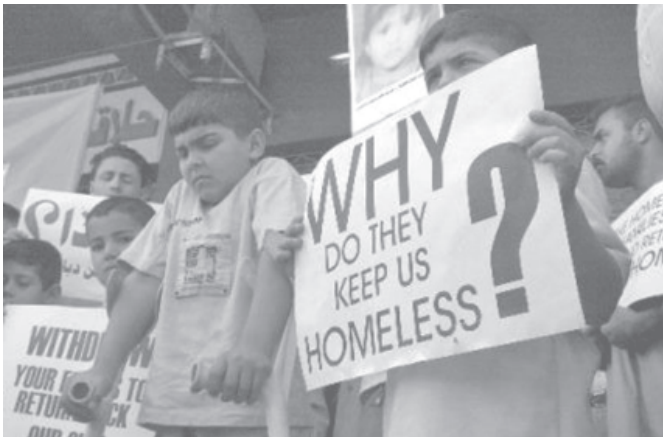
Images of Iraq



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



A car burns at the entrance of one of the police stations hit by an explosion in the southern Iraqi city of Basra on 21 April,2004.



Iraqi refugees from Fallujah hold up banners as they protest in the center of Baghdad, Iraq, against US Army forces, on 21 April, 2004.

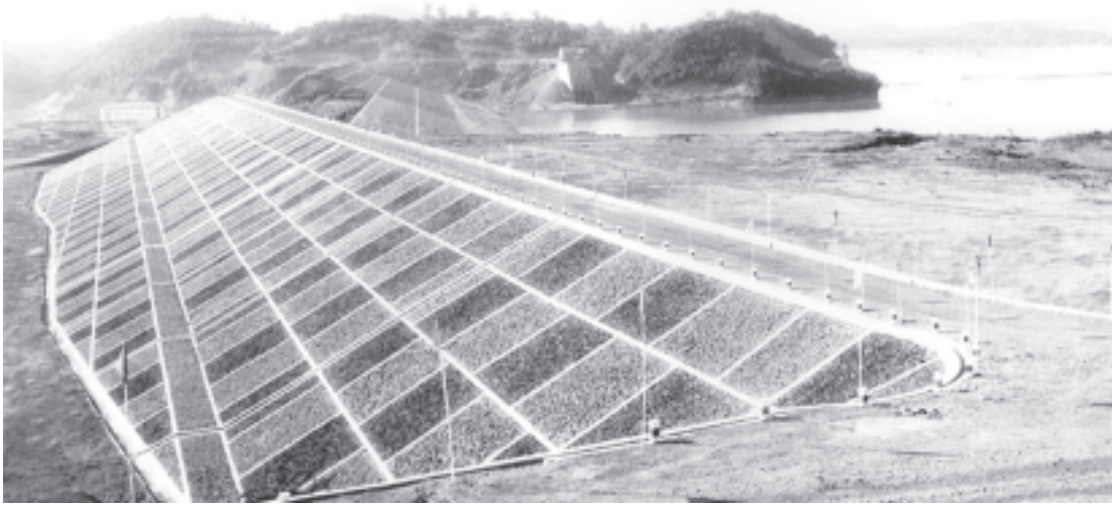


An Iraqi man gestures towards vehicles destroyed by one of three explosions which hit the southern Iraqi city of Basra early on 21 April, 2004.



Iraqis carry an injured person away as they rush to the scene of one of three explosions which hit the city of Basra, southern Iraq on 21 April, 2004.

New and fast developments throughout Myanmar



*Mone Creek
Multi-purpose Dam
Project is situated two
miles north of Sedoktara
in Minbu District,
Magway Division.
The project is being
implemented to irrigate
108,000 acres of
farmland and to
generate 330 million
kilowatt hours of
electricity a year.*



The 25-ton bran oil mill of the Myanma Agricultural Produce Trading in Shwebo, Mandalay Division.



Silver Sea Fisheries Industrial Zone seen in Hlinethaya Township.



*Progress in construction of Pulp Factory Project (Thabaung) which can produce 200
tons of pulp per day.*



Newly opened Nayikan Bridge seen in Sittway Township, Rakhine State.

Let's collectively help learners

Moe Htet Myint (Delta Region)

Wungyi Padethayaza once composed a poem, saying that literature and performing arts are the most captivating thing and most effective weapon of human life. Literature and performing arts of Myanmar continued to flourish under the colonialist rule, helping vitalize the anti-colonialist spirit and the spirit to liberate the nation.

Literature and songs and music gave rise to the political, military and administrative movements of the Myanmar people. Literature widened the vision of Myanmar youths who will change and shape the nation's future. The more literature, theatrical art, movies, art and cartoon flourished, the more they could organize the anti-colonialist and national liberation forces.

In this regard, the Universities Library in Yangon has laid down a motto — Let's collectively help learners. After reading the resolution of the 59th Anniversary Armed Forces Day, one would appreciate the value of the history of Myanmar literature. And there is another motto — Let's build a modern, strong and brilliant Tatmadaw inheriting the qualifications of the armed forces founded by Kings Anawrahta, Bayintnaung and Alaungphaya, while building a new democratic nation in accord with the seven-point policy programme.

Myanmar literature has documented the history of the Myanmar Tatmadaw, formed with persons possessing strong patriotism and nationalistic fervour, beginning from the time of Anawrahta. It is still recording the role of the Tatmadaw and the people making brilliant efforts to build a peaceful, modern and developed nation.

On the occasion marking the 60th anniversary of the Myanmar Department of Yangon University, Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt said, "It is obvious that because of the richness of its language, a race enjoying literary development, is able to raise its standard of delicate and proud civilization to a higher level. "Myanmar has been skilled in the art of writing since over 1,500 years ago. And since before the invention of the art of writing Myanmar literature, alphabets have been used in writing Pali, Sakkata, Pyu and Mon literature. "I wish the Myanmar Department of YU, born of the strong and vitalized national spirit of the Myanmar people, live long as a place helping Myanmar literature flourish, while inheriting and promoting the fine traditions."

The records written by King Anawrahta himself on votive tablets are the first Myanmar alphabets ever found. The Yazakumara stone pillar of the early Bagan era on which inscriptions were written in four languages — Pyu, Mon, Myanmar and Pali — still stands as a valuable record showing the literary skills of ancient Myanmar. Prince Yazakumara expressed the gratitude he owed to his parents in the stone inscriptions, indicating the high civilization and vision of the Myanmar people of that period. As there flourished literature, uncountable number of stone inscriptions, recording the religious donations, the life style, customs, thoughts and belief of the Myanmar of that time, emerged during the Bagan era.

Literature is a jewel indicating the dignity of a nation and its people. It is also a cultural pillar of a race. In accord with a saying which goes "High standard of literature helps raise the status of a race", literature and culture indicate the standard of a nation and its people. People will have to uplift the standard of their literature to brighten the image of their nation and themselves.

Poems that emerged during the Pinya period vitalized the patriotism, the will to learn combat skills and the spirit to safeguard the motherland.

During the Inwa period, that lasted for about 200 years, Myanmar literature continued to flourish with higher acceleration. The literary works including a number of classical poems, appeared during the period, have taught people the civilized ways till now. They have also showed people the ways to become good and clever citizens. Most of the poems appeared in the Toungoo era are romantic, helping develop Myanmar literature. Some poems were able to raise the nationalistic fervour of the people and the spirit of never tolerating any act to tarnish the literature and

culture.

During the period from Bagan to Inwa, the Myanmar literature flourished like a thriving tree, and during the Konboun period, the literature developed with various kinds of poems like a tree was blossoming with flowers. The art of composing poems reached its height during the late Konboun era.

In his address delivered at the 13th anniversary of the Information and Public Relations Department, Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan said, "As the Government is making efforts for national development, progress can be seen in all sectors. The Head of State has already given guidance on the priority facts to develop the nation in leaps and bounds. In this regard, all the ministry staff will have to accept the seven points — the ministry will have to use the media to organize the people for the success of the seven-point future political programme in accord with the Head of State's guidance, to further develop equipment and communication links of the media, to enlarge the media scope to reach the entire nation including remote border areas, to develop Myanmar media so as to penetrate foreign countries, to make media always active and effective, to raise the quality of media so as to services, and to increase income while reducing unnecessary cost — as working guidelines for 2004.

The IPRD under the Information Ministry opened 61 district offices, 248 township offices, seven sub-township offices, 43 regional offices and 360 libraries. It is also running mobile libraries to raise the reading skills of the people. Over 70 per cent of Myanmar's population of over 53 million live in rural areas. Mobile libraries have been operated on a wider scale to enhance the knowledge of the rural people whether they are living in remote areas, places difficult of access, border areas, hill regions or plains. The running of the mobile libraries is an effective means to have rural people always get in touch with literature and to gain knowledge. It is also an effective way to assist people raise their reading skill and time and the constant learning programme.

Under the sponsorship of the ministry, District and Township Union Solidarity and Development Associations have opened about 10,000 libraries on self-reliant basis in various parts of the nation. Development in literary knowledge will lead to enhancing social thoughts and vision of the people and energetically implementing the rural development tasks laid down by the State. Myanmar is a country with fine traditions. As education is the strength of the nation and also a force behind human resources development, we will have to help people who are in search of knowledge at the libraries or education banks, while linking literary development task and national education promotion programme.

(Myanma Alin: 22-4-2004)

(Translation: TMT)

Efficient use of electricity

- * 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

နိုင်ငံတော်အစိုးရဌာနပိုင် မော်တော်ယာဉ်များမသုံးစွဲရနေ့

လစဉ်လ၏ ဒုတိယပတ်တန်နေ့နှင့် နောက်ပတ်တန်နေ့တို့သည် ရုံးလုပ်ငန်းအတွက် မဖြစ်မနေသွားလာရန် လိုအပ်သည့် ကိစ္စရပ်များမှအပ မော်တော်ယာဉ်များ မသုံးစွဲရန်ဖြစ်သည်။

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အပူအသိအစွမ်းရယ်ကားကွယ်ရေးနှိုးဆော်ချက်

ယခုအခါတွင် ရှေးသီလရောင်လာပြီဖြစ်သဖြင့် ရာသီဥတု ပူပြင်းလာပြီ ဖြစ်ပါသည်။ ထိုအပူအသိကြောင့် ရွှေ့ထွက်လွန်ပြီး စွန့်ကယ်အတွင်းရှိ ရေနှင့်ဓာတ်ဆားများ ဆုံးရှုံးမှုများပြားပါသည်။ ထိုသို့ဆုံးရှုံးမှုကြောင့် မိတ်နှင့်ယားဖုများထွက်လာခြင်း၊ ပင်ပန်းနွမ်းနယ်ခြင်း၊ မူးမော်ခြင်း၊ ကြွက်တက်ခြင်း၊ ရွှေ့ခြောက်ခြင်း ကိုယ်အပူချိန်တက်ခြင်း၊ သတိလစ်ခြင်းတို့အပြင် အသက်အန္တရာယ် စိုးရိမ်ရသော အခြေအနေအဝတ် ဖြစ်တတ်ပါသည်။

သို့ဖြစ်ပါ၍ အပူအသိကြောင့် မလိုလားအပ်သော အကျိုးဆက်များ မဖြစ်ပေါ်စေရန် အောက်ပါအချက်အလက်များကို လိုက်နာကြပါရန် နှိုးဆော်အပ်ပါသည်။

- (၁) နံနက် (၁၀)နာရီမှ ညနေ (၅)နာရီအတွင်း လွင့်တီးခေါင်ပြင်း ဖြစ်ကပ်နား၊ ရေခဲသေတ္တာတို့တွင် ရေချိုးခြင်းမပြုရန်ကြိုတင် အချိန်ရအေးမြသောနေရာများတွင် နေပါ။
- (၂) နေပူထဲမှပြန်လာပြီး ချက်ချင်းရေချိုးခြင်းမှ ရှောင်ကြဉ်ပါ။
- (၃) နေပူထဲတွင် ပြင်းထန်သောကိုယ်လက်လှုပ်ရှားမှုများ မပြုလုပ်သင့်ပါ။
- (၄) အရက်သောက်ခြင်းသည် အပူအသိအစွမ်းရယ်ကို ဖြစ်ပေါ်လွယ်စေခြင်းနှင့် ဖြစ်ပွားပါက ပြင်းထန်စွာ ခံစားရခြင်းကြောင့် ရှောင်ကြဉ်သင့်ပါသည်။

- (၅) နေ့ခင်းတက် အပြင်ထွက်သည့်အခါတိုင်း အရိပ်လုံလောက်စွာ ရရှိနိုင်သည့် ထီး၊ ဦးထုပ်များ ဆောင်းပါ။
- (၆) အလင်းရောင်ပြန်သော အဖြူရောင် သို့မဟုတ် အရောင်မျောမျော အဝတ်အထည်များကို ဝတ်ဆင်ပါ။
- (၇) ပွပျော့ချောင့်ချောင့် ချည်ထည်များကို ဝတ်ဆင်ပါ။
- (၈) ရွှေ့ထွက်လွန်ပါက ကိုယ်တွင်းရှိ ရေနှင့်ဓာတ်ဆားဆုံးရှုံးမှုကို ပြန်လည်ဖြည့်တင်းနိုင်ရန် ဓာတ်ဆားဓာတ်သောက်ပါ။
- (၉) ကိုယ်အပူချိန်တက်ပါက ရေအေးဖတ် နိုင်နိုင်တိုက်ပါ။
- (၁၀) ဆီးချိုရောဂါ၊ နှလုံးရောဂါ၊ သွေးတိုးရောဂါအစရှိသူများ၊ ကလေးသူငယ်များနှင့် သက်ကြီးရွယ်အိုများအနေဖြင့် နေ့လယ်နေ့ခင်းတွင် အရိပ်ရ၍ လေဝင်လေထွက်ကောင်းသော နေရာမျိုး၌ နားနေပါ။
- (၁၁) မိတ်ဖု၊ ယားနားများထွက်ပါက ရေအေးဝတ်ကပ်ခြင်း၊ သနပ်ခါးလိမ်းခြင်းတို့ကို ပြုလုပ်ပါ။
- (၁၂) အပူအသိကြောင့် ပင်ပန်းနွမ်းနယ်ခြင်း၊ ကိုယ်အပူချိန်တက်ခြင်း၊ သတိလစ်ခြင်းနှင့် အတက်ရောဂါဖြစ်ပါက နီးစပ်ရာ ကျန်းမာရေးဌာနတွင် ပြသပါ။

ကျန်းမာရေးဝန်ကြီးဌာန



State Peace and Development Council Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Soe Win cordially converses with industrialists after the meeting. (News on page 16) — MNA

Ordination and novitiation ceremony of Northern Command held

YANGON, 22 April— The ordination and novitiation ceremony, organized by the commander and wife and family of Northern Command, was held at the Dhammayon of the command headquarters on 18 April afternoon.

On 19 April, the commander and wife offered provisions to members of the Sangha and 21 newly-ordained monks at Panmati Monastery and the ceremony to share merits for the ceremony was held at the Dhammayon.

Also present were Vice-Chairman of State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Agga Maha Pandita Agga Maha Saddhamma Jotikadhaja Wuntho Monastery Sayadaw Bhaddanta Silavamsa and members of the Sangha, 21 newly-ordained monks and 30 novices, Chairman of Kachin State Peace and Development Council Commander of Northern Command Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe and wife, Deputy Commander Brig-Gen San Tun, Commander of Myitkyina Air Base Col Zaw Tun, senior military officers, authorities, officers, other ranks and family members of regiments and units.

The commander and party received the Five Precepts from the Sayadaws. Next, the commander and wife and officials donated provisions to the Sayadaws.

After the ceremony, 'soon' was offered to the Sayadaws. — MNA

Commander inspects development works in Sagaing Division

YANGON, 22 April — Chairman of Sagaing Division Peace and Development Council and Commander of North-West Command Maj-Gen Tha Aye, accompanied by officials, arrived at the construction site of Yama Creek bridge on Monywa-Yagyi-Kalewa road on 20 April morning.

At the briefing hall of the construction site, the commander heard reports on matters related to the road and bridge construction and gave instructions on timely completion of the construction work meeting the set standard. Next, the commander inspected round the site. The bridge is 12.5 feet wide and 847 feet long wooden bridge.

The commander also inspected Ngwetha Reservoir Project and Salingyi Reservoir Project in Salingyi Township and gave instructions to officials.

Afterwards, the commander visited Nyaungpin-ai monastery, where he looked into the renovation of stupas in the compound of the monastery and attended to the requirements. — MNA

Myanmar-China Trade and Investment Cooperation Work Committee meets

YANGON, 22 April — Myanmar-China Trade and Investment Cooperation Work Committee held a meeting at Ministry of Commerce this evening, with an address by Chairman of the committee Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Pyi Sone.

In his address the minister pointed out the need to speedily implement the trade and investment agreements reached between the two countries.

Deputy Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Aung Tun and Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Kyaw Thu also gave speeches. Participants including the vice-governor of the Central Bank of Myanmar, members of the committee, heads of department and officials of Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry also took part in the discussion. The minister attended to the needs. — MNA

International Relations Course concludes

YANGON, 22 April— Deputy Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Brig-Gen Than Tun this afternoon attended the closing ceremony of the International Relations Course No 1/2004 at the Nationalities Youth Resource Development Degree College in Hline Township.

Also present on the occasion were directors-general, deputy directors-general of departments under the ministry, the Principal and the deputy principal of the degree college, course instructors and trainees.

The deputy minister presented prizes to outstanding trainees. Next, the completion certificates were presented to the leader of the trainees.

Afterwards, Director-General Col Than Win of Education and Training Department gave away gifts to the course instructors.

Altogether 14 trainees attended the International Relations Course (Advanced) and 15 at the Course (Intermediate). The courses lasted 10 weeks. — MNA

Commander attends tree planting ceremony in Indaing Station

YANGON, 22 April— The tree planting ceremony under the arrangement of Yangon Command was held at the local battalion in Indaing Station this morning, attended by Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe and wife Daw Khin Thet Htay.

Also present on the occasion were No 1 Military Region Commander Col Tun Kyi, Indaing Station Commander Col Htein Lin and station commanders, senior military officers of No 11 LID, departmental officials, commanding officers of regiments and units of Indaing Station, officers and the rank and file and guests.

Speaking on the occasion, Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe said that Indaing Station is holding the tree planting ceremony the fourth time in the military stations under control of Yangon Command. Similarly, this is the fourth year of Yangon Command in holding the ceremony. So far, over 4 million saplings have been grown at regiments and units from the first to fourth

year. This year, over 700,000 saplings will be planted in conjunction with the forest conservation ceremony. The forest resources of Myanmar are to be conserved as well as more land are to be put under the forest plantations. As such, the country will be green and pleasant and will have natural resources. At present, as Indaing Station includes in the area of greening 30-mile radius of Yangon International Airport all the year round, monsoon and summer paddy, cold season crops, pulses and beans, edible oil crops, vegetables and other crops are to be cultivated in vacant and virgin lands of the station. Therefore, saplings of the ceremony will contribute much to greening tasks all the year round. So, all regiments and units are to grow and conserve the trees.

Next, Col Htein Lin reported on management made for holding the ceremony and the plan to grow trees in coming rainy season. Deputy Director U Than Myint of Yangon Division Forest Department reported on nursery, growing and conservation tasks. Afterwards, the commander and party

inspected the centronella oil mill of Myanma Agriculture Service, technology on cultivation of centronella and pepper and grafting of teak and they viewed planted teak saplings. Next, they grew teak, Thitseint (Belleric myrobalan) and gum-kino saplings to mark the tree planting ceremony.

Next, the commander inspected growing of saplings at regiments and units. A total of 51,700 saplings have been planted in Indaing Station this year and plan is under way to sow about 100,000 seeds.

The commander and party saw over digging of fish ponds where paddy cannot be cultivated in the wetland area of Hmawby Township near the junction of Yangon-Bago six-lane highway and No 3 Highway. Officials reported on arrangements being made for digging 20 acres of fish ponds.

The commander and party looked into thriving of summer paddy in 83 acres of land of Yangon Command. Next, the commander gave necessary instructions. Arrangements are being made for reclaiming farmlands in Yangon Division in coming rainy season.— MNA



Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe plants a teak sapling in the tree planting ceremony of Indaing Station. — PUPR

Ministry of Sports honours honorary title recipient persons

YANGON, 22 April — Chairman of Myanmar Olympic Committee Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint attended the ceremony to honour those who won honorary titles awarded by the State Peace and Development Council according to its notification No 2/2004 and No 5/2004 on 4 January 2004, at National Indoor Stadium-1 in Thuwunna this morning. Also present were officials of the Ministry of Sports, members of the Leading Patrons of Myanmar Women's Sports Federation, officials of sports federations and winners. The minister presented certificates of honour to 113 persons — two persons for Excellent Performance in Social Field (First Class), 10 for the second class and 70 for the third class, six for the Excellent Performance in the Administrative Field (Third Class) and 25 for the Good Service Medal.

Next, the minister opened the 17th Inter-State/Division Table-tennis Tournament at Aung San Gymnasium. At the ceremony, previous champion Yangon Division men's team and women's team handed over their championship shields to the minister. Next, all the athletes took Sports Oaths. — MNA

Thai delegation leaves

YANGON, 22 April — The Thai delegation led by Director-General Mr Piamsak Milintachinda of Department of Technical and Economic Cooperation (DTEC) of Thailand left here by air this morning after attending the Seventh Myanmar-Thai Annual Consultation on Technical Cooperation.

They were seen off at Yangon International Airport by Director-General U Win Mra of International Organizations and Economic Department and officials of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and officials of the Thai Embassy. MNA

ASEAN economic ministers to amend basic agreement on AICO scheme

SINGAPORE, 22 April — Ten Economic Ministers from the Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN) signed here Wednesday the protocol to amend the basic agreement on the ASEAN industrial cooperation (AICO) scheme, which was introduced since 1996.

The protocol, which came following the end of a one-day ASEAN economic ministers' meeting in the southern Singapore resort island of Sentosa later Wednesday, provided for new preferential tariff rates to be given to new approved AICO projects. The preferential tariff rate for participating countries shall be within the band as follows: zero per cent for Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia and Singapore, 0-1 per cent for the Philippines, 0-3 per cent for Thailand and 0-5 per cent for Myanmar and Vietnam.

The AICO scheme, which was signed here in 1996, aims to provide the guidelines and institutional framework within which the ASEAN private sector may collaborate on the basis of mutual and equitable benefits for the ASEAN member countries and increased industrial production for the region as a whole.

Besides the signing of the protocol, the ministers also discussed the progress of ASEAN's economic engagements with its dialogue partners such as China, Japan and India. — MNA/Xinhua

Millions of dollars of drug seized in Australia

CANBERRA, 22 April — Australian police have arrested a man and seized what is believed to be the country's largest ever haul of liquid lysergic acid diethylamide (LSD) worth 45 million Australian dollars (33 million US dollars).

After two months of investigation, the 190 milliliters of LSD was seized in a series of raids in Byron Bay and Ocean Shores in northern New South Wales on early Tuesday, Australian Federal Police Brisbane office manager Federal Agent Paul Jevtovic said on Wednesday.

enough to make almost 4 million doses, Australian Broadcasting Corporation radio quoted Jevtovic as saying. Police also seized 212,000 tabs of paper allegedly being prepared for the distribution of the drug, about one kilo of cannabis and 20 grammes of powder, which are believed to be

ecstasy. The man was charged with possession of a commercial quantity of LSD, possession of prohibited drugs, cultivation of a prohibited plant and manufacture of prohibited drugs. He is expected to appear in court on Friday.

MNA/Xinhua

Malaysia, Vietnam to enhance bilateral ties

KUALA LUMPUR, 22 April — Malaysia and Vietnam on Wednesday agreed to further strengthen bilateral relations by forging cooperation in new fields of mutual interest.

The agreement was contained in the Malaysia-Vietnam Joint Declaration on

the Framework for Comprehensive Cooperation signed at the end of talks

between Malaysian Prime Minister Abdullah Ahmad Badawi and visiting Vietnamese Prime Minister Phan Van Khai.

According to the declaration, Malaysia and Vietnam will move forward in expanding cooperation in fields like education, information, information communication technology, trade and investment, security, agriculture and biotechnology.

Speaking at a news conference after the meeting, Abdullah said the two countries would further cooperate in stamping out international crime, drug trafficking and money laundering.

On the recruitment of Vietnamese workers, he said the matter was still in discussion at the ministerial level. The Malaysia-Vietnam Joint Commission would meet in August to discuss ways to enhance bilateral relations, he added.

In addition, Malaysia and Vietnam also signed two memorandums of understanding on cooperation in education and information communication technology (ICT). — MNA/Xinhua

ကျန်းမာပျော်ရွှင် ဘဝတစ်ခွင်

ကျန်းမာခြင်းဆိုသည်မှာ - ရောဂါဘယကင်းရှင်းစွာ သာမက ကိုယ်၏ကျန်းမာကြံ့ခိုင်ခြင်း၊ စိတ်ချမ်းသာခြင်းနှင့် လူမှုရေးသုခပြည့်ဝခြင်းကို ဆိုသည်။

ဘဝတစ်ခွင် ကျန်းမာပျော်ရွှင်စေရန် အောက်ပါအတိုင်း လိုက်နာဆောင်ရွက်ပါ။

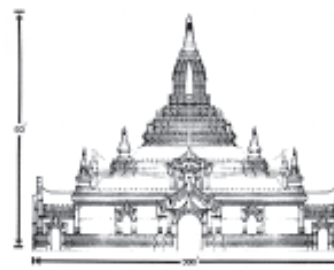
- (၁) တစ်ကိုယ်ရည်သန့်ရှင်းမှုကို ဆောင်ရွက်ပါ။
- (၂) အန္တရာယ်ကင်း၍ အာဟာရပြည့်ဝသော အစားအသောက်များကို စားသုံးပါ။
- (၃) ပိုးမွှားကင်းစင်၍ သန့်ရှင်းသောရေကို သောက်သုံးပါ။
- (၄) ရာသီဥတုနှင့် လိုက်လျောညီထွေစွာ ဝတ်စားဆင်ယင်နေထိုင်ပါ။
- (၅) အသက်အရွယ်နှင့်လိုက်လျောညီထွေရှိသည့် သင့်တော်မှုတစ်ခုခုကို ကိုယ်လက်လှုပ်ရှားမှုကို ဖန်တီးဆောင်ရွက်ပါ။
- (၆) နေ့စဉ်လုပ်ငန်းဆောင်တာများ ဆောင်ရွက်ခြင်းကြောင့် ပင်ပန်းနွမ်းနယ်မှုကိုပြေပျောက်စေရန် အနားယူပါ။
- (၇) မြင်အန္တရာယ်မှကွယ်ရန် မြင်ထောင့်ပြောင်းပါ။
- (၈) ကျန်းမာရေးနှင့်ညီညွတ်သော ယဉ်ကျေးမှုသဘောကို ခံစားပါ။
- (၉) အရက်သောက်ခြင်း၊ ဆေးလိပ်ဆေးရွက် သောက်သုံးခြင်း၊ ကွမ်းစားခြင်းတို့ကိုရှောင်ကြဉ်ပါ။
- (၁၀) မူးယစ်ဆေး၊ နှစ်စိတ်တိုင်းပျောက်လေစေသည့် ဆေးဝါးများ သုံးစွဲခြင်းကို ရှောင်ကြဉ်ပါ။
- (၁၁) အပျော်အပါးလိုက်စားခြင်းကို ရှောင်ကြဉ်ပါ။
- (၁၂) ရေ၊ မြေ၊ လေ သဘာဝပတ်ဝန်းကျင်နှင့် နေထိုင်မှု၊ အသက်မွေးမှု ပတ်ဝန်းကျင်တို့အား ညစ်ညမ်းစေသည့် အပြုအမူများကို ရှောင်ကြဉ်ပါ။

ကျန်းမာရေးဝန်ကြီးဌာန

တကောင်းမြို့ ရှေးဟောင်း လေးမျက်နှာတူရားကြီး ပြန်လည်ပြုပြင် တည်ဆောက်ရာတွင် ကုသိုလ်ယူ ငါဝင်လှူဒါန်းနိုင်



အေဒီ (၁၁)ရာစု အနောက်တောင်ကြီးတောင်၊ မွန်တောင် ဖြစ်သောလေးမျက်နှာတူရားကြီးသည် ငယ်စဉ်ကပင် ရှေးဟောင်း နေရာတစ်ခုအဖြစ် ဖြစ်လာခဲ့ပြီး နှစ်ပေါင်းများစွာ တောထူထပ်ရင်းမှ လွတ်ကင်းခဲ့ပြီး ဘဝစေ့ကပ် နှစ်ရာလောက် ယဉ်ကျေးမှု ဝန်ကြီးဌာန၏ ကြီးကြပ်မှုဖြင့် တကောင်းမြို့ဟောင်းတွင် ပြန်လည်ပြုပြင် တည်ဆောက်ပါမည်။



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 ထုံး (တစ်စိတ်) - ၁၀၀/-
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Study shows Swedes most “digital-savvy” in Europe

LONDON, 22 April — When it comes to Web surfing savvy and adoption of the latest digital gadgets, the Swedes are the most advanced in Western Europe while the Greeks rank last, according to a study released on Tuesday.

Meanwhile, Britons shop more online than their European peers, with the average British Internet user spending 314 euros (374 US dollars) on everything from groceries to air tickets.

According to Jupiter Research's inaugural “Digital Life Index” — a study that attempts to rank consumers' digital sophistication across 17 Western European countries — the further south you venture, the fewer digital gadgets, satellite TV dishes and Internet connections

there are. “Europe's constituent countries may be getting closer together economically, but the lifestyles of its inhabitants remain as diverse as ever.

Nowhere is this clearer than in the consumption of digital technology,” said Jupiter analyst Mark Mulligan.

The study counts a variety of factors from Internet shopping habits to uptake of satellite television and the number of digital devices and mobile phones

among consumers in tabulating its “digital sophistication index”.

Sweden, Denmark, Norway and Finland rank highest in terms of digital sophistication while the Mediterranean countries, including Greece, Portugal and Italy, score below the Continental average, Jupiter said.

Sweden's top-rank position is driven by high adoption rates for high-speed Internet broadband access and brisk uptake of mobile handsets and pocket-sized digital assistants.

In contrast, Greece comes bottom in all six measures of digital sophistication which include adoption of: Internet access; digital and satellite TV; wireless, mobile and digital devices, and the level of online advertising and e-commerce.

The uptake of digital devices serves as an indicator of a market's potential for consumer electronics and media firms.

For example, advertisers spend the least amount of money targeting Greek consumers with Internet adverts. Companies spend, on average, five euros per Greek Internet user to promote their products while they spend 18 euros per Swedish Internet user, the study said.

MNA/Reuters

Cambodia launches Khmer-language software initiative

PHNOM PENH, 22 April — Open Forum of Cambodia (OFC), a local NGO, has launched KhmerOS software initiative for Cambodian computer users on Wednesday, the free computer programmes that are entirely in Khmer-language script.

“OFC believes that in order to enter a digital world without forfeiting its culture, a country must do it by using software in its own language,” OFC's Press release on Wednesday said.

All computer programmes used in Cambodia are in foreign language, usually English. They can be used to type texts in Khmers, but in order to do it, the user first needs to learn some English to use the computer.

“The objective is to allow Khmer users to work with computers without having to learn a foreign language before, to avoid having all English words used in relation to computers, to reduce drastically the necessary time to learn the basic use of computers, and to open the door for the development of databases in Khmer,” OFC said.

Huot Ratanak, director of OFC, told reporters on Wednesday that 6,000 US dollars have already been spent for the project. According to Huot Ratanak, the latest number of computer users in Cambodia are about 20,000 people.

MNA/Xinhua

Storms kill 15 Bangladeshis, floods hit north

DHAKA, 22 April — Strong winds and rain swept parts of Bangladesh, killing at least 15 people and injuring about 150 nearly a week after a fierce wind storm killed 66, police and officials said here.

The Monday night storm, packing winds of up to 90 miles per hour, hit four districts around the capital Dhaka as well as the Mymensing area in the north, already badly damaged by the deadly storm last week that also injured about 2,000 people. Most of the deaths on Monday night happened when houses collapsed or were caused by flying debris, district officials said.

The Army and local administrations were providing food, medicine, water and tents to survivors, they said. The storms damaged rice and other crops across thousands of acres, agriculture officials told reporters. They declined to give a figure for the estimated loss. — MNA/Reuters

At least one dead as Pakistan building collapses

RAWALPINDI (Pakistan), 22 April — At least one person was killed and four were injured on Wednesday when a building collapsed in the northern Pakistani city of Rawalpindi, witnesses said.

People at the scene said they heard a blast at around 10.45 am (0545 GMT) and private Geo TV reported that a gas cylinder had exploded. Police at the scene said they did not know of an explosion.

“An old building above a few shops collapsed,” said Marvat Ali Shah, a senior police officer. “Five people have been rescued already and the emergency services

are here.”

The private Edhi Welfare Trust charity, which runs a nationwide ambulance service, said four people had been hurt and taken to hospital.

“We don’t know about the people who are buried under the debris,” said Tahir Farid, an official at Edhi in Rawalpindi.

MNA/Reuters

New Zealand regards FTA with China as insurance policy

WELLINGTON, 22 April — A free trade agreement (FTA) with China is an insurance policy against the collapse of World Trade Organization (WTO) talks, New Zealand Finance Minister Michael Cullen said Wednesday.

The New Zealand Government last week announced it would open negotiations on an FTA with China worth potentially “hundreds of millions” to the economy.

Cullen told a business breakfast in Hamilton that there were compelling reasons to believe the deal would be clinched “relatively quickly”.

New Zealand’s small size and its relatively few areas where tariffs are imposed offer a chance for China to have an FTA with an OECD economy.

New Zealand is a member of the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development (OECD).

It would involve less complex negotiations than China would face with larger developed economy trading partners, he said.

“The agreement is also strategically important to New Zealand, in that it would provide us with some insurance against the possibility of a serious collapse in the WTO process,” he said. “If the current WTO round fails to deliver, one scenario would be the creation of free trade blocks in the Americas, Europe and Asia.

“An established FTA with China would ensure we are not locked out, if this eventuates,” the minister said.

Trade Negotiations Minister Jim Sutton last week said an FTA with China could be completed as early as next year.

New Zealand was the first nation to back China joining the WTO.

It is also the first developed country China has agreed to negotiate an FTA with.

Any free trade deal with the world’s sixth biggest economy and the fastest growing major economy would most benefit exporters of wool, dairy goods, wood and wood products, plus hides and skins, Cullen said.

China last year replaced Britain as the fourth largest export market for New Zealand, after Australia, the United States and Japan.

New Zealand exports to China have doubled in the past six years to 1.38 billion NZ dollars (about 870 million US dollars) in 2001, not counting over one billion NZ dollars (about 630 million dollars) of services.

MNA/Xinhua

5 Filipinos arrested in Indonesia for explosive smuggling

JAKARTA, 22 April — The Indonesian police have detained five Philippine nationals for attempting to smuggle three tons of sodium cyanide, a chemical applicable for the making of explosive, Jakarta-based Metro TV reported Tuesday.

The five, a ship’s captain and his four crews, were detained at the police headquarters in North Sulawesi Province, which shares maritime border with the Philippines’ mainland.

It remains unclear to

whom the chemical is sent as officers cannot question further due to language constraints.

But the chemical is suspected of being sold to local fishermen for poaching, the TV said.

MNA/Xinhua

1 killed, 4 missing in construction site collapse in Singapore

SINGAPORE, 22 April — One person was killed and four others missing when a mass rail transport (MRT) construction site along Singapore’s Nicoll Highway collapsed later on Tuesday.

According to the Land Transport Authority (LTA), the highway is now closed to traffic and police have cordoned off link roads leading to the highway.

Unconfirmed reports said that flames were seen in the area, and at least 200

workers were working when the incident happened.

The Singapore General Hospital has confirmed that it has received one casualty, a Thai worker, who was in a wheelchair when he arrived in the hospital later on Tuesday.—MNA/Xinhua

“သတိပေးနိုးဆော်ချက်”

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(၁) မြန်မာနိုင်ငံရဲတပ်ဖွဲ့၊ ရန်ကုန်တိုင်း (ဖုန်း ၁၉၉)

(၂) ကြံ့မဲကြေးနန်းနှင့် ယာဉ်ထိန်း တပ်ဖွဲ့ချုပ် (ဖုန်း ၂၅၁၇၅၇/၂၅၁၇၅၈)

(၃) မော်တော်ယာဉ်လုပ်ငန်းပေါင်းစုထိန်းသိမ်းရေးကော်မတီ

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အရက်ကြောင့်ဖြစ်သည့်ရောဂါများ

အရက်ကိုလွန်ကျွံစွာနှင့် စွဲလမ်းစွာသောက်သုံးခြင်းကြောင့် ဖြစ်ပွားတတ်သောရောဂါများမှာ အသုံးပြုရောင်းချခြင်း၊ အသုံးပြုခြင်း၊ သွေးအန်ခြင်း၊ အစာအိမ်ရောဂါဖြစ်ခြင်း၊ နှလုံးရောဂါ ဖြစ်ခြင်း၊ ဦးနှောက်နှင့်အရေကြောထိခိုက်ခြင်း၊ စိတ်ရောဂါများဖြစ်ခြင်း စသည်တို့ဖြစ်ပါသည်။

အရက်ကြောင့်ဖြစ်တတ်သော စိတ်ရောဂါများမှာ -

၁။ ကယောင်ကတမ်းဖြစ်ခြင်း (Delirium Tremors)၊ ကြောက်လန့်ခြင်း၊ အချိန်၊ နာရီ၊ နေရာ၊ လူ ခန့်မှန်းနိုင်စွမ်း မရှိခြင်း၊ ကြောက်စရာလန့်စရာများမြင်ရခြင်း၊ အသံလဲများ ကြားရခြင်း၊ ပိုများများနွှာကိုယ်ပေါ် ရွံစိမ့်သွားသလိုခံစားရခြင်း၊ လက်တုန်ရောဂါဖြစ်တတ်ခြင်း။

၂။ အရက်အလွန်အကျွံသောက်သည့်အခါတွင် လူမရှိဘဲ နားထဲတွင် ခေါ်သံများ၊ ဖြိမ်ခြောက်သံများ၊ စော်ကားမော်ကားသံများ ကြားနေရတတ်ခြင်း (Alcoholic Hallucinations)။

၃။ အတက်ကြီးရောဂါဖြစ်တတ်ခြင်း (Rum Fits)

(ဝက်ရုပ်မြန်ရောဂါကဲ့သို့ တတ်ခြင်း)။

၄။ စိတ်ဓာတ်ကျရောဂါဖြစ်တတ်ခြင်း

(Depressive Illness)။

၅။ စိတ်ဖောက်ပြန်ခြင်း (Alcoholic Psychosis)။

၆။ ဦးနှောက်ချို့ယွင်းခြင်း။

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

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

၉။ အရက်ကြောင့် ရာဇဝတ်မှုကျူးလွန်သည့်အထိ ဖြစ်နိုင်ခြင်း။

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

ကျန်းမာရေးဝန်ကြီးဌာန

Russian spacecraft docks with “ISS”

Moscow, 22 April — Russia’s Soyuz spacecraft docked with the International Space Station on Wednesday, delivering a Russian, an American and a Dutchman to replace the current ISS crew after a six-month stint in orbit.

“The spacecraft successfully docked the ISS in automatic mode at around 9 am (0500 GMT),” a mission control spokeswoman said. Soyuz TMA-4 lifted off on Monday from the Baikonur space centre Russia rents in the Central Asian state of Kazakhstan. Hatches between the spacecraft and the ISS will be opened after docking procedures are finalized at 10:25 am (0625 GMT). Russian commander Gen-

nady Padalka and US flight engineer Michael Fincke will spend six months in space.

Dutchman Andre Kuipers, from the European Space Agency, is accompanying them for an 11-day mission to conduct experiments. He will return to Earth with NASA astronaut Michael Foale and Russian Alexander Kaleri, who have manned the station since October.

Russia has launched all manned and cargo missions to the space station for more than a year since the United States grounded its flights after the Columbia shuttle disintegrated on reentry over Texas in February 2003, killing all seven astronauts on board.

MNA/Reuters

တီဘီရောဂါကာကွယ်နိုင်နည်းရေး

(က) ရောဂါဖြစ်ပွားမှုတိုက်ခိုက်မှု

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

- အသက်အရွယ်မရွေး လူတိုင်းတွင်ဖြစ်ပွားနိုင်သည်။
- အဆုတ်တွင်အများဆုံးဖြစ်ပွားပြီး ကိုယ်ခန္ဓာအနှံ့အပြားတွင်လည်း ဖြစ်နိုင်သည်။

- ဆီချိုရောဂါ၊ ခွံခဲအေးကျဆင်းမှုကူးစက်ရောဂါနှင့် အာဟာရ ချို့တဲ့မှုရှိသူများတွင် အဖြစ်များသည်။

(ခ) ရောဂါလက္ခဏာများ

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

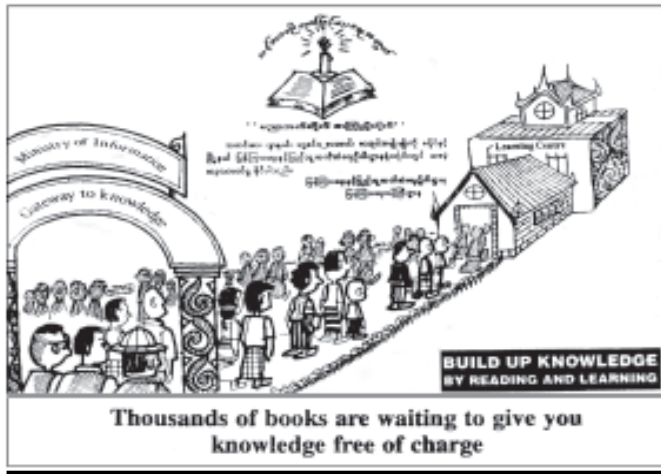
(ဂ) ကြိုတင်ကာကွယ်ခြင်း

- ရင်သွေးငယ်များအား ကာကွယ်ဆေး(ဘီစီဂျီ)ကိုမပျက်မကွက် ထိုးပေးပါ။
- အာဟာရပြည့်ဝသော အစားအစာများကိုစားသုံးပါ။
- သင့်တင့်လျောက်ပတ်သောကိုယ်လက်လှုပ်ရှားမှု ပြုလုပ်ပါ။
- ရောင်းဆိုးသွေးလျှင်၊ နှာချေလျှင် လက်ကိုင်ဝတ်စုံ အသုံးပြုပါ။
- သလိပ်နှင့်တံတွေးကိုစည်းကမ်းမဲ့ထွေးခြင်းမှရှောင်ကြဉ်ပါ။
- ဆေးလိပ်သောက်ခြင်းမှရှောင်ကြဉ်ပါ။

(ဃ) ကုသမှုခံယူခြင်း

- တိုက်ရိုက်ကြည့်ရှု အချိန်တိုနှင့်တူနည်းဖြင့် ရောဂါကင်းသည့်အထိ ကုသမှုခံယူပါ။
- ကုသမှုခံယူခြင်းသည် အခြားသူများသို့ကူးစက်စေခြင်းမှ အကောင်းဆုံးကာကွယ်ခြင်းဖြစ်သည်။
- တီဘီရောဂါသံသယရှိလျှင် နီးစပ်ရာကျန်းမာရေးဌာနတွင် စစ်ဆေး၍ တီဘီရောဂါရှိပါက အစွမ်းထက်သောတီဘီဆေးဝါးများဖြင့် အခမဲ့ကုသမှုခံယူပါ။

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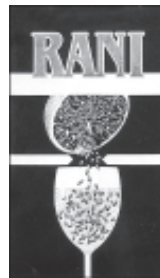
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Fujian Province cracks down on piracy

FUZHOU, 22 April — South China's Fujian Province attaches great importance to protection of intellectual property rights, destroying 1.43 million pirated products last year, said Bai Jingzhao, director of the provincial Press and publication bureau.

Accounting for nearly one quarter of China's total, the destroyed goods include 345,300 volumes of pirated books, 930,500 pirated audio-video discs, 69,000 illegal electronic publications and over 50,000 pirated software items.

Local police detained 92 suspects and another 202 received penal punishment for IPR violation, Bai said.

Fujian stepped up efforts to cracked down on piracy activities in culture, software, network and pottery fields last year, Bai said.

He said in 2004, the provincial government would continue the strike against piracy.

MNA/Xinhua

ပြည်တွင်းပြင်ကို အားပေးပါ

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ချိတ်ပိတ်ဈေးနှုန်းလွှာများပေါ်မူတည်

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President says Finland to continue sticking to one-China policy

HELSINKI, 22 April— Finnish President Tarja Halonen said Tuesday that her country will continue to follow the one-China policy and further develop the friendly cooperation with the Asian country.

The two countries are currently enjoying good relations, which have resulted in fruitful cooperation, said Halonen while meeting with Chinese Foreign Minister Li Zhaoxing who is here for a visit. Recalling her last visit to China in November 2002, Halonen said, "Chinese leaders and I reached an extensive consensus on how to deepen the bilateral ties."

Li noted that the two countries have carried out political, economic and cultural exchanges on the basis

of mutual trust and mutual benefit. Meanwhile, they have also conducted consultation and coordination on international affairs.

China appreciates its friendship with Finland and hopes for more cooperation with the Nordic country in the future, Li added.

During the talks, the two officials also agreed to make joint efforts to strengthen cooperation between Europe and Asia.

Li also met with his Finnish counterpart, Erkki Tuomioja, on Tuesday and the two discussed issues concerning their two countries' relations and cooperation, economic globalization, the fight against terrorism, the environment and the Korean Peninsula. —MNA/Xinhua

Thai businessmen urged to be more aggressive in China

BANGKOK, 22 April — Thai businessmen should adopt the marketing plan in a more aggressive manner if they want to maintain the export market share in China, Thai leading think tank, Kasikorn Research Centre (KRC), suggested Tuesday.

The research centre reported the Chinese economy was likely to slow down in the second half of this year as a result of the government's measures to contain the economic bubble and in-

flation rates. Thailand's export of commodities of various kinds to China might slightly decline while those of products in the electronics sector would continue to grow. However, it was believed the exports to China would be higher than targeted 15 per cent. KRC said Thailand's import of goods from China was likewise expected to continue to grow 25-30 per cent, boosted by the shipment of consumer products. —MNA/Xinhua

China fully confident in developing relation with Russia

BEIJING, 22 April— Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Kong Quan said here Tuesday that China is fully confident in the prospect of China-Russia bilateral relations.

Kong said at the ministry's regular Press briefing that the comprehensive strategic partnership of cooperation

between China and Russia has been developing well in recent years and the bilateral cooperation and exchanges in all areas including in the political affairs were also improving continuously.

Kong said Chinese Foreign Minister Li Zhaoxing will visit Russia later in April and attend the regular meet-

ing for foreign ministers of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization in Moscow on April 23.

"This is an important visit and I believe it could start the personal exchanges between the Chinese and Russian Foreign Ministers from a new basis and the two ministers could set up a close

working relationship to further promote the smooth development of China-Russia strategic partnership," Kong said.

Kong said Russian Defence Minister Sergei Ivanov will visit China from April 20 to 22 at the invitation of his Chinese counterpart Cao Gangchuan. —MNA/Xinhua

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Study says new evidence HIV not linked to polio vaccine

LONDON, 22 April—Scientists reported new research on Wednesday which they say is further proof that the AIDS pandemic was not sparked by polio vaccines used in Africa in the 1950s that were contaminated with a chimpanzee virus.

The controversial theory on the origins of AIDS has been dismissed by many medical experts who say there is no scientific evidence to support it.

But doubts about vaccine safety have persisted and have been blamed for hampering World Health Organization efforts to stamp out polio in countries where it is still a problem.

A team of researchers led by Michael Worobey of the University of Arizona have discovered a new strain of chimpanzee virus near Kisangani in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) that is very different from HIV

and which, they say, is further evidence that the animals could not have been the source of human AIDS.

"The locally circulating strain (of the chimpanzee virus) is very distantly related to HIV. It is not a virus that could have been the progenitor and therefore HIV did not come from that region," Worobey said in a telephone interview.

He added that chimpanzees in the vicinity of Kisangani are endemically infected with simian immunodeficiency virus (SIV) that is very different from the human strain.

But author Edward Hooper, who wrote about the polio vaccine AIDS theory in his book *The River*, said Worobey's conclusion is wrong and does not refute the theory.

"Although Worobey's new research is helpful, the chimpanzee groups his team has sampled are far from being representative of the chimpanzees that were used for the polio vaccine research," Hooper said in a statement.

HIV attacks a person's immune system and leads to full-blown AIDS (acquired immune deficiency syndrome). About 40 million people worldwide are living with HIV/AIDS. —MNA/Reuters

160 with doctorates in service for China's missile troops

BEIJING, 22 April—China's Second Artillery Force, the country's strategic missile troops, have about 160 high-calibre professionals with doctorates or post-doctoral education, thanks to its programme to introduce and train well-educated professionals.

Sources with the artillery force said 88.9 per cent of its servicemen have at least junior college education.

It is the long-term strategic goal to build a well-educated Army adapting to the trends of world military development and national defence strategy, said the sources.

The artillery force began to formulate plans to recruit and train high-calibre professionals in cooperation with seven non-military universities with an annual funding of 10 million yuan (1.2 million US dollars). The artillery force gives professionals with doctoral or postgraduate degrees 50,000 yuan (6,097 US dollars) and 30,000 yuan (3,658 US dollars) in subsidies, once they are recruited, with better living and working conditions. —MNA/Xinhua



A municipal worker listens to a talking trash bin in Berlin. In a unique mix of hi-tech gadgetry and environmental awareness, Berlin is installing talking trash cans in some of the German capital's most popular squares. —INTERNET

Mars travel hazard are electric mini-tornadoes

WASHINGTON, 22 April—If humans ever go to Mars, they may find electric mini-tornadoes that could make toxic dust stick to their spacesuits, researchers said here.

NASA scientists have already detected whirlwinds and duststorms on Mars, and they figure they may generate electric charges just as small tornadoes on Earth do.

"There's probably an electrical environment to Mars which up to now has gone unmeasured," William Farrell of NASA's Goddard Space Flight Center said by telephone. "Chances are probably pretty good that the same kind of physics is going on there that's going on here."

While the earthly elec-

trical environment is most commonly seen during thunderstorms, Farrell said, "On Mars that may also be occurring, but driven by dust storms and dust devils."

A dust devil on Earth is a tornado ranging in size from 10 to 100 yards with winds ranging from 20 to 60 miles per hour swirling around a hot column of rising air. Dust particles rub together in the twister to create an electric charge, much as shuffling across a carpeted floor can build up static electricity.

On Mars, jumbo-sized dust devils can range up to 500 yards across with heights of several thousand yards, Farrell and his fellow researchers said in a statement. Their findings were published Tuesday in the *Journal of Geophysical Research*. Beyond this, there are huge dust storms that can cover whole regions of Mars or even the whole planet, and can last for months. —MNA/Reuters

Injury replaces infectious disease as top killer of Asian children

BANGKOK, 22 April—Injury resulted from accident has replaced infectious disease as leading cause behind children death in Asia, said the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) on Tuesday.

Child injuries account for half of the roughly 1.4 million child deaths recorded each year in East Asia and the Pacific, a UNICEF news release issued here quoted a research result as saying.

"Twenty-five years ago, a small number of infectious diseases were causing the majority of deaths among children," UNICEF Regional Director of East Asia and the Pacific Mehr Khan was quoted as saying.

MNA/Xinhua

Thailand to spend \$2.564B to improve natural resources

BANGKOK, 22 April—Thai Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra has disclosed that the government will spend 2.564 billion US dollars over the next five years to improve the country's natural resources.

Thaksin made the announcement on Tuesday during a trip in the severely drought-hit northeastern provinces.

"The government spending on natural resource programmes won't affect our fiscal position," Thaksin was

quoted Wednesday by the on line news Business Day as saying.

The government plans to balance the budget in fiscal Year 2005, which starts October 1, 2004, about two years earlier than expected. —MNA/Xinhua

IBM to equip US police cars with digital video system

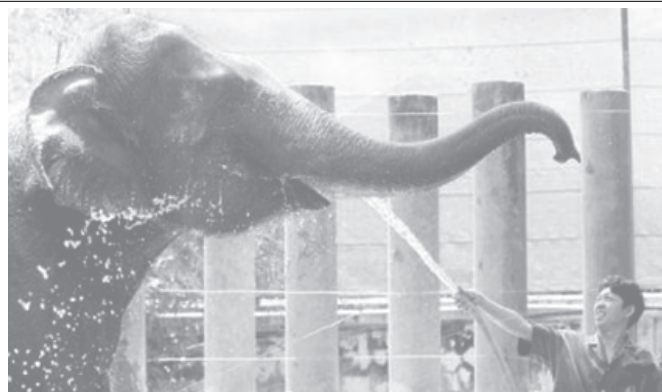
LOS ANGELES, 22 April—IBM, the world's leading information technology company, said that it will equip police cruiser fleet of a southern US town with digital video system that will allow them to better fight crime.

IBM said 60 cars of the police department of Tyler, Texas, will be installed with a digital video system that allows officers to capture video of traffic stops and criminal activity in progress.

The company said its "in-car" digital video system continuously records images and sound onto a 40 or 60 gigabyte hard drive. When the officer turns on his overhead "pur-

suit" lights, the previous four minutes of video and audio are saved and recording continues until the officer turns off the system.

The system is expected to help serve as a powerful weapon in the fight against crime and it could save the department about 50,000 US dollars each year in labour, management and supply costs, according to the police department. —MNA/Xinhua



Seeking a means of relief from soaring daytime temperatures a Thai zookeeper sprays water on one of the elephants at the Dusit Zoo in Bangkok, on 21 April, 2004. Summer has officially begun in Thailand with temperatures in the high 30's Celsius. —INTERNET

Kim Basinger ring fetches \$59,750 at US benefit auction

NEW YORK, 22 April—Actress Kim Basinger on Tuesday sold her 3.7-carat diamond engagement ring from ex-husband Alec Baldwin for 59,750 US dollars to a Beverly Hills jewellery dealer, who predicted a fan would "pay crazy money for that".

The actress, a noted animal rights activist, auctioned the modern Tiffany & Co. ring and some other jewellery at Christie's to raise money for The Performing Animal Welfare Society. The group runs a California refuge for abused, retired and surplus elephants, lions, bears and other captive wildlife. The engagement ring, estimated to fetch between 30,000 US dollars and 40,000 US dollars, was the top-priced item in the auction.

The only other gift from actor Baldwin, whose nine-year marriage to Basinger ended in 2002, on offer was a multigem necklace with a butterfly motif that went for 20,315 US dollars. Christie's had predicted it would fetch 8,000 to 10,000 US dollars.

MNA/Reuters

SPORTS

Afghans disband national team after asylum bid

KABUL, 22 April— Afghanistan has disbanded its national soccer team after nine players disappeared from a training camp in Italy last week, an official said on Tuesday.

Six of the players have been arrested in Germany, where they sought asylum, and Italy has promised to hand them over to Afghan authorities soon, the official said, adding they would be punished for "damaging Afghans' honour". "We have scrapped the team and plan to bring in new players instead after their shameful act," Halim Kohistani, head of Afghanistan's football federation, told Reuters.

"Italy has promised to hand over to us six of them who were arrested in Germany and we will punish them 100 per cent when they return, after consulting the police and the court."

A series of games planned in Italy, the Afghan team's first appearance in Europe for 20 years, was aimed at raising money for Afghan orphans, Kohistani said.

Football is a popular sport among Afghans.

The last time an Afghan athlete sought asylum was in 1996 during the Olympic Games in Atlanta. Boxer Mohammed Jawid Aman was granted asylum. — MNA/Reuters



AS Roma's Walter Samuel (top) stumbles over Bernardo Corradi of Lazio, during their Serie A soccer match at Olympic Stadium in Rome, on 21 April, 2003. The match ended in a 1-1 draw.—INTERNET

Roma's title hopes in tatters after derby draw

ROME, 22 April — AS Roma's hopes of winning the Serie A title hung by the slenderest of threads after they drew 1-1 with Lazio on Wednesday.

The result of the match, a replay of last month's derby that was abandoned due to crowd trouble, left Roma on 67 points, eight behind leaders AC Milan with four games remaining. Juventus are third on 63 with Inter Milan a distant fourth on 52.

Italy striker Bernardo Corradi gave Lazio the lead five minutes from the end of a quiet first half when he hooked a Luciano Zauri cross past keeper Ivan Pelizzoli.

Roma's Brazilian midfielder Mancini put the ball in the net from close range early in

the second half only for the goal to be disallowed because of a foul in the box.

In the 61st minute, however, Roma drew level after a Corradi handball enabled Francesco Totti to equalize from the penalty spot.

Lazio were reduced to 10 men in the 80th minute, when midfielder Fabio Liverani was sent off for a second bookable offence, but despite a spell of late pressure Roma could not make the advantage count.

MNA/Reuters

Aberdeen end Celtic's 77-game unbeaten home run

GLASGOW, 22 April— Australian striker David Zdrilic ended champions Celtic's hopes of completing the Scottish league season unbeaten when he struck an injury-time goal for Aberdeen in a 2-1 victory at Parkhead on Wednesday.

Aberdeen also became the first side to win at Celtic since Ajax Amsterdam in a Champions League qualifier in August 2001 thereby ending the Glasgow side's 77-match unbeaten home run.

"They're a great side but we had a game plan here and it worked," said Zdrilic, whose goal ensured struggling Aberdeen's survival in the Premier League. "We knew we would get chances because they were leaving so many gaps towards the end."

Aberdeen have 34 points from 33 matches and cannot now be caught by bottom club Partick Thistle.

Aberdeen manager Steve Paterson added: "Celtic were probably a little off focus having clinched the title but I can't believe some of the performances we got out there. It was terrific and I'm proud of them."

Swedish striker Henrik Larsson sped clear to slip home his 36th goal of the season on 15 minutes for Celtic, who clinched their third

title in four years under Northern Irish manager Martin O'Neill after Sunday's 1-0 win at Kilmarnock.

But a young Aberdeen side — second-from-bottom of the table coming into the match and with five teenagers in their squad — fought doggedly to level after 56 minutes.

Goalkeeper David Marshall failed to hold the ball and former Celtic striker Bryan Prunty converted Scott Muirhead's cross.

Celtic piled on the pressure in the closing stages but could not find a winner themselves.

Muirhead might have snatched the victory when he hammered the ball over before Zdrilic finished off the champions on the counter attack deep into injury time.

Celtic stay 16 points ahead of Rangers, who can only earn 15 more points with five games to play, and can complete the double if they beat Dunfermline Athletic in the Cup final on May 22. — MNA/Reuters

Ten-man Monaco overwhelm tired Chelsea

MONACO, 22 April — A creative and spirited 10-man Monaco shocked Chelsea 3-1 in their Champions League semi-final first leg on Tuesday, making Claudio Ranieri's expensively assembled squad look tired and ordinary.

Spearheaded by the wizardry of captain Ludovic Giuli, the young team reacted to Andreas Zikos's harsh 52nd-minute sending off with a fine display of counter-attacking football that left the competition favourites reeling.

Croat Dado Prso in the first half and Fernando Morientes and Shabani Nonda late in the second put Monaco on course for their first Champions League final.

Didier Deschamps's side, whose average age is just 23 and who stunned Real Madrid in the quarter-finals, started brightly and took a deserved lead after 17 minutes.

Winger Jerome Rothen curled a free kick into the goalmouth, Chelsea striker Hernan Crespo missed the clearance and Prso reacted sharply to head beyond Marco Ambrosio.

It was only the second goal Chelsea had conceded in seven away games in Europe this season.

The home lead was short-lived, however. Following a neat move down Chelsea's right flank England midfielder Frank Lampard crossed the ball and a tumbling Eidur Gudjohnsen managed to scramble it to Crespo who made up for his defensive shortcomings by putting it into the net.

Giuli should have added to the home side's score when he danced past John Terry and Wayne Bridge in the 34th minute only for Ambrosio to scoop the ball to safety.

Chelsea coach Claudio Ranieri, dubbed The Tinkerman for his constant squad changes, brought on Argentine Juan Sebastian Veron for Jesper Gronkjaer on the left

of midfield, one of several second-half changes that appeared to destabilize the London side, who badly missed left winger Damien Duff, out sick.

Monaco upped the tempo with an all-out assault at the start of the second half as Prso went agonisingly close with a shot that Ambrosio punched away before Desailly cleared off the line.

Their evening looked to have turned sour in the 52nd minute, however, when Greek midfielder Zikos was sent off after France midfielder Claude Makelele reacted theatrically to the lightest of cuffs as the two players got up from a challenge.

Makelele earned a yellow card meaning he will miss the return leg at Stamford Bridge on May 5. After the dismissal Ranieri brought on Jimmy Floyd Hasselbaink but Chelsea looked more and more disjointed.

They failed to impose themselves and with the atmosphere increasingly ill-tempered, defender John Terry was cautioned for a foul on Giuli who constantly outran him.

Giuli's counter-attacks left Chelsea exposed despite their superiority in numbers and it was no surprise when Morientes ran on to a Giuli pass in the 76th minute and unleashed a fierce shot into the top corner.

It was the Spanish striker's eighth Champions League goal this season, which he is spending on loan from Real Madrid.

Giuli's 82nd minute replacement Shabani Nonda took only a minute to make his mark as his first touch steered the ball through Ambrosio's weak attempt to block.

MNA/Reuters

Man Utd close gap in battle for second place

LONDON, 22 April— Manchester United moved within a point of Chelsea in the battle for second place in the Premier League after a 2-0 home win over Charlton Athletic on Tuesday.

While Chelsea were engaged in European action, a role Alex Ferguson's side usually expect to fulfil at this time of year, United got on with domestic issues and secured a solid win.

They remain third on 71 points from 34 games, one point behind Chelsea, who have also played 34. Arsenal look certain to win the league as they are clear on 81 points from 33 games.

United took the lead after 28 minutes when French striker Louis Saha fired in from 10 metres after a clever pass from compatriot David Bellion.

United, with Paul Scholes suspended and Roy Keane and Ryan Giggs on the bench ahead of next weekend's big game against Liverpool, continued to look the more positive side without creating too many clear chances.

Charlton had a strong penalty claim waved away when Paul Konchesky went down in the box early in the second half and the game was settled in the 65th minute when Saha set up Gary Neville.

The England defender, who scored his first Premier League goal for United in more than three years to beat Leicester City last week, had started the move deep in his own half and finished it calmly for his second of the campaign.

"I was amazed that one went in," said 29-year-old Neville. "It just went across the keeper. It gave us an easier 20 minutes at the end though."

Both sides hit the woodwork late on, Ruud van Nistelrooy for United and Shaun Bartlett for Charlton, but United were comfortable winners.

MNA/Reuters



Celtic's Momo Sylla (L) clears the ball away from a sliding Craig Higgins of Aberdeen, during their Scottish premier league soccer match at Celtic Park in Glasgow, on 21 April, 2004.—INTERNET

MRTV-3
23-4-2004 (Friday)
(Programme Schedule)
Morning Transmission
(9:00 - 10:00)

- 9:00 Signature Tune
Greeting
- 9:02 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Myanma Pano-
rama & Myanma Sen-
timent"
- 9:06 Myanmar Mat
- 9:10 **Headline News**
- 9:12 Kindness to Pet Ani-
mals
- 9:15 **National News**
- 9:20 Medicinal Plants at
Popa Mountain Park
- 9:25 Kachin Dance
- 9:30 **National News**
- 9:35 Beauty of the Woman
of Myanmar
- 9:40 Song "Sumprabum"
- 9:45 **National News**
- 9:50 Extravagant Evidences
of Myanmar Culture
(Part-II)
- 9:58 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Come and See
Myanmar"

23-4-2004 (Friday)
Regular Programmes for
Viewers from Abroad
Evening Transmission
(15:30 - 17:30)

- 15:30 Signature Tune
Greeting
- 15:32 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Mingalabar"
- 15:36 Myanmar Mat
- 15:40 **Headline News**
- 15:42 Kindness to Pet Ani-
mals
- 15:45 **National News**
- 15:55 Medicinal Plants at
Popa Mountain Park
- 15:58 Kachin Dance
- 16:00 **National News**
- 16:05 Beauty of the Woman

- of Myanmar
- 16:10 Song "Sumprabum"
- 16:15 **National News**
- 16:20 Extravagant Evidences
of Myanmar Culture
(Part-II)
- 16:25 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Myanma Pano-
rama & Myanma Sen-
timent"
- 16:30 **National News**
- 16:35 Seed Production in
Myanmar
- 16:40 Ornamental Jewellery
of Outstanding Designs
- 16:45 **National News**
- 16:50 Myanma Custard
Apple
- 16:55 Group Dance Entitled
(Pyant Pwa Sein)
- 17:00 **National News**
- 17:05 Pottery, A Home In-
dustry
- 17:10 Myanmar Modern
Song "We'll Be Wait-
ing For You"
- 17:15 **National News**
- 17:20 National Races Village
(Shan & Bamar)
- 17:25 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Come and See
Myanmar"

Evening Transmission
(19:30 - 23:30)

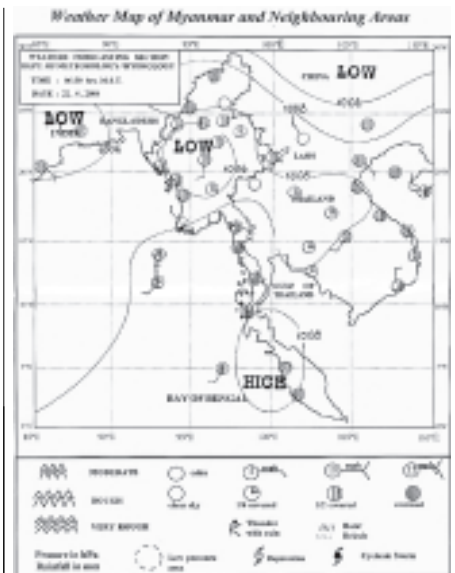
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Greeting
- 19:32 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Myanma Pano-
rama & Myanma Sen-
timent"
- 19:36 The Alaung Daw
Kathapa National Park
- 19:40 **Headline News**
- 19:42 The Patheon Umbrella
- 19:45 **National News**
- 19:50 Myamar's Pride &
Glory
- 19:55 Magnificent Pindaing-
san Dance
- 20:00 **National News**
- 20:05 Tour In Myanmar
"MraukU, Ngapali"
- 20:10 Myanmar Modern
Song "Cherry Present"
- 20:12 The Role of Myanmar
Price

- 20:15 **National News**
- 20:20 Extravagant Evidences
of Myanmar Culture
(Part-I)
- 20:25 Song "Pleasant Kayah"
- 20:30 **National News**
- 20:35 The fascinating Ocea-
nography of Myanmar
- 20:40 Their Master's Images
- 20:45 **National News**
- 20:50 Music for Your Ears
(A Sweet Sounding
Musical Piece)
- 20:55 Tribal Dances of
Lajapet and Khaku
- 21:00 **National News**
- 21:05 National Races Village
(Chin, Mon, Rakhine)
- 21:10 Song "Do you love
me?"
- 21:15 **National News**
- 21:20 Vegetable and Fruit
Resarch & Develop-
ment Centre
- 21:25 Song of Myanmar
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Sights "Mingalabar"
- 21:35 Myanmar Mat
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- 23:05 Pottery, A Home In-
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- 23:10 Myanmar Modern

- Song "We'll Be Wait-
ing For You"
- 23:15 **National News**
- 23:20 National Races Village
(Shan & Bamar)
- 23:28 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Come and See
Myanmar"

23-4-2004 (Friday) &
24-4-2004 (Saturday)
Evening & Morning
Transmission
(23:30 - 1:30)

- 23:30 Signature Tune
Greeting
- 23:32 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Mingalabar"
- 23:36 Myanmar Mat
- 23:40 **Headline News**
- 23:42 Kindness to Pet Ani-
mals
- 23:45 **National News**
- 23:55 Medicinal Plants at
Popa Mountain Park
- 23:58 Kachin Dance
- 24:00 **National News**
- 00:05 Beauty of the Woman
of Myanmar
- 00:10 Song "Sumprabum"
- 00:15 **National News**
- 00:20 Extravagant Evidences
of Myanmar Culture
(Part-II)
- 00:25 Song of Myanmar
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Apple
- 00:55 Group Dance Entitled
(Pyant Pwa Sein)
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**WEATHER**

Thursday, 22 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 (5°C) above normal in Kayin State, (3°C) to (4°C) above normal in Mon State, Bago, Ayeyawady, Yangon and Taninthayi Divisions, (3°C) below normal in lower Sagaing Division and about normal in the remaining areas. The significant day temperatures were (42°C) each in Min Bu, Aungmye, Hpa-an and Yangon (Kaba-Aye).

Maximum temperature on 21-4-2004 was 41.5°C (107°F). Minimum temperature on 22-4-2004 was 22.4°C (72°F). Relative humidity at 9:30 hrs MST on 22-4-2004 was 71%. Total sunshine hours on 21-4-2004 was (10.0) hours approx.

Rainfall on 22-4-2004 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 8 mph from Northeast at (12:30) hours MST on 21-4-2004.

Bay inference: Weather is cloudy in the South and North Bay and partly cloudy elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of 23-4-2004: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers in Chin, Kachin, Shan and northern Rakhine States, upper Sagaing and Taninthayi Divisions and weather will be partly cloudy in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (60%).

State of the sea: Seas will be slight to moderate in Myanmar waters.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers in northern Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 23-4-2004: Partly cloudy.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 23-4-2004: Partly cloudy.


Friday, April 23
View today:

7:00 am

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7:25 am

2. To be healthy exercise

7:30 am

3. Morning news

7:40 am

4. Nice and sweet song

7:55 am

5. ရိုးရာဓလေ့ထုံးတမ်းစာအုပ်

8:05 am

6. The mirror images of the
musical oldies

8:15 am

7. ရုပ်သံကြည့်ရှုခြင်း

8:20 am

8. သူငယ်တန်း

8:30 am

9. International news

8:45 am

10. English for Everyday Use

4:00 pm

1. Martial song

4:15 pm

2. Song to uphold
National Spirit

4:30 pm

3. Practice in Reading

4:40 pm

4. Musical programme

4:55 pm

5. အဆေးသင်တန်းသင်တန်းစာ
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5:10 pm

6. လာဇာနီကဏ္ဍသံဃာတော်

5:20 pm

7. Song of national races

5:35 pm

8. Musical programme

5:50 pm

9. ရှေးဦးစွာပညာသင်တန်းစာအုပ်

6:00 pm

10. Song of yesteryears

6:10 pm

11. စာသင်တန်းစာအုပ်

6:20 pm

12. Discovery

6:30 pm

13. Evening news

7:00 pm

14. Weather report

7:05 pm

15. နိုင်ငံခြားသံသံသံသံ
"မိုးရေခဲ" (အပိုင်း-၁၆)

7:35 pm

16. Musical programme

7:45 pm

17. ပုံပြန်သံသံသံသံသံ
(အပိုင်း-၂)

8:00 pm

18. News

8:15 pm

19. International news

8:30 pm

20. Weather report

8:45 pm

21. Teleplay:
"အမေဇွန်မြစ်တစ်ဝှမ်းတစ်ဝှမ်း"

8:55 pm

22. The next day's
programme


Friday, April 23
Tune in today:

- 8:30 am Brief news
- 8:35 am Music: "Come & get
your love"
(Real Mc Coy)
- 8:40 am Perspectives
- 8:45 am Music: My love is
real (Strike)
- 8:50 am National news/
Slogan
- 9:00 am Music: Love fool
(Cardigan)
- 9:05 am International news
- 9:10 am Music: Jenny
(Shaggy)
- 1:30 pm News/Slogan
- 1:40 pm Lunch time music
-Radio heart (Charlie
Mc Clain)
-In love with you
(John Laudon)
-I'll be there (Mariah
Carey)
- 9:00 pm World of music
Song from "Korea,
Japan, China"
- 9:15 pm Article/ Music
- 9:25 pm Music at your
request:
- Cinderella (Britney
Spears)
- Too late for goodbye
(Julian Lennon)
- Breathless (The
Corrs)
- 9:45 pm News/Slogan
- 10:00 pm PEL

Asleep in Jesus
Naw Ruth
Aged (73) years
Mayancho, Patheingyi

Beloved wife of Saw Shwe Thein, beloved mother of (Naw Eh Htoo), Rev. Saw Ler Htoo (Pastor, Myanmar section, Calvary Baptist Church, Washington D.C. USA)-Thramu Marlene Ahmu Po (Karen Baptist Theological Seminary), Naw Eh Say — Saw Mg Mg, beloved grandmother of Naw Anna Mg, Saw June Aye Mg, Naw April Mg, Saw Terence Keh Blut Htoo and Saw Clarence Mah Blut Htoo, slept in the arms of Jesus on Wednesday, 21st of April, 2004.

Funeral service will be held on Sunday, 25th of April, 2004 at 11:00 am at Judson Church, Yangon University Estate and thence to Ye-Way Christian cemetery to be entombed.

Bereaved family



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Soe Win delivers an address at the third-day session of meeting No 1/2004 of Myanmar Industrial Development Committee.—MNA

Tube-well opened in Dagon Myothit (South) Township

YANGON, 22 April — A ceremony to open a tube-well drilled on a self-reliant basis took place in Hsupyi Yadana Street, Ward 56, Dagon Myothit (South) Township, Yangon East District, this morning.

Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council and Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe and Yangon City Development Committee Chairman Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin attended the ceremony and opened the tube-well. Also present were YCDC Vice-Chairman Vice-Mayor Col Maung Pa, Commander of No 2 Military Region Brig-Gen Myo Myint, local authorities, officials, members of social organizations, and local people.

On the occasion, the secretary of the Dagon Myothit (South) Township USDA explained measures taken for the digging of the tube-well. Next, the mayor made it clear the assistance to be rendered by YCDC for adequate supply of clean water for the people living in the municipal area of Yangon.

Later, a local spoke words of thanks for the opening of the tube-well, which can tap

a total of 1,600 gallons of water per hour and supply water to 230 households. Afterwards, the commander and the mayor inspected Minyekyawza Street, which is being tarred by the Engineering Department (Roads and Bridges) of YCDC with the use of heavy machinery, in Dagon Myothit (East) Township and heard reports concerning the tarring works.

After hearing the reports, the commander and the mayor gave instructions on timely completion of the tasks meeting the set standard. They also attended to the requirements.

Measures are being taken to finish in time the tarring of a four-mile-long road section in the township.

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Myanmar industrial development work coordination meeting successfully concludes

YANGON, 22 April — Work coordination meeting No 1/2004 on Myanmar industrial development successfully ended today at the Industry-1 Ministry with an address by Chairman of the Industrial Development Committee Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Soe Win.

The Secretary-1 said that steel plants equipped with advanced machines will emerge in Mandalay, Monywa and Ayethaya industrial zones, and it will be a turning-point for their progress. The Government's assistance and capital of entrepreneurs are the consolidated force behind the establishment of the plants.

Farm machinery industries should be integrated, and persons possessing high efficiency and capital must be organized in doing so. The accomplishments resulting from the integration of capital and techniques of the entrepreneurs have become obvious in car assembling industry.

Long-term development of the industrial sector depends on the rise in the production through combined efforts of qualified entrepreneurs having considerable amount of capital for investment. The State wishes to pave the way for industrial development in the interest of both consumers and producers in accord with the law and rules and regulations. For example, it is desirous of rendering assistance for manufacturing machinery including

engines and gear boxes needed in assembling power-tillers domestically. Innovation, efforts and unity of the zones is important, he said.

All should work with efficiency without losing sight of the aim — to develop the nation's industrial sector in leaps and bounds beginning 2004-2005. Only then will the nation become a modern and developed one in the future, he concluded.

The Secretary-1 and party cordially conversed with officials and industrialists.

At the three-day meeting, ministers, deputy ministers and officials of the IDC, the Myanmar Industrial Development Committee, the Myanmar Industrial Development Work Committee and subcommittees, the ministries and organizations sought means to develop industrial zones, increase farm machinery production and assemble of cars in accord with the designated models and designs. The industrialists on their part discussed zone-wise preparations to extend manufacturing of farm machinery and engines and gear boxes, while presenting requirements in producing cars.

Chairmen and members of supervisory committees and management committees of 19 industrial zones and invited persons also attended the three-day meeting.

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Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe and Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin formally open tube-well on Hsupyi Yadana Road in Dagon Myothit (South) Township. — PUPR

Books donated to Yezin Institute of Agriculture

YANGON, 22 April — A total of 295 books were handed over to the Institute of Agriculture (Yezin) at a ceremony held at Tatmadaw guest house on Inya Road here this afternoon. Lecturer U Myo Win of Charles Sturt University in Australia donated the books in memory of his late father CEO U Ba Tin of the Ministry of Agriculture & Forestry of the Union of Myanmar.

Present on the occasion were Vice-Chief of Military Intelligence Maj-Gen Kyaw Win, senior officers of Office of the Chief of Military Intelligence, departmental heads from the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation and the Ministry of Education, officials, former Minister-Counsellor of Myanmar Embassy to Australia U Thet Win and faculty members of the university.

U Thet Win explained the purpose of the donation. Next, Maj-Gen Kyaw Win handed over the donation to Managing Director of Myanma Cotton and Sericulture Enterprise Dr Thein Htay.

After expressing words of thanks, Maj-Gen Kyaw Win, together with senior military officers and guests, viewed the books.

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Vice-Chief of Military Intelligence Maj-Gen Kyaw Win hands over books donated by Lecturer U Myo Win of Charles Sturt University of Australia to Managing Director Dr Thein Htay of Myanma Cotton and Sericulture Enterprise.—MNA