

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

**MMCWA has stood as an integrated social organization for more than 13 years
Prime Minister addresses opening of 14th Annual Conference of
Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association**

YANGON, 24 April—The 14th Annual Conference of the Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association was held at the association at the corner of Parami Road and Thanthuma Road in South Okkalapa Township here this morning, with an address by Chairman of National Health Committee Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt.

Also present on the occasion were Vice-Chairmen of MMCWA Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Soe Win and Secretary-2 Lt-Gen Thein Sein, Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Com-

mander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe, ministers, the Yangon Mayor, deputy ministers, officials of the State Peace and Development Council Office, heads of department, diplomats of foreign missions in Yangon, representatives of UN agencies, the Chairmen of social organizations at home and abroad and officials, honorary patrons of MMCWA, President of MMCWA Dr Daw Khin Win Shwe, Vice President Dr Daw Tin Lin Myint and CEC members, patrons of State and Division Maternal and Child Welfare Supervisory Committee, presidents, secretaries and CEC members and guests.

First, Chairman of National Health Committee Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt made a speech. He said that the government is making all-out efforts for enabling the nation to keep pace with others. At the same time, it has been laying down social infrastructures for enabling the people to enjoy the fruitful results of the national development.

Today is the day on which the ceremony to open the 14th Annual Con-

ference of MMCWA was held. It is an auspicious day not only for the State but also for the association.

The government is giving encouragement to the activities of MMCWA which is striving for development of social life of the youths and enhancement of the health standard of the public.

The development of the nation and its people depends mainly on efforts of own national forces. With this concept, the government has acknowledged that efforts of social organizations that are willing to serve the interest of the State and the people play a leading role in developing the nation.

Efforts of social organizations that are striving for national development have been able to contribute to development of not only the sector concerned but also other sectors. Therefore, encouragement is being given to development of social organizations.

The caring of mothers and children, the majority of the nation's population, indeed, contributes much towards promotion of the social sector, which plays the most indispensa-

ble and fundamental role in development of the nation, he said.

And, it practically yields benefits at present and means the shaping of the brighter future of the nation, the people and posterity. Thus, it can be said that it is full of national definition and essence, he said.

Therefore, the government, after enacting a specific law, established the MMCWA, a social organization, which is participating with loving kindness, compassion and goodwill in social welfare tasks including health care services for women and children, he noted. It is heartening to see that the MMCWA has stood as an integrated social organization for more than 13 years, effectively carrying out social welfare tasks including health, education, social and economic sectors of mothers and children across the nation, he said.

The MMCWA is discharging community welfare services with a large membership of over 3.7 million — 61 members of central council, 15 CEC members, 324 township associations, 14,400 branches, over 864,000 permanent members and over 2.9

million ordinary members, he said.

In the early years, the MMCWA placed emphasis on welfare of mothers and children only. But, now it has extended the scope of its tasks with national essence, upholding the motto "From womb to tomb", he noted.

Regarding the education area, the association is carrying out undertakings with technological assistance of the Ministry of Health in an attempt to reduce the mortality rate of mother and children, he said. It is speeding up implementation

of tasks for safety of would-be-mothers and infants, nurturing children, giving educative talks on iodine deficiency and distributing iodized salt for prevention against intellectual deficiency of children, he said.

In cooperation with the Ministry of Health, the association is participating with might and main in the tasks for control and elimination of leprosy and TB, organizing traditional medicine courses, and carrying out health care services for the aged, he said.

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PERSPECTIVES

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Constantly fulfil requirements for greater rural areas development

The government has been laying foundations in all spheres with added momentum in an endeavour to ensure equitable development of all parts of the Union. Like other states and divisions, Ayeyawady Division has been facilitated with a large number of education, health and social infrastructures as well as roads, bridges, dams and reservoirs, resulting in a rapid development of the region.

With a network of new roads, Ayeyawady Division can boast of road miles more than any other states and divisions. The government has already built 39 bridges which are above 180 feet long spanning many rivers and creeks in the region. Now, Yangon-Pathein Road is being upgraded to a tarred one. With better transport, the region is going to enjoy greater development soon. Being the nation's rice bowl, Ayeyawady Division is to strive to be so by systematically accomplishing plans for boosting paddy per acre yield and reclaiming more vacant and virgin land.

At the same time, the government upholding lofty aims has been taking thorough measures for elevating the region's health and education sectors. In this regard, it is upgrading all township hospitals to 25-bed ones while upgrading old station hospitals and rural health care centres or opening new ones. In respect of the education sector, it is making systematic arrangements for upgrading present basic education schools to affiliated ones or regular schools and opening new basic education schools where necessary.

Myanmar Education Committee Chairman Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt addressed the opening of new basic education primary school building in Nyaungthaya village, Kyaunggon Township, Ayeyawady Division, on 18 April morning. In his address, the General said that at a time when the government has been striving for equitable and harmonious development of all regions of the nation, departmental heads at all levels, on their part, are to make sustained attempts for betterment of the regions where they are assigned duties.

Well convinced that rural areas development plays the most fundamental role in that of townships, the government has been implementing the five rural development tasks.

Departmental officials are, therefore, urged to make field trips right down to the grassroots level so as to constantly fulfil the requirements for greater development of rural areas.

NPED Minister leaves for China

Yangon, 24 April — Minister for National Planning & Economic Development U Soe Tha left here by air this morning to attend the 60th Annual Meeting of Asia and Pacific Economic and Social Commission (ESCAP) to be held in Shanghai, the People's Republic of China.

He was seen off at the airport by Minister for Finance & Revenue Maj-Gen Hla Tun, Minister for Labour U Tin Winn, Resident Coordinator of UN agencies and Resident Representative of UNDP Mr Charles James Pestrie and PRC Ambassador Mr Li Jinjun. The minister was accompanied by Director-General of Directorate of Trade U Nyunt Aye, Director-General of Foreign Economic Relations Department Daw Myo Nwe, Director of Central Statistical Organization U Hsaung Tin and Director of Planning Department Daw Le Le Thein. *MNA*

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ကျန်းမာရေးဝန်ကြီးဌာန

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

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Prime Minister attends ceremony to pay homage to title recipient Sayadaws

YANGON, 24 April— A ceremony to mark birthday of Kaba Aye Tipitaka Maha Gandayon Monastery Presiding Nayaka Sayadaw Tipitakadhara Dhamma Bhandagarika Agga Maha Pandita Bhaddanta Sumangalalankara (PhD), to pay homage to Abhidhaja Maha Rattha Guru title recipient Sijjanodaya Sayadaw of Sagaing Hill and Tipitakadhara examination successful monks was held at Thiri Mingala Anandagonyi five-storey building of Maha Gandayon Monastery this afternoon, attended by Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt.

Also present on the occasion were Secretary of the State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Abhidhaja Maha Rattha Guru Abhidhaja Agga Maha Saddhammajotika Magway Sayadaw Bhaddanta Kumara, Ovadaçariya Sayadaw of Tipitakadhara Selection Committee Presiding Nayaka of Yadana Duwun and Thitzanawdaya buildings in Sagaing Hill Abhidhaja Maha Rattha Guru Bhaddanta Sijjanabhivamsa, members of the Sangha, Tipitakadhara Dhamma Bhandagarika Agga Maha Pandita Sayadaw Bhaddanta Sumangalalankara (PhD), the monks who passed the Tipitakadhara Selection Examination, Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe, ministers, deputy ministers, officials of the State Peace and Development Council Office, local authorities, departmental heads, lay persons, nuns, disciples and wellwishers.

First, the Prime Minister and party received the Five Precepts from Sayadaw Bhaddanta Sijjanabhivamsa.

Next, the Prime Minister donated provisions to Secretary Sayadaw Bhaddanta Kumara, Sayadaw Bhaddanta Sijjanabhivamsa and Sayadaw Bhaddanta Sumangalalankara.

Similarly, the commander, the ministers, the deputy ministers and departmental heads offered donations to the Sayadaws. Afterwards, Sayadaw Bhaddanta Sumangalalankara supplicated on the ceremony to mark



Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt presents offertories to a Sayadaw at the ceremony. — MNA

his birthday. Administrator Sayadaw Bhaddanta Kavidhaja of Tipitaka Maha Gandayon Monastery recited brief biographies of the Sayadaws. Later, the Secretary Sayadaw delivered a sermon, and the Prime Minister and party shared merits gained. — MNA

Construction of overpass inspected

YANGON, 24 April — Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe, Minister for Rail Transportation Maj-Gen Aung Min and Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin attended the ceremony to start construction of the overpass carried out by the Ministry of Rail Transportation at the junction of Parami Road and Kaba-Aye Pagoda Road this morning.

Also present were Deputy Ministers for Rail Transportation U Pe Than and Thura U Thaung Lwin, No 2 Military Region Commander Brig-Gen Myo Myint, Managing Director U Min Swe of Myanma Railways and officials. At the auspicious time, 12" x 12" piles were driven. Deputy Minister U Pe Than conducted the commander and party round the construction site. Next, the commander, the minister and the mayor dealt with arrangements for providing assistance to completion of the overpass. — MNA



Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe presents a gift of honour to the service personnel. — MNA

Measures for ensuring secure and smooth transport coordinated

YANGON, 24 April— The Yangon Division Supervisory Committee for Ensuring Secure and Smooth Transport held the coordination meeting at the hall of Yangon Command Headquarters yesterday evening, attended by Chairman of the Supervisory Committee Commander of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe.

Also present on the occasion were Deputy Commander Col Wai Lwin, military region commanders, station commanders, local authorities, members of the Supervisory Committee, owners of bus lines and guests. First, the commander gave a speech. All-round discussions were then held. Later, the commander gave concluding remarks. — MNA

Commander meets service personnel to discharge duties in Cocokyun

YANGON, 24 April— Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe met with departmental personnel who will discharge duties in Cocokyun Township, at the hall of Thakayta Wharf of Myanma Five Star Line, in Thakayta Township, this noon. Also present were Deputy Commander of Yangon Command Col Wai Lwin, Managing Director U Khin Maung Kyi of MFSL, No 4 Military Region Commander Col Yan Naing Oo and authorities. Speaking on the occasion, the Commander said that the Government has provided assistance for development of Cocokyun Township. The departmental personnel are to make efforts for achieving more progress of the township. As the township level departmental personnel are the post at basic level of the government's service, they are to serve interest of the people. Next, the departmental personnel were introduced to the commander who then presented gifts to them. — MNA

Number of US troops hurt in Iraq jumps

WASHINGTON, 24 April—The number of American troops wounded in Iraq soared in the past two weeks as the guerilla flared in south-central Iraq and in the Sunni Triangle north and west of Baghdad.

The Pentagon announced Friday in its weekly casualty report that 3,864 troops have been wounded in action since the war began in March 2003, an increase of 595 from two weeks earlier.

The US military death toll as of Friday stood at 707, according to the Pentagon's count. At least 100 have been killed this month, the highest total for any month since the US-led invasion began. Most deaths were in the early part of April; about 25 have died in the past two weeks.

The Pentagon on Friday

announced the identity of the 100th service member to have died so far this month. He was Army Staff Sgt Edward W Carmen, 27, of McKeesport, Pa, who died 17 April in Baghdad when the driver of the tank he was in lost control and the tank rolled off a bridge. The Pentagon does not identify those who are wounded.

As the toll on US forces has mounted this month, most public attention has focused on the deaths. Less has been reported on the wounded, in part because the Pentagon has stopped

providing daily updates and does not give details on the types or severity of wounds.

The only distinction the Pentagon makes in its public reports is between the number of wounded who are returned to duty within three days and those who are not. In the past two weeks, the number of wounded who returned to duty rose by 257 and the number who did not rose by 338.

The number of wounded since 1 April is approaching 900, far beyond the 200-300 wounded in most other months of the conflict. In

March 291 were wounded in action. The highest monthly total before April was 413 in October 2003, according to the Pentagon's Directorate for Information Operations and Reports.

The Pentagon's figures do not include troops who are injured in accidents or felled by illness.

Defence Secretary Donald H Rumsfeld said Thursday that regardless of how well US troops may be trained, the kind of conflict they are fighting in Iraq is bound to take a heavy toll. He singled out the Marines, saying they consider themselves well-trained to fight in urban areas; Marines have been fighting recently in and around the city of Fallujah.

Internet

Norway rejects US call to keep troops in Iraq

***STOCKHOLM, 24 April—Norwegian Foreign Minister Jan Petersen said on Friday his country has rejected US call to stay on in Iraq after a planned pullout in June, Norwegian news agency reported.

Norwegian troops will be pulled out before the June 30 sovereignty transfer and would not continue to stay in Iraq thereafter, said the minister after holding talks in Washington with US Secretary of State Colin Powell who expressed hopes that Norway might reconsider its plan to pull out in June.

"We must follow our original plan, or a commitment, until the summer," Petersen said, adding Norway would strengthen the troops in Afghanistan after withdrawing from Iraq.

"We must contribute so that NATO does not fail in Afghanistan," Petersen said. Norway, a NATO member, did not support the US-led war in Iraq, but sent 150 troops to help stabilize the south of Iraq after the overthrow of the former Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein.—Internet



A military convoy in flames after an attack in Kerbala, Iraq on 23 April, 2004.

INTERNET

600 kilos of cocaine seized in US vessel

MEXICO CITY, 24 April—Some 600 kilos of cocaine were seized in a US vessel near an island off Mexico's southeastern coast, Liliana Aguilar, spokeswoman of the General Attorney's Office (PGR), said Thursday.

The raid was conducted by the Federal Agency of Investigations (AFI) on Wednesday near the Women Island off the Caribbean tourist resort of Cancun but no arrests were made, said the spokeswoman.

The vessel *Wind Dancer*, which arrived in Mexico on 29 November, 2003, from the Dominican Republic, has anchored at a yacht club. The vessel's owner was John Hanner but his whereabouts

remained unknown, port authorities said. Aguilar said the seized drug, valued at 10 million US dollars in the black market, was destined for the United States.

It is unknown whether this finding is linked to the arrest of Otto Herrera, a major Guatemalan drug trafficker, who was captured by Mexican police as he was leaving an airport in the capital of Mexico City on Wednesday afternoon. — MNA/Xinhua

UNICEF calls for reducing price of new anti-malaria drug

ADDIS ABABA, 24 April—The United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) Thursday called on pharmaceutical firms and donor countries to reduce the price of a new anti-malaria drug, to get behind an initiative to introduce the life-saving drug to hundreds of millions of people.

According to a Press release issued by UNICEF, the powerful new drug called artemisinin-containing combination therapy (ACT) can save the lives of 300 million people afflicted by malaria every year. But it is comparatively expensive and currently available only in limited quantities. "If the private and pub-

lic sectors work together effectively, we can quickly reshape the marketplace for malaria drugs and take a great leap toward rolling back malaria," said Executive Director of UNICEF Carol Bellamy before the Africa Malaria Day to be marked on 25 April.

MNA/Xinhua

Indonesian Islamic Council warns against US intervention

JAKARTA, 24 April—The top state Islamic organization, Indonesian Ulema Council (MUI), on Thursday warned the United States mission office in Jakarta of not to intervene in Indonesia's legal sovereignty.

"I warn the US Embassy not to conduct an intervention in Indonesia's legal sovereignty," General Secretary of the MUI Din Syamsudin told reporters outside the prison after visiting detained Indonesian Muslim cleric Abu Bakar Ba'ashir.

Syamsudin also warned the United States not to interfere in Indonesia's affairs

in other fields.

"Currently, I see they (the US Embassy) have a political intervention," he said.

He said such move was a bad diplomacy and would not attribute to the peaceful relationship between the two countries.

Last month, US Ambassador to Indonesia Ralph L

Boyce asked the Indonesian Government to extend the detention of Muslim cleric Abu Bakar Ba'ashir, who is due to be freed on 30 April, without legal procedure.

However, the US request was rejected by the Indonesian police and Foreign Affairs Ministry.

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Israeli Airlines to test anti-missiles system on planes

JERUSALEM, 24 April—El Al Israel Airlines is to begin testing a system to guard its aircraft against missiles, local newspaper *Jerusalem Post* reported on Friday.

Israeli Transport Ministry spokesman Avner Ovadia was quoted as saying that a new anti-missile system would be installed on one aircraft of the airlines in June, with tests lasting two to three months.

If the tests are successful, the system would be installed on all of its 30 aircraft.

The Israeli system, called "Flight Guard," was developed by Israel Aircraft Industries. Costing 750,000 US dollars per unit, it responds automatically to an approaching heat-seeking missile, firing flares to divert the missile away from the aircraft.

"Flight Guard" has been used on Israeli military aircraft for a decade.

MNA/Xinhua



An Iraqi family tries to get past a US Marine checkpoint to collect family belongings from their home in Fallujah, Iraq on 23 April, 2004.—INTERNET

Kerry criticizes Bush for using UN “back door” in Iraq

WASHINGTON, 24 April—Democratic presidential challenger John Kerry said Iraq was not close to true self-rule despite a June 30 deadline and criticized the White House for failing to bring Arab and European countries to Addressing a gathering of US newspaper editors, the Massachusetts senator derided what he called President George W Bush's attempt to use UN envoy Lakhdar Brahimi as a “back door” channel in Iraq without wider international help.

Kerry, who has called for a major UN role in Iraq, said the Republican White House was seeking a “third way” between continued fighting and a complete withdrawal from Iraq a year after US-led forces toppled Saddam Hussein.

“This administration is trying to go through the back door to get that third way, using ambassador Brahimi and trying to find a way to

get a government rather than launching an all-out assault and effort to bring (other) people to the table,” he said.

The Democrat said Washington should be saying, “Look, you folks in the Arab world have a huge interest in not having a failed Iraq as your neighbor. And you people in Europe have a huge interest in not having a failed Iraq at your doorstep.”

“Notwithstanding those interests, none of them are at the table with this administration,” Kerry told the annual convention of the American Society of Newspaper Editors.

Kerry also doubted whether the administration, which spoke this week of plans to transfer “limited” sovereignty to the Iraqis by 30 June, was making progress toward establishing

a fully functioning Iraqi government.

“First, the administration would have you believe that we are about to turn over authority in Iraq to a new government, a handover that will signal the end of America's occupation,” he said.

“But in reality, we are no closer to a real Iraqi government capable of providing security for its people, making laws, ensuring freedoms. This is still America's problem.”

Brahimi said Friday the handover of sovereignty was “doable” by 30 June if all sides cooperated, and told ABC television's “This Week with George Stephanopoulos” programme that the transfer should not be postponed.

Kerry, who has supported sending more US troops to Iraq if necessary, said Friday that a pullout from the battered country would have dire consequences.

“I think it would be disastrous for the war on terror as well as our interests in the region as well as the stability,” he said.

Internet



Iraqi children, supporting Moqtada Al Sadr, chant slogans in the Baghdad suburb of Al Sadr City, Iraq on 23 April, 2004.—INTERNET

Iraq's Sadr warns of suicide bombs if US attacks

KUFA, 24 April—Rebel Iraqi cleric Moqtada al-Sadr said on Friday he could unleash suicide bombers if US forces attacked the holy Shiite city of Najaf, and called on the whole nation to unite to expel Iraq's occupiers.

US forces are poised just outside Najaf and have vowed to kill or capture Sadr and destroy his Mehdi Army militia, which has clashed with foreign forces across south and central Iraq.

However, they have also made clear they are giving Iraqi negotiators time to negotiate an end to the stand off and no move against him is imminent.

Speaking at Friday prayers in Kufa, next to Najaf where he also preached last week, Sadr told thousands of Shiites

Najaf would never fall to the occupiers.

“We will shed blood to keep our holy city,” he said. “Lots of believers, men and women, came to me and asked permission to become martyrs and to execute martyrdom operations.”

“I keep telling them to wait. But if there was an assault on our cities or on our religious authorities we will be time bombs and will not stop before destroying enemy forces.”

There are fears a US attack

on Najaf could spark a wider and bloodier uprising. Sadr likened Iraq's situation to that of the Palestinians, saying Iraqis faced the same enemies and must unite to defeat them.

“We should be united for one ultimate goal, to liberate our country and remove the filth from Iraq,” he said.

The congregation chanted “Long live Sadr” and denounced not only the occupation forces but the US-appointed Iraqi Governing Council, saying

“America and the Council are infidels.”

“Through history Najaf has suffered from wars but it was never shaken and it always came out victorious,” Sadr said. “The British never managed to subjugate Najaf, nor the Turks and now the American occupation will never manage to destroy Najaf.”

He also denounced a series of suicide bombs in Basra on Wednesday which were aimed at police stations and killed 73 people.—Internet

Kuwaiti, Irish FMs stress cooperation between GCC, EU

KUWAIT CITY, 24 April—Kuwaiti Foreign Minister Sheikh Mohammed Sabah Al-Salem Al-Sabah and his Irish counterpart Brian Cowen on Thursday highlighted the need to strengthen relations between the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) and European countries, *Kuwait News Agency* reported.

In a Press conference held after meetings between the two ministers in Dublin,

Sheikh Mohammad said he had discussed with Cowen the agenda of a mid-May meeting between foreign ministers of the GCC and EU countries in the Belgian capital of Brussels and the creation of a free trade zone, the report said.

Iraqi situation, the developments in Saudi Arabia and the Middle East were also among the topics discussed, Sheikh Mohammad was quoted as saying, adding that

they both agreed on the illegality of Israeli settlements.

As to transferring power to Iraqis, Sheikh Mohammad said Kuwait would extend all possible assistance to the international community to make the power transfer process successful.

The top Kuwaiti diplomat also voiced concern over the terror attacks in Iraq, saying the GCC and European Union will join hands to combat terrorism, especially

those acts aiming to obstruct power transfer to the Iraqi people.

Kuwait is currently presiding the GCC and Ireland is the rotating EU president.

Sheikh Mohammad's visit, the first ever visit of a senior Kuwaiti official to Ireland, is part of his European tour. After concluding visits to Brussels and London, the Kuwaiti minister arrived in Dublin earlier Thursday.

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US concern over war dead photos

WASHINGTON, 24 April— Pentagon lawyers are examining the release of photographs of the coffins of dead American soldiers repatriated from Iraq.

The images, taken by Department of Defence officials, appeared on the web after the US Air Force released them under the Freedom of Information Act.

Pentagon rules dating back to 1991 ban the media from covering the return of the remains of soldiers killed abroad. Critics say the rule is designed to cover up the human cost of war.

Defence officials insist it is in the interests of bereaved families.

The official photographs of coffins draped in the US flag were released last week to activist Russ Kick, who had filed a Freedom of Information Act request to receive the images. He published them on his website The Memory Hole.

Deputy Under Secretary of Defence John Molino said Pentagon lawyers were looking into whether banning the further release of such photographs would fall foul of the Freedom of Information Act.

“The attorneys now are looking to see if the policy and the law are in conflict, or if the policy and the law are not in conflict and there was just some misunderstanding or misinterpretation of the situation that allowed that release,” he told reporters.

Mr Molino added that he fully supported what he considered a “reasonable” policy restricting such images that had spanned several different administrations.

“We continually get feedback from families that this reflects their desires to maintain a degree of privacy... and also maintains the respect and the dignified treatment of those remains as they're transferred,” he said.

He denied the suggestion that restricting access to the photographs was an attempt at damage limitation by the Bush administration, which is under pressure over its policy of invading and occupying Iraq.

“I don't see that as our motivation. To be very frank with you, we don't want the remains of our service members who have made the ultimate sacrifice to be the subject of any kind of attention that is unwarranted or undignified,” said Mr Molino.

In a separate development, an American woman and her husband have been fired from their job with a US cargo contractor in Kuwait after a photograph of flag-covered coffins she took during the course of her work appeared in the *Seattle Times* newspaper.

Internet



A US Marine from the 1st Battalion 5th Marines secures a road on the outskirts of Fallujah, Iraq on 23 April, 2004, where a Marine transport truck was recently blown up by a guerillas rocket propelled grenade.—INTERNET

Moussa sets conditions for sending Arab troops to Iraq

CAIRO, 24 April — The Arab world would send its troops to Iraq only when they are to be part of a UN force, Arab League Secretary-General Amr Moussa said here Thursday.

Moussa made the remarks at a joint Press conference with visiting Tunisian Foreign Minister Al-Habib bin Yahya in response to UN's Iraq envoy Lakhdar Brahimi's call for participation of Arab troops in Iraq. Egypt's official MENA news agency reported.

Librahimi's remarks are not a call but rather part of ideas and proposals seemingly in the pipeline, Moussa said, adding the Arab League's Council of Ministers had expressed the attitude towards any call in this respect.

The call hinges on the issuance of a clear resolution from the UN Security Council to form a force led by the international organi-

zation, the issuance of a resolution from the Arab League accepting this and a request by a legitimate Iraqi Government, the AL chief further explained.

He stressed that "Arab troops could not by any means form part of an occupation force (in the US-led coalition). Nothing of the sort can be imposed on Iraq or on any other Arab country".

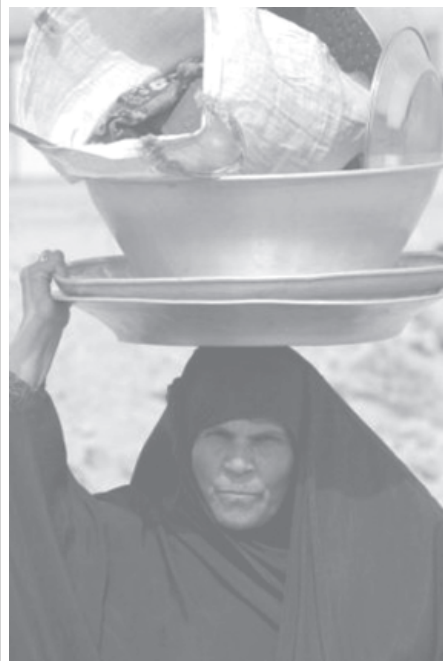
Talking about the coming Arab summit, Moussa said that the key issues would be tackled in the summit and there is no need to amend their items.

The negative developments added to the proposed issues, whether regarding the Arab-Israeli conflict or the Iraqi issue, cannot be ignored

but they do not need additional items because they already exist, he added.

On Tunisia's insistence on the venue of the summit, Moussa said that "we are done

with this issue. The resolution was unanimously taken. We just cannot continue talking about the past. Let us talk about serious and important issues". — MNA/Xinhua



An Iraqi woman carries household goods from her home on her way out of Fallujah, Iraq on 23 April, 2004.

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First advanced German-made submarine for Greece launched

BERLIN, 24 April — The first German fuel cell submarine to be exported to Greece was launched in Kiel Thursday, the manufacturer HDW said.

The submarine is one of the four that the Kiel-based HDW has been building for Greece. The other three will be constructed at the HDW subsidiary Hellenic Shipyards in Greece.

The vessel, estimated to cost 250 million euros (295 million US dollars), is 65 metre long with a displacement of 1,700 tons. Equipped with an air-independent fuel cell propulsion system, it is considered one of the quietest types of submarines in the world.

Meanwhile, the German Submarine Consortium GSC, of which the HDW is a member, signed a contract Wednesday in Lisbon to provide two fuel cell submarines for the Portuguese Navy with an option for a third vessel.

"In obtaining this contract, the German shipbuilding industry is once again demonstrating its position as market leader in non-nuclear submarine construction," a HDW statement said.

MNA/Xinhua



A British soldier on patrol in the southern Iraqi city of Basra on 22 April, 2004. — INTERNET

Los Angeles becomes major prostitutes trafficking centre

LOS ANGELES, 24 April — Los Angeles has become one of the largest prostitutes trafficking centres with an estimated 10,000 immigrant women are brought here and forced into prostitution each year, a city councilman said Thursday.

Los Angeles city councilman Tony Cardenas proposed in a motion on forming a task force to address the problem in the second largest US city.

"I'm targeting human trafficking involving forced prostitution," Cardenas said, "because this is the most horrifying and scarring of human trafficking crimes."

Two weeks ago, four people were indicted on charges that they smuggled a dozen undocumented Mexican females — including two aged 14 and 15 — and forced them to work as prostitutes at a south Los Angeles brothel.

On Tuesday, Los Angeles police officers found more than 100 undocumented Central American immigrants crammed into a

run-down house in Watts. It was unclear whether that case involves sexual violations.

With Los Angeles International Airport, the ports and its large immigrant community, Los Angeles has become one of the largest points of transit for trafficked women in the world, officials said.

Councilman Cardenas instructs the city's Commission on the Status of Women to create a task force to identify advocacy and counselling resources for victims, regardless of citizenship.

He also calls for a partnership between the Los Angeles Police Department and the Coalition to Abolish Slavery & Trafficking, which provides 24-hour assistance from advocates trained in

sexual abuse and human trafficking.

Paula Petrotta, the commission's executive director, said the motion "is pivotal in streamlining help resources for survivors of human trafficking and closing the gap between the agencies that oversee these types of crimes". But at least one hurdle in creating the task force lies in the mayor's proposed overall budget, which slashes the commission's funding by 35 per cent.

Cardenas, however, vowed not to let that get in the way. "When you really want to champion something, you have to get creative," he said, adding that he would look into several funding sources to get the project up and running. — MNA/Xinhua

US soldier killed, two injured in road accident in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 24 April — One US soldier was killed and two others were injured in a road accident in Iraq, a US military statement said Thursday.

One of the two injured soldiers in the accident that took place on Tuesday evening in Balad, 75 kilometres north of Baghdad, was transferred to Germany and the second was slightly wounded and released after treatment.

More than 700 US soldiers have died since the US-led invasion of Iraq in March last year, and over 200 of them died in non-combat actions, according to official US estimates. — MNA/Xinhua

Russia names "important issues" UN should investigate in Iraq

Moscow, 24 April — Russia said Thursday that it respects a United Nations investigation into alleged corruption in the United Nations oil-for-food programme in Iraq but that does not see it as a priority task for the world body as there are more pressing issues on the UN agenda.

"We respect the decision (of UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan) to set up a commission for an independent investigation" into the alleged corruption in the programme, the Interfax news agency quoted Deputy Foreign Minister Yuri Fedotov as saying.

"However, we do not think that such historical inquiries are a key priority of the UN Security Council," Fedotov said.

Russia this week backed

the UN Security Council resolution approving the independent inquiry of the UN-run Iraqi oil-for-food programme, which US lawmakers had claimed allowing Saddam Hussein to acquire more than 10 billion US dollars in oil revenues.

Fedotov named a number of "important issues" that the Council should investigate, including the Iraqi weapons of mass destruction and tracking down people who went missing during Iraq's 1990 invasion of Kuwait.

"In general, we think the UN Security Council's work on Iraq must be aimed into the future and help build a model of fair and lasting Iraqi settlement with broad international participation," he said in a statement. The top Russian diplomat expressed the hope that the investigation commission "will make an unbiased and meticulous probe, without becoming politically engaged".

Reports said Russian companies got preferential contracts under the oil-for-food programme to supply various products to Iraq.

But Russia's Foreign Ministry has dismissed allegations that Russian companies received bribes from Saddam Hussein's government as groundless, saying that they could be aimed at thwarting Russian companies' efforts to return to the Iraqi market. — MNA/Xinhua

Strokes hit some 200,000 Italians annually

ROME, 24 April — Strokes, which hit some 200,000 Italians annually, are the country's third-biggest killer, Italian health experts warned here on Thursday.

According to the latest figures, one in five of those affected dies and one in three survivors are severely affected, they said.

Scientists and doctors gathered in Rome for Stroke Prevention Day stressed that

the illness was "avoidable" with proper information. "Many don't even know they're at risk and those who do, still don't take proper care of themselves," said Giuseppe d'Alessandro, president of the Alice Stroke

Association.

"Two thirds of all stroke cases could be prevented if adequate measures were taken in advance." Experts said that high-blood pressure and smoking were the main triggers for strokes and cau-

tioned against the common misapprehension that the condition only affected older people. In fact, at least one out of every five people who suffer a stroke is under the age of 45, they said.

MNA/Xinhua



An Iraqi man views the devastation from his home on 22 April, 2004, at the site of one of three attacks the previous day in the southern Iraq city of Basra.



An Iraqi man views the scene of destruction after one of three car bomb explosions in the southern Iraq city of Basra on 21 April, 2004.



Iraqi girl Wiam Mohammed, 4, shows her injuries in Baghdad, Iraq on 17 April, 2004, after she was hit with a bullet in her left shoulder fleeing Fallujah in a car with her parents, six brothers and sisters and a cousin. Her parents, two sisters and brother were killed when US Marines opened fire on the car that was carrying them.



Iraqi children, refugees from Fallujah, comfort each other after arriving to a makeshift refugee camp in the Khadra district of Baghdad, Iraq on 23 April, 2004. Workers from the Iraqi Red Crescent relief agency prepared a camp for displaced persons from the violence-wracked city of Fallujah.
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Images of Iraq



Iraqi Umm Ali, right, sits next to the bed of her 10 month-old son Ali Sabah, at Fallujah's public clinic, 60 kilometres west of Baghdad, Iraq on 18, April 2004. Ali was wounded during fighting in Fallujah on Friday.



One of the school children wounded in an explosion targeting police stations in the southern Iraqi city of Basra receives treatment at a local hospital on 22 April 2004.

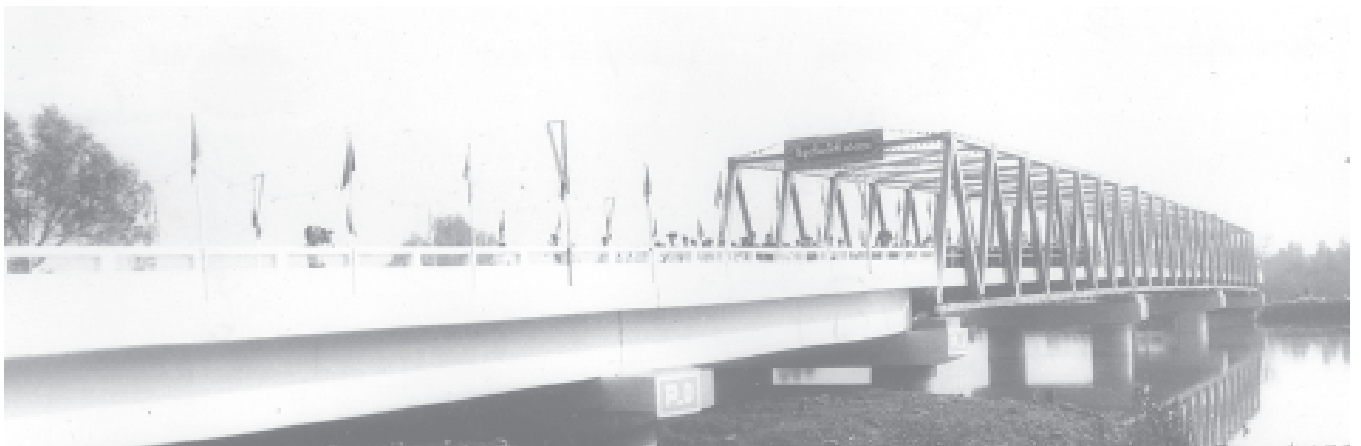
New and fast developments throughout Myanmar



The Government Technological College in Mandalay. — MNA



The factory of Myanmar Asia Optical International Co Ltd seen in Mingaladon Industrial Zone.— MNA



Deedokpauk Bridge seen on Maei-Kyaukpyu road section of Yangon-Kyaukpyu Highway in Yanbye Township. —MNA

To understand the truth

Ketu Nila

Together with the great changes and developments in the political, economic and social fields, Myanmar at present is practically building a new democratic Union of Myanmar, laying down the seven-point future policy programme, and as the first stage, it has announced the resumption of the National Convention, which has been temporarily adjourned, on 17 May 2004.

Myanmar expatriates and fugitives from outside the nation, and global neo-colonialists and destructive elements under the guise of politicians from inside the nation, ignoring the changing and developing political, economic and social sectors, are slandering the nation as if it has achieved no progress at all. They are demanding imposition of economic sanctions on Myanmar. But they have no other aim but to grab the State power through short cut.

However much they are trying to cover the objective conditions, they are unable to deny the truth. There is a Myanmar saying which goes "The good becomes famous, while the bad becomes infamous". The unprecedented development in the infrastructures may be seen as tangible results in the nation. In the political sector, the nation has been able to make peace with 17 armed groups, and held the National Convention to draw a State constitution, and in the economic sector, it has adopted the market-oriented economic system. Moreover, it has built a number of irrigation facilities and reclaimed large stretches of vacant, virgin and wetlands for crop cultivation; roads and bridges including river-crossing bridges, that help further strengthen the national unity and facilitate transport sector; extended schools, institutions of higher learning and vocational schools subject-wise; and built hospitals and dispensaries from districts down to the villages in providing public health care.

As such, ASEAN countries and regional countries seeing and understanding Myanmar's objective conditions from the positive point of view are extending bilateral cooperation with the nation and some European countries are also making constructive approach towards Myanmar. In addition, Myanmar scholars living abroad and their foreign counterparts are also studying Myanmar from the constructive point of view and holding paper-reading sessions to present their finds.

Scholars held talks to review the US-Myanmar relations in Washington on 25 March 2004. Now, I would like to

present only the brief account of the presentation of the experts including Dr John Badgley, former American professor with 30 to 40 years experience in his study of Myanmar, Professor David Steinberg of Georgetown University, a former British professor Dr Robert Taylor, Assistant Professor U Kyaw Yin Hlaing of Political Department of Singapore University and senior critic Mr Morten Petersen of International Crises Group.

During the talks, Dr John Badgley presented his view on the Myanmar military government, saying that, he thought the government was changing its attitude; that instead of imposing sanctions on Myanmar, the US should concentrate on serving its own interest; that as the American strategy gave priority to serving its own interest, the US and its citizens did not wish to see unnecessary rise in the number of enemies; that the US should worry about the economic gains in Myanmar of the neighbouring and regional countries, as it had no economic investment in the country.

Next, U Kyaw Yin Hlaing said that sanctions did not work, instead, they worsened the situation in Myanmar; that it was not that sanctions did not hurt the government, but they hurt the people more; that the elements who support the sanctions would not continue to do so if they heard or had the opportunity to hear about the sufferings of the people hit directly or indirectly by the sanctions.

Similarly, Mr David Steinberg said that the US government had never acknowledged the good points of the Myanmar government, while failing to make an official statement on the infrastructural development, the truce with insurgents, and reduction in the cultivation of poppy for opium. He also said that Senator McConnell had said that sanctions were meant for the Myanmar military junta to make changes; that he didn't believe that sanctions would change the military government; that instead of paving the way for the military government to extend further relations with the world nations, the US was trying to isolate it; that as the successive US administrations were trying to extend better relations with North Korea, they should also deal with Myanmar in the same way; that in his view sanctions hurt the US interest also.

(To be continued)

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UMFCCI opens Japanese language course

YANGON, 24 April — With the assistance provided by Koeki Shoji Co Ltd of Japan, the first year course on Japanese language was opened with ceremony by the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce & Industry at its Training Centre on Bo Sun Pat Street here this morning

Chairman of Education Work Committee of the UMFCCI U Sein Win Hlaing first delivered an address. Next, Mr Masumaru Tsuchino of Koeki Shoji Co Ltd of Japan spoke on the occasion. The one-month course is being attended by 55 trainees. — MNA



The opening ceremony of the first year course on Japanese language in progress. — MNA



A modern shelf of drinking water taps built at a cost of K 500,000 was opened with ceremony at the middle block of Bo Sun Pat Street, Pabedan Township, Yangon Division on 24 April morning. Township Peace and Development Council Chairman U Tin Ohn and Road Development Committee Chairman U Khin Maung Than formally open the shelf for the public. — (H)

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

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- (၁) နံနက် (၁၀)နာရီမှ ညနေ (၅)နာရီအတွင်း လွှင့်တင်ခေါင်းဖြင့် မြစ်ကမ်းနား၊ ရေအိမ်စသည်တို့တွင် ရေချိုးခြင်းမပြုရကြပါ။
- (၂) နေပူထဲမှပြန်လာပြီး ချက်ချင်းရေချိုးခြင်းမှ ရှောင်ကြပါ။
- (၃) နေပူထဲတွင် ပြင်းထန်သောကွယ်လွန်ရာများ မပြုလုပ်သင့်ပါ။
- (၄) အရက်သောက်ခြင်းသည် အပူအသက်အန္တရာယ်ကို ဖြစ်ပေါ်စေနိုင်သဖြင့် ဖြစ်ပွားပါက ပြင်းထန်စွာ ခံစားရခြင်းကြောင့် ရှောင်ကြပါရန် သင့်ပါသည်။

- (၅) နေ့ခင်းဘက် အပြင်ထွက်သည့်အခါတိုင်း အရိပ်လုံလောက်စွာ ရရှိနိုင်သည့် ထီး၊ ဦးထုပ်များ ဆောင်းပါ။
- (၆) အလင်းရောင်ပြန်သော အဖြူရောင် သို့မဟုတ် အရောင်ဖျော့ဖျော့ အဝတ်အထည်များကို ဝတ်ဆင်ပါ။
- (၇) ပူပူရောင်ရောင် ချည်ထည်များကို ဝတ်ဆင်ပါ။
- (၈) ရွှေထွက်လွန်ပါက ကိုယ်တွင်းရှိ ရေနှင့်ဓာတ်ဆားဆုံမှုကို ပြန်လည်ဖြည့်တင်းနိုင်ရန် ဓာတ်ဆားရည်သောက်ပါ။
- (၉) ကိုယ်အပူရှိန်တက်ပါက ရေအေးဖတ် နှိုင်းနိုင်တိုက်ပါ။
- (၁၀) ဆီးချိုရောဂါ၊ နှလုံးရောဂါ၊ သွေးတိုးရောဂါအစရှိသူများ၊ ကလေးသူငယ်များနှင့် သက်ကြီးရွယ်အိုများအနေဖြင့် နေ့လယ်နေ့ခင်းတွင် အရိပ်ရ၍ လေဝင်လေထွက်ကောင်းသော နေရာမျိုး၌ နားနေပါ။
- (၁၁) မိတ်ဖု၊ ယာဇာများထွက်ပါက ရေအေးဝတ်ကပ်ခြင်း၊ သနပ်ခါးလိမ်းခြင်းတို့ကို ပြုလုပ်ပါ။
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MMCWA has stood as an integrated...

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The diagnosis centre of the MMCWA (Headquarters) is giving medical check-up on cancer, a common diseases to women, and heart diseases to women, he said.

It is also encouraging to note that since 2001, in co-operation with specialists from the Health Ministry, the association has given free medical treatments to over 3,500 cleft lip and palate patients in states and divisions, he said.

Furthermore, the association has been joining the UN agencies and international social organizations including UNAIDS in the tasks for prevention and control of HIV and AIDS on a wider scale. And it is also cooperating with UNFPA and UNHCR in tasks for behaviour change with regard to reproductive health care services, he said. Now, the association is taking measures to organize men to participate in these tasks, he noted.

Starting from 2000, the association has given educative talks on reproductive health to teenagers and opened youths rehabilitation centres. In 2003, hand in hand with UNFPA, Intentional Planned Parenthood Federation and Marie Stope International, the association organized and nurtured some 4,000

youths at 10 Youth Centres in five townships, he said.

With respect to the education sector, the association provided cash assistance for over 1 million needy students to ensure completion of their education from 1996 to 2003. In carrying out these tasks, the association has won the participation of such international organizations as Asia Maternal and Child Welfare Association, 2050 Organization, U LAW, and Korean Embassy Women Organization, he said.

From 1996 to 2003, the association conducted three Rs courses for around 54,000 adults, and opened over 19,000 reading sessions and nearly 10,000 libraries. In addition, it has opened over 1,800 community learning centres in the entire nation in cooperation with the Education Ministry, he said.

With a view to ensuring all-round development of children under-five and better income of mothers, it has opened pre-primary schools and early-childhood development centres. And it has been conducting vocational training schools and providing necessary equipment as well as job opportunities and small loans for enabling women with low income to earn better income, he said.

He said Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare

Associations at different levels in cooperation with departments concerned and other social organizations are participating in the five rural development tasks being implemented under the guidance of the Head of State.

He said it is heartening to note that MMCWA at different levels are carrying out community welfare services in accord with the characteristics of a model village after opening day nurseries, pre-primary schools, community learning centres and libraries.

He said he is proud of the measures of MMCWA which include promotion of family life based on mother and child and development of youths and elderly people. MMCWA is undertaking community welfare tasks towards all-round social development of the entire Myanmar society.

He urged the association and its members to make efforts to achieve the lofty aims of social care services after realizing the fact that MMCWA brings about the all-round social development of the entire Myanmar society including health and fitness of mothers and children, security of family life, increase of job opportunities and income in women sector and development of economic and social life.

All-round social devel-



Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt views documentary photos of MMCWA (Central) and State and Division associations.—MNA

opment leads to spiritual development of the entire women including mothers. He believed that the entire mass of Myanmar women would become a national force with efficiency capable of discharging State and national duties.

Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation employing noble historical traditions of the entire Myanmar women and efficient capabilities is endeavouring for emergence of a united national force that can serve the interest of the nation. He said he also believed that members of MMCWA at different levels would participate in the tasks in unity under the leadership of MWAFA, a leading organization of the women sector. He urged the members to actively take part in the tasks whatever role they

are in while organizing the forces under the leadership of MMCWA for successful implementation of the seven-point future programme of the State, the prime national task at present. In conclusion, the Prime Minister urged them to make endeavours with greater momentum for all-round development of education, health, social and economic sectors including mothers and children and for emergence of a peaceful, modern developed nation, to participate in the national tasks of MWAFA, a leading organization in the women sector and to discharge their respective duties for successful implementation of the seven-point future programme of the State that can guarantee the stable future of the nation and its

people, national prestige and perpetuation of the Union forever.

Next, Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt and party and guests observed documentary photos of activities of MMCWA (Central), State and Division MMCW Supervisory Committees, health booklets published by MMCWA, video tapes and magazines. Next, MMCWA President Dr Daw Khin Win Shwe formally opened the market festival to mark the 14th annual conference. The Prime Minister and party and guests inspected youth education activities booth, shops opened by MMCWA (Central) and State and Division MMCW Supervisory Committees, traditional medicine booths and shops of private entrepreneurs.—MNA

Ngwetha Dam opened in...

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It is incumbent upon local people to make efforts for regional development and self-sufficiency in food with the effective use of dams and reservoirs built for boosting the living standard of local people and national development. At the same time, earnest efforts are to be made for extended production of paddy in Yinnabin and Salingyi regions on western bank of Chindwin river.

Relentless efforts are to be made for ensuring further strengthening of national economy through extended production of paddy and other crops in Sagaing Division where there is favourable weather condition. In conclusion, he urged local people and local authorities to strive for maintaining the irrigation facilities for long term use; for keeping the region green and pleasant; and for boosting the agricultural production as much as possible.

Next, Minister for Agriculture & Irrigation Maj-Gen Nyunt Tin delivered a speech. He said Ngwetha Dam built with the aim of developing agriculture in Salingyi region, supplying drinking water in rural regions and making the region green and pleasant is an invaluable heritage for Anya region.

Sufficiency of drinking water plays a vital role in the rural development tasks for national development. Altogether 159 dams including present one were built in the

country under the irrigation projects with the guidance of the Head of State. In a short time, they can supply water to over 2.1 million acres of cultivable lands and drinking water. He said agriculture is the most fundamental for food sufficiency of the people and the biggest productive force for national economy. This is why the government is laying emphasis on boosting agricultural production year after year, cultivating crops fully, increasing per acre yield and extending the cultivable acreage.

There are a lot of irrigated farmlands in Sagaing Division in upper Myanmar and the division has become a granary of upper Myanmar. Peasants engage in agriculture for their living and the enterprise contributes to half of the State's economy. He said construction of the dam started in 2002-2003 and it completed in two years. He spoke at length on importance of maintenance of the dam, conservation of forests which prevents erosion and depletion of fertile soil, boosting production of crops, conservation of trees in catchment areas and observing irrigation rules and regulations.

Commander of North West Command Maj-Gen Tha Aye also spoke on the occasion.

U Aung Zaw Oo of Salingyi Township thanked the government for construction of the dam.

Next, Lt-Gen Ye Myint, the commander, the minister and party inspected the dam. Next, Lt-Gen Ye Myint formally unveiled the stone inscription of the dam. The

commander and the minister formally opened the dam.

Lt-Gen Ye Myint, the commander and the minister had photo taken with local people. The earth dam is 5,280 feet long and 58 feet high and its capacity is 15,250 acre feet. It can supply 3,000 acres of farmlands in Salingyi Township. The dam is very beneficial to the neighbouring villages to be self-sufficient in clean water as well as keeping the region green and pleasant.—MNA

Lt-Gen Ye Myint supervises supply of water in Meiktila District

YANGON, 24 April—Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Ye Myint of the Ministry of Defence, accompanied by officials of the State Peace and Development Council Office and departments concerned, left here by air on 23 April morning and arrived at Mandalay International Airport in TadaU Township at 7.45 am.

Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party were welcomed there by Chairman of Mandalay Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Central Command Maj-Gen Ye Myint, Chairman of Sagaing Division Peace and Development Council Commander of North-West Command Maj-Gen Tha Aye, Mandalay Mayor Brig-Gen Yan Thein and officials.

Accompanied by Commander Maj-Gen Ye Myint and Commander Maj-Gen Tha Aye, Lt-Gen Ye Myint arrived in Mandalay at 9 am and discussed water supply and greening tasks with members of Agricultural Coordination Committees of Mandalay Division, Meiktila, Kyaukse and Yamethin Districts at the meeting hall of Central Command Headquarters.

Commander Maj-Gen Ye Myint reported on greening tasks in Meiktila District and water supply tasks.

Lt-Gen Ye Myint gave instructions on searching of water resources for availability of water and greening tasks in Meiktila District, Meiktila, Thazi and Wundwin townships and water supply system.

Later, officials reported on arrangements for water supply tasks.—MNA



Lt-Gen Ye Myint formally unveils stone inscription of Ngwetha Dam in Salingyi Township.—MNA

Lt-Gen Ye Myint attends ceremony to hand over school building in Monywa BEHS No 3

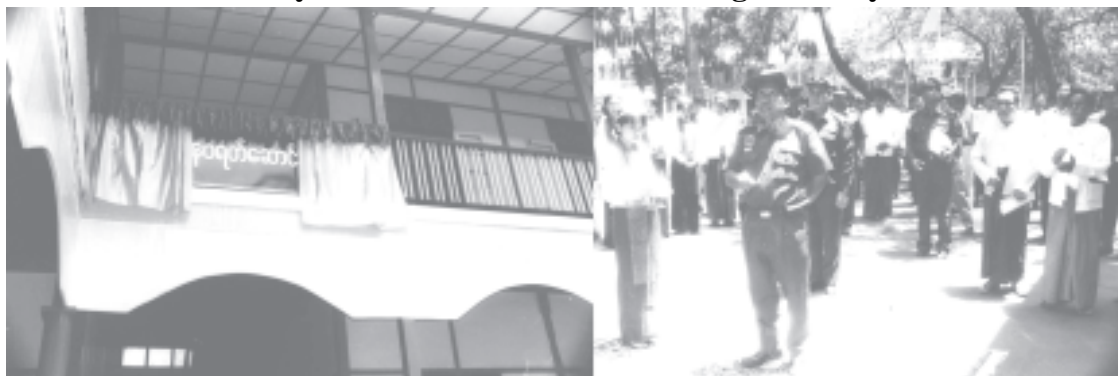
YANGON, 24 April—Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Ye Myint of the Ministry of Defence, accompanied by Chairman of Sagaing Division Peace and Development Council Commander of North-West Command Maj-Gen Tha Aye, attended the ceremony to hand over Nawarat Hall of Monywa Basic Education High School No 3 in Monywa on 23 April afternoon.

Also present were local authorities, departmental officials, the school head, teachers and students.

Officials formally opened the school building. Lt-Gen Ye Myint formally unveiled the signboard of the Nawarat Hall and inspected the hall.

Lt-Gen Ye Myint gave a speech on the occasion.

After the ceremony, Lt-Gen Ye Myint met with local authorities, departmental officials and local people at the Town Hall in Monywa. Commander Maj-Gen Tha Aye reported on progress of



State Peace and Development Council Member Lt-Gen Ye Myint of the Ministry of Defence unveils the signboard of Nawarat Hall of Basic Education High School No 3 in Monywa. —MNA

Sagaing Division. Similarly, officials reported on their respective sectors.

Speaking on the occasion, Lt-Gen Ye Myint said that the government is building the country to become a peaceful, modern and developed nation. In this regard, tasks of district and township are to be reviewed. For gaining development in district- and division-wise, assistance is to be provided to the townships which lagged behind in development

compared with other townships.

The people are to be organized for cooperation in regional development tasks. Under the guidance of Head of State Senior General Than Shwe, it can be seen that a lot of regional development tasks are being carried out in Sagaing Division.

In the road and bridge sector, Chindwin River Bridge (Hsinbyushin) and Chindwin River Bridge (Monywa) have been

opened. Myittha River Bridge are under construction.

Similarly, there are many major bridges which are over 180 feet long. Likewise, Monywa-Yagyi-Kalaywa Road, Shwebo-Myitkyina Road, ChaungU-Pakokku Railroad and Gangaw-Kalay Railroad have been constructed. Kalaywa-Mawlaik Road is being repaired.

Similarly, dams and river water pumping projects including

Thaphanseik Dam are being implemented. For development of the region in the long-run, all the local people are to harmoniously participate in efforts for the regional development.

Next, Lt-Gen Ye Myint, the commander and party inspected construction of the Strand Road in Monywa. Commanding Officer of the local battalion Lt-Col Aung Hsan reported on progress of construction tasks. The commander gave a supplementary report.

They also saw over construction of the road near Obotaung Village and completion of the 120 feet long Obotaung Bridge. Next, they looked into construction of Strand Road section between Obotaung and Mindaunt.

The present Strand Road is 5.58 miles long and 30 feet wide from Kyauk-hsaung Jetty to Mindaunt Bridge. Construction tasks started on 10 February 2004 and has completed 49.9 per cent. —MNA



MMCWA holds first-day session of 14th Annual Meeting

YANGON, 24 April—The Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association held the first-day session of the 14th Annual Meeting at the hall of the association in South Okkalapa Township this morning.

Also present were President of the association Dr Daw Khin Win Shwe, Vice-President Dr Daw Tin Lin Myint, CEC members, patrons of State/Division Supervisory Committee for MWCA and officials.

President Dr Daw Khin Win Shwe presided over the meeting and gave a speech.

The work report for 2003, the audit report for 2003-2004, the financial statement for 2003-2004 and the budget report for 2004-2005 were submitted to the meeting.

Next, secretaries of State/Division Supervisory Committees for MWCA submitted their annual reports to the meeting.

Later, Dr Daw Khin Win Shwe gave necessary instructions. The meeting will last up to 26 April. —MNA

MMCWA President Dr Daw Khin Win Shwe speaking at 14th Annual General Meeting of Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association. —MNA

Sanitation tasks carried out in Yangon City

YANGON, 24 April — Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe and Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin this morning inspected sanitation tasks and proper flow of water at drains in the municipal area of Yangon City being carried out by Tatmadawmen, members of Myanmar Police Force and workers of YCDC.

The commander and the mayor saw over sanitation tasks and dredging of drains along U Wisara Road in Dagon Township and wards in Sangyoung and Hline Townships.

The commander and the mayor gave necessary instructions and attended to their needs. They also looked into carrying out of sanitation tasks in Thingangyun, South Okkalapa, Yankin, Ahlon, Kyimyindine, Mayangon, Bahan, Pabedan and Lanmadaw townships. —MNA

Commander inspects completion of upgrading tasks at Zoo

YANGON, 24 April—Chairman of the Work Committee for Upgrading the Environs of Yangon City Kandawgyi Gardens and Zoo (Yangon) Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe inspected progress of upgrading tasks at the Zoo (Yangon) this evening.

The commander and party were welcomed there by Deputy Minister for Forestry Brig-Gen Tin Naing Thein, No 4 Military Region Commander Col Yan Naing Oo and officials of the Forest Department.

At the briefing hall, Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Tin Naing Thein reported on completion of upgrading tasks.

The commander, the deputy minister and party saw over completion of landscaping, repair of animal cages, upgrading of booths at the Natural History Museum, construction of the car park. Officials conducted them round the work site. Later, the commander gave necessary instructions.

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Myanmar delegation arrives back

YANGON, 24 April—The Myanmar delegation led by Minister for Economic Cooperation U Tin Winn arrived back here by air on 22 April morning after attending the ASEAN Economic Ministers' Informal Meeting from 20 to 22 April in Singapore.

The Minister and party were welcomed back at the airport by Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung, Minister at the Prime Minister's Office U Than Shwe, Deputy Minister for Labour Brig-Gen Win Sein,

departmental officials and families.

Members of the delegation Adviser to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs U Maung Maung Yi and Deputy Director of the Prime Minister's Office U Khin Maung Nyo also arrived back on the same flight.

The Myanmar delegation left here by air on 20 April afternoon to attend the meeting. —MNA

Don't smoke

Industry-2 Minister inspects Indagaw Industrial Zone

YANGON, 24 April — Minister for Industry-2 Maj-Gen Saw Lwin, accompanied by officials, this morning arrived at Indagaw Industrial Zone of the Ministry in Bago Division and inspected the site chosen for construction of the motor factory and electronic goods factory for motor vehicles. Managing Director of Myanma Industrial Construction Services U Ye Tin and project Director U Kyaw Nyunt reported on construction works with the aid of charts. Next, the minister gave necessary instructions.

The minister then looked into the aluminium wire factory of Myanma Machine Tool and Electrical Industries where Managing Director U Kyaw Win, Director (Project) U Win Tint and factory General Manager U Pe Than Hlaing reported on running of the factory and production of aluminium wires.

Later, the minister gave necessary instructions to them.

MNA

Argentina to lose \$500m due to energy crisis

BUENOS AIRES, 24 April — The current energy crisis will cost Argentina some 500 million US dollars, the Argentine Central Bank estimated in a quarterly report Thursday. The spending was mainly used for emergency imports of Venezuelan fuel oil and Bolivian gas. The cost for importing foreign gas “will have a direct impact on the commercial balance, and will deepen the downward tendency observed last quarter in the current

account’s surpluses,” the report warned.

It also stated the situation could worsen if the winter is colder than expected.

The payments for Venezuelan oil were estimated at 348 million US dollars at the current exchange rate.

Under an accord signed Wednesday with Bolivia, Argentina will buy Bolivia’s natural gas in the next six months to ease its energy crisis.

MNA/Xinhua

Los Angeles officials urge precautions against West Nile

LOS ANGELES, 24 April — Los Angeles health officials on Thursday warned people to take precautions against mosquitoes after crows in the county tested positive for the West Nile virus.

“These findings are a clear warning that the virus is continuing to circulate and amplify in the environment.

Now is the time to take precautions,” said Steve West of the San Gabriel Valley Mosquito and Vector Control District.

The virus is carried by birds and transmitted to

people by mosquitoes which first bite infected birds and then humans.

The first likely case of human West Nile infection in the United States this year was reported in Ohio last week. Last year almost 10,000 people nationwide were infected and some 260 people died from the virus.

Health experts say the best protection is to avoid mosquito bites by staying indoors from dusk to dawn and wearing long sleeves and trousers when outside.

MNA/Reuters

Senior Chinese military officer meets Russian DM

BEIJING, 24 April — Guo Boxiong, vice-chairman of the Chinese Central Military Commission, met with Russian Minister of Defence Sergei Ivanov here Thursday.

Guo said China and Russia are friendly neighbouring countries. As an important part of the strategic partnership of cooperation between the two countries, military relations between the two sides have been strengthened in recent years, he noted.

He said the development of bilateral relations between the two Armed Forces plays an important role in safeguarding the stability of this region and the world at large. He stressed that the Chinese side is willing to strengthen cooperation with the Russian side for further development of bilateral relations between the two countries and their Armed Forces. Ivanov said Russia highly values its friendly cooperation with China.

“Facts have proved the development of the strategic partnership of cooperation with China is conducive to the prosperity of both countries,” he said. He said Russia is ready to make joint efforts with China to enhance bilateral relations between the two countries and their Armed Forces. Guo appreciated Russia’s adherence to the one-China principle, and Ivanov said Russia will continue to adhere to this principled stance on the Taiwan issue.

MNA/Xinhua

Czech willing to enhance exchanges with Chinese universities

BEIJING, 24 April — The Czech Republic is willing to see further exchanges between the two countries’ colleges and universities, said visiting Czech President Vaclav Klaus here Thursday.

President Klaus held wide-ranging discussions with more than 10 professors and scholars from prestigious Beijing University Thursday on Sino-Czech relations, two countries’ domestic reform and future cooperation.

Klaus said the Czech Republic has very friendly relations with China and that the two sides support each other in many international affairs and have no visible disputes. The Czech Republic admires China’s rapid economic growth, and hopes to learn from the country’s experience in the balanced development of economy, media, and other various aspects, he said.

He hoped his current visit would help increase mutual understanding of the two sides and enhance the bilateral trade and economic exchanges. He also compared notes with the professors of Beijing University on meeting the challenges between the economic development and environmental protection. The Czech Republic had witnessed success in environmental protection in the past 10-odd years, he said, adding that the three major ways to achieve this are to alter the economic system, adjust the financial structure and formulate policies for environmental protection. — MNA/Xinhua

Official says Portugal welcomes Chinese tourists

BEIJING, 24 April — Portugal is eager to greet thousands of Chinese visitors, which will not only demonstrate China’s increasing national strength in the world’s tourism industry, but also indicate an exciting changes between the West-East relations 4, said visiting Luis Correia da Silva, secretary of state of tourism of Portugal.

He said Portugal has 11 World Cultural Heritage sites, which are attractive for Chinese people who also enjoy long history. Portugal also has tasty Porto wine, delicious food, a long coast with many beaches and beautiful golf courses. Portugal had some 12 million inbound tourists last year, but Chinese people only occupied a small portion. He hoped after Chinese travel agencies are allowed to organize group tours, the number of Chinese visitors can grow rapidly. He said the Euro 2004 will be held in Portugal. China Central Television will broadcast every match after showing half an hour of Portuguese scenery, which will make the Chinese audience more familiar with the nation.

Air Portugal was also here for dialogue with China’s Aviation Authority and three major airline groups, in the hope of opening direct links to Lisbon, said the airline’s vice-president Jose Guedes Dias. Quite a few Chinese tourists were preparing for an eight-day tour including France, Italy, Spain and Portugal. The first group is expected to set out at the end of May. Da Silva said the Portuguese language can be seen everywhere in Macao and maybe one day the Chinese language would also be found widely in Portugal. — MNA/Xinhua

သတိပေးနိုးဆော်ချက်

ခရီးသည်တင်မော်တော်ယာဉ်များအား ဖြိုတွင်းသို့ နေ့/ည ခရီးသည် ပို့ဆောင်နိုင်ရေးအတွက် သတိပေးခေါ်ဝေါ်ရန်နှင့် စက်သုံးဆီ ထုတ်ပေးထားပြီး ဖြစ်ပါသည်။ ယာဉ်စီမံခန့်ခွဲမှုအားလည်း သတိပေး နှုန်းထားများအတိုင်းတောင်းခံရန် ညွှန်ကြားထားရှိပါသည်။ သို့ရာတွင် အချို့ယာဉ်လိုင်းများမှ ယာဉ်မောင်းနှင့် ယာဉ်နောက်လိုက်တို့သည် ယာဉ်စီမံခန့်ခွဲမှုများကို ညပိုင်းတွင် ပိုမိုတောင်းယူနေကြောင်း သိရှိပါသည်။ ထိုသို့ ပိုမိုတောင်းခံပါက ထိရောက်စွာ အရေးယူနိုင်ရန် အောက်ပါ နံပါတ်များသို့ တိုင်ကြား နိုင်ပါသည်။

- (၁) မြန်မာနိုင်ငံရဲတပ်ဖွဲ့၊ ရန်ကုန်တိုင်း (ဖုန်း ၁၉၉)
- (၂) ကြုံမိကြေကန်နှင့် ယာဉ်ထိန်း တပ်ဖွဲ့ချုပ် (ဖုန်း ၂၅၁၇၅၇/၂၅၁၇၄၅)
- (၃) မော်တော်ယာဉ်လုပ်ငန်းပေါင်းစုထိန်းသိမ်းရေးကော်မတီ (ဖုန်း ၅၄၁၀၀၅/၅၄၁၀၀၄)

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အရက်ကြောင့်ဖြစ်သည့်ရောဂါများ

အရက်ကိုလွန်ကျွံစား၍ ရွဲလမ်းစွာသောက်သုံးခြင်းကြောင့် ဖြစ်ပွားတတ်သောရောဂါများမှာ အသည်းရောင်ခြင်း၊ အသည်း ခြောက်ခြင်း၊ သွေးအနံ့ခြင်း၊ အစာအိမ်ရောဂါဖြစ်ခြင်း၊ နှလုံးရောဂါ ဖြစ်ခြင်း၊ ဦးနှောက်နှင့်အာရုံကြောထိခိုက်ခြင်း၊ စိတ်ရောဂါများဖြစ်ခြင်း စသည်တို့ဖြစ်ပါသည်။

အရက်ကြောင့်ဖြစ်တတ်သော စိတ်ရောဂါများမှာ -

- ၁။ ကယောင့်ကတမ်းဖြစ်ခြင်း (Delirium Tremors)၊ ကြောက်လန့်ခြင်း၊ အချိန်၊ နာရီ၊ နေရာ၊ လူ ခန့်မှန်းနိုင်စွမ်း မရှိခြင်း၊ ရောဂါစရာလန်စရာများ ဖြစ်ရခြင်း၊ အသံဗလများ ကြားရခြင်း၊ ပုံမှားများစွာကိုယ်ပေါ် ရှိစေရခြင်း၊ သလိုခံစားရခြင်း၊ လက်တုန်ရောဂါဖြစ်တတ်ခြင်း။
 - ၂။ အရက်အလွန်အကျွံသောက်သုံးခြင်းအတွက် လူမရှိတတ် ခေါ်သံများ၊ ခြိမ်းခြောက်သံများ၊ စော်ကားမော်ကားသံများ ကြားနေရတတ်ခြင်း (Alcoholic Hallucinations)။
 - ၃။ အတက်ကြွ ရောဂါဖြစ်တတ်ခြင်း (Rum Fits) (ဝက်ရူးဖြစ်ရောဂါကိုသို့ တက်ခြင်း)။
 - 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 ရာဇဝတ်မှုကျူးလွန်သည်အထိ ဖြစ်နိုင်ခြင်း။
- အထက်ပါဆိုကျိုးများကို မခံစားရစေရန် အရက်သောက် သုံးခြင်း၊ အထူးသဖြင့် အလွန်အကျွံသောက်သုံးခြင်း၊ အရက်ကို ရွဲလမ်းစွာသောက်သုံးခြင်းတို့မှ နှောင့်ကြပ်ရန် တိုက်တွန်းအပ်ပါသည်။ အရက်စွဲရောဂါဖြစ်ပွားပါက စိတ်ကျန်းမာရေးဆေးရုံနှင့် ကုသရေး ဌာနများတွင် စနစ်တကျ ကုသမှုခံယူရန် အသိပေးနိုးဆော် အပ်ပါသည်။

ကျန်းမာရေးဝန်ကြီးဌာန

Rampant rhino gets amorous with car at British park

LONDON, 24 April — A rampant rhinoceros gave a group of visitors a glimpse of nature in the raw at a British safari park when he tried to have sex with their car. Sharka, a two-ton white rhino, got amorous with Dave Alsop’s car when he stopped with three friends to take pictures of the animal mating with his partner Trixie at the West Midland Safari Park.

The 12-year-old rhino tried to mount the Renault Laguna from the side, denting the doors and ripping off the wing mirrors before Dave drove away with a puffing Sharka in

pursuit. “He was a big boy and obviously aroused,” Alsop told the Sun newspaper on Thursday. “He sidled up against us. The next thing I know he’s banging away at the car and it’s rocking like hell.”

A spokeswoman for the park, which says “rhinos are not particularly intelligent animals” on its web site, said Sharka was a hit with the female rhinos and had fathered two calves in the last five years.

“He’s got a bit of a reputation this lad and he was obviously at it again,” she added.

MNA/Reuters

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(က) ရောဂါဖြစ်ပွားမှုတိုက်ဖျက်ရေး

- ၁။ ရောဂါသည်တီဘီရောဂါဖြစ်သော ကူးစက်ရောဂါဖြစ်သည်။ ဝေဒနာရှင် ရောဂါဆိုခြင်း၊ နှာချေခြင်း၊ သလိပ်တံတွေးမှ တစ်ဆင့် ရောဂါပိုးများလေထဲတွင်ပျံ့နှံ့၍ ကူးစက်သည်။
- အသက်အရွယ်မရွေး လူတိုင်းတွင်ဖြစ်ပွားနိုင်သည်။
- အဆုတ်တွင်အများဆုံးဖြစ်ပွားပြီး ကိုယ်ခန္ဓာအနှံ့အပြားတွင်လည်း ဖြစ်နိုင်သည်။
- ဆီးချိုရောဂါ၊ ခုခံအားကျဆင်းမှု၊ ကူးစက်ရောဂါနှင့် အာဟာရ ချို့တဲ့မှုရှိသူများတွင် အဖြစ်များသည်။

(ခ) ရောဂါလက္ခဏာများ

- ရက်ညှစ်ရောင်ဆိုးခြင်း [ရက်သတ္တပတ် (၃) ပတ်နှင့်အထက်]။
- ရောင်ဆိုးသွေးပါခြင်း။
- သလိပ်တွင်သွေးပါခြင်း။
- အဖျားတာရှည်ခြင်း။
- ခံတွင်းပျက်ခြင်း၊ မောပန်းလွယ်ခြင်း။
- ကိုယ်အလေးချိန်လျော့နည်းပိန်ချိုခြင်း။
- ကျောရင်အောင့်ခြင်း။

(ဂ) ကြိုတင်ကာကွယ်ခြင်း

- ရောဂါသွေးငယ်များအား ကာကွယ်ဆေး(ဘီစီဂျီ)ကိုမပျက်မကွက် ထိုးပေးပါ။
- အာဟာရပြည့်ဝသော အစားအစာများကိုစားသုံးပါ။
- သင့်တင့်လျောက်ပတ်သောကိုယ်လက်လှုပ်ရှားမှု ပြုလုပ်ပါ။
- ရောင်ဆိုးသွေး၊ နှာချေသွေး လက်ကိုင်ဝတ်ကို အသုံးပြုပါ။
- သလိပ်နှင့်တံတွေးကိုစည်းကမ်းမဲ့ထွေးခြင်းမှရှောင်ကြဉ်ပါ။
- ဆေးလိပ်သောက်ခြင်းမှရှောင်ကြဉ်ပါ။

(ဃ) ကုသမှုခံယူခြင်း

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

ကျန်းမာရေးဝန်ကြီးဌာန

စည်သူရေးဖြင့် ခေတ်မီပို့ပြီးတိုးတက်သော နိုင်ငံတော်ကြီး တည်ဆောက်ဖို့

Singapore, Japan move to curb trade in WMD parts

SINGAPORE, 24 April—Singapore and Japan signed an agreement on Thursday to step up the enforcement of export controls on the illegal trade in materials for weapons of mass destruction (WMD) in a bid to improve anti-proliferation efforts.

Both nations said they hope the agreement will encourage other Asian countries to introduce more effective export control systems to stamp out the illegal trade of WMD related materials.

Japan's Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry and Singapore Customs said in a joint statement the agreement comes as those seeking materials for WMD become more cunning and creative in circumventing the existing controls.

Under the agreement, both countries will exchange information and increase co-operation to ensure export licence conditions are better adhered to. They also will conduct educational programmes for the private sector and improve the flow of information on export control laws, regulations and policies.

The potential trade in materials for WMD in Asia was highlighted last year when Western authorities intercepted a

Libyan-bound container ship carrying nuclear centrifuge parts made in Malaysia.

The United States has since stationed its own Customs officers at Malaysia's main port of Klang to check US-bound container cargo.

"Preventing the proliferation of WMD and related items and technology is becoming increasingly important for the sustainable development of the Asian region," said Atsuo Shibota, director-general of the Japan's Trade Control Department.

The United States is also leading a drive for all shipping companies to comply with a tough United Nations maritime anti-terror law that comes into force on 1 July. Failure to comply risks cargoes being turned away at major ports. The United Nations law, known as the International Ship and Port Facility Security Code, is mandatory for all merchant ships and ports engaged in global trade.

MNA/Reuters

Thailand hosts regional meeting on drugs

BANGKOK, 24 April—Senior officials from Thailand, China, India, Laos and Myanmar are gathering in the Thai eastern resort city of Pattaya for a regional meeting on anti-drugs.

The three-day meeting, hosted by the Thai Government, is aimed at seeking for broader regional cooperation in the fight against drugs, according to the *Thai News Agency* on Friday.

Addressing the opening session of the meeting on Thursday, Thai Justice Min-

ister Pongthep Thepkanjana stressed the need to increase regional cooperation since East Asia and Southeast Asia had faced the dangers of drug-related problems for years.

He said Thailand had planned to eliminate all opium poppy growing areas

by 2008.

The delegates will also review progress of agreements reached at the Chiang Rai Conference in 2003.

They will also discuss ways to increase the efficiency of regional cooperation in drugs prevention and suppression.—MNA/Xinhua

Britain warns citizens against travel to Philippines

MANILA, 24 April—Britain cautioned on Thursday its citizens against travel to the Philippines citing a "high general threat" of terrorism and kidnapping throughout the country.

In its updated travel advisory, Britain reminded its travellers of the continuing threats against Western interests and the danger of collateral damages from terrorist attacks. The travel warning was issued despite the arrest of four suspected members of the Abu Sayyaf kidnap-for-ransom group in Manila, who were reportedly in possession of 36 kilos of explosives.

It also cited the grenade attack against the Shell gasoline company headquarters at Makati in Metro Manila on Sunday.

"You should be particularly vigilant in all public places and when travelling," the advisory said.

Travel to central, southern and western Mindanao, Basilan, Tawi-Tawi and the Sulu in the southern Philippines is still discouraged. "We advise you to postpone-essential travel to the rest of Mindanao and take particular care in Manila, throughout Palawan (in the Western Philippines) and at resorts and tourist centres throughout the Philippines," it added.—MNA/Xinhua

Rising oil prices will not have any impact on Thai economy

BANGKOK, 24 April—A senior official of the National Economic and Social Development Board (NESDB) has said that rising oil prices in the world market would unlikely have any impact on the Thai economy unless the prices are to exceed 30 US dollars a barrel, the *Thai News Agency* reported Friday.

Rising Thai exports to the world market will help offset any impact on the Thai economy caused by higher oil prices, NESDB Secretary-General Chakramon Phasukavanich said on Thursday.

But he said that the oil

price hike could affect Thailand's economic expansion if the prices exceeded 30 US dollars a barrel.

"If the oil prices in the world market stand no more than 26 US dollars a barrel, they won't affect the Thai economy, and Thailand's

economic growth is still projected to grow as high as 7-8 per cent this year. But if the oil prices exceed 30 US dollars a barrel, they could affect the country's projected economic growth inevitably," he stated.

MNA/Xinhua

Philippines ready to face, thwart terrorist attacks

MANILA, 24 April—The Philippine Government Friday assured that it would foil attack attempts of terrorist group while keeping its humanitarian contingent in Iraq.

Presidential spokesman Ignacio Bunye said in a statement that the government had taken effective measures to assure the public security.

"We are ready to face and thwart terrorist attacks in the country, particularly in Metro Manila and other key urban areas," he said.

The intelligence community is monitoring all threats and is not discounting any reports from allies, he added.

The United States earlier warned in a statement that crowded sea lanes and financial centres in Asia would be potential targets of terrorist attacks.

Earlier report said that embassies of South Korea and Pakistan in Bangkok, Thailand, both received letters from a so-called "Yellow-Red Overseas Organization" threatening to attack Asia and Pacific countries which have backed the anti-terror war launched by the United States after the September 11 attacks in 2001, including Australia, Japan, Kuwait, Pakistan, the Philippines, Singapore, South Korea and Thailand, between April 20 and 30.

Defence Secretary Eduardo Ermita Fri-

day confirmed in a radio interview that the military had held an intelligence meeting to discuss the new threats but had not found any new sign of terror attacks.

He also noted that the Philippines would continue the humanitarian mission in Iraq despite worsening security situation in the war-torn country where 49 Filipino soldiers and policemen were assigned to the US-led coalition forces.

Head of the Middle East Preparedness Team of the Philippines Roy Cimatu told a Press conference Thursday that about 3,500 Filipinos in Iraq were safe and accounted for amid the latest spate of terrorist attacks in the region.

"They are safe from direct fire from terrorists. They are safer inside the compounds (of their employers), where they have Internet access and television. They are well out of harm's way," he said.

Cimatu also said the Philippine peace-keeping force was well received by the Iraqi people. He quoted Iraqi Foreign Minister Hoshiyar Sibari as saying that the Philippine forces in Iraq were badly needed.

MNA/Xinhua

Experts say Indian Govt needs to review FDI policy

NEW DELHI, 24 April—Indian Government needs to review its policy allowing foreign direct investment up to 24 per cent in the small- and medium- scale enterprises (SMEs) while ensuring better credit facility and technology financing to make them globally competitive, industry experts said on recently.

"Direct benefits of FDI have not permeated down to the SMEs," Prabir Sengupta, Director of the Indian Institute of Foreign Trade, said at a workshop on Technology Financing for SMEs here.

He suggested a review of the present FDI policy in-

cluding the provision of foreign equity up to 24 per cent for SMEs.

Inaugurating a workshop, Sengupta said SME sector was important to the economy as it constitutes about one-third of India's total exports and contribute

7.0 per cent of the country's GDP.

Outlining the challenges before the sector, which accounts for 95 per cent of the industrial units and employs more than 17.8 million people, Sengupta said small companies should be provided cheaper loans instead of subsidies.—MNA/PTI

Buildings set fire in southern Thailand

BANGKOK, 24 April—Unidentified men on Thursday night set fire at some 20 sites in Thailand's southernmost province Narathiwat, which has been disturbed by constant violence over the past four months.

Schools, telephone posts and properties belonging to the government at some 20 sites were caught in fire simultaneously around 21:00 p.m. on Wednesday in 13 districts in Narathiwat, which lies some 1,000 kilometres south of Bangkok and neighbored Malaysia to the south. Seven schools have been totally torched down, while rescue troops were trying to fight down fires at other sites, soldiers stationed in the province told Xinhua.

MNA/Xinhua



A ten-day old marmoset clutches the finger of zoo keeper Manuela Werner in the zoo in Wittenberg, eastern Germany, on 23 April, 2004. The little Red Bellied Tamarin (*Saguinus labiatus*) is being hand-fed as his mother rejected him. He gets about 1.5 milliliters of baby food every two hours. —INTERNET

SPORTS

Shanghai edge Jubilo in Asian Champions League

SHANGHAI, 24 April—Honduras striker Saul Martinez scored an 81st-minute winner as China's Shanghai Shenhua beat Japanese leaders Jubilo Iwata 3-2 at home in the Asian Champions League on Thursday.

Victory for Shenhua, coached by former Leeds United manager Howard Wilkinson, ended Jubilo's 15-match winning streak in all competitions and threw Group E wide open.

South Korean club Chonbuk Motors now lead the group on goal difference from Jubilo, with both teams on nine points from four matches.

The South Korean Cup holders thrashed Thai side BEC Tero 4-0 this week, a result that cost BEC manager Attapol Puspakom his job.

Jubilo face Shenhua at home on May 12. Only the top team from each of the seven first-round groups will advance to the quarterfinals, to be played over two legs in September.

United Arab Emirates side Al Ain qualified for the last eight automatically by winning last year's inaugural Asian Champions League. —MNA/Reuters



Valencia's Ruben Baraja (C) runs between Villarreal's Roger Garcia (L) and Argentine Sebastian Bataglia, during their UEFA Cup semi-final first leg soccer match at Villarreal's El Madrigal stadium, on 22 April, 2004.

The match ended in 0-0 draw. —INTERNET

Park sets pace in Canaries Spanish Open

FUERTEVENTURA (Spain), 24 April—David Park continued his rich vein of form with a six-under-par 64 in the Canaries Spanish Open first round to earn a one-stroke lead over fellow Briton Jamie

Donaldson on Thursday.

Park, who closed with a 65 in last week's Seville Open, collected six birdies, one with a 30-yard chip-in, on a faultless card, making light of strong winds on the volcanic

Canary island.

The 29-year-old leader is trying to make a comeback after a fast start to his professional career, when he equalled Greg Norman's record by winning his second tournament before enduring a slump.

He lost a playoff for the 1999 Moroccan Open to Miguel Angel Martin on his debut then won the European Grand Prix the following week. Park feels success possibly came too early but after his best season for four years in 2003 he is hoping for an improvement in fortunes.

"You'd like to win again as soon as possible but it hasn't really worked out that way and golf is a difficult game to forecast," Park said.

"For a couple of years I stagnated while everyone else improved, so I guess winning was difficult to deal with."

Donaldson's career has been just the opposite as he has improved every year since qualifying from seven invitation events in 2001.

Also aged 29, his best result last season was second in the Algarve Portuguese Open, helping him to 58th place on the European money-list.

Donaldson played with veteran Briton Roger Chapman, who shot a 66 despite not managing a practice round to lie in third place, level with Frenchman Christian Cevaer. —MNA/Reuters

Pires hits out at Premier League schedule

PARIS, 24 April — Arsenal's Robert Pires has blamed disappointing results by English clubs in the Champions League on the Premier League's hectic schedule.

"English soccer pays the price for the aberrations of its schedule," the Frenchman told sports daily L'Equipe after Chelsea's 3-1 defeat at 10-man Monaco on Tuesday. "I found (the) Chelsea players very tired. 'When you have teams playing every three days or every two days and at any time of the day, you always end up paying the price,'" he added. —MNA/Reuters



Elkin Soto (R) from Colombian team Once Caldas, and Juan Cabrera (L) from Uruguayan team Fenix, battle for the ball during the first half of their first round Libertadores Cup soccer match in Montevideo, on 22 April, 2004. —INTERNET

Zidane wins fans vote as best European player

LIMASSOL (Cyprus), 24 April — Zinedine Zidane of France was named as the best European footballer of the last 50 years by fans on Thursday, finishing narrowly ahead of Germany's Franz Beckenbauer and Dutchman Johan Cruyff.

Zidane, polled 123,582 votes, just 1,013 more than "Der Kaiser" Beckenbauer, who totalled 122,569, with Cruyff third on 119,332.

Overall, more than 150,000 fans cast a total of seven million votes in the public poll, organized by European soccer's governing body UEFA to mark the Golden Jubilee of their foundation in 1954.

Votes could only be cast for modern-day players on the UEFA web site after votes for former players from each of the five decades had also been tabled.

The final three were announced at a Golden Jubilee ceremony at the start of UEFA's annual congress being held in Cyprus for the first time.

They topped a final list of 50 players gradually revealed by UEFA since the start of this year. Marco van Basten of the Netherlands was fourth with 117,987, while Alessandro Costacurta of Italy was 50th with 42,511 votes.

The top 10 was rounded

out by Italian goalkeeper Dino Zoff in fifth place, followed by Real Madrid's Alfredo Di Stefano in sixth, Portugal's Eusebio seventh, Soviet goalkeeper Lev Yashin eighth, France's Michel Platini ninth and Italian defender Paolo Maldini 10th.

The highest placed English player was Bobby Charlton in 14th place, while his old Manchester United teammate George Best of Northern Ireland, widely regarded as one of the world's all-time greats, was a surprisingly lowly 19th.

UEFA have been revealing successively higher positions on their web site over the last few weeks. There were four West Germans and four Italians in the top 20, three from the Netherlands, two from England and two from France.

Zidane, who will turn 32 during this year's European Championship in Portugal starting in June, is already the FIFA World Player of the Year, an award he won for the third time in December.

Like Beckenbauer, he has

won the World Cup and the European Championship with France and the European Cup with Real Madrid.

He scored twice in the 1998 World Cup final when France beat Brazil 3-0 in Paris and volleyed one of the most spectacular goals ever seen in a major final when Real beat Bayer Leverkusen 2-1 to win the European Cup for the ninth time in Glasgow in 2002.

Beckenbauer is the only man to win the World Cup as both a player (1974) and a coach (1990) and also won the European Cup with Bayern Munich in the 1970s.

Cruyff won the European Cup with his club Ajax Amsterdam in the 1970s and was in the Dutch side beaten by Beckenbauer's West Germany in the 1974 World Cup final.

Players whose careers have not lasted at least 10 years were not included in the poll.

MNA/Reuters

AS Roma could sell players to meet financial needs

MILAN, 24 April — Italian soccer club AS Roma said on Thursday it would need to sell players to meet payments due in the next couple of months, including a deposit to play in next season's championship.

Roma's shareholders met on Thursday to approve a 150-million-euro capital increase and said it was meeting back payments of players salaries and taxes. The capital hike, which can be paid for in cash or swapping debt for equity, will run until July 31.

The club and its owners have struck a series of deals to restructure its finances and keep it on the pitch, but Roma said it was still 15 million euros short of the 93 million it will need to pay by June 30 in bills and deposits.

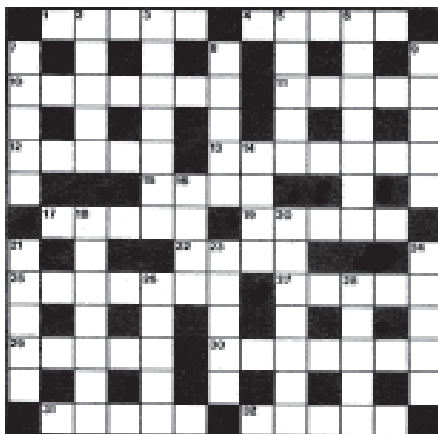
MNA/Reuters



Real Madrid's French striker Zinedine Zidane, was voted Europe's No 1 in a poll conducted by UEFA, the governing body of European soccer on 23 April, 2004.

INTERNET

Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- 1 Unsullied
- 4 French naval base
- 10 Uneasy
- 11 Furze
- 12 Snapshot
- 13 Repeat
- 15 Designation
- 17 Outer covering of flower
- 19 Sound
- 22 Swirl
- 25 Waterfall
- 27 Wooden shoe
- 29 Furlough
- 30 Windflower
- 31 Insignificant
- 32 Stage-whisper

DOWN

- 2 Lariat
- 3 Allowance to divorced wife
- 5 Rascal
- 6 Excel
- 7 Symbolic diagram
- 8 Fabric for overalls
- 9 Make merry
- 14 Look after
- 16 Drastically cut down
- 18 Soothe
- 20 Bivalves
- 21 Climb
- 23 Exclude
- 24 Scatter
- 26 Expert
- 28 Litter

MRTV-3
25-4-2004 (Sunday)
(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 Padaung Village and
Elephant Camp
- 9:10** **Headline News**
- 9:12 Ayeyawady Second
Defile
- 9:15** **National News**
- 9:20 Myanmar Movie Im-
pact "Missing Rhy-
thm"
- 9:30** **National News**
- 9:35 A Thousand Bo-tree
from Greening Tropic
Zone
- 9:40 Song "Be Back To
Neem Lane"
- 9:45** **National News**
- 9:50 Myanmar Traditional
Flower Arrangements
(Harp)
- 9:58 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Come and See
Myanmar"

25-4-2004 (Sunday)
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 Padaung Village and
Elephant Camp
- 15:40** **Headline News**
- 15:42 Ayeyawady Second
Defile
- 15:45** **National News**
- 15:50 Myanmar Movie Im-
pact "Missing Rhy-
thm"
- 16:00** **National News**
- 16:05 A Thousand Bo-tree
from Greening Tropic
Zone
- 16:10 Song "Be Back To
Neem Lane"
- 16:15** **National News**
- 16:20 Myanmar Traditional

- 16:25 Flower Arrangements
(Harp)
- 16:30 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Myanma Pano-
rama & Myanma Sen-
timent"
- 16:30** **National News**
- 16:35 Manufacturing of
Home Furniture and
Accessories
- 16:40 Golden Plum Job of
Central Myanmar
- 16:45** **National News**
- 16:50 Myanmar's Pride: The
Art of Carving
- 16:55 Myuu-Kywa-Thanzin
Kagyo Sin
- 17:00** **National News**
- 17:05 Spirulina Products
- 17:10 Songs "City of Bagan"
- 17:15** **National News**
- 17:20 Breeding and Produc-
tion of Fresh water &
Sea water Shrimp
- 17:25 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Come and See
Myanmar"

Evening Transmission
(19:30 - 23:30)

- 19:30 Signature Tune
Greeting
- 19:32 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Myanma Pano-
rama & Myanma Sen-
timent"
- 19:36 Panwa with its Tourist
Attractions
- 19:40** **Headline News**
- 19:42 Ayeyawady First De-
file
- 19:45** **National News**
- 19:50 Pickled Herbal Tea
Leaves of Myanmar
Shutaing Thaswa
Nandar Kan Ahla
- 20:00** **National News**
- 20:05 Plaster Toys
- 20:10 Songs "We'll Greet
You in Mon Lan-
guage"
- 20:15** **National News**
- 20:20 In All the Ananda's
Glory
- 20:25 Song "Across The
Ayeyawady"
- 20:30** **National News**
- 20:35 Agricultural Marketing
in Myanmar
- 20:40 Myanmar Corcodiles
- 20:45** **National News**
- 20:50 Myanmar Movies Im-
pact "History, written
Personally"
- 21:00** **National News**
- 21:05 Myanmar Roasted Bean
Town
- 21:10 Song "Hill Resort
Town"

- 21:15** **National News**
- 21:20 A Short Introduction to
Myanma Saing
Waing (or) Myanmar
Orchestra
- 21:25 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Mingalabar"
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- 23:15** **National News**
- 23:20 Breeding and Produc-
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Sea water Shrimp
- 23:28 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Come and See
Myanmar"

25-4-2004 (Sunday) &
26-4-2004 (Monday)
Evening & Morning
Transmission
(23:30 - 1:30)

- 23:30 Signature Tune
Greeting
- 23:32 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Mingalabar"
- 23:36 Padaung Village and
Elephant Camp
- 23:40** **Headline News**
- 23:42 Ayeyawady Second
Defile
- 23:45** **National News**
- 23:50 Myanmar Movie Im-
pact "Missing Rhy-
thm"

- 24:00** **National News**
- 00:05 A Thousand Bo-tree
from Greening Tropic
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- 00:10 Song "Be Back To
Neem Lane"
- 00:15** **National News**
- 00:20 Myanmar Traditional
Flower Arrangements
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timent"
- 00:30** **National News**
- 00:35 Manufacturing of
Home Furniture and
Accessories
- 00:40 Golden Plum Job of
Central Myanmar
- 00:45** **National News**
- 00:50 Myanmar's Pride: The
Art of Carving
- 00:55 Myuu-Kywa-Thanzin
Kagyo Sin
- 01:00** **National News**
- 01:05 Spirulina Products
- 01:10 Song "City of Bagan"
- 01:15** **National News**
- 01:20 Breeding and Produc-
tion of Fresh water &
Sea water Shrimp
- 01:25 Song of Myanmar
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Sights "Come and See
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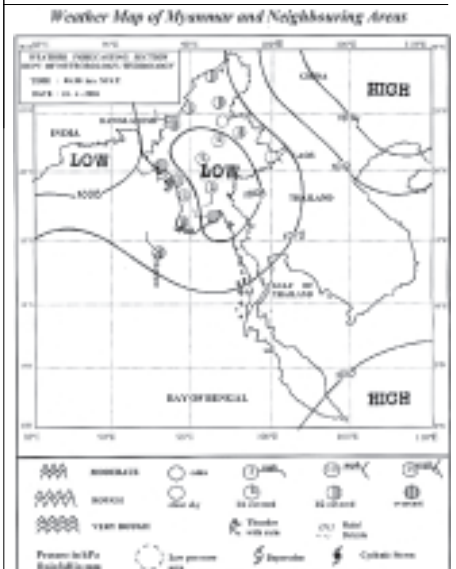
26-4-2004 (Monday)
MRTV-3 Regular Pro-
grammes for Viewers from
Abroad Morning Transmis-
sion (03:30 - 07:30)

- 03:30 Signature Tune
Greeting
- 03:32 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Myanma Pano-
rama & Myanma Sen-
timent"
- 03:36 Panwa with its Tourist
Attractions
- 03:40** **Headline News**
- 03:42 Ayeyawady First De-
file
- 03:45** **National News**
- 03:50 Pickled Herbal Tea
Leaves of Myanmar
Shutaing Thaswa
Nandar Kan Ahla
- 04:00** **National News**
- 04:05 Plaster Toys
- 04:10 Song "We'll Greet
You in Mon Lan-
guage"
- 04:15** **National News**
- 04:20 In All the Ananda's
Glory
- 04:25 Song "Across The
Ayeyawady"
- 04:30** **National News**
- 04:35 Agricultural Marketing

- in Myanmar
- 04:40 Myanmar Corcodiles
- 04:45** **National News**
- 04:50 Myanmar Movies Im-
pact "History, written
Personally"
- 05:00** **National News**
- 05:05 Myanmar Roasted Bean
Town
- 05:10 Song "Hill Resort
Town"
- 05:15** **National News**
- 05:20 A Short Introduction to
Myanma Saing
Waing (or) Myanmar
Orchestra
- 05:25 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Mingalabar"

- Padaung Village and Elephant
Camp
- 15:40** **Headline News**
- 15:42 Ayeyawady Second
Defile
- 15:45** **National News**
- 15:50 Myanmar Movie Im-
pact "Missing Rhy-
thm"
- 16:00** **National News**
- 16:05 A Thousand Bo-tree
from Greening Tropic

- Zone
- 16:10 Song "Be Back To
Neem Lane"
- 16:15** **National News**
- 16:20 Myanmar Traditional
Flower Arrangements
(Harp)
- 16:25 Song "The Land of
Myanmar"
- 16:30** **National News**
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- 17:15** **National News**
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Sea water Shrimp
- 17:28 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Come and See
Myanmar"

**WEATHER**

Saturday, 24 April, 2004

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours
MST: During the past 24 hours, light rain or thunder-
 showers has been scattered in Shan State and upper
 Sagaing Division, isolated in Chin state, lower Sagaing
 and Taninthayi divisions and weather has been generally
 fair in the remaining areas. Day temperatures were (3°C)
 to (4°C) above normal in Mon and Chin States, upper
 Sagaing, Mandalay, Magway, Bago and Yangon divisions,
 (5°C) above normal in Kayin State and Ayeyawady Divi-
 sion and about normal in the remaining areas. The sig-
 nificant day temperatures were (43°C) each in Magway
 Minbu.

Maximum temperature on 23-4-2004 was 41.5°C
 (107°F). Minimum temperature on 24-4-2004 was 21.8°C
 (71°F). Relative humidity at 9:30 hrs MST on 24-4-2004
 was 75%. Total sunshine hours on 23-4-2004 was (10.00)
 hours approx.

Rainfall on 24-4-2004 was nil at Yangon Airport,
 Kaba-Aye and central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-
 2004 was 5 mm (0.20 inch) at Yangon Airport and 12
 mm (0.47 inch) at Kaba-Aye and 3 mm (0.12 inch) at
 central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon
 (Kaba-Aye) was 15 mph from Southwest at (13:30) hours
 MST on 23-4-2004.

Bay inference: Weather is partly cloudy to cloudy in
 North and South Bay and generally fair elsewhere in the
 Bay of Bengal. **Forecast valid until evening of 25-4-
 2004:** Rain or thundershowers are likely to be scattered in
 Kachin and northern states and upper Sagaing Division,
 isolated in Chin State, Mandalay 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 in Myanmar waters. **Outlook for subsequent
 two days:** Continuation of thundery conditions are likely
 in upper Myanmar areas. **Forecast for Yangon and neigh-
 bouring area for 25-4-2004:** Partly cloudy. **Forecast for
 Mandalay and neighbouring area for 25-4-2004:** Possi-
 bility of isolated light rain or thundershowers. Degree of
 certainty is 40%.

"Strong Wind Warning"(Issued on 24th April, 2004)

Before the establishment of Southwest Monsoon,
 squalls with isolated rain or thundershowers are likely in
 the afternoon / evening over the country. Squalls may
 also be accompanied at times by hails. Surface wind speeds
 in squalls may reach (50) to mph.


Sunday, April 25
View today:

- 7:00 am**
1. Recitation of Parittas by
Missionary Sayadaw U
Ottamathara
- 7:25 am**
2. To be healthy exercise
- 7:30 am**
3. Morning news
- 7:40 am**
4. Nice and sweet song
- 7:55 am**
5. ယဉ်ကျေးလိမ္မော် (၃၀)ပြာမင်္ဂလာ
- 8:10 am**
6. အစိုးပြိုင်ပွဲ
- 8:20 am**
7. ရွှေလောင်းတံတား
- 8:30 am**
8. International news
- 8:45 am**
9. Say It In English
- 11:00 am**
1. Martial song

- 11:15 am**
2. Musical programme
- 11:25 am**
3. Round up of the week's
international news
- 11:40 am**
4. မိုးကြိုးတော်လှမ်းတဲ့
"စက်ဝိုင်းမေတ္တာ" (အပိုင်း-၃၆)
- 12:15 pm**
5. အစိုးပြိုင်ပွဲ၊ ဝိုင်းဝန်း
ကြိုပေးဆောင်ရွက်မိ. (အပိုင်း-၂)
- 12:30 pm**
6. Myanmar video feature:
"စက်ဝိုင်းမေတ္တာ"
လေ့ကျင့်၊ ပြတ်ကောင်းအောင်၊
လှည့်လည်တင်၊ မိုင်ရှင်းစေ
ဒါနိကတာ-ဒီအေးလွင်
- 2:30 pm**
7. ယဉ်ကျေးလိမ္မော်
- 2:45 pm**
8. International News
- 4:00 pm**
1. Martial song
- 4:15 pm**
2. Song to uphold
National Spirit
- 4:30 pm**
3. English for Everyday Use
- 4:45 pm**
4. ယဉ်ကျေးလိမ္မော် (၃၀)ပြာမင်္ဂလာ
- 5:00 pm**
5. အစိုးပြိုင်ပွဲ၊ ဝိုင်းဝန်း
ကြိုပေးဆောင်ရွက်မိ

- ရုပ်ရှင်သံကြားသံစုံစာ
- ပထမဆုံး (ရုက္ခဝေ၊ သတ္တဝေ၊
ယုဉ်းမိုး) (ရုက္ခဝေ)
- 5:15 pm**
6. Dance of national races
- 5:30 pm**
7. Musical programme
- 5:40 pm**
8. စက်ဝိုင်းတိုင်း ဝိုင်းဝန်းတံတား
- 5:50 pm**
9. Song And Enjoy
- 6:30 pm**
10. Evening news
- 7:00 pm**
11. Weather report
- 7:05 pm**
12. မိုးကြိုးတော်လှမ်းတဲ့
"စက်ဝိုင်းမေတ္တာ" (အပိုင်း-၃၆)
- 7:35 pm**
13. Musical programme
- 7:45 pm**
14. Agricultural Force
Country's Development
- 8:00 pm**
15. News
16. International news
17. Weather report
18. Myanmar video feature:
"စက်ဝိုင်းမေတ္တာ" (အပိုင်း-၂)
လေ့ကျင့်၊ ပြတ်ကောင်းအောင်၊
လှည့်လည်တင်၊ မိုင်ရှင်းစေ
ဒါနိကတာ-ဒီအေးလွင်
19. The next day's
programme



Sunday, April 25

Tune in today:

- 8:30 am** Brief news
- 8:35 am** Music: Come into my
world (Kylie
Minofue)
- 8:40 am** Perspectives
- 8:45 am** Music: Girl friend
(N' Syne)
- 8:55 am** National news/
Slogan
- 9:05 am** Music: I love it when
we do (Ronan)
- 9:10 am** International news
- 9:15 am** Music: Wanna be
(Spice Girls)
- 1:30 pm** News/Slogan
- 1:40 pm** Story for children
"Excellent Choice"
- 1:50 pm** Song for children
"Hi to you"
- 9:00 pm** Weekly news review
- 9:10 pm** Music
- 9:15 pm** Article
- 9:25** Let's Improve
English Through
Songs/Thanks
(Kyaw Swa Win)
- Strangers in the
night (J Tr Nu)
- Stone - Nyi Nyi
Hlaing
- You needed me - Mi
Thi Thi Oo
News/Slogan
- 9:45 pm**
- 10:00 pm** PEL



Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt inspects driving of stake at Parami Overpass.— MNA

Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt inspects construction of Parami Overpass

YANGON, 24 April— Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt, accompanied by Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe, ministers, the Mayor, deputy ministers, officials of the State Peace and Development Council Office, departmental heads and officials, arrived at the construction site of Parami Overpass Project of Myanmar Railways of the Ministry of Rail Transportation at 9.30 am today.

At the briefing hall, the Prime Minister heard reports on facts about the project, construction tasks and efforts being made for completion of the tasks earlier than schedule presented by Minister for Rail Transportation Maj-Gen Aung Min.

Deputy Minister U Pe Than reported on completion of preliminary engineering works, driving of piles, building

of pile caps and some parts of the overpass, construction of the platforms, the approach roads and the main overpass.

After hearing the reports, the Prime Minister gave instructions on timely completion of the construction tasks meeting the set standards earlier than schedule.

Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin also submitted reports on facts about water supply project for Yangon City. Head of Engineering Department (Water and Sanitation) Dr Tun Than Tun reported on arrangements for supply of purified drinking water to the capital applying modern technology. Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt gave necessary instructions.

Next, General Khin Nyunt inspected driving of piles

at the project site.

As Yangon City is being upgraded to have the characteristics of the capital, extension of lanes and roads are being carried out. Moreover, Yangon City is crowded with heavy traffic. Similarly, trains are encircling the city through the route in suburban areas once 15 minutes. Therefore, vehicles are waiting for a long time at the junction of motor road and railroad because of the closure of the level crossing. Accordingly, the plans are under way to build the railroad overpasses step by step.

Parami Overpass is located at the junction of Parami Road and the circular railroad. The overpass will be 1,175 feet long and 48 feet wide four-lane one. The overpass will have four feet wide pedestrian ways and the clearance of the overpass will be 14 feet.— MNA



The wide view of Ngwetha Dam.— MNA

Ngwetha Dam opened in Salingyi Township, Monywa District, Sagaing Division

YANGON, 24 April—A ceremony to open Ngwetha Dam built by the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation near Ngwetha Village, Salingyi Township, Monywa District, Sagaing Division was held at the pandal near the dam this morning with an address by member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Ye Myint.

Also present on the occasion were Chairman of Sagaing Division Peace and Development Council Commander of North-West Command Maj-Gen Tha Aye, Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Nyunt Tin, officials of the State Peace and Development Council Office, heads of department under the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation and officials, members of Sagaing Division Peace and Development Council, local authorities, officials of social organizations, staff of the Irrigation Department who were engaged in construction of the dam, local people and others numbering over 4,800.

First, Lt-Gen Ye Myint made a speech on the occasion. He said that Ngwetha dam opened today is the dam built on Ngwetha Creek near Ngwetha Village, Salingyi Township. The dam was built with the aim of contributing to regional development. It will be able to benefit 3,000 acres of farmland and local people will be able to enjoy self-sufficiency in water and regional greening.

The government has laid down the objectives for national development. It has laid down an objective calling for development of agriculture as the base and all-round development of other sectors of the economy as well out of the four economic objectives.

In the process, efforts are being made for construction

of dams and reservoirs to ensure national development. The irrigation facilities are being constructed based on capabilities of own intellectuals and intelligentsia and efforts of the entire national people.

Dams, reservoirs and sluice gates are being built while river water pumping projects are being constructed not only in the regions where there is scanty rainfall but also in the regions where there is plentiful rainfall.

Head of State Senior General Than Shwe has given guidance that water availability is important for agricultural purpose and dams and embankments are therefore to be built in every region where there is favourable condition.

In accord with the guidance, in the time of the State Peace and Development Council, dams and reservoirs are being built across the nation. The government has spent over K 69,000 million on building 159 dams and reservoirs including Ngwetha Dam being opened today.

In Sagaing Division, there are 16 dams including Ngwetha Dam and they are now benefiting over 360,000 acres of land. In Salingyi Township, Ngwetha Dam and Salingyi Dam were constructed. Salingyi Dam will also be opened soon.

Based on major rivers, altogether 48 river water pumping projects were implemented in Sagaing Division. Other river water pumping projects are being implemented.

Meanwhile, altogether 99 Ywathaya lakes that have been able to benefit about 1,000 acres and artesian wells are being implemented in Yinmabin Township. As a result, progress has been made in cultivation of paddy and

various kinds of crops in Sagaing Division. Only when production, trade and services of agriculture, forestry, fisheries and mining sectors of a region are meeting with success will education, health and social standard of local people increase.

Therefore, the government is making all-out efforts for bringing about harmonious development throughout the nation.

Nine district greening projects in Mandalay, Sagaing and Magway Divisions are being extended to 13. Progress has been made in the projects with the participation of the people. At the same time, there has been an increase in irrigated land, thereby contributing to development of socio-economic life of the people.

Sagaing Division is a granary of Upper Myanmar and it is also a region of economic significance for the State. Therefore, the local people are to make strenuous efforts for further development of Sagaing Division. If the government strives together with the people the nation will be able to keep abreast of other nations.

Steps are being taken for the emergence of a new modern democratic nation while making efforts for national development.

Those work programmes are being laid down for serving the interest of the people.

While striving for water availability for ensuring greening tasks and agriculture purpose, the government is building roads and bridges in eastern and western parts of Sagaing Division for better transport.

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