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Four political objectives

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

Four economic objectives

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

Four social objectives

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

Daw Kyaing Kyaing attends ceremony to enshrine religious objects into Maha Saddhammaramsi Shwe Ceti Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt hoists Htidaw atop the pagoda

YANGON, 25 April — A ceremony to enshrine religious objects into Maha Saddhammaramsi Shwe Ceti, hoist Shwehtidaw and consecrate the pagoda was held at the pagoda in Kontalabaung Model Village, Mingaladon Township, at 7.30 am today.

Daw Kyaing Kyaing, wife of Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe, conveyed tiers of the Htidaw, Hngetmyatnadaw and Seinbudaw atop the pagoda and Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt fixed the Seinbudaw and Hngetmyatnadaw.

Also present on the occasion were Vice-Chairman of the State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Agga Maha Pandita Agga Maha Saddhamma Jotikadhaja

Thayet Sayadaw Bhaddanta Kesara and members of the Sangha, 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, district and township level authorities, social organizations, wellwishers and local people.

The ceremony was opened with three-time recitation of *Namo Tassa*.

Next, Daw Kyaing Kyaing, Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt and party received the Nine Precepts from Vice-Chairman Sayadaw Bhaddanta Kesara.

Afterwards, Daw Kyaing Kyaing offered religious objects and Seinbudaw to the Vice-Chairman Sayadaw. The Prime Minister also offered religious objects,

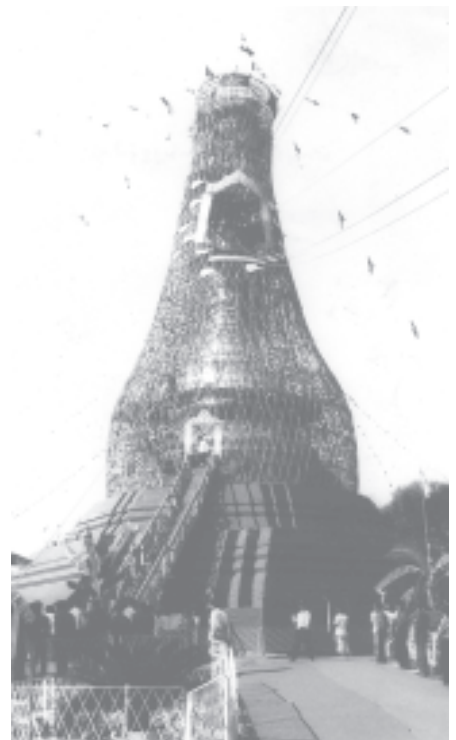
Hngetmyatnadaw, small bells and provisions to the Vice-Chairman Sayadaw.

The commander, the ministers and wellwishers also donated provisions to the Sayadaws.

On behalf of engineers, Staff Officer (Grade-I) Lt-Col Khin Maung Zaw of the Directorate of Military Engineers read out the paper on handing over the pagoda to the wellwishers.

Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe and Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung accepted K 90.75 million donated by wellwishers including K 11 million by Kya-in Pawdawmu Monastery Presiding Nayaka Sayadaw Bhaddanta Ashin Nandasara of Hpa-an Township, Kayin State; K 857,343 by Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt-Dr Daw Khin Win Shwe and family; K 44.6 million by

Dr Aung Thwin Kyaw-Daw Htay Htay Win and family; K 11.3 million by Daw Khaing Khaing Win and party of Naga Group; K 2.5 million by Hlinethaya Industrial Zone; K 2 million by U Myint Oo-Daw Ma Ma Lay and family; K 2 million by U Tin Maung (Sandi Traditional Medicine); K 1.625 million by U Tun Lin-Daw Swe Mar Lwin and family; K 1 million by U Aung Kye Myint of Kyan Sit Min Construction; K 1 million by Daw Aye Myat Nwe of Bagan Hotel; K 750,000 by senior officers of DSA 17th Intake; K 700,000 by Daw Mya Thi and family; K 600,000 by U Boe Shi-Daw Myint Myint Sein and family; K 600,000 by NanU Sayadaw U Narada, brothers and sisters; K 553,500 by Central Supply and Transport Unit; K 510,000 by U Tin Aung-Daw San and family; K 500,090 by U Thein



Htidaw hoisting ceremony of Maha Saddhammaramsi Shwe Ceti in progress in Mingaladon Township.— MNA

Maung-Daw Pa Pa; K 500,000 each by U Myint Zaw and family; U Aung Moe Kyaw-Daw Saw Shin; Managing Director U Aung Win of TWJS Co Ltd; and others. Next, Joint-Secretary Sayadaw Agga Maha Pandita Agga Maha Saddhamma Jotikadhaja Mandalay Wizatayon Sayadaw Bhaddanta Viçar-indabhivamsa delivered a sermon, and Daw Kyaing Kyaing, General Khin Nyunt and party shared merits gained.

Next, Head of Yangon Division Religious Affairs Department supplicated on offering of religious objects, the Shwehtidaw, Hnagmyatnadaw and Seinbudaw to the pagoda. Then the ceremony to hoist the Shwehtidaw atop the Maha Saddhammaramsi Shwe Ceti was held.

The Prime Minister and party and wellwishers

walked round the pagoda clockwise conveying the Seinbudaw, Hnagmyatnadaw and Shwehtidaw and other religious objects.

Next, Daw Kyaing Kyaing, Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt and party and wellwishers conveyed the Seinbudaw and Hnagmyatnadaw to the pandal of the decorated carriage. Laity also conveyed

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Daw Kyaing Kyaing, Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt and party offer 'soon' to Sayadaws at Htidaw hoisting ceremony of Maha Saddhammaramsi Shwe Ceti.— MNA

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

PERSPECTIVES

Monday, 26 April, 2004

Towards successful implementation of social welfare tasks

The development of the nation and its people depends mainly on efforts of own national forces. Efforts of social organizations that are striving for national development play a vital role for national development.

The caring of mothers and children, the majority of the nation's population, is very important in making efforts for development of the nation and it plays the most indispensable and fundamental role in promoting the social sector.

Chairman of National Health Committee Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt attended and addressed the 14th Annual Conference of the Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association which was held at the association at the corner of Parami Road and Thanthuma Road in South Okkalapa Township on 24 April. In his speech, the Prime Minister said that caring of mothers and children, the most fundamental ones in Myanmar society, yields benefits at present and means the shaping of the bright future of the nation, the people and posterity and that it can be said that it is full of national essence.

The government, after enacting a specific law, established the MMCWA, a social organization, which is carrying out its tasks with loving kindness, compassion and goodwill in social sector including health care services for women and children.

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.

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. In the early days, 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".

As the Government has acknowledged the important role of the social organizations, all the officials concerned are urged to give their hands with the successful implementation of social welfare tasks.

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

သတိပေးနှိုးဆော်ချက်

ယာဉ်မတော်တဆမှုများမှအချို့သည် ဓါးပတ်မပတ်ကြ၍ မလိုလားအပ်သော ထိခိုက်ဒဏ်ရာရ သေဆုံးမှုများဖြစ်ကြရသည်။ သို့ပါ၍ ဓါးပတ်ပါရှိသော ဆလွန်း၊ဗင်နှင့် စရေရှင်ဝပ်ဂွန် အပါအဝင် ဓါးပတ်ပါသောယာဉ်များ ပေါ်တွင်မောင်းနှင်စီးနင်းကြသူများ အနေဖြင့် ဓါးပတ် ပတ်၍စီးနင်းကြရန်သတိပေးနှိုးဆော်အပ်ပါသည်။

ယာဉ်စည်းကမ်းထိန်းသိမ်းရေးကြံ့ကြပ်မှုကော်မတီ



President of MMCWA Dr Daw Khin Win Shwe presides over the afternoon session of the conference. — MNA

MMCWA continues its 14th conference

YANGON, 25 April— The 14th Annual Conference of Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association continued for the second day at the hall of MMCWA in South Okkalapa Township this morning.

Present were President of MMCWA Dr Daw Khin Win Shwe, Vice-President Dr Daw Tin Lin Myint, CEC members, patrons of State/Division Supervisory Committees for MCWA and officials.

In the morning-session, Vice-President Dr Daw Tin Lin Myint presided over the conference and gave a speech. Next, chairmen of State/Division Supervisory Committees for MCWA submitted the papers to the conference.

In the afternoon session, Dr Daw Khin Win Shwe presided over the conference. Later, Dr Daw Khin Win Shwe gave necessary instructions related to the papers. The conference will continue tomorrow.— MNA



Vice-President of MMCWA Dr Daw Tin Lin Myint presides over the morning session of the conference. — MNA



The symposium on diabetes and cardiology in progress. — MNA

ကုသကာကွယ် မူးယစ်အန္တရာယ်

၁။ မူးယစ်ဆေးဝါးသုံးစွဲလျှင် အသည်းရောင် အသားဝါရောဂါ၊ အသည်းခြောက်ရောဂါ၊ အသည်းကင်ဆာရောဂါ၊ သွေးဆိပ် တက်ခြင်းနှင့် နှလုံးရောဂါ၊ အဆုတ်ရောဂါများ၊ ခုခံအား ကျဆင်းမှုရောဂါ (AIDS) နှင့်၊ စိတ်ပိုင်းဆိုင်ရာရောဂါများ စသည်တို့၊ ဖြစ်ပွားနိုင်သည့်အပြင်၊ စီးပွားရေးနှင့်၊ လူမှုရေးများ ထိခိုက်ပျက်ပြားခြင်း၊ ဥပဒေအရ အရေးယူခံရခြင်းတို့ ဖြစ်နိုင် သည်။

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ကျန်းမာရေးဝန်ကြီးဌာန

အပူဒဏ်ကာကွယ်ရေး နှိုးဆော်ချက်

အပူဒဏ်ကြောင့် ပင်ပန်းနွမ်းနယ်ခြင်း၊ ကိုယ်အပူရှိန်တက်ခြင်း၊ သတိလစ်ခြင်းနှင့် အတက်ရောဂါဖြစ်လျှင် ဆေးရုံသို့အမြန်ပြုပါ။ဆေးရုံ အရောက်နောက်ကျပါက အသက်ဆုံးရှုံးနိုင်သဖြင့် ဆေးရုံသို့ အမြန်ဆုံး ပြသကြရန် နှိုးဆော်အပ်ပါသည်။

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SPECIAL LUCKY DRAW: Special lucky draw to mark the tenth anniversary of Apple Cosmetics of the Apple International Co Ltd and the tenth anniversary of the Vilas Beauty Salon took place at the Lapyawun Plaza on Alanpya Pagoda Road in Yangon on 25-4-2004.

Photo shows Managing Director of the company U Khin Nyunt presents a prize to a prize-winning sales agent. — MNA

Symposium on diabetes & cardiology

YANGON, 25 April — Symposium on diabetes and cardiology, organized by USV Limited, was staged at the Grand Plaza Parkroyal Hotel on Alanpya Pagoda Road in Dagon Township here this morning.

Present at the symposium were professor doctors of Yangon General Hospital, diabetes and cardiologists, officials of USV Limited, doctors and guests.

Prof Dr Daw Khin Yi Myint of the Medical Department of YGH chaired the first session of symposium and made a speech. Dr Shashank Joshi, Associate Professor of Grant Medical College in Mumbai, India, and Dr Nay Win, Associate Prof of the Medical Department of YGH presented their papers. Prof Daw Khin May San of the Cardiology Unit of YGH chaired the second session of symposium and delivered a speech. Cardiologist Dr Tin Latt, adviser to the Cardiology Unit of YGH and Dr Uendra Kaul, Director of Interventional Cardiology & Cardiac Electro Physiology Batra Hospital & Medical Research Centre submitted their papers. — MNA

Two US sailors killed in Iraq boat attack

BAGHDAD, 25 April—Suicide attackers detonated explosive-laden boats near oil facilities in the Persian Gulf on Saturday, killing two US Navy sailors in a new tactic against Iraq's vital oil industry. Elsewhere, violence across Iraq killed at least 33 Iraqis and four American soldiers.

It was the first such maritime attack against oil facilities since US troops invaded Iraq more than a year ago. The blasts resembled attacks in 2000 and 2002 — blamed on al-Qaida — against the USS Cole and a French oil tanker off the coast of Yemen that killed 17 American sailors and a tanker crewman.

Meanwhile, President Bush held a conference call Saturday with his senior national security and military advisers to discuss the situation in Iraq — particularly restive Fallujah, a senior defence official said.

The official, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said the purpose of the

teleconference was mainly for Gen John Abizaid, the top US commander for the Middle East, to give Bush and others an update on the situation inside the city and the US Marines' readiness to resume offensive operations against thousands of guerrillas holed up there.

In the Gulf attack, three dhows, or small boats, drew

close to two major oil terminals in Gulf waters about 100 miles from Iraq's main port, Umm Qasr, and exploded when coalition craft tried to intercept them. A US Navy craft was flipped by the blast, killing the American sailors and injuring five others, the US military said.

Initial reports said there was no damage to the terminals, the military said, and Iraq's main southern oil outlet, Umm Qasr, remained open, a British spokesman said.—*Internet*

Don't ask about Iraq security-it's too risky

BAGHDAD, 25 April—US-led authorities are telling anyone who wants information about risks in the violence-torn country to seek it elsewhere.

"For security reasons, there are no security reports," says the weekly reports section of the Coalition Provisional Authority website.

The website includes reports on electricity production and reconstruction projects, but not on security, the top concern of foreign investors and local businesses.

Internet



Iraqi people gather around burned out cars following an overnight shooting incident between al-Mahdai Army, supporters of the Shiite cleric Moqtada al-Sadr and US troops at al-Sadr City, Baghdad's largest Shiite neighbourhood, Iraq, Saturday, April 24, 2004.—INTERNET

Putin calls for greater UN role to protect Iraqis' interests

Moscow, 25 April — Russian President Vladimir Putin said on Friday that a greater involvement by the United Nations in Iraq could ensure the Iraqi people's interests.

"The international coalition had one purpose when it went there: to bring democracy to Iraq," Putin was quoted as saying by the *Interfax* news agency during his working visit in Ukraine. "This means that the people of Iraq should decide on their fate themselves," he said. "There can be no other interpretation. The more the United Nations gets involved in this process, the better," Putin stressed. Earlier Friday, Russian Deputy Foreign Minister Vyacheslav Trubnikov said: "The plans to restore Iraq's sovereignty without the participation of the United Nations are failing to a large extent because of the non-acceptance by broad sections of Iraqi public," *Interfax* reported.

He reiterated Russia's call to place the political process in Iraq under the international umbrella and hold an international conference involving all significant political forces of the country, permanent members of the UN Security Council and Iraq's neighbours. Russia, a staunch opponent of the US-led war in Iraq, has been insisting on a central UN role in the postwar reconstruction process there. — *MNA/Xinhua*

ASEAN+3 countries to enhance cooperation in health sector

KUALA LUMPUR, 25 April — The first ASEAN Plus China, Japan and Korea (ASEAN+3) Health Ministers Meeting Friday expressed a commitment to enhance cooperation in health sector and to give priority to urgent concerns for emerging infectious diseases.

The meeting has identified initial areas of focus to develop future joint activities, including health promotion, primary health care concerns, provision of life saving drugs, advocacy and special care programmes for vulnerable groups, according to a joint statement issued at the end of the meeting held in Indonesia's northern town of Penang.

Other related fields are capacity-building for health professionals, health care financing and health care systems development, the statement said.

The Association of South-East Asian Nations

(ASEAN), now grouping 10 countries in the region, was set up in 1967 to promote regional cooperation.

The ASEAN+3 mechanism was established in 1997 when leaders of the 13 countries held their first summit in the Malaysian capital of Kuala Lumpur.

"We (ASEAN) look forward to joining hands with our partners from China, Japan and Korea in our continued efforts to ensure health for our people, regardless of gender, race, religion, language or social and cultural backgrounds," it said.

To address the health

challenges and opportunities in a rapidly globalizing region where the countries are more interconnected and interdependent than ever, efforts would be made to fight the transboundary spread of diseases to surmount the challenges to health posed by globalization.

The meeting's chairman Dr Chua Soi Lek meanwhile said the group was also satisfied with the progress made in establishing collaborative partnerships in ASEAN+3 countries to effectively respond to emerging infectious diseases. — *MNA/Xinhua*

ထိုက်တိုင်နှစ်ဆ တိုးမြှင့်

France rules out sending troops to Iraq

PARIS, 25 April — France will not send troops to Iraq but is ready to help train the country's Army and police force after power is handed to a national government, France's Defence Minister Michele Alliot-Marie told a French newspaper.

Le Parisien also quoted Alliot-Marie on Saturday as saying a handover from occupying US-led troops to an interim local government was a top priority and that the United Nations should play a key role in the transition, planned for June 30. "In the current context, political conditions mean we cannot envisage sending any French soldiers to Iraq," she said when asked if France would be willing to send troops after the June 30 deadline.

"That said, we have said from the start that we would be ready, when certain conditions are met, to participate in the reconstruction of Iraq. In the area of defence, that would be helping, with notably our German partners, to train the Iraqi Army and police." That could take place in Jordan, Qatar or the United Arab Emirates, she added.

France opposed last year's invasion of Iraq to topple Saddam Hussein. Paris has called for UN resolutions to help ensure a smooth transition of power.

Alliot-Marie was speaking onboard a French frigate on an anti-terrorism exercise near Oman as part of France's military involvement in Afghanistan, *Le Parisien* said.

She was quoted as saying an Iraqi government must take over as quickly as possible, even though managing this by June 30 would be tough.

"The most urgent thing is to transfer sovereignty to the Iraqis," she said. "It is essential that the United Nations play a real and determining role. We need to respect this sovereignty and wait for the requests of the Iraqi government."

MNA/Reuters

Bomb kills US soldier north of Baghdad

BAGHDAD, 25 April — A roadside bomb killed a US soldier north of Baghdad on Friday, the US military said.

It said in a statement that the 1st Infantry Division

soldier was killed when the explosive device hit a US convoy near the town of Samarra, 62 miles north of Baghdad.

The attack brought to 510 the number of US soldiers killed in combat since US-led forces invaded Iraq in March last year.

MNA/Reuters

Singapore's annual CPI up 1.3% in March

SINGAPORE, 25 April — Singapore's consumer price index (CPI) grew 1.3 per cent in March as compared with the same period of last year, according to the figures released by the Singapore Department of Statistics (SDS) on Friday.

The SDS attributed the slight rise in CPI to the increase of prices in food, health care and education and stationary. They rose 2.0 per cent, 6.2 per cent and 4.8 per cent respectively.

The costs of housing fell 0.4 per cent from a year ago but remained unchanged as compared to the previous month.

The costs of transport and communication were down 0.2 per cent from a year ago due to lower prices of cars and mobile phones.

MNA/Xinhua



A US soldier patrols the centre of Baghdad on 24 April, 2004.—INTERNET

More than 40 people killed in bloody day for Iraq

BAGHDAD, 25 April—Five US soldiers were among more than 40 people killed in a spate of attacks in Iraq on Saturday, the latest violence in the bloodiest month for US-led forces since they toppled Saddam Hussein.

In one of the worst incidents of the day, at least 13 Iraqis were killed and 30 were wounded when rockets or mortar bombs struck a busy market in the Shi'ite Muslim area of Sadr City in Baghdad, witnesses and hospital sources said.

"There was blood and bodies everywhere," said Bassam Abdul Rahim. Angry residents of Sadr City — a powerbase of rebel Shi'ite cleric Moqtada al-Sadr who US-led forces have vowed to kill or capture — held up bloodied human remains to television cameras and said US helicopters had fired at the market.

They put a sign on a dead donkey saying: "This is

Bush."

One woman was killed in a separate attack in the same area when a mortar bomb hit her home. Her daughter was wounded.

The US military said it had no immediate information on the incidents in Sadr City.

Sadr, who US officials say is wanted by an Iraqi judge in connection with the murder of another cleric, is holed up with his Mehdi Army militia in the southern city of Najaf, a holy site to Iraq's Shi'ite majority.

On Friday, Sadr threatened to unleash suicide bombers if he was attacked by US forces poised just outside the city.

US forces say are allowing time for Iraqi mediators to resolve the standoff.

Fourteen Iraqis were killed when a bus, traveling to Baghdad just ahead of a convoy of six US military vehicles, was hit by a roadside bomb.

The five US soldiers were killed in a guerrilla rocket attack on a US base just north of Baghdad, a US military spokesman said. Six other soldiers were wounded.

US helicopter gunships destroyed the truck from which the rockets were launched, but there was no word of casualties among the guerrillas. Since U.S.-led forces invaded Iraq in

March last year to oust Saddam, 515 US soldiers have been killed in action — more than a fifth of them this month.

In Saddam's home town of Tikrit, a car bomb killed three policemen and wounded 16 people — 12 of them police. It appeared to be a suicide attack.

Polish soldiers killed five Iraqi gunmen who opened fire on their patrol in the holy city of Kerbala, south of Baghdad, Polish military officials said.

West of Baghdad, US Marines were poised to resume an offensive in the Sunni town of Falluja unless guerrillas turned over heavy weapons. — *Internet*

ဝက်စွမ်းအား ခေတ်ကျော်လွှား

Seven US soldiers, 18 Iraqis killed in Iraq attacks

BLOOMBERG, 25 April—Seven US soldiers and 18 Iraqis were killed in attacks in the north and south of Iraq. April has been the deadliest month for coalition troops since the US-led invasion in March last year.

In the city of Taji, north of Baghdad, five US soldiers were killed and six wounded when a rocket was fired at their base at dawn. Another two US soldiers died and another was wounded when a rocket-propelled grenade was launched at a convoy near the southern city of Kut, police said, according to *AFP*.

Separately, four Iraqi policemen were killed and 12 more wounded when a booby-trapped car exploded

near a US military base in the northern city of Tikrit. In Sadr City, three separate explosions killed at least eight people and wounded 33 more.

Coalition forces killed five people preparing an ambush near Karbala and another Iraqi civilian in Najaf, *AFP* said.

Before today, at least 103 US soldiers and Marines were killed in Iraq this month, Defense Department figures show. At the United Nations yesterday, Secretary-General Kofi Annan said renewed violence would limit any role the UN plays in Iraq's political transition and reconstruction.

Internet

US firm RTI claims hostage released in Iraq

WASHINGTON, 25 April—An Israeli Arab taken hostage in Iraq two weeks ago and accused of spying for Israel was released by his captors on Thursday, his US-based employer said.

Research Triangle International Vice-President Sally Johnson said their employee, Nabil George Yaakob Razuq, was freed earlier on Thursday. "He is safe and sound," she said.

Razuq, who was working for the North Carolina-based company doing local governance work in Iraq, was taken hostage on April 8.

Johnson did not have details about the release or how Razuq was treated but said he appeared to be in good condition.

MNA/Reuters



Protestors file down a street near the World Bank and IMF headquarters in downtown Washington Saturday, on 24 April, 2004, during the 2004 annual spring meetings. The crowd rallied against trade deals, Third World debt and war, the US occupation of Iraq, and the policies of President Bush. — *INTERNET*

Norway rejects US plea to stay on in Iraq

OSLO, 25 April—Oslo rejected an appeal by the United States on Friday to keep Norwegian troops in Iraq after a planned pullout in June when Norway aims to focus on helping stabilize Afghanistan.

NATO-member Norway, which did not support the US-led war in Iraq last year, sent a company of about 180 troops to help stabilize the south of Iraq after the overthrow of president Saddam Hussein.

"We must follow our original plan, of a commitment until the summer,"

Foreign Minister Jan Petersen told NRK television after US Secretary of State Colin Powell expressed hopes that Oslo might reconsider its plan to pull out in June.

"We must contribute so that NATO does not fail in Afghanistan," Petersen said, adding that Norway's

forces were spread thinly between important missions. He denied that Oslo was scared off by mounting violence in Iraq. Washington plans to hand over power to a caretaker Iraqi administration on June 30 when the US-led occupation ends, although US forces will stay on. — *MNA/Reuters*

US Marine dies of combat wounds in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 25 April—A US Marine has died from wounds suffered in hostile action west of Baghdad 10 days ago, the US military said on Saturday.

The military said the Marine assigned to the 1st Marine Expeditionary Force died on Thursday of wounds received on April 14 while fighting anti-US forces in the Al Anbar Province. Al Anbar

includes the restive towns of Fallujah and Ramadi.

It was not clear if his death or that of a soldier killed by a roadside bomb on Friday had been added to a Pentagon toll issued the

same day.

The toll showed 509 US troops had been killed in action since the start of the Iraq war in March last year.

MNA/Reuters

Missing army reservist in Iraq is dead

RALEIGH, 25 April—An Army reservist who had been missing in Iraq since a convoy attack on 9 April has been confirmed dead, the military said Saturday. Another soldier and a contract worker abducted in the same attack remain unaccounted for.

The remains of Sgt Elmer Krause were found Friday, according to a statement from the Department of Defense.

"He went over there and he didn't express any regrets," Krause's older brother, Jim, told reporters at the entrance to Travis Air Force Base in Fairfield, Calif.

Jim Krause said Saturday his brother said he hoped to provide leadership to younger soldiers. "His birthday would have been tomorrow. He was more than 40 years old and going over to fight," he said. "This is difficult for us, but his determination strengthens us."

Sgt Krause was part of a convoy that was attacked outside Baghdad. Thomas Hamill, a Halliburton employee from Macon, Miss.,

was seen on video after the attack, but there has been no word from him since. Pfc Keith M Maupin, seen on separate video footage, also has not been found.

Krause, 40, was assigned to the Army Reserve's 724th Transportation Company, Bartonville, Ill.

A California native, he previously served in the US Navy and relocated to Greensboro four or five years ago, friends have said. In Greensboro, he worked as a painter at Timco Aviation Services. He was divorced with a 9-year-old son.

Army officials have previously said Krause enlisted in the reserves in 1987 and was promoted to sergeant in 1995. — *Internet*



A demonstrator holds a bloodied axe with an anti-war slogan, during a protest in front of Downing Street in London, on 11

April, 2004.

INTERNET

Chalabi compares US policy on Baathists with Nazis

BAGHDAD, 25 April—A US policy shift that may allow former Baathists join a new Iraqi government was akin to putting back Nazis in charge of Germany, Governing Council member Ahmad Chalabi said on Friday.

"This policy will create major problems in the transition to democracy, endanger any government put together by UN envoy Lakhdar Brahimi and cause it to fall after June 30," Chalabi told *Reuters*.

He spoke after the White House announced an overhaul of the "de-Baathification" policy, which may let some former members join an interim government being put together by the United Nations ahead of a planned June 30 transfer of power.

"This is like allowing Nazis into the German Government immediately after World War II," added Chalabi, who heads a council committee specifically dedicated to keeping the upper ranks of Saddam Hussein's Baath Party out of office.

Chalabi said US Governor Paul Bremer discussed with the council on Thursday how

to reinstate junior public workers, such as teachers, who were nominally Baath members, but did not mention Baathists taking part in a new government.

The former Iraqi opposition, violently crushed by the Baath, supports helping junior party members return to work if they did not commit crimes, but is aghast at the prospect of Baathists returning to assume senior government positions.

"We refuse this US direction. Like the Nazis, the Baath was a chauvinist and racist organization," said Adnan al-Assadi, an official of the Dawa Party which is represented on the council. "It will help security deteriorate further, disappoint Iraqis who have trusted the coalition to manage the political process and lead to civil war," he added.

MNA/Reuters

Russia, EU closer to sensitive issues over European expansion

Moscow, 25 April — Russia and the European Union (EU) got closer to disagreements over the upcoming EU enlargement after the visit of an EU delegation here on Thursday.

European Commission President Romano Prodi, head of the delegation, confirmed after talks with Russian President Vladimir Putin that a joint statement on Russia-EU partnership and cooperation will be signed late this month, just ahead of the bloc's expansion to the Eastern Europe on 1 May to accept 10 mostly ex-Soviet nations.

Russia has been concerned that the enlargement would hurt its economic and trade interests and the rights of its citizens.

Putin said after the meeting that the main disputes over the transit of goods between Russia and its Baltic enclave of Kaliningrad, which will be encircled by EU countries after the enlargement, has been removed but "some details still need to be examined",

according to *Interfax* news agency.

Earlier a Russian economic minister said that an agreement on the issue had been reached. Prodi pledged that the EU is ready to launch negotiations with Russia to simplify visa rules in an effort to create a visa-free regime.

He also called for joint efforts in resolving disputes blocking Russia's accession into the World Trade Organization, which would impel Russian-EU relations and the establishment of a single economic area between the two sides.

Russia has been the largest world economy outside the body, partly because of its subsidy to its energy and agricultural sectors.—*MNA/Xinhua*

Vietnam to earn bigger export revenues

HANOI, 25 April — Vietnam is predicted to earn export turnovers of six billion US dollars in the second quarter of this year, a year-on-year rise of 16 per cent.

The expected hike is due to year-on-year increases of 9 per cent in export volume and 3 per cent in value, the Trade Ministry said on Friday, adding that markets with higher demands for local commodities include China, Japan, Britain and Germany.

Key exports with year-on-year high growth in the second quarter, will be seafood with 615 million dollars, up 11 per cent; garment

with nearly 1.2 billion dollars, up 18 per cent; and rubber with 70,000 tons, up 15 per cent in volume and 25 per cent in value.

Meanwhile, products with year-on-year decreases are predicted to include rice with 1,250 tons worth 255 million dollars, cashew nuts with 15,000 tons worth 55 million dollars, and pepper with 25,000 tons worth 34 million dollars. Vietnam made export turnovers of 5.4 billion dollars in the first quarter, up 15.1 per cent. It targets a 12-per-cent growth in export turnovers this year, from 19.8 billion dollars last year.—*MNA/Xinhua*



Hundreds of South Koreans demonstrate against the United States and the dispatch of South Korean troops to Iraq in downtown Seoul, on Saturday, 24 April, 2004. The demonstrators marched towards the US Embassy raising banners reading "Stop Killing Iraqis and Opposed Dispatch." —INTERNET

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Shiite militiamen kill Bulgarian soldier in Iraq

KERBALA (Iraq), 25 April — A Bulgarian soldier was fatally wounded on Friday when Shiite Muslim militiamen loyal to a wanted cleric ambushed a military convoy in the holy city of Kerbala.

Witnesses and officials said Mehdi Army militiamen, firing assault rifles and rocket-propelled grenades, ambushed a military convoy in the centre of Kerbala, 70 miles southwest of Baghdad.

A spokesman for the Polish-led multinational division in charge of south-central Iraq confirmed there had been exchanges some 500-600 metres from the town hall after one military vehicle was hit in the ambush. He said one coalition soldier was wounded.

The Bulgarian Defence Ministry later said a Bulgarian soldier shot in the head in the ambush died of his wounds.

The Mehdi Army militia is loyal to fire-brand Shiite cleric Moqtada al-Sadr, whom US forces want to arrest for alleged involvement in the killing of another Shiite cleric.

The safety of Bulgaria's 450-strong contingent in Iraq is of intense public debate in the Balkan state since the unit came under repeated attack from Sadr's militia.

The new NATO member is a staunch supporter of the US-led military operations in Iraq and has pledged to keep its light infantry battalion in Kerbala despite Spain and other countries withdrawing their forces.

Some 2,000 US soldiers are deployed outside Najaf, Iraq's holiest Shiite city, where Sadr is holed up.

Sadr said on Friday he could unleash suicide bombers if US forces attacked Najaf, and called on the whole nation to unite to expel Iraq's occupiers.

Sadr's supporters in parts of Baghdad and towns in the south rose up against the occupation earlier this month. —*MNA/Reuters*



Smoke billows from the US headquarters at the so-called 'Green Zone' in central Baghdad, Iraq, on 24 April, 2004. Guerrillas struck a US military base north of Baghdad with rockets around dawn Saturday, killing four American soldiers, an official said.—INTERNET

Chinese envoy calls for dialogue in solving WMD proliferation issues

UNITED NATIONS, 25 April— Issues relating to proliferation of weapons of mass destruction (WMD) should be solved through dialogues and international cooperation, said Chinese Ambassador to the United Nations Wang Guangya on Thursday.

Speaking at a Security Council open debate, Wang said the proliferation of WMD and their means of delivery "has everything to do with international and regional security environment".

"To pursue the universal improvement of international relations and to accelerate fair and rational settlement of the security issues of regions concerned will help realize the goal of non-proliferation," he said.

"The role of the existing international non-proliferation mechanism should be brought into full play, and proliferation issues should be solved through dialogues and international cooperation," he added.

To effectively push forward non-proliferation efforts, he stressed, it is necessary to guarantee the legitimate rights of all countries, especially the developing countries, to utilize and share dual-use scientific and technological achievements and products for peaceful purposes.

Wang said China favours adopting a resolution to strengthen international cooperation in cracking down on illicit trafficking of WMD, their means of delivery, and related materials by non-state actors, such as individuals and non-governmental groups.

He urged the 15-nation Council to fur-

ther improve the draft measure, presented by the United States and Britain last month, on the basis of opinions expressed at the debate.

MNA/Xinhua

Meningitis kills over 60 in north Nigeria

LAGOS, 25 April — Cerebrospinal meningitis has claimed more than 60 lives in Nigeria's northern state of Kaduna recently, the *News Agency of Nigeria* reported here.

Kaduna State Commissioner of Health Mary Dzegina was quoted as saying that the outbreak of the infectious disease in the northern state had also left many other victims who are now being hospitalized.

The state health commission was still awaiting reports on the outbreak of the epidemic from other affected areas, she said.

The epidemic was reported in the area of Birnin Gwari, Lere, Ikara, Zaria, Kaura, Soba, Giwa and Jema across the state.

Among those who lost their lives in Jema a local government area included Kafanchan Zonal Land Officer Tanko Dashera who died at Kafanchan General Hospital last week. Cerebrospinal meningitis is common in Nigeria during the dry season. It results from the exposure of the body to excess heat. —*MNA/Xinhua*

Roadside bomb kills 14 Iraqis

HASWA (Iraq), 25 April—A roadside bomb killed 14 Iraqis travelling by bus to Baghdad on Saturday and 12 others were wounded, a doctor at a nearby hospital said.

Abbas Wissan al-Shamari, a doctor at the hospital in the town of Iskandariya, 31 miles south of Baghdad, said the bus was taking people to the capital but he had no immediate further details.

Witnesses said the bus was driving just ahead of a convoy of six US military vehicles when the roadside bomb,

a favourite guerilla weapon against the occupying forces, exploded.

Local people rushed to the scene from a nearby village to help the injured and dead to hospital, the witnesses said. They said US troops sealed off the area.

MNA/Reuters

At least 13 Iraqis killed in Baghdad market blasts

BAGHDAD, 25 April—At least 13 Iraqis were killed and 30 wounded on Saturday when rockets or mortar bombs slammed into a busy market in a Shiite suburb of Baghdad, witnesses and hospital sources said.

Witnesses said at least two projectiles hit the chicken market in the Ourfalli neighbourhood of Sadr City, powerbase of Moqtada al-Sadr, a fiery Shiite Muslim cleric who is wanted by the US occupation forces.

"We were standing talking when two rockets landed," Bassam Abdul Rahim, told *Reuters*. "The second hit a gas canister and the explosion was huge. There was blood and bodies everywhere."

Angry residents held up bloodied human remains to television cameras filming the scene, accusing US helicopters of firing missiles at the market.

A dead donkey lay on the road, its guts spilled. Local residents put a sign on its back saying "This is Bush".

The US military, often blamed for attacks in the fervently anti-American neighbourhood, said it had no immediate information about the attack or who fired the projectiles.

At the Shaheed al-Sadr Hospital nearby, relatives of the dead and wounded sat on the ground weeping.

"This Bush, we don't want him," one woman cried. "It wasn't like this under Saddam Hussein."

Inside the wards, the wounded lay in pain. One man lost half his jaw, his face held together by a crude bandage.

"Today we received 30 injured people," hospital director Abdul-Jabbar al-Zubeidi said in English. "All

of them were shell injuries to different parts of bodies — head, chest, abdomen, extremities. Fifteen of them were severely injured."

"They are of different ages, all of them civilians. In addition we received 11 dead. They arrived dead. This is the situation in the hospital until 11.30 a.m."

Witnesses said the bodies of at least two other victims were taken straight to their homes for a quick burial.

MNA/Reuters

Deformation in Iraq increases by war, pollution

BAGHDAD, 25 April—Many cases of deformation were recorded in Iraq after the US-led war on Iraq, where various weapons with radiating materials were used, local newspaper *Saturday Azzaman* reported.

"The hospital for children in the city recorded 20 deformed newborns in the past two months," said Dr. Qassim Mohamed Al Ubaidy, director of the main hospital in Diyala, 65 kilometres northeast of Baghdad.

He added these cases came as a result of the ecological pollution and the last war when weapons with radiating materials were used, which would directly affect the foetuses and causes deformation before it is born.

The hospital greatly lacks medical supplies and the treatment that should be given to the mother after giving birth to a child, Ubaidy said. — MNA/Xinhua

Kuwaitis called for purchasing more national products

KUWAIT CITY, 25 April—The Kuwait Industry Union (KIU) on Saturday called for raising the preferential purchase ratio for national products from 10 per cent to 20 per cent to enable local industry to grow in light of competition with foreign goods, *Kuwait News Agency* reported.

The relevant Cabinet department, Kuwaiti Economy and Finance Committee, has approved the increase of the preferential purchase ratio of national products though it is still waiting for final Cabinet approval, KIU director Hussain Al-Khorafi

was quoted as saying.

He urged that the percentage must be raised to 20 per cent due to the factor that national products suffer from unjust dumping of foreign products, which results in a difference in pricing to the benefit of the importer.

Another reason is that the production capacity of national factories amounts to only 50 per cent of the actual production volume, and this causes an increase on sale prices, Al-Khorafi added.

He complained that some countries, where Kuwaiti industries have not been welcomed, have placed obstacles to Kuwaiti goods to protect their own national industries.

The KIU director also asked Kuwaiti administration to give priority to national products in government purchases.

MNA/Xinhua

Volkswagen intends to sell stake to UAE firm

ABUDHABI, 25 April—German motor giant Volkswagen (VW) may sell a 10-per cent stake worth 1.6 billion euros (1.9 billion US dollars) to a government-owned United Arab Emirates (UAE) investment company in Abu Dhabi, local newspaper *Gulf News* reported Friday.

The deal would allow VW to finance an acquisition and gain a shareholder ally as the European Union presses Berlin to scrap a law shielding Europe's top carmaker from takeover. The company's chairman Bernd

Pischetsrieder told shareholders Thursday that the Abu Dhabi, one of the emirates in UAE, was interested in a strategic stake in Volkswagen AG.

The cars group said, along with Olayan Investment Company of Saudi Arabia and Abu Dhabi's Mubadala Development Company, it would buy Europe's biggest fleet management company, LeasePlan Corp., from Dutch bank ABN Amro NV with two billion euros (2.37 billion US dollars).

MNA/Xinhua



An injured Iraqi Shiite is taken to the hospital following an early morning shooting incident between al-Mahdai Army, supporters of the Shiite cleric Moqtada al-Sadr and US troops at al-Sadr City, Iraq on 24 April, 2004.—INTERNET



An Iraqi boy carrying his belonging flees the restive city of Fallujah on 24 April, 2004.—INTERNET

Thousands stranded by Bangladesh floods

DHAKA, 25 April—Floods in northeastern Bangladesh have driven about 100,000 people from their homes, disrupted communications and damaged houses and wide swathes of crops over the past week, officials said on Friday.

There have been no reports yet of deaths in the floods, which followed storms that killed nearly 90 people and injured more than 2,000 across the country.

"About 100,000 people have left their homes seeking shelter elsewhere, including government buildings and schools," a disaster official said.

"Another half a million people were stranded in their partially flooded homes," said disaster official Mohammad Habib. The floods, triggered by heavy rain, have forced authorities to shut schools for use as temporary shelters.

About 15 million people in seven districts have been hit as the rain-fed Surma and Kushiara rivers — flowing from India's northeastern state of Assam — breached embankments and flooded villages.

About 500,000 acres of rice crops almost ready for harvest have been damaged in the floods, agriculture officials in the affected districts said, but were unable to give any estimates of losses immediately.

A flood forecasting official said the Surma was still flowing above its danger level and the situation might deteriorate if rain continued.

Weathermen forecast more rains across Bangladesh over the next one or two weeks.

"The floods have been raging for over a week, but it missed national focus as the authorities and the media were more engaged with the ongoing political disturbances," a senior disaster official said. — MNA/Reuters

World Bank calls for harder work to reduce poverty

WASHINGTON, 25 April—The World Bank called on Friday for harder work to eradicate extreme poverty and to achieve the Millennium Development Goals set at the beginning of the 21st Century.

"It is too early to conclude that the world as a whole is on track to achieve the Millennium Development Goals" and "what is clear is that goals remain a great challenge and that hard work lies ahead," the World Bank said in launching its annual publication *The World Development Indicators 2004*.

It said that continued

progress in poverty reduction depends on economic growth and the distribution of income. If projected economic growth remain on track through 2015, global poverty rates measured at less than one US dollar a day will fall to 12.7 per cent — less than half of 1990 level of 28 per cent — and 363 million fewer people will live in extreme pov-

erty than at the beginning of the 21st Century.

The World Bank stressed that the substantial reduction of poverty must be achieved through reducing hunger and malnutrition, achieving universal primary education, promoting equality, combating HIV/AIDS and other measures.

MNA/Reuters

To understand the truth

Ketu Nila

(Continued from yesterday)

In his discussion, Dr Robert H Taylor said that the military government has changed much since 1988 when it assumed the State duties; that it has gained much experience in the political field; that it had been able to address problems and was able to make marked changes in the administrative sector overcoming difficulties; that it had been able to deal with internal and international affairs and make truce with insurgents.

Mr Morten Petersen said that as the military government was getting stronger and stronger, it could not be removed from power with sanctions; and that the strength of the political parties was still weak to introduce a democratic system.

Dr John H Badgley concluded that all the scholars agreed that soon Myanmar would hold the National Convention and an election was on the horizon.

Now, I would like to present the opinion of the book 'Reconciliation in Myanmar: The US-Myanmar relations' edited by Dr Badgley, and published by the NBAR, a research bureau on Asia, in early March 2004. Dr Badgley visited Myanmar together with his wife in 1957. After touring various parts of Myanmar in 1957-58, he compiled his doctorate thesis on Myanmar and presented it to Barclays University in the US. His daughter was born in Yangon. After presenting his doctorate thesis, he learned Myanmar language at Connell University. Afterwards, he came back to Myanmar, lived in Magway, Pakokku and Monywa for about a year, interviewed over 120 Myanmar from all walks of life, and compiled and published a book on the politics among Myanmar.

In the book 'Reconciliation in Myanmar: The US-Myanmar relations' it is stated that the US sanctions against Myanmar neither supported the flourishing of democracy in the country nor hurt the ruling elite; that the sanctions would worsen the situation in Myanmar; that the US government would have to show more tolerance, study the basic situation in the country, help the national development undertakings, understand the extent of the ability of the Myanmar people to develop their nation; that force should not be used; and that sanctions showed Washington's lack of understanding of the fundamental condition of the developing country.

In the BBC Myanmar and international affairs programme, aired at 8.15 pm on 31 March 2004, Dr Badgley

expressed his view on Myanmar. The BBC quoted him as saying that although the word "cooperation with Myanmar" was a bitter word for the US, Myanmar was the first among the South-East Asian nations to declare that it would cooperate in the fight against terrorism at a time when the US was encountering the problems; that when he visited Myanmar he found that the US embassy there was dealing only with a single group; that the US policy on Myanmar was centred on a sole person for 15 years; that the policy was also laid down by a single person; that the US should not deal any country with such attitude; that the US listened only to the words of the so-called democracy activists; that the US had no interest in developing the country or generating job opportunities; that because of the sanctions, about 500,000 persons in Myanmar lost their jobs; that the standard of the workers of the factories, branded by Myanmar activists abroad as those using forced labour, were much higher than other workers; and that the US should create new job opportunities for the people of Myanmar.

The scholars including the one who was in touch with Myanmar for 30 to 40 years have reviewed the situation of Myanmar from the constructive point of view, as they understand the nation's objective conditions. Their view on Myanmar has come out from their humanitarian spirit and sympathy. They have no self-interest in expressing that view and stand on Myanmar. Moreover, these scholars have no economic interest in Myanmar. They do not expect political and economic gains in doing so. They have presented their views with the wish to see Myanmar people enjoying socio-economic progress. At the same time, with inhuman nature and violating moral ethics, the internal and external destructive elements including Myanmar expatriates and the so-called politicians from inside the nation are expressing their view, saying that sanctions will ensure democracy for the nation. They are making slanders against the nation with the desire to grab power.

In conclusion, I wish the powers of the west bloc including the US know whose view is right and whose view is wrong.

Concluded

(Translation: TMT)

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Minister Maj-Gen Thein Swe and Committee members supervise the inspection teams. — MNA

Dry day inspection teams check vehicles

YANGON, 25 April— Vice-Chairman of the Dry Day Supervisory Committee Minister at the Prime Minister's Office Maj-Gen Thein Swe, accompanied by members of the committee Deputy Minister for Construction U Tint Swe, Deputy Minister for Hotels and Tourism Brig-Gen Aye Myint Kyu, Deputy Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Than Htay, Director-General of Myanmar Police Force Brig-Gen Khin Yi, Col Tin Shwe of the Office of Quartermaster-General, Directors-General U Khin Maung and Lt-Col Tin Maung Tun, Commandant of No 1 Provost Company Maj Win Myint Tun, Directors U Baw Htin and U Tin Aung, Secretary Deputy Director-General of the Government Office U Sein Hla and Joint-Secretary Commander of Yangon Division Wireless and Traffic Police Force Police Lt-Col Aung Naing in two groups supervised dry day inspection teams who were discharging duties to check Tatmadaw and departmental vehicles this morning and this afternoon.

The dry day inspection teams checked dry day pass, driver's licence and wheel tax, wearing of departmental uniforms and breaking of traffic rules. — MNA

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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



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Irrigation facilities inspected in Salingyi, Budalin, Ayadaw Townships in Sagaing Division

YANGON, 25 April—Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Nyunt Tin, together with Director-General U Kyaw San Win of Irrigation Department and Director-General U Win Shwe of Water Resource Utilization Department, arrived at the site of Salingyi Dam Project in Salingyi Township on 24 April morning.

Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Nyunt Tin gave instructions on construction of the main dam, storage capacity of water, connection of the farmland irrigated by the dam with that of river water pumping projects in the township and feasibility study on flow of water in Phaungkahta Creek to be conducted.

Next, the minister in-

spected construction of the main dam, the spillway and conduit with the use of heavy machinery.

On arrival at Myothit Dam Project site three miles far from Monywa-YeU Road in Budalin Township, the minister heard reports on works and gave instructions on completion of tasks earlier than schedule. They saw over building of the main dam, conduit and spillway.

In the afternoon, Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Nyunt Tin looked into irrigation facilities in Ayadaw Township and gave necessary instructions.

Afterwards, the minister and party went to Magyeezauk River Water Pumping Project in Ayadaw and inspected the water pumping station and feeder canal.— MNA

Daw Kyaing Kyaing attends ceremony to enshrine religious objects...

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the religious objects there.

At the auspicious time, the Prime Minister and party enshrined the religious objects in the reliquaries of the pagoda. Then followed the Shwehtidaw-hoisting ceremony.

Afterwards, Daw Kyaing Kyaing sprinkled scented water on the tiers, Hngetmyatnadaw and Seinbudaw and conveyed onto the pagoda through the decorated carriage. Meanwhile, Myanmar Thabin Asiayon Chairman U Sein Aung Min, Pantra Kyi Lin, Maung Nan Win and others sang religious songs. Next, lay persons conveyed the tiers atop the pagoda.

At the auspicious time, Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt fixed the Hngetmyatnadaw and Seinbudaw atop the pagoda and sprinkled scented water on them. Then, the Prime Minister offered a Sasana pennant and Shwekya Thingan to the pagoda.

Daw Kyaing Kyaing and the Prime Minister performed rituals of golden and silver showers to hail the success of the ceremony.

Next, Sayadaws and members of the Sangha consecrated the pagoda, and the ceremony came to a close with the three-time recitation of *Buddha Sasanam Ciram Titthatu*.

Later, Daw Kyaing Kyaing, the Prime Minister and party offered 'soon' to the Sayadaws and members of the Sangha.— MNA



Daw Kyaing Kyaing conveys diamond orb round the Pagoda.— MNA



Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt fixes Seinbudaw atop Maha Saddhammaramsi Shwe Ceti.— MNA



Daw Kyaing Kyaing offers religious objects to Vice-Chairman Sayadaw Bhaddanta Kesara.— MNA



Daw Kyaing Kyaing, Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt and party receiving Nine Precepts from Vice-Chairman Sayadaw Bhaddanta Kesara at Htidaw hoisting ceremony of Maha Saddhammaramsi Shwe Ceti.— MNA



Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt offers religious objects to Vice-Chairman Sayadaw Bhaddanta Kesara.— MNA



Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt keeps religious objects into middle reliquary of Maha Saddhammaramsi Shwe Ceti.— MNA



Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt supplicates on religious affairs at ceremony to pay homage to Agga Maha Pandita title recipient Sayadaw Bhaddanta Nandasamibhivamsa. — MNA

Prime Minister pays obeisance to Agga Maha Pandita KanU Zaytawun Sayadaw

YANGON, 25 April—A ceremony to pay homage to Agga Maha Pandita title recipient Presiding Sayadaw Bhaddanta Nandasamibhivamsa of KanU Zaytawun Monastery in Mayangon Township was held at the monastery this afternoon, attended by Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt.

The ceremony was graced by the attendance of members of the Sangha led by Vice-Chairman of State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Agga Maha Pandita Agga Maha Saddhammajotika Dhaja Thayet Sayadaw Bhaddanta Kesaya. Also present on the occasion were ministers, deputy ministers, the Vice-Mayor, officials of the State Peace and Development Council Office, heads of department, wellwishers, disciples and others.

First, the ceremony was opened with three time recitation of Namo Tassa. Next, Vice-Chairman of State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Agga Maha Pandita Agga Maha Saddhammajotika Dhaja Thayet Sayadaw Bhaddanta Kesaya invested the congregation with the Nine Precepts. After that, members of the Sangha recited parittas. Next, Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt supplicated on religious affairs. He said that he was pleased to have the opportunity to pay respects to members of the Sangha who were present at the ceremony to pay homage to Agga Maha Pandita title recipient Presiding Sayadaw of KanU Zaytawun Sathintaik in Mayangon Township Bhaddanta Nandasamibhivamsa.

The Sayadaw was born of U Hla Maung and Daw Gwunbon of Phayagiyon village, Dedaye Township, Ayeyawady Division on 8th Waning of Tagu 1305 ME. At the age of 13, he was novitiated under the name of Ashin NandaSami. At the age of 20 on 15th Waxing of Waso 1325 ME, he was ordained by Obo Monastery Sayadaw Bhaddanta Sucarita with the sponsorship of U Kyin Maung and Daw Tin Nu.

He studied the Buddhist literature under noted lecturer Sayadaws. And he passed Sasana Dhaja Dhammacariya examination and Cetiyanana Pariyati Sasana Hita Dhammariya examination. Then, he taught Buddhist literature to novices and monks at Thayettawtaik Sasanawdaya Monastery in Yangon. He established KanU Zaytawun Sathintaik in 1333 ME. Under his teaching, a total of 505 members of the Sangha passed Pahtamange exam, 414, Pahtamalat exam, 265, Pahtamagi exam and 61, Dhammacariya exam. KanU Zaytawun Sathintaik was first launched with only two student members of the Sangha. But, now the monastery has been upgraded to a facility completed with three one-storey buildings, three two-storey buildings, one three-storey building and one four-storey building along with 160 student members of the Sangha. The Kyaungtaik is meeting with success due to the virtues and great diligence of the Sayadaw and his good management, relentless efforts of lecturer Sayadaws and four requisites provided by disciples. The govern-

ment conferred Agga Maha Pandita title on Bhaddanta Nandasami Bhivamsa on 4 January 2004 for his excellent performance in promotion of Pariyatti Sasana. This ceremony was held to honour the Sayadaw again by his disciples.

Afterwards, the Prime Minister and party presented offertories to members of the Sangha. For the homage paying ceremony, four Mingun Tipitaka Sayadaws donated K 200,000; Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt-Wife Dr Daw Khin Win Shwe and family K100,000; U Kyaw Myint-Daw Tin Tin Aye and family K 100,000; disciples of the Sayadaw K 500,000; Daw Aye Myat Nwe (Bagan Hotel) K 100,000; and Captain Myint Aung Kyaw and wife and family offered 'soon' to members of the Sangha.

Next, Lecturer Bhaddanta Konsala (Dhammacariya) recited Açariya Guna Tuthi Puja Gatha. Next, U Thiha Bala (Dhammacariya) read the brief biography of Agga Maha Pandita title recipient Presiding Sayadaw Bhaddanta Nandasami Bhivamsa. Next, five gold medal winner Ma Thinza Tun sang a song on brief biography of the Sayadaw. Later, Vocalist Shweyamin Oo extolled the attributes of the Sayadaw compiled by Maung Khine Ti. Afterwards, KanU Zaytawun Sathintaik Sayadaw Agga Maha Pandita Bhaddanta Nandasami Bhivamsa delivered a sermon and the Prime Minister and party shared merits gained. The ceremony ended with the three-time recitation of Buddha Sasanam Ciram Titthatu. — MNA

Prime Minister attends dinner to mark 14th Annual Conference of MMCWA

YANGON, 25 April—Chairman of National Health Committee Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt attended the dinner to mark the 14th Annual Conference of Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association and the ceremony to present prizes at the Multi-purpose Building of MMCWA at the corner of Parami and Thanthuma Roads in South Okkalapa

Township at 6.30 pm today. Also present at the dinner were Vice-Chairmen of NHC Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Soe Win and Secretary-2 Lt-Gen Thein Sein, ministers, the Yangon Mayor, deputy ministers, officials of the State Peace and Development Council Office, departmental heads, honorary patrons of MMCWA, Presi-

dent of MMCWA Dr Daw Khin Win Shwe, Vice-Presidents Dr Kyi Soe and Dr Daw Tin Lin Myint, CEC members, patrons and chairmen of State/Division Supervisory Committees for MCWA and guests.

First, President Dr Daw Khin Win Shwe spoke words of thanks.

Afterwards, President Dr Daw Khin Win Shwe presented gifts to mark the



Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt presents prize to a winner. — MNA

conference to Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt.

The Prime Minister gave away the first prize for outstanding activity at state level to Kachin State, the joint-second prize to Rakhine State and Shan State (North), the joint-third prize to Mon State and Shan State (East); and the first prize at division level to Yangon Division, the second prize to Mandalay Division and the third prize to

Ayeyawady Division. The patrons of the respective State/Division Supervisory Committees accepted prizes and certificates of honour.

Next, President Dr Daw Khin Win Shwe presented the first prize in the paper reading sessions to Rakhine State, the second to Yangon Division, the third to Shan State (North) and consolation prizes to Shan State (South) and Taninthayi Division.

Vice-President Dr Kyi Soe presented gifts to artists who presented entertainment at the dinner.

Later, the Prime Minister and party and guests were served with dinner. — MNA



Dr Daw Khin Win Shwe presents prize to a winner. — MNA

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Lt-Gen Aung Htwe hosts dinner in honour of Bangladeshi goodwill delegation

YANGON, 25 April — Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Aung Htwe of the Ministry of Defence received visiting Bangladeshi goodwill delegation led by Major-General AIM Mustafa Reza Noor, ndc at Zeyathiri Beikman, Konmyinthar this evening.

Present at the call were Vice-Chief of Armed Forces Training Brig-Gen Nyan Win, Vice Adjutant-General Brig-Gen Hla Shwe, Vice Quartermaster-General Maj-Gen Htin Aung Kyaw, Deputy Commandant of National Defence College Brig-Gen Than Maung, Senior Military Officers of the Ministry of Defence and Defence Attaché of Bangladeshi Embassy to Myanmar Brigadier-General Helal Uddin Ahmed, psc together with the visiting Bangladeshi



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delegation.

In the evening, Lt-Gen Aung Htwe of the Ministry of Defence hosted dinner in honour of the visiting Bangladeshi goodwill delegation at Mya

Yeik Nyo Hotel.

Present at the dinner were Lt-Gen Aung Htwe, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than and Lt-Gen Maung Bo of the Ministry of Defence, Chairman of Yangon

Division Peace and Development Council Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe, Vice-Chief of Armed Forces Training Brig-Gen Nyan Win, Vice Adjutant-General Brig-Gen

Hla Shwe, Vice Quartermaster-General Maj-Gen Htin Aung Kyaw, Deputy Commandant of National Defence College Brig-Gen Than Maung, Senior Military Officers of

the Ministry of Defence and Defence Attaché of Bangladeshi Embassy to Myanmar Brigadier-General Helal Uddin Ahmed, psc together with the visiting Bangladeshi delegation.

During the dinner, Lt-Gen Aung Htwe and Major-General AIM Mustafa Reza Noor, ndc exchanged souvenirs and artistes of the Mya Yeik Nyo Hotel entertained those present with Myanmar traditional cultural songs and dances. —MNA



Lt-Gen Aung Htwe and the visiting Bangladeshi goodwill delegation pose for a documentary photo at the dinner. — MNA

Bangladeshi delegation arrives

YANGON, 25 April — Bangladeshi goodwill delegation led by Major-General AIM Mustafa Reza Noor, ndc arrived here this afternoon by air.

The delegation was welcomed at the Yangon International Airport by Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe, Vice-Chief of Armed Forces Training Brig-Gen Nyan Win, Deputy Commandant of National Defence College Brig-Gen Than Maung and senior military officers, Bangladeshi Ambassador to Myanmar Mr A B Manjoor Rahim, Defence Attaché Brig-Gen Helal Uddin Ahmed, psc and officials. —MNA

China calls for further cooperation among SCO members

Moscow, 25 April — Chinese Foreign Minister Li Zhaoxing said on Friday that “to broaden and deepen the cooperation in all fields would be the priorities of further activities of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO)”.

Li made the remark at the SCO foreign ministers' meeting here.

Li called on member countries to boost security cooperation during campaigns against terrorism, religious extremism and separatism and to protect the common interests of the member countries.

He also call for implement of the Multilateral Economic Cooperation Programme among the SCO members, which was signed in September 2003, to strengthen economic and trade cooperation.

The SCO, formally established in 2001, is an anti-terror and trade group, comprising Russia, China,

Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan.

The six-member nations should “concentrate on... constantly improving the level of regional cooperation”, said the Foreign Minister.

He believed that the upcoming summit, which will be held in June in

Tashkent, Uzbekistan, would gain plentiful and substantial fruits in outlining direction of the six-nation organization's development, promoting concrete cooperation and expanding its influence.

Li arrived in Moscow on Wednesday for a three-day visit.

MNA/Xinhua

Sanitation tasks carried out in Yangon City

YANGON, 25 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

Nursery Market Festival continues

YANGON, 25 April — The Nursery Market Festival continued at Myay Padetha Park in Bahan Township here today with the aim of providing necessary assistance to growers and attracting the public to be interested in agriculture, horticulture, livestock breeding and vegetable farming.

Kitchen crops, fruits and saplings of herbal plants are being shown at the festival.

Poultry farming and fish and prawn breeding technologies are also exhibited there. Educational books are also available there. — MNA



The Bangladeshi goodwill delegation seen on arrival at the airport. — MNA

Mbeki reelected South African President

CAPE TOWN, 25 April — Thabo Mbeki was reelected South African President by the new National Assembly here Friday. He was elected unanimously to a second term in office at the first session of the Parliament after 400 members of the Parliament were sworn in.

The 62-year-old incumbent President was the only candidate nominated to the post of head of state by the National Assembly meeting for the first time since the April 14 elections in which the African National Congress (ANC) won a sweeping victory. "Taccordingly declare Thabo Mbeki duly elected as the President of South Africa," said Chief Justice Arthur Chaskalson.

Mbeki said earlier that his party would continue pursuing the goals of reconstruction and development.

All opposition parties, including the Democratic Alliance, the Inkatha Freedom Party and the United Democratic Movement, congratulated Mbeki for his success in reelection. Opposition leaders expressed hope that they will work together with the ruling ANC, saying that they are rivals but not enemies. The ANC led by Mbeki got 279 seats in the country's new Parliament, more than two-thirds of the total, according to the final results released here Saturday evening by the Independent Electoral Commission (IEC). — *MNA/Xinhua*

OPCW calls for chemical weapons free zone in Africa

ADDIS ABABA, 25 April — The Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons (OPCW) urged Friday African states to make every effort to achieve the goal of making the continent a chemical weapons free zone.

In a resolution following a three-day regional conference, the OPCW said all states should take required measures in line with the recommendation of the Khartoum meeting and the spirit of the Maputo summit decision.

The resolution also called on the permanent representatives to the African Union (AU) based in Addis Ababa, capital of Ethiopia, to seize additional opportunities to inscribe the OPCW and the Chemical Weapons Convention (CWC) on the relevant agenda of the AU, the Pan-African Parliament and other concerned bodies. — *MNA/Xinhua*

တီဘီရောဂါကာကွယ်နိုင်ရန်နှင့်ရေး

(က) ရောဂါဖြစ်ပွားကူးစက်မှု

- ဤရောဂါသည်တီဘီရောဂါဖြစ်သော ကူးစက်ရောဂါဖြစ်သည်။
ဝေဒနာရှင် ရောင်းဆိုးခြင်း၊ နှာချေခြင်း၊ သလိပ်တံတွေးမှ တစ်ဆင့် ရောဂါပိုးများလေထဲတွင်ပျံ့နှံ့၍ ကူးစက်သည်။
- အသက်အရွယ်မရွေး လူတိုင်းတွင်ဖြစ်ပွားနိုင်သည်။
 - အဆုတ်တွင်အများဆုံးဖြစ်ပွားပြီး ကိုယ်ခန္ဓာအနှံ့အပြားတွင်လည်း ဖြစ်နိုင်သည်။
 - ဆီးချိုရောဂါ၊ ခုခံအားကျဆင်းမှုကူးစက်ရောဂါနှင့် အာဟာရ ချို့တဲ့မှုရှိသူများတွင် အဖြစ်များသည်။

(ခ) ရောဂါလက္ခဏာများ

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

(ဂ) ကြိုတင်ကာကွယ်ခြင်း

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

(ဃ) ကုသမှုခံယူခြင်း

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

ကျန်းမာရေးဝန်ကြီးဌာန

Indonesia, Malaysia to launch joint action on terrorism

JAKARTA, 25 April — Indonesian and Malaysian police will soon launch a joint operation to tackle international crimes and establish a terrorism crisis centre in Indonesia.

National Police Operations Bureau chief Brigadier-General Rubani Pranoto said on Friday that the operation, called Aman Malino (Safe Malaysia-Indonesia), aimed at stamping out international crimes that were rampant on the borders of the two countries, such as smuggling, drug dealing and child or women trafficking.

"It's also targeted at securing the Straits of Malacca, which the United States believes to be a safe haven for terrorists," Rubani was quoted Saturday by *The Jakarta Post* as saying, after a closed-door meeting with Malaysian police here on Friday.

High-ranking Malaysian police officer, Dato Mohammad Nor Otsman, said that the operation would focus on areas considered the most prone to crimes, such as East and West Kalimantan adjacent to Malaysia's province of Sarawak.

"Besides those areas, we'll also stay alert on the areas along Johor all the way to Pangkal Pinang (in Malaysia) and the Straits of Malacca, which is prone to crimes like piracy on the sea," he said.

Rubani said Indonesia would deploy around 1,500 water police officers in addition to 300 to 600 officers on the ground.

"All of our officers will work together with those from Malaysia and try to secure other many areas in the vicinity, such as North Sumatra and Riau," he said.

Otsman said Malaysia planned to dispatch at least 100 boats to observe the areas bordering the two countries and the Straits of Malacca.

He also affirmed that the Malaysian police would provide adequate security for Malaysians residing near the borders by conducting a regular operation involving the country's water police. — *MNA/Xinhua*

Nepal becomes full WTO member

KATHMANDU, 25 April — Nepal has become a full member of the World Trade Organization (WTO) from Friday, making the Himalayan kingdom the first least-developed country to join the multilateral trade forum.

By joining the WTO, Nepal can now fully enjoy the rights that all members have under the WTO agreement, such as non-discrimination by other members and the ability to use the WTO's dispute settlement procedure.

In return for these rights, like all WTO members, Nepal has accepted some obligations and made commitments in 11 service sectors and 70 sub-sectors out of the total 170 classified by the WTO.

Nepal accepted an average tariff binding at 42 per cent in agricultural products and around 24 per cent in industrial goods. The majority of import items fall in the Customs duty range of 10- 20 per cent.

The maximum tariff rate of 80 per cent applied to automobiles, liquors and tobacco products will be reduced as specified in the goods schedule. A minimum tariff rate of up to 5 per cent has been applied to items of daily consumption.

Among the commitment on legislation related to trade regime, Nepal has agreed to amend or enact 38 acts and regulations to become compatible with the WTO provisions.

On August 15 last year, the WTO Accession Working Party in Nepal had finalized and forwarded several hundred pages of legal text for formal acceptance.

The fifth WTO ministerial conference held in Cancun, Mexico last September welcomed Nepal along with Cambodia into its fold, taking its member strength to 148. — *MNA/Xinhua*

Canadian doctors warn of risks of pesticides

OTTAWA, 25 April — Canadians should limit their exposure to pesticides because of their "consistent" link with serious illnesses, Canadian doctors warned Friday.

Doctors at Ontario College of Family Physicians did a comprehensive review of pesticide research links and found links between exposure to pesticides and illness and disease.

The doctors reviewed over 250 studies from countries around the world connecting pesticides, both occupational and home-and-garden, to serious illnesses such as cancer, reproductive problems, and neurological diseases. — *MNA/Xinhua*

သတိပေးနှိုးဆော်ချက်

ခရီးသည်တင်မော်တော်ယာဉ်များအား ဖြိုတွင်းသို့ နေ့/ည ခရီးသည် ပို့ဆောင်နိုင်ရေးအတွက် သတ်မှတ်ခေါက်ရန်းအညွှန်း စက်သုံးဆီ ထုတ်ပေးထားပြီး ဖြစ်ပါသည်။ ယာဉ်စီမံများအားလည်း သတ်မှတ် နှုန်းထားများအတိုင်းတောင်းခံရန် ညွှန်ကြားထားရှိပါသည်။ သို့ရာတွင် အချို့ယာဉ်လိုင်းများမှ ယာဉ်မောင်းနှင့် ယာဉ်နောက်လိုက်တို့သည် ယာဉ်စီမံများကို ညပိုင်းတွင် ပိုမိုတောင်းယူနေကြောင်း သိရှိပါသည်။ ထိုသို့ ပိုမိုတောင်းခံပါက ထိရောက်စွာ အရေးယူနိုင်ရန် အောက်ပါ နံပါတ်များသို့ တိုင်ကြား နိုင်ပါသည်။

- (၁) မြန်မာနိုင်ငံရဲတပ်ဖွဲ့၊ ရန်ကုန်တိုင်း (ဖုန်း ၁၉၉)
- (၂) ကြုံမိကြုံနံနံနှင့် ယာဉ်ထိန်း တပ်ဖွဲ့များ (ဖုန်း၂၅၁၇၅/၂၅၁၇၄)
- (၃) မော်တော်ယာဉ်လုပ်ငန်းပေါင်းစုထိန်းသိမ်းရေးကော်မတီ (ဖုန်း ၅၄၁၉၀၅/၅၄၁၉၀၄)

ယာဉ်စည်းကမ်းထိန်းသိမ်းရေးကြီးကြပ်မှုကော်မတီ

အရက်ကြောင့်ဖြစ်သည့်ရောဂါများ

အရက်ကိုလွန်ကျွံစွာနှင့် စွဲလမ်းစွာသောက်သုံးခြင်းကြောင့် ဖြစ်ပွားတတ်သောရောဂါများမှာ အသည်းရောင်ခြင်း၊ အသည်း ခြောက်ခြင်း၊ သွေးအန်ခြင်း၊ အစာအိမ်ရောဂါဖြစ်ခြင်း၊ နှလုံးရောဂါ ဖြစ်ခြင်း၊ ဦးနှောက်နှင့်အာရုံကြောထိခိုက်ခြင်း၊ စိတ်ရောဂါများဖြစ်ခြင်း စသည်တို့ဖြစ်ပါသည်။

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- ၁။ ကယောင်ကတမ်းဖြစ်ခြင်း (Delirium Tremors)၊ ကြောက်လန့်ခြင်း၊ အချိန်၊ နာရီ၊ နေရာ၊ လူ ခန့်မှန်းနိုင်စွမ်း မရှိခြင်း၊ ကြောက်စရာလွန်စရာများဖြစ်ရခြင်း၊ အသံဗလ်များ ကြားရခြင်း၊ ပိုများများနွှော့ကိုယ်ပေါ် ရုစိမ့်သွားသလိုခံစားရခြင်း၊ လက်တုန်ရောဂါဖြစ်တတ်ခြင်း။
 - ၂။ အရက်အလွန်အကျွံသောက်သည့်အခါတွင် လူမရှိတဲ့ နားထဲတွင် ခေါ်သံများ၊ ခြိမ်းခြောက်သံများ၊ စော်ကားမော်ကားသံများ ကြားနေရတတ်ခြင်း (Alcoholic Hallucinosiis)။
 - ၃။ အတတ်ကြီးရောဂါဖြစ်တတ်ခြင်း (Rum Fits) (ဝက်ရုပြန်ရောဂါကဲ့သို့ တတ်ခြင်း)။
 - ၄။ စိတ်ဓာတ်ကျရောဂါဖြစ်တတ်ခြင်း (Depressive Illness)။
 - ၅။ စိတ်ဖောက်ပြန်ခြင်း (Alcoholic Psychosis)။
 - ၆။ ဦးနှောက်ချို့ယွင်းခြင်း။
 - ၇။ အရက်နှင့်မတည့်သောသူများသည် အရက်အနည်းငယ်သောက် ရှိပြီး ရုတ်တရက် စိတ်ဖောက်ပြန်တတ်ခြင်း (Pathological Drunkenness)။
 - ၈။ မိမိ၏စိန်ကို အထင်အမြင်လွဲမှားခြင်းများ ဖြစ်တတ်ခြင်း (Morbid Jealousy)။
 - ၉။ အရက်ကြောင့် ရာဇဝတ်မှုကျူးလွန်သည်အထိ ဖြစ်နိုင်ခြင်း။
- အထက်ပါဆိုကျိုးများကို မခံစားရစေရန် အရက်သောက် သုံးခြင်း၊ အထူးသဖြင့် အလွန်အကျွံသောက်သုံးခြင်း၊ အရက်ကို စွဲလမ်းစွာသောက်သုံးခြင်းတို့မှ ရှောင်ကြဉ်ရန် တိုက်တွန်းအပ်ပါသည်။ အရက်စွဲရောဂါဖြစ်ပွားပါက စိတ်ကျန်းမာရေး ဆေးရုံနှင့် ကုသရေး ဌာနများတွင် စနစ်တကျ ကုသမှုခံယူရန် အသိပေးနှိုးဆော် အပ်ပါသည်။

ကျန်းမာရေးဝန်ကြီးဌာန

French, Jordanian ministers meet on Iraq, Mideast

PARIS, 25 April — French Foreign Minister Michel Barnier held talks here on Friday with his Jordanian counterpart Marwan Moasher on Iraq and Middle East issues, announced Herve Ladsous, spokesman of the French Foreign Ministry.

"Jordan is a great actor in the Middle East where it is playing an appreciated moderating role. Our analysis on the regional situation are very close," the spokesman said.

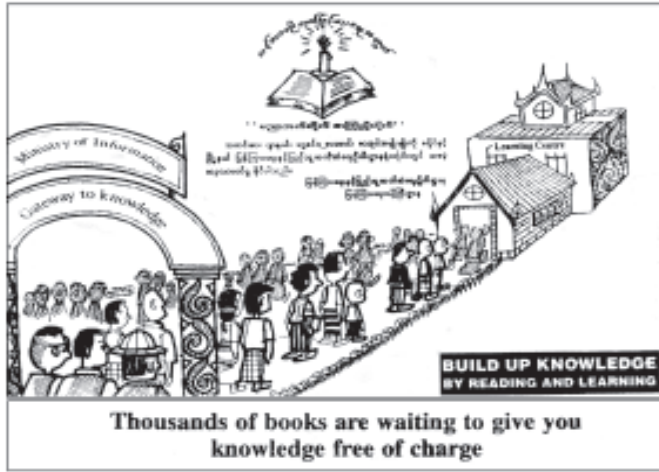
France favours a political solution in Iraq and hoped that the time limit for the handover of sovereignty to Iraqis on June 30 will be a radical change.

Concerning the Middle East, Jordan called on the European Union (EU) to make the peace plan

"roadmap" implemented after American President George W. Bush declared his support for the Israeli plan to withdraw from the Gaza Strip.

King Abdullah II of Jordan had already visited France in March, when he held talks with President Jacques Chirac on the American proposed "Greater Middle East" aimed at democratizing the Arab countries. The plan has aroused the hate of the Arab world.

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လေလံတင်ရောင်းချရေးအဖွဲ့

Spanish police arrest Moroccan man in bombs probe

MADRID, 25 April— Spanish police have arrested a Moroccan man on suspicion of a role in the 11 March Madrid bombings and released two Indian men who were arrested two days after the attacks, a court official said on Friday.

The Moroccan, Abdelnabid Chedadi, is the brother of Mohamed Chedadi who is under arrest as part of the investigation into the attacks that killed 191 people.

The two Indian men released had sold

mobile phone SIM cards to suspected bombers who planted explosives in commuter trains, wounding close to 2,000 people. Mobile phone alarms were used to activate the detonators of the bombs.

A state prosecutor has requested six new arrest warrants in the probe, the court official also said. There are now 17 people under arrest in the investigation. Another seven suspects blew themselves up when cornered by police on 3 April.—MNA/Reuters

မြည်တွင်းပြန်ကိုအားပေးပါ

G-7 sees global growth, but warns on oil, forex

WASHINGTON, 25 April — Group of Seven finance ministers said on Saturday prospects for global growth are favourable but warned rising oil prices are a risk, and repeated a warning against excess volatility in foreign exchange rates.

The G-7 dropped buoyant language on low inflation, firming confidence and job growth that had been in a draft of the communique obtained by Reuters, but said the global recovery had strengthened since the group last met in Boca Raton, Florida, in February.

"Prospects are favourable, and although risks remain, such as energy prices, overall the balance of risks to the outlook has improved," the ministers and central bankers from the United States, Italy, Germany, the UK, France, Canada and Japan said in a communique issued after a meeting in Washington.

"Additional pro-growth reforms are essential to deliver stronger and more balanced global growth, boost employment, and raise incomes," it added.

The G-7 statement reaffirmed that exchange rates should reflect economic fun-

damentals, and urged more currency flexibility in nations that did not have flexible systems. It said the G-7 would continue to monitor exchange markets closely and cooperate as appropriate, and excess volatility and disorderly movements in exchange rates are undesirable for economic growth. The G-7 stated its commitment to sound fiscal policies, and said the ministers had reviewed ways to reduce fiscal deficits.

The group said economic fundamentals had improved in many emerging market countries. It noted financially troubled Argentina had made progress to get its economy back on track, but said the country had more work to do. "Sustained and sound policies (in emerging markets) are essential to support lasting growth and reduce external vulnerabilities. In the case of Argentina, progress has been made, but further progress is required," it said. — MNA/Reuters

Seoul police stage anti-terrorist attack manoeuvre

SEOUL, 25 April— Seoul Metropolitan Police Agency (SMPA) on Friday staged anti-terrorism training in southern Seoul, demonstrating its various capabilities against possible terrorist attacks.

The manoeuvre was conducted by the Special Weapons And Tactics of the SMPA.

The special forces showed their martial arts, conducted anti-hijack exercises, rescued "hostage" from a building and did target practice.

Police dogs also showed their capability of detecting explosives and hunting suspects. Robot also defused explosives successfully before the spectators.

About 70 ambassadors from foreign countries watched the demonstration. And they also visited the 112 Crime Reporting Centre, the Traffic Information Centre to understand how Seoul police carry their ordinary job.

In the opening ceremony of the manoeuvre, Commissioner of the SMPA Huh Joon-young said: "Anti-terrorism currently is a global issue. We have already set up police operational tactics to combat terrorism and crime."

Huh also pledged to make Seoul a safer place for foreigners and local people.

Local concerns over possible terrorist attack have grown recently as the South Korean Government insists on its troop dispatch plan

to Iraq.

South Korean Embassy in Bangkok on Wednesday received a letter, threatening to destroy major roads and buildings in countries that have decided to send troops to Iraq.

The letter, sent from a group calling itself the "Yellow-Red Overseas Organization," said the group would launch attacks on major facilities in eight countries, including South Korea, between 20 and 30 April.

South Korea has beefed up security around foreign embassies whose countries' name was listed on the letter, such as Japan, Thailand, the Philippines, Singapore, Australia, Kuwait and Pakistan, an official of the SMPA who is in charge of foreign affairs told Xinhua.

The Seoul Police Agency also has tightened security measures in major public locations such as airports and ports, said the official.

MNA/Xinhua

Drunk Mexican man run over by train, lives

MEXICO CITY, 25 April— A Mexican man who got drunk, fell asleep on railroad tracks and was run over by a train slept through the entire episode and escaped unharmed, local officials said on Friday.

Jorge Lozano Lopez, a 32-year-old electrician, did not regain consciousness until well after paramedics arrived on the scene late on Wednesday night.

"He must have been very drunk to have slept through all that," said Jose Alfaro de la Rosa, a health official in the northern town of San

Nicolas de los Garza. "It's a miracle he wasn't hurt."

The train's driver spotted Lozano Lopez on the tracks and frantically blew the whistle but was unable to rouse him or stop the train in time.

The undercarriage passed within just a few inches of his body but did not touch him.

"I counted only six beers," a bewildered Lozano Lopez told local newspaper *El Norte*. "But who knows how many more there might have been. I don't remember."

MNA/Reuters

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Study finds signs of life in ancient lava

WASHINGTON, 25 April — Tiny, bacteria-like organisms made their home in hardened lava some 3.5 billion years ago, scientists reported on Friday in a finding that pushes the limits of when life is known to have started on Earth.

The microbes, known as archaea, dug into volcanic rock to form long tubes. A team from the United States, Norway, Canada, and South Africa found evidence of the lava-burrowing archaea in 3.5-billion-year-old rock in South Africa.

"Our evidence is amongst the oldest evidence for life found so far," said Hubert Staudigel, a research geophysicist at the Scripps Institution of Oceanography at the University of California, San Diego.

Writing in Friday's issue of the journal *Science*, Staudigel and colleagues said they found tell-tale tubes in "pillow lava" in South Africa's Barberton Greenstone Belt, which was formed underwater in the oceanic crust but is now above ground.

"This area within the oceanic crust is a favourable place for the origin of life," Staudigel said. "It offers relatively easy access to seawater and volcanic environments such as deep-sea hydrothermal systems — including a wide range of catalysts that are required in the origin of life."

So far, no one has found indisputable remains of the very earliest life. The main problem is that most of these ancient rocks have been through geologic processes of heating, pressure and folding that would destroy any evidence.

In 1996 researchers found rocks in Greenland that they dated to 3.85 billion years ago containing what they believe were traces of bacteria. In 1999 a team found remains of 2.7-billion-year-old algae in Australian shale.

In Friday's report, the researchers said they found carbon along the inside of the tubes that may represent organic material left behind by microbes.

At the time, "there were no plants or animals to eat," Staudigel said. "So to make a living these microbes adapted to eating volcanic rock. That's all there was."

Archaea still exist. They make up many of the so-called extremophiles — organisms found in extreme environments such as undersea vents, hot sulphur springs and Antarctica. — MNA/Reuters

Report says heart disease now major global threat

WASHINGTON, 25 April — Cheap food, cigarettes and city life are causing millions of early deaths in the developing world, according to a report to be released on Monday.

Heart disease, once an illness of the rich, is killing more and more people in poor countries, according to the report. "The risk of cardiovascular disease is growing as populations increase in cities," reads the report, issued by Columbia University's Earth Institute in New York.

"There, food is steadily becoming cheaper and exercise is scarce. The prevalence of obesity and of diabetes and of its precursor conditions, are rising faster in urban than in rural areas," the report adds. "The tobacco scourge, now at epidemic levels in less-developed countries, exacts its toll in many ways, but cardiovascular deaths are its principal mode

of mortality."

Unlike in the United States, few are working to help people quit smoking, to eat healthier diets and to get some exercise, the report says.

The result is that people are dying young — in their most productive economic years. The loss of middle-aged workers will affect entire economies, the report cautions. In the United States, where heart disease is far and away the No 1 killer, there are 116 deaths per 100,000 men aged 35 to 59 from heart disease and stroke each year.

In Russia, there are 576 such deaths per 100,000 men the same age. "Cardiovascular disease has always been seen as a disease of affluent

and older people in developed nations, yet 80 per cent of all CVD deaths occur in low- and middle-income countries," Philip Poole-Wilson, President of the Geneva-based non-profit World Heart Federation said in a statement.

"A major finding of this report is that in developing countries the onset of CVD occurs among younger people, increasingly affecting those of working and productive age."

In South Africa for example, 41 per cent of all heart deaths were in people aged between 35 and 64. In the United States, the Federation predicts, 73 per cent of heart deaths will be in people over 75. — MNA/Reuters

Siamese-twin to be operated in Bangladesh for separation

DHAKA, 25 April — A Siamese-twin born a week ago in Bangladesh's western Pabna will be separated through operation in a Dhaka hospital, hospital sources said Friday.

The conjoined-twin was born on April 14 in a poor family at a hospital in Pabna Town through Cesarean operation. The Islami Bank Hospital in capital Dhaka, which separated a conjoined-twin a few months ago, will work for separating this Siamese-twin.

Dr Ruhul Amin, a paediatric surgeon of the Islami Bank Hospital told *Xinhua* by phone Friday that he would operate upon the twin in a few days. Without giving any definite date of operation, Amin, who also operated on the twin boys a few months ago, expressed his confidence of successfully separating Halima and Maria, the conjoined babies of Pabna.

Papia Khanon Shefaly, wife of Shahed Ali of Balam Village of Pabna District gave birth to the Siamese babies on April 14. The babies were brought to the Islami Bank Hospital four days after their birth. The babies are going well.

After the earlier operation, one of the twin boys died a few days later, but the other is living well.

MNA/Xinhua

Donate blood



Four-month-old Golden Retriever Quaker relaxes with her handler Jeannie Fleming Gifford at the Working Dog Weekend festivities at Lake Farmpark in Kirtland, Ohio on 24 April, 2004. Quaker is being raised to be a seeing eye dog and will be sent to Guiding Eyes For The Blind for training once she reaches 16-18 months in age. —INTERNET

Netherlands seeks to stub out "cannabis tourism"

AMSTERDAM, 25 April — It is last orders for foreigners please at Dutch coffee shops as the government on Friday decided to curb "drugs tourism" and sharpen cannabis policies amid European pressure.

A trial will start soon in the southern town of Maastricht, just across the border with both Germany and Belgium, where the sale of soft drugs to foreigners will be banned.

"We want to end all aspects of drugs tourism, the fact that people come to the Netherlands to use soft drugs or to take them home," said Justice Ministry spokesman Wim Kok. The liberal Dutch laws on soft drugs, whose use is not allowed but condoned in a tacit acknowledgment that there are insufficient police to arrest all offenders, have been a thorn in the side to more law-and-order-oriented European countries.

In the Netherlands, cannabis smokers can openly buy and smoke the drug in hundreds of government-regulated "coffee shops".

The centre-right gov-

ernment wants to call an end to the hordes of foreigners, mainly youngsters, on the streets of cities like Amsterdam prowling for a joint. Countries like France abhor the return of hazy-eyed nationals by train.

The Interior Ministry will work with towns and cities on ways to better enforce existing laws against the use of cannabis, including minimum distances between the so-called coffee shop cannabis cafes and schools.

The Justice Ministry will attack drugs tourism with international police co-operation and target large-scale hemp growing as well as the "criminal involvement" of so-called "grow-shops" where people can buy seeds to grow their own pot.

The Health Ministry, for its part, will study the

possible health consequences of soft drugs with a high content of Tetrahydrocannabinol (THC), an active compound in cannabis. This study could lead to a reclassification of the high-THC content cannabis as a "hard drug", spokesman Bart Kuik said.

The Netherlands, where customers can order a vast array of cannabis from coffee shop menus, has reportedly seen a steep rise in THC levels in Dutch-grown cannabis called "Nederwiet" due to refined growing methods.

Some doctors say cannabis use increases the risk of depression and schizophrenia but its use has been widely tolerated by the Dutch for decades. Coffee shops are prohibited from selling "hard drugs" and are carefully monitored.

MNA/Reuters

Dutch Prince weds, picks love over throne

DELFT (Netherlands), 25 April — Dutch Prince Johan Friso married his scandal-touched fiancée Mabel Wisse Smit without the permission of the government on Saturday and in doing so gave up his right to succeed to the throne.

Johan Friso, second son of Queen Beatrix, chose to marry Wisse Smit despite failing to win government approval after the couple acknowledged she had a more involved relationship with a murdered mobster than she had originally said.

Shortly after their engagement a year ago, Wisse Smit issued a statement saying she had known Dutch mobster Klaas Bruinsma for a few months when she was a student, but had broken with him when she learned of "the practices he engaged in".

But her relationship with Bruinsma, who was shot dead in a gangland killing in 1991, was back under the spotlight in October when one of his

former bodyguards said the pair had been lovers.

The human rights activist conceded later to Prime Minister Jan Peter Balkenende she had had a closer relationship with Bruinsma and maintained contact with him for at least another 18 months. But she denied any business or romantic involvement.

Few of Europe's royal houses sent representatives to the wedding celebrations on Saturday but among VIPs were Norway's King Harald, billionaire philanthropist George Soros and the prime minister, whose concerns about Wisse Smit forced Johan Friso to choose between love or the throne.

MNA/Reuters

Rich countries should bear responsibility for global recovery

WASHINGTON, 25 April — The major industrial nations should bear the main responsibility for global economic recovery and adjustment and be mindful of the potential effects of their macroeconomic policy adjustment on the world economy, Deputy Governor of the People's Bank of China Li Ruogu said on Friday.

Addressing the 71st Meeting of the Group 24 Ministers which is held before the Spring Meeting of the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank, Li said that the global economy has shown obvious momentum of strong re-

covery. However, the short-term and medium-term risks facing the world economy remain.

The timing and magnitude of macroeconomic adjustment by the major industrial countries will subject global economic development to great uncertainties and some industrial countries have been slow to carry out structural adjustment, he said.

Therefore, major rich countries should be mindful of the effects of their economic policy adjustment on the world economy — particularly on the developing countries, Li said.

MNA/Xinhua

SPORTS

Dutch call up Kluivert

AMSTERDAM, 24 April — Barcelona striker Patrick Kluivert, struggling since late January with a knee injury, has been called up for the Dutch squad to play Greece in a friendly in Eindhoven next Wednesday.

Coach Dick Advocaat also named Jaap Stam, Clarence Seedorf, Frank de Boer and Giovanni van Bronckhorst.

All four missed the 0-0 draw against France in March due to injuries.

But there was no room for Chelsea's Mario Melchiot or Manchester City's Paul Bosvelt.

Kluivert's last international match was the 6-0 win over Scotland in the second leg Euro 2004 playoff match last November when he started on the bench.

Advocaat is not underestimating Greece, saying: "When you finish above Spain in the (Euro 2004) qualifying group it proves a lot."

MNA/Reuters

Arsenal wait on Ljungberg fitness for Spurs showdown

LONDON, 25 April — Arsenal manager Arsene Wenger will make a late decision on the fitness of Swedish midfielder Freddie Ljungberg for Sunday's Premier League showdown with neighbours Tottenham Hotspur at White Hart Lane.

Ljungberg is still not fully fit following hand surgery and Wenger told reporters at Arsenal's training ground on Friday: "I have to make a decision on (Ljungberg). He is not pain-free yet."

Unbeaten Arsenal will seal the Premier League title if they beat Spurs and second-placed Chelsea, who trail them by nine points, fail to win at Newcastle United earlier on Sunday.

Left back Ashley Cole is fit following his ankle problem and should replace youngster Gael Clichy in defence. "Ashley is alright," Wenger said.

MNA/Reuters

Wenger warns "complacency" main enemy of Arsenal

LONDON COLNEY (England), 25 April — Complacency, not Tottenham Hotspur, will be Arsenal's main enemy when they seek to secure the Premier League title at White Hart Lane on Sunday.

Arsene Wenger's unbeaten side, who hold a nine-point lead over Chelsea, will seal their second title in three years if they beat their struggling north London rivals and Chelsea fail to defeat Newcastle United earlier on Sunday.

"The problem we face at the moment is to realize that it is not won and that it is always difficult to win it, to finish the job that is in front of us," Wenger told reporters on Friday at Arsenal's training ground.

"We are in an environment that can make you switch off because everyone thinks that it is done but it is not.

"I will remind them (of that). I think that the players are intelligent enough to realize that it is not won, but subconsciously, when the whole environment makes you feel that way, you can completely lose your concentration."

Tottenham have two extra incentives to inflict Arsenal's first defeat of the season in the league. They still need a victory to stave off the outside chance that they may yet be relegated and their fans will also be desperate to avoid a repeat of 1971, when Arsenal also clinched the league title at the home of

their bitter rivals.

Wenger, who was playing as a centre back for French Third Division club Mutzig in 1971 while studying for an economics degree, is acutely aware of the danger Spurs pose.

"It is hard to win in life and we face a derby that is always special in our season," he said. "There is something at stake for both teams. Tottenham are not completely safe although they are 90 per cent. But in their mind, they don't feel safe.

"It is difficult to predict. Whenever I have been to White Hart Lane it has never been a stroll. They always raise their game really well at White Hart Lane."

Wenger, who will make a late decision on the fitness of Swedish midfielder Freddie Ljungberg, has promised that his players will not risk provoking the Spurs fans with excessive celebrations should results go their way.

"The quicker (we win it) the better, not for any specific humiliating reason just because we want to achieve it as quickly as possible," said the Frenchman, adding that he was proud of his team's improved discipline this season. —MNA/Reuters

Chelsea's Desailly banned for three matches

LONDON, 25 April — Chelsea captain Marcel Desailly has been banned for three matches for "assaulting" Monaco striker Fernando Morientes in Tuesday's Champions League semifinal first leg at the Stade Louis II.

The decision, which could bring down the curtain on his illustrious career in European competition, was based on video evidence because Desailly's elbow on Morientes was not seen by referee Urs Meier, UEFA said on Friday after a hearing.

The 35-year-old France defender, whose silverware includes the 1998 World Cup and 2000 European Championships as well as Champions League success with Olympique Marseille and AC Milan, is expected to leave Chelsea for Qatar at the end of the season.

The ban means he will miss the second leg of the semifinal at Stamford Bridge and would also be unavailable for the final in Gelsenkirchen, Germany on May 26 if Chelsea overturn the 3-1 first-leg deficit. He has until 2300 GMT on Monday to appeal.

"It's a logical sanction considering what happened," said Monaco coach Didier Deschamps. "If UEFA gave him three matches, they must have considered his

behaviour as unsportsmanlike."

UEFA said Monaco midfielder Andreas Zikos was banned for one match after being sent off early in the second half of the first leg when Chelsea midfielder Claude Makelele feigned injury after being lightly cuffed on the head.

"The (disciplinary) body also noted the unsporting behaviour and provocative attitude of the Chelsea FC player Makelele, who dived and feigned injury after the incident," UEFA said.

Frenchman Makelele was booked and will miss the second leg.

Deportivo Coruna's Jorge Andrade was suspended for one match after being sent off late in the 0-0 Champions League semifinal first leg against Porto on Wednesday.

The Portugal defender said referee Markus Merk had misinterpreted his kick at Porto striker Deco Souza, which he said was nothing more than a joke with an old friend.

MNA/Reuters



Rangers' striker Shota Arveladze (R) protects the ball during a Champions' League match against Manchester United. Arveladze's agent confirmed that the Georgian international is on the verge of committing his future to Rangers. —INTERNET

Olazabal's Ryder Cup hopes hit by missed cut

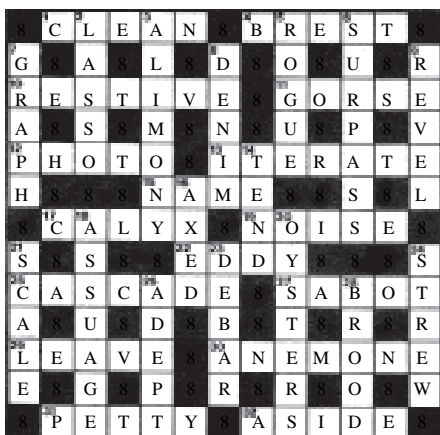
FUERTEVENTURA (Spain), 25 April — Jose Maria Olazabal's hopes of a Ryder Cup revival were dashed on Friday when the Canaries Spanish Open favourite missed the cut following another flurry of missed putts.

Olazabal's five-over-par 75 left him six-over-par 146, 16 strokes behind leader David Park of Britain.

It was the putter that betrayed the double US Masters champion most, ending his bid to win his home Open title at the 18th attempt. Olazabal has missed the cut in the Spanish Open before but this failure could prove to be his costliest yet. He was trying to lift himself from a slump to 138th in the world rankings, 79th on the European money-list and 34th and 24th respectively on the European and world Ryder Cup points tables.

At 38 years old, Olazabal, who insisted his putting stroke is the same as the one he used to win both his Masters titles, has collected 28 titles worldwide, including 22 European Tour titles. But he now believes the years may be catching up with him. Olazabal will try again to kick-start his Ryder Cup campaign by winning next week's Italian Open, having been undone not just his putter but by Fuenteventura's toughest hole, the 472-yard second. —MNA/Reuters

Answers for yesterday's Crossword Puzzle



Frenchman Cevaer edges ahead in Spanish Open

FUERTEVENTURA, 25 April — Frenchman Christian Cevaer moved closer to his maiden European Tour victory when he took an early one-stroke lead in the Canaries Spanish Open second round on Friday. Cevaer, who played on a medical exemption last year after breaking his elbow in a snowboarding accident, shot a three-under-par 67 to set the target of seven-under 133, a shot ahead of overnight leader David Park of Britain and Sweden's Peter Hedblom, who returned a 66.

Jamie Donaldson, second overnight, was joined on five under by fellow-Briton David Lynn, who shot 68, and Swede Henrik Nystrom, who posted a 65.

Julien Clement broke the inaugural European Tour course record 64 set by Park in the first round with a 63 and the Swiss player's score was quickly equalled by Gregory Havret of France, leaving the pair three shots off the lead. Clement included two eagles, while Havret ran up nine threes, one an eagle. Argentina's Ricardo Gonzalez, last week's Seville Open winner, ran up a double-bogey in his penultimate hole but birdied the last for a 70 to lie four shots off the pace.

Cevaer, 34, included a chip-in among five birdies, his second master stroke of the week.

After his worrying 18 months out injured, Cevaer is now relatively fit and happy he can employ his usual low ball-flight under the notorious wind at the volcanic island.

Hedblom, the 1996 Moroccan Open winner, is continuing the form he showed when finishing seventh in last week's Seville Open after losing his card in 1998 but bouncing back by finishing 35th on last year's money-list. —MNA/Reuters



Guillermo Coria of Argentina reacts during his quarterfinal match of the Monte Carlo Tennis Open tournament in Monaco against David Nalbandian of Argentina, on 23 April, 2004. Coria won 6-4, 6-3. —INTERNET

MRTV-3

26-4-2004 (Monday)
(Programme Schedule)
Morning Transmission
(9:00 - 10:00)

- 9:00 Signature Tune
Greeting
9:02 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Mingalabar"
9:06 Ancient Buddha Images Carved On Stone Walls (Akaau Mountain)
9:10 **Headline News**
9:12 Aungpan oranges
9:15 **National News**
9:20 Butterfly Garden In Yangon
9:25 Artist Maung Kyaw Nyunt "Cover Poster and Creative Painting"
9:30 **National News**
9:35 A Peaceful Place of Mind
9:40 Song "Lovely Dusk"
9:45 **National News**
9:50 Beauty of the Woman of Myanmar (Pre-War Period)
9:58 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Come and See Myanmar"

26-4-2004 (Monday)
Evening Transmission
(15:30 - 17:30)

- 15:30 Signature Tune
Greeting
15:32 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Myanma Panorama & Myanma Sentiment"
15:36 Ancient Buddha Images Carved On Stone Walls (Akaau Mountain)
15:40 **Headline News**
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16:45 **National News**
16:50 A Thin Kind of Paper
16:55 Kayin Dance (Ton Pana or Kywe Min Don Dance)
17:00 **National News**
17:05 Biological Expedition to Hponkan Razi Region (I)
17:10 Song "No Matter In Whichever Country You Are Remember"
17:15 **National News**
17:20 38 Modes of Auspicious Conducts (Savior of His Nation)
17:25 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Come and See Myanmar"

Evening Transmission
(19:30 - 23:30)

- 19:30 Signature Tune
Greeting
19:32 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Mingalabar"
19:36 Padsang Village and Elephant Camp
19:40 **Headline News**
19:42 Ayeyawady Second Defile
19:45 **National News**
19:50 Myanmar Movies Impact
"Missing Rhythm"
20:00 **National News**
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23:15 **National News**
23:20 38 Modes of Auspicious Conducts (Savior of His Nation)
23:28 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Come and See Myanmar"

26-4-2004 (Monday) & 27-4-2004 (Tuesday)
Evening & Morning Transmission
(23:30 - 1:30)

- 23:30 Signature Tune
Greeting
23:32 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
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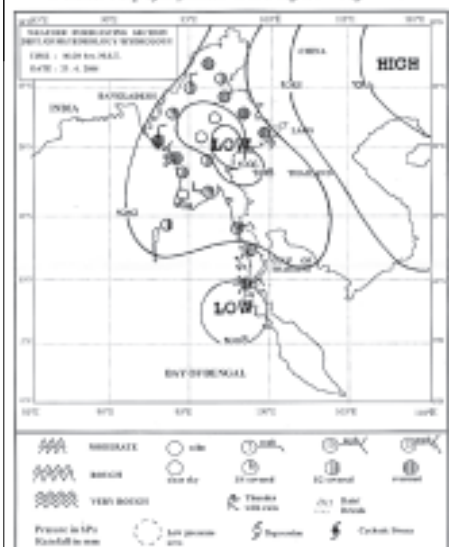
27-4-2004 (Tuesday)
Morning Transmission
(03:30 - 07:30)

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

**WEATHER**

Sunday, 25 April, 2004

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, except for light rain or thundershowers has been isolated in Taninthayi Division, weather has been generally fair in the whole country. Day temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) above normal in Kachin, Kayah and Kayin States, Mandalay, Magway, Bago, Yangon and Taninthayi Divisions, (6°C) above normal in Ayeyawady Division and about normal in the remaining areas. The significant day temperatures were (42°C) each in Minbu, Magway, Aungmye, Hmawbi and Henzada.

Maximum temperature on 24-4-2004 was 40.7°C (105°F). Minimum temperature on 25-4-2004 was 21.7°C (71°F). Relative humidity at 9:30 hrs MST on 25-4-2004 was 66%. Total sunshine hours on 24-4-2004 was (9.6) hours approx. Rainfall on 25-4-2004 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 South at (14:30) hours MST on 24-4-2004.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 26-4-2004: Isolated rain or thundershowers are likely in Kachin, Chin, Mon and North Rakhine States, upper Sagaing and Taninthayi Divisions and weather will be partly cloudy in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (60%).

State of the sea: Seas will be slight to moderate in Myanmar waters. **Outlook for subsequent two days:** Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers in southern Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 26-4-2004: Partly cloudy. **Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 26-4-2004:** Partly cloudy.



Monday, April 26
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. Song of national races
8:05 am
6. Cute little dancers
8:15 am
7. ရုပ်သံပြိုင်ပွဲ
8:20 am
8. ဟင်္သာရေကန်တံခွန်
8:30 am
9. International news

- 8:45 am**
10. Let's go
4:00 pm
1. Martial song
4:15 pm
2. Song to uphold National Spirit
4:30 pm
3. Demonstration exercises for correct pronunciation
4:45 pm
4. Musical programme
5:00 pm
5. အဆေးသင်တန်းသို့လေ့လာရေး
ရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ
- ဒုတိယပိုင်း (ရုက္ခဗေဒအထူးပြု)
(ရုက္ခဗေဒ)
5:15 pm
6. Dance variety
5:30 pm
7. မြန်မာ့စာပေသင်တန်း
5:45 pm
8. Song and dance of national races
5:50 pm
9. ခါးကတ်တား (စရာဝတ်တိုင်း)
6:00 pm
10. Musical programme (The Radio Myanmar Modern

- Music Troupe)
6:10 pm
11. မြန်မာ့စာပေသင်တန်း
6:20 pm
12. Discovery
6:30 pm
13. Evening news
7:00 pm
14. Weather report
7:05 pm
15. Industrial Achievement
7:20 pm
16. Musical programme
7:35 pm
17. ရုက္ခဗေဒသင်တန်းတို့၏
သံတော်ရှင်အတော်
8:00 pm
18. News
19. International news
20. Weather report
21. နိုင်ငံခြားအသံလွှင့်
"အစုစုံသံသရာ" (အပိုင်း-၂၆)
21. မင်းကုန်းဆရာတော်ဘုရားကြီး
ဦးစိန်ညွှန့်ဘုရားတော်၏
အရုပ်သံရှင်အတော်
ဗုဒ္ဓဗျာဠာတော်
22. The next day's programme



Monday, April 26
Tune in today:

- 8:30 am** Brief news
8:35 am Music: Any man of mine (Shania)
8:40 am Perspectives
8:45 am Music: Love sensation (Gill)
8:50 am National news/Slogan
9:00 am Music: Sweet kisses (Canbayah)
9:05 am International news
9:10 am Music: Feel it (The Tamper)
- Love you more (Steps)
1:30 pm News/Slogan
1:40 pm Lunch Time Music
- So much in love (All & one)
- Living on the island (Chris De Burgh)
- Run to you (Bryan Adams)
- Girl I'm gonna get you (Moffatts)
9:00 pm Spotlight on the star "Westlife"
9:15 pm Article
9:25 pm Woman Affairs
"MWAFA dutifully preserving traditional cultural heritage"
9:35 pm Golden Land's Melody: A thousand smiles (The Twins)
News/Slogan
9:45 pm PEL
10:00 pm



Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt addresses coordination meeting for hoisting Seinbudaw, Hngetmyatnadaw and Htidaw atop Thabbyinnyu Stupa.— MNA

Prime Minister attends meeting to coordinate Htidaw-hoisting of Thabbyinnyu Stupa

YANGON, 25 April— The coordination meeting to hoist Seinbudaw, Hngetmyatnadaw and Shwehtidaw atop Thabbyinnyu Stupa in Mayangon Township was held on the ground floor of the stupa at 4 pm today, with an address by Patron of the Committee for Construction of Thabbyinnyu Stupa Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt.

Also present on the occasion were ministers, the Yangon Mayor, deputy ministers, the chairman of the Committee for Construction of Thabbyinnyu Stupa and members, sub-committee chairmen and members, officials of the State Peace and Development Council Office, departmental heads, officials, local authorities and guests.

Speaking on the occasion, Prime Minister General Khin

Nyunt said that construction of Thabbyinnyu Stupa is a heavy task. However, the project has reached the stage at which the Htidaw can be hoisted atop the stupa owing to systematic formation of the supporting committees. Steps have been taken for successful realization of the project. As the stupa is considerably high, the respective committees are to present the arrangements for successful holding the Htidaw.

Next, Chairman of the Construction Committee Minister for Transport Maj-Gen Hla Myint Swe reported on progress in formation the nine sub-committees for hoisting Seinbudaw, Hngetmyatnadaw and Shwehtidaw atop the stupa, arrangements made by the sub-committees, re-

hearsal programme and financial matters.

Next, officials of the sub-committees reported on their respective tasks. Deputy Minister for Culture Brig-Gen Soe Win Maung reported on the plan to hold the ceremony.

Later, the Prime Minister gave necessary instructions.

After the meeting, the Prime Minister paid homage to Sithupan Buddha Image being kept on the third floor of the Stupa. He offered flowers, water, lights and incense sticks to the image and gold foils to the image.

Afterwards, the Prime Minister paid obeisance to ancient Buddha images and the site for the decorated carriage and left there at 5.45 pm.

MNA



Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt inspects construction of Water Treatment Plant in Botahtaung Township.— MNA

Prime Minister inspects construction of water treatment plant in Botahtaung Township

YANGON, 25 April— Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt, accompanied by ministers and officials of the State Peace and Development Council Office at 2.30 pm today arrived at the Water Treatment Plant construction project site of Yangon City Development Committee in Botahtaung Township where they were

welcomed by Chairman of YCDC Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin, Vice-Mayor Col Maung Pa and officials.

First, Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin reported on work being carried out for construction of the plant and requirements.

Next, Environmental Conservation Department

of YCDC Dr Tun Than Tun reported on progress in construction of sludge digester tank, sludge thickener tank, secondary sedimentation tank, aeration tanks, pump sump, primary sedimentation tank, chlorination tank, dewatering house, RC road, main manhole, culvert, transformer, power station and under-

ground cable under the project, stockpiling of materials and future tasks to the Prime Minister who attended to the needs.

After that, the Prime Minister and party inspected construction of the plant.

Next, the Prime Minister and party proceeded to road upgrading project site in Botahtaung.

Deputy Minister for Transport U Pe Than re-

ported on construction of car parking, paving of platforms and installation of railings as the first phase and renovation of port embankment, construction of new port embankment, establishment of high mast, construction of reinforced concrete benches, growing of coconut plants, extension of main drain, tarring of roads and renovation of drains as the second phase.

Next, Minister at the Prime Minister's Office Maj-Gen Thein Swe reported on maintaining work to the Prime Minister who gave instructions on timely completion of the work.

After inspecting road renovation tasks in Botahtaung Township, the Prime Minister left the project site in the evening.

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Health Minister arrives back

YANGON, 25 April — Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint arrived back here this evening after attending the 7th ASEAN Health Ministers' Meeting and the first ASEAN Plus China, Japan and Korea (ASEAN+3) Health Ministers' Meeting held in Penang, Malaysia on 22 and 23 April.

Health Minister Dr Kyaw Myint was welcomed back at Yangon In-

ternational Airport by Minister for Cooperatives Maj-Gen Htay Oo, Minister for Education U Than Aung, Malaysian Ambassador to Myanmar Dato' Cheah Sam Kip, directors-general and officials of the departments under the Ministry of Health and their families.

Those returning home together with Health Minister Dr Kyaw Myint were Director-General of

Health Planning Department Dr Kyi Soe, Director-General of Traditional Medicine Department Dr Thein Swe, Deputy Director-General of Health Department Dr Soe Aung, Director of Traditional Medicine Department Dr Sein Win, Director of Foreign Relations Division of the Ministry of Health Dr Pe Thet Tun.

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MTF President's Trophy Tennis Tournament opened

YANGON, 25 April — The Myanmar Tennis Federation President's Trophy Tennis Tournament was opened at Theinbyu Tennis Plaza this morning, attended by Patron of the federation Maj-Gen Kyaw Win.

Also present were Di-

rector-General U Thaung Htaik of Sports and Physical Education Department, President of MTF U Zaw Zaw and officials and fans.

First, Patron Maj-Gen Kyaw Win extended greetings. Next, Patron Maj-Gen Kyaw Win and President U

Zaw Zaw formally opened the tournament.

Maj-Gen Kyaw Win played against U Kyaw Than in the singles above-55 age event. Altogether 195 tennis players are taking part in the tournament.

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