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Township level officials play key role in developing rural areas with greater momentum

Prime Minister inspects development tasks in Momeik, Mabein

YANGON, 5 May—Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt, accompanied by member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Ye Myint, ministers, deputy ministers, the Chief of Staff (Navy), officials of the State Peace and Development Council Office, departmental heads and officials, left here by air yesterday morning and arrived at Mandalay International Airport in TadaU Township at 9.30 am.

The Prime Minister and party were welcomed there by Mandalay Mayor Brig-Gen Yan Thein, Deputy Commander of Central Command Brig-Gen Nay Win and officials.

Afterwards, they went to Momeik in Shan State (North) where they were welcomed by Chairman of Shan State (North) Peace

and Development Council Commander of North-East Command Maj-Gen Myint Hlaing, Chairman of Kachin State Peace and Development Council Commander of Northern Command Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe, members of Kyaukse District and Township Peace and Development Councils and departmental officials.

At Momeik Hall, the Prime Minister met with township authorities, departmental officials and local people.

Commander Maj-Gen Myint Hlaing reported on locations, areas and population of Momeik and Mabein townships, agriculture and local food sufficiency of the two townships, timber extraction, exploration of natural resources and regional development such as education,

health, roads, bridges and dams.

Momeik Township Peace and Development Council Chairman U Tint Lwin reported on township agricultural tasks, progress of education, health and transport and requirements.

Next, departmental officials submitted their respective reports and requirements. Kyaukse District Peace and Development Council Chairman Lt-Col Soe Win gave a supplementary report.

After leaving reports on agriculture, education, health and road, bridge and Irrigation sectors, the Prime Minister fulfilled the requirements. Next, the Prime Minister delivered an address.

The Prime Minister said that he and his party visited Momeik in northern Shan State to look into the requirements in carrying out the task to develop the region, and to further raise the living standard of the local people.

After meeting with the local elders and officials, requirements for regional development including the health, education, economic and transport sectors have been fulfilled.

Since its assumption of the State duties, the Government has been striving to restore peace and stability in the whole nation and to develop the remote border areas in leaps and bounds. At the same time, it has been laying down and im-

plementing projects to wipe out the narcotic drugs.

As the border areas are developing with greater acceleration, the 24-development-zone project has been laid down and implemented for the progress of all the regions of the nation. In addition, the Government has been carrying out the five rural development tasks.

Township level officials play a key role in developing the rural areas with greater momentum. They will have to successfully realize the goals of the State projects. They are required to tour down to the villages in their townships to know the needs of the rural people and to fulfill them. They should work hand in hand with the local people to win their respect and reliance.

Moreover, they will have to strive in cooperation with the township level welfare associations including Union Solidarity and Development Association, Myanmar Red Cross Society, Auxiliary Fire Brigade, War Veterans Organization, Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation, and Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association for progress of the respective townships. The welfare associations have been formed with the aims of helping develop the nation and serving the public interest.

As Myanmar is a Union formed with over 100 national races, the unity of all

Four political objectives

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

Four economic objectives

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

Four social objectives

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



Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt meets township authorities, departmental officials, social organization members and local people at the hall in Momeik.—MNA

the national races is of vital importance for the country. The Union Spirit will flourish and the Union itself will perpetuate if there is national solidarity. Thus, all the state/division, district and township level officials should understand the fact and should strive with goodwill to raise the living standard of the local people, consolidate the national unity and foster Union Spirit.

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PERSPECTIVES

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For engineers to take part actively in nation-building tasks

The State Peace and Development Council has been striving on all fronts for peace and development of the nation. It is with the united strength of the national forces that the government is trying to modernize the nation. The Myanmar Engineering Society, one of the national forces, plays a very important role in our national endeavours.

The cornerstone-laying ceremony for the new building of the Myanmar Engineering Society was held near the MICT Park in Hline Township on 1 May and it was attended by Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt. The Prime Minister met with the responsible personnel of the Myanmar Engineering Society at the Conference Hall of the MICT Park. On the occasion, Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt said that the MES is made up of engineers from 21 ministries and development committees and therefore it is one of the national forces that can be largely relied on in our endeavour for all-round development of the nation.

The Myanmar Engineering Society was founded in 1916 but it ceased to exist for various reasons 60 years ago. Now it has become alive again since the Diamond Jubilee of Yangon University held in 1995 and the government is encouraging its activities.

Nowadays, Myanmar engineers, with their own knowledge, professional skills and experiences, are building roads, railroads, bridges, irrigation facilities and sky-scrapers. The government is taking measures to improve the activities of the MES and to pave the way for its development and success.

Engineers in various fields belong to the Myanmar Engineering Society. Its members include retired engineers from various government departments as well as those who are still in government service. As significant achievements, the Myanmar Engineering Society has won the ASEAN Energy Saver Award in 2001, the ASEAN Engineer Outstanding Award in 2002 and two ASEAN Engineer Outstanding Awards in 2003.

It is believed that by taking pride in the accomplishments so far achieved, the Myanmar engineers will continue to strive their utmost to enhance their efficiency and capabilities and, at the same time, will actively take part in the nation-building endeavours.

Table-Tennis Tournament opened

YANGON, 5 May — The Commander-in-Chief (Air)'s Shield Table-Tennis Tournament was opened at Thura Ohn Khaing Hall at Shande Flying Training Base in Meiktila yesterday, attended by Commander of Flying Training Base Brig-Gen Khin Maung Tin.

Also present were Commander of No 99 LID Col Tin Oo Lwin, Meiktila Station Commander Brig-Gen Khin Maung Aye, Ground Training Base Commandar Col Thura Khin Maung Win and others. — MNA

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Stop Discrimination

8 May 2004

Myanmar Red Cross Society

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

Merits shared for completion of monastery in Shwedaung

YANGON, 5 May — A ceremony to share merits for completion of Ngwe Yadanapan Monastery at Shwepyithar Nyeinaye Dhammayekikha in Hsinmakyat Village, Nwamayan Model Village-tract, Shwedaung Township was held at the venue on 1 May morning.

Present were Pyay Zawtikayon Pali Tekkatho Monastery Presiding Nayaka Sayadaw Vice-Chairman of the State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Agga Maha Pandita Agga Maha Saddhamma Jotikadhaja Bhaddanta Kundalajoti and members of the Sangha, Chairman of Bago Division (West) Peace and Development Council Col Hla Min, officials, wellwisher U Aung Kyi and Thudhamma Theingi Daw Yin Kywe and family and local people. At the ceremony, Col Hla Min supplicated on religious affairs. The monastery was built at a cost of K 30 million by the wellwishers. — MNA

Ninth Thailand Exhibition 2004 opens

YANGON, 5 May — Under the arrangement of economic cooperation programmes between Myanmar and Thailand and with the assistance of Ministry of Commerce of the Union of Myanmar, the opening ceremony of the 9th Thailand Exhibition 2004 was held at the Yangon Trade Centre on Upper Pazundaung Road, Mingala Taungnyunt Township, this morning.

Present on the occasion were Minister for Foreign Affairs U Win Aung, Minister for Livestock Breeding and Fisheries Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein, Minister at the Prime Minister's Office Maj-Gen Thein Swe, Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin, Deputy Minister for Finance and Revenue Col Hla Thein Swe, Deputy Minister of Commerce of Thailand Dr Parnpree Ban Hiddha Nukara, Ambassador of Thailand to Myanmar Mr Suphat Dhirakasoh, Counsellor of Commercial Section of Thai Embassy Mr Suphot Dhirakaosal, Deputy Director-General of Promotion of Exports Section of Thai Ministry of Commerce Ms Pimpaphan Chansilp, Chairman of Myanmar-Thailand Culture and Economic Cooperation Association Lt-Gen Kyaw Than (Retd) and officials, directors-general of the Ministry of Commerce and the Ministry of Finance and Revenue, officials of Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry, Myanmar national entrepreneurs, Thai entrepreneurs and guests.

At the opening ceremony of Thailand Exhibition 2004, Deputy Minister of Commerce of Thailand Dr Parnpree Ban Hiddha Nukara extended greetings.

Next, Minister at the Prime Minister's Office Maj-Gen Thein Swe formally opened the exhibition. Next, the guests and those present on the occasion viewed round automobile parts and spare parts, chemicals, toys, construction materials, cosmetics, electronic gadgets, foodstuff, beverages, furniture, fashion materials, clothing, household goods, kitchen items, leather, all kinds of slippers, parts of lathe, medicines and cleaning materials in 175 booths exhibited by 140 companies.

MNA

Lucky draw of Myanmar Brewery

YANGON, 5 May — The lucky draw of Myanmar Brewery Ltd took place at the Grand Plaza Parkroyal Hotel in Yangon on Wednesday.

Myanmar Brewery Ltd Chairman U Maung Maung Aye extended greetings. General manager Mr David Tang spoke words of thanks. Myanmar Brewery Ltd has presented 18 prizes worth K 24.5 million to consumers.

MNA

Rural tubewells inaugurated

YANGON, 5 May — The opening of the tube-well sunk by Wundwin township Development Affairs Committee took place at southern Zaungchangan village, Ywadan village-tract on 2 May.

Likewise, the opening of a tube-well was held at southern Shawphyu village on 2 May morning. It was sunk with the donations of 500,000 by Daw Khin Lay Mon and family of No 24 (Ka), Shan Yeiktha Street, Sangyoung Township, Yangon, and K 300,000 by Township DAC. A similar ceremony was held at Chaing village, Pynmana Township on 2 May morning. The facility was sunk with the donations of K 500,000 by wellwishers U Lin Win-Daw Yee Sein and family and K 300,000 by Pynmana Township DAC. — MNA



Minister Maj-Gen Thein Swe views round the booth of Bangkok Hospital which is the largest private hospital group in Southeast Asia and its Yangon branch is at 223, Bo Myat Tun Road, Botahtaung Township.(H)

Course on basic diplomatic skills ends

YANGON, 5 May — The graduation ceremony of the certificate course No 10/2004 in Basic Diplomatic Skills concluded at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs this morning. Present were Minister for Foreign Affairs U Win Aung, Deputy Ministers U Khin Maung Win and U Kyaw Thu, directors-general, Myanmar ambassadors, senior diplomats, course instructors and trainees.

At the ceremony, the minister gave a speech and presented completion certificates to the trainees. Altogether 162 trainees attended the 12-week course. — MNA



Canon Pro-seminar and new product launching photo contest's prize-distribution ceremony are held at the Traders Hotel in Yangon on Wednesday afternoon. Managing Director of Accel International Co Ltd Mr Arvin Law presents a prize to Htin Lin (Golden Arrow) who stood second in the photo contest. — NLM



LUCKY DRAW: Lucky draw of Myanmar Brewery Ltd takes place at the Grand Plaza Parkroyal Hotel in Yangon on Wednesday. Myanmar Brewery Ltd Chairman U Maung Maung Aye delivers an address on the occasion. — NLM

Four US troops die in Iraq Humvee accident

BAGHDAD, 5 May— Shiite militiamen fired mortars at a US base in Najaf and bombarded a municipal hall in a nearby city Tuesday, as US-led forces sought to resolve their standoff with militants south of the capital.

North of Baghdad, four US soldiers from the 1st Infantry Division were killed after their Humvee overturned during a combat patrol north of Baghdad, the Army said.

Sporadic overnight mortar attacks on the US base in Najaf followed intense fighting Monday between American forces and militiamen loyal to radical cleric Muqtada al-Sadr. As many as 20 Iraqis were killed Monday. No coalition troops died.

In Washington, US commanders said they would maintain the current level of 135,000 American troops in Iraq through the end of next year because of increased anti-coalition violence. Generals had planned to cut the number of occupying troops to about 115,000.

The announcement came amid a scandal over alleged abuse of Iraqi inmates in coalition jails, centred on the notorious Abu Ghraib prison near Baghdad. The apparent humiliation of prisoners photographed in Abu Ghraib has drawn worldwide condemnation and fueled anti-American

feelings in the Arab world.

Seeking to limit the damage, US National Security Adviser Condoleezza Rice took to Arab airwaves Tuesday to appeal for trust from a skeptical public.

"We have a democratic system that holds people accountable for their actions," Rice said on the popular Al-Jazeera satellite television station, widely seen across the Arab world and by Arab and Muslim communities elsewhere.

President Bush "guarantees that those who did that be held accountable," she said in remarks dubbed into Arabic by the station.

In Najaf, where the US military moved in last month after Spanish peacekeepers withdrew from Iraq, al-Sadr's forces have stepped up attacks in recent days. Their assaults seem aimed either at pressuring US officials to negotiate an end to the standoff or goading troops into a heavy retaliation that would inflame Shiites.—Internet

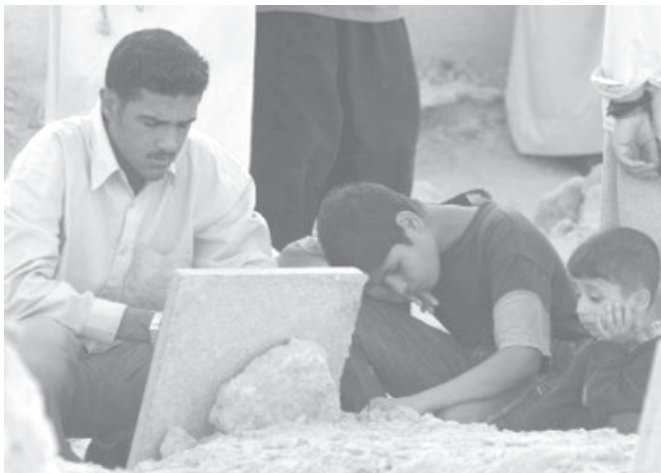
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756 US troops killed since beginning of war in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 5 May — 756 US service members have died since the beginning of military operations in Iraq last year, according to the Department of Defence. Of those, 549 died as a result of hostile action and 207 died of non-hostile causes.

The British military has reported 58 deaths; Italy, 17; Spain, eight; Bulgaria, six; Ukraine, four; Thailand, two; Denmark, El Salvador, Estonia and Poland have reported one each.

Since May 1, 2003, when President Bush declared that major combat operations in Iraq had ended, 618 US soldiers have died - 440 as a result of hostile action and 178 of non-hostile causes, according to the military's numbers.—Internet



Iraqi brothers sit over the grave of their father who was killed during a fight between Sunni guerillas and US troops, in a soccer field turned into a cemetery in Fallujah, 37 miles, 60 kilometres west of Baghdad, Iraq on 4 May, 2004.—INTERNET

Abuses on Iraqi prisoners must be investigated immediately

KUALA LUMPUR, 5 May— The cruel treatment given to Iraqi prisoners by United States and British troops must be investigated immediately and action taken against the perpetrators, Malaysian Prime Minister Abdullah Ahmad Badawi said on Monday.

"All these are highlighted and linked to human rights violation," the Prime Minister told reporters in Pulau Redang, north state of Terengganu.

The Prime Minister was commenting on the media exposure over the torture and cruelty committed by invading forces, particularly the American and British troops, against Iraqi prisoners, which has incited international criticism. Abdullah said the cruelties were committed by American and British troops, as such, the United States and British governments must act fast to stop such abuses against Iraqi prisoners.

"Those responsible (for such cruelties) must be pun-

ished accordingly because what they did cannot be accepted," he said.

Abdullah said international organizations, besides the United Nations (UN), must take a serious view and should not issue harsh statements only when such cruelties were committed by developing countries but remained quiet when they were committed by developed nations.

"Personally, I feel we can't accept such abuses. If they keep quiet, then we can no longer take their views seriously because they are very selective in their opposition over such matters," he said.

Asked about Malaysia's role as ICO (Organization of

Islamic Conference) Chairman in tackling the cruelties against Iraqis, Abdullah said Malaysia would voice its opposition over the cruelties committed on nationals of a member country of ICO.

Malaysia's stand was to oppose any country that committed such cruelties, he added. The photographs on the prisoner abuse first seen on the satellite television stations Al-Arabiya, based in the United Arab Emirates, and Qatar-based Al-Jazeera, enraged the world community and Arabs in particular.

An Arabic columnist said the barbaric treatment of Iraqi prisoners would rally anti-US sentiment.

MNA/Xinhua

Fresh allegations of prisoner abuse in Iraq, standoff simmers in Najaf

BAGHDAD, 5 May— The scandal over allegations of prisoner abuse by US troops in Iraq widened as insurgent attacks and prolonged uprisings halted any plans to scale down US forces.

The Pentagon said force levels would be maintained as a dangerous standoff around the Shiite Muslim holy city of Najaf, south of Baghdad, threatened to explode after fierce clashes Monday left five Iraqis dead and 20 wounded.

An aide to radical Shiite cleric Muqtada Sadr, holed up in Najaf with thousands of armed followers, warned that US troops trying to cut the flow of arms to the insurgents would be attacked.

"We consider any checkpoint an offensive move ... " Sadr's spokesman Sheikh Ahmed al-Shaibani told AFP, blaming the US forces for Monday's violence.

Sadr's so-called Mehdi Army is dug in around the Imam Ali mausoleum, Najaf's holiest site. Coalition forces insist that Sadr must disband his militia and face justice over his alleged role in the killing of a rival cleric last year.

A source in Sadr's office said that Ahmed Chalabi, a Shiite member of the US-appointed Governing Council and long a favourite of the Pentagon, was expected in

Najaf on Tuesday, though his motives were not clear. "The question of Sadr should be put in the hands of religious authorities in Najaf," Iranian Foreign Minister Kamal Kharazi told reporters in Brussels.

"They have established a committee, and they should be allowed to fulfil the job" of negotiating with Sadr.

Six US soldiers died Monday in separate incidents, including four when their vehicle overturned, taking to 757 the number of US military dead since the March invasion last year, according to a tally based on Pentagon figures.

The US army also killed four attackers with artillery fire late Monday in northwestern Baghdad.

Meanwhile further allegations of abuse were levelled at US soldiers amid a damaging scandal over the mistreatment of detainees in US-run prisons.

Al-Jazeera television cameraman Suhaib Badraddin Baz told AFP that he was beaten, spat on and stripped naked during two months in custody. —Internet

Patent evaluation system designed in Shanghai

SHANGHAI, 5 May— A system that can evaluate a patent and give a fair price to it has been designed successfully in Shanghai, and approved by experts.

The system, designed by the Shanghai intellectual property right service centre and the Shanghai Lixin asset evaluation company, can store numerous data and pat-

ent cases and is equipped with special software for evaluation of patents.

In the past 10 years, about 300,000 patent applications have been submitted, but only a small number have been put to commercial use partly due to lack of reliable patent evaluation systems.

MNA/Xinhua



US soldiers interrogate Iraqis after a poster of Shiite cleric Muqtada al-Sadr was found in their vehicle at a traffic checkpoint outside Kufa, on 4 May, 2004.—INTERNET

Uganda, Congo to resume commercial air services

KAMPALA, 5 May— Uganda and the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) will resume commercial air services between the two countries under a memorandum of understanding signed here recently, local newspaper *The New Vision*

reported Monday.

Four flights will be operated a week and Uganda's planes will have three destinations in the DRC and the DRC will have five in Uganda.

After signing the memorandum, Managing Direc-

tor of Civil Aviation Authorities of Uganda, Ambrose Akandonda, said that the resumption of the air flight is aimed at increasing commercial activities between the two neighbouring countries.

MNA/Xinhua

South Africa condemns torture of Iraqi prisoners

JOHANNESBURG, 5 May — South Africa on Tuesday condemned torture of Iraqi prisoners by the coalition forces, and joined international calls for independent inquiry into the abuse.

"The South African Government expresses its deep concern at the reports of torture of Iraqi prisoners by the US and British troops at the Abu Ghraib Prison," the South African Foreign Ministry said in a Press release, describing the actions as "a violation of international law, the Geneva Convention, and in contravention of all human rights instruments and treaties that specifically outlaw all forms of torture."

Deputy Foreign Minister Aziz Pahad said the South African Government welcomed the stringent condemnations issued by US President George W Bush and British Prime Minister Tony Blair against

the abuse of Iraqi prisoners.

He said the reports of abuse undermined the stated goals of the coalition forces to bring about a human rights-based culture and democracy in Iraq under the rule of law and in line with international norms and standards.

"These incidents serve only to erode the confidence of the Iraqi people," he added.

Pahad reiterated South Africa's call for a central role by the United Nations in the political process in Iraq, and demanded more to be done to restore peace and security in Iraq to ensure the smooth transfer of power to the Iraqi people.

MNA/Xinhua

UN official says Iraqi election plans now 'on track'

UNITED NATIONS, 5 May — Preparations for key elections in Iraq are "on track," but unless security improves, free and fair polls for a national assembly in January will be impossible, a UN official said on Monday.

Carina Perelli, director of the UN Electoral Assistance Division, said a new Iraqi election commission would have seven officials and one director-general as well as commissioners in each province. Nominations for those positions are underway.

"Security aside, right now we are better than on track," said Perelli, a Uruguayan, who visited Iraq for three weeks last month

to advise on the country's first free general elections since the fall of Saddam Hussein's government. But she told a news conference, "Obviously if the security situation does not improve, the United Nations will not participate in elections. Neither will we advise any (other) institution to go into elections that would not represent the will of the people."

MNA/Reuters

India asks US embassy for details about its nationals in Iraq

NEW DELHI, 5 May — India on Tuesday expressed concern over "disturbing reports" about the conditions in which some of its nationals are being forced to work in Iraq and requested the US Embassy here for details of those compelled to remain in the war-ravaged country against their will.

In response to queries, the Indian External Affairs Ministry spokesman said "the US Embassy was requested for information about the numbers of such Indian nationals known to have been employed in this manner, and also about the accounts that Indians who wished to leave were unable to do so, and were being compelled to continue to remain in Iraq against their will." The spokesman said "this is in follow up to similar

contacts by Indian Embassies with the authorities concerned in Baghdad, Amman and Kuwait".

He said the MEA "Tuesday expressed its concern regarding the disturbing reports about the conditions in which some Indian nationals are being forced to work for contractors active in Iraq".

Following reports that about 1500 ex-servicemen were transhipped to Iraq

despite a ban on sending people to that country, External Affairs Minister Yashwant Sinha had on Monday announced that a probe was being ordered into it. The Indian Government had banned sending people to Iraq from April 15 as the security situation deteriorated in that country. The minister had made it clear that the ban would be lifted only after the security situation improved in that country. — MNA/PTI

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Residents of Fallujah celebrate in the centre of the city after the new Fallujah Brigade took over from US troops in Fallujah, Iraq on 4 May, 2004. —INTERNET

US reveals deaths of prisoners in Iraq

WASHINGTON, 5 May — The US said on Tuesday that it had broadened its investigation into the torture of detainees in the face of growing criticism that its position in Iraq and in the broader war on terrorism has been seriously damaged by revelations regarding the treatment of some prisoners in Iraq.

Donald Rumsfeld, the US Defence Secretary, said he had asked the navy's inspector-general to investigate conditions at Guantanamo Bay, where more than 600 detainees are held, and at the US military brig in South Carolina. It is one of six investigations launched since January into allegations of abuse associated with US interrogation of prisoners.

Mr Rumsfeld, speaking publicly for the first time since evidence came to light last week that US soldiers had abused detainees at the Abu Ghraib prison in Iraq, acknowledged that he was "stunned by all of it".

"It clearly is unhelpful," he said. "In a fundamental way, it's harmful." But he insisted that "this is an exceptional situation; it is not a pattern or a practice". The

Pentagon is hoping to contain the damage from the revelations and has issued reprimands to six of the soldiers who oversaw operations at the prison.

Mr Rumsfeld insisted that "the system is working" and that all the allegations were being investigated appropriately. He would not comment on whether there had been specific allegations of abuse at the Guantanamo Bay and South Carolina facilities that had prompted an expansion of the investigation.

Two UK citizens detained at Guantanamo said after they were released in March that they had faced beatings and psychological torture. But Mr Rumsfeld said that it "is a pattern and a practice of terrorists to allege abuse. We've seen that in their training."

US military officials on Tuesday also acknowledged publicly that they were willing to use "aggressive" interrogation techniques to extract information from prisoners. But General Geoffrey Miller, deputy commanding general of detention operations in Iraq, insisted that interrogators were not allowed to hit prisoners. He said that extreme techniques such as sleep deprivation and forcing detainees to stand for hours in uncomfortable positions must be authorised by senior officers.

Douglas Feith, the undersecretary of defence for policy, whose responsibilities included planning the war in Iraq, said in Washington that the US was scrupulous in abiding by international laws on the treatment of prisoners. — Internet

UN control of multinational force in Iraq "very far"

LISBON, 5 May — Spanish Prime Minister Jose Luis Rodriguez Zapatero said that the possibility of the United Nations (UN) taking control "from a political and military point of view" of a multinational force in Iraq was "very far".

Rodriguez Zapatero made the remark at a Press conference with the Portuguese Prime Minister Jose Manuel Durao Barroso in the Portuguese capital of Lisbon during his first official visit to the neighbouring country.

Asked on the proposal of a UN-sponsored multinational force in Iraq, tabled by UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan, Zapatero said it was necessary to clarify some terms that have been heard of till now.

He underlined that a multinational force comprising troops of several nations had already been deployed in this country, but said that a multinational force directed "from the political and military point of view" by the United Nations was a different matter. — MNA/Xinhua

Rwanda takes measures to attract more foreign investors

KIGALI, 5 May — Rwanda will hold an investment conference scheduled for May 13 and 14 in an effort to attract more investors into the central African country, Director-General of Rwanda Investment Promotion Agency (RIPA) said here recently.

He said that Rwanda had attracted more than 160 foreign investors in different sectors after the previous investment conference held in last May.

"To woo serious investors into the country, we need to first clear our image. Many foreigners still associate our country with the 1994 genocide," he said, adding the conference will act like a window through which the world can come and see what the country has been creating for the last 10 years.

"This is the best way to show people what opportunities Rwanda has to offer, by engaging them in serious discussions on investment opportunities in Rwanda. We believe that once they leave, they will act as our ambassadors," he added. — MNA/Xinhua

Kuwait sees GCC free trade accord with EU in 2004

ABU DHABI, 5 May — Kuwait expected the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) countries to finalize a landmark free trade agreement with the European Union in 2004 after they removed the main hurdles, the *Gulf News* reported here Monday.

Kuwaiti Foreign Minister Sheikh Mohammed Al Salim Al Sabah said he discussed the long-sought trade accord with EU officials in Brussels last week and would convey new views to his counterparts from the other GCC members. GCC, a regional political and economic alliance, was established in 1981 and groups Kuwait, Bahrain, Saudi Arabia, Oman, the UAE and Qatar. — MNA/Xinhua



US soldiers check Iraqis going into Kufa and Najaf at a traffic checkpoint outside Kufa, Iraq on 4 May, 2004. —INTERNET

Gov't suspends sending of RP workers to Iraq

MANILA, 5 May—President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo suspended temporarily yesterday the deployment of Overseas Filipino Workers (OFWs) to Iraq due to worsening security situation where a Filipino truck driver was among those who were recently killed in an ambush by Iraqi rebel forces.

The President issued the suspension order pending the recommendation of Philippine Ambassador to Middle East and Middle East Preparedness Team chief Roy Cimatu whether OFWs can now resume their contractual jobs in Iraq without sacrificing their own safety and lives.

"The President has made a statement that in the meantime we are suspending the deployment of workers in Iraq," presidential spokesman Ignacio Bunye said in his regular news briefing, mindful of last week's death of Rodrigo Reyes, the first Filipino civilian fatality in Iraq. Mrs Arroyo alerted the Department of Labour and Employment (DOLE) and the Philippine Overseas Employment Administration (POEA) of her suspension order since Reyes was among the 4,500 OFWs who gained access to Iraq through nearby countries.

Reyes, 51, was killed in roadside ambush after delivering military supplies to a US base in northern Iraq. He works for First

Kuwaiti Trading Co, a subcontractor of US company Kellogg, Brown and Root.

Bunye also said OFWs already in Iraq are now being urged to coordinate with the Iraq Team headed by Special Envoy Roy Cimatu "so that they could be briefed on security precautions and any possible evacuation if warranted by the situation."

According to Bunye, Cimatu is set to leave tomorrow for the Middle East to hold a series of meetings with officials of countries bordering Iraq to locate undocumented OFWs now working in the region.

He said that part of the security preparations his team has undertaken is aimed at preventing the undocumented Filipino workers, mostly drivers, from sneaking into Iraq to avoid a repetition of what happened to Reyes.

Cimatu also assured OFW families that the Filipino in Iraq have been restricted in their movements outside of their jobsites to ensure their safety. —Internet

US lawmakers outraged over Iraqi prisoner abuses

WASHINGTON, 5 May—Outraged US lawmakers sought a full disclosure of prisoner abuse they said posed a setback in Iraq on Tuesday while the US Army's second most senior officer called the mistreatment "a complete breakdown in discipline".

Republicans and Democrats said Congress should weigh in on the scandal that spread as more Iraqis came forward to allege inhumane treatment by US troops.

The Army said it had determined that a US soldier and a CIA contractor murdered two prisoners as the military investigated the deaths of 25 prisoners in Iraq and Afghanistan. "The prisoner abuse is so disgusting, so degrading that I think humanity has been hurt broadly. And that will be interpreted around the world I think as almost undercutting our efforts," said Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist, a Tennessee Republican.

Six US soldiers were reprimanded and six others faced criminal charges in connection with abuses at the Abu Ghraib Prison outside Baghdad after photographs were published and broad-

cast around the world showing naked Iraqi prisoners stacked in a pyramid. "It is a complete breakdown in discipline," Army Vice-Chief of Staff General George Casey said after a closed briefing with the Senate Armed Services Committee.

"The actions of these individuals have jeopardized members of the armed services in the conduct of their mission and have jeopardized the security of this country," said Senator Carl Levin of Michigan, top Democrat on the committee.

Senate Democratic Leader Tom Daschle called on Defence Secretary Donald Rumsfeld to brief Congress this week on the situation that the South Dakota Democrat called an "extraordinary disconnect, this unbelievable failure of communication, of oversight".

Senate Armed Services

Committee Chairman John Warner, a Virginia Republican, said he was "gravely concerned" and will summon Rumsfeld and other top Pentagon officials to a public hearing as soon as possible. —MNA/Reuters

Dominica withdraws last contingent of troops from Iraq

HAVANA, 5 May — The second and last contingent of 302 Dominican soldiers were withdrawn from Iraq Monday to join those currently in Kuwait, Dominican Armed Forces confirmed on Monday. "We only have one man left, the captain in charge of the luggage, who will leave Iraq on 6 May," Armed Forces Minister Jose Miguel Soto Jimenez said. Last Friday a group of 140 soldiers were pulled out of Iraq. —MNA/Xinhua

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Poll shows Australians oppose Iraq war presence

CANBERRA, 5 May—Public support for keeping Australian troops in Iraq has fallen to just 40 percent, a poll by The Australian newspaper reported Tuesday.

When the US-led invasion began in March 2003, a majority supported Prime Minister John Howard's decision to send more than 2,000 troops, fighter aircraft and naval ships to Iraq. Now, Australia has about 850 troops still there.

In the Newspoll survey conducted last weekend, 50 percent said they now opposed the war, with only 40 percent still approving.

While Labour opposition leader Mark

Latham said he would like to see the troops brought home before the end of the year, Howard said this week Australian troops would remain in Iraq until at least August 2005, and suggested a small increase in the numbers was possible.

The government also announced Monday it was sending 53 extra troops to Iraq to help train the nation's fledgling army.

Internet



Wounded Iraqi civilians rest at a local hospital in the holy city of Najaf on 4 May, 2004.

INTERNET

Top US officers responsible for prison abuse

WASHINGTON, 5 May — The US Army general who oversaw a prison outside Baghdad where Iraqis were abused said on Monday top US military officers in Iraq should be held responsible for such "despicable acts".

Army Reserve Brigadier-General Janis Karpinski said she was not aware of the abuse at Abu Ghraib prison and was shocked by photographs aired last week by the US network CBS in which US soldiers were seen abusing and humiliating prisoners.

Karpinski, who oversaw 26 facilities in Iraq before leaving earlier this year as

part of a rotation of US forces, said that responsibility for the abuse should be shared by Lieutenant-General Ricardo Sanchez, the commander of US forces in Iraq.

Asked on ABC's "Good Morning America" whether she believed Sanchez should also be held responsible, she said, "Yes I do." She added, "There is a shared responsi-

bility in this." She did not specify what should happen to senior military officers.

In one picture aired on CBS, prisoners were seen piled up naked and hooded. In another, a prisoner standing on a box had wires attached to his hands and feet and was told he would be electrocuted if he stepped off it.

MNA/Reuters

"NY Times" says US losing dominance in science

WASHINGTON, 5 May — The United States has started to lose its worldwide dominance in critical areas of science and innovation, *The New York Times* said in a front-page report on Monday, citing analysis by federal and private experts.

One evidence is the patents won by Americans. Although large numbers of them are still awarded to the Americans, the percentage is falling as foreigners, especially Asians, have become more active and in some fields have seized the innovation lead.

The United States' share of its own industrial patents has fallen steadily over the decades and now stands at 52 per cent, the newspaper reported.

A more concrete decline can be seen in pub-

lished research. *Physical Review*, a series of top physics journals, recently tracked a reversal in which American papers, in two decades, fell from the most to a minority. Last year the total was just 29 per cent, down from 61 per cent in 1983.

Another downturn is reflected on the Nobel Prizes, an icon of scientific excellence. The American share, after peaking from the 1960's through the 1990's, has fallen in the 2000's to about half. The rest went to Britain, Ja-

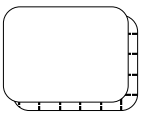
pan, Russia, Germany, Sweden, Switzerland and New Zealand.

The comparative American declines in science are an inevitable result of rising standards of living around the globe, analysts said.

"It's all in the ebb and flow of globalization," Jack Fritz, a senior officer at the US National Academy of Engineering, was quoted as saying.

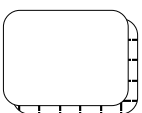
The declines are "the next big thing we will have to adjust to", he said.

MNA/Xinhua



An Iraqi Shiite militiaman from the Mehdi Army patrols in the centre of the Holy city of Najaf, on 4 May, 2004.

INTERNET



British newspaper rejects doubts over army photos

LONDON, 5 May— The British *Daily Mirror* newspaper on Monday rejected allegations that the pictures it published earlier of British soldiers abusing an Iraqi prisoner were fake as the British military police are investigating into the thorny issue.

The photos were given by two members of the Queen's Lancashire Regiment who remained standing by their account of what happened, said the newspaper. It quoted one of the unnamed soldiers as saying that he had seen "literally hundreds of pictures".

"Maybe the officers don't know what is going on—but everybody else does," he said.

Pictures published by the tabloid on Saturday showed a hooded man being struck with a rifle butt, urinated on and having a gun held to his head, apparently by British soldiers.

But the Queen's Lancashire Regiment raised questions about the au-

thenticity of the original photos.

The BBC quoted a spokesperson for the *Daily Mirror* as saying that the newspaper acknowledged the regiment's statement but the *Mirror* stood firmly behind their sources.

"Although we appreciate that the Queen's Lancashire Regiment has concerns, as they put it, about the *Daily Mirror*, we also have very serious concerns about the behaviour of some of their troops in Iraq," the spokesperson said.

British opposition Liberal Democrat leader Charles Kennedy said no matter the photos were genuine or not, the fallout in the Arab world

would be "massive".

The images, reproduced across the world, might lead to more attacks on British troops, he feared.

The British *Guardian* newspaper said Monday that whatever the provenance of the photographs, the real damage has already been done.

The pictures "will only fuel the revulsion in the Arab and Muslim world previously ignited by the photographs of US soldiers tormenting and humiliating their captives at Abu Ghraib prison", it said. "The unhappy fact is that these will almost certainly not be the last such snapshots of war," it added.

MNA/Xinhua

US soldier, Marine killed in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 5 May— Two members of the US forces in Iraq, a soldier and a Marine, were killed in separate attacks in on Monday, the US military said.

The Marine from the 1st Marine Expeditionary Force died after action in al-Anbar Province, west of Baghdad, an area that includes the besieged city of Fallujah.

The soldier was killed and two others wounded when they came under small arms fire south of Baghdad.

The statement said the soldiers, from the 1st Armoured Division, came under fire while providing security at a weapons cache found in a raid the previous night.

The latest deaths bring to 554 the number of US troops killed in combat since the invasion of Iraq in March last year. — MNA/Reuters



Iraqi members of the 'Fallujah Brigade', soldiers of the former Iraqi army, rest during a patrol along the streets of Fallujah, 37 miles, 60 kilometers west of Baghdad, Iraq on 4 May, 2004. — INTERNET

US troops battle Najaf gunmen, two Iraqis killed

NAJAF (Iraq), 5 May — Guerillas lobbed mortar bombs at a US base in the holy Shiite town of Najaf on Monday and exchanged machinegun fire with its forces, witnesses said.

Two Iraqis, including a policeman, were killed and 15 wounded in the ensuing battle, hospital sources said.

Shiite Muslim militiamen of rebel cleric Moqtada al-Sadr and US troops have fought in and around Najaf in recent days. US forces said a week ago they had killed 64 militiamen in airstrikes and fighting north of the town.

Monday's fighting centred around the base in the industrial sector of Najaf, a

compound that used to house Spanish troops, who are in the process of pulling out of Iraq.

Explosions echoed across town and the crackle of machinegun and small arms fire was heard in the area.

There were no immediate reports of any US casualties. US forces have vowed to capture or kill 30-year-old Sadr who hails from one of the most respected families in Najaf, the theological centre of many Shiites worldwide. — MNA/Reuters

UN calls for probe into Fallujah siege

UNITED NATIONS, 5 May— A UN human rights investigator called on Monday for an independent probe into the impact on civilians of the US military's month-long siege of Fallujah.

While reliable information was difficult to obtain, there were credible claims that US-led forces in Iraq "have been guilty of serious breaches of international humanitarian and human rights law in Fallujah in recent weeks," UN special rapporteur Paul Hunt said.

According to some reports, 90 per cent of an estimated 750 deaths in the city of 300,000 during the siege were noncombatants, Hunt

said in a printed statement. His official role as an aide to the Geneva-based UN Commission on Human Rights is to help safeguard "the right to health".

US forces launched a crackdown on Fallujah in early April in response to the killing and mutilation of four US private security guards in the town. After weeks of on-and-off fighting between US troops and guerillas, US soldiers have pulled back and an Iraqi force has been

brought in to try to reassert control.

Hunt said the Coalition Provisional Authority, the US-led civil administration in Iraq, should set up an independent inquiry into allegations that coalition forces had used indiscriminate force in civilian areas, prevented civilians from entering the main Fallujah hospital, occupied the hospital and fired on ambulances.

MNA/Reuters

Buffett joins Kerry campaign as economic adviser

OMAHA (Nebraska), 5 May— Warren Buffett, the world's second wealthiest person, said on Sunday he had joined Democratic presidential candidate John Kerry's economic advisory team.

Buffett has long been a critic of the tax policies of the Bush Administration, which he believes favour the wealthy and big corporations over the middle class.

"I'm available if anyone wants to ask my view of anything," Buffett said of his involvement with Kerry at a news conference in Omaha, Nebraska, a day after the annual meeting of his Berkshire Hathaway Inc.

Buffett said Kerry had asked him three

weeks ago if he would be part of an economic advisory council that includes Robert Rubin, who was Treasury Secretary in the Clinton Administration. Buffett said he had accepted.

Buffett, whose net worth is estimated by *Forbes* at 42.9 billion US dollars, said he was not likely to have much contact with Kerry and expected to play a limited role.

MNA/Reuters

Explosions in Baghdad

BAGHDAD, 5 May— Several loud explosions sounded out across western Baghdad after dark on Monday, *Reuters* correspondents said.

A US military spokesman said he was aware of the blasts but had no further information. Nearly an hour after the blasts, which some residents said were accompanied by gunfire, there had been no repeat and the military still had had no reports of an incident.

One resident said the explosions appeared to have come from near Baghdad Airport, a major US military base.

US troops, particularly travelling in convoys, are frequent targets of guerillas armed with improvised landmines, rocket-propelled grenades and automatic weapons.

MNA/Reuters

US army reprimands six for Iraqi prisoner abuse

BAGHDAD, 5 May— The US military has reprimanded six senior commissioned and non-commissioned officers in connection with the abuse of prisoners at the Abu Ghraib prison outside Baghdad, a senior US military official said on Monday.

The announcement followed an administrative investigation ordered by Lieutenant-General Ricardo Sanchez, the commander of US forces in Iraq, into abuse of Iraqis at Abu Ghraib.

Six other soldiers are already being criminally investigated for their involvement in the alleged abuse at a prison notorious in the Saddam Hussein era for its torture chambers where thousands of people are believed to have died.

MNA/Reuters



An Iraqi family collects water in Fallujah, 37 miles (60 kms) west of Baghdad, Iraq on 4 May, 2004. — INTERNET

It's time taxonomic study on birds was made

Sein Sein Thein (Dagon University)

Tropical rain forests of Southeastern Asia form one of the most complex ecosystems on earth. In this teeming habitat, produced by the monsoon and the rainfall it brings exceeding 400 inches in some areas, no one species dominates.

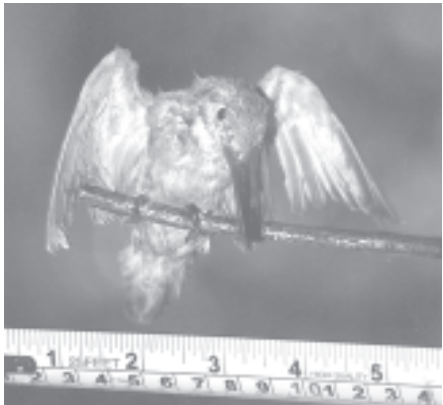
A large number of the 1,500 birds species inhabiting Southeastern Asia are dependant, directly or indirectly on the rainforest, and where this has been destroyed, the decline of bird life is dramatic. Most rain forest birds are restricted to the high closed canopy, where brightly coloured hornbills, flowerpeckers, pigeons and parakeet feed among the fruits and nectar bearing vine flowers. In scattered clearings, for example where a giant tree has fallen under the weight of its strangling vines, orioles, cuckoos, Trojans and wood peckers may be glimpsed, but among the tangled roots in the gloom of the forest floor, even brightly coloured ground dwelling birds like the Piltas, jungle fowl, peacock and pheasants are seldom observed. For early man a crude classification of plants and animals was probably one of the first and most important functions of primitive language; obvious advantages would accrue from an ability to classify species into groups that were dangerous, harmless, poisonous or safe to eat. The grouping of species according to distinct and recognizable features constituted the first steps in taxonomy. Within the animal kingdom, birds belong to the Phylum Chordata, within which they form the class Aves. The class is divided into 28 orders, further subdivided into amilies, Genera and Species. Each bird is known by a 'binomial' label consisting of its generic and specific names. The Red jungle fowl bears the name *Gallus gallus* but where



Phasianus colchicus torquatus (Yit).

Smythies (1953) gave brief field descriptions and extensive notes on habitat. It contains (209) species of common species in Myanmar. According to Fishes and Peterson 85 Species of birds representing 27 families hence become extinct since 1600. That is roughly the period since human pressure began to build up against bird survival. Certainly in the modern world birds play an important economic role because they are pollinators, distributors and seed dispersers. In the centre of Myanmar however there is a dry zone, we have found four species of fowl and (27) species of birds. Firmly established as the original ancestor of all domestic fowl this handsome game bird is known to have been domesticated. In the Mohanjodaro Civilization more than 2,500 years BC. Today the species shows a remarkable talent for swallowing small fortunes throughout the ruby mining areas of Myanmar and elsewhere, rubies and sapphires and have been found in the jungle fowl's gizzard along with the stone and grit used to aid the comminution of its seed, tuber and fruit food.

The red jungle fowl is a fast flier, making for cover at the slightest sign of danger of eminencying-spirally vertically upwards to escape through a gap in the forest canopy. The wild form of the red jungle fowl (*Gallus gallus*) was the main ancestor of domestic form. Today there are over 60 breeds of domestic chicken *Gallus gallus* raised for meat, eggs or ornaments. Fowl meat is one of the major protein sources in Myanmar. It forms an ideal diet because of the low sugar content, high biological value of proteins, negligible content of purine and availability of iron for the formation of haemoglobin. Thus, we may wish to conserve birds as much as possible within each species as insurance against future environmental changes. It has been suggested that national park system be expanded and wilderness areas are created, where plants and birds can live. And also need to classify fowl of the dry zone. Three species of Sittagaung, Lwe Pyaung and Inbinwa are needed taxonomic consideration in status. These species are natural resources of the dry zone. It is very urgent time to work out to know the natural resources —both economic or bioeconomic— for our country.



Ceys erithacus (Bain-nyin).

more than one race, or subspecies, occurs a 'trinomial', may be used. Myanmar domestic chicken belongs to the genus *Gallus*, comprises four species of bird occurring naturally in different regions of Asia. *Gallus* species were observed in dry zone Jungle fowl common name for small terrestrial wild fowl comprising four species in the genus *Gallus*. Most important of these is the red jungle fowl, particularly the jungle of India. It is widespread all over the world. *Gallus gallus* can live up to ten years. The molting process, taking off the old feathers and putting new ones on for an adult, takes about three to four months, every year in NyaungU Township. Feathers are used for pillow and mattress but these birds are used mainly for eggs and meat production. Sometimes it is used for cock fighting or chicken competition in rural areas.

In the centre of Myanmar however there is a dry zone round Myingyan, Kyaukpadaung, Bagan, NyaungU, Popa and Magway. The annual rainfall is about 45 inches in Popa. Thus it happens that a number of birds partial to dry conditions are either confirmed to the dry zone or much common there more than any elsewhere in Myanmar. The 50 members of scholars and students of 3rd year Honours of Zoology, at Dagon University studied on the habitat and their economic importance of birds in dry the zone.



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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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- (၅) နေ့ခင်းတက် အပြင်ထွက်သည်အခါတိုင်း အရိပ်လုံလောက်စွာ ရရှိနိုင်သည့် ထီး၊ ဦးထုပ်များ ဆောင်းပါ။
- (၆) အလင်းရောင်ပြန်သော အဖြူရောင်၊ သို့မဟုတ် အရောင်ဖျော့ဖျော့ အဝတ်အထည်များကို ဝတ်ဆင်ပါ။
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- (၁၀) ဆီးချိုရောဂါ၊ နှလုံးရောဂါ၊ သွေးတိုးရောဂါအခံရှိသူများ၊ ကလေးသူငယ်များနှင့် သက်ကြီးရွယ်အိုများအနေဖြင့် နေ့လယ်နေ့ခင်းတွင် အရိပ်ရ၍ လေဝင်လေထွက်ကောင်းသော နေရာမျိုး၌ နားနေပါ။
- (၁၁) မိတ်ဖု၊ ယားနားများထွက်ပါက ရေအေးဝတ်ကပ်ခြင်း၊ သနပ်ခါးလိမ်းခြင်းတို့ကို ပြုလုပ်ပါ။
- (၁၂) အပူဒဏ်ကြောင့် ပင်ပန်းနွမ်းနယ်ခြင်း၊ ကိုယ်အပူရှိန်တက်ခြင်း၊ သတိလစ်ခြင်းနှင့် အတက်ရောဂါဖြစ်ပါက နီးစပ်ရာ ကျန်းမာရေးဌာနတွင် ပြသပါ။

ကျန်းမာရေးဝန်ကြီးဌာန



General Khin Nyunt offers gold foils to Chanthagyi Buddha Image in Mogok.— MNA



Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt offers provisions to a Sayadaw in Momeik.— MNA



Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt meets local authorities, departmental officials and local people at Mabein BEHS.— MNA

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sufficient food for the local people. In this regard, officials should strive to extend cultivation of quality paddy strains on reclaimed land, to protect forest reserves, to conserve the natural environment and to develop the transport sector.

Chairman of Myanmar Education Committee Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt presented a TV set, a VCR and a set of computer each for Basic Education Schools in Momeik and Nyaungpinsauk to school heads.

Chairman of National Health Committee Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt presented cash and medical

equipment for Momeik People's Hospital to Township Surgeon.

Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt presented provisions for the people in the township to Chairman of Township Peace and Development Council. Next, U Chit Phwe presented a gift to the Prime Minister.

The Prime Minister and party went to Pokebayon Kyaungtaik and presented offertories to members of the Sangha of the monasteries in Momeik led by member of the State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Agga Maha Pandita Bhaddanta Tejavanta.

Next, The Prime Minister and party inspected

development of Momeik.

The Prime Minister, Chairman of Shan State (North) Peace and Development Council Commander Maj-Gen Myint Hlaing and Chairman of Kachin State Peace and Development Council Commander Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe, arrived at the site for gold extraction camp of Shweli Yadana Resources Exploration and Trading Co Ltd in Momeik.

Commander Maj-Gen Myint Hlaing reported on feasibility study for extraction of gold. The Prime Minister then gave instructions.

The Prime Minister and party went to Mabein where

they were welcomed by members of Township Peace and Development Council, departmental officials, social organizations, teachers and students.

The Prime Minister met members of Township Peace and Development Council, departmental officials, social organizations and town-sellers at the BEHS in Mabein Township.

Chairman of Township Peace and Development Council U Tun Tun Naing reported on location and area of the township, population, cultivation of paddy, sufficiency of rice in the region, regional development tasks including education and social sectors and roads and bridges. Officials concerned reported on agriculture, forest, roads and bridges and education and social activities. The Prime Minister gave necessary instructions.

With respect to the reports, the Prime Minister fulfilled the requirements, saying that being blessed with favourable geographical conditions, Mabein Township has enjoyed food surplus.

Extended cultivation of crops will contribute towards development of the region as well as that of the nation, an agro-based one, he noted. The Prime Minister called for greater efforts for exporting the surplus of agricultural produce.

The Prime Minister called on officials concerned to systematically conserve and extract timber reserves in Mabein Township. Arrangements are to be made

in a systematic manner to exploit the forest resources in the interest of posterity, he said. The government has spent a huge sum of money plus foreign currency on NgaO Bridge Project, resulting in better transport of Mabein Township, he said. So, local people, on their part, are to realize the genuine goodwill of the government and to participate in unison for regional development tasks, he urged.

Departments at all levels are also to take systematic measures for smooth operation of the administrative machinery, he said.

Playing the main role in accomplishing the projects laid down by the State, township level departmental officials are to carry out the tasks with goodwill and zeal in a bid to raise the living standard of local people in the regions where they are assigned duties, he pointed out. Respective committees have been formed and so combined efforts are to be made for regional development, he said. And enlisting the strength of township level social organizations, endeavours are to be exerted for regional development as well as elevating the living standard of the local residents, he said.

Myanmar is a Union in which over 100 national peoples have been living in unity and amity and emphasis is thus to be placed on national solidarity, he remarked. Only then, will the people be further equipped with Union Spirit and will it ensure perpetual existence of the Union, he said.

In conclusion, the Prime Minister called on respective officials from education, health, agricultural and forestry sectors to strive for accomplishment of the projects adopted by the government.

Next, Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt presented a television set, a video player and a set of computer to be used at Mabein BEHS through the headmistress, and cash and 28 kinds of medical equipment to be used at Mabein People's Hospital through the township medical officer.

The Prime Minister also presented provisions for the township through a local authority. Later, townseller U Myint Hline presented a gift to the Prime Minister.

The Prime Minister and party proceeded to Mogoke in Mandalay Division, where they were welcomed by Commander Maj-Gen Ye Myint, Deputy Chief Justice U Khin Maung Lat, military and civilian officers and social organizations.

In the evening, the Prime Minister and party visited Min Phaya Taung, where they paid homage to the Buddha Image at the pagoda. The Prime Minister also offered Shwe Thingan to the Buddha Image and donated cash.

Later, Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt and party paid homage to Chanthagyi Pagoda. The Prime Minister also visited PhaungdawU Buddha Image in Mogoke and offered Shwe Thingan and cash to the Buddha Image. — MNA

A&I Minister attends work coordination meeting

YANGON, 5 May — A meeting to review works in 2003-2004 fiscal year and to coordinate measures for 2004-2005 fiscal year of the Settlement and Land Records Department was held at its head office here at 10 am today. The meeting was attended by Minister for Agriculture & Irrigation Maj-Gen Nyunt Tin, Director-General of the department U Win Kyi, Director-General of Agriculture Planning Department U Tin Htut Oo, officials and State/Division Officers.

In delivering an address at the meeting, the minister stressed the need of accuracy of agricultural census including sown acreage and crop production, settlement of land disputes and management and utilization of land resources. — MNA



Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Nyunt Tin addresses the meeting to review work done by the Settlement and Land Records Department. — A&I



National Education Committee Chairman Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt presents cash donation and 28 kinds of medicines for Mabein hospital to the Township Medical Officer. — MNA



Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt provides supplies for Momeik Township to the Township Peace and Development Council chairman.

MNA

Commander supplicates on religious affairs

YANGON, 5 May—Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe paid homage to Sayadaws of Yangon Division Sangha Nayaka Committee (All Ganas) at the Committee's office on Gyatawya Road in Bahan Township here and supplicated on religious affairs this afternoon.

Also present on the occasion were members of Sangha led by Chairman Sayadaw of Yangon Division Sangha Nayaka Committee Agga Maha Saddhammajotikadhaja Bhaddanta Kosalla, Chairmen Sayadaws of Township Sangha Nayaka Committees in Yangon Division and member Sayadaws, Deputy Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Aung Ko, military region commanders, Director-General of Religious Affairs Department Dr Myo Myint, members of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council, Head of Yangon Division Religious Affairs Department U San Thin Hlaing and officials, Chairmen of District Peace and Development Council and guests.

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

Next, Chairman Sayadaw of Yangon Division Sangha Nayaka Committee Agga Maha Saddhammajotikadhaja Bhaddanta Kosalla gave Ovadakatha on State Sangha Nayaka Committee's instructions to be followed by Sangha organizations at different levels in carrying out religious matters.

After that, Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe supplicated on matters related to purification, perpetuation and propagation of the Sasana.

Afterwards, Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Thura Aung Ko supplicated on religious matters of the Ministry of Religious Affairs.

This was followed by a general round of discussions.

The ceremony ended with the three-time recitation of Buddha Sasanam Ciram Titthatu. — MNA



MWJA Chairman U Hla Myaing (Ko Hsaung) accepts K 100,000 donated by Chief Editor of Naing-Ngan Gonyi magazine Lt-Col Ohn Maung (Retd). — MNA

Cash and kind donated to 3rd MWJA Conference

YANGON, 5 May — Cash and kind were donated at the meeting hall of the Myanmar Writers and Journalists Association this afternoon, as a gesture of hailing the Third Myanmar Writers and Journalists Association Conference 2004 of the Central Leading Committee, which will be held by the MWJA in May.

MWJA Chairman U Hla Myaing (Ko Hsaung), Vice-Chairmen U Tin Kha (Tekkatho Tin Kha), U Than Maung (Than Maung) and U Myint Thein (Myint Thein Aung), Secretary U Hla Tun (Hla Tun-Twantay), joint secretaries and wellwishers.

On the occasion, Ltd-Col Ohn Maung (Retd), Chief Editor of Naing Ngan Gonyi Publishing House donated K 100,000; Taikkyi Township WJA, K 10,000; Mayangon Township WJA, K 10,000; Kyimyindine Township WJA, K 10,000; Yedashe Township WJA, K 5,000; U Tun Yi (Mon Sarpay) and family, K 5,000; Myat Wai Toe (EU), Chairman of Waingmaw Township WJA in Kachin State, K 5,000; and Maung Maung Kyi Myint (Okkala) and Pan Myo Khin, 280 sorts of journals worth K 30,000.

U Hla Myaing (Ko Hsaung) accepted the donations and presented certificates of honour to the wellwishers. Wellwishers are invited to make donations for the conference at Sarpay Beikman Building at the corner of Merchant Street and 37th Street, Tel: 254173 and 252417. — MNA

Commander inspects tax-free markets

YANGON, 5 May —Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe, commanders of military regions, chairmen of District Peace and Development Councils, Head of Markets Department of Yangon City Development Committee and officials inspected tax-free markets this morning.

The commander and party went to tax-free markets in Ahlon, Kamayut, Mayangon, Yankin and Tamway Townships and inspected shops of Yangon Division Vegetable Cultivation and Poultry Farming Special Zone, Kyimyindine central Sanpya fish market, companies and other associations. Officials reported on conditions of the markets and the commander gave instructions. — MNA



Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe inspects a tax-free market in Yangon. — MNA

Measures coordinated for holding MWJA Conference

YANGON, 5 May — A work coordination meeting for the holding of the Third Myanmar Writers and Journalists Association Conference 2004 of the Central Leading Committee for the Myanmar Writers and Journalists Association took place at the meeting hall of Sarpay Beikman Building on Merchant Street here this morning.

It was attended by MWJA Chairman U Hla Myaing (Ko Hsaung), Vice-Chairmen U Tin Kha (Tekkatho Tin Kha), U Myint Thein (Myint Thein Aung) and U Than Maung (Than Maung), Secretary U Hla Tun (Hla Tun-Twantay), joint secretaries, and members of the central executive committee.

U Hla Myaing (Ko Hsaung) presided over the meeting and Joint Secretary U Khin Swe (Shwe Sun Nyo) acted as master of ceremonies.

At the meeting, U Hla Myaing (Ko Hsaung) made a speech. Next, chairmen and secretaries gave an account of measures taken by their subcommittees such as fund raising, reception, transportation, management, preparation for the conference, welfare, accommodation, health, and security.

Later, the president of the meeting called for preparatory measures for the conference. — MNA



MWJA Chairman U Hla Myaing delivers an address at the meeting. — MNA

UAE's Dubai records 17% tourism growth in 1st quarter

ABU DHABI, 5 May — The number of visitors to Dubai of the United Arab Emirates (UAE) hit a record 1.5 million high for the first quarter of 2004, a 17-per-cent increase over the same period last year, the English newspaper *Gulf News* reported Tuesday.

Confidence is growing that Dubai, the commercial and port centre city of UAE, is on track to meet its ambitious target of 15 million tourists a year by 2010, a government official said on the sidelines of a preview of the 11th Arabaian Travel Market, which opens Tuesday.

It is good news for top UAE carrier Emirates Airline, which announced it will increase the number of planned US routes to five within the next three years.

It also unveiled plans to add a new

destination in China soon.

Director of operations and marketing at Dubai's Department of Tourism and Commerce Marketing (DTCM) said the UAE Government is considering easing visa procedures for tourists from countries of the Commonwealth of Independent States (CIS).

At the current growth rate, Dubai is expected to achieve more than 6 million arrivals by the end of 2004, compared with 4.9 million in 2003.

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Oil prices surge positive for UAE economy in 2003

ABUDHABI, 5 May — The sharp surge in oil prices to 28.11 dollars per barrel in 2003 had reflected positively on UAE's economy by posing 12.3 percent growth rate of the gross domestic product (GDP), the official WAM news agency reported Tuesday.

According to the report released by the Ministry of Planning of the United Arab Emirates, the UAE's

economy had been affected by the global economic developments in 2003, like other countries of the world.

The emirates' GDP, without the revenue from the oil sector, rose from 51.6 billion US dollars in 2002 to 54.6 billion US dollars in 2003 and is expected to rise to 57.37 billion US dollars by the end of 2004, the report said.

The growth rate reflects

the ability of UAE's economy for self growth in non-oil sectors, like industry, agriculture and services sectors.

The country's GDP grew to reach 80.05 billion US dollars against 71.31 billion US dollars in 2002, and is expected to reach 85.25 billion US dollars by the end of 2004, according to the report.

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SADC delegation in Angola to investigate drugs trafficking

LUANDA, 5 May — A delegation from the Southern African Development Community (SADC) arrived in the Angolan capital Luanda Tuesday to investigate illicit drug consumption and trafficking.

The head of the delegation, Charles Parry of South Africa, told media that it is their aim to create support for the establishment of policies meant to put an end to illicit drug trafficking in the community.

According to Parry, the delegation will work with the Angolan ministries of health and justice for the installing of a monitored system on drug consumption.

He explained that the data of the monitoring system will be gathered from the Justice Ministry, hospitals and nongovernmental organizations.

The group has been meeting

periodically to analyze information on drugs consumption and trafficking in SADC countries, and the next meeting is scheduled for June in Johannesburg, South Africa. Besides Parry, the delegation is made up of another South African national, a Mozambican and a Zambian, who will leave the Angolan capital on Friday.

Headquartered in Botswana, the SADC is made up of Angola, Mozambique, South Africa, Namibia, Botswana, Swaziland, Malawi, Lesotho, Tanzania, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Mauritius, Zimbabwe and Zambia.

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ကျန်းမာပျော်ရွှင် ဘဝတစ်ခွင်

ကျန်းမာခြင်းဆိုသည်မှာ - ရောဂါဘယကင်းရှင်းစွာ သာမက၊ ကိုယ်၏ကျန်းမာကြံ့ခိုင်ခြင်း၊ စိတ်ချမ်းသာခြင်းနှင့် လှူဒါန်းသော ဖြည့်ဝခြင်း ကိုဆိုသည်။

ဘဝတစ်ခွင် ကျန်းမာပျော်ရွှင်စေရန် အောက်ပါအတိုင်း လိုက်နာဆောင်ရွက်ပါ။

- (၁) တစ်ကိုယ်ရည်သန့်ရှင်းမှုကိုဆောင်ရွက်ပါ။
- (၂) အန္တရာယ်ကင်း၍ အာဟာရပြည့်ဝသော အစားအသောက်များကိုစားသုံးပါ။
- (၃) ပိုမိုကင်းစင်၍ သန့်ရှင်းသောရေကို သောက်သုံးပါ။
- (၄) ရာသီဥတုနှင့် လိုက်လျောညီထွေစွာဝတ်စားဆင်ယင်နေထိုင်ပါ။
- (၅) အသက်အရွယ်နှင့်လိုက်လျောညီထွေစွာသင့်တော်သော ကိုယ်လက်လှုပ်ရှားမှုကို မှန်မှန်ဆောင်ရွက်ပါ။
- (၆) နေ့စဉ်လုပ်ငန်းဆောင်တာများ ဆောင်ရွက်ခြင်းကြောင့် ပင်ပန်းနွမ်းနယ်မှုကိုပြေပျောက်စေရန် အနားယူပါ။
- (၇) ခြင်အန္တရာယ်မှကာကွယ်ရန် ခြင်တောင်ဖြင့်အိပ်ပါ။
- (၈) ကျန်းမာရေးနှင့်ညီညွတ်သော ယဉ်လုံခြုံမှုသဘောကိုသုံးစွဲပါ။
- (၉) အရက်သောက်ခြင်း၊ ဆေးလိပ်ဆေးရွက် သောက်သုံးခြင်း၊ ကွမ်းစားခြင်းတို့ကိုရှောင်ကြဉ်ပါ။
- (၁၀) မူးယစ်ဆေးဝါးနှင့် စိတ်ကိုပြောင်းလဲစေသည့် ဆေးဝါးများ သုံးစွဲခြင်းကို ရှောင်ကြဉ်ပါ။
- (၁၁) အပျော်အပါးလိုက်စားခြင်းကို ရှောင်ကြဉ်ပါ။
- (၁၂) ရေ၊ မြေ၊ လေ သဘာဝတိရစ္ဆာန်ကျင့်နှင့် နေထိုင်မှု၊ အသက်မွေးမှုတိရစ္ဆာန်ကျင့်အား ညစ်ညမ်းစေသည့် အပြုအမူများကို ရှောင်ကြဉ်ပါ။

ကျန်းမာရေးဝန်ကြီးဌာန

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Bridge linking Zambia, Namibia completed

LUSAKA, 5 May — Zambia and Namibia, with the financial support of the German Government, have successfully completed the building of a bridge linking the two countries across the River Zambezi, a Zambian senior official said Tuesday.

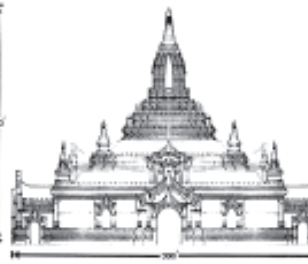
Commenting on the project in an interview, Bizwayo Nkunika, permanent secretary of Zambia's Works and Supply Ministry said the bridge will greatly enhance trade as well as foster ties between the two countries, and Zambian President Levy Mwanawasa is due in the Namibian border town of Katima-Mulilo on Thursday next week to join his Namibian counterpart Sam Nujoma for the official opening of the bridge.

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တကောင်းမြို့ ရှေးဟောင်း လေးမျက်နှာဘုရားကြီး ပြန်လည်ပြုပြင် တည်ဆောက်ရာတွင် ကုသိုလ်ယူ ငါဝင်လှူဒါန်းနိုင်



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ယဉ်ကျေးမှုဝန်ကြီးဌာန (ဝန်ကြီးရုံး)

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Thousands evacuated in wildfires-raging S California

LOS ANGELES, 5 May — Thousands of US residents were evacuated from their homes early Tuesday as three wildfires continued to grow rapidly and threatened more homes.

In Riverside County east of Los Angeles, a fire in south of Corona had burned across 5,000 acres of forest land and forced the evacuation of 3,000 to 4,000 homes since midnight. It was only 10 per cent contained, said Rick Griggs, an engineer with the California Department of Forestry (CDF).

Griggs said he had

unconfirmed reports that four buildings, possibly outbuildings, had been destroyed or damaged.

Late Monday, Richard Drew Brown was arrested on suspicion of two felony counts of "recklessly causing the fire with equipment," said Julie Hutchinson, a CDF spokeswoman.

Another Riverside County blaze, south of Temecula, had burned 3,900 acres and destroyed several homes, as well as a house and workshop owned by the University of California in Riverside as of late Monday.

Authorities ordered a

mandatory evacuation of more than 100 homes to evacuate.

Meanwhile, firefighters managed to contain 75 per cent of the biggest fire near the Camp Pendleton Marine base in San Diego County, which had charred about 1,900 acres of forest.

The fire, which had not destroyed any structures damaged and no injuries reported, is expected to be fully contained Wednesday. On Sunday, 80 families in the area were urged to voluntarily leave their homes.

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Red Hat rolls out Linux os for desktop computers

LOS ANGELES, 5 May — Red Hat Inc. said on Tuesday that it will roll out a Linux operating system for desktop computers, which is targeted at government, academic and enterprise IT organizations.

The Red Hat Desktop, featuring open source office applications including an e-mail client, browser and office suite, is a secure, manageable and cost-effective solution for the enterprise, the company said in a statement. Matthew Szulik, Red Hat's chief executive officer, said its Linux operation system for desktop computers are designed for organizations that look to upgrade their PCs but do not want or need all the features of the latest version of Windows.

These organizations now, for the very first time, have an alternative to the historical

Microsoft-desktop paradigm, Szulik said.

"We are considering the Red Hat Desktop solution because of the open source merits of security, manageability and cost-effectiveness," said Matthias Strelow at LVM. LVM, one of the largest insurance companies in Germany, has 8,400 Linux desktop computers deployed in its organization. Red Hat said future enhancements to its desktop strategy will focus on productivity and interoperability with the support of key industry partners.

MNA/Xinhua

Tanzanian govt official defends privatization policy

DAR-ES-SALAAM, 5 May — A Tanzanian Cabinet member defended his country's privatization policy Tuesday as the national fundamental economic principle.

Minister for Planning and Privatization in the President's Office Abdallah O. Kigoda said on Tuesday that the policy is to mobilize potential national economic strength and raise people's living standards as a whole.

Speaking to the members of the Executive Committee of the ruling party

Chama Cha Mapinduzi (CCM) in northern Tanzania's Manyara region during his visit, Kigoda stressed that the privatization policy is focused on upgrading production in the industries and increasing employment in the country.

MNA/Xinhua

Study says caffeine may raise black teens' blood pressure

CHICAGO, 5 May — Black adolescents who drink four cans of caffeinated sodas a day could be raising their risk of high blood pressure, according to a study published on Monday.

The study in the Archives of Pediatrics & Adolescent Medicine comes as sales of sodas in schools are already coming under fire for contributing to obesity.

"This paper indicates that the concern about soda consumption in children and teens should not be limited to the fact that soft drinks add more calories to the diet," Margaret Savoca, nutritionist and postdoctoral fellow at the Medical College of Georgia and lead author on the study, said in a news release. "Caffeine consumption may also impact their blood pressure," she said. According to the report, the frequency of hypertension among youth is rising, and Black adolescents have higher systolic blood pressures — the top blood pressure number — than White adolescents.

Hypertension can lead to stroke, heart failure and kidney disease.

"Caffeine is considered a preventable risk factor for hypertension and cardiovascular disease," the study authors wrote, adding that it is estimated that 68 per cent of boys and 62 per cent of girls aged 12 to 17 drink at least one soft drink a day, with a lower number drinking coffee or tea. In the study, 81 Black teens and 78 Whites were put on a sodium controlled diet for three days and then made choices from a menu of food and drinks they would consume over three days. Based on their choices, they were categorized into three levels of caffeine intake.

Blacks who consumed the most caffeine, more than 100 milligrammes a day — or the equivalent of four 12-ounce sodas, or four cans — had higher systolic blood pressure readings than all others in the study, including Whites in the highest caffeine intake category, the authors found. Their average systolic blood pressure was 119.3, while a healthy young adult has a blood pressure of 110/75. While Blacks are more likely to have high blood pressure in general, the study did not show a significant difference between Blacks and Whites in other caffeine intake categories, Gregory Harshfield, associate director of the Georgia Prevention Institute, said. —MNA/Reuters

Flood havoc sweeps parts of Kenya

NAIROBI, 5 May — Torrential rains, flush floods and landslides have been sweeping central and western parts of Kenya since the weekend, and the local authorities are taking measures to aid the besieged people and to prevent the possible outbreak of epidemic.

The flood havoc has so far claimed at least six people's lives and caused some 5,000 others displaced.

The dead, including a child, were washed away when river burst banks.

In Nyanjo District in the western province of Nyanza, near Lake Victoria, the scheduled reopening of schools for the second term hit a snag and a lot of buildings are collapsing as flood waters continue to rise there.

In Rift Valley Province, the flood did not spare roads which were either washed away or left with huge gullies. Some areas have even been cut off in the province. In the capital Nairobi, people had a hectic time getting to their working places owing to flush floods following heavy rains early Monday. Several residents were marooned in their houses, unable to get out, while most residents were forced to stay indoors, watching helplessly as the raging floods swept anything at their doorsteps.

The chaos has also been extended to the transport sector with

commuter vehicles having to use alternative routes and hiking fares across the country.

Meanwhile, an outbreak of epidemic due to the heavy rains has been cautioned in the country.

Rains are particularly widespread in Kenya between March and May every year which is called the "long rain season". But some meteorologists say that this year's flood is somehow abnormal in the country.

The Kenyan Government has taken some measures hoping to reduce the losses of the flood. Kenyan police spokesman Jasper Ombati told *Xinhua* that aid workers have been helping to evacuate people and distributing food and blankets in the flood-hit region. Kenya Red Cross official Farid Abdulkadir told *Xinhua* that the agent has delivered relief supplies to the affected areas. However, "we are unable to access the interior because of flooded roads. We suspect more people could be trapped in there (the affected region)," he said.

MNA/Xinhua

All villages in Minbu Township get drinking water

YANGON, 5 May— A ceremony to put up the signboard marking supply of drinking water in rural area of Minbu Township was held at the People's Park in Minbu on 4 May, attended by Chairman of Magway Division Peace and Development Council Col Zaw Min, Director-General Col Myo Myint of Development Affairs Department, local authorities, social organizations and local people. First, Col Zaw Min and Col Myo Myint formally opened the ceremony and Col Zaw Min unveiled the signboard. Next, Division Chairman Col Zaw Min explained participation of development affairs committees and social organizations in undertaking availability of water in the rural areas and assistance provided by the authorities at different levels.

Next, Director-General Col Myo Myint said that the ministry is carrying out two tasks — improvement of rural roads and availability of drinking water in the rural areas—in accord with the guidance of the Head of State. To be able to supply drinking water, 10-year plans are being implemented in three tropical divisions and other 14 states and divisions respectively. Funds of the State, Development Affairs Committees and wellwishers are being spent on implementation of the plans earlier than the schedule. In Magway Division, K 375 million and US\$ 10,000 have so far been spent on carrying out of water supply system in 846 villages out of 1,469.

Afterwards, Executive Officer of Township Development Committee U Myint Aung reported on water supply system in the entire township.

In Minbu Township, 3,599 artisan wells, 189 tube-wells, 692 wells and 67 lakes have been sunk for supplying of cleaned drinking water to 121,837 people of 24,146 households in 148 villages, 67 village-tracts. — MNA

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- အသက်အရွယ်မရွေး လူတိုင်းတွင် ဖြစ်ပွားနိုင်သည်။
- အဆုတ်တွင်အများဆုံးဖြစ်ပွားပြီး ကိုယ်ခန္ဓာအနံ့အပြားတွင်လည်း
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- ဆီချိုရောဂါ၊ ခုခံအားကျဆင်းမှုကူးစက်ရောဂါနှင့် အာဟာရ
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- (ခ) ရောဂါလက္ခဏာများ
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- ကိုယ်အလေးချိန်လျော့နည်း ပိန်ချိုခြင်း။
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- အာဟာရပြည့်ဝသော အစားအစာများကို စားသုံးပါ။
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ကျန်းမာရေးဝန်ကြီးဌာန

Air France seals landmark takeover of KLM

PARIS, 5 May — Air France has succeeded in its bid to create the world's largest airline by revenues, winning over 89 per cent of the share capital of Dutch carrier KLM in an 833 million euro takeover bid that may herald a new era in air travel.

In a joint statement on Tuesday, the airlines said KLM shareholders had tendered 41.76 million shares, or about 89.2 per cent of the airline's capital, in the offer which closed Monday night.

The combination represents the first cross-border merger of major European airlines and creates a company that ranks ahead of Japan Airlines System Corp. as the largest airline in the world by sales. Air France-KLM will rank third behind AMR Corp.'s American Airlines and UAL Corp.'s United Airlines in terms of passenger traffic. The carriers believe the deal will allow them to cut costs and enhance revenues, helping them battle overcapacity in the market and face off growing competition from no-frills carriers.

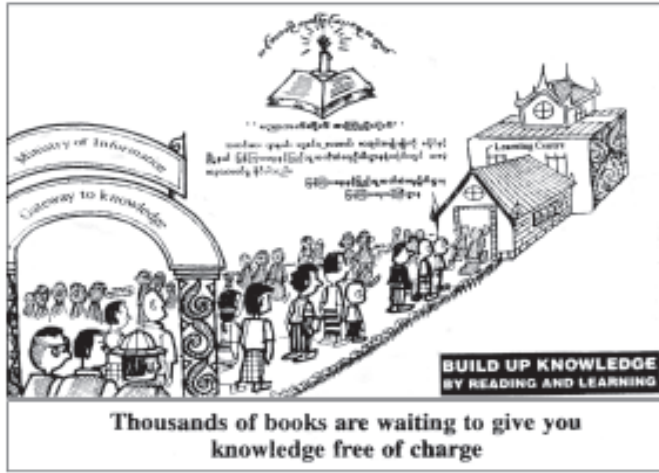
They have forecast 600 million euros in annual long-term merger benefits, while playing down the risk to jobs. Under the terms of a deal that was originally unveiled last September, the two airlines will form a joint holding company under which the Air France and KLM brands will co-exist for three years. The company, Air France-KLM, will own 100 per cent of both airlines but KLM will remain Dutch, with 51 per cent of its voting rights held by the state and two foundations. That structure will allow KLM to retain its foreign landing rights. That response to the offer was well above the 70 per cent acceptance threshold that Air France management had said it needed to call the takeover a success.

MNA/Reuters

အရက်ကြောင့်ဖြစ်သည့် ရောဂါများ

- အရက်ကိုလွန်ကဲစွာသုံးစွဲခြင်းကြောင့် ဖြစ်ပွားတတ်သော ရောဂါများမှာ အသည်းရောင်ခြင်း၊ အသည်း ခြောက်ခြင်း၊ သွေးအန်ဒြပ်ခြင်း၊ အစာအိမ်ရောဂါ ဖြစ်ခြင်း၊ နှလုံးရောဂါဖြစ်ခြင်း၊ ဦးနှောက်နှင့်အရေကြော ထိခိုက်ခြင်း၊ စိတ်ရောဂါများဖြစ်ခြင်း စသည်တို့ဖြစ်ပါသည်။
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- ၁။ ကယောင်ကတမ်းဖြစ်ခြင်း (Delirium Tremors)၊ ကြောက်လန့်ခြင်း၊ အချိန်၊ နာရီ၊ နေရာ၊ လူ ခန့်မှန်းနိုင်စွမ်း မရှိခြင်း၊ ကြောက်စရာလန့်စရာများ ဖြစ်ရခြင်း၊ အသံလဲများ ကြားရခြင်း၊ ပိုများများ ခန္ဓာကိုယ်ပေါ် ရုစိတ် သွားသလို ခံစားရခြင်း၊ လက်တုန်ရောဂါဖြစ်တတ်ခြင်း။
- ၂။ အရက်အလွန်အကျွံသောက်သည့်အခါတွင် လူမရှိဘဲ နာထဲတွင် ခေါ်သံများ၊ ခြိမ်းခြောက်သံများ၊ စော်ကားမော်ကားသံများ ကြားနေရတတ်ခြင်း (Alcoholic Hallucinations)။
- ၃။ အတက်ကြီးရောဂါဖြစ်တတ်ခြင်း (Rum Fits) (ဝက်ရုပ်မြန် ရောဂါကဲ့သို့တတ်ခြင်း)။
- ၄။ စိတ်ဓာတ်ကျရောဂါဖြစ်တတ်ခြင်း (Depressive Illness)။
- ၅။ စိတ်ဖောက်ပြန်ခြင်း (Alcoholic Psychosis)။
- ၆။ ဦးနှောက်ချို့ယွင်းခြင်း။
- ၇။ အရက်နှင့်မတည့်သောသူများသည် အရက်အနည်းငယ်သောက် ရုံဖြင့် ရုတ်တရက် စိတ်ဖောက်ပြန်တတ်ခြင်း (Pathological Drunkenness)။
- ၈။ မိမိ၏ဇနီးကို အထင်အမြင်လွဲမှားခြင်းများဖြစ်တတ်ခြင်း (Morbid Jealousy)။
- ၉။ အရက်ကြောင့် ရာဇဝတ်မှု ကျူးလွန်သည့်အထိဖြစ်နိုင်ခြင်း။
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Beijing civil servant delegation in HK for exchange programme

HONG KONG, 5 May — Hong Kong Secretary for Civil Service Joseph Wong Monday welcomed the first delegation of civil servants from the Beijing municipal government under the Hong Kong-Beijing Staff Exchange Programme.

The Beijing Municipal Bureau of Personnel's Deputy Director Huang Qiang led the delegation of five professional officers from the Beijing Municipal Commission of Urban Planning, Transportation Committee and Health Bureau.

They will spend three months with their Hong Kong counterparts. In the coming months, four Hong Kong civil servants will spend time with their counterparts in Beijing.

The first staff exchange programme with Chinese Mainland cities started in 2002 when Hong Kong and the Shanghai Municipal People's Government signed an agreement under

which both sides arrange professional officers to attach to the other government for about three months.

The programme's main objectives are to widen the exposure of participating staff, facilitate cross fertilization of experience and expertise and help foster closer partnership and communication between both sides.

In the past two years, Shanghai and Hong Kong have each sent eight officers to join this programme. It has now been expanded to cover Beijing and Hangzhou.

Exchange programmes with Hangzhou and Shanghai will follow later this year.

MNA/Xinhua

Individuals encouraged to buy siheyuans in Beijing

BEIJING, 5 May — Any corporate and individual buyer is now allowed full rights to siheyuans, the four-sided enclosed courtyard homes usually seen as a cultural heritage and symbol of traditional civilian culture in China's capital.

The move will help the local government with its efforts to conserve and restore historic sites in quantity in the city, experts say.

According to a document promulgated recently by the municipal land and housing administration, enterprises, social undertakings, governmental departments and individuals in and outside Beijing are allowed to purchase, sell, lease and inherit any of the siheyuans in the city's old downtown areas.

They may also donate or mortgage the siheyuans, the document says. The buyers will enjoy favourable taxes and charges on land-use right transfer for the siheyuan trade. Under the new rules, enterprises from abroad or foreigners are also permitted to own a siheyuan with

the same preferential treatment as domestic buyers enjoy, unless specified otherwise by laws and regulations.

In the trade, prices will be set under negotiations between buyers and sellers.

With a long history, the siheyuan, as a residential architecture genre, emerged in the early Yuan Dynasty (1271-1368) in Beijing.

A small or medium-sized siheyuan usually has its main or only entrance gate built at the southeastern corner of the quadrangle with a screen wall just inside to prevent outsiders from peeping in. Such a residence offers space, comfort and quiet privacy. It is also good for security as well as protection against dust and storms. Grown with plants and flowers, the courtyard is also a sort of garden.

MNA/Xinhua

Wheelchair-bound "Superman" Reeve to direct movie

LOS ANGELES, 5 May — Paralyzed "Superman" actor Christopher Reeve will direct an A&E cable TV movie about a quadriplegic who becomes a Harvard University honours student, the *Hollywood Reporter* reported Monday.

Reeve was already attached as co-producer on "Brooke Ellison", a fact-based story of a girl who becomes a quadriplegic at age 11 but goes on to great achievements with help from her family. It is based on the book *Miracles Happen: One Mother, One Daughter, One Journey*.

MNA/Xinhua

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Singapore manufacturers expect better business ahead

SINGAPORE, 5 May — More manufacturers in Singapore are optimistic about their business prospects in the next two quarters, according to a survey by Singapore's Economic Development Board (EDB) on Monday.

The survey, conducted in March and April, showed that 44 per cent of the manufacturers interviewed project a stronger business outlook while 5 per cent expect a deterioration. This results in a net weighted balance of 39 per cent of the manufacturers predicting a robust business situation during the period.

The survey revealed that semiconductor firms are the most upbeat as they expect orders to be boosted by the rebound in chip demand.

In the biomedical manufacturing sector, a majority of the pharmaceutical firms expect stable business climate. The precision engineering sector is optimistic about business prospects, but

the chemicals sector shows mixed sentiments about the prospects in the next two quarters.

In a separate survey by Singapore's Department of Statistics (SDS), Singapore's services industries also see a favourable business outlook in the same period.

The survey, which was conducted in March, showed that 31 per cent of firms expect improved business conditions.

Wholesalers predict improved sales, especially dealers of household electrical appliances, metals and general hardware, electronic components, telecommunications equipment and industrial machinery.

MNA/Xinhua

Bangladesh's economic growth on course

DHAKA, 5 May — Bangladesh's overall economic performance seems to be on track to achieve the targeted 5.5 per cent GDP growth rate for fiscal 2004 (July 2003-June 2004) against 5.3 per cent achieved in the previous fiscal year, according to the Asian Development Bank (ADB).

The ADB in its latest "Quarterly Economic Update" published here Monday said that the growth performance will be underpinned by expansion in both domestic and external demand.

Highlighting the improved macro economic development, the ADB report said the inflation rate declined to 5.8 per cent in February, 2004 from 6.7 per cent in November, 2003.

Despite a widening trade deficit, the balance of payments remains healthy with foreign exchange reserves reaching 2.7 billion US dollars or equivalent to about three months' import payment in mid-April of the year, it said.

On agriculture, it said the sector during fiscal 2004 is likely to show steady growth with strong indications of good summer and winter food crops. During the period, food grain production is estimated at 27.2 million tons compared with 26.7 million tons in the preceding year.

During the first eight months of the fiscal, exports of two major manufacturing goods the garments and knitwear increased by 14 per cent compared to the corresponding period of the fiscal year 2003. During the same period, imports of industrial raw materials and intermediate goods rose by 22 per cent, the report said.

MNA/Xinhua

WWF says new hook can protect endangered turtles

GENEVA, 5 May — A new "circular" fishing hook could save thousands of endangered marine turtles snagged accidentally each year by commercial fishermen, the environmental group World Wildlife Fund (WWF) said on Monday.

The WWF said results of a new study conducted with the US National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration in the Atlantic Ocean showed that the new hook reduced by 90 per cent the number of turtles accidentally snagged and killed by longline fisheries.

The new hooks, which are called "circular" but actually resemble the letter "G", do not snag inside turtles

or can be more easily removed than the well-known "J"-shaped hook, the WWF said. They are still effective in snagging swordfish, however.

The J-hooks can lead to internal bleeding or suffocation of the turtles if swallowed. Accidental catches, called "bycatch", is the single greatest threat to marine turtles.

MNA/Reuters

Guangdong does well in agriculture, industry, service trade

GUANGZHOU, 5 May — Guangdong Province, one of China's most dynamic economic powerhouses, did well in the three sectors of agriculture, industry and service trade from January to March.

Statistics provided by Guangdong Provincial Statistical Bureau show in the first quarter of the year, the province made 14.29 billion yuan (about 1.72 billion US dollars) in agricultural added value, up 1.3 per cent from a

year ago, and scored 168.72 billion yuan (about 20.33 billion US dollars) in industrial added value up 19.1 per cent, and notched 134.97 billion yuan (some 16.26 billion US dollars) in service trade up 11.8 per cent. —MNA/Xinhua

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Thuraya expands services in Africa

ABU DHABI, 5 May — Thuraya, a major private communications company in the United Arab Emirates (UAE), has expanded its satellite telecommunication services southward in Africa, the official WAM news agency reported recently.

Thereby the company provided its blanket coverage to Kenya, Uganda, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Gabon, Rwanda, Burundi, Angola, Zambia, Malawi, Mozambique, the Seychelles, Zimbabwe and Tanzania, WAM said.

The expansion brought the total number of countries under the new Thuraya footprint to more than 110, spanning Europe, North and Central Africa and large parts of Southern Africa, the Middle East and Central and Southern Asia.

From the end of 2004, the company will further grow to cover the Far East as well.

The expansion was made possible through the successful launch of Thuraya's second satellite into orbit in June 2003, which was followed by a smooth transfer of traffic from Thuraya 1 to the modified Thuraya 2 satellite.

The new satellite beams over Africa are technically operational just as Thuraya's service providers are preparing for a full roll

out of commercial service.

The decision to extend the African footprint deep into southern Africa comes as part of Thuraya's commitment to providing coverage to 90 per cent of the continent.

Chairman of Thuraya Mohammad Omran said "Thuraya is pleased to be responding to a strong demand that had long been communicated to us by these markets. With our expanded satellite capacity we are able to accommodate the need for satellite telecommunications in all the remote areas that have limited coverage, and to complement urban areas where landline services are fragmented."

"Our coverage area in southern Africa represents an important market for Thuraya," he said. "We have developed a good understanding of the African market, and are keen to demonstrate to our valued African customers that our products are highly reliable, offer dynamic customization possibilities, and are competitive in price."

MNA/Xinhua

Canadian soldiers use more sick leave

OTTAWA, 5 May — Canadian soldiers' use of sick leave is increasing with depression and post-traumatic stress disorder playing the largest role in troops' medical absences, the *Canadian Press* reported Monday.

According to documents obtained by the *Canadian Press*, military clinics across Canada reported soldiers were given 121,133 sick leave days during the 13-month period beginning January 1, 2003. One in five days was for depression. Post-traumatic stress disorder was behind one in every 10 sick days.

The figures do not include sick leave taken by soldiers deployed on mis-

sions abroad, such as Afghanistan, Haiti or Bosnia.

Quarterly sick leave tracking reports produced for the Chief of Defence Staff, General Ray Henault, include warnings that the statistics represent "the minimum amount of sick leave incurred" and "likely underestimates the true amount of sick leave accrued during this period".

For example, troops can now call in sick for up to

three days without needing to see a medical officer or to complete a sick leave pass. These periods are not captured in the data.

A Statistics Canada survey of soldiers' mental health status and needs released last fall indicated that about 8 per cent of regular force troops would suffer from depression in the course of a year, almost double the rate of the civilian population.

MNA/Xinhua

Australia freezes three Kurdish groups' assets

CANBERRA, 5 May — The Australian Government on Tuesday froze the assets of three Kurdish organizations for their involvement in terrorism.

Foreign Minister Alexander Downer said in a statement that "the Kurdistan People's Congress, the People's Congress of Kurdistan and the Kongra-Gel have been gazetted under the Charter of the United Nations Act 1945 as aliases of the Kurdistan Workers' Party (PKK) which was involved in terrorism."

The decision means that it is now a criminal offense for anyone with assets

owned or controlled by these three entities to use or deal with those assets, Downer explained. Violators would face a jail term of up to five years. The former PKK had engaged in an armed independence campaign in Turkey's southeast areas for about 15 years, during which about 36,000 people were killed. The fighting stopped in 1999 when PKK's leader Abdullah Ocalan was captured.

MNA/Xinhua



Belgian artist Benjamin Verdonck sits in a swallow's nest hanging 30 meters up on the glass wall of a building in Brussels, on 3 May, 2004. Verdonck was trying to hold conversations with passersby on the street below as part of a city arts festival. —INTERNET

US woman kills her children, boyfriend, self

PHILADELPHIA, 5 May — A Pennsylvania woman shot and killed her three teenage children and her boyfriend before turning the gun on herself during a four-hour standoff with police, a prosecutor said on Monday.

Hollie Gable, 39, of Zion Grove in central Pennsylvania, died of self-inflicted wounds Sunday night, Schuylkill County District Attorney Frank Cori said.

Earlier on Sunday, police found the bodies of Gable's children Kelsey Brown, 13, and Jared Brown, 18, in different locations a few miles from Gable's house.

The body of Kirsten Brown, 16, was found in a vehicle parked outside the home Gable shared with her boyfriend Kenneth Cragle, 39.

Police discovered Cragle's body inside the house.

Officers from the Pennsylvania Police Special Emergency Response Team, a unit that deals with standoffs, arrived at the house around 7 pm Sunday and heard gunshots inside the house, Cori said. Police entered the house at about 11 pm, he said.

Gable was still alive when police entered, but she died later at a hospital in nearby Danville, Pennsylvania.

Cori said Gable confessed to the killings during the standoff.

Her motive is unknown, but there were unconfirmed reports that she had suffered from mental illness, he added.

The teenagers had lived with their father, Alfred Brown, since a 1993 court order.

Cori said Alfred Brown did not appear to be connected with the killings.

MNA/Reuters

Tanzania takes measures to end sugar shortage

DAR-ES-SALAAM, 5 May — The Tanzanian Sugar Board has promised to end nationwide sugar shortage in 15 days, local newspaper *The African* reported on Tuesday.

Director-General of the board Frank Kibonde was quoted as saying on Monday that the sugar would be imported by certain licensed importers after the board has permitted to import the commodity.

MNA/Xinhua



The moon changes colour as the Earth's shadow passes over it during a lunar eclipse seen over the Jordanian capital Amman, on 4 May, 2004.

INTERNET

Japanese adventurer found safe in Pacific

TOKYO, 5 May — A Japanese adventurer was found safe Tuesday after he started sending distress signal from Sunday on the trip to cross the Pacific.

A Rescue plane found a man on a small boat as well as light signal about 1,400 kilometres southeast of Hokkaido Prefecture in the morning, *Kyodo News* quoted local Japan Coast Guard officials as saying.

The man is believed to be the 62-year-old Ikuo Tateo, who set out on April 15 for San Francisco to row through the Pacific.

Aboard a 7-metre-long boat equipped with an oar and a mast, he planned to complete the 9,000-kilometre journey in February next year.

The veteran adventurer became the oldest Japanese to sail the world nonstop three years ago.

MNA/Xinhua

Uganda, India sign double taxation pact

KAMPALA, 5 May — Uganda and India have signed a double taxation agreement to stop taxation of their citizens working in both countries, the *New Vision* newspaper reported Tuesday.

Ugandan Minister of Finance, Planning and Economic Development Gerald Sendaula, who signed the agreement here recently, said that the growth of the international transactions and tax laws have become more significant to Uganda's legal system.

"Whereas it has been possible to liberalize or abolish qualitative and quantitative rules on international

transaction, taxation has been retained to finance the government," he said.

Sendaula said the treaty shows his country's willingness to adopt international norms, promote trade and investment and technological transfer.

Indian High Commissioner to Uganda Ray Deepak, who signed the agreement on behalf of India, said that "signing of

the double taxation avoidance convention is a powerful milestone in the evolution of the ever-growing economic and commercial relations between India and Uganda".

Deepak said Uganda is conducive for world economic activities and the treaty will enable Indians to invest in various sectors of the Ugandan economy.

MNA/Xinhua

SPORTS

McClaren linked with England coaching return

LONDON, 5 May— Middlesbrough manager Steve McClaren has played down a possible return to the England set-up for Euro 2004 after assistant coach Brian Kidd underwent surgery for prostate cancer.

McClaren, who was assistant to England boss Sven-Goran Eriksson for the 2002 World Cup, told Middlesbrough's web site on Monday: "I spoke with Sven before the game yesterday. He told me about Brian and his operation.

"I'm very sorry to hear that and myself and everyone at Middlesbrough wishes him a speedy recovery.

"But what hasn't changed is that Brian Kidd is the England coach at the present moment."

McClaren, formerly number two to Manchester United manager Alex Ferguson, stepped down from the England assistant's job in November 2002 saying he wanted to concentrate on Middlesbrough.

England open their European championship Group B campaign in Portugal on June 13 against holders France before going on to face Switzerland and Croatia. —MNA/Reuters



Soccer player Guillermo Schelotto of Boca Juniors, right, celebrates his goal with his teammate Carlos Tevez, left, against Sporting Cristal, during their Libertadores Cup match, at the National Stadium, in Lima, Peru, on 4 May, 2004. Boca Juniors won 3-2.

INTERNET

Palmeiras pile on the misery for Corinthians

RIO DE JANEIRO, 5 May— Palmeiras piled on the misery for Corinthians on Sunday by hammering their arch-rivals 4-0 in the Brazilian Championship.

Former Colombia midfielder Freddy Rincon, who came out of retirement to rejoin Corinthians this year at the age of 37, began the rout when he headed a corner into his own net in the 22nd minute.

Palmeiras, promoted from the Second Division last year, went further ahead through Pedrinho before halftime in the first meeting of the two Sao Paulo rivals for 14 months.

Second-half goals by Colombian Hernan Dario Munoz and his striking partner Wagner Love condemned Corinthians to their second 4-0 defeat in five days after Wednesday's defeat by Gremio.

Corinthians, who won the championship three times in the 1990s, have been unable to halt a decline which began last year despite using four coaches since October.

Sunday's defeat sent them slipping to 19th in the table with three points from four games while Palmeiras climbed to eleventh after their first win.

Fluminense became the first Rio de Janeiro team to

win a match — but their 1-0 victory was achieved at the expense of local rivals Vasco da Gama.

Vasco fans in the measly 10,000 crowd jeered their team after Henrique's own goal left them 22nd in the 24-team table.

Rio teams occupy three of the four bottom places after Flamengo (21st) were held 1-1 by Sao Caetano and Botafogo's 1-0 defeat at Criciuma left them bottom.

Cruzeiro striker Dudu, unknown before the start of the championship, scored twice as the champions won 3-1 away to last year's runners-up Santos, taking his tally to six in four games.

Cruzeiro defender Cris opened the scoring while Diego replied for Santos from a penalty as the Fish lost for the third time in four games.

Santos fans demanded the resignation of coach Emerson Leao who led Pele's former club to their only Brazilian championship title in 2002.

MNA/Reuters

FIFA to publish World Cup technical reports

JOHANNESBURG, 5 May— FIFA are to publish the technical evaluation of the five African countries bidding to host the 2010 World Cup on their web site at 1800 GMT on Tuesday, a spokesman in Zurich said on Monday.

The decision to publish the reports was announced by FIFA president Sepp Blatter during a visit to South Africa last week.

It is expected that the release of the reports, ahead of the vote in Zurich on May 15 to determine the 2010 World Cup host, will greatly enhance the chances of the two front runners in the campaign — South Africa and Morocco.

Egypt, Libya and Tunisia are the other three candidates seeking to become the first African host of a World Cup tournament.

The reports were compiled by a five-man team, headed by Belgian Football Federation president Jan Peeters, who travelled to all of the bidding countries between September and January.

The teams, which also included officials from Chile, France and Finland, inspected the infrastructure of the candidate countries, including stadiums, telecommunica-

tion facilities, hotels, hospitals and transport networks.

Their mandate was to provide a report on the capacity of the five bidding candidates to host the 2010 World Cup to the 24-man FIFA executive committee, which will decide the outcome on May 15.

During the last bidding process for the hosting of 2006 World Cup four years ago, the evaluations were not officially published by FIFA but did leak out, ranking Germany and South Africa as the best bids.

The two countries went on to finish first and second in the voting, with Germany winning in a controversial poll of the FIFA executive committee members.

England, who were ranked third, accused FIFA of conspiring against them with the leaking of the document, four days before the vote to decide the venue of the tournament.

MNA/Reuters

Puma launches fan appeal over Cameroon sanctions

BERLIN, 5 May— Sporting goods maker Puma has launched a campaign urging fans to back Cameroon's bid to win back the six World Cup qualifying points they have been docked by FIFA as a punishment for wearing a one-piece kit.

Under the motto "Nothing is Possible", Puma say the sanctions, which also include a 200,000 Swiss francs (154,000 US dollars) fine, were unjust and out of proportion.

The sportswear firm, which supplied the controversial kit, is encouraging fans to air their views via a new web site.

An advertisement ran in national newspapers in Germany, Italy, the Netherlands, Britain and France on Sunday and Monday.

"We want to collect opinions and statements from fans and see how they view this decision," a Puma spokesman said, adding Puma had yet to decide what it would do with the fans' views.

FIFA said the kit worn at the African Nations Cup breached its regulations making clear shorts and shirts have to be separate. FIFA officials said they had already shown leniency by only warning Cameroon after they wore the one-piece

suits in the group phase of the Nations Cup.

But the team ignored the warning, wearing the outfit for the quarterfinal against Nigeria on February 8, which they lost.

Cameroon soccer officials said FIFA did not give them enough time to arrange an alternative kit but critics have accused them of persevering with the strip to please their sponsors, Puma.

Puma also argue that the kit does conform to FIFA's rules and that it had sought the relevant approval from African soccer's governing body last year.

"Nothing says a one-piece kit is not allowed. This outfit also does have two different elements," the spokesman said.

The German sportswear manufacturer had previously supplied Cameroon, one of Africa's football superpowers, with sleeveless shirts for the 2002 African Nations Cup finals — a design that was later banned by FIFA.

MNA/Reuters

Capello pays tribute to Milan

ROME, 5 May— Roma coach Fabio Capello the tributes to AC Milan after his side lost 1-0 to the new Serie A champions at the San Siro Stadium on Sunday. The result left Roma second on 70 points, nine behind Milan with only two games remaining.

"Congratulations to Milan, who have had a truly great season," said Capello, who won the Italian title four times as Milan coach during the early to mid-1990s.

"They have achieved a record points tally but it was their wins over their direct rivals that made the difference."

Roma had not beaten Milan in a Serie A match at the San Siro for 17 years and needed to reverse that trend to keep their slender title hopes alive but they fell behind to a second-minute header from striker Andriy Shevchenko.

Milan dominated the remainder of the first half and despite a determined display after the break Roma could not muscle their way back into the match.

"I said to the players at the interval, 'some of you are still at (Roma's training base) Trigoria'," continued Capello.

"Roma have never played like that. They just weren't there mentally. They gave the ball away to Milan in a very costly fashion

and could barely string three passes together."

Four minutes after the break referee Domenico Messina caused outrage among Roma's players when he failed to award a penalty after Shevchenko appeared to use his arm to deflect a free kick away from the Milan goal.

"Those are episodes that can change a game, but I have said throughout this season that I am not going to give a judgement on refereeing decisions," said Capello.

"The referee made that decision, and anyway I want to congratulate Milan."

MNA/Reuters



FC Porto's Brazilian player Derlei, foreground, scores a penalty goal against Deportivo La Coruna's goalkeeper Molina during a Champions League semifinal second leg soccer match in A Coruna, Spain, on 4 May, 2004. Porto won the match 1-0.

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**6-5-2004 (Thursday)
(Programme Schedule)
Morning Transmission
(9:00 - 10:00)**

- 9:00 Signature Tune
Greeting
9:02 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Mingalabar"
Bagan Our Pride and
Glory of the Past
9:10 **Headline News**
9:12 The greening Project
of the environs of
Kandawgyi Garden
9:15 **National News**
9:20 Shwezawar Lacquer-
ware
9:25 Myanmar National
Races Cultural Dances
(U Shwe Yoe & Daw
Moe)
9:30 **National News**
9:35 Artist Mg Kyaw Nyunt
(Oil Painting)
9:40 Myanmar Modern
Song "Let's go of me"
9:45 **National News**
9:50 Clothes decorated with
Sequin-like Colourful
Plastics
9:58 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Come and See
Myanmar"

**6-5-2004 (Thursday)
Evening Transmission
(15:30 - 17:30)**

- 15:30 Signature Tune
Greeting
15:32 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Myanmar Pano-
rama & Myanma Sen-
timent"
15:36 Bagan Our Pride and
Glory of the Past
15:40 **Headline News**
15:42 The greening Project
of the environs of
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(U Shwe Yoe & Daw
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Song "Let's go of me"

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taung-Ahka
17:00 **National News**
17:05 Myanmar Rubber
17:10 Song "Missing you so
much"
17:12 Dawei Water Fetching
Dance
17:15 **National News**
17:20 Unique Biodiversity of
Indawgyi Lake (Part-
IV)
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 Traditional Bamboo
Utensils of Myanmar
19:40 **Headline News**
19:42 Myanmar Jaggery
19:45 **National News**
19:50 Around Bagan by
Pony Cart (Ananda
Temple)
19:55 Vram Naga Harvest
Dance
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7-5-2004 (Friday)
Evening Transmission
(23:30 - 1:30)**

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23:32 Song of Myanmar
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23:36 Bagan Our Pride and
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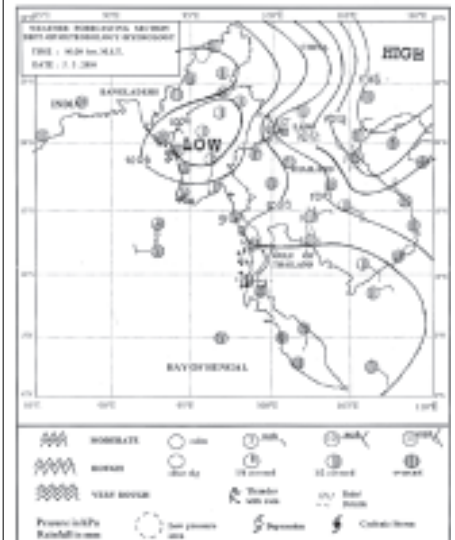
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**7-5-2004 (Friday)
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(03:30 - 07:30)**

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03:32 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Myanmar Pano-
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Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas

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Wednesday, 5 May, 2004

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST:
During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been scattered in Shan State, Taninthayi Division, isolated in Kayin State and Mandalay Division and weather has been partly cloudy in the remaining areas. Day temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) above normal in Shan, Mon, Rakhine, Kayah States, upper Sagaing, Bago, Yangon and Taninthayi Divisions, (5°C) to (6°C) above normal in Kachin, Chin, Kayah States, lower Sagaing, Ayeayawady Divisions, (7°C) to (8°C) above normal in Mandalay and Magway Divisions. The significant day temperatures were (43°C) in Tharyawady, (44°C) each in Magway and Chauk.

Maximum temperature on 4-5-2004 was 40.0°C (104°F). Minimum temperature on 5-5-2004 was 24.0°C (75°F). Relative humidity at 9:30 hrs MST on 5-5-2004 was 72%. Total sunshine hours on 4-5-2004 was (9.9) hours approx. Rainfall on 5-5-2004 was nil at Yangon Airport, Kaba-Aye and 12mm (0.47 inch) at 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 12 mm (0.47 inch) at Central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was 10 mph from Southwest at (03:30) hours MST on 5-5-2004.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 6-5-2004: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers in Kachin, Chin, Shan, Mon, Kayah and Kayin States, Mandalay, upper Sagaing, Yangon, Ayeayawady and Taninthayi Divisions and weather will be partly cloudy in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (60%).

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

Outlook for subsequent two days: Thundery conditions in Southern Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 6-5-2004: Possibility of isolated rain or thundershowers in the afternoon/evening. Degree of certainty is (40%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 6-5-2004: Partly cloudy.


**Thursday, May 6
View today:**

- 7:00 am
1. Recitation of Parittas by
Missionary Sayadaw U
Ottamathara
7:15 am
2. တိပိဋကဓမ္မ၊ ဓမ္မသတ္တဝါရိတ၊ အဂ္ဂ
ဗဟုပဏ္ဍိတ၊ သဒ္ဓန္တသိရိမ္မာဘိဝံသ
(ယောဓာရာဇာတိ)ဟောကြားတော်မူ
အပ်စောာ ဥပ္ပါတသန္တိပါဠိတော်
7:25 am
3. To Be Healthy Exercise
7:30 am
4. Morning news
7:40 am
5. Nice and sweet song
7:55 am
6. အဆိုပွဲပွဲ
8:00 am
7. Dance Variety

- 8:20 am
8. Dance of national races
8:20 am
9. ကော့ကံကြီးစပါးတံတား
8:30 am
10. International news
8:45 am
11. Let's Go
4:00 pm
1. Martial song
4:15 pm
2. Songs to uphold
National Spirit
4:30 pm
3. English For Everyday Use
4:45 pm
4. Musical programme
5:00 pm
5. အဆေးသင်တန်းဆိုင်ရာ ဗဟုပဏ္ဍိတ
ရှမ်းပြည်နယ် သင်တန်းစာ
-တတိယနှစ် (တရားရေးအထူးပြု)
(တရားစာ)
5:15 pm
6. Cute Little Dancers
5:30 pm
7. "နဂါးကြွယ်စမ်းပါ"
မင်းအုန်းမိုး၊ ဦးဘွား၊ ဇင်နီနီ
(ဒါရိုက်တာ-မင်းအုန်းမိုး)

- 5:40 pm
8. Musical programme
5:50 pm
9. မြန်မာစာ၊ မြန်မာစာ
6:05 pm
10. ဗဟုပဏ္ဍိတသိရိမ္မာဘိဝံသ
6:20 pm
11. နိုင်ငံအဝန်း သင်တန်းစာ-မြန်
မင်းလင်းစောမူ
6:30 pm
12. Evening news
7:00 pm
13. Weather report
7:05 pm
14. နိုင်ငံခြားစာတတ်လမ်းတွဲ
"မိုးနုတံမယ်" (အပိုင်း-၁၇)
7:40 pm
15. Musical programme
8:00 pm
16. News
17. International news
18. Weather report
19. Myanmar Video Feature:
"မေမိုးမိုး" (အပိုင်း-၁)
ကော့ကံကြီးစပါး၊ နဂါးကြွယ်
ဒါရိုက်တာ-ကော့ကံကြီးစပါး
20. The next day's
programme


**Thursday, May 6
Tune in today:**

- 8:30 am Brief news
8:35 am Music: Larger than
life (Backstreet Boys)
8:40 am Perspectives
8:45 am Music: If I let you go
(Westlife)
8:50 am National news/
Slogan
9:00 am Music: Let's Live for
today (Dreamhouse)
9:05 am International news
9:10 am Music: Dreams (All
Saints)
1:30 pm News/Slogan
1:40 pm Lunch Time Music
- Twenty five lovers
(Jennifer Rush)
- Cover girl (Now
Kids on the block)
- Diamonds never
make a lady
(Modern talking)
- I feel the earth move
(Martina)
9:00 pm Aspects of Myanmar
- The 6th Mohinga
Competition
9:10 pm Article
9:20 pm Pourri
9:30 pm Favourite songs
chosen by music
lovers
9:45 pm News/Slogan
10:00 pm PEL

Shwehtidaw hoisted atop of Kaba Katkyaw Pagoda in Kangyidaunk

YANGON, 5 May — A ceremony to hoist Shwehtidaw atop Gamonpaung Shinthunge Kaba Katkyaw Pagoda took place at the pagoda in Kangyidaunk Township, Ayeyawady Division, on 3 May.

Present on the occasion were Chairman of Ayeyawady Division Sangha Nayaka Committee Pathein Kontha Monastery Sayadaw Agga Maha Pandita Bhaddanta Vilasa, members of the Sangha, Chairman of Ayeyawady Division Peace and Development Council Commander of South-West Command Maj-Gen Soe Naing, Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Nyunt Tin, local authorities, departmental officials, and local people.

On the occasion, the commander, the minister and the congregation received the Nine Precepts from Sayadaw Bhaddanta Indriya, Chairman Sayadaw of Kangyidaunk Township Sangha Nayaka Committee.

Next, the commander, the minister and officials offered Seinbudaw, Hnetmyatnadaw and terraces of Shwehtidaw to be hoisted atop of the pagoda. They also offered provisions to Sayadaws.

Later, the Kontha Monastery Sayadaw delivered a sermon, followed by the sharing of merits gained from good deeds. Afterwards, the commander, the minister and officials offered 'soon' to Sayadaws and members of the Sangha. — MNA

Commander inspects regional development tasks in Seikkyi-Khanaungto

YANGON, 5 May— Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe, accompanied by Vice-Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Vice-Mayor Col Maung Pa, No 4 Military Region Commander Col Yan Naing Oo, authorities and departmental officials, inspected regional development tasks in Seikkyi-Khanaungto Township this afternoon.

The commander and party inspected supply of fresh water to the people of the township, the site for building the jetty, storage of fresh water in the lake near Salin Monastery, dredging of lakes, completion of two-storey building of Seikkyi-Khanaungto Basic Education High School and upgrading of the 16-bed township hospital into the 25-bed one.

The commander gave instructions on development tasks to be carried out meeting the set standard.

Next, they met with departmental officials and persons of social organizations at the Township Peace and Development Council Office.

Speaking on the occasion, the commander said that Seikkyi-Khanaungto township is located in the Yangon City development area. In order to narrow the gap among townships in the city, the Government is rendering assistance to development of the township economy in addition to education, health, transport and availability of drinking water. The service personnel are to cooperate with local people in carrying out regional development tasks with might and main.

Afterwards, the commander presented K 100,000 for the Seikkyi-Khanaungto BEHS to Township Education Officer U Aung Than Myint.

Township Chairman U Tint Naing reported on development tasks carried out in the township, future tasks and requirements. Township Maternal and Child Welfare Association President Daw Tin Sein spoke words of thanks. Later, the commander attended to their needs and gave necessary instructions. — MNA



Minister for Transport Maj-Gen Hla Myint Swe inspects extension of the runway of Bagan-NyaungU Airport.— MNA

Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Soe Win views Exhibition of Special Four-Year NEPP

YANGON, 5 May — Vice-Chairman of Myanmar Education Committee Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Soe Win, accompanied by Minister for Education U Than Aung, Deputy Minister U Myo Nyunt and directors-general of the departments concerned viewed e-education booth, higher education booth

and basic education booth displayed at the Exhibition on implementation of Special Four-Year National Education Promotion Plan based on Accessibility, Quality and Diversity being held at the Diamond Jubilee Hall on Pyay Road, Kamayut Township for the first day yesterday afternoon and left there in the evening. — MNA

Regional development works in Indaw, Yaksawk inspected

YANGON, 5 May — Chairman of the Shan State Peace and Development Council Commander of Eastern Command Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint, accompanied by officials went to new office of the General Administration Department, Indaw on 30 April afternoon and inspected construction of the new building of the department.

At Zawgyi No 2 hydro electric power station, the commander heard reports on supplying of electricity presented by station in-charge U Bo Win, and attended to the requirements. The hydro electric power station was built at a cost of K 600 million. It was completed on 13 October, 1998. The plant is equipped with two 6-Mega watt turbines and generates 12-Mega watt of electricity.

Next, the commander proceeded to Zawgyi No 1 hydro electric power plant in Yaksawk. After hearing reports on supplying of electricity presented by station in-charge U Myat Soe Kyaw, the commander attended to the requirements. The plant was built at a cost of K 155.2 million. It was completed on 28 July, 1995. The station is equipped with two 6-Mega watt turbines and it can generate 12-Mega watt of electricity.

MNA

Commander meets members of Dawei District supervisory committee for cultivation

YANGON, 5 May — A coordination meeting for Dawei District supervisory committee for cultivation of oil palm, rubber, pepper and planned crops for regional food sufficiency was held at the Dawei District meeting hall, Taninthayi Division on 3 May afternoon, attended by Chairman of Taninthayi Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Coastal Region Command Brig-Gen Ohn Myint, members of supervisory committee, Dawei District Peace and Development Council Lt-Col Khin Maung Nyunt and departmental heads.

After hearing reports on implementations of cultivation presented by members of supervisory committee for cultivation the commander attended to their needs.

In the evening, the commander together with officials concerned paid homage to Lawkathakaphu reclining Buddha in Naingda village, Dawei and donated cash. He also inspected renovation of the pagoda and offering gold foils to it and gave instructions to officials. On 4 May morning, the commander paid homage to Shinmoathti pagoda and inspected all round renovation of the pagoda and attended to their requirements.

MNA



Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe meets departmental personnel and social organization members in Seikkyi-Khanaungto Township.— YANGON COMMAND

Roads opened in Matupi

YANGON, 5 May—The opening ceremony of Anawrahta road in Matupi, Chin State, was held at the top of the road on 29 April afternoon.

It was attended by Chairman of Sagaing Division Peace and Development Council Commander of North-West Command Maj-Gen Tha Aye, Chairman of Mindat District Peace and Development Council Lt-Col Sein Ya, departmental personnel,

townselders and members of social organizations.

Executive Officer of Township Development Affairs Committee U Thant Naing reported on efforts made for opening of the facility.

A local spoke words of thanks.

Col Hsan Aung of local station, Lt-Col Sein Ya and townselder U San Kon formally opened the road.

The commander and those present viewed the

road.

On completion, the three-mile road will link Matupi and Waialung village.

The commander also attended the inauguration

of Matupi-Answay road linking Matupi and Answay village. The road is 14 miles long and 12 feet wide and built on self-reliance by local people.

MNA

Bagan-NyaungU Airport extension project inspected

YANGON, 5 May—Minister for Transport Maj-Gen Hla Myint Swe, accompanied by Director-General of the Civil Aviation Department U Win Maung and officials, inspected the Bagan-NyaungU airport extension project yesterday morning.

Senior Engineer of the CAD U Kyaw Soe reported on progress in extending the runway, apron and airport building. The director-general gave a supplementary report. The minister attended to the needs. The minister inspected work progress.

The minister looked into Tanyaung Water Pumping Station in Salin Township, Magway Division. Officials reported on digging of canal and construction of a dam. The minister fulfilled the requirements.

The minister proceeded to Lawka Nanda Water Pumping Station in Bagan. Officials reported on the use of water pumps, irrigated farmlands and measures taken for sufficient water pumps. With regard to the reports, the minister attended to the needs. The minister also inspected conditions of the current of the river.

MNA