

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

State Peace and Development Council Chairman Senior General Than Shwe accepts credentials of Pakistani Ambassador

YANGON, 7 May — Mr Muhammad Nawaz Chaudhry, newly accredited Ambassador of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan to the Union of Myanmar, presented his credentials to Senior General Than Shwe, Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar, at Zeyathiri Beikman on Konmyinthta, here, at 10 am today.

Also present on the occasion were State Peace and Development Council Secretary-2 Lt-Gen Thein Sein, Minister for Foreign Affairs U Win Aung, and Director-General Thura U Aung Htet of the Protocol Department. — MNA

Myanmar War Veterans Organization Central Organizing Committee meets

YANGON, 7 May— Myanmar War Veterans Organization Central Organizing Committee held regular meeting No 2/2004 at the hall of MWVO Head-

quarters on Pyay Road in Mayangon Township this afternoon, attended by Chairman of MWVO COC Secretary-2 of the State Peace and Development Council Adjutant-General Lt-Gen Thein Sein.

Also present were Vice-Chairman Vice-Admiral Kyi Min (Retd) and members who are ministers, senior military officers of the Ministry of Defence, deputy ministers and departmental heads.

First, Lt-Gen Thein Sein explained the aim of the organization, work programmes, carrying out of

five major sectors, organizational works and future tasks.

Secretary Deputy Minister for Home Affairs Brig-Gen Phone Swe sought approval of the minutes of the previous meeting and reported on accomplishment of the tasks. Next, he submitted the reports for the 2/2004 meeting.

Afterwards, group leaders reported on their respective sectors. Vice-Chairman Vice-Admiral Kyi Min (Retd) gave a supplementary report. Later, Lt-Gen Thein Sein gave necessary instructions. — MNA

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PERSPECTIVES

Saturday, 8 May, 2004

Actively take part in nation-building tasks

Today, efforts are being made with the united strength of the State, the people and the Tatmadaw for the Union of Myanmar to be a peaceful, modern and developed nation.

With the development of the State, a strong Tatmadaw must be built. Keeping in the fore Our Three Main National Causes, the Tatmadaw, which always puts in the first place nationalism, always serves the interests of the State and the people.

Formed with the offspring of the people, the patriotic Tatmadaw is performing the duties of national defence and undergoing training and engaged in public welfare tasks.

To be able to perform the national defence duty with high calibre, Tatmadaw members are trying to be equipped themselves with military, administrative and organizing skills.

The graduation parade of the 107th Intake of the Defence Services (Army) Officers Training School was held in the parade grounds of the school in Bahtoo Tatmyo on 6 May. Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Maung Aye, on behalf of the Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services, delivered an address on the occasion.

In his address, Vice-Senior General Maung Aye said that by striving to ensure regional development as well as to successfully implement the five rural development tasks, the junior leaders who will be assigned duty at various places of the nation will have to see the areas they are assigned to as their native place and to serve the public interest and that the Tatmadawmen will have to live with the people in harmony and oneness for consolidating the people's militia strategy.

The people's militia means the entire mass of people collectively building and safeguarding the nation, with the Tatmadaw as the main pillar. The Tatmadaw Government, hand in hand with the people, is implementing projects for development of the border areas and national races, the 24-development-region project and the five rural development tasks, and it can be seen that good foundations for development have been laid throughout the country. Without losing sight of internal and external destructive elements, who are employing various wicked means and disturbing the stability and development of the State, the graduation officers must be combat ready to ward off the danger posed by the destructive elements.

We firmly believe that the graduation officers accepting the concept that the strength of the nation lies within will actively take part in nation-building endeavours in harmony with the entire national people.



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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



Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan delivers an address at the meeting. — MNA

MRTV-4 channel to be launched soon

YANGON, 7 May — The participation of the respective ministries and organizations is important for the success of MRTV-4 programmes, said Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan today at a meeting to launch the channel covering programmes disseminating knowledge, entertainment programmes and news programmes.

The channel should include programmes imparting education and knowledge to the people and staff of the Ministry of Information, he pointed out at the meeting held at the ministry. The minister also urged schools, training departments, research departments to install MRTV-4 receivers as the channel can telecast academic lessons. Public organization programmes should be launched to increase the number of people using MRTV-4 receivers, he noted, adding, only then will the success be achieved. As the MRTV-4 has already received a number of programmes

from the ministries, it will be launched soon, he said. Collective efforts are needed for beaming better programmes, he stressed.

The MM Box of the MRTV-4 channel will beam three foreign and local movies or video plays, foreign TV series, musical programme, karaoke songs, extracts from TV Myanmar and Myawady TV, dailies, weekly and monthly journals and magazines and other periodicals daily round the clock. Listeners all around the nation can also switch on the programmes of Radio Myanmar, national races radio programmes and Yangon City FM programmes through the MM

Box. Director-General of Myanmar Radio and TV U Khin Maung Htay reported to the meeting on plans to launch the channel, the provision of programmes by ministries concerned, ministry-wise plans, MRTV's role in telecasting the channel, and the TV programmes. Adviser to the Information Ministry Director of Forever Group U Win Maw explained ministry-wise programmes and pro-

grammes included in the MM Box and its operational limit and qualities. Deputy ministers and officials then presented reports on sector-wise accomplishments, plans to jointly launch the programmes of the channel with Information Ministry and future plans. Deputy Minister for Information Brig-Gen Aung Thein gave a supplementary report. The minister gave the concluding remarks. — MNA

Workshop on language implementation

YANGON, 7 May — Under the joint arrangements of the Myanmar Computer Federation and the National Institute of Information and Communications Technology of Thailand, the Myanmar-Thai Co-workshop on Myanmar Language Implementation was held at the MICT Park in Hline Township here at 9 am today.

The workshop continues tomorrow. — MNA



e-National task Force Vice-Chairman U Aung Myint delivers an address at the co-workshop. — MNA

Beware of computer worm Sasser

YANGON, 6 May — Sasser, a computer worm, is spreading in computers through the Internet beginning early May, and affecting over a million computers worldwide.

Although any of the four types, A, B, C and D, of the worm does not destroy files or application programmes, it can hamper the functioning power of a computer. Computer virus cannot spread without the involvement of a human action such as switching on an e-mail, but worms can automatically spread by searching the weakness of an operation system of a computer. The worm could be removed from a computer by downloading the software of McAfee and Norton Website, announced the Myanmar Computer Federation. — MNA

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The Pakistani Ambassador calls on UMFCFI General Secretary U Sein Win Hlaing. — UMFCFI

UMFCFI officials meet guests

YANGON, 6 May — Ambassador of Pakistan Mr Muhammad Nawaz Chaudhury, together with Deputy Head of Mission Mr Habib-Ur-Rehman yesterday morning called on UMFCFI General Secretary U Sein Win Hlaing, CEC members U Tun Aung (Myanmar Nyunt) and U Tun Aung (Tawwin Tun) at the UMFCFI head office here. They discussed matters on bilateral trade promotion, sending of Myanmar business delegation to Trade Fair in Pakistan in October 2004 and others.

UMFCFI General Secretary U Sein Win Hlaing and CEC members also received the 3-member delegation led by CEO of State Bank of India based in Singapore Ms Padma Ramasubban at the head office at 3 pm. They discussed matters on economic cooperation. — MNA

British troops face new Iraq prisoner abuse claims

LONDON, 7 May—Britain's Ministry of Defence said it was investigating fresh charges of mistreatment of prisoners in Iraq after a newspaper on Friday published the testimony of a British soldier who said he had witnessed severe beatings.

The Daily Mirror newspaper said the man had given military police full details of the attacks, including names and ranks of the soldiers involved in the

beatings.

The soldier, a trooper with the same regiment already at the centre of an investigation into abuse of Iraqi prisoners, said the vio-

lence was led by three ring-leaders. "I witnessed four beatings when people were punched and kicked," the soldier told the Mirror.

"They'd be on their

knees, and when they dropped their hands they'd be kicked until they raised them again."

On one occasion, a corporal went up to a prisoner who had a sandbag over his face and poked his fingers into the man's eyeballs until he was screaming in pain, the soldier said. — *Internet*

*Iraqi militiamen
carry rocket
propelled grenades
near rebel cleric
Moqtada al-Sadr's
office in Iraq's
southern city of
Amara on 5 May,
2004.
INTERNET*



Ex-Iraq interrogator says many prisoners innocent

LONDON, 7 May—A former US interrogator at Baghdad's Abu Ghraib jail says that many of its prisoners are innocent

Iraqis, picked up at random by US troops and questioned by underqualified intelligence officers. Former military intelligence officer Torin Nelson said in an in-

terview with the Guardian newspaper on Friday many of the detainees at Abu Ghraib were "innocent of any acts against the coalition". "I've read reports from cap-

turing units where the capturing unit wrote, 'the target was not at home. The neighbour came out to see what was going on and we grabbed him'," Nelson said. *Internet*

US engineer kidnapped in Baghdad

DUBAI, 7 May—Several Westerners have been abducted in the Iraqi capital.

An Arab television station has aired what it said was a videotape showing an American engineer working for the Pentagon held hostage in Iraq.

Dubai-based al-Arabiya network said it received the tape from a group calling itself the Islamic Rage Battalion, which said it had kidnapped the man on 3 May.

He was shown on Thursday blindfolded with a chequered Arab scarf and wearing a jacket.

"My name is Aban Elias from Denver, Colorado," the captive was quoted as saying.

"I am a civil engineer

US says Iraq hostage shown on Al-Arabiya is American

WASHINGTON, 7 May—The US State Department said a Western hostage taken in Iraq and shown on the Dubai-based Al-Arabiya television was a US national.

"We certainly now believe him to be a US citizen," State Department spokesman Richard Boucher told reporters. "The US embassy in Amman and the consular of-

fice in Baghdad are working to ascertain the welfare and whereabouts of this US citizen." Boucher declined to give any more details about the man, saying only: "We are confirming that to the best of our knowledge he is a US citizen." He said that relatives of the man had contacted the US embassy in Jordan after seeing the images, but did not immediately identify the man. The Dubai-based channel broadcast footage of what it said was an "American" who called in faltering English on Muslim religious leaders to help free him from captivity in Iraq. "My name is... Elias, from Denver, Colorado," said the man, his eyes bound with a black-and-white chequered Palestinian scarf. Newsroom staff at Al-Arabiya told AFP his first name was Eban, a Jewish name, and that he was born in Iraq and later gained US nationality. — *Internet*

African countries urged to develop infrastructure

NAIROBI, 7 May—African governments should fully develop infrastructure in order to attract much needed foreign investment to their countries, the organizer of an international conference on improving Africa's infrastructure said here.

"The key to creating wealth, jobs, and economic growth in Africa is to make it easier to start, operate and expand a business. That requires improving the regulatory and physical infrastructure and removing barriers to doing business," International Finance Corporation (IFC) Director for Infrastruc-

ture Francisco Tourreilles told a Press conference in Kenya's capital Nairobi.

Tourreilles made the remarks ahead of a key International Conference on Improving Africa's Physical and Regulatory Infrastructure scheduled to begin in Kenya on Wednesday.

There is limited foreign appetite for investment in infrastructure in Africa because of current uncertainty in market environment, and the IFC is considering changing Africa's development perception on investment, he added.

MNA/Xinhua

MNA/Xinhua

Around 60,000 Chinese high school students apply to join Air Force

BEIJING, 7 May—Around 60,000 high school students have applied to join the country's Air Force as pilots, according to an Air Force source. A senior officer with the Air Force Draft Board said several thousand of them, involving several high schools, have passed their initial physical tests.

The applicants have to pass the national college entrance examinations scheduled for June, said the officers, who declined to say how many of them will be recruited.

The Air Force will conduct stringent second physical tests among the applicants that passed the college

examinations and initial physical exams.

The Air Force has started recruiting and training high-caliber servicemen to match the increasing complexity of weapons and facilities.

Last June, the Air Force announced that it had enrolled the first group of 19 graduates specializing in sci-

ence and engineering from thousands of applicants from 74 Chinese universities.

They are the first group enrolled from civilian colleges.

The graduates have become the first students enrolled by the aviation college from universities without military backgrounds

since China implemented the reform of military aviation college enrollment in 1987.

They will study aviation theories and flying in the China Air Force Aviation College for two years, said the officer.

Those who qualify will become pilots with a military bachelor's degree, said the officer.

Britain's Vodafone launches 3G in Europe

LONDON, 7 May—British mobile telephone giant Vodafone announced Tuesday it had launched its first full third-generation mobile services in Germany and Portugal, the long-awaited technology.

The firm said it has enlisted Samsung and Sony Ericsson to make handsets for the service and users would enjoy improved quality, sound, pictures and videos, as well as increased speed when downloading games and ringtones.

It is planned as the prelude for a much wider launch of 3G mobile technology around Europe.

The launch is the second phase of a gradual roll-out of the much-hyped and delayed next generation of cellphone services by Vodafone.

In February Vodafone announced the launch of its first third-generation (3G) mobile service: a data card giving users

high-speed Internet access for their laptop computers.

Vodafone already has 3G business coverage up and running in Italy and Germany using laptop connections and launched service to business customers in Britain in April.

"Today's announcement is another important stage in Vodafone's 3G journey and follows the successful European launch of our 3G Vodafone Mobile Connect Card for business customers," said Vodafone's chief marketing officer, Peter Bamford.

Hutchison 3G was the first company to launch the new technology in Europe in March 2003.

MNA/Xinhua



An Iraqi Shiite militiaman aims his rifle at the Al-Najaf cemetery in Najaf, Iraq on 5 May, 2004. Shiite militiamen loyal to a radical cleric ambushed a patrol of US troops on Wednesday in the holy city of Najaf. — *INTERNET*

Turkey condemns US inhumane treatment of Iraqi prisoners

ANKARA, 7 May— Turkey's officials, the opposition party and several non-governmental organizations condemned the US soldiers' treatment of Iraqi captives, describing the practices as "inhumane and shameful", *Turkish Daily News* reported Wednesday.

"Such inhumane treatment is against the Geneva Convention, all international agreements, all United Nations regulations. All of these things are against the Quran, the Bible, the Old Testament and the history of humanity," said opposition Republican People's Party (CHP) leader Deniz Baykal.

Pictures of Iraqi prisoners stripped naked, hooded and being tormented by US captors in a Baghdad prison stunned the international community after they were aired last week on US broadcaster CBS.

Turkish Parliamentary Speaker Bulent Arinc described the torture of Iraqis as "heinous".

Many Turkish associations condemned the US soldiers' behaviour on Tuesday. The Human Rights Association (IHD) said in a statement that torture was banned in every situation either in war or in peace and called on the international society not to remain silent against the practices.

Civil Servants' Trade Union Chairman Ahmet Aksu said the pictures had reflected only a part of the terrible events experienced in Iraq. — MNA/Xinhua

Spanish Premier says troops will not return to Iraq

MADRID, 7 May—Spain's new Prime Minister said on Thursday that he would never send Spanish soldiers back to Iraq, even if foreign troops there were put under the authority of the United Nations or NATO.

"Spanish troops have spent time there and have completed their mission in Iraq," said Prime Minister José Luis Rodríguez Zapatero. "There's no point in them going back."

In an interview at Moncloa Palace, Mr Zapatero dismissed the creation of a peacekeeping force under the United Nations as "rather improbable or utopian" because of the unstable security situation in Iraq.

Similarly, he rejected the

idea of a NATO-led force similar to the one that exists in Afghanistan, saying that it was more likely that a force assembled by the Arab League "could give the Iraqis peace of mind."

Even as Mr Zapatero, 43, criticized the American-led war and occupation of Iraq, he struggled to portray himself as a loyal ally of the United States who was grateful for American help in facilitating Spain's troop withdrawal. He also pointed out

that Spain had not encouraged other countries to leave.

After Spain's decision to withdraw from Iraq, Honduras and the Dominican Republic decided to bring their soldiers home. Poland, Thailand, Kazakhstan and the Philippines have suggested that their troop commitments may not be open-ended.

"I've never asked them to do that, nor even suggested it in any way," Mr Zapatero said of the other countries' decisions to withdraw. "I've

respected the countries that have stayed and those that have left."

Mr Zapatero also refused to criticize the Bush administration for its handling of the abuses committed by American soldiers against prisoners in Iraq. "I want to be extremely respectful of the internal politics of a country that is an ally," he said, adding that President Bush "will know what he needs to do."

Internet

Philippines justifies anti-piracy efforts against US criticisms

MANILA, 7 May — The Philippine Department of Foreign Affairs Wednesday slammed the United States Government for its keeping the Philippines in its watch list of countries whose anti-piracy policies are lax.

Foreign Affairs Secretary Delia Albert argued that the Philippines has made "major gains" in the war against intellectual piracy and that "unfair criticisms do not aid in the war against intellectual property pirates".

The recent US Trade Representative Report included the Philippines in the list of 56 countries found have failed to curb piracy.

"Regardless of what this report says, the Philippines will continue to uphold the rule of law and observe due process in enforcing its laws," Albert said in a statement.

Meanwhile, she pointed out that proliferation of pirated VCDs and DVDs are rampant even in the United States itself. The Philippine Government has improved the legal mechanisms to protect intellectual property rights from closing sales outlets, arresting pirates and seizing truckloads of pirated material, the secretary noted.

"The Philippines fully understands and appreciates the importance of protecting intellectual property rights.

MNA/Xinhua

Russia opposes US proposal on limited sovereignty in Iraq

MOSCOW, 7 May— A senior Russian diplomat said Wednesday that Moscow opposes the US proposal to transfer limited sovereignty to the Iraqi Government on 30 June, warning it would dash people's expectations of full power and raise tensions in Iraq.

"The Iraqis are expecting the transfer of full sovereignty after June 30. If this does not happen, their expectations will be dashed and this could lead to another spiral of tension in Iraq," Deputy Foreign Minister Yuri Fedotov was quoted by the *Interfax* news agency as saying.

US officials suggested earlier that the Iraqi Government would be given limited powers, particularly in security issues.

Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov said the US and the United Nations have confirmed the importance of Russia's call for an international forum on Iraq that would involve all Arab countries and ensure the legitimacy of the handover of power in Iraq. *Interfax* reported.

MNA/Xinhua



An injured Iraqi man is taken to the hospital in downtown Baghdad, Iraq on 6 May, 2004, after an explosion.

INTERNET

Vietnam's Giap warns US on Iraq

HANOI, 7 May—General Vo Nguyen Giap, the architect of Vietnam's victory over French forces at Dien Bien Phu 50 years ago, has warned the United States it faces defeat in Iraq.

Asked for his thoughts on Iraq, Giap told CNN's Stan Grant that no matter how modern a country's weapons were or how much money it had, it had no right to invade another country.

He said a nation that ignored this "moral teaching" would be defeated.

Giap said a country that stands up and knows how to unite will always defeat a foreign invader.

Giap, now 94, led the Vietnam army of communist leader Ho Chi Minh in a historic 55-day siege of French forces at Dien Bien Phu, in the north of the country.

The siege ended when the French troops, worn down by constant artillery barrages and unable to resupply by air, surrendered on 7 May, 1954.

That defeat saw the French colonial power withdraw, followed by the partitioning of Vietnam into north and south, and the gradual involvement of the United States into what became a bloody 20-year war.

That conflict cost about 2 million Vietnamese military and civilian lives, the deaths of more than 55,000 US servicemen and women, and about 6,000 service personnel from South Korea, the Philippines, Thailand, Australia and New Zealand.

Internet



Soldiers with the US military's 2nd Battalion, 1st Marines Regiment keep guard near the Golan district of Fallujah, Iraq on 6 May. — INTERNET

Angola, Congo discuss increased bilateral cooperation

LUANDA, 7 May — Angola and the neighbouring Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) agreed Wednesday to seek ways to boost bilateral cooperation programmes.

Angolan Foreign Minister Joao Miranda, opening a two-day ministerial meeting Wednesday in Luanda, said the neighbours should draft "new strategies" to "increase future cooperation". He added that political and security problems that had kept Angola and DRC apart in the past had been "overcome".

The DRC International Cooperation Minister Mbusa Nyamusi, described bilateral relations, especially in the

economic field, as "positive". He said both countries had "various common projects" on the table, namely the building of cross-border roads and relaunching the Benguela Railway that links the DRC's mineral-rich south to Angola's Atlantic port of Lobito.

Nyamusi also downplayed Luanda's recent deportation of some 60,000 illegal Congolese diamond prospectors, saying Kinshasa

simply wanted the deportations to take place with "respect for human dignity".

The Wednesday-Thursday bilateral talks in Luanda follows a tripartite meeting Tuesday in which Angola, the DRC and the Republic of Congo discussed common security issues and their participation in the upcoming UN-sponsored conference on the Great Lakes Region.

MNA/Xinhua

France says abuse of Iraqi prisoners unacceptable

PARIS, 7 May— France said on Wednesday the reported abuse of Iraqi prisoners by US forces was “totally unacceptable” and if confirmed would clearly violate international conventions.

France led the opposition against the US-led war in Iraq and French President Jacques Chirac last week reiterated a call for a swift return of sovereignty to Iraq within the framework set out by the United Nations.

“The treatment inflicted on certain Iraqi prisoners, such as are shown on pictures displayed by media in the last few days, are totally unacceptable,” the French Foreign Ministry said.

The abuse scandal blew up last week when a US television station aired photographs that were taken by some of

the six soldiers now facing court-martial for abusing prisoners.

Some of the photographs from the Abu Ghraib prison outside Baghdad showed naked Iraqi prisoners stacked in a pyramid.

“We understand the strong emotions provoked by such acts, which — if they are confirmed — are disgraceful and constitute clear and unacceptable violations of international conventions,” a Foreign Ministry spokesman said in a statement. — MNA/Reuters



Iraqi Shiites militiamen take up positions at the Al-Najaf cemetery in Najaf, Iraq on 5 May, 2004. Shiite militiamen loyal to a radical cleric ambushed a patrol of US troops Wednesday in the holy city of Najaf and shot and killed a coalition soldier in a separate battle in Karbala. —INTERNET

US forces intrude into Pakistani territory

ISLAMABAD, 7 May— Pakistan's Foreign Office Wednesday confirmed that the US-led coalition forces, operating in Afghanistan, have intruded into Pakistani territory.

The Foreign Office spokesman Masood Khan told a weekly Press briefing here Wednesday that the foreign troops on their search for terrorists moved across the Pakistani-Afghan border from and back on Monday evening.

The spokesman said the Pakistani Government has lodged protest with the United States over the incursion and requested the

United States through “diplomatic and military channels” to hold inquiry into the incident and share its details with Pakistan.

Pakistan shares an around 2,500-kilometre border with Afghanistan and the US-led coalition forces have long been charged by Pakistani media for repeated border violations during their anti-terror missions.

MNA/Xinhua

China, EU vow to safeguard, promote world peace, stability

BRUSSELS, 7 May — China and the European Union (EU) vowed to further strengthen cooperation and work together to safeguard and promote world peace, stability and development.

“China and the EU should endeavour to maintain international security on the basis of mutual trust, mutual benefit, equality and cooperation,” said a joint Press statement issued following Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao's visit to the EU Headquarters here.

The statement said China and the EU should uphold “the vital role of the United Nations in maintaining peace, stability and security and promoting sustainable development throughout the world”.

China and the EU also vow to “promote multilateralism and democracy in international relations”, according to the statement.

The statement spoke highly of Wen's visit. “Premier Wen's visit had

particular significance for the promotion of mutually beneficial cooperation between the two sides and for the further development of the China-EU comprehensive strategic partnership.”

The visit is Wen's first official trip to the EU Headquarters, which followed tours of China by

European Commission President Romano Prodi in April and Javier Solana, the EU's high representative for foreign affairs.

“The intensity of these high-level contacts is testimony to the depth and vigour of the rapidly growing partnership between China and the EU,” the statement said. — MNA/Xinhua

IDB to grant \$682m in loans to Ecuador

QUITO, 7 May— The Inter-American Development Bank (IDB) is expected to provide 682 million US dollars to Ecuador in loans by 2006, 280 million of which can be freely used by the government, IDB representative to Ecuador Dora Currea said Wednesday.

The loans will be used for projects that seek to strengthen competitiveness and productivity and to promote social development in the country.

IDB has so far granted more than 3.7 billion US dollars in 169 loans to Ecuador.

Currea said Ecuador deserved this trust for the progress mirrored in the 3.5 per cent average growth of its gross domestic product (GDP). — MNA/Xinhua

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One coalition soldier killed in overnight clashes in Karbala

BAGHDAD, 7 May— A coalition soldier was killed in overnight in clashes with militiamen of radical Shiite cleric Moqtada Sadr in the holy city of Karbala, the

coalition forces said Wednesday.

“There was one coalition forces soldier killed,” a statement said.

According to the statement, the soldier was killed in a battle when the coalition forces took over several buildings occupied by Sadr's Mehdi Army in the city of Karbala, some 110 kilometres south of Baghdad.

The statement did not identify the nationality of the killed soldier.

Fighting erupted in Karbala shortly after midnight when Mehdi Army militiamen fired mortar bombs, rocket-propelled grenades and machineguns at coalition positions in the town.

The soldiers returned fire and the exchanges lasted until dawn. Witnesses said three gunmen were killed and nine wounded, including three in serious condition.

MNA/Xinhua

Sadr's militia to agree to truce if US forces leave Najaf base

BAGHDAD, 7 May— Militia loyal to radical Shiite cleric Moqtada Sadr will stop attacking US forces if they withdraw from the coalition base outside the holy city of Najaf, Sadr's spokesman said Wednesday.

“We would comply with a ceasefire if they withdraw from their base at the Sadr teaching hospital,” Qatar-based al-Jazeera TV channel quoted Sheikh Ahmed al-Shaibani as saying.

He said Sadr would also agree to the return of “Iraqi police with all its force into Najaf” and that the Mehdi Army militia would be deployed around the holy shrines of Najaf and Kufa.

US troops moved into a coalition base located in an area between Najaf and Kufa previously occupied by Spanish and Latin American forces. They have been running regular patrols in the outskirts of Najaf and setting up checkpoints to halt the movement of Sadr's followers between the two cities.

Gunfire and loud explosions were also heard in the city of Najaf overnight and a mortar attack was launched on the coalition base early Wednesday. — MNA/Xinhua

Private companies asked to stop sending Filipinos to Iraq

MANILA, 7 May— The Philippine Government said Wednesday that it had asked private companies in Kuwait, Jordan and other Middle East countries not to send Philippine workers to Iraq until the country's security situation improves.

Ramon Tionloc, director of the Philippine Overseas Employment Administration (POEA), said that the decision was agreed by the POEA and the Middle East Preparedness Team with the mission of assessing Iraq's security situation.

The Philippine embassies in the Middle East countries, through its labour attaches and missions, had been instructed to inform companies of the ban, Tionloc said.

He said that although most of the 4,000 POEA-

registered Philippine workers in Iraq are confined in US military camps, there are still a number of Filipinos, mostly drivers, entering Iraq through other Middle East countries.

Meanwhile, Baghdad-based Task Force Iraq, headed by the Philippine Embassy Charge d'Affaires Ricardo Endaya, would visit work areas and job sites “to account, extend assistance, and give advice to overseas Filipino workers (OFWs) working inside the military bases in Iraq”.

The Philippine Government raised concerns over the OFWs in Iraq after a Filipino truck driver was killed in a roadside ambush after delivering military supplies to a US base in the northern Iraq.

Rodrigo Reyes, 51-year-old employee of the First Kuwaiti Trading Company, is the first Philippine civilian fatality in Iraq.

Last month, two Filipinos were injured in separate mortar attacks against a US base in Iraq.— MNA/Xinhua



Iraqis demonstrate outside the prison of Abu Ghraib, west of the Iraqi capital of Baghdad on 5 May, 2004. Hundreds of Iraqis marched outside the walls of the military jail in Iraq where US soldiers photographed themselves abusing Iraqi prisoners, and demanded the release of jailed relatives.—INTERNET

April was bloodiest month since Iraq war began

WASHINGTON, 7 May—More than 1,000 American troops were wounded in action in Iraq in April, representing one-quarter of all those wounded since the war began, according to Defense Department records.

More than 130 troops also were reported killed in Iraq in the bloodiest month for U.S. forces since the mission began in March 2003.

Through May 1, a total of 4,133 American service members have been reported wounded in action since the Iraq war began last year. Of those, 1,073 came in April

alone, and another 22 were reported on May 1, the day the database was most recently updated. With casualties continuing to mount, the Pentagon's directorate of information operations and reports recently began updating its public records once a week.

More than 740 service

members have been killed in Iraq since the United States invaded in March 2003.

The Iraqi uprisings that began this March 31 have resulted in some of the most violent battles of the war. The Bush administration has sent 20,000 more troops to Iraq to try to subdue widespread unrest. —Internet

India asks US to explain troop abuse of workers

NEW DELHI, 7 May — New Delhi has asked the United States to explain disturbing reports about Indians being used as slave labour and held against their will by contractors in US military camps in Iraq, Indian officials said on Wednesday.

Indians who have fled Iraq complain of a nightmare of abuse by US troops and Iraqis and the constant threat of violence from fighting raging around them.

The accusations come on the heels of revelations that US soldiers murdered and abused Iraqi prisoners, sparking outrage in the United States and around the world.

"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 compelled to remain in Iraq against their will," India's Foreign Ministry said.

Indian workers, including former police and soldiers hired for security jobs, say they paid Indian employment companies as much as 1,500 US dollars

for visas to work in Kuwait but ended up working for contractors in Iraq as butchers, cooks or cleaners and were not allowed to leave.

"It used to rain bombs there. We could not sleep at all. It was nightmarish for us," Shahjahan, who fled his job as a butcher at a US Army camp, told Reuters Television.

MNA/Reuters

Japan regrets US abuse of Iraqi prisoners

TOKYO, 7 May — Japan expressed regret Thursday at US soldiers' abuse of Iraqi prisoners and said it hopes the US Government would deal with the matter appropriately.

"It was regrettable that the Iraqis were treated in an inhuman way," said Deputy Chief Cabinet Secretary Hiroyuki Hosoda at a Press conference. He said it is necessary for the US Government to have a thorough investigation.

On a programme broadcast by the US-funded Arabic television network Alhurra on Wednesday, US President George W Bush described the incident "abhorrent" and said the soldiers' activities do not represent the Americans he knows.

The abuse event has inflamed outrages against US forces and may worsen the already tense situation in Iraq, where Japan has deployed about 550 ground troops.

MNA/Xinhua



A US soldier mans a defensive position on the northern side of Najaf, Iraq on 6 May, 2004. The soldiers were blocking Shia guerrillas from reaching the government office in the city that was taken over in an operation by US forces.—INTERNET

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Mohammed Abd el Gabar, 5, is comforted by his father Aziz, left, as he is treated from shrapnel wounds in the Al Hakim hospital in Najaf, Iraq on 6 May, 2004. — INTERNET

Blast hurts Iraqis in Baghdad after suicide attack

BAGHDAD, 7 May — A home-made bomb exploded in a busy street in central Baghdad on Thursday, hours after a suicide car bomb attack which killed up to 10 people and injured two Iraqis, witnesses reported.

They said the crude bomb was planted in a cement divider in the Sadoon Street, a busy street sided with home appliance shops and luxuri-

ous hotels used by foreigners. Besides the injured Iraqis, four cars were damaged and windows of nearby houses were smashed in the blast. It

was not clear what the presumed target was as there was no US or Iraqi police patrols passing by at the time of explosion. — MNA/Xinhua

"Washington Post" says new Iraq prison photos emerge

WASHINGTON, 7 May — A new batch of photographs obtained by *The Washington Post* includes more graphic images of apparent Iraqi prisoners at a US military jail in Iraq, the newspaper reported on Thursday.

The photographs are similar to those broadcast on CBS' "60 Minutes II" and published by the *New Yorker* magazine showing Iraqi prisoners in various images of humiliation, *The Washington Post* reported.

The new collection included more than 1,000 digital images ranging from scenes of mundane military life to pictures showing crude simulations of US soldiers. Some of the pictures also appear to show American soldiers abusing

prisoners, many of whom wear ID bands.

However, *The Post* said that it could not eliminate the possibility that some of those images were staged.

The article said the photographs, taken from the summer of 2003 through the winter, were passed around among military police who served at the Abu Ghraib prison west of Baghdad.

Among the images is a picture of a soldier holding a leash tied around a man's neck in an Iraqi prison.

The man is naked, grimacing and lying on a floor. There are photographs of

naked men, apparently prisoners, sprawled on top of one another while soldiers stand around them.

According to *The Post*, the photographs were taken by several digital cameras and loaded onto compact discs, which circulated among soldiers in the 372nd Military Police Company, an Army Reserve unit based in Cresaptown, Maryland.

The pictures were among those seized by military investigators probing conditions at Abu Ghraib, a source close to the unit was quoted as telling the newspaper.

MNA/Reuters

ICRC repeatedly warns US over Iraqi prisoner abuse

GENEVA, 7 May—The International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) said on Thursday it had repeatedly urged the United States to take "corrective action" at a Baghdad Jail which is at the centre of a scandal over Iraqi prisoner abuse.

The Geneva-based ICRC, which is mandated under various international treaties to visit prisoners, has had regular access to the Abu Ghraib jail since the US-led occupation forces began to use it last year, according to chief

spokeswoman Abtonella Notari.

"The ICRC, aware of the situation, and based on its findings, has repeatedly asked the US authorities to take corrective action," she told Reuters.

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Mexico seeks to extend eco accords with 4 Latam countries

MEXICO CITY, 7 May — The Mexican Economy Secretariat announced on Wednesday that the government will negotiate the extension of economic integration accords with four Latin American countries — Argentina, Brazil, Paraguay and Peru.

While attending the Spaces 2004 forum, held in Mexico's northern Monterrey City, Angel Villalobos Rodriguez, the Economy Secretariat's undersecretary for trade negotiations, said Mexico had benefitted a lot from trade agreements in the areas of exports and foreign investments in the last 10 years.

"In terms of bilateral accords, we are not negotiating any right now. What we are doing is extending some economic complementation accords with Brazil, Peru and Argentina, and we will probably do it with Paraguay," Villalobos said.

He said the Mexican Government has 12 trade accords with 42 countries and "that give us access to about one billion consumers for our exporters". Villalobos said more than half of the jobs generated in the country since 1994 are connected with the trade activities boosted by these accords. — MNA/Xinhua

Those who daren't show their face — 52

Paul Sa

I pity myself for having to tirelessly refute slanders and fabrications. See, the VOA aired a slander as a news report again at 6 pm on 24 April 2004! The radio station quoted the so-called association to protect Myanmar prisoners as saying that members of the Military Intelligence tortured U Khin Win during the interrogation.

Likewise, the BBC at 8 pm on 26 April aired a fabrication under the title — The health condition of jailed Pyithu Hluttaw representative of Pazundaung Township U Naing Naing. The brief account of the VOA slander said that because of the torture inflicted on Bodaw Khin Win (a) Khin Win during the interrogation, blood circulation of both his hands stopped. It also said that Khin Win was arrested and sentenced to life imprisonment for writing letters supporting the US invasion in Iraq; that the repeated electroshocks destroyed blood veins of his hands; and that the condition of his hands were so bad that they needed amputating.

As it has been insincerely exaggerating the news, I pity the VOA for the radio station is becoming a department distributing slanders.

What's its purpose of making such an act to fuel the US anger over Myanmar? In reality, it is an impolite act that is against the norms of a civilized society. Why is the VOA so stupid to announce the slander? Has it any record on Khin Win's case? Isn't it the VOA that was shouting at the highest of its voice, when Khin Win faced imprisonment for his wrongdoing?

It is quite clear. Action was taken against Khin Win, for he made connections with NLD absconders, ABSDF terrorists and members of NCGUB, a coalition group formed with various fugitives of Myanmar, received financial assistance for activities opposing the Government, formed an illegal anti-government gang secretly, and laid down plans to distribute papers agitating people to incite an unrest. Besides, the pain in Khin Win's hands was not because of MI's use of, what he alleged, electroshocks in interrogating him. The MI has no tradition of using such torture methods.

Khin Win himself has already explained the source of the pain in his hands, saying that he always kept both his palms under pillow whenever he slept; that sometimes, the pain made him feel like being touched with a red-hot iron; that sometimes he found it difficult to move his fingers; that when he informed the prison officials about his pain, they warded him at Insein Hospital; and that he was under the care of specialist surgeons. On the advice of the bone specialist surgeons, Khin Win is taking Vitamin B Denk to fight the pain.

The BBC also exaggerated the health condition of U Naing Naing, and one thing sure is that it was airing the interview not because it was worried about the health of U Naing Naing. The BBC is so happy to raise the fabricated U Naing Naing issue. With a sinister aim, the BBC is trying to discredit the Myanmar Government by exaggerating the age and health condition of jailed persons.

Sometimes, the BBC is airing an interview with a person freed from prison even before he has talked with his family. As for me, I pity the family members. The

BBC is asking such a person leading questions as if he is a patient warded at a hospital. The BBC interviewer asks another leading question with a dissatisfied voice when the person says that his health condition is good.

U Naing Naing was suffering from gastric even before he was sent to prison. The BBC interviewed U Naing Naing about his stomach disorder. But it is not to worried about his health. Its actual aim is to discredit Myanmar by inventing lies that the Myanmar Government is torturing prisoners suffering from a certain disease; and that it does not allow them to undergo medical treatment.

The mischievous plot of the BBC failed because U Naing Naing's wife told them about the Government's provision of medical treatment for her husband. The radio station could not hide the truth.

But there are young, middle-aged and old persons in the name of democracy activists, who while serving various prison terms want to receive the care of specialist physicians even if they have minor complaints. I wonder how they undergo medical treatment at home. As I am so busy with my work that I cannot undergo medical checkup even once a year. But in the jails, officials are conducting medical checks on prisoners every month. So, some prisoners taking advantage of this care are always thinking about exaggerating and magnifying their sufferings and illness. Even the specialist physicians who are not the staff of the prison hospital are asked to visit them. The ICRC officials of the resident office in Myanmar know all about it.

Although the prisoners are jailed for their wrongdoing, the Government provides food and health care services for them. The Government does not regard them as enemies, instead provides all kinds of humanitarian assistance to them. Too bad, the BBC and the VOA think the gossips collected and sent to them by some aged prisoners with childish behaviour as real news reports. Those aged persons wearing sports shirts and pants collect the gossips from some families of the prisoners by visiting them. It is ridiculous that the two radio stations believe the information sent to them by ciphers begging money from organizations providing assistance for the prisoners.

Some aged persons holding inferior political views and the so-called young democracy activists as well as the expatriate groups in foreign countries under the guise of organizations helping prisoners are cheating money from their masters. But it is pitiful that the BBC and VOA do not know this, and continue to air fabrications and slanders.

The people of Myanmar know all the truth about Khin Win and U Naing Naing as well as the lies and gossips of expatriates and fugitives from outside the nation, and the aged persons holding inferior political views and the so-called young democracy activists from inside the nation. Thus, they will pity the BBC and the VOA as the persons who daren't show their face.

(Translation: TMT)

(Myanma Alin+ Kyemon: 7-5-2004)

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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CEC member gives lectures

YANGON, 7 May — Central Executive Committee member of the Union Solidarity and Development Association Deputy Minister for Information U Thein Sein gave lectures on aims and objectives of the association and policies at the USDA's organizational multiplier course No 1/2004 conducted at No 1 BEHS, Pabedan Township. MNA



ASEAN Radio quiz winners: (from left to right) Ma Ohmmar Aye of Mingaladon Township who stood first, Ma Mi Htay of Latha Township second, Maung Ye Tun Naung of South Okkalapa Township and Maung Zaw Win Htet of Yankin Township who won consolation prize seen on 5-5-2004. — MNA

အပူဒဏ်အန္တရာယ်ကာကွယ်ရေးနှိုးဆော်ချက်

ယခုအခါတွင် နွေရာသီရောက်လာပြီဖြစ်သဖြင့် ရာသီဥတု ပူပြင်းလာပြီး ဖြစ်ပါသည်။ ထိုအပူဒဏ်ကြောင့် ရွှေ့ထွက်လွန်ပြီး နွေရာသီအတွင်းရှိ ရေနံဓာတ်ဆားများ ဆုံးရှုံးမှုများပြားပါသည်။ ထိုသို့ဆုံးရှုံးမှုကြောင့် မိတ်ဒင်ယားဖုများထွက်လာခြင်း၊ ပင်ပန်းနွမ်းနယ်ခြင်း၊ မူးမောခြင်း၊ ကြွက်တက်ခြင်း၊ ရွှေ့ခြောက်ပြီး ကိုယ်အပူချိန်တက်ခြင်း၊ သတိလစ်ခြင်းတို့အပြင် အသက်အန္တရာယ် စိုးရိမ်ရသော အခြေအနေအထိ ဖြစ်တတ်ပါသည်။

သို့ဖြစ်ပါ၍ အပူဒဏ်ကြောင့် မလိုလားအပ်သော အကျိုးဆက်များ မဖြစ်ပေါ်စေရန် အောက်ပါအချက်အလက်များကို လိုက်နာကြပါရန် နှိုးဆော်အပ်ပါသည်။

- (၁) နံနက် (၁၀)နာရီမှ ညနေ (၅)နာရီအတွင်း လွင်တီးခေါင်ပြင်း ဖြစ်ကမ်းနား၊ ရေဆိပ်သည်တို့တွင် ရေချိုးခြင်းမှရှောင်ကြဉ်၍ အရိပ်ရ၍ အေးမြသောနေရာများတွင် နေပါ။
- (၂) နေပူထဲမှပြန်လာပြီး ချက်ချင်းရေချိုးခြင်းမှ ရှောင်ကြဉ်ပါ။
- (၃) နေပူထဲတွင် ပြင်းထန်သောကိုယ်လက်လှုပ်ရှားမှုများ မပြုလုပ်သင့်ပါ။
- (၄) အရက်သောက်ခြင်းသည် အပူဒဏ်အန္တရာယ်ကို ဖြစ်ပေါ်လွယ်စေခြင်းနှင့် ဖြစ်ပွားပါက ပြင်းထန်စွာ ခံစားရခြင်းကြောင့် ရှောင်ကြဉ်သင့်ပါသည်။

- (၅) နေ့ခင်းဘက် အပြင်ထွက်သည်အခါတိုင်း အရိပ်လုံလောက်စွာ ရရှိနိုင်သည့် ထီး၊ ဦးထုပ်များ ဆောင်းပါ။
- (၆) အလင်းရောင်ပြန်သော အဖြူရောင်၊ သို့မဟုတ် အရောင်ဖျော့ဖျော့ အဝတ်အထည်များကို ဝတ်ဆင်ပါ။
- (၇) ပွဲရောင်ရောင် ချည်ထည်များကို ဝတ်ဆင်ပါ။
- (၈) ရွှေ့ထွက်လွန်ပါက ကိုယ်တွင်းရှိ ရေနံဓာတ်ဆားဆုံးရှုံးမှုကို ပြန်လည်ဖြည့်တင်းနိုင်ရန် ဓာတ်ဆားရည်သောက်ပါ။
- (၉) ကိုယ်အပူရှိန်တက်ပါက ရေအေးဖတ် နိုင်နိုင်တိုက်ပါ။
- (၁၀) ဆီးချိုရောဂါ၊ နှလုံးရောဂါ၊ သွေးတိုးရောဂါအခံရှိသူများ၊ ကလေးသူငယ်များနှင့် သက်ကြီးရွယ်အိုများအနေဖြင့် နေ့လယ်နေ့ခင်းတွင် အရိပ်ရ၍ လေဝင်လေထွက်ကောင်းသော နေရာမျိုး၌ နားနေပါ။
- (၁၁) မိတ်ဖု၊ ယားနားများထွက်ပါက ရေအေးဝတ်ကပ်ခြင်း၊ သနပ်ခါးလိမ်ခြင်းတို့ကို ပြုလုပ်ပါ။
- (၁၂) အပူဒဏ်ကြောင့် ပင်ပန်းနွမ်းနယ်ခြင်း၊ ကိုယ်အပူရှိန်တက်ခြင်း၊ သတိလစ်ခြင်းနှင့် အတက်ရောဂါဖြစ်ပါက နီးစပ်ရာ ကျန်းမာရေးဌာနတွင် ပြသပါ။

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Regional development tasks can...

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Vice-Senior General Maung Aye said that at present, the Government is building a peaceful, modern and developed nation, and Kayah State is also developing. Efforts should be made for continuous development of the state with greater acceleration.

In its national modernization drive, the Government has been striving for economic progress, community peace, the rule of law and reinforcing the national defence, and foundations have been laid nearly cent per cent in all sectors.

It is implementing the 24-zone-development project, border areas and national races development project and five rural development tasks for progress of all the places of the Union, and giving priority to progress of states in launching the regional development drive.

When Vice-Senior General was a command commander of the area covering Kayah State 15 years ago, the population of

Kayah State was only 150,000. Now it has exceeded 300,000.

In this regard, the Government is stressing the need to make plans not only for the present population, but also for the growing population in the future. Only then, will the Government be dutiful for the posterity. Because of the goodwill based on Union Spirit, the Government has been striving to develop Kayah State as other states and divisions. The national brethren have been living in the Union with amity and through thick and thin.

In the Kayah State national races including Kayah, Bamar, Padaung and Shan are living together. So, Kayah State itself is also a mini Union. Efforts will have to be made for further vitalization of Union Spirit among the national people. Regional development task can be accelerated only when the internal insurgency ends and peace and stability prevails in an area. At present, peace and stability begins to prevail in

the state. It is sure that Kayah State will achieve more progress if armed insurgency meet its end in the region.

Service personnel assigned duties at the state should regard the region as their native land in developing Kayah State. They should also see the local people as their family members. He cordially greeted those present at the meeting.

At noon, the Vice-Senior General and party paid respects to Sayadaws of monasteries in Loikaw. Sayadaw Agga Maha Pandita Bhaddanta Paññasami of Shwedaung Pariyatti School administered the Five Precepts. Sayadaws recited parittas. Vice-Senior General Maung Aye presented offertories to Sayadaw Bhaddanta Paññasami.

Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Soe Win and party also presented offertories to Sayadaws. The congregation shared the merits gained.

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Vice-Senior General Maung Aye offers provisions to a Sayadaw in Loikaw.—MNA



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Soe Win donates provisions to a Sayadaw in Loikaw.—MNA

Lt-Gen Ye Myint looks into Ayeyawady Bridge (Yadanabon) construction project

YANGON, 7 May — Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Ye Myint of the Ministry of Defence, accompanied by Chairman of Mandalay Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Central Command Maj-Gen Ye Myint, Sagaing Division Peace and Development Council Commander of North-West Command Maj-Gen Tha Aye, Mandalay City Development Committee Chairman Mayor Brig-Gen Yan Thein and officials arrived at the briefing hall of Ayeyawady Bridge (Yadanabon) construction project (Sagaing bank) yesterday afternoon.

First, project in charge Deputy Superintending Engineer U Hsan Win of Public Works reported on the bridge construction tasks being carried out and future works to Lt-Gen Ye Myint, who then gave necessary instructions to him. Next, Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party inspected construction of concrete piers and RP-8 concrete beam and



Lt-Gen Ye Myint inspects construction of Ayeyawady Bridge (Yadanabon).—MNA

gave necessary instructions to officials.

Afterwards, Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party proceeded to the briefing hall of Ayeyawady Bridge (Yadanabon) construction project (Mandalay bank), where project in charge Deputy Superintending Engineer U Htay Myint presented a report on progress in construction and future tasks of the bridge on the

side of Mandalay bank. Then, Lt-Gen Ye Myint gave instructions and attended to the requirements.

Later, Lt-Gen Ye Myint visited Dakkhina Yama Phayagyaik in Chanmyathazi where he paid homage to Naya Monastery Sayadaw Bhaddanta Maydiya Bhivamsa, supplicated on religious affairs and offered provisions.

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Fourth coord meeting of National Convention Convening Management Committee held

YANGON, 7 April — The fourth coordination meeting of the National Convention Convening Management Committee took place at the meeting hall of the committee at Nyaungnapinkwin in Hmawby Township here at 9 am today.

It was attended by Management Committee Chairman Maj-Gen Lun Maung,

Vice-Chairman Deputy Minister for Hotels and Tourism Brig-Gen Aye Myint Kyu and committee and subcommittee members.

First, Chairman Maj-Gen Lun Maung explained management affairs for convening the National Convention.

Next, chairmen of the various subcommittees and officials reported on progress

in their respective works and future tasks. Officials of the Development Affairs Department, the Ministry of Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs, and Public Works, the Ministry of Construction also reported on their respective works.

In response to the reports, the chairman and the vice-chairman of the management committee gave necessary instructions and fulfilled the needs. Next, those present at the meeting took part in the discussions, and Chairman Maj-Gen Lun Maung made concluding remarks.

After the meeting, Maj-Gen Lun Maung, Brig-Gen Aye Myint Kyu and officials inspected preparatory works being carried out in the Pyidaungsu Hall where the National Convention is to be held and arrangements for the delegates. — MNA



Maj-Gen Lun Maung addresses fourth meeting of National Convention Convening Management Committee.—MNA



Prime Minister attends opening of school building, multimedia classrooms at BEHS in Mogok, inspects Mogok Gems Land

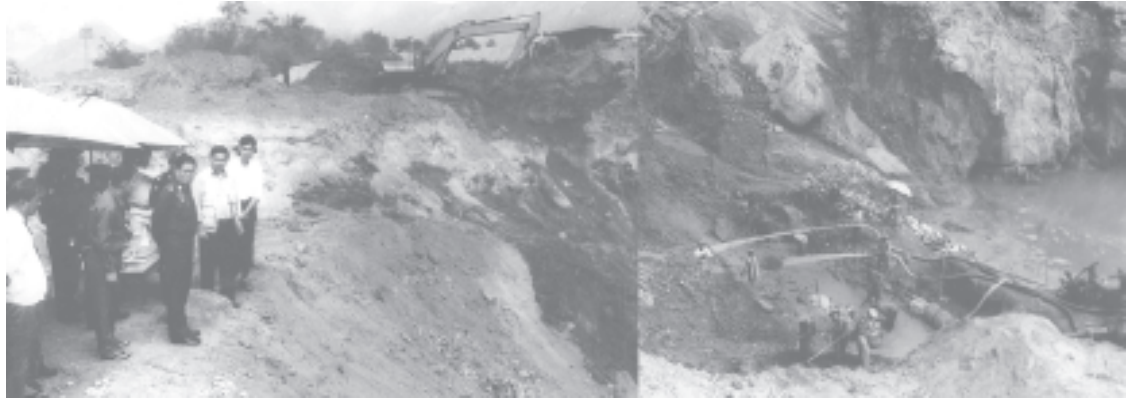
YANGON, 7 May—A ceremony to open Shwe Yadana three-storey building of Kyatpyin Basic Education High School in Mogok Township in Mandalay was held in conjunction with the ceremony to hand over it to the Ministry of Education at the building on 5 May morning, attended by Chairman of Myanmar Education Committee Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt.

Also present on the occasion were Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Ye Myint, Chairman of Mandalay Division Peace and Development Council Commander Maj-Gen Ye Myint, Chairman of Shan State (North) Peace and Development Council Commander Maj-Gen Myint Hlaing, ministers, deputy ministers, the Chief of Staff (Navy), officials of the State Peace and Development Council Office, departmental heads, local authorities, officials, wellwisher Thiri Thudhamma Manijotadhara U Ba Htay-Daw Khin Hla Kyi and family, the school head and teachers, students and local people.

First, Commander Maj-Gen Ye Myint, Director-General Lt-Col Win Htein of No 2 Department of Basic Education and wellwisher U Ba Htay formally opened the school building. The Prime Minister unveiled the signboard of the building. Next, the Prime Minister and party viewed classrooms of the building.

The wellwisher explained the purpose of the construction of the building valued at over K 100 million. There are one assembly hall and 15 classrooms at the school building. Next, the wellwisher handed over documents related to the school building to the director-general of DBE No 2. Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt presented a computer set for the school to the Headmistress.

Next, the Prime Minister delivered an address. In his address, the prime Minister said that he was pleased to see the emergence of new three-storey school building. The wellwisher family built



Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt inspects block of Uranus Co Ltd in Mogok Gem Land. — MNA1

the school building at a cost of over K 100 million with the aims of enabling local youths to pursue education and to become intellectual and intelligentsia in the future. So, the donation benefits not only the youths but also the State. It is believed that the school will continue to maintain its tradition of producing qualified persons, discharging State duties.

The Government has laid down the special four-year plan national education promotion for the education sector to keep abreast of the nations in South-East Asia. At present, the government is implementing the 30-year long-term national education promotion plan divided into six five-year plans for uplift of the education standard of the national.

Nowadays, the government is making earnest efforts for emergence of a modern and developed nation making investments in all sectors. Therefore, it is difficult for it to render cent per cent assistance to a single sector.

At a time when people are participating with might and main in endeavours of the government in building the nation, it can be seen that buildings related to education, health and social sectors have emerged in the entire nation.

Teachers, on their part, are to teach their pupil to become intellectual and intelligentsia on whom the State can rely in the future. Likewise, the students are to try their best in learning their education to become intellectual and intelligentsia of

the State. Later, the Prime Minister thanked the wellwishers for their donations for the building.

Next, the Prime Minister and party posed for documentary photos with officials, teachers and students.

Later, the Prime Minister and party proceeded to the No 1 Basic Education High School in Mogok.

On arrival at the Mogok BEHS No 1, the Prime Minister and party attended the opening ceremony of the multimedia classrooms of the school. Headmaster U Myint Swe and Chairman of School Board of Trustees U Tha Htay formally opened the multimedia classrooms. The Prime Minister formally unveiled the signboard of the rooms.

At the opening ceremony, Headmaster U Myint Swe reported on the purpose of opening the multimedia classrooms and installation of teaching aid. School Trustee Board

Chairman U Ba Htay reported on assistance provided by the board.

General Khin Nyunt presented a computer set each for Mogok BEHS No 1, No 2 and No 3 to respective school heads.

Next, the Prime Minister delivered an address. He said that they attended the opening ceremony of multimedia classrooms of the school while inspecting development tasks in Momeik and Mabein townships in Shan State (North) and Mogok Township in Mandalay Division.

Teachers, students, members of the School Board of Trustees and townselders at the ceremony were so active and happy. The government is implementing the national education promotion 30-year long-term plan. To meet international level education, the students are to be familiar with information technology (IT) in pursuing higher education.

Therefore, encouragement is being given to open multimedia classrooms installed with modern teaching aid at basic education schools in the entire nation under the leadership of the government and with cooperation of the people for ensuring development and propagation of the information technology in the basic education sector.

Similarly, modern teaching electronic aid have been installed at universities and colleges at which higher educational subjects are being lectured.

He expressed his belief that many intellectual and intelligentsia on whom the State can rely will emerge from that school in the future. The teachers are to systematically teach their pupils and the students are to try to become good sons of the State in the future.

After the ceremony, the Prime Minister and party had documentary photos taken

out plan and extension for the buildings. The Prime Minister gave instructions on extended construction of the buildings to upgrade the hospital. Next, the Prime Minister inspected the hospital.

On arrival at Shwepyithar Gem Extraction Camp in Mogok, the Commander reported on history of the gems land, extraction of gems from the blocks of Myanmar Gems Enterprise, formation of Gems Joint-Venture Supervisory Committee, blocks of organizations, cooperatives and companies, tax revenues, and matters related to the gems from Mogok Gems Land.

The Prime Minister gave instructions on conservation of natural environment and enforcing gems law, rules and disciplines.

Next, the General and party inspected the blocks of the gems land. At the block of Uranus Co Ltd, Managing Director U Win Aung



Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt poses for documentary photos with officials and students at opening ceremony of multimedia classrooms at Mogok BEHS No 1. — MNA



Newly opened school building of Kyatpyin BHES in Mogok Township.— MNA

together with officials and students.

Chairman of National Health Committee Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt and party proceeded to Mogok Township Hospital. The Prime Minister inspected the lay-out plan of the old buildings and extension for new buildings.

Commander Maj-Gen Ye Myint and Medical Superintendent Dr Tint Tint Kyi reported on location and area of the hospital, the lay-

and officials welcomed the General and party and conducted them round the extraction site.

Afterwards, the Prime Minister and party went to the block of Lyan Shan Gems Co. In-charge U Yan Moe Lyan and officials reported on extraction of gems.

Later, the Prime Minister and party went to Mandalay International Airport. They arrived back here on 5 May evening. — MNA

Attributes of Myanmar seafarers and marine officers permeating across the area of international water transport

Mercantile Marine Officer Cadet Training Course No CD-32 opened

YANGON, 7 May—Mercantile Marine Officer Cadet Training Course No CD-31 of Institute of Maritime Technology under the Ministry of Transport concluded in conjunction with the opening ceremony of the Course No 32 at the hall of IMT on Bayintnaung Road in Kamayut Township here this morning with an address by Prime



Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt addresses concluding ceremony of Mercantile Marine Officer Cadet Training Course No 31 and opening ceremony of Course No 32.—MNA

the government is creating such opportunities for the national youths.

Nowadays, the government is making efforts for enabling the nation to keep pace with others, for bringing about harmonious and equitable development across the nation and for strengthening the national economy while striving for constant emergence of highly-qualified human resources capable of serving the interests of the State.

In striving for development of the national economic life systematic measures are being taken for harmonious development of production sector, transport sector and trade sector that contribute to economic development. At the same time, efforts are being made for development of maritime transport sector as it plays a key role in economic development.

Although there have been changes and developments in the fields of science and technology and communications and transport, trade, transport of commodity and transport of oil and gas have still to rely on water transport.

With development in tourism, cruise liners and luxury liners are popular again in the water transport sector.

The water transport sector is an essential service in the world and it is also popular as a strong economy.

Therefore, the global nations, especially, the eastern nations are making efforts for development of maritime technology while striving for nurturing and producing highly qualified seafarers, marine officers and marine engineers

are being conducted at the IMT.

Myanmar Maritime University which will produce mercantile marine technicians, maritime engineers, vessels and ships building engineers, architects and modern seaports building and management technicians has emerged. At a time when encouragement is being given to development of maritime technology and emergence of human resources on maritime technology mercantile marine officers produced by IMT are to strive to become good citizens capable of uplifting national prestige and integrity.

The attributes of Myanmar seafarers and marine officers permeating across the area of the international water transport such as good discipline, dutifulness, working skills and methodological precision should be further promoted. Nowadays, destructive elements earning their livelihood from the donation received from foreign nations, undermining the dignity of Myanmar people and weakening the economy of the State are now making the acquaintance of Myanmar seafarers to lure and instigate them.

In time of encountering such incidents, Myanmar seafarers should be loyal to the nation realizing the motives of the destructive elements so as to avoid such acts. Myanmar seafarers are to make collective and concerted efforts with brotherly spirit so as to enhance the dignity of Myanmar and Myanmar people facing and overcoming crisis and difficulties abroad including problems creating by destructive elements.



Minister General KhinNyunt.

Also present on the occasion were Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe, ministers, the Yangon Mayor, deputy ministers, senior military officers, officials of the State Peace and Development Council Office, heads of department, the Principal of IMT, faculty members, course instructors, guests, mercantile maritime officer trainees and their relatives.

In his address, Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt said that at a time when efforts are being made with own resources for the emergence of a modern and developed nation, producing highly-qualified maritime officers and engineers yearly in the fields of maritime technology contributes much towards the State and the people.

The institute has been constantly producing highly-qualified maritime officers and engineers with a view to enabling Myanmar mercantile marine officers to get a deserved role in the mercantile marine sector that is world-wide popular as a greatly profitable business. Therefore, newly qualified graduates are to always bear in mind that

to earn more foreign currency.

With the aim of ensuring all-round development of water transport, the government has been making arrangements for development of international level infrastructures on water transport, for development of mercantile marine and marine technology keeping pace with changes and developments, for nurturing and producing human resources on maritime technology and for building the ocean liners.

Nowadays, it is obvious that there have emerged water transport infrastructures such as seaports of international level, world level jetties, modern container yards and ship-yards.

For development of maritime technology, the Institute of Maritime Technology is being facilitated with splendid buildings, modern teaching and learning aids and modern equipment. In addition, arrangements have been made to upgrade Institute of Maritime Technology into Maritime College.

In accord with the curricula to be in conformity with conventions, rules and regulations of IMO, more courses

At a time when they are contributing to development of national economy through overseas jobs maritime technicians and maritime engineers in mercantile marine sector are to serve the interests of the State while striving for development of own socio-economic life.

At a time when they have the opportunity of pursuing maritime technology in the nation the mercantile marine officer cadets are to make relentless efforts to become outstanding ones capable of bringing honour to the nation.

In conclusion, the Prime Minister urged the mercantile marine officers to make earnest efforts through their maritime technology for enabling the nation to stand shoulder to shoulder with others, for further strengthening national economy and earning more foreign currency; to strive to become highly qualified ones able to uplift the dignity of the State and the people and to make efforts to become those capable of safeguarding and enhancing the national interests. Afterwards, Minister for Transport Maj-Gen Hla Myint Swe presented a gift to Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt and the ceremony ended.—MNA

Commander inspects development undertakings in Kyimyindine Township

YANGON, 7 May—Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe inspected development tasks in wards in Kyimyindine Township located on other side of Hline River this afternoon.

The commander and officials inspected supply of water carried out by Yangon City Development Committee to people in Setsan Ward. At Konywa Creek Bridge construction site, the commander heard reports on construction by officials and gave instructions.

Next, he met with local authorities and local people at the dispensary in Setsan Ward. The commander explained the development tasks carried out on construction in wards of the township and fulfilled requirements. During the tour, the commander paid homage to Sayadaws of Aungmyingala and Yadanabon monasteries.—MNA



Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe inspects construction of Konywa creek bridge.—YANGON COMMAND

Measures for ensuring smooth and secure transport coordinated

YANGON, 7 May— The Yangon Division Supervisory Committee for Ensuring Smooth and Secure Transport held the meeting at the hall of Yangon Division All Bus-line Control Committee (Yangon Division) in Tamway Township this evening.

Chairman of the Supervisory Committee Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council

Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe spoke on the occasion.

Members of the Supervisory Committee, registrars and officials of universities and colleges in Yangon and bus-line chairmen participated in the discussions.

Later, the commander fulfilled their needs.

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Mercantile Marine Officer Cadet Training Course concludes

YANGON, 7 May— The concluding of Mercantile Marine Officer Cadet Training Course No CD 31 was held in conjunction with the prize presentation at the Institute of Marine Technology on Bayintnaung Road in Kamayut Township here this morning.

Present on the occasion were Minister for Transport Maj-Gen Hla Myint Swe, Deputy Ministers U Pe Than and Col Nyan Tun Aung, Officer on Special Duty of the ministry Brig-Gen Myo Tin, directors-general and

managing directors of departments and enterprises under the ministry, the principal of the institute, deans, faculty members and students.

On the occasion, the minister delivered a speech. In his speech, the minister said that with the aim of bringing about highly-qualified human resources of international level in the nation, the institute has produced 1,235 maritime officers and 1,124 maritime engineers up to 2004 academic year.

He said that in the 2004 academic year, the

institute has nurtured and taught the students maritime engineering theoretically and practically to possess all the characteristics of a skilled and competent officer.

Thanks to the measures taken to broaden the scope of Myanmar maritime field in cooperation with foreign marine universities and institutes, qualified maritime officers and engineers were sent abroad for further study, and it represented a landmark in the history of the Myanmar Maritime University, he

said.

Even though team work represents the maritime in the mercantile marine sector, success can be achieved only through leadership necessary for the captain who has to lead his subordinates in a systematically way. The newly-qualified graduates are going to discharge duties as junior leaders soon. So, they are to try to get themselves accustomed to the practice of self-help to become a good leader, he noted.

In conclusion, the minister said that at a time when the government has been making all-out efforts to transform the nation to a peaceful, modern and developed one, the graduates are to always keep in mind that they have been nurtured to become human resources so as to perform duties on State-owned vessels and foreign vessels.

Next, the minister presented Best Cadet awards (maritime and engineer) to cadet Si Thu Lwin and cadet Ko Ko Maung; the deputy ministers, awards (maritime and engineer) for excellent performance in study to cadet Ne Lin Tun and cadet Ne Tun Oo; Brig-Gen Myo Tin, the award for outstanding performance in parade drill to cadet Kyaw Thet Tun; and Principal U Win Thein, awards to outstanding companies.

Afterwards, the principal and deans presented completion certificates to the cadets.

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သတိပေးနိုးဆော်ချက်

ခရီးသည်တင်စေတော်ယာဉ်များအား ဖြိုတွင်းသို့ နေ့/ည ခရီးသည်ပို့ဆောင်နိုင်ရေးအတွက် သတိပေးချက်အရ ခရီးသည်တင်စေတော်ယာဉ်များ ဖြိုတွင်းသို့ ယာဉ်စီးခများအားလည်း သတိပေးချက်အရ အတိုင်းတောင်းခံရန် ညွှန်ကြားထားရှိပါသည်။ သို့ရာတွင် အချို့ယာဉ်လိုင်းများမှ ယာဉ်မောင်းနှင့် ယာဉ်နောက်လိုက်တို့သည် ယာဉ်စီးခများကို ညှဉ်းတွင် ပိုမိုတောင်းယူနေကြောင်း သိရှိပါသည်။ ထိုသို့ပိုမိုတောင်းခံပါက ထိရောက်စွာ အရေးယူနိုင်ရန် အောက်ပါနည်းများကို တိုင်ကြားနိုင်ပါသည်။
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၁။ ကယောင့်ကတမ်းဖြစ်ခြင်း (Delirium Tremors)၊ ကြောက်လန့်ခြင်း၊ အချိန်၊ နာရီ၊ နေရာ၊ လူ ခန့်မှန်းနိုင်စွမ်း မရှိခြင်း၊ ကြောက်စရာလန့်စရာများမြင်ရခြင်း၊ အသံဗလများ ကြားရခြင်း၊ ပိုများများစွာကိတ်ယူပေါ် ရုစိစိသွားသလိုခံစားရခြင်း၊ လက်တွန်ရောဂါဖြစ်တတ်ခြင်း။

၂။ အရက်အလွန်အကျွံသောက်သုံးခြင်းကြောင့် လူမရှိဘဲ နားထဲတွင် ခေါ်သံများ၊ ခြိမ်းခြောက်သံများ၊ စော်ကားမော်ကားသံများ ကြားနေရတတ်ခြင်း (Alcoholic Hallucinations)။

၃။ အတက်ကြွရောဂါဖြစ်တတ်ခြင်း (Rum Fits)
(ဝက်ရု ပြန်ရောဂါကဲ့သို့တတ်ခြင်း)။

၄။ စိတ်ဓာတ်ကျရောဂါဖြစ်တတ်ခြင်း (Depressive Illness)။

၅။ စိတ်ဖောက်ပြန်ခြင်း (Alcoholic Psychosis)။

၆။ ဦးနှောက်ချို့ယွင်းခြင်း။

၇။ အရက်နှင့်မတည့်သောသူများသည် အရက်အနည်းငယ်သောက်ရုံဖြင့် ရုတ်တရက် စိတ်ဖောက်ပြန်တတ်ခြင်း (Pathological Drunkenness)။

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

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ကျန်းမာရေးဝန်ကြီးဌာန



The technical seminar of Kris-lite Co in progress. — NLM

တိဘိရောဂါကာကွယ်နိုင်ရေး

- (က) ရောဂါဖြစ်ပွားမှုစက်ဝိုက် ဤရောဂါသည်တိဘိရောဂါကြောင့်ဖြစ်သော ကုစက်ရောဂါဖြစ်သည်။ ဝေဒနာရှင် ချောင်းဆိုးခြင်း၊ နှာချေခြင်း၊ သလိပ်တံတွေးမှ တစ်ဆင့် ရောဂါပိုးများလေထဲတွင်ပျံ့နှံ့၍ ကူးစက်သည်။
 - အသက်အရွယ်မရွေး လူတိုင်းတွင်ဖြစ်ပွားနိုင်သည်။
 - အဆုတ်တွင်အများဆုံးဖြစ်ပွားပြီး ကိုယ်ခန္ဓာအနှံ့အပြားတွင်လည်း ဖြစ်နိုင်သည်။
 - ဆီးချိုရောဂါ၊ ခုခံအားကျဆင်းမှု၊ ကူးစက်ရောဂါနှင့် အာဟာရချို့တဲ့မှုရှိသူများတွင် အဖြစ်များသည်။

- (ခ) ရောဂါလက္ခဏာများ
 - ရုတ်တရက်ချောင်းဆိုးခြင်း (ရုတ်သတ္တဝတ် သုံးပတ်နှင့်အထက်)။
 - ချောင်းဆိုးသွေးပါခြင်း။
 - သလိပ်တွင်သွေးပါခြင်း။
 - အဖျားတာရှည်ခြင်း။
 - ခံတွင်းပျက်ခြင်း၊ မောပန်းလွယ်ခြင်း။
 - ကိုယ်အလေးချိန်လျော့နည်းပိန်ချခြင်း။
 - ကျောရင်အောင့်ခြင်း။

- (ဂ) ကြိုတင်ကာကွယ်ခြင်း
 - ရင်သွေးငယ်များအား ကာကွယ်ဆေး(တီဗီဂျီ)ကိုမပျက်မကွက်ထိုးပေးပါ။
 - အာဟာရပြည့်ဝသော အစားအစာများကိုစားသုံးပါ။
 - သင့်တင့်လျော့ပတ်သောကိုယ်လက်လှုပ်ရှားမှုပြုလုပ်ပါ။
 - ချောင်းဆိုးခြင်း၊ နှာချေလျှင် လက်ကိုဝါးကို အသုံးပြုပါ။
 - သလိပ်နှင့်တံတွေးကိုစည်းကမ်းမဲ့ထွေးခြင်းမှရှောင်ကြဉ်ပါ။
 - ဆေးလိပ်သောက်ခြင်းမှရှောင်ကြဉ်ပါ။

- (ဃ) ကုသမှုယူခြင်း
 - တိုက်ရိုက်ကြည့်ရှုအချိန်တိုနှင့်ကုသခြင်း ရောဂါကင်းသည့်အထိ ကုသမှုခံယူပါ။
 - ကုသမှုခံယူခြင်းသည် အခြားသူများသို့ကူးစက်စေခြင်းမှ အကောင်းဆုံးကာကွယ်ခြင်းဖြစ်သည်။

တိဘိရောဂါသံသယရှိလျှင် နီးစပ်ရာကျန်းမာရေးဌာနတွင် စစ်ဆေး၍ တိဘိရောဂါရှိပါက အရွယ်ထက်သောတိဘိဆေးဝါးများဖြင့် အခမဲ့ကုသမှုခံယူပါ။

ကျန်းမာရေးဝန်ကြီးဌာန

Kris-lite technical seminar held

YANGON, 7 May — Technical seminar on usefulness of light, effectiveness of security system and application of road safety equipment was held by Kris-lite (Myanmar) Co Ltd at Sedona Hotel on Kaba Aye Pagoda Road here at 2 pm today. Managing Director of the Kris-lite Co Mr Sims Teo extended greetings and General manager Mr Jimmy Teo and project director U Kyaw Moe Naing were also present on the occasion. Mr Alvin Chan, Mr Andy Yew and Mr Martin Klaasen gave talks. — NLM

Rural water supply station inspected

YANGON, 7 May — Director-General of the Development Affairs Department under the Ministry of Progress for Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Col Myo Myint inspected the Kyauktan water supply station in Minbu on 4 May morning. Officials reported on the works and he gave necessary instructions. Next, he inspected the digging of tubewell in Nyaungbintha village of Chauk Township. The tubewell is 870 feet deep and now supplying water for domestic use to over 500 people of over 100 households there. He also attended the opening ceremony of tubewell in letya village of Pakokku Township.

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Myitkyina Open Golf Tour continues



YANGON, 7 May— The Myitkyina Open Golf Tour, co-organized by Northern Command, Myanmar Golf Federation and Myanmar Professional Golfers' Association and mainly sponsored by Jade Land Myanmar Co Ltd, continued for the second day at Northern Star Gold Course in Myitkyina this morning.

After the second round, Zaw Zaw Latt (Pan-West) was leading the professional golfers division with 139 strokes. Myint Thauang (KM Golf Centre) put his place behind the leader with 146, Kyaw Swa Lin (Ping) and Min Naing (Srixon) with 148 each.

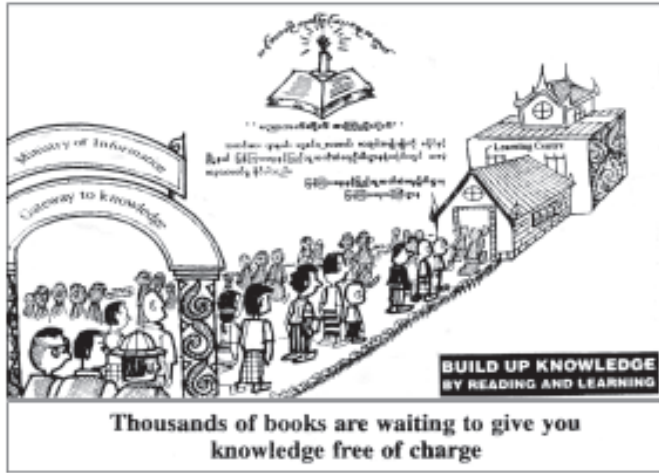
In the men's amateur division, Thein Zaw Myint scored 142 strokes in the first place. His runners-up were Yin Aung Latt with 145 and Derek Htet Doe with 146.

K 1 million will be presented to the first prize winner, K 600,000 to the second and K 400,000 to the third in the professional division. Similarly, the first prize winner can get gifts worth K 400,000, the second K 300,000 and the third K 250,000.

The tour sponsors were Rothmans of Pall Mall Myanmar Pte Ltd, Myanmar Sithu Co Ltd, May and Mark Co Ltd, Kaung Myat Co Ltd and Punt Sun Hotel.

The third round of the tour continues tomorrow.

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West African Gas Project takes off in 2006

LAGOS, 7 May — The West African Gas Project (WAGP) estimated to produce 400 million cubic feet (about 11.3 million cubic metres) of natural gas per day at the peak of its capacity is to take off in 2006, a senior Nigerian official said Wednesday.

The project, which was to construct a 600-kilometre long pipeline from Nigeria's Lagos to Ghana's Koradi, with supply points at Benin Republic's Cotonou and Lome in Togo, was originally scheduled to start in 2003 but was delayed due to lack of fund.

Funsho Kopoluko, group-managing director of the state-owned Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation told reporters in Lagos that "all the parties to the project have doubled their efforts to ensure that the project takes off in the next

24 months".

He said the countries taking part in the project, Nigeria, Ghana, Republic of Benin and Togo, had opened an escrow account to finance the take-off of the project, noting that the project could

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MNA/Xinhua

China's largest pork supply province expects 36% export increase

CHENGDU, 7 May — Sichuan, the leading pig-raising province in southwest China, predicts its 2004 pork exports will exceed 100,000 tons, worth about 130 million US dollars, or a 36.8-per-cent increase year-on-year, according to the Provincial Bureau of Commerce.

The optimistic forecast was based on remarkable rise in pork exports in the first four months this year, according to the bureau.

Sichuan's pork output ranks first in the country. It exported record 75,000 tons of pork in 2003, worth 95 million US dollars, statistics show.

The province is mulling to found its council for pork exporting enterprises in the second half of this year.

According to Xie Kaihua, bureau director, the setup of the council is aimed to forge a well-framed market and enhance self-discipline of pork processing and export-

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(b) Hardwood Logs	713	
Total	940	

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သင်တန်းသားများခေါ်ယူခြင်း

၁။ ရန်ကုန်တက္ကသိုလ်၊ ဘွဲ့လွန်အသုံးချဘူမိဗေဒဌာနတွင် ၂၀၀၄-၂၀၀၅ ခု ပညာသင်နှစ်အတွက် "ဘွဲ့လွန်အသုံးချဘူမိဗေဒဒီပလိုမာ" (Diploma in Applied Geology) (ဘွဲ့သင်တန်းကို အောက်ဖော်ပြပါ အထူးပြုဘာသာရပ်များဖြင့် ဖွင့်လှစ်သင်ကြားမည်ဖြစ်ပါသည်။

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(က) ပြည်ထောင်စုမြန်မာနိုင်ငံသားဖြစ်ရမည်။

(ခ) အနိမ့်ဆုံးပညာအရည်အချင်းမှာ ဘူမိဗေဒဘာသာရပ်ဖြင့် ဘွဲ့ရပြီး မဟာသိပ္ပံအရည်အချင်းစစ်သင်တန်းသို့ တက်ရောက်ရန် အဆင့်မီသူဖြစ်ရမည်။

(ဂ) ဘူမိဗေဒဘာသာရပ်ဖြင့် သိပ္ပံဘွဲ့ရ ဘူမိဗေဒဆိုင်ရာလုပ်ငန်းခွင်မှ ဝန်ထမ်းများသည်လည်း သက်ဆိုင်ရာလုပ်ငန်း အမြဲတန်း လုပ်သက် (၂)နှစ် ရှိပြီးပါကလျှောက်ထားနိုင်ပါသည်။

၃။ ရန်ကုန်တက္ကသိုလ်၊ ကျောင်းသားရေးရာဌာနတွင် သတ်မှတ်ထားသည့် လျှောက်လွှာပုံစံဖြင့် (၁၈-၅-၂၀၀၄)နေ့ နောက်ဆုံးထား၍ လျှောက်ထားရမည်။

၄။ အသေးစိတ်အချက်အလက်များကို ဘွဲ့လွန်အသုံးချဘူမိဗေဒဌာန၊ လှိုင်တက္ကသိုလ်နယ်မြေတွင် စုံစမ်းနိုင်ပါသည်။

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Hebei Province sees fast eco growth in first quarter

SHUIAZHUANG, 7 May —

North China's Hebei Province, one of the leading grain producers of China, registered 162.51 billion yuan (19.65 billion US dollars) in gross domestic product (GDP) in the first quarter of this year, a rise of 12.3-per-cent year on year, the latest statistics have shown.

The increase rate was 1.2 percentage points higher than that for the same period of last year, according to the provincial statistics bureau.

The fastest growth was also reported in other economic fields, according to the bureau.

The province's added industrial output value of state-owned enterprises and those each with annual sales of over five million yuan reached 50.8 billion yuan (6.14 bil-

lion US dollars) in the first three months, a year-on-year rise of 23.1 per cent, the highest growth rate since 1992.

The added industrial output value of share-holding enterprises surged 27.7 per cent year on year to reach 28.7 billion yuan (3.47 billion US dollars), contributing 13.9 percentage points to the total industrial growth of the province.

The province registered a fixed assets investment totalling 37.53 billion yuan (4.53 billion US dollars) in the three months to March, up 48.4 per cent over the corresponding period of last year.—MNA/Xinhua

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Apple sells record songs on iTunes

LOS ANGELES, 7 May — Apple Computer said on Wednesday that music fans have purchased a record amount of 3.3 million songs from its new iTunes Music Store since its launch one week ago.

In addition to the 3.3 million purchased songs, the company said, iTunes users have downloaded more than 500,000 free songs from popular artists including Foo Fighters, Avril Lavigne and Courtney Love during Apple's week-long "Free Song of the Day" anniversary promotion.

"Our third generation iTunes Music Store just blows away any other online music service," said Steve Jobs, Apple's CEO. "With over 700,000 songs and innovative features like iMix, it's the easiest to use and most fun to use online music store in the world."

Apple said its new iTunes Music Store features the industry's largest online music catalogue of over 700,000 songs from all five major music companies and over 450 independent music labels, as well as groundbreaking new features including:

— "iMix," a new way for users to publish playlists of their favourite songs on the iTunes Music Store for other users to preview, rate and purchase. Apple said users published more than 20,000 Custom playlists to the music store in the week.

— "Party Shuffle," a new playlist that automatically chooses songs from a user's music library, displays just-played and upcoming songs, and allows users to easily add, delete and rearrange the upcoming songs on the fly.

— Radio Charts from more than 1,000 radio stations, enabling users to easily find and buy the top songs played on local radio stations in major US markets and buy directly from the charts with just one click.

— A new Music Video section featuring more music videos than ever, and a new Movie Trailer section with the most popular movie trailers on the Internet and links to buy songs from the soundtrack or audiobooks related to the movie.

— The rights to play songs purchased from the iTunes Music Store, including songs previously purchased, on up to five personal computers, two more than before.

Apple said last month that it had sold 70 million songs on the store in its first year and was selling 2.7 million songs a week.

MNA/Xinhua

Lion cub attacks girl in Hubei wildlife park

WUHAN, 7 May — A lion cub attacked a 10-year-old girl Wednesday at a wildlife park in the outskirts of Wuhan, central China's Hubei Province, causing seven severe wounds, none of which is life threatening for the moment.

The wounded girl, Yuanyuan by name, was with her mother and over 20 others entering an area in the park which is open to tourists but no barrier is set to separate visitors from the lions, local media reported Thursday.

"We were walking in the middle of the crowd," the media quoted Cao Hong, the girl's mother. "Two lions were lying on our left and a younger one was on our right."

They had walked for a few hundred paces when the lion cub on their right suddenly pounced on her shoulder, Cao was quoted as saying. "I yelled at it, carried Yuanyuan in my arms and tried to run away with her. But the lion grasped her so tightly that we could not get away," Cao recalled.

A group of four or five zoo staff rushed to the site and hit the lion on the head with a club, who then loosened its grasp of the girl's shoulder but bit Yuanyuan on the left calf instead. — MNA/Xinhua

Three people feared dead after boat capsizes in Zambia

LUSAKA, 7 May — Three people are feared dead after the boat they were travelling in capsized on a river in western Zambia, police confirmed here Tuesday.

The boat, which capsized at Shelushimo Harbour, was carrying eight people. Five survived while the three are still missing.

Acting police spokesperson Chrispine Kapela said in an interview that the accident occurred on 30 April.

Kapela said a combined team of police officers and those from the United Nations High Commission for Refugees and Army personnel were searching for the people believed to have drowned. — MNA/Xinhua

At least 17 dead after bus overturns in Morocco

RABAT, 7 May — At least 17 coach passengers were killed in Morocco on Tuesday after their bus skidded and overturned on a main highway, MAP state news agency said.

Reporters at the scene, near Ain Harrouda, 10 miles north of Casablanca, said the coach travelling from Marrakesh to Rabat belonged to a local company and there were no foreign tourists on board.

MNA/Reuters

Singapore to test silicon for liver cancer treatment

SINGAPORE, 7 May — Singapore medical researchers will begin clinical trials this month on a new technique that may give victims of liver cancer an extra lease on life by injecting silicon into tumours to treat infected cells.

Current drug and radiation treatments used against liver cancer usually kill healthy cells as well, preventing doctors from giving the required dosage in some cases, especially to patients too ill to withstand traditional heavy radiation.

"But we have now found the ideal vehicle to enable us to release the treatment at a controlled rate over a sustained period of time," said Dr Pierce Chow, the director of experimental surgery at Singapore General Hospital.

Silicon-carrying radioactive isotopes are ground into powder and directly injected into the tumour with a syringe, bypassing the rest of the body. Silicon is the main com-

ponent of sand.

The ground silicon dissolves completely to form harmless silicic acid and water in the body.

Chow told Reuters he expects the impact of the technique, which took two years to develop, to be revolutionary since it targets a group of patients previously excluded from traditional treatment for fear of the complications that could follow.

Liver cancer is the most common cancer in Asia and Africa and around 400,000 individuals worldwide suffer from it each year, SGH said in a statement.

In Singapore, there are about 300-400 new cases each

year, said an SGH spokeswoman.

There is no cure for liver cancer and patients may live six to 18 months after treatment according to the website of the Singapore Health Promotion Board.

If the clinical trials for the new technique prove successful, the therapy could be widened to treat other cancers, said Chow.

The research is done by Singapore-based pSi-Oncology Pte Ltd, which is a joint venture between SGH, Biotech Research Ventures Pte Ltd. and pSiMedica Limited, a British company that produced the biodegradable silicon. — MNA/Reuters



A giant inflatable whale lies opposite the Brandenburg Gate in Berlin ahead of last year's International Whaling Commission meeting. As Norwegian hunters prepare to go after their bulky prey at the opening of the annual season on Monday, their quest is overshadowed by allegations that the mammals suffer horrible, painful deaths. — INTERNET

Snake-fanged masks, jade give clues to early Maya

WASHINGTON, 7 May — The discovery of two huge snake-fanged masks and a cache of jade offer new clues to the sophisticated civilization of the early Maya, an archaeologist said.

The objects, found at a Maya site in Guatemala called Cival, could mean that Maya state society began hundreds of years earlier than was once believed, archaeologist Francisco Estrada-Belli said at a

telephone news conference on Tuesday.

The identical masks are made of carved stucco and measure about 15 feet by 9 feet. They have stylized, L-shaped eyes and square

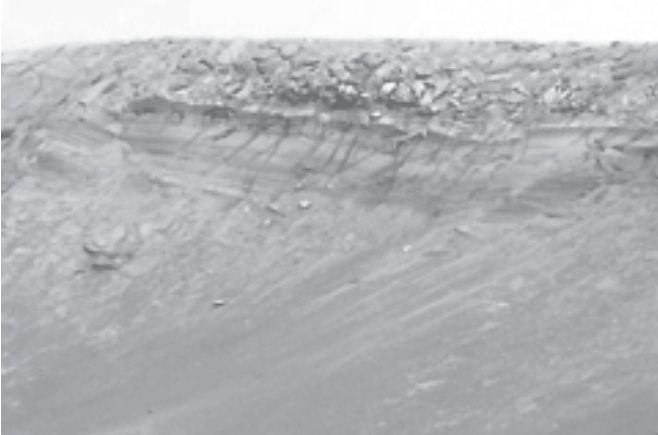
mouths with a pair of snake's fangs at the centre, Estrada-Belli said.

The eyes appear to be adorned with corn husks, suggesting the Maya maize deity. The masks probably flanked the stairway of a pyramid that led to a temple room, providing a backdrop for rituals in which a Maya king impersonated the gods of creation, the archaeologist said. Together with the elaborately arranged offerings of jade and stone slabs carved with images of a king, the masks suggest an early Maya society similar in sophistication to the classic Maya period that followed centuries later. — MNA/Reuters

Poisonous beverage kills two people in S China

NANNING, 7 May — Poisonous beverage killed two people with another one hospitalized in Nanning City of south China's Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region on Monday. Investigations show that the beverage contains "Dushuqiang", a powerful raticide that is banned in China.

According to local police, they were poisoned after drinking a tinned beverage they took with them while taking a walk at a square near Nanhui Lake in the city. The local police department is now searching for the source of the beverage and also investigating the three others who had alcohol together with them before the accident. — MNA/Xinhua



This approximate true-color image taken by the panoramic camera on the Mars Exploration Rover Opportunity highlights a feature called 'Burns Cliff' within the impact crater known as 'Endurance'. — INTERNET

SPORTS

Ronaldo, Pele, Lewis, Aniston to join Athens Olympic torch relay

ATHENS, 7 May — Ronaldo, Pele, Carl Lewis and Jennifer Aniston will join the Athens Olympic torch relay when the flame passes through Brazil and the United States.

Real Madrid striker Ronaldo and Pele, three times a soccer world champion with Brazil, will carry the olive, leaf-shaped torch when the flame visits Rio de Janeiro on June 13.

Sprinter Lewis, who won nine Olympic gold medals, will join fellow Olympic champions Gail Devers, Michael Johnson and Edwin Moses during the North American leg of the torch relay in mid-June, organizers said on Wednesday.

Australian 400-metre Olympic champion Cathy Freeman, Oscar-winning actress Angelina Jolie, "Friends" star Aniston and basketball's Magic Johnson will also carry the flame.

The longest ever Olympic torch relay, passing through five continents, will visit South America and Africa for the first time.

A total of 11,000 runners will participate in the international leg of the relay, starting on June 4.

MNA/Xinhua



Brazilian soccer player Andre Luis (L) jostles for the ball with Geovany Espinoza of Ecuador's Liga Deportiva Universitaria, during their match in the second round of the Copa Libertadores, in Quito on 5 May, 2004. Ecuador's Liga beat Brazil's Santos, 4-2. —INTERNET

Youngest player breaks J-League record

TOKYO, 7 May — Schoolboy Takayuki Morimoto became the youngest player to score in the J-League when the 15-year-old striker snatched an 87th-minute winner to give Tokyo Verdy a 2-1 victory at home to JEF United Ichihara on Wednesday.

Two days shy of his 16th birthday, substitute Morimoto latched on to a Yoshiyuki Kobayashi cross to score with a brave diving header, relieving some of the pressure on Verdy manager Osvaldo Ardiles.

Once-mighty Verdy

climbed to 11th on nine points from eight first-stage matches. JEF United remain second on 14 points, seven adrift of Jubilo Iwata.

The First Division leaders beat visiting Oita Trinita 2-1 thanks to a clinical finish from striker Ryoichi Maeda

in the 60th minute at Yamaha Stadium.

Brazilian striker Emerson fired a superb 67th-minute winner to give Urawa Reds a 1-0 victory over Kashima Antlers in front of 56,000 at Saitama World Cup Stadium.

Victory lifted Urawa to third on 14 points, behind Ichihara on goal difference. Yokohama F-Marineros, playing in the Asian Champions League on Wednesday, also have 14 points.

Elsewhere, FC Tokyo won 2-1 at Vissel Kobe, whose form has slumped since Turkey striker Ilhan Mansiz left Japan to have knee surgery at the end of March.

MNA/Reuters



Vijay Singh, of Fiji, watches his tee shot on the second hole during the Pro-Am of the Wachovia Championship at Quail Hollow Club in Charlotte, NC, on 5 May, 2004. —INTERNET

Monaco turn nightmare into night of magic

LONDON, 7 May — Monaco's players said they turned a Champions League nightmare into a moment of magic by coming from 2-0 down to draw 2-2 with Chelsea on Wednesday to reach the final.

The semifinal second-leg draw at Stamford Bridge earned Monaco a 5-3 aggregate win and booked them a final against Portuguese champions Porto in Gelsenkirchen, Germany on May 26.

Monaco captain Ludovic Giuly told reporters: "We've done something magical. I don't think we've really realized what we've done."

"At 2-0 down we were out and we absolutely had to react. We got to 2-1 and we were in with a chance, and when we scored the second goal we knew it was all over and that we were in the final."

Paying tribute to goalkeeper Flavio Roma, Giuly said: "Flavio made some amazing saves in the first half and I think that was the key."

"If he hadn't made them, we'd have been 4-0 or 5-0 down and the game would have been over."

Instead, he said: "The second goal killed them and qualified us."

Croatian striker Dado Prso, a second-half substitute, said: "At 2-0, it was a terrible nightmare. Everyone was thinking 'this is just not possible'."

"They (Chelsea) deserved to be in front because although we had a few chances, we didn't really get into the game. But in the

end, Monaco deserved to qualify."

Savouring the moment, midfielder Jerome Rothen said: "It's magnificent. There's nothing like reaching the Champions League final, especially because tonight we ran the full gamut of emotions."

"Now we've got our last challenge ahead of us. I hope we succeed because a final is only beautiful if you win it."

Chelsea skipper John Terry echoed Giuly's analysis of the impact of Argentine Hugo Ibarra's goal seconds before the break.

"It killed us," Terry said. "If we could have gone in at halftime with a clean sheet it would have given us a great boost."

"I thought we played brilliantly in the first half, one of the best games we've played."

"It's just disappointing that we switched off for a couple of minutes and they went and scored."

Chelsea midfielder Joe Cole said: "We had a foot in the door and a lucky goal from them at the end of the first half changed the face of it. 'All credit to the boys, we fought hard. We were still up for it, we still felt there were a couple of goals in us and we still had chances after the break."

"But it just wasn't to be for us tonight," Cole said. "We're all gutted."

MNA/Reuters

Universidad de Chile players protest over unpaid wages

SANTIAGO, 7 May — Universidad de Chile players are threatening not to play their derby against Universidad Catolica on Tuesday in a protest over unpaid wages, according to local media.

The players refused to report for pre-match preparations on Monday and were due to meet later on Tuesday to decide whether they would take the field against their arch-rivals the same evening.

"There's no money so we've taken the decision not to report for pre-match preparations," goalkeeper Johnny Herrera was quoted as saying.

"We want to put a stop to this business of paying late."

They said they were going to pay us on Monday and they didn't," he said, adding that the players were still owed money from March.

Coach Hector Pinto ruled out the possibility of fielding a youth team in the match.

South American football has been hit by a similar disputes over the past few years, both affecting individual clubs and entire countries.

The Peruvian champion-

ship was abandoned last year as players staged a two-month strike demanding better working conditions and a statute guaranteeing them basic rights.

This year's Uruguayan championship also kicked off late after players demanded a rise in the minimum wage.

Last week, Bolivar fielded youth teams in two Bolivian championship matches because of another protest over unpaid wages.

MNA/Reuters

Ahn goals help Yokohama to 6-0 Asian Champions League win

TOKYO, 7 May — South Korea striker Ahn Jung-hwan celebrated the birth of his first child with two goals as Japan's Yokohama F-Marineros crushed Binh Dinh 6-0 on Wednesday to edge closer to the Asian Champions League quarterfinals.

Ahn, whose wife gave birth to a baby girl on Monday, netted a goal in each half as the J-League title holders cruised past the Vietnamese visitors at International Stadium.

The result increases the

pressure on South Korean champions Seongnam Ilhwa, who need a big home win against Indonesian side Persik Kediri next Tuesday.

Only the top team in the seven first-round groups reaches the quarterfinals to be played over two legs in September.

Yokohama lead Group F

with 12 points from five matches, three points ahead of Seongnam -- who have played a game less -- and with a vastly superior goal difference.

Yokohama play at Persik Kediri while Seongnam are away to Binh Dinh in their final group fixtures on May 19. —MNA/Reuters



World number ten player Venus Williams of the US returns the ball during her second round match against Eleni Daniilidou of Greece at the 25th women's German Open tennis tournament in Berlin on 5 May, 2004. Williams won the match 7-5, 6-3. —INTERNET

Ferencvaros win Hungarian Cup for 20th time

BUDAPEST, 7 May — Ferencvaros won the Hungarian Cup for the 20th time by beating runaway Second Division leaders Kispest Honved 3-1 in the final on Wednesday.

Hungary striker Attila Tokoli opened the scoring in the 36th minute with a solo effort, while national team playmaker Zoltan Gera doubled their lead in the 68th with a rare header.

Kispest pulled a goal back six minutes later through defender Tibor Babik but Ferencvaros wrapped up the victory in the 86th minute after substitute midfielder Thomas Sowunmi tapped in a rebound from close range.

MNA/Reuters

MRTV-3
**8-5-2004 (Saturday)
(Programme Schedule)
Morning Transmission
(9:00 - 10:00)**

- 9:00 Signature Tune
Greeting
9:02 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sight "Mingalabar"
Inle, Land of the fabu-
lous Leg-rowers
9:06 **Headline News**
9:12 Mogok (or) The Ruby
Land of Myanmar
9:15 **National News**
9:20 The Dough Called
Mont Kalar Mei
9:25 Dancing Duo
9:30 **National News**
9:35 The Wonderful
Peikchin Ravine
9:40 Song "Lover's Life"
9:42 The Great Bell of King
Sintgu
9:45 **National News**
9:50 The Incredible Edifice
(The Ananda Temple)
9:58 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Come and See
Myanmar"

**8-5-2004 (Saturday)
Evening Transmission
(15:30 - 17:30)**

- 15:30 Signature Tune
Greeting
15:32 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sight "Myanmar Pano-
rama & Myanmar Sen-
timent"
15:36 Inle, Land of the fabu-
lous Leg-rowers
15:40 **Headline News**
15:42 Mogok (or) The Ruby
Land of Myanmar
15:45 **National News**
15:50 The Dough Called
Mont Kalar Mei
15:55 Dancing Duo
16:00 **National News**
16:10 Song "Lover's Life"
16:12 The Great Bell of King

- Sintgu
16:15 **National News**
16:20 The Incredible Edifice
(The Ananda Temple)
16:25 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Mingalabar"
16:30 **National News**
16:35 Myanma Broom
16:40 Macadamia (Perennial
Cash Crop)
16:45 **National News**
16:50 Myanmar Movies Im-
pact
17:00 **Weekly News High-
lights**
17:05 National Kandawgyi
Gardens
17:10 Song "A Compassion-
ate Love Boat"
17:12 Music for Your Ears
(Guitar Aung Shein)
17:15 **Weekly News High-
lights**
17:20 Unique Biodiversity of
Indawgyi Lake (Part-
VI)
17:25 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Come and See
Myanmar"

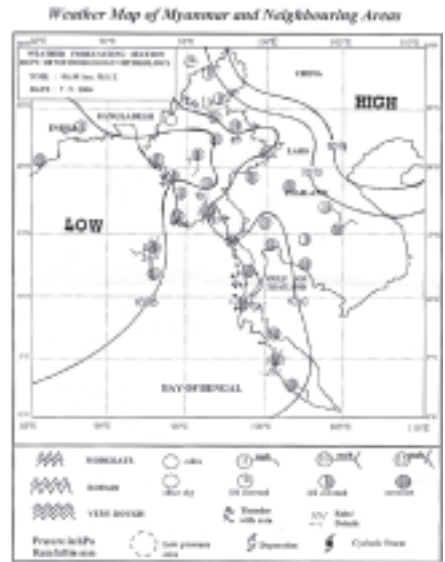
**Evening Transmission
(19:30 - 23:30)**

- 19:30 Signature Tune
Greeting
19:32 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Mingalabar"
19:36 Novitiation Ceremony
(Northern Shan State)
19:40 **Headline News**
19:42 Myanma Art of Mak-
ing items in gold
19:45 **National News**
19:50 National Races Village
(Muse)
19:55 Lively Dancer,
Myanmar Mintha
Dat Taw Gyaik Water-
fall
19:57 **National News**
20:00 Song "Loving Smile"
20:12 The World of Mro
National
20:15 **National News**
20:20 Myanma Mat
20:25 Song
"A Way for Lovers"
20:30 **National News**
20:35 Bamboo Parquet
20:40 Photo by Artist Photo
Show (Mg Mg Hla
Myint)

- 20:45 **National News**
20:50 Wall Painting Art (I)
Kayin Dance (We Bu
(or) Paddy Winnowing
Dance)
20:58 Wall Painting Art (II)
21:00 **National News**
21:05 Thihathana Throne
21:10 Songs on Screen
"Flourishing"
21:12 Traditional Weaving
Art
21:15 **Weekly News High-
lights**
21:20 Unique Biodiversity of
Indawgyi Lake
(Part-V)
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Sights "Come and See
Myanmar"

**8-5-2004 (Saturday) &
9-5-2004 (Sunday)
Evening Transmission &
Morning Transmission
(23:30 - 1:30)**

- 23:30 Signature Tune
Greeting
23:32 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sight "Myanmar Pano-
rama & Myanmar Sen-
timent"
23:36 Inle, Land of the fabu-
lous Leg-rowers
23:40 **Headline News**
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**WEATHER**

Friday, 7 May, 2004

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST:
During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Chin State and rain or thundershowers have been isolated to scattered in the remaining areas with isolated heavyfalls in Mandalay Division. The noteworthy amount of rainfall recorded were Yamethin (1.81) inches, Mawbi (1.57) inches, Mingaladon (Yangon) (1.30) inches and Aunglan (1.18) inches. Day temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) above normal in Kachin State, Sagaing, Magway, Ayeyawady, Yangon and Taninthayi Divisions, (5°C) to (6°C) above normal in Chin and Mon States and about normal in the remaining areas.

Maximum temperature on 6-5-2004 was 37.5°C (100°F). Minimum temperature on 7-5-2004 was 21.0°C (70°F). Relative humidity at 9:30 hrs MST on 7-5-2004 was 96%. Total sunshine hours on 6-5-2004 was (4.0) hours approx. Rainfall on 7-5-2004 was 33mm (1.30 inches) at Yangon Airport, 27mm (1.06 inches) at Kaba-Aye and 34mm (1.34 inches) at central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2004 was 38 mm (1.50 inches) at Yangon Airport and 40 mm (1.57 inches) at Kaba-Aye and 46 mm (1.81 inches) at central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was 15 mph from Southeast at (12:30) hours MST on 6-5-2004.

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

Forecast valid until evening of 8-5-2004: Rain or thundershowers will be scattered to widespread in Mon and Kayin States, Ayeyawady, Bago, Yangon and Taninthayi Divisions and isolated in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (80%).

State of the sea: Seas will be moderate in Myanmar waters. **Outlook for subsequent two days:** Continuation of rain or thundershowers in lower Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 8-5-2004: One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 8-5-2004: Possibility of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (40%).

Weather outlook for second weekend of May 2004: During the coming weekend, rain or thundershowers will be widespread in Yangon Division and isolated in Mandalay Division.



Saturday, May 8

View today:

- 7:00 am
1. Recitation of Parittas by
Missionary Sayadaw
U Ottamathara
7:15 am
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အံဃော ဥပ္ပါတသန္တပိဋိတော်
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. Delicacies
8:05 am
7. အတိတ်ပြန်
8:15 am
8. ဓမ္မလိတော
8:30 am
9. International news
8:45 am
10. Happy and Education
English Summer Course
MRTV
11:00 am
1. Martial song
11:10 am
2. Musical programme
11:30 am
3. News
11:40 am
4. Games for children

- 12:05 pm
5. Round-up of the week's
TV local news
1:25 pm
6. မိုးခြင်းကလေးတစ်ကောင်
7:45 pm
15. ဆီတုလေးတစ်ကောင်
8:00 pm
16. News
7:05 pm
13. Discovery
7:15 pm
14. မိုးခြင်းကလေးတစ်ကောင်
7:45 pm
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8:00 pm
16. News

ASLEEP IN JESUS**U Saw Vawter Loo (76)****Retired Director-General of Irrigation Department**

Eldest son of U Eugene Loo-Daw Katherine Po Myat; beloved husband of (Daw Helen Loo); loving father of U Aung Kyaw Zaw-(Daw Hannah Thin), Daw Jenny Loo-U Victor Minus, Daw Cindy Loo-U Ye Htut Thein, Daw Kathy Loo-U Saw Luther, Daw Wendy Loo-Dr Saw Khin Mg Htwe, U Aung Kyaw Latt-Dr Naw Wah Sett Po, U Aung Kyaw Htwe-Dr Naw Khay Mar Chein; Grandfather of 16 grandchildren, U Saw Vawter Loo fell asleep in Jesus on Thursday 6-5-2004 at 4.45 am.

All relatives and friends are informed that a funeral worship service will be held at Judson Church, University Estate on Pyay Road on Saturday 8-5-2004 at 9.00 am after which the cortege will leave for Ye Way Christian Cemetery where his remains will be cremated.

Note: Buses will be available for those who need transportation from both Insein and Shwe Pyi Thar Residences, leaving at 8.00 am.

The bereaved family**ASLEEP IN JESUS****U Saw Vawter Loo (76)****Retired Director-General of Irrigation Department**

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Note: For those who need transportation, buses will await them both at the Insein and Shwe Pyi Thar residences, leaving at 8.00 am.

The bereaved family

Dinner hosted to mark graduation of 107th Intake of DSAOTS

YANGON, 7 May— To mark the graduation of the 107th Intake of Defence Services (Army) Officers Training School, a dinner was hosted at the convocation hall of DSAOTS in Bahtoo Tatmyo, Yaksawk Township, yesterday evening. Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Maung Aye graced the ceremony with his presence.

Also present at the dinner were Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Soe Win, members of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Aung Htwe, Quartermaster-General Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo and Chief of Armed Forces Training Lt-Gen Kyaw Win, Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Rear-Admiral Soe Thein, Commander-in-Chief (Air) Lt-Gen Myat Hein, Chairman of Shan State Peace and Development Council Commander of Eastern Command Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint, ministers, senior military officers of Ministry of Defence, deputy ministers, the Bahtoo Station Commander and senior military officers of Bahtoo Station, departmental heads, graduating officers and their parents and relatives.

First, Vice-Senior General Maung Aye cordially greeted the graduating officers.

Next, Vice-Senior General Maung Aye had the dinner together with the graduating officers and their par-



Vice-Senior General Maung Aye cordially greets graduating officers at the dinner.— MNA

ents and relatives. After the dinner, families of Bahtoo Station, vocal-ists and Myawady Anyeint troupe presented entertainment to the audience.—MNA

Regional development task can be accelerated only when internal insurgency ends, peace and stability prevails

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye meets with departmental officials and locals in Loikaw

YANGON, 7 May — Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council, Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services, Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Maung Aye, accompanied by Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Soe Win, members of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Aung Htwe and Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo, Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Rear Admiral Soe Thein, Commander-in-Chief (Air) Lt-Gen Myat Hein, ministers, deputy ministers, and responsible personnel of the State Peace and Development Council Office, left here by air for Loikaw in Kayah State on 5 May morning.

On arrival at Loikaw Airport at 8.15 am the same day, Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and party were welcomed there by Shan State Peace and Development Council Chairman, Commander of Eastern Command Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint, Kayah State Peace and Development Council Chairman Col Myint Oo, state-level departmental officials, and locals.

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and party went to the town hall in Loikaw, where he met with local authorities, departmental officials, members of social organizations, and townsenders.

On the occasion, Col Myint Oo reported on the area of Kayah State, national races residing there in unity, development measures, border area development tasks, regional agricultural undertakings, sufficiency of rice, edible oil and other crops, livestock breeding industries, progress of implementing projects for 2003-2004, and development of health and education sectors.

Next, Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha reported on measures taken for national development by setting short-term projects, progress of undertaking them, condition of increase in individual income, improvement of agriculture, fish and

meat, forest and mining sectors, the rate of economic growth in the region, and efforts each state and division put to the State's economy.

Later, Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Soe Win spoke on the occasion. He said that under the leadership of the Government local officials, employees and people are working hard in harmony for regional development. As a result, all the divisions and states are becoming prosperous more and more speedily.

It is all over the whole Union including Kayah State that a network of railroads, motor roads and river-crossing bridges are built and extended while airlines and telephone lines are extended. Therefore, distance has lost its meaning and frequent contacts among national brethren has resulted in the further strengthening of friendship and the flourishing of Union Spirit.

As the infrastructure of transport, economy, health and education was built in a short time with added momentum, basic political requirements such as regional stability, national solidarity and so on have firmly been established. It is therefore necessary for local officials, employees and people to continue to work harder for further regional development.

Apparent is the unprecedented success achieved in the measures taken for regional agricultural development through the efforts to extend the sown acreage and ensure adequate supply of water. When compared with the past, the present achievement in agriculture is far greater to an extent that the region has sufficient rice to feed its own people.

Previously, the sown acreage in the region stood at over 85,000 acres. But now, it has reached 140,000 acres. Moreover, the acreage of farmland in which crops can be grown all the year round has been extended to over 200,000 acres.

Given the ratio of the population and the existing land resources in the region, concentrated measures should be taken for regional development with the agricultural sector as the pillar since the region is replete with land resources.

Efforts are also to be made to undertake agriculture on a commercial scale as there has been a better transport network of motor roads and railroads to bring firm produce to markets.

Kayah State is included in the development zones project, the rural development project and the border areas development project, which are being implemented by the State.

With favourable conditions promising regional development, Kayah State only needs cent-per-cent stability and hard work.

In line with the political, economic and social objectives, the Government is making all-out efforts with greater momentum to ensure equality among states and divisions in terms of development. Thanks to these relentless efforts, every state and division has now possessed development infrastructure.

With the application of these infrastructure, accelerated steps are to be taken to modernize the nation.

Now is a time when measures are being taken to implement the objectives:

“‘Emergence of a new enduring State Constitution’ and ‘Building of a new modern developed nation in accord with the new State Constitution’”: two of four political objectives.

As part of measures to enable these objectives to take shape, the seven-point policy programme has been laid down. Therefore, the discipline-flourishing democratic nation is to be built unitedly with momentum.

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Vice-Senior General Maung Aye meets authorities, departmental officials and local people in Town Hall in Loikaw.— MNA