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Vice-Senior General Maung Aye inspects the canal of Shwetantit river water pumping station in Pakokku Township.—MNA

## Vice-Senior General Maung Aye inspects river water pumping projects in Kyaukse, Pakokku

YANGON, 9 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 Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo and Lt-Gen Kyaw Win, Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Rear-Admiral Soe Thein, Commander-in-Chief (Air) Lt-Gen Myat Hein, the ministers, the deputy ministers, the chairman of Magway Division Peace and Development Council and officials of the State Peace and Development

Council Office, arrived at Ywathaya river water pumping station in Kyaukse Township, Mandalay Division, from Bahtoo Tatmyo of Yaksawk Township, Shan State, at 9.30 am on 7 May.

They were welcomed there by member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Ye Myint, Chairman of Mandalay Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Central Command Maj-Gen Ye Myint, Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Nyunt Tin and officials.

At the briefing hall, the commander reported on feasibility study of geographical conditions and water sources for greening of the regions in Meiktila District with the use of

water for agricultural purpose, effects of dams and lakes built in Meiktila District and ways and means to supply water from Myitnge River by pumps.

Next, Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Nyunt Tin briefed Vice-Senior General Maung Aye on three ways to use water of Myitnge River for greening tasks and agricultural purposes.

Lt-Gen Ye Myint gave a supplementary report.

In his discussions, Vice-Senior General Maung Aye said the Head of State had given guidance on conducting feasibility study on pumping water from Myitnge, Zawgyi and Chindwin Rivers for cultivation of seasonal crops including paddy in Meiktila and Pakokku regions,

greening of dry regions and raising of quality of life of local people. The feasibility study is now being started to supply water for agricultural purpose in Meiktila District.

He gave instructions on conducting feasibility study in detail regarding the conditions of the present irrigated areas of the dams in Meiktila District, geographical conditions in the townships, current in the creeks, pumping of water from Myitnge and Zawgyi Rivers at low cost and seeking ways and means for ensuring high work efficiency.

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and party inspected functions of Ywathaya water pumping station. They went to Meiktila District by helicop-

ter and inspected cultivation of crops, greening of the region and water resources in Wundwin, Meiktila, Pyawbwe, Mahlaing and Thazi Townships.

On arrival at Shwetantit water pumping station in Pakokku Township Magway Division, they were welcomed by Chairman of Sagaing Division Peace and Development Council Commander of North-West Command Maj-Gen Tha Aye, Chairman of Magway Division Peace and Development Council Col Zaw Min and officials. (See page 8)

### 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

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Vice-Senior General Maung Aye inspects tasks of Ywathaya river water pumping station in Kyaukse Township.—MNA

## PERSPECTIVES

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### Strive for further development of Kayah State

Under the leadership of the Government, local authorities, departmental officials and local people have been making concerted efforts for development of their own regions. As a result, marked progress has been made in the respective regions of the states and divisions. Thanks to the building of more roads and railroads, construction of bridges large and small, extension of airlines and telephone networks across the Union including Kayah State, the States and Divisions which previously remained distant have been brought closer and the national brethren have been able to keep in touch with one another, thereby contributing to forging friendship and further strengthening Union Spirit among them.

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 and party on 5 May morning met with members of Kayah State Peace and Development Council, Kayah State level departmental officials, the Chairmen of Loikaw District and Loikaw Township Peace and Development Councils and members, district and township level departmental officials, members of Union Solidarity and Development Association and social organizations and townsmen at the city hall in Loikaw.

Speaking on the occasion, Vice-Senior General Maung Aye said that they were there to fulfill the requirements in carrying out regional development tasks in Kayah State by state, district and township level departmental officials; that progress had been made in Kayah State at a time when efforts were being made for the emergence of a new modern and developed nation; and that continued efforts were to be made for ensuring further development.

Measures have been taken for ensuring water supply for agricultural purposes and extended reclamation of fallow and virgin land in Kayah State. This being the case, unprecedented progress has been made in the agricultural sector, making Kayah State enjoy self-sufficiency in rice. There were over 85,000 acres of farmland in Kayah State in the past and there are now 140,000 acres. There are over 200,000 acres of cultivable land in the state the whole year.

Priority is to be given to development of Kayah State based on agricultural sector since the land resources are in abundance compared to the population. At the same time, efforts are to be made to enable the farmers to engage in farming on commercial scale as there is better transport in the state.

Therefore, departmental officials discharging duties in Kayah State are to make relentless efforts for further development of the state regarding it as their own native region and fulfil the needs of local people.

### MEB new building opened in Haka

YANGON, 9 May — A new building of Myanmar Economic Bank of the Ministry of Finance & Revenue and the Chin State Myanmar Insurance Office in Haka were opened in Haka, Chin State, on 8 May. Present on the occasions were Deputy Minister for Finance & Revenue Col Hla Thein Swe, Chin State Peace and Development Council Chairman Col Tin Hla, local authorities, departmental personnel and guests.

Deputy Minister for Finance & Revenue Col Hla Thein Swe arrived Falam on 6-5-2004 and met with staff of Falam Township Internal Revenue Department. On 7 May, he went to Haka and met with staff of the Ministry of Finance & Revenue at the Haka Myanmar Economic Bank and fulfilled requirements of the staff members.

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### 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

### Lt-Gen Aung Htwe inspects Kyaukni agricultural and livestock breeding camp, Namlat agricultural farm

YANGON, 9 May — Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Aung Htwe of the Ministry of Defence, accompanied by Shan State Peace and Development Council Chairman Eastern Command Commander Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint and officials, arrived at Kyaukni 5000-acre agricultural and livestock breeding camp undertaken by Eastern Command on 7 May morning. The commander there reported to Lt-Gen Aung Htwe on sites chosen for livestock breeding, reclamation of 3000 acres of land as the first phase, water supply for cultivation and future tasks.

Next, Lt-Col Nyunt Lin of Eastern Command also gave a report on arrangements for 2000-acre of cultivable land in the camp by the command and 1000 acres by departments of Shan State, growing of saplings of perennial trees, farming undertakings, assistance rendered by departmental officials.

Lt-Gen Aung Htwe then gave instructions, saying that he was delighted to see the successful implementation of the all-round agricultural and livestock breeding camp like this. It is needed to apply modern farming methods, which should be disseminated to the local people. And efforts are to be made for timely supply of irrigation water and systematic raising of livestock, he said. After that, Lt-Gen Aung Htwe, the commander and party inspected farming, reclamation of land by heavy machinery, growing of saplings and other arrangements. Lt-Gen Aung Htwe and party proceeded to Namlat agricultural farm and viewed round 33 acres of mango trees, 15 acres of honey orange and 12 acres of oranges and 900 saplings of mango trees such as *Seintalon*, *Myakyauk* and *Shwe Hintha*. Later, Lt-Gen Aung Htwe fulfilled the requirements and inspected thriving of orange and mango plantations. — MNA



Dry Day Supervisory Committee members supervise the inspection teams. — MNA

### Dry day inspection teams supervised

YANGON, 9 May — Members of Dry Day Supervisory Committee Deputy Minister for Construction U Tint Swe, Deputy Minister for Home Affairs Brig-Gen Phone Swe, Deputy Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Than Htay, Vice Adjutant-General Brig-Gen Hla Shwe, Director-General of Myanmar Police Force Brig-Gen Khin Yi, Col Myint Ohn of the Quartermaster-General's Office, Directors-General U Khin Maung and Lt-Col Tin Maung Tun, Commandant of Provost Company Major Hla Myint Oo, Directors U Baw Htin and U Tin Aung, Secretary Deputy Director-General of the Government Office U Sein Hla and Commander of Yangon Division Wireless and Traffic Police Force Police Lt-Col Aung Naing supervised the dry day inspection teams which were checking the use of vehicles of Tatmadaw and departments concerned at the main points of Yangon City from 7 am to 5 pm today.

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

### MWJA Central Executive Committee meets

YANGON, 9 May — A work coordination meeting of Central Executive Committee for the Myanmar Writers and Journalists Association for successfully holding the Third MWJA Central Body Conference was held at the meeting hall in Kyaikkansan Grounds this evening.

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

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

First, the chairman made a speech on the occasion and the work committee chairmen and secretaries of respective sub-committees presented reports on their sectors.

On behalf of the Chairman of Shan State (East) Peace and Development Council, U Bo Thein (Taungtwin Bo Thein) and CEC member Daw Khin Khin Sein (Yuwadi Khin Sein Hlaing) donated K 50,000 each to the Third MWJA Central Body Conference.

Next, the chairman made concluding remarks.

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### Basic education schools in Mandalay, Bago Divisions inspected

YANGON, 9 May — Minister for Education U Than Aung, accompanied by No 2 Department of Basic Education Director-General Lt-Col Win Htein and officials, arrived at Lewe Basic Education High School No 1 yesterday. The minister donated teaching aids and stationery to No 2 BEHS and Yanaungmyin BEPS and Inpu Village BEPS. At Thabyepin BEHS, he also donated teaching aids and stationery to the school. On arrival at Ayelar BEHS, he presented a computer, teaching aids and stationery to the school. At Toungoo University, the minister heard reports on construction of Botanical Garden at the university by officials. In Pyu, the minister presented stationery to Pyu BEHS. The minister inspected construction of two-storey school building at Kanuytkwin BEHS and presented stationery to Bago BEHS No 1. — MNA

### Myitkyina Open Golf Tourney continues



YANGON, 9 May — The second leg of Myitkyina Open Golf Tournament 2004 continued at Northern Star Golf Club in Myitkyina, Kachin State this morning.

In professional event of the competition, the ex-selected Myanmar Golfer Myint Thauang finely played

in the fourth round and accumulated one million kyats winning total of 3-under-per 293 strokes. The second prize winner is Zaw Zaw Latt with 291 strokes followed by Minn Naing with 292 strokes.

In amateur event, Thein Zaw Myint stood first with total 286 strokes. Zaw Zin Win with 293 strokes was second and Derek Htet Doe with 295 strokes third.

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CEC member Daw Khin Khin Sein donates K 50,000 to MWJA Chairman U Hla Myaing. — MNA



# Militiamen go on the offensive in two southern cities

**KARBALA, 9 May** — After enduring half a week of American attacks in southern Iraq, insurgents backing a rebel Shiite cleric took the offensive on Saturday, trying to seize government buildings and striking at convoys in two southern cities controlled by British forces.

The move signalled the possible opening of another front in the military campaign against the cleric and his followers.

Militiamen led by the cleric, Moktada al-Sadr, traded gunfire with British soldiers as the insurgents took to the streets in Amara and Basra, the country's largest city after Baghdad. Acrid black smoke from burning tires drifted through the air in Basra. In several neighbourhoods, the streets

remained empty, save for groups of British soldiers or guerilla fighters operating roadblocks, witnesses said. British forces, on foot and in armoured vehicles, killed at least two insurgents there.

Here in Karbala, a city revered by Shiites, American soldiers continued to attack the Mukhaiyam neighbourhood, where insurgents have barricaded themselves. For the first time, the Americans encountered antitank

mines. Militiamen greeted the soldiers with the usual flurry of rocket-propelled grenades and fire from AK-47's, and it was unclear by Saturday evening how many insurgents had been killed. Three American soldiers were wounded.

At least 19 militiamen were killed in firefights on Friday night as soldiers in tanks and other armoured vehicles swept through the area.

Internet



A detainee at the Abu Ghraib prison shows his wounds at the detention facility on the outskirts of Baghdad, Iraq on 7 May, 2004. He said that he was earlier wounded during fighting between American forces and guerillas. — INTERNET

## War needs, consequences misjudged

**WASHINGTON, 9 May** — Donald Rumsfeld and his fellow civilian architects of the war in Iraq stood as naked and humiliated Friday as the Iraqi men whose pitiful images were imprisoned in simple digital cameras.

In front of the nation and the world, the normally cocky secretary of defence was reduced by Arizona Sen John McCain, a member of his own party, to a hollow-eyed 71-year-old turning to his generals for answers while being scolded that he should be able to speak for himself.

His abasement, and perhaps his downfall, if it is true that the worst revelations are yet to come, are rooted in miscalculations well before the beginning of the Iraq war.

It was Rumsfeld and his professorial deputy, Paul Wolfowitz, who overrode the pleadings of their generals for a force of 250,000 troops to invade Iraq and ignored the warnings of Middle East experts that they would not long be welcome in Iraq.

Wolfowitz had told *Newsday* journalists a year before the war that a force of 15,000 would be enough to rally the Iraqis to victory. In the end, he and Rumsfeld compromised on something over 100,000. About 135,000 troops are now in Iraq.

Ordering their subordinates to disregard contingency plans drawn up by the State Department, they did not plan for the looting that

destroyed Iraq's infrastructure. They did not imagine that once defeated, Saddam Hussein's adherents would become guerillas, or that other Iraqis would join them out of nationalistic or religious fervor.

For Sen. Robert Byrd (D-W Va), the imperfect but wise old man of the Senate, the problem was what he called the arrogance, bravado and disdain of the Bush administration.

And so they did not come close to providing enough prisons for thousands of suspects, or sufficient military police to run them. And according to an internal investigation, the MPs at the noto-

rious Abu Ghraib prison had no training in detention operations and very little knowledge about the protections of the Geneva Conventions.

At the same time that the abuses began last fall, the mounting number of attacks on US soldiers was putting pressure on military intelligence to improve the results from interrogation of prisoners. In December, when some of the worst abuses started, control of Abu Ghraib prison was transferred from the MPs to Military Intelligence, flouting regulations, according to a report on the situation. — Internet

## China launches nationwide campaign to save resources

**BEIJING, 9 May** — China has launched a three-year campaign to save and promote comprehensive utilization of major resources for the purpose of maintaining sustainable economic and social development.

A notice issued recently by the General Office of the State Council calls on all localities to join the efforts to save and make effective use of resources such as energy, raw materials, water and land.

The notice says, China's per capita arable land, freshwater, forest, petroleum, natural gas and coal is far lower than the world's average, and reserves of iron, copper, aluminium and other major mineral resources are also very low.

MNA/Xinhua

## Zanzibar gets \$6m to boost agriculture

**DAR-ES-SALAAM, 9 May** — The International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) has allocated about six million US dollars to boost agriculture in the Indian Ocean island of Zanzibar.

Zanzibar Director of Management and Planning in the Ministry of Agriculture Khalid Salim Mohd told reporters about the IFAD plan Thursday in a one-day workshop on the service programme in agriculture.

He said that the five-year assistance programme will begin next year, and the IFAD will provide loans, skills and market to agricultural stakeholders for poverty reduction. He added that the implementation of the programme would help the government increase national income.

MNA/Xinhua

## Female US soldier charged of abusing Iraqi prisoners

**WASHINGTON, 9 May** — A female US soldier who was shown holding a leash attached to a Iraqi prisoner's neck on major newspapers was charged Friday by the military with abusing prisoners.

The soldier, Private First Class Lynndie England, faces four charges — assaulting Iraqi detainees on multiple occasions, conspiring to mistreat the prisoners, committing an

indecent act and committing acts "that were prejudicial to good order and discipline," according to a statement issued on Friday by the XVIII Airborne Corps at Fort Bragg, North Carolina.

England, 21, becomes the seventh soldier from a US Army Reserve military police unit that has been charged in the prisoner abuse scandal, which has led to an uproar around the world, especially in the Middle East,

and done damage to the reputation of the United States abroad.

England, who in another picture was shown clenching a cigarette between her teeth while giving a thumbs-up in front of naked Iraqi detainees at the Abu Ghraib Prison outside Baghdad, was reassigned to a military police unit at Fort Bragg after she returned from Iraq, the statement said.

MNA/Xinhua



An Iraqi man shows bloodstained cloth at a house after fighting between US forces and Shiites militia, in the city of Kufa, on 7 May, 2004. Seven Iraqi civilians were killed and other four were wounded during the fight, local witnesses said. — INTERNET

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## Labour peer urges Blair to quit

**LONDON, 9 May** — A Labour peer has said it is time for Tony Blair to quit as prime minister and let chancellor Gordon Brown step in to prevent further damage to Labour.

Lord Puttnam, a close friend of Mr Blair, voiced concern over the electoral prospects of Labour after months of negative headlines on Iraq.

He said the premier was now inevitably associated with the "bad news" coming from the war zone.

Lord Puttnam is the latest Labour figure to call on Mr Blair to quit.

The prime minister is synonymous with Iraq, and Iraq

years' time, people might well look back and say Mr Blair was right on Iraq because a sensible, democratic regime will have emerged.

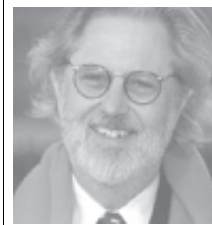
"But that will be five years out—far too late to help the aspirations and indeed horrible fears of a lot of Labour backbenchers," he warned.

Lord Puttnam, an Oscar-winning film producer, said Mr Blair was "a very moral man" and a "conviction politician"—which was both his strength and weakness.

"If I were him, I would go before the summer recess," he told the ITV News Channel. "And I think he can go with honour and ... he might well be in a position in five years from now to say, not only did I do the right thing, but I paid a very high price for doing it."

Meanwhile, former Labour chancellor Lord Healey has said Tony Blair should stand aside within a year and let Gordon Brown become prime minister. He said that after nearly seven years at Number 10 Mr Blair was in danger of becoming "too fixed" and argued Mr Brown would do the job "very well".

Internet



Lord Puttnam believes Gordon Brown will "inevitably" take over.

INTERNET

## New Hampshire man still missing in Iraq

WEST CHESTERFIELD, 9 May — A New Hampshire contractor is one of two men still missing in Iraq following an attack on a group of tankers. Bill Bradley, a fuel truck driver with Halliburton subsidiary Kellogg, Brown & Root left New Hampshire on Feb 11 and arrived in Kuwait with a team of other Halliburton contractors on 14 March.

On April 9, guerillas attacked his fuel convoy outside Baghdad. Bradley's convoy was behind a truck bearing Hamill. Bradley's truck reportedly escaped grenade and rifle fire.

Still, Bradley has been missing for a month one of a few Halliburton employees still unaccounted for, the company said. In a photo Bradley sent back to his girlfriend, Wilma Procter of West Chesterfield, he is standing near a man who resembles Thomas Hamill, a Halliburton co-worker who has made headlines since he escaped from his Iraqi captors Sunday.

Hamill, 44 spoke only to friends and relatives after returning home to Mississippi on a flight from Germany early Saturday. The truck driver, who works for Halliburton Corp. subsidiary KBR, released a statement through the company Saturday, saying that he is praying for "my two missing colleagues, the safety of my friends and co-workers in Iraq as

well as the families of those who have lost a loved one."

The photo shows Bradley in a helmet and bullet-proof vest at Camp Anaconda, a US base near Balad. Behind him is the blurred image of another man, who looks like Hamill.

Bradley grew up in Wichita, Kansas and still has family there. Bradley, a former Marine, lived in Galveston, Texas, and then moved to New Hampshire. And at age 50, he accepted a new adventure in Iraq. Procter and Bradley met four years ago. They were both working as truckers and would frequently bump into each other at truck stops.

"Everybody seems to forget that there are still two missing," said Procter on Friday. "He needs to come home."

Timothy Bell, of Mobile, Ala is also still missing. Halliburton reportedly lost more than 30 employees since the war in Iraq began one year ago. The company was headed by Vice president Dick Cheney in the 1990s.

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## Two Polish soldiers die in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 9 May— Two Polish soldiers have been killed in separate incidents in Iraq.

A spokesman for the Polish forces, Lieutenant Colonel Robert Strzelecki, said one of the soldiers died of injuries sustained when a roadside bomb exploded during a patrol near the central Iraqi town of al-Immam.

In the other incident, a Polish serviceman was

killed in the southern Iraqi town of Karbala, when the military vehicle he was driving hit a truck and rolled down an embankment.

Poland leads part of the multinational force in Iraq which includes about 2,400 of its own troops.

Internet

## British troops under fire as Shiite radicals extend uprising to southern Iraq

BASRA (Iraq), 9 May — Militiamen loyal to radical Shiite Muslim cleric Moqtada Sadr clashed with British troops as their battle with the US-led coalition spread to British-controlled southern Iraq.

Five members of Sadr's Mehdi Army were killed and nine British soldiers were wounded when gunbattles erupted in both Basra and the town of Amara further north, according to the British army and Iraqi media.

None of the Britons' injuries were life-threatening, the British military said.

Gunmen armed with rocket-propelled grenades (RPGs) mingled with protestors at the provincial governor's office and the former headquarters of Saddam Hussein's Baath party before firing on British troops in the centre of

Basra, a military spokesman said.

The demonstrations appeared to have been prompted by the offer of a 250,000-dinar (170-dollar) bounty by Sadr's representative in the city, Abdelsattar Al-Bahadili, for the capture of British soldiers.

"There's been a number of groups of people causing civil unrest armed with RPGs and small arms and taking pot shots at British patrols and Iraqi police in the city," said British military spokesman Squadron Leader Jon Arnold.

The British sent rein-

forcements to the city centre, deploying 75 troops around the governor's office and establishing tanks and armoured vehicles in key positions.

The violence followed days of fighting between US troops and Sadr's militiamen around the south-central holy cities of Najaf and Karbala, in which scores of radicals were killed.

Gunbattles in Basra left two militiamen dead and one captured, said Arnold. Four British soldiers were wounded.

Internet



Iraqi child Zahra Jassim, 12, waits for treatment in the Al Hakim hospital in Najaf, Iraq on 7 May, 2004. — INTERNET

## Russia wants common UN approach on Iraq

MOSCOW, 9 May — Russia opposes any new UN Security Council resolution on Iraq that is not worked out jointly by all Council members, *Interfax* news agency quoted a top Russian diplomat as saying on Friday.

Security Council members began informal talks on Thursday on a British-sponsored resolution in support of a new Iraqi provisional government and the status of US forces, when US-led occupation formally ends on June 30.

"We stick to the assumption that a joint effort is needed to work out a common approach to Iraq's future," Deputy Foreign Minister Yuri Fedotov told *Interfax*.

"If, once again, we see elements of a new resolution prepared separately, our attitude to it would be the appropriate one," he added. Russia, a veto-wielding permanent member of the Security Council, opposed the US-led military operation in Iraq launched last year without a clear UN mandate.

Washington, which has failed to subdue

resistance and faces mounting losses in Iraq, has stepped up calls for a stronger UN role in running the country.

Russian leaders have said they want a conference, similar to one run for post-Taliban Afghanistan in 2002, to decide the scale of international involvement and the shape of Iraq's transitional administration.

"Iraq's provisional government, formed on the basis of such consensus, would become legitimate and viable in the eyes of Iraqis and the international community," *ITAR-TASS* news agency quoted Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov as saying.

Fedotov said Russia wanted such a conference to take place before the June 30 deadline set by the United States for the transfer of sovereignty. — MNA/Reuters

## "Newsweek" says American reported linked to Madrid bombing

SEATTLE, 9 May — *Newsweek* magazine said on Thursday that FBI agents had detained a lawyer from Portland, Oregon, in connection with the Madrid train bombings that killed 191 people but the FBI would not confirm the report.

An FBI spokesman would only say that two search warrants had been issued in connection with an unspecified investigation.

*Newsweek* said the lawyer was a Muslim convert with links to one of six Oregon Muslims convicted last year of trying to travel to Afghanistan to help al-Qaeda, which was blamed for the Madrid bombing in March and the September 11, 2001, attacks in the United States.

The magazine said that the man's finger-

prints allegedly were found on bomb-related evidence associated with the Madrid attacks.

It quoted sources as saying that the lawyer had been under round-the-clock surveillance by the FBI for some time and that he was picked up by FBI agents in Portland on Thursday.

*Newsweek* said he was being held as a "material witness" in a grand jury investigation and that allowed the Justice Department to hold him in secret without formally filing charges against him. — MNA/Reuters

## Religious leaders call for release of hostages in Iraq

ATHENS, 9 May — Religious leaders from all over the world, who are holding an international meeting in Athens, issued on Friday an appeal for the release of all US and other hostages being held in Iraq and immediate investigation of abuses by the US soldiers.

In a joint statement read out by Reverend Jesse Jackson, founder of the Rainbow/PUSH organization, leaders attending the Third International Meeting of Religions also called for the release of all prisoners held in Iraqi prisons without charges having been brought against them and guarantee

of due process to those prisoners who are being charged with crimes.

The religious leaders further called on the United Nations to "fully investigate the horrific treatment of Iraqi prisoners to determine the extent of the abuses", it said.

This past month "has opened the wounds of a

tragedy and travesty in Iraq".

"It is all too clear now that the Bush Administration used false pretext and lies to justify its invasion and occupation of Iraq," it said, adding that US Secretary of State Colin Powell admitted there was flawed intelligence information.

MNA/Xinhua



Soldiers with the US military's 2nd Battalion, 1st Marines Regiment prepare to unload their weapons before a mission near Fallujah, Iraq on 7 May, 2004. — INTERNET



## Iraqi abuse 'known in February'

LONDON, 9 May—The government has confirmed it received a Red Cross report on alleged abuses by UK troops on Iraqi prisoners in February.

A spokesman said action had been taken in response but declined to give details of the allegations or how they had been dealt with.

He said this was because the report remained confidential.

He spoke after the Conservatives called on the government to reveal when it had learned of the claims.

On Saturday Shadow defence secretary Nicholas Soames urged Defence Secretary Geoff Hoon to give a statement to the Commons on Monday on the issue.

He demanded to know when the government learned of the abuse and to give details of investigations by the Royal Military Police into allegations of abuse by UK troops made in the Daily Mirror. He said it would be "a matter of the gravest concern" if it emerged the Red Cross had raised the issue of prisoners' abuses in Iraq with the UK government "quite some time ago".

"Number 10, the secretary of state for defence and the Foreign Office must say whether or not these questions were indeed raised with them, and what actions were subsequently taken," he said.

The controversy intensified after the Red Cross declared on Friday that it had previously warned the UK of abuses.

The International Red Cross Committee's director of operations Pierre

Kraehenbuehl said then that "concerns and recommendations" had been made to British authorities, but declined to be specific about when or what issues were addressed.

An Ministry of Defence spokesman said the claims by the IRCC were contained in an interim report that dated back to before the British opened their own detention centre south of Basra.

The Red Cross' claim that it had warned the UK about abuses came after it said it had repeatedly asked the US to take action over abuses of prisoners by US soldiers at Iraq's Abu Ghraib prison.

On Saturday, new questions over the conduct of British troops in Iraq were raised when the Daily Mirror published fresh claims by another troop, dubbed "soldier D".

The latest serviceman to talk to the paper claimed an Iraqi suspect had been dragged into a vehicle where he was beaten.

The paper ran a front page picture taken by the soldier, who is still serving in the Queen's Lancashire Regiment, apparently depicting the violent episode.

The picture shows what appears to be a British soldier taking a photo of the Iraqi captive looking battered and bruised.

Liberal Democrat leader Charles Kennedy said the allegations had done "enormous damage". —*Internet*

## Iraq, other US goals affected by scandal

WASHINGTON, 9 May — With US moral credibility eroded and Arab hostility rising over the abuse of Iraqi prisoners, President George W. Bush will have a harder time achieving his foreign policy goals and may have to consider exiting Iraq sooner, experts said on Friday.

After delaying publication of devastating photos showing American military abuse of Iraqi prisoners and then playing down the issue, top administration officials, under growing public pressure, finally confronted the issue.

Bush and Defence Secretary Donald Rumsfeld apologized for the humiliating mistreatment of Iraqis, while Rumsfeld — facing resignation calls — took responsibility for the scandal and said plans are under way to compensate prisoner victims.

But their apologies were unlikely to mitigate soon a profound damage to America's standing that will com-

plicate US efforts to bring stability to Iraq and promote democracy in the wider Middle East, among other objectives.

These abuse reports could "seriously affect this country's relationships with other nations, the conduct of the war against terrorism, and place in jeopardy the men and women of the Armed Forces wherever they are serving in the world," said Senate Armed Services Committee Chairman John Warner, a Virginia Republican.

The panel's senior Democrat, Senator Carl Levin, a Michigan Democrat, added: "The abuses... made the prospects for success in Iraq even

more difficult than they already are".

Following the September 11, 2001 attacks and war on al-Qaeda in Afghanistan, Bush attacked Saddam Hussein's regime, claiming the Iraqi leader had weapons of mass destruction.

After no arms were found, Bush revised his justification, focusing on Saddam's torture record and the need to spread democracy throughout the Islamic world, with Iraq the model. At three summits set for June, Bush and world leaders will unveil a Greater Middle East Initiative to promote that democratic vision.

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A US Army soldier passes two handcuffed Iraqis at a mobile checkpoint in Baghdad, on 7 May, 2004. —*INTERNET*

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## ICRC sees "widespread abuse" in Iraq

GENEVA, 9 May — Iraqi detainees were subjected to "serious violations", with abuse so widespread it may have been condoned by US-led coalition forces, the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) said on Friday.

Breaking with its usual vow of silence, the Geneva-based humanitarian organization said visits to coalition detention centres in Iraq, carried out between March and November 2003, had shown infringements of international treaties on the treatment of prisoners of war.

In some cases, the ill-treatment was "tantamount to torture", particularly when interrogators were seeking information or confessions, the ICRC said in a report, parts of which were published in US financial daily the *Wall Street Journal*.

Pierre Kraehenbuehl, director of ICRC operations, confirmed the contents of the report at a news conference but said the Red Cross, whose reports are confidential, would not issue the rest of the document.

He said the report referred mainly to the actions of US forces at Baghdad's notorious Abu Ghraib prison and elsewhere, although the ICRC had also expressed concerns over the past year to British commanders. He gave no further details.

"Our findings do not allow us to conclude that what we were dealing with at Abu Ghraib were isolated acts of individual members of coalition forces. What we have described is a pattern and a broad system," he said.

Pictures of grinning US soldiers abusing naked Iraqis at Abu Ghraib — the largest prison in the country and notorious for torture under Iraqi President Saddam Hussein — have sparked an international outcry.

MNA/Reuters



An Iraqi woman walks past Mehdi Army militiamen in the Iraqi holy city of Kufa, on 7 May, 2004. —*INTERNET*

## 21 Angolans die of sleeping sickness in 3 months

LUANDA, 9 May—Angola's Institute of Fight and Control of Trypanosomiasis (IFCT) recorded 21 deaths from the disease commonly known as sleeping sickness in the first three months this year. According to an announcement by IFCT Director Joseando, Teófilo, they have examined 14,927 people in the six most affected provinces in the country, namely de Uije, Malanje, Bengo, Zaire, Kwanza-Sul and Kwanza-Norte.

The disease is transmitted by the tsetse fly, eventually affecting the central nervous system of sufferers and it causes death if the patient is left untreated. Angola, the Democratic Republic of the Congo and the Sudan are among the most affected African countries. —*MNA/Xinhua*

## Iraq Sunnis host Sadr followers in show of support

BAGHDAD, 9 May—Thousands of supporters of rebel Shiite Muslim cleric Moqtada al-Sadr prayed in Sunai mosques in Iraq on Friday, in what local leaders called a show of religious unity in the face of Iraq's occupiers.

The gesture was the latest display of solidarity among Iraq's Muslims since US forces besieged the Sunni town of Fallujah west of Baghdad and faced off with Sadr's militia in the Shiite holy cities of Najaf and Kerbala to the south.

Sadr's popularity among Shiites, who make up about 60 per cent of Iraq's 25 million people, seems to have soared since his uprising began a month ago, particularly among the young and the poor.

Busloads of Sadr's followers carrying portraits of the young cleric and wearing the insignia of his Mehdi Army militia trooped to the staunchly Sunni Baghdad neighbourhood of

Aadhmiya to pray in the Abu Hanifa Mosque, named for a pre-eminent scholar and thinker of Sunni Islam.

"Yes, yes to Moqtada!" chanted Sadr's followers who jammed the mosque, outside of which others set up checkpoints to direct traffic and frisked worshippers as they entered from streets where poster bearing Sadr's face dotted many buildings.

Ahmad Hassan Taha, a Sunni cleric who led prayers at the mosque, said the presence of Sadr's followers was a message to US forces who are massed around the Shiite hold city of Najaf in a bid to crush his insurgency.

MNA/Reuters

## Sceptical Arabs watch Iraq abuse hearings

DUBAI, 9 May — Arabic news channels showed live coverage of a US congressional hearing on the handling of the Iraqi prisoner abuse scandal on Friday, but few watchers thought Washington was determined to stop abuses.

Al Jazeera, Al Arabiya and US-funded Alhurra had simultaneous translation of the hearings, in which Defence Secretary Donald Rumsfeld apologized to the abuse victims but said he would not resign.

The Arab reaction was similar to that which greeted US President George W. Bush's televised pledge on

Wednesday to punish Americans who abused and killed Iraqi prisoners.

Many said the gesture was too little, too late.

Al Arabiya showed pictures of the alleged abuse next to shots of the Rumsfeld hearing, including one showing a female American soldier holding a leash around the neck of a naked Iraqi

lying on the floor.

"The Americans are playing God and they don't want to be answerable to anybody. This is really shameful," said Jassem Ali Hussein, watching the broadcast in a restaurant in the Bahraini capital Manama.

"It (hearing) is not going to stop torture completely but the Americans are going to

be more careful," he said.

Of the 47,000 respondents to a poll carried out on Al Jazeera's web site alongside the hearing, 87.4 per cent said the United States would be unable to improve its image tainted by the abuse scandal which has infuriated Arabs and Muslims.

Photographs of Iraqi prisoners at Abu Ghraib prison outside Baghdad reinforced Arab scepticism about the US argument that the aim of invading Iraq was to end human rights abuses and bring about a new era of freedom and democracy for Iraqis. Rumsfeld offered his "deepest apology" to the victims.

"These events occurred on my watch as secretary of defence. I am accountable for them. I take full responsibility," he told the Senate Armed Services Committee.

MNA/Reuters



## Protesters heckle Rumsfeld at Iraq abuse hearing

WASHINGTON, 9 May — Protesters heckled US Defence Secretary Donald Rumsfeld on Friday, shouting, "Fire Rumsfeld for war crimes" at a congressional hearing to probe the Pentagon's handling of the Iraqi prisoner abuse scandal.

The seven protesters, members of the grass-roots group CodePink Women for Peace, disrupted Rumsfeld's testimony before the Senate Armed Services Committee by standing, chanting and raising their hands and pointing at the Defence Secretary. "We want Rumsfeld fired and there should be a wider investigation of the brutality of this investigation," said Gael Murphy, one of the group's founders.

At least one person wore a T-shirt with "Fire Rumsfeld"

written on the back, and another carried a sign with those words.

"Our purpose of being in the hearing was to make it known to the senators and the American public that we are appalled," Murphy said by telephone. "He (Rumsfeld) has known about it but has done nothing about it until it was leaked publicly." The group was allowed to interrupt the hearing for a few minutes before being guided to the exit.

MNA/Reuters



Demonstrators disrupt the hearing on Iraq abuse during the testimony of US Defence Secretary Donald Rumsfeld before the Senate Armed Services Committee on Capitol Hill, on 7 May, 2004. —INTERNET

## Rumsfeld offers "deepest apology" for Iraq prison abuse

WASHINGTON, 9 May — Defence Secretary Donald Rumsfeld took responsibility on Friday for the abuse of Iraqi prisoners by US troops and offered his "deepest apology" to the victims, but said he would not resign just to satisfy his political enemies.

"These events occurred on my watch as secretary of defence. I am accountable for them. I take full responsibility," Rumsfeld told the Senate Armed Services Committee.

Warning that he had seen new photographs and a videotape not yet made public that were hard to believe, Rumsfeld said: "I feel terrible about what happened to these detainees. They are human beings, they were in US custody, our country had an obligation to treat them right. We didn't. That was wrong."

"To those Iraqis who were mistreated by members of the US Armed Forces, I offer my deepest apology."

The tense hearing, broadcast live in the Arab world as well as the United States, carried major implications for Rumsfeld's future but also for US support for President George W. Bush and the war in Iraq.

Rumsfeld, lacking his trademark bravado, said he had created a special commission to investigate the actions. But Arizona Senator John McCain said Americans needed all the available information at once, adding he was concerned that images of abuse would erode domestic support for the war.

Several Democrats, including presidential candidate John Kerry, have called for Rumsfeld's resignation because of the physical and sexual abuse of Iraqis held at the Abu Ghraib prison west of Baghdad, which had previously served as a torture centre under deposed Iraqi president Saddam Hussein.

However, he said he retains confidence in his defence secretary. Asked by South Carolina Republican Lindsay Graham whether he could still perform his duties effectively, Rumsfeld said: "Needless to say, if I felt I could not be effective, I would resign in a minute. I would not resign simply because people are

trying to make a political issue out of it."

He also said it would be "not a bad idea" to tear down the Abu Ghraib prison.

Warning that the worst in the scandal was yet to come, Graham said: "I'd be very disappointed if the only people prosecuted are sergeants and privates. That would be very bad and sad."

Rumsfeld said he erred by failing to grasp the significance of the scandal and informing the President.

"I failed to recognize how important it was to elevate a matter of such gravity to the highest levels, including the President and the members of Congress," he said.

MNA/Reuters

## Christian Dior opens new flagship boutique in HK

HONG KONG, 9 May — Christian Dior (CD) Friday opened its largest flagship boutique in The Landmark, a high-grade shopping centre in Hong Kong's Central District.

Taking the largest shop location at The Landmark, the two-storey boutique occupies a purchasing space of 550 metres. The new flagship shop, Dior's 7th boutique in Hong Kong, introduces the most comprehensive and largest ready-to-wear collections, leather goods and accessories, Baby Dior and Dior Joailliere (fine jewellery).

The Landmark will be the only location in Hong Kong to showcase fine jewellery from Paris.

Peter Cheung, regional and marketing communications manager at CD Asia Pacific, said the opening of the boutique showed the company's commitment to Hong Kong as a regional centre for luxury. —MNA/Reuters

## Putin takes oath on nationalistic note

MOSCOW, 9 May — Russian leader Vladimir Putin took the oath of office for four more years as president on Friday, telling his people in a nationalistic speech that it was up to them to modernize their country.

The highly-popular Putin who won reelection in March by a landslide, was inaugurated in a glittering ceremony fit for the tsars in Moscow's gilded Kremlin halls.

Some 1,700 guests from the elite of Russian society watched the 51-year-old Putin, a former Soviet KGB spy, take the solemn pledge to protect Russia's independence and serve its 145 million citizens.

Putin, undisputed leader of the vast, unruly country with no dissent from a compliant Parliament and a hand-picked government, took a nationalistic tack in a speech praising Russians for forging a successful post-Soviet society alone.

"We ourselves made our Motherland an open country ready for broad, equal cooperation with other states, a country strengthening its

position on the world stage and peacefully defending our legitimate interests in a constantly changing world," he said. He implied that Russia, often on the sidelines of the world mainstream and outside major forums such as the World Trade Organization (WTO), would have to keep relying on its own resources in the future without help from outside.

"The main aim of the next four years is to turn the

potential we have acquired into new energy for development and achieve a new quality of life for our citizens," he said. Though Putin enjoys good relations with US President George W. Bush and other leaders and is pledged to making Russia a genuine world player, his inward-looking speech was devoid of references to cooperation with the West or Western institutions. —MNA/Reuters

## Patriotism education for Chinese students urged

SHANGHAI, 9 May — Chinese State Councillor Chen Zhili has called for efforts to strengthen education on patriotism for students and to teach them to build up long-range ideals.

Chen also urged efforts to improve ideological and political work in schools and colleges while discussing with representatives from local institutions of higher learning during her inspection tour of Shanghai from 4 May to 6.

She said ideological and political work must be carried out in close combination with the efforts and care extended to improve students' school work, lives and psychological health and employment. —MNA/Xinhua



US Marines stand guard as Iraqis wait outside the Abu Ghraib prison, for information on their relatives held in the prison, outside Baghdad, Iraq on 7 May, 2004. —INTERNET



# Industrial ecological management of Myanmar

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Environment is seen not as a place removed from the world of human activity. Thus, We must consider to protect our environment. In the environment, pollution causes many separate problems based on categories of place, products and poisons. But polluted air, water and land were the unwanted by-product of economic activity. Industry refers to all types of human activity. Industrial ecology studies the connection of people and nature. The use of ecology focuses attention on how the natural world works. It highlights the opportunity to look to the natural world for models of efficient use of resources, energy and wastes. Thus industrial ecology emphasizes a systematic view. It examines local, regional and global materials and energy flows in products, processes, industrial and economic sector.

Industrial ecology is a science to characterize how the world works. Robert White (National Academy of Engineering) stated that:

Industrial ecology is the study of the flows of materials and energy in industrial and consumer activities of the effect of these flows on the environment and of the influences of economic, political and social factors on the flow, use and transformation of resources.

Environmental information is key point for industrial ecology. We conducted any case according to the information. And then, I assumed scientists must learn more about management and care more about it. The manager must learn more about science and particularly about scientists and be able to include science in their management agenda.

The power of industrial ecology is that it offers a connection to the whole system, not just a fragment in the dialectic created between human and natural systems. Industrial ecology allows us to think the culture of fragmentation to the specific ends of policy making. In Myanmar, the State Peace and Development Council conducted projects through industrial ecology in the dry zone. One important vehicle for achieving greater integration is a broad, system-based approach that looks at the overall structure and behaviour of a given area, such as watershed or estuary and attempt to give direction to decision makers about which components are crucial for the healthy ecology functioning of this area. Watersheds are an area of land over which water moves under the force of gravity from topographic highs to topographic lows. Watersheds are dynamic landscape units that emphasize water movement. I have seen management of SPDC in the dry zone (Bagan, NyaungU and Popa) on return from my field trip.

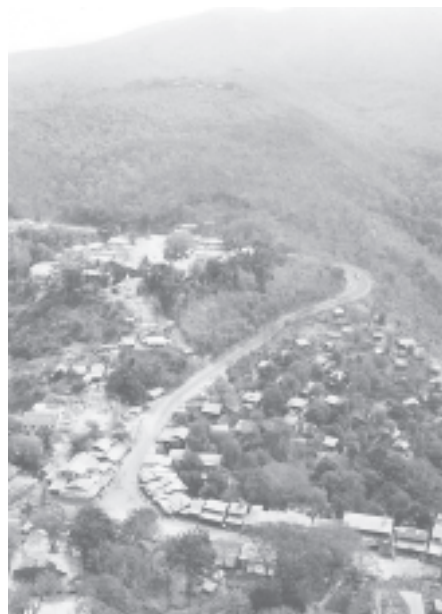
I discussed with villagers from the dry zone. The core of all ecosystem management projects is research



Watershed management in Mount Popa environs.

and information. For example watershed level planning made possible through the use of GIS that enables developers to pinpoint where to build the structures without endangering water gravity or where they should not because of the long-term economic risk of occupying an unstable or flood-prone area. One of these is geographic information system (GIS) which allows designers demographic and economic— into layered maps that reveal patterns and processes in whole geographic regions that cannot be perceived on the ground. The major scientific advances that underlie the promise of ecosystem management are derived from ecology. The science of ecology is a potentially strong foundation for ecosystem management. Thus, political economist "Charles Lindblom" has written that knowledge is partial and policy progress must therefore be incremental. Industrial ecology is not a panacea for environmental policy. Industrial ecology offers an analytic framework for the accumulation of such practices which stitched together. There are also some projects such as telecommunications, food wholesaling, or outpatient care centres.

What is the relationship between the environmental footprint of a service business and the constraints and opportunities in business decision making? We may wish to ask these questions each other.



Watershed management in Mount Popa environs.

## 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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The right strategy for the next generation will serve as the bridge for the future.

Environmental protection has become everybody's business. Thinking ecologically offers a set of ideas on which a Myanmar environmental conservation research might be built for new generation. Knowledge from ecological studies of how we are changing our environment is forcing us to look critically at how we use the earth resources.

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သို့ဖြစ်ပါ၍ အပူဒဏ်ကြောင့် မလိုလားအပ်သော အကျိုးဆက်များ မဖြစ်ပေါ်စေရန် အောက်ပါအချက်အလက်များကို လိုက်နာကြပါရန် နှိုးဆော်အပ်ပါသည်။

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- (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၊ သနပ်ခါးလိမ်းခြင်းတို့ကို ပြုလုပ်ပါ။
- (၁၂) အပူဒဏ်ကြောင့် ပင်ပန်းနွမ်းနယ်ခြင်း၊ ကိုယ်အပူရှိန်တက်ခြင်း၊ သတိလစ်ခြင်းနှင့် အတက်ရောဂါဖြစ်ပါက နီးစပ်ရာ ကျန်းမာရေးဌာနတွင် ပြသပါ။

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Vice-Senior General Maung Aye pays homage to Shwetantit Tharakkhan Buddha image.—MNA



## Vice-Senior General Maung Aye ...

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Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and party inspected pumping of water from the Ayeyawady River and cultivation of paddy in the environs of the water pumping station. Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Nyunt Tin reported on water pumping projects implemented in Pakokku District including Shwetantit water pumping station, supply of water to the lands and water pumping projects to be undertaken.

Chairman of Magway Division Peace and Develop-

ment Council Col Zaw Min and member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Ye Myint reported on availability of water and crop cultivation.

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye gave instructions on extension of irrigation networks and irrigated areas and conducting survey on extended cultivation acreage in Pakokku District through Shwesayay hydropower project to be implemented on Chindwin River.

Water Resources Utilization Department built Kokkohla and Shwetantit water pumping projects in Pakokku Township, Chitthu, Thintthe, Thanmantapot and Minywa water pumping projects in Yesagyo Township

and Yaypya water pumping project in Pauk Township.

Arrangements are being made for continued implementation of Nonpot, Kyeeywa, Waya and Thazi water pumping projects in Pakokku District.

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and party visited Shwetantit Tharakkhan Buddha image, in Shwetantit Village and signed in the visitors' book. Vice-Senior General Maung Aye presented cash for the Buddha Image to the board of trustees. Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and party arrived in Bagan-NyaungU in the evening. They were welcomed by the ministers, senior military officers and departmental officials.—MNA



Secretary-2 Lt-Gen Thein Sein inspects fish ponds of national entrepreneurs at Meethwaychaung Village-tract, Maubin Township.—MNA

## Secretary-2 Lt-Gen Thein Sein inspects fish breeding ponds of MWVO in Maubin Township

YANGON, 9 May— Chairman of Central Organizing Committee of Myanmar War Veterans Organization Secretary-2 of the State Peace and Development Council Adjutant-General Lt-Gen Thein Sein, accompanied by Vice-Chairman Vice-Admiral Kyi Min (Retd), COC member Minister for Livestock and Fisheries Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein and departmental officials, left here by car this morning and arrived in Hsamalauk Village, Nyaungdon Township, at 7 am.

They were welcomed there by Chairman of Ayeyawady Division Peace and Development Council Commander of South-West Command Maj-Gen Soe Naing and officials.

Accompanied by the commander and officials, Secretary-2 Lt-Gen Thein Sein and party went to Meethwaychaung Village-tract in Maubin Township and inspected breeding of fish in the ponds of private entrepreneurs near Maubin-Hsamalauk Road.

Afterwards, they saw over dredging of fish ponds of

MWVO Headquarters in Meethwaychaungkwin in Maubin Township.

On arrival at Kyeemegyi Fish Breeding Camp in Maubin Township, camp in-charge Maj Aung Min reported on completion of digging the fish ponds, fish breeding tasks, construction of production roads in the camp, investment, income and future tasks. Minister Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein gave a supplementary report.

Next, the commander submitted reports on cultivation and harvesting of summer paddy in Ayeyawady Division for 2003-2004, breeding of fish, agriculture and livestock breeding tasks of national entrepreneurs and assistance for them. Head of MWVO Headquarters Lt-Col Win Maung (Retd) briefed on digging of fish ponds at Thazin Yegyaw Fish Breeding Camp in Nyaungdon Township.

Next, Lt-Gen Thein Sein attended to their needs and gave instructions on minimizing loss and wastage, systematic breeding of fish and cultivation of vegetables in

vacant lands.

MWVO is breeding over 345,000 fish at 180 acres out of 608 fish ponds against the target of 1,000 acres of land at Kyeemegyi Fish Breeding Camp in Maubin Township.

Out of 1,320,805 acres of summer paddy, 1,145,586 acres of paddy have so far been harvested in Ayeyawady Division. The division produced a total of 98,559,385 baskets of paddy. Altogether 28 companies of national entrepreneurs have reclaimed 143,860 acres of land out of 195,446 acres and are carrying out agriculture tasks on 75,104 acres and fish breeding tasks on 31,820 acres. The plan is under way to reclaim 80,000 acres of land of fish ponds in the entire division. A total of 80,324 acres of fish ponds have been dug up to 5 May 2004 and it exceeded the target. Now, more fish ponds are being dug. Later, Lt-Gen Thein Sein and party inspected completion of digging fish ponds and gave necessary instructions. They arrived back in the afternoon.—MNA

## Comamnder attends opening of Home for the Aged in Okkan

YANGON, 9 May— The opening ceremony of Home for the Aged of U Maung Yon-Daw Yin was held in Okkan, Taikkyi Township this morning, attended by Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe and wife Daw Khin Thet Htay and Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Maj-Gen Sein Htwa.

Also present on the occasion were Brig-Gen Htein Win of Taikkyi Station, Brig-Gen Kyaw Thu of Phugyi Station, departmental officials, local authorities, officials, social organizations and guests.

First, Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe, Minister Maj-Gen Sein Htwa and wellwisher Daw Yan Ti of Sun Far Travels and Tours Co Ltd formally opened the home for

the aged. Afterwards, the commander spoke words of thanks for the donation of the home for the aged and the minister explained about measures being taken for looking after the needy older persons and progress of the homes for the aged. Later, wellwisher Daw Yan Ti and U Than Oo and wife donated K 52.6 million to the home and the commander accepted the donations and presented a certificate of honour; U Aung Myo Zaw and Dr Daw Thanda Tun, K 2 million; wellwisher U Kyi Thein, K 500,000 and wellwisher U Than Oo and wife, K 2.1 million.

Next, Deputy Director of Social Welfare Department U Bo Than presented K 100,000 toward the funds of the home where 22 older persons are being accommodated. The area of the home is 3.53 acres.—MNA

## Trees planted at Bago station

YANGON, 9 May— Under the arrangements of Yangon Command, the tree planting ceremony was held at the local battalion in Indagaw, Bago Station, at 10.30 am today. It was attended by Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Chairman Yangon Command Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe and wife Daw Khin Thet Htay, responsible personnel and others.

Bago Station Commander Col Thant Swe reported on measures taken for the tree plantation by local regiments and units. Next, the commander and party inspected booths of Forest Department and Myanma Agriculture Service there. They also inspected the newly planted saplings.

Bago Station is nurturing various kinds of 43,250 saplings in this tree-planting season. —MNA





Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt fixes Seinbudaw atop Naungdawgyi Pagoda.

MNA



Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt accepts K 52,480,657 of wellwishers donated on their behalf by Commander Maj-Gen Ko Ko.—MNA

## PM hoists Htidaw atop Naungdawgyi Pagoda of Myatsaw Nyinaung Pagodas in Toungoo

YANGON, 9 May—Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt, accompanied by member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than, ministers, deputy ministers, the Chief of Staff (Navy), officials of the State Peace and Development Council Office, departmental heads and officials, left here by Tatmadaw aircraft this morning and arrived at Toungoo Airport at 8 am.

The Prime Minister and party were welcomed there by Chairman of Bago Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Southern Command Maj-Gen Ko Ko, Minister for Rail Transportation Maj-Gen Aung Min, Deputy Minister U Pe Than and officials.

At 9 am, the ceremony began to hoist Seinbudaw, Hngetmyatnadaw and Shwehtidaw atop Naungdawgyi Pagoda of historic Myatsaw Nyinaung Pagodas in Toungoo.

Present on the occasion were member of the State Central Working Committee of the Sangha Toungoo Myasigon Monastery Sayadaw Agga Maha Pandita Bhaddanta Pandavamsa, Ovadaçariya Sayadaw of Myatsaw

Nyinaung Pagodas Yangon Monastery Sayadaw Bhaddanta Silavamsa and members of the Sangha, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than, the commander, the ministers, the deputy ministers, the Chief of Staff (Navy), officials, authorities and local people.

Sayadaw Bhaddanta Silavamsa administered the Nine Precepts. Members of the Sangha recited *Parittas*. The Prime Minister offered Seinbudaw and Hngetmyatnadaw for Naungdawgyi Pagoda and provisions to Sayadaw Bhaddanta Silavamsa. Similarly, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than, the commander, the ministers and wellwishers offered provisions to the Sayadaws. Next, the Prime Minister accepted K 52,480,657 for renovation of Myatsaw Nyinaung Pagodas donated by the people through the commander; K 30 million by Vice-Chairman of Cooperative Bank U Khin Maung Aye-Daw Wut Yi Aye; and K 10 million by Shwehninsi Daw Ohn Khin. Wellwishers donated K 92,480,657 for all-round renovation of Myatsaw Nyinaung Pagodas. A total amount of K 63,717,110 have

been spent on the tasks and K 28,763,547 in hand. The pagoda is under all-round renovation. Myasigon Monastery Sayadaw Bhaddanta Pandavamsa delivered a sermon, and the Prime Minister and party shared merits gained.

Next, the General and party conveyed Seinbudaw, Hngetmyatnadaw and tiers of Htidaw and Htidaws for encircling pagodas to the pandal of decorated carriage.

Before the hoisting ceremony, the Prime Minister and party sprinkled scented water on Seinbudaw, Hngetmyatnadaw and tiers of Htidaw. Next, they conveyed them atop the pagoda.

At the auspicious time, the General fixed Seinbudaw and Hngetmyatnadaw atop Naungdawgyi Pagoda and sprinkled scented water on them. At the same time, The disciples hoisted Htidaws atop encircling pagodas.

After the ceremony, they paid homage to Buddha images at Kandawhtoo Pagoda and Yahanda Ordination Hall. Next, they paid homage to Buddha image at Nyidaw Pagoda of Myatsaw Nyinaung Pagodas.—MNA



Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt accepts K 30 million for Naungdawgyi Pagoda in Toungoo donated by U Khin Maung Aye-Daw Wut Yi Aye.—MNA



Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt accepts K 10 million for Naungdawgyi Pagoda in Toungoo donated by Shwehninsi Daw Ohn Khin.—MNA

## Lt-Gen Maung Bo attends opening of monastic school building in Kyaikto

YANGON, 9 May — Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Maung Bo of the Ministry of Defence attended the opening ceremony of the new school building of Monastic Education School at Mingala Kandaw Monastery in Kawhtin Village, Kyaikto Township, on 5 May morning.

Also present were

Chairman of Mon State Peace and Development Council Commander of South-East Command Maj-Gen Thura Myint Aung, departmental officials and local people.

The commander and Mon State Education Officer U Aung Myo formally opened the school building. Lt-Gen Maung Bo unveiled the signboard of the building. Next, Lt-Gen Maung

Bo and wife donated 200 dozens of exercise books and 60 dozens of pencils for the school to Kyaikto Township Education Officer U Soe Myint.

They inspected the new school building. Next, Lt-Gen Maung Bo cordially greeted local people.

The building, 120 feet long and 30 feet wide, was constructed at a cost of K 1.8 million by the State, K 7 million by local people. There are 11 teachers teaching 18 novices and 611 students at primary and middle levels. Afterwards, Lt-Gen Maung Bo paid homage to Mingala Kandaw Monastery Sayadaw Maha Saddhamma Jotikadhaja Bhaddanta Devinda and donated provisions to the Sayadaw. Later, they proceeded to Hpa-an, Kayin State.—MNA



New monastic education school building seen Kawhtin Village, Kyaikto Township, on 9-5-2004.—MNA

### ကုသကာကွယ် မူးယစ်အန္တရာယ်

- ၁။ မူးယစ်ဆေးဝါးသုံးစွဲလျှင် အသက်ရှောင် အသားဝါရောဂါ၊ အသက်ရှောင်ရောဂါ၊ အသက်ရှောင်ဆာရောဂါ၊ သွေးဆိပ်တက်ခြင်းနှင့် နှလုံးရောဂါ၊ အဆုတ်ရောဂါများဖြစ်ပွားနိုင်သည်။ (AIDS)နှင့် စိတ်ပိုင်းဆိုင်ရာရောဂါများ စသည်တို့ဖြစ်ပွားနိုင်သည်။ စီးပွားရေးနှင့်လူမှုရေးများ ထိခိုက်ပျက်ပြားခြင်း၊ ဥပဒေအရအရေးယူရခြင်းတို့ဖြစ်နိုင်သည်။
- ၂။ ထို့ကြောင့် အဆိုပါဒုက္ခများမှ ကင်းဝေးရေးနိမ့် မူးယစ်ဆေးဝါးကို လုံးဝ ရှောင်ကြဉ်ပါ။
- ၃။ မူးယစ်ဆေးဝါးသုံးစွဲသူများသည် သတ်မှတ်ဆေးရုံ များတွင် မှတ်ပုံတင်၍ ဆေးကုသမှုခံယူပါ။

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# Efforts under way to make Bago...

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He quoted Head of State Senior General Than Shwe as saying that Bago Division must be the second granary of the State after Ayeyawady Division. In accord with his guidance, the government is making arrangements for development of agriculture in Bago Division.

Although the division has wide and cultivable lands, there are a few opportunities to undertake cultivation due to the lack of water and wetlands. Therefore, the government built dams and reservoirs, sluice gates and river water pumping projects in the east and the west of the division spending a large sum of money, he said.

In the division there are now 28 dams, 1 regulating dam, four diversion weirs, four sluice gates and 57 water pumping projects. Moreover, four dams and one sluice gate are under construction. Arrangements have been made for construction of eight dams and implementation of 42 water pumping projects, he added.

He said dams have emerged in the division and they are closely situated one another. The government is fulfilling the requirements for realization of the objective to become the second granary of the State.

He spoke of the need for departmental officials in the region to work hard for realization of the State's objectives.

He also spoke of the need for Myanma Agriculture Service, Settlement and Land Records Department and Irrigation Department to extend sown acreage, to boost production of crops, to realize national economic plans and to collect correct data on land and agriculture.

Creeks flowing down from Bago Yoma have become silted ones. During the monsoon there are floods on Yangon-Mandalay Road. Preventive measures are to be undertaken, he said.

There occurs soil erosion on Bago Yoma due to slash-and burn cultivation and forest fire and silt flows into the creeks. The government is laying emphasis on highland cultivation instead of slash-and-burn farming, he added.

The Myanma Agricultural Service and the Forest Department are to make integrated and well-coordinated efforts for proper emergence of the highland farming, prevention of forest depletion by establishing teak plantations and forest plantations and growing of teak among the bananas to avoid the natural environment along Bago Yoma from falling into ruin. Systematic measures are also to be taken for construction of town-to-town roads, town-to-village roads and village-to-village roads including Yangon-Mandalay highway for ensuring better transport in the region.

Development of townships is a key factor for development of the Union. That is why, township level departmental officials are to make concerted and coordinated efforts for development of their own townships. Enlisting the strength of social organizations formed in their townships, the departmental officials are to strive together with the people for regional development. At the same time, the departmental officials are to provide necessary assistance for development of the social organizations.


Furthermore, the departmental officials are to make field trips right down to grassroots level for development of rural regions and boosting the living standard of local people. For all-round development of economic and transport infrastructures of rural regions and enhancement of the living standard of local people the five rural development tasks have been laid down and are being implemented.

The government has also laid down a host of projects for development of each sector such as education and health sectors in addition to the five rural development tasks.

Moreover, there are still a series of tasks to be carried out region-wise in accord with the practical requirements of rural people. Therefore, the township level departmental officials are to make concerted efforts together with local people and members of social organizations with goodwill for development of their own regions and improvement of the living standard of national races residing in the region by successful realization of the projects laid down by the State.

Afterwards, the Prime Minister and party arrived at Toungoo Airport. Next, they left the airport and arrived back here in the evening.—MNA

**တကောင်းမြို့ ရှေးဟောင်း လေးမျက်နှာသုရားကြီး ပြန်လည်ပြုပြင် တည်ဆောက်ရာတွင် ကုသိုလ်ယူ ဝါဝင်လှူဒါန်းနိုင်**



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ထုံး (တစ်ချပ်)	-	၁၀၀/-
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## UN Iraqi envoy rebuffs IGC criticism

**BAGHDAD, 9 May — The UN charged with helping form an interim Iraqi government on Saturday rebuffed criticism from members of the US-appointed Governing Council who accused him of not consulting them on his plans.**

Lakhdar Brahimi told them the ideas he had submitted to the UN Security Council on the creation of the new transitional body were not drawn up by him or the United Nations.

The US-led authorities are to transfer sovereignty to the interim government on June 30. It will be responsible for leading Iraq to elections set for next January.

"What we have done is explain the ideas that we have submitted to the Security Council, underlining the fact that these were not a plan from the United Nations or me personally but our reading of what we heard from a very, very large number of Iraqis," Brahimi said.

Brahimi, who says his role is only to advise, has proposed changes to previous plans drawn up by Washington and the Council stressing competence, rather than party affiliations.

"I have explained to the Governing Council that I have never used the word technocrats," Brahimi told reporters.

A government made up of what Brahimi has called competent and honest people could omit some Council members, many of whose prospects in future elections are far from encouraging.

Ahmad Chalabi, a returned exile whose Pentagon ties once suggested he might play a leading role in a future government, has figured prominently in criticism of Brahimi and the UN role in the process of picking the transitional government.

A spokesman for Brahimi said he had addressed the concerns of Iraqis who have opposed his and the UN's role in the process.

"I think that much of this criticism is unfounded, that they are saying that Mr. Brahimi is coming with a pre-cooked package in his briefcase, a list of names that will take over Iraq when the time comes," Ahmad Fawzi told Reuters.

"I believe he addressed many of their concerns, legitimate concerns some of them, due to misinterpretation or misreporting."

MNA/Reuters

## US ex-general says Iraq mission undercut by abuse

**WASHINGTON, 9 May — The abuse of Iraqi prisoners by US troops has led to a loss of credibility that undermines an already troubled US military mission, retired General Wesley Clark said in the Democratic weekly radio address on Saturday.**

"Apologies are not enough," the former Democratic presidential candidate said. "These criminal acts of abuse must be investigated fully and those responsible held accountable under law."

Clark, a former NATO commander who directed the 1999 bombing campaign in Kosovo, was an early critic of the war in Iraq.

Defence Secretary Donald Rumsfeld, who has faced calls for his resignation from some Democrats, offered an apology on Friday for the suffering that Iraqi prisoners faced at the hands of the American military at the Abu Ghraib Prison west of Baghdad. President George W. Bush apologized on Thursday.

Clark's remarks came in response to a radio address Bush delivered earlier on

Saturday. Bush said the images of abuse and humiliation that have become public represented the "wrongdoing of a few".

Clark said corrective actions needed to be taken so that such abuse would not happen again.

"Amends must be made to Iraqis who suffered these humiliations through real and symbolic gestures, such as the dismantling of Abu Ghraib Prison itself," he said.

"If the mission was endangered by the prospect of using heavy force against insurgents in Fallujah and Najaf, it is no less endangered by the loss of credibility caused by our own misconduct," Clark said, referring to the heavy resistance US forces have faced in the two Iraqi cities.

MNA/Reuters

## ကျန်းမာပျော်ရွှင် ဘဝတစ်ခွင်

ကျန်းမာခြင်းဆိုသည်မှာ - ရောဂါဘယကင်းရှင်းစွာ သာသနာ့ ကိုယ်၏ကျန်းမာခြင်းနှင့် စိတ်ချမ်းသာခြင်းနှင့် လူမှုရေးသမာ ဖြည့်ဝခြင်း ကိုဆိုသည်။

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- (၁) တစ်ကိုယ်ရည်သန့်ရှင်းမှုကိုဆောင်ရွက်ပါ။
- (၂) အန္တရာယ်ကင်း၍ အာဟာရဖြည့်ဝသော အစားအသောက်များကိုစားသုံးပါ။
- (၃) ဝိပဿနာစင်စစ်၍ သန့်ရှင်းသောရေကို သောက်သုံးပါ။
- (၄) ရာသီဥတုနှင့် လိုက်လျောညီထွေစွာဝတ်စားဆင်ယင်နေထိုင်ပါ။
- (၅) အသက်အရွယ်နှင့်လိုက်လျောညီထွေရှိသည့် သင့်တင့်မျှတသော ကိုယ်လက်လှုပ်ရှားမှုကို မှန်မှန်ဆောင်ရွက်ပါ။
- (၆) နေ့စဉ်လုပ်ငန်းဆောင်တာများ ဆောင်ရွက်ခြင်းကြောင့် ပင်ပန်း နှစ်နားယူမှုကိုပြောပျောက်စေရန် အနားယူပါ။
- (၇) ခြင်္သေ့အရပ်ရပ်ကွယ်ရပ် ခြင်္သေ့ခြင်္သေ့အိမ်ပါ။
- (၈) ကျန်းမာရေးနှင့်ညီညွတ်သော ယဉ်ကျေးမှုသဘောတရားပါ။
- (၉) အရက်သောက်ခြင်း၊ ဆေးလိပ်ဆေးရွက် သောက်သုံးခြင်း၊ ကျွမ်းကျင်မှုကိုရှောင်ကြဉ်ပါ။
- (၁၀) မူးယစ်ဆေးဝါးနှင့် စိတ်ကိုဖြောင့်လဲစေသည့် ဆေးဝါးများ သုံးစွဲခြင်းကို ရှောင်ကြဉ်ပါ။
- (၁၁) အပျော်အပါးလိုက်စားခြင်းကို ရှောင်ကြဉ်ပါ။
- (၁၂) ရေ၊ မြေ၊ လေ သဘာဝပတ်ဝန်းကျင်နှင့် နေထိုင်မှု၊ အသက်မွေးမှုပတ်ဝန်းကျင်တို့အား ညစ်ညမ်းစေသည့် အပြစ်အမှုများကို ရှောင်ကြဉ်ပါ။

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## Bomb kills three Iraqis north of Baghdad

**BAQUBA (Iraq), 9 May — A bomb exploded outside the house of a police officer north of Baghdad on Saturday, killing three and wounding four members of the same family, police said.**

They said the officer, Muayyad Ayid, escaped the attack in the town of Habbab, 55 miles north of Baghdad. But a family passing by was caught in blast, police said.

In a separate incident, three gunmen opened fire at the house of a local official in the village of Wijahiyah, wounding one policeman, police said.

MNA/Reuters



## Chinese, Italian premiers hold talks to boost bilateral ties

ROME, 9 May — Visiting Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao held talks with his Italian counterpart Silvio Berlusconi on Friday to discuss ways to deepen the bilateral ties and international issues of common concern.

Before the talks, Berlusconi held a welcoming ceremony in Wen's honour. The two governments are expected to issue a joint declaration following the talks. Berlusconi will also host a banquet in Wen's honour in the evening.

The Chinese Premier arrived in Rome on Thursday for an official visit. He and his Italian counterpart attended and addressed the Seminar on Promoting Investment between China and Italy on Friday and later the Chinese Premier visited the Italy's major aerospace company Alespazio.

Alenia Spazio is the major Italian space company. Its capabilities and experience make it one of the leaders in Europe and it has contributed to the construction of around 200 satellites. The company's activities cover four high technology areas: telecommunications, remote sensing, orbital infrastructures and scientific satellites. Some 3,000 employees work in these sectors in seven plants containing 16,000 square metres of clean rooms and laboratories that are amongst the most advanced in the world.

The Chinese Premier also met with Italian President Carlo Azeglio Ciampi and speakers of the Chamber of Deputies and the Senate on Friday.

The friendship and cooperation between China and Italy in every respect have witnessed smooth development since the establishment of diplomatic ties in 1970. In recent years, exchange of visits between the leaders of the two sides has increased, which promoted the understanding between the two sides, and pushed the bilateral relationship forward.

Italy is China's fifth trading partner in the European Union. The Sino-Italian economic and technological cooperation has also witnessed a rapid development. In 2003, bilateral trade volume stood at 11.7 billion US dollars.

The Chinese Premier kicked off his 11-day European tour on Sunday, the first visit to Europe by Wen since he took office as Premier one year ago. Italy is the third country of the Premier's five-nation tour, which has taken him to Germany and Belgium. He will also visit Britain and Ireland.

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### တီဘီရောဂါကာကွယ်နှိမ်နင်းရေး

- (က) ရောဂါဖြစ်ပွားသူစက်ဝိုက်
- ဤရောဂါသည်တီဘီရောဂါဖြစ်သော ကူးစက်ရောဂါဖြစ်သည်။  
ဝေဒနာရှင် ရောဂါဆိုးခြင်း၊ နှာချေခြင်း၊ သလိပ်တံတွေးမှ တစ်ဆင့် ရောဂါပိုးများလေထဲတွင်ပျံ့နှံ့၍ ကူးစက်သည်။
- အသက်အရွယ်မရွေး လူတိုင်းတွင်ဖြစ်ပွားနိုင်သည်။
  - အဆုတ်တွင်အများဆုံးဖြစ်ပွားပြီး ကိုယ်ခန္ဓာအနှံ့အပြားတွင်လည်း ဖြစ်နိုင်သည်။
  - ဆီးချိုရောဂါ၊ ခုခံအားကျဆင်းမှုကူးစက်ရောဂါနှင့် အာဟာရ ချို့တဲ့မှုရှိသူများတွင် အဖြစ်များသည်။
- (ခ) ရောဂါလက္ခဏာများ
- ရက်ရှည်ချောင်းဆိုးခြင်း (ရက်သတ္တပတ် သုံးပတ်နှင့်အထက်)။
  - ချောင်းဆိုးသွေးပါခြင်း။
  - သလိပ်တံတွေးသွေးပါခြင်း။
  - အဖျားတာရှည်ခြင်း။
  - ခံတွင်းပျက်ခြင်း၊ မောပန်းလွယ်ခြင်း။
  - ကိုယ်အလေးချိန်နည်းလာခြင်း၊ ပိန်ချူခြင်း။
  - ကျောရင်အောင့်ခြင်း။
- (ဂ) ကြိုတင်ကာကွယ်ခြင်း
- ရင်သွေးငယ်များ အား ကာကွယ်ဆေး(ဘီစီဂျီ)ကိုမပျက်မကွက် ထိုးပေးပါ။
  - အာဟာရပြည့်ဝသော အစားအစာများကိုစားသုံးပါ။
  - သင့်တင့်လျှောက်ပတ်သောကိုယ်လက်လှုပ်ရှားမှုပြုလုပ်ပါ။
  - ချောင်းဆိုးခြင်း၊ နှာချေသွေး လက်ကိုင်ပတ်ကို အသုံးပြုပါ။
  - သလိပ်နှင့်တံတွေးကိုစည်းကမ်းမဲ့ထွေးခြင်းမှရှောင်ကြဉ်ပါ။
  - ဆေးလိပ်သောက်ခြင်းမှရှောင်ကြဉ်ပါ။
- (ဃ) ကုသမှုယူခြင်း
- တိုက်ရိုက်ကြည့်ရှုအချိန်တိုနှင့်ကုသခြင်း ရောဂါကင်းသည်အထိ ကုသမှုခံယူပါ။
  - ကုသမှုခံယူခြင်းသည် အခြားသူများသို့ကူးစက်စေခြင်းမှ အကောင်းဆုံးကာကွယ်ခြင်းဖြစ်သည်။
- တီဘီရောဂါသံသယရှိလျှင် နီးစပ်ရာကျန်းမာရေးဌာနတွင် စစ်ဆေး၍ တီဘီရောဂါရှိပါက အစွမ်းထက်သောတီဘီဆေးဝါးများဖြင့် အစမဲကုသမှုခံယူပါ။

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## Russian, Afghan Foreign Ministers discuss bilateral ties

Moscow, 9 May — Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov and his Afghan counterpart Abdullah Abdullah reached an agreement on Friday on close cooperation in fighting drug trafficking, Russian news agencies reported.

In a joint Press conference following their talks, Lavrov said that Russian experts will take part in a conference on fighting drug trafficking from Afghanistan, scheduled for June in Afghanistan.

Lavrov said that a significant part of Afghan debt to Russia will be written off, noting that the issue will be resolved in the framework of the Paris Club.

"We have agreed that Russia's and Afghanistan's representatives will hold specific discussions on this issue," Lavrov said.

According to Russian officials, Afghanistan owes Russia more than nine billion US dollars.

Afghanistan insists on writing off the entire sum, while Russia only agrees that most of the debt can be restructured, while some may be written off.

Abdullah, on his part, noted the assistance of Russia to Afghanistan is very important for the reconstruction of stability in his country.

The two ministers also discussed cooperation in fighting international terrorism, the Middle East and Iraq.

Abdullah arrived in Moscow on Thursday on a two-day working visit.

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## Russia sees no reason to stop nuclear cooperation with Iran

Moscow, 9 May — Russian Federal Atomic Agency reaffirmed on Friday Russia's commitment to continue nuclear cooperation with Iran.

"We see no reason why we should end our nuclear energy cooperation with Iran," ITAR-TASS quoted the agency spokesman Nikolai Shingarev as saying.

He was commenting on a call made by the US House of Representatives for the world community, including Russia and the European Union, "to put an end to any cooperation with Teheran", which is allegedly making secret preparations for the manufacture of nuclear weapons.

Russia is helping Iran build an 800-million-US-dollar nuclear power plant in the coastal city of Bushehr.

"By constructing the first power-generating unit in the Iranian nuclear power plant in the country's southern city of Bushehr, Russia is fulfilling its international commitment under a Russian-Iranian intergovernmental agreement and will do so in full," Shingarev said.

MNA/Xinhua

## Kindergartens roped into fight against smoking

BANGKOK, 9 May — Kindergarten children are not often asked to participate in nationwide campaigns to change adult behaviour, but Action on Smoking and Health (ASH) of Thailand is hoping that pre-schoolers will successfully be able to persuade their parents to kick their cigarette habits.

Launching ASH's latest anti-smoking drive, ASH secretary-general Professor Prakrit Watheesathakajij was quoted by the Thai News Agency as saying Saturday that to mark World Anti-Smoking Day on May 31, the foundation would enlist the support of kindergartens to make adults aware of the dangers that smoking posed towards child health.

Professor Prakrit noted that by quitting smoking, parents would not only help protect the health of their offspring, but would also have extra money to spend on things that would benefit their children.

Research by the World Health Organization (WHO) suggests that children can play a vital role in persuading adults to give up smoking.

ASH hopes that kindergartens and schools will take part in its anti-smoking drive, and is inviting schools across the country to display posters, stickers and piggy banks with anti-smoking messages.

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### သတိပေးနှိုးဆော်ချက်

ခရီးသည်တင်စက်တော်ယာဉ်များအား မြို့တွင်းသို့ နေ့/ည ခရီးသည်ပို့ဆောင်နိုင်ရေးအတွက် သတိပေးချက်ရရှိအပ်သည့် စက်သုံးဆီထုပ်ပေးထားပြီး ဖြစ်ပါသည်။ ယာဉ်စီးခများအားလည်း သတိမှတ်နှုန်းထားများအတိုင်းတောင်းခံရန် ညွှန်ကြားထားရှိပါသည်။ သို့ရာတွင် အချို့ယာဉ်လိုင်းများမှ ယာဉ်မောင်းနှင့် ယာဉ်နောက်လိုက်တို့သည် ယာဉ်စီးခများကို ညပိုင်းတွင် ပိုမိုတောင်းယူနေကြောင်း သိရှိပါသည်။ ထိုသို့ပိုမိုတောင်းခံပါက ထိရောက်စွာ အရေးယူနိုင်ရန် အောက်ပါနံပါတ်များသို့ တိုင်ကြားနိုင်ပါသည်။

(၁) မြန်မာနိုင်ငံရဲတပ်ဖွဲ့၊ ရန်ကုန်တိုင်း (ဖုန်း ၁၉၉)  
(၂) ကြီးကြပ်ရေးနှင့်ဆောင်ရွက်မှုဌာန (ဖုန်း၂၉၁၈၅/၂၉၁၈၄)  
(၃) မော်တော်ယာဉ်လုပ်ငန်းပေါင်းစုံဦးစီးဌာန (ဖုန်း ၅၄၄၀၅/၅၄၄၀၄)

ယာဉ်စီးကမ်းထိန်းသိမ်းရေးကြပ်မူကော်မတီ

### အရက်ကြောင့်ဖြစ်သည့်ရောဂါများ

အရက်ကိုလွန်ကဲစွာစားသုံးခြင်းကြောင့် ဖြစ်ပွားတတ်သောရောဂါများမှာ အသည်းရောင်ခြင်း၊ အသည်းခြောက်ခြင်း၊ သွေးအန်ခြင်း၊ အစာအိမ်ရောင်ခြင်း၊ နှလုံးရောင်ခြင်း၊ ဦးနှောက်နှင့်အာရုံကြောထိခိုက်ခြင်း၊ စိတ်ရောဂါများဖြစ်ခြင်း စသည်တို့ဖြစ်ပါသည်။

အရက်ကြောင့်ဖြစ်တတ်သော စိတ်ရောဂါများမှာ -

၁။ ကယောင်ကတမ်းဖြစ်ခြင်း (Delirium Tremors)၊ ကြောက်လန့်ခြင်း၊ အချိန်၊ နာရီ၊ နေ့ရက်၊ လူ ခန့်မှန်နိုင်စွမ်း မရှိခြင်း၊ ကြောက်စရာလန့်စရာများမြင်ရခြင်း၊ အသံဗလများ ကြားရခြင်း၊ ပိုးမွှားများအဖွားကိုယ်ပေါ် ရုစိစိသွားသလိုခံစားရခြင်း၊ လက်တုန်ရောဂါဖြစ်တတ်ခြင်း။

၂။ အရက်အလွန်အကျွံသောက်သည့်အခါတွင် လူမရှိတဲ့နားထဲတွင် ခေါ်သံများ၊ ခြိမ်းခြောက်သံများ၊ စော်ကားမော်ကားသံများ ကြားနေရတတ်ခြင်း (Alcoholic Hallucinations)။

၃။ အတက်ကြီးရောဂါဖြစ်တတ်ခြင်း (Rum Fits)  
(ဝက်ရံမြန်ရောဂါကဲ့သို့တတ်ခြင်း)။

၄။ စိတ်ဓာတ်ကျရောဂါဖြစ်တတ်ခြင်း (Depressive Illness)။

၅။ စိတ်ဖောက်ပြန်ခြင်း (Alcoholic Psychosis)။

၆။ ဦးနှောက်ချို့ယွင်းခြင်း။

၇။ အရက်နှင့်မတည့်သောသူများသည် အရက်အနည်းငယ်သောက်ရုံဖြင့် ရုတ်တရက် စိတ်ဖောက်ပြန်တတ်ခြင်း (Pathological Drunkenness)။

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

၉။ အရက်ကြောင့် ရာဇဝတ်မှုကျူးလွန်သည့်အထိ ဖြစ်နိုင်ခြင်း။

အထက်ပါဆိုကျိုးများကို မခံစားရစေရန် အရက်သောက်သုံးခြင်း၊ အထူးသဖြင့် အလွန်အကျွံသောက်သုံးခြင်း၊ အရက်ကို စွဲလမ်းစွာသောက်သုံးခြင်းတို့မှ ရှောင်ကြဉ်ရန် တိုက်တွန်းအပ်ပါသည်။ အရက်စွဲရောဂါဖြစ်ပွားပါက စိတ်ကျန်းမာရေးဆေးရုံနှင့် ကုသရေးဌာနများတွင် စနစ်တကျကုသမှုခံယူရန် အသိပေးနှိုးဆော်အပ်ပါသည်။

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## Greece plans to promote renewable energy resources

ATHENS, 9 May — Greek Deputy Development Minister George Salagoudis announced on Friday that the government is determined to adopt aggressive policies for the promotion of environmentally-friendly renewable energy sources.

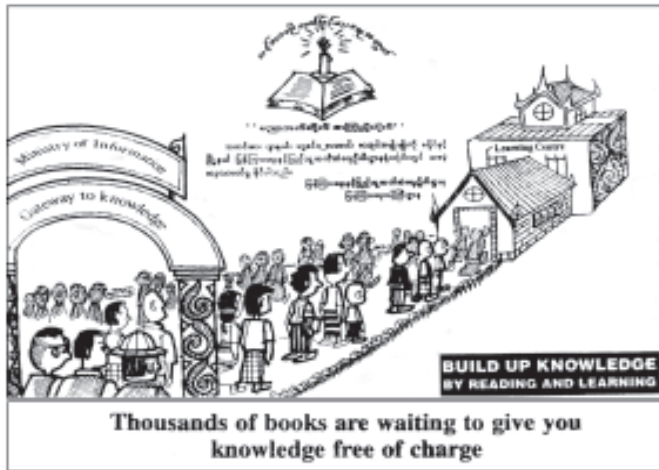
In his opening speech to the annual conference of the European Photovoltaic Industry Association (EPIA), he said the government planned to provide incentives for the wider distribution of new technological applications like solar-powered photovoltaic systems.

Speakers at the conference stressed the need to reduce Europe's dependency on polluting, imported fuels like oil and replace them with domestic and inexhaustible energy

sources, such as solar power. For Greece in particular, they stressed the need for strong incentives for the production of electricity using photovoltaic, especially in private homes, through subsidies for installing photovoltaic systems and higher prices for photovoltaic electricity sold to the national grid.

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### Commemorative coin to mark 100th anniversary of China Red Cross

BEIJING, 9 May— The People's Bank of China on Saturday will issue a commemorative coin to mark the 100th anniversary of the establishment of the Red Cross Society of China.

The coin is made of one ounce of silver and is valued at 10 yuan. The front is designed with the emblem, country name and issue year and bears the Chinese characters which read "100th Anniversary of the Red Cross Society of China". The back is designed with pictures symbolizing peace and love, the value and the same expression in English.

Sixty thousand coins will be issued, a bank official said Friday.

The Red Cross Society of China has set up branches throughout the whole country. — MNA/Xinhua

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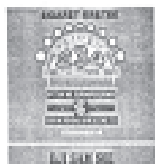
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### City taps business value of public toilets

BEIJING, 9 May— Since Beijing stopped collecting fees at public toilets a few years ago, building and maintaining the operation of public toilets have become a headache for district governments.

To solve this problem, the government of Beijing's Fengtai District has decided to raise funds for construction of public toilets by allowing investors to use parts of the toilet building for commercial purposes.

Two companies had won the bid to build and manage 50 first-class public toilets along main streets and roads of Fengtai District. The new toilets would be three-storey buildings, with the semi-basement and part of the ground floor designated as public toilets and the rest for commercial use.

In addition, commercial advertisements are allowed in the toilet areas.

These public toilets, each with a floor space of no less than 450 square metres, are

expected to be put into use by November this year.

The investors, Beijing Zhongbaojie Environmental Equipment and Technology Co. and Beijing Jintaocheng Investment Management Co, enjoy the use rights to these toilets for a defined period of time.

Management of a public toilet, which would involve at least two keepers and such matters as water and electricity supply, heating, drainage, transport and daily maintenance, cost at least 40,000 yuan (about 4,819 dollars) a year.

It is estimated that construction of the new-type toilet will cost around 800,000 yuan (about 96,386 US dollars).

MNA/Xinhua

### India to fund Sri Lankan hospital upgrading

COLOMBO, 9 May— The Indian Government has decided to provide 500 million rupees (about 11.4 million US dollars) for the construction of a 200-bed building at the Dickoya Rural Hospital in central hilly area of Sri Lanka, the official Daily News said on Friday.

A spokesman of the Health Ministry said that the hospital will cater to a population of around 200,000 living in the upcountry area where the maternal and child health care facilities are in poor condition and most of the patients are treated at estate dispensaries.

The new complex will be constructed on a 1.5-acre block of land in the present Dickoya Rural Hospital, which was built during the



## China enlarges enrollment of military recruits in civilian universities

BEIJING, 9 May — Chinese civilian universities will enroll a record number of 8,000 students from 31 provinces this year, who should promise to serve the Army after graduation, according to sources with the General Political Department of the People's Liberation Army (PLA).

While accelerating the modernization drive, the PLA has found it difficult to satisfy its increasing demand for professionals, especially those majoring in electronic and mechanical engineering, if only depending on military universities. So the PLA tried to entrust civilian universities to cultivate military professional officers from 1998.

On 30 May of 2000, China published a regulation entrusting civilian universities to train military students for the PLA, who are required to sign contracts to serve the Army after graduation.

By now, there are about 15,000 students of this kind working at 90 universities, most of them majoring in engineering and information technology, which are believed crucial to the military modernization, said an officer of the department.

High school graduates can sign up to be this kind of military student at university if they pass the necessary physical, political and cultural examination, and junior university students also can apply, he said.

During their studies, all 8,000 students will be entitled to a scholarship of 5,000 yuan (602 US dollars) a year with adjustment for cost-of-living differences.

Different from students of military schools, these students are enrolled under the same requirements as other civilian students and will be treated the same as their peers in civilian universities in daily life except for some basic military training.

They can enjoy the freedom of common students and still have the chance to be post-graduates after making agreements with the military units.

"I wished to be a military officer when I was a child, but I was afraid of tough physical training which I had to face in common training procedures. This kind of enrollment satisfied me with its more soft physical training and more colourful campus life," said Chu Xiong, a junior student of Beijing University of Science and Engineering who signed a contract promising to serve the Army.

"Although most students choose to be military officers because of interest in the Army, the financial aid and ensured employment are reasons why so many students make the choice," said Liu Handong, official in charge of managing those students at the Beijing University of Science and Engineering.

MNA/Xinhua

### Brazil storm makes hundreds homeless

RIO DE JANEIRO (Brazil), 9 May—Four fishermen were missing as a strong storm hit southern Brazil on Thursday, and at least 420 people abandoned their destroyed or damaged homes, civil defence officials said.

"We have 420 people sheltered in gymnasiums and schools. Some of the houses had roofs blown away, others were flooded," said Lieutenant Giovanni Matiuizi of Santa Catarina state civil defence.

A boat sank off the coast of Sao Paulo state on Wednesday night before the storm hit land and four fishermen were still missing. One fisherman was found alive on Thursday.

Meteorologists said the cyclone could bring more damage during the night and on Friday, but not on the scale of a hurricane-like disaster that struck the same area in March. — MNA/Reuters

### One killed, 30 injured in bus crash in Czech city

PRAGUE, 9 May — A regularly scheduled bus crashed early Thursday morning near the village of Sokolnice outside the Czech city of Brno, killing one person and injuring more than 30 others, local media reported.

Reports quoted the spokesman of the local fire brigade as saying that the driver of the bus smashed the vehicle into the pillar of an overpass of a rail line, causing the mishap.

The accident claimed the life of a 74-year-old woman. A total of 32 passengers were transported by ambulances to hospitals in Brno with various degrees of injury. Ten of them were seriously injured.

The impact was so strong that all of the seats in the bus broke loose, and the victims had to be removed from the wreckage using hydraulic instruments, reports said.

MNA/Xinhua

### Two Portuguese fishing boats seized by Canada

OTTAWA, 9 May — Two Portuguese fishing boats have been seized off the East Coast just off Canada's 200-mile limit, reports reaching here said Thursday.

The two boats were allegedly fishing for cod, a species under moratorium, sources at the Canada's Fisheries Department told reporters.

Canada's new rules give Canada the right to seize vessels outside the economic zone if it suspects illegal activity.

Officials at the Navy's public affairs office confirmed a Navy frigate was involved in the arrests, but said the warship only played a supporting role. — MNA/Xinhua

### Light plane crash kills 3 in Colombia

BOGOTA, 9 May — At least three people were killed and four others wounded when a light airplane crashed in Carepa Municipality, Colombian authorities said Thursday. The plane crashed when it was approaching Los Cedros Airport, killing the pilot, the copilot and one of the passengers.

Authorities identified the pilot as Jaime Gutierrez, while still searching for the documents of the other two victims. The four survivors were receiving medical attention in nearby hospitals.

An investigation was underway into the causes of the crash. — MNA/Xinhua

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## Chinese Premier vows to crack down on trademark piracy

ROME, 9 May—Visiting Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao on Friday pledged to crack down on trademark piracy and better protect intellectual property rights.

Addressing a seminar on promoting investment between China and Italy, held at the headquarters of the Italian National Industrialists Confederation (Confindustria), Wen said the Chinese Government attaches great importance to intellectual property protection and has adopted a series of measures to crack down on piracy, including setting up a special commission led by Vice-Premier Wu Yi to address this issue.

"Famous brands are intellectual properties representing competitive capacity and interests, thus should be protected," he told some 700 representatives from Italian and

Chinese business circles.

He urged entrepreneurs from China and Italy to actively invest in each other's countries and contribute to pushing forward bilateral economic cooperation and trade.

The Chinese Premier said Italy's investment in China to date totals 2.44 billion US dollars, accounting for only 4.6 per cent of Italy's total investment volume overseas.

Among the reasons are Italian enterprises' lack of understanding of the Chinese market. Most Italian investment in China is centred in Shanghai and other big coastal cities, said Wen, who arrived here Thursday for a three-day

visit as part of his five-nation European tour.

Italy is an industrialized nation possessing mature technology, famous brands, exquisite craftsmanship and a large number of small- and medium-sized enterprises in particular, he noted.

"If Italian entrepreneurs widen their breadth of view, they can find their ideal cooperation partners not only in China's east coastal area, but also in the central, western and northwest regions," he told the seminar which opened on Thursday.

The Premier also urged the Chinese entrepreneurs to learn more of Italian conditions, abide by Italian laws and regulations and seek out complementary cooperation areas and projects.

MNA/Xinhua

## Greece, Turkey vow to continue fence-mending efforts

ATHENS, 9 May—Greece and Turkey pledged Friday to seek a "strategic partnership" as Turkish Prime Minister Tayyip Erdogan began his landmark visit to Athens aimed at furthering the search for a solution to long-standing disputes between the two sides over boundaries in the Aegean Sea and the divided Cyprus.

The visit, the first by a Turkish Premier since 1988, kicked off a month after the failure of a UN bid to reunite Cyprus' Turkish and Greek communities and further cemented noticeably warmer relations started when a thaw set in between the two in 1999.

Erdogan said he supported the idea of "strategic partnership" put forward by Greek Prime Minister Costas Karamanlis.

Karamanlis told a joint news conference that bilateral relations between the two countries have entered a "new orbit" and he was satisfied with the progress.

"Both Mr. Erdogan and I reaffirmed our political volition to further strengthen the cooperation between the two countries in all sectors and to take the maximum possible advantage of the existing positive momentum," he said. Karamanlis further reaffirmed the Greek Government's support for Turkey's EU membership prospects and for the country's reform efforts.

With regards to the Aegean continental shelf dispute, Karamanlis said exploratory

talks on the issue will continue and that the political will exists to find a solution.

On the long-standing problem of Cyprus, Karamanlis said the goal of reunification remains intact in order that both Greek and Turkish Cypriots can eventually enjoy the benefits of EU membership.

Cyprus joined the European Union on May 1 but remained divided after Greek Cypriot voters last month overwhelmingly rejected a UN plan to reunify the island.

Karamanlis also expressed satisfaction with the decision of the Republic of Cyprus to take steps to assist the Turkish Cypriots, mainly economically, reiterating that Athens' goal was the reunification of the island.

Erdogan, heading a large delegation of government officials, entrepreneurs and media, said in turn that progress in bilateral ties continues unabated. Some 25 agreements have been signed over the past five years between the two sides and both countries are working for continuing improvement in relations, he said. — MNA/Xinhua

## New AIDS centre opens in Lesotho

JOHANNESBURG, 9 May—A medical centre providing anti-retroviral (ARV) treatment to people living with HIV/AIDS opened Friday in Maseru, capital of Lesotho.

The Senkatana Centre is one of the five community-based HIV/AIDS treatment support programmes in southern Africa, a region hit hardest by the disease in the world. It was supported by a 100-million-US-dollar project of pharmaceutical giant Bristol-Myers Squibb, the South African Press Association reported.

The project, Secure the Future, gave a three-year grant of 27.5 million rand (4 million dollars) to the centre to conduct a national ARV programme.

"This centre is an important step toward our national ARV programme. Its operational research focus will help us to refine how to improve the quality of life, har-

ness community contributions and reduce premature loss of life," Motloheloa Phooko, Lesotho's Minister of Health and Social Welfare, was quoted as saying.

In the past 18 months, Secure the Future has worked with ministries and departments of health, the private sector and non-governmental organizations in Lesotho, Namibia, South Africa and Botswana to develop a programme to support the provision of ARV therapy in hard-to-reach areas.

Landlocked and situated entirely within the borders of South Africa, Lesotho have 330,000 HIV-positive individuals out of an adult population of under one million. —MNA/Xinhua

## Ugandan govt allocates \$3.4m to treat AIDS patients

KAMPALA, 9 May—The AIDS Support Organization (TASO) has received 6.8 billion shillings (3.4 million US dollars) from Uganda's Presidential Emergency Fund for AIDS for it to provide free antiretroviral (ARV) therapy for AIDS patients, the New Vision newspaper reported Friday.

TASO said it has started offering the free antiretroviral (ARV) therapy to 3,000 patients.

TASO Executive Director Alex Coutinho said that "we expect that in 2005, we shall increase the number to about 7,000".

She said that they will operate on "first come, first serve" basis.

"Selection of clients to

benefit will be guided by the national selection criteria as stipulated in the national antiretroviral therapy policy documents. A process of selection according to the time of registration with TASO will also be considered to address the clients who registered first," said Christine Nabiryo, head of the antiretroviral (ARV) therapy unit. —MNA/Xinhua



Aila, a 10-year-old capuchin monkey, plays with a telephone during a news conference announcing the opening ceremonies of the 'Helping Hands: Monkey Helpers for the Disabled' organization's 'monkey college' facility in the Brighton section of Boston on 7 May, 2004. The organization, which has already trained more than 93 monkeys to live with and assist severely disabled or paralyzed people, hopes to enroll hundreds of new student monkeys in its 2-3 year 'monkey college' training programme. —INTERENT

## Strong quake jolts southwestern Pakistan

QUETTA (Pakistan), 9 May—An earthquake jolted the southwestern Pakistani city of Quetta on Sunday morning, injuring at least seven people and waking up residents from their sleep.

An official of the seismological office in Quetta said an earthquake measuring 4.7 on the Richter Scale shook Quetta at 2011 GMT, causing widespread panic.

"I was woken up from sleep, there was a deep rumbling sound and the whole bed was shaking," one resi-

dent said.

Another resident said people heard a growling sound followed by a shaking of the ground. A hospital official said they had received seven people with minor injuries caused by the tremor.

MNA/Reuters

## Shanghai Volkswagen gets investment increase of 1.5b yuan

SHANGHAI, 9 May—China's Shanghai Auto Group and Germany's Volkswagen, two parent companies of the Shanghai Volkswagen Corporation, have decided to increase investment of 1.5 billion yuan in the joint venture.

The increased investment will be used to rebuild the No. 5 Plant of Shanghai Volkswagen in the Pudong area of Shanghai, expanding its production capacity to 150,000 sedans a year.

Shanghai Volkswagen is the largest sedan producer in China. With the investment increase, the registered capital of Shanghai Volkswagen has reached 7.8 billion yuan and its total assets reached nearly 30 billion yuan. So far, the company has had six investment increases in the past 20 years. Currently, Shanghai Volkswagen has three car plants, one engine plant and a car development and research centre. In 2003, it produced 396,000 sedans, taking the lead in the country. The figure is expected to reach 462,000 sedans this year.

MNA/Xinhua

MNA/Xinhua

## India tries to tighten emigration control to Gulf states

NEW DELHI, 9 May—Stung by reports of maltreatment of Indian nationals working under the US-led coalition authority in Iraq, the Indian Government said on Saturday it has taken a number of steps to tighten emigration control to the Gulf states.

The government also asked its missions in Baghdad, Amman and

Kuwait to give assistance to Indians in the war-ravaged country wanting to return home, External Affairs Ministry spokesman Navtej Sarna said.

He said no Indian police officer has been sent to Iraq to train Iraqi police nor was there any concrete proposal under its consideration for sending such officers there or anywhere else for this

purpose.

The government's immediate priority was to ensure the safety and security of Indian nationals including ex-servicemen who have been taken to Iraq by recruiting agents on false assurances in contravention of the emigration requirements, the spokesman added.

## SPORTS

**Houllier believes Owen will sign new deal at Anfield**

LIVERPOOL (England), 9 May—Liverpool manager Gerard Houllier is confident England striker Michael Owen will sign a new deal at Anfield.

Owen, 24, is out of contract at the end of next season and preliminary talks about a new deal have begun.

"I firmly believe that Michael will still be here with us next season," Houllier told reporters on Friday.

"Michael loves this club having come through the system and we are all hopeful a new deal can be agreed."

Owen made his debut for Liverpool in 1997 and has scored 156 goals in 295 appearances for the club.

MNA/Reuters

**Fulham's Coleman reluctant to sign new contract**

LONDON, 9 May—Fulham manager Chris Coleman will not sign a fresh contract with the West London side unless deputy Steve Kean is also given a satisfactory new deal.

Coleman said on the Premier League club's website on Friday that he was close to signing a new contract but wanted to make sure his assistant manager also got a good deal.

"It's either both of us or neither of us," said the 33-year-old.

"I'm 99 per cent there and can't envisage any problems with my contract but it's important that Steve is happy with what's on the table for him."

"Keano has had a great season himself," Coleman added. "He is an outstanding coach and the lads have taken to him and we are very much a partnership."

After a car crash cut short his playing career in 2001, Coleman became the Premier League's youngest manager in 2003, steering Fulham away from relegation, and as high as fourth place this season.—MNA/Reuters

**Rivaldo deal "dead in the water", says Allardyce**

LONDON, 9 May—Bolton Wanderers manager Sam Allardyce says his attempt to sign Brazil's World Cup winner Rivaldo is now "dead in the water".

Allardyce has not given up all hope of still pulling off a deal but has grown increasingly frustrated waiting for a decision from the 32-year-old player over a contract offer.

The former AC Milan and Barcelona forward, a free agent, returned home to Brazil after talks with the Premier League club last month.

"We've had no word from him and I think it's dead in the water at the moment," Allardyce told the Premier League club's web site on Friday.

"It's not 100 per cent finished but looks very, very doubtful from our point of view."

Rivaldo quit Cruzeiro at the end of February after less than two months at the Brazilian club when coach Vanderley Luxemburgo, who signed him, was sacked. He can sign for Bolton immediately if terms are agreed.

Scottish champions Celtic have also expressed an interest in signing a player whose star has been on the wane since he left Barcelona in June, 2002.

"Like anything else we'd prefer to keep these things quiet -- we have been linked with so many players," O'Neill told the BBC.

"But the truth is when somebody like Rivaldo becomes available you have got to be interested."

MNA/Reuters



Carlos Moya of Spain returns a backhand to Romania's Andrei Pavel during their quarter-final match at the Rome Masters on 7 May, 2004. The winner of the match will play a semi-final against Mariano Zabaleta of Argentina on Saturday.—INTERNET

**Van Nistelrooy back for Chelsea match**

MANCHESTER (England), 9 May—Leading scorer Ruud van Nistelrooy has been included in the squad for Manchester United's Premier League match against Chelsea on Saturday.

The Dutch international has scored 29 goals this season but has played just once since the end of March because of knee and thigh injuries.

Chelsea are four points clear of United in second place with two games to go, and Ferguson believes the second automatic qualification place for the Champions League is out of reach.

"I think the second spot is probably beyond us, but winning your last (home) game is always important, as is getting some form before the (FA Cup) final," Ferguson told reporters on Friday.

Manchester United play Aston Villa away in their final league match before facing First Division Millwall in the FA Cup final at the Millennium Stadium on May 22.

"With Chelsea having Leeds United, and there will be lot of despondency over at Elland Road at the moment after they have been relegated, you would expect Chelsea to win their last game. But we want to win our last home game and that's why tomorrow's an important game," Ferguson said.

United prepare to face the losing Champions League semifinalists having lost three of their last four games. They are 13 points behind newly-crowned champions Arsenal.

"The players, for the first time, haven't been contesting the league and they have found it difficult after beating Arsenal in the (FA Cup) semifinal," Ferguson said.

Ferguson also dismissed the latest round of media reports linking van Nistelrooy with a move to Real Madrid, saying the striker would be staying at Old Trafford.

MNA/Reuters



Soo-Yun Kang of South Korea, reacts to a birdie putt on the ninth hole during second round of the Michelob Ultra Open at the Kingsmill Golf Club in Williamsburg, Va, on 7 May, 2004.—INTERNET

**Blatter urges Asians to improve domestic leagues**

KUALA LUMPUR, 9 May—FIFA President Sepp Blatter suggested on Friday that Asian soccer would improve and more top quality European and South American players would play there if Asian league soccer was better organized.

He urged Asian football chiefs to work towards correcting the current imbalance of player exchanges between Asia and the rest of the world.

Blatter said the number

of top Asian stars playing in European leagues was ample proof that Asia possesses world-class players. However, he said Asian countries should try to develop their domestic leagues so that more quality European and South American players would also look to Asia as a viable arena.

"Asian football has to look at ensuring they have good professional domestic leagues. This is the way to attract top Europeans and

players from other parts of the world," Blatter told journalists on Friday at the launch of Asian Football Confederation's (AFC) official 50th Anniversary book Power Of Dreams.

Currently, Japan's J.League is the most lucrative and best-organized Asian league. While many European and South Americans ply their trade in Japan, Korea, China and other parts of Asia, these players either failed in their own countries or are in the twilight of their careers. In contrast, the handful of Japanese, Chinese, Korean and Iranian footballers playing abroad are the cream of Asian talent.

Blatter identified AFC's Vision Asia programme as the vehicle to raise the profile of Asian football, which celebrates its 50th anniversary on Saturday. Vision Asia is the creation of AFC President Mohamed bin Hammam and is aimed at raising standards among Asia's 45 countries at all levels, including administration, club structure and marketing.—MNA/Reuters

**Ranieri wants to finish good job at Chelsea**

HARLINGTON (England), 9 May—Claudio Ranieri believes he has done a good job at Chelsea and should be allowed to finish it.

The Italian coach, whose team were beaten in the Champions League semifinals by Monaco on Wednesday, expects to be replaced at the end of the season, with British newspapers tipping Porto boss Jose Mourinho as his successor.

"I think I've done a very good job here. The plan is good," a weary looking Ranieri said before training for Saturday's Premier League clash with Manchester United.

"The foundation is good. The spirit of the group is strong. I would like to finish my job," he added.

Ranieri's job on Saturday is to lift his team out of their disappointment at losing the chance of European silverware and try to confirm their second spot in the Premier League.

Midfielder Joe Cole said the atmosphere in the dressing room after the Monaco game, a 2-2 draw which gave

the visitors a 5-3 aggregate victory, had been horrible. Several players had left the pitch in tears.

"We're going to have to see what we're made of now. We have to go and see what went wrong and then at Old Trafford on Saturday make sure that we're back on our games," Cole said.

With runaway Arsenal already champions, United are four points adrift of Chelsea with two matches to go. Second place means automatic qualification for next

season's Champions League.

Ranieri said few had expected Chelsea to advance so far either in Europe or domestically despite the injection of owner Roman Abramovich's billions.

Earlier this week the amiable Italian indicated he knew who his planned replacement was and that he did not expect Abramovich and chief executive Peter Kenyon to change their minds and keep him on.

MNA/Reuters

**Answers for yesterday's Crossword Puzzle**

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Amelie Mauresmo from France returns to Svetlana Kuznetsova from Russia during their third quarterfinal match of the 25th Ladies German Open in Berlin, on 7 May, 2004. Mauresmo won by 6-7, 6-3 and 6-1.

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## MRTV-3


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

- 9:00 Signature Tune  
Greeting  
9:02 Song of Myanmar  
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Sights "Myanmar Pano-  
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timent"  
9:06 Hill Resort Town  
(Thandaung)  
**9:10** **Headline News**  
9:12 Enjoy our Shan Food  
**9:15** **National News**  
9:20 Central Glass Pavilion  
9:25 Scenic Beauty of  
Tiddim & Cultural  
Dance  
**9:30** **National News**  
9:35 Folk Art of Pottery  
9:40 Songs On Screen  
"With a Weak Point"  
**9:45** **National News**  
9:50 Travelogue "Yanong  
to Bagan"  
9:58 Song of Myanmar  
Beauty & Scenic  
Sights "Come and See  
Myanmar"

**10-5-2004 (Monday)  
Evening Transmission  
(15:30 - 17:30)**

- 15:30 Signature Tune  
Greeting  
15:32 Song of Myanmar  
Beauty & Scenic  
Sights "Mingalabar"  
15:36 Hill Resort Town  
(Thandaung)  
**15:40** **Headline News**  
15:42 Enjoy our Shan Food  
**15:45** **National News**  
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- 16:30** **National News**  
16:35 Village of Palaung  
Myanma Traditional  
Musical Instruments  
(String Instruments)  
(Myanmar Harp)

- 16:45** **National News**  
16:50 Myanmar Green Tea  
16:55 Smart Beautiful Cart  
**17:00** **National News**  
17:05 Parahita Tiger School  
17:10 Songs "Rice Flowing  
Like a Canal"

- 17:15** **National News**  
17:20 Sagaing Pagoda-stud-  
ded Hills  
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 The Reh Lake (The  
Greatest attraction in  
Chin State)

- 19:40** **Headline News**  
19:42 Reminiscence in the  
Glow of Sunset

- 19:45** **National News**  
19:50 Myanmar Movie Im-  
pact

- 20:00** **National News**  
20:05 The Project of  
greening around  
Kandawgyi Garden  
20:10 Song "If it rain"  
20:12 The Grand Bagaya  
Monastery (Inwa)

- 20:15** **National News**  
20:20 Prospering and Devel-  
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20:25 Song "Shadow of  
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- 20:30** **National News**  
20:35 Lobsters Trading  
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21:25 Song of Myanmar  
Beauty & Scenic  
Sights "Mingalabar"

- 21:35 Hill Resort Town  
(Thandaung)  
**21:40** **Headline News**  
21:42 Enjoy our Shan Food  
**21:45** **National News**  
21:50 Central Glass Pavilion  
21:55 Scenic Beauty of  
Tiddim & Cultural  
Dance

- 22:00** **National News**  
22:05 Folk Art of Pottery  
22:10 Myanmar Modern  
Songs "With a Weak  
Point"

- 22:15** **National News**  
22:20 Travelogue "Yanong to  
Bagan"  
22:25 Song "The Beautiful  
Taninthayi"

- 22:30** **National News**  
22:35 Village of Palaung  
22:40 Myanmar Traditional  
Musical Instruments  
(String Instruments)  
(Myanmar Harp)

- 22:45** **National News**  
22:50 Myanmar Green Tea  
22:55 Smart Beautiful Cart

- 23:00** **National News**  
23:05 Parahita Tiger School  
23:10 Songs "Rice Flowing  
Like a Canal"

- 23:15** **National News**  
23:20 Sagaing Pagoda-stud-  
ded Hills  
23:25 Song of Myanmar  
Beauty & Scenic  
Sights "Come and See  
Myanmar"

**10-5-2004 (Monday) &  
11-5-2004 (Tuesday)  
Evening Transmission &  
Morning Transmission  
(23:30 - 1:30)**

- 23:30 Signature Tune  
Greeting  
23:32 Song of Myanmar  
Beauty & Scenic  
Sight "Mingalabar"

- 23:36 Hill Resort Town  
(Thandaung)  
**23:40** **Headline News**  
23:42 Enjoy our Shan Food  
**23:45** **National News**  
23:50 Central Glass Pavilion  
23:55 Scenic Beauty of  
Tiddim & Cultural  
Dance

- 24:00** **National News**  
00:05 Folk Art of Pottery  
00:10 Myanmar Modern  
Songs "With a Weak  
Point"

- 00:15** **National News**  
00:20 Travelogue "Yanong to  
Bagan"  
00:25 Song of Myanmar  
Beauty & Scenic  
Sights "Myanmar Pano-  
rama & Myanmar Sen-  
timent"

- 00:30** **National News**  
00:35 Village of Palaung  
00:40 Myanmar Traditional  
Musical Instruments  
(String Instruments)  
(Myanmar Harp)

- 00:45** **National News**  
00:50 Myanmar Green Tea  
00:55 Smart Beautiful Cart  
**01:00** **National News**  
01:05 Parahita Tiger School  
01:10 Songs "Rice Flowing  
Like a Canal"

- 01:15** **National News**  
01:20 Sagaing Pagoda-stud-  
ded Hills  
01:25 Song of Myanmar  
Beauty & Scenic  
Sights "Come and See  
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**11-5-2004 (Thursday)  
Morning Transmission  
(03:30 - 07:30)**

- 03:30 Signature Tune  
Greeting  
03:32 Song of Myanmar  
Beauty & Scenic  
Sights "Myanmar Pano-  
rama & Myanmar Sen-  
timent"

- 03:36 The Reh Lake (The  
Greatest attraction in  
Chin State)

- 03:40** **Headline News**  
03:42 Reminiscence in the  
Glow of Sunset

- 03:45** **National News**  
03:50 Myanmar Movie Im-  
pact

- 04:00** **National News**  
04:05 The Project of greening  
around Kandawgyi

- Garden  
04:10 Songs "If it rain"  
04:12 The Grand Bagaya  
Monastery (Inwa)

- 04:15** **National News**  
04:20 Prospering and Devel-  
oping Mon State  
04:25 Song "Shadow of  
love"

- 04:30** **National News**  
04:35 Lobsters Trading  
04:40 The Folk Art of Mak-  
ing ornaments with  
leaves

- 04:45** **National News**  
04:50 Marquetry  
04:55 Dance of the Royal  
Page

- 05:00** **National News**  
05:05 The Interesting places  
of Kachin State  
05:10 Songs On Screen  
"Love that didn't bring  
us together"

- 05:12 Myanmar Coffee  
**05:15** **National News**  
05:20 Mandalay, The Golden  
City  
05:25 Song of Myanmar  
Beauty & Scenic  
Sights "Mingalabar"

- 05:35 Hill Resort Town  
(Thandaung)  
**05:40** **Headline News**  
05:42 Enjoy our Shan Food

- 05:45** **National News**  
05:50 Central Glass Pavilion  
05:55 Scenic Beauty of  
Tiddim & Cultural  
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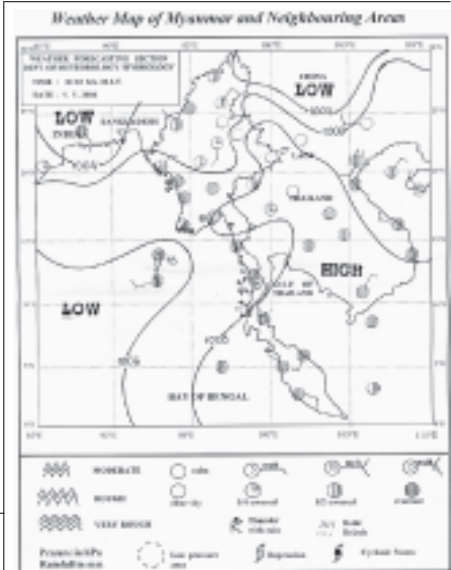
- 06:00** **National News**  
06:05 Folk Art of Pottery  
06:10 Myanmar Modern  
Songs "With a Weak  
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- 06:15** **National News**  
06:20 Travelogue "Yanong to  
Bagan"  
06:25 Song "The Beautiful  
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- 06:30** **National News**  
06:35 Village of Palaung  
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Musical Instruments  
(String Instruments)  
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- 06:45** **National News**  
06:50 Myanmar Green Tea  
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**07:00** **National News**  
07:05 Parahita Tiger School  
07:10 Song "Rice Flowing  
Like a Canal"

- 07:15** **National News**  
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**WEATHER**
**Sunday, 9 May, 2004**

**Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST:**  
During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Kachin and Shan States, Mandalay, Magway and upper Sagaing Divisions, rain or thundershowers have isolated in Chin, Mon, Kayah States, lower Sagaing and Bago Divisions and scattered in the remaining areas. Day temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) above normal in Kachin, Rakhine, Mon, Shan States, Mandalay and upper Sagaing Divisions, (6°C) above normal in Chin State, (3°C) below normal in Yangon Division and about normal in the remaining areas. Significant day temperature was (43°C) in Chauk.

Maximum temperature on 8-5-2004 was 33.5°C (92°F). Minimum temperature on 9-5-2004 was 21.5°C (71°F). Relative humidity at 9:30 hrs MST on 9-5-2004 was 78%. Total sunshine hours on 8-5-2004 was 7.9 hours approx. Rainfall on 9-5-2004 was 1mm (0.04 inch) at Yangon Airport, 19mm (0.76 inch) at Kaba-Aye and 5mm (0.20 inch) at central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2004 was 50 mm (1.97 inches) at Yangon Airport and 68 mm (2.68 inches) at Kaba-Aye and 60 mm (2.36 inches) at central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was 15 mph from Southeast at (12:30) hours MST on 8-5-2004.

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

**Forecast valid until evening of 10-5-2004:** Rain or thundershowers will be scattered in Bago, Ayeyawady and Yangon Divisions, isolated in Kachin, Mon, northern Shan and Kayin States, upper Sagaing, Mandalay and Taninthayi divisions and weather will be cloudy in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (80%).

**State of the sea:** Seas will be slight to moderate in Myanmar waters. **Outlook for subsequent two days:** Continuation of decreasing day temperatures in lower Myanmar areas. **Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 10-5-2004:** One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

**Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 10-5-2004:** Possibility of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (40%).


**Monday, May 10**
**View today:**

- 7:00 am**  
1. Recitation of Parittas by  
Missionary Sayadaw  
U Ottamathara  
**7:25 am**  
2. To be healthy exercise  
**7:30 am**  
3. Morning news  
**7:40 am**  
4. Nice and sweet song  
**7:55 am**  
5. အကပြိုင်ပွဲ  
**8:00 am**  
6. Songs of national races  
**8:10 am**  
7. Cute little dancers  
**8:25 am**  
8. ရှစ်ပြည့်နှစ် တောင်စိုင်း  
တင်းစေးတေး  
**8:30 am**  
9. International news

**8:45 am**

9. Let's go

**4:00 am**

1. Martial song

**4:15 am**

 2. Songs to uphold  
National Spirit

**4:30 am**

3. Practice in reading

**4:45 am**

4. Musical programme

**5:00 pm**

 5. အဆေးဆေးတက္ကသိုလ်  
ရုပ်မြင်သံကြား သင်ခန်းစာ  
-ပထမနှစ် (သိပ္ပံဆိုင်ရာ)  
(စာတတ်စာ)

**5:15 pm**

6. လက်ဆွတ်ကမ်းပေး ဂီတတေး

**5:25 pm**

7. Dance variety

**5:40 pm**

 8. Musical programme  
(The Radio Myanmar  
Modern Music Troupe)

**5:50 pm**

 9. ဓမ္မာစင်စကြီး (မြို့လှ) ရေလှေသင်တန်း  
(ဓမ္မာစင်)

**6:00 pm**

10. စောသုတေသန အစီအစဉ်

**6:10 pm**

11. မြန်မာ့စာပေ အကူအညီ

12. Discovery

**6:20 pm**
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## Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife Daw Mya Mya San attend ceremony to hoist Seinbudaw atop Ananda Pagoda in Bagan

YANGON, 9 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 and wife Daw Mya Mya San attended the ceremony to fix new Seinbudaw atop Ananda Pagoda in Bagan, Bagan-NyaungU Township, Mandalay Division, at 9 am on yesterday.

Also present on the occasion were State Ovadaçariya NyaungU Shwegu Monastery Sayadaw Agga Maha Pandita Bhaddanta Jagara, Secretary of the State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Abhidhaja Maha Rattha Guru Abhidhaja Agga Maha Saddhammajotika Magway Sayadaw Bhaddanta Kumara and members of the Sangha, Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Soe Win and wife Daw Than Nwe, members of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Ye Myint, Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo and Lt-Gen Kyaw Win, Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Rear-Admiral Soe Thein, Commander-in-Chief (Air) Lt-Gen Myat Hein, Chairman of Mandalay Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Central Command Maj-Gen Ye Myint, ministers, deputy ministers, the chairman of Magway Division Peace and Development Council, officials of the State Peace and Development Council Office, departmental heads, local authorities, wellwishers, members of the Union Solidarity and Development Association and local people.

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife Daw Mya Mya San and party received the Nine Precepts from Sayadaw Bhaddanta Jagara. Members of the Sangha recited *Parittas*.

Next, Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife Daw Mya Mya San offered Seinbudaw for the pagoda and provisions to the Secretary Sayadaw.

Similarly, the Secretary-1 and members and wellwishers donated provisions to the Sayadaws.

Afterwards, the Secretary Sayadaw delivered a sermon, followed by sharing of merits gained.

At that time, Shwepaukkan Mingala Drum Troupe and



Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife Daw Mya Mya San offer Seinbudaw for Ananda Pagoda to Secretary Sayadaw Bhaddanta Kumara in Bagan.— MNA

Sein Motor Orchestra Troupe played the religious songs.

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife Daw Mya Mya San sprinkled the Seinbudaw with scented water and conveyed it atop the pagoda by the decorated carriage of Myalayyin Htidaw Hoisting Team of Defence Services (Air). At the auspicious time, Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Soe Win, Lt-Gen Ye Myint, Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo, Lt-Gen Kyaw Win, Rear-Admiral Soe Thein, Lt-Gen Myat Hein and the ministers hoisted Seinbudaw atop the pagoda and sprinkled scented water on it. The ceremony ended with three time recitations of *Buddha Sasanam*

*Ciram Tithathu*. Later, Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife Daw Mya Mya San performed the rituals of golden and silver showers to mark successful completion of the ceremony.

They offered 'soon' to members of the Sangha at the office of the Pagoda Board of Trustees. Next, Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife Daw Mya Mya San paid homage to Buddha images at the pagoda.

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye signed in the visitors' book and presented donations for the pagoda to the members of the Pagoda Board of Trustees.— MNA

## Efforts under way to make Bago Div to become second granary of State after Ayeyawady Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt meets with local authorities, departmental heads

YANGON, 9 May — Chairman of Myanmar Education Committee Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt and party, accompanied by Chairman of Bago Division Peace and Development Council Commander Maj-Gen Ko Ko this afternoon went to Toungoo University in Bago Division, where they were welcomed by Pro-Rector U Kyaw Myint



Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt meets local authorities, departmental officials and local people of Toungoo District and Townships at Southern Command Headquarters.— MNA

Oo and faculty members.

At the briefing hall, Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt heard reports on background history of the university, courses being conducted, major subjects being taught, student population, application of 106 computers at IT rooms, strength of service personnel, construction tasks including administration affairs presented by Deputy Minister for Education and construction of lecture halls, the briefing hall, the recreation centre and the canteen, measures taken for car parking, tconstruction of bridges and roads, electricity and water supply and preparations for building of two lecture halls each with a capacity of 300 students presented by Public Works in-charge engineer U Oo Saw Thein. Next, Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt gave necessary instructions to officials concerned and they proceeded to Toungoo General Hospital where they were welcomed by Medical Superintendent Daw Myint Myint Than and specialists.

Afterwards, Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt inspected the delivery room, operation theatre, intensive care unit and surgical ward and medical wards and gave necessary instructions to officials concerned.

Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt met with members of Toungoo District and Township PDCs, departmental officials and members of social organizations at the meeting hall of Southern Command. First, Bago Division PDC Chairman Commander Maj-Gen Ko Ko

reported on location and area population of Bago Division, land utilization, cultivated acreage, annual rainfalls, cultivation of monsoon paddy for 2003-2004 fiscal, summer paddy cultivation acreage, cultivation of beans and pulses and oil crops, regional self-sufficiency in food and edible oil, education, health and divisional GDP values and extension of Toungoo municipal area. Next, Yedashe Township PDC Chairman U Kyaw Than, Toungoo Township PDC Chairman U Thant Zin, Htantabin Township PDC Chairman U Tint Naing Oo, Oktwin Township PDC Chairman U Ngwe San, Pyu Township PDC Chairman U Maung Khin, Kyaukkyi Township PDC Chairman U Tin Wan and Thandaung Township PDC Chairman U Myat Tun Oo reported on facts about their townships. The Prime Minister heard reports on education, health, agriculture, forest conservation, road and bridge construction and development affairs and attended to the needs.

He said he fulfilled almost all requirements regarding development of education, health, social welfare and transport sectors in the regions in Toungoo District, Bago Division. He said the government provides necessary assistance to the development of all the regions without ignoring any parts of the Union. High-ranking officials of the State are fulfilling the requirements after making field trips to the respective regions by themselves.

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