

Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than inspects development in Thandaung, Toungoo Townships

YANGON, 12 May— Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than of the Ministry of Defence, accompanied by Chairman of Bago Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Southern Command Maj-Gen Ko Ko and officials, cordially met with officers, other ranks and families of local battalions at Bayintnaung Station Hall in Thandaunggyi Hill Station, Thandaung Township, Kayin State, on 11 May morning.

In the hall of Thandaung Township Peace and Development Council, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than heard reports on location and area of the township and agricultural products by Township Chairman U Myat Tun Oo and he gave instructions on extended cultivation of five crops.

On arrival at mile post No 11 on Toungoo-Leiktho-Yado road section on Toungoo-Leiktho-Yado-Loikaw

Road, they inspected construction of the road section. Superintending Engineer U Tin Htut of Public Works and officials reported on progress of tasks. Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than gave necessary instructions maintenance of roads and inspected construction in progress.

In Leiktho Village, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than explained carrying out of regional development. Next, he inspected the village and preparations for opening the multimedia teaching centre at Basic Education High School and attended to their needs.

At Leiktho Station Hospital, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than and party inspected wards and the medical stores and fulfilled requirements.

They proceeded to Pathi Dam in Toungoo Township. At the briefing hall, Director U Aye Myint of Irrigation Department reported on matters related to the dam and supply of water for irrigation.

Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than and party inspected Pathi Dam by car.

Afterwards, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than and party proceeded to Kyauktaing Coffee Plantation of Myanmar Agriculture Service.

He gave instructions on extended cultivation of coffee saplings and their distribution at reasonable prices.

There are over 300,000 coffee saplings as well as pepper and linzi mushroom in the plantation.

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Yangon Division Supervisory Committee for MCWA meets

YANGON, 12 May— Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe and wife patron of Yangon Division Supervisory Committee for Maternal and Child Welfare Association Daw Khin Thet Htay attended the ceremony to hold the annual meeting of Yangon Division MCWA at the hall of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council this morning.

Also present were Dr Daw Khin Hsan Nwe, wife of Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin, military region

commanders, local authorities, Chairman of Yangon Division MCWA Head of Yangon Division Health Department Dr Hla Myint and officials.

The commander gave a speech. Next, the commander and officials presented outstanding awards to the respective prize-winning townships.

Daw Khin Thet Htay explained the tasks for 2004 laid down by MMCWA (Central). Dr Hla Myint explained township-wise tasks to be carried out. Secretary Dr Nwe Ni Ohn reported on the work reports for 2003. Next, officials participated in the discussions.— MNA

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

MAS gets citronella and essential oil factory

YANGON, 12 May — A ceremony to open citronella and essential oil factory, co-built by Myanmar Agriculture Service of the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation and China Yunnan Corporation (CYC) of the People's Republic of China, was held at the factory in Hlegu Township this morning, attended Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Nyunt Tin.

Also present were officials of the ministry, economists and engineers of China Yunnan Corporation (CYC), social organizations

and officials.

First, the minister unveiled the signboard of the factory and sprinkled scented water on it.

Managing Director U Tun Than and senior economist Ms Yanang Yayang Ping of China Yunnan Corporation (CYC) formally opened the factory.

Next, they inspected production process of the factory and sample of the oil. The senior economist reported on process of building the factory and production of finishing goods and handed over documents related to the factory to the MAS. Senior Engineer Mr Chuan De Hong briefed them on tasks of the factory. The factory can crush 40,000 tons of citronella leaves annually and produce 520 tons of citronella oil. Citronella is being cultivated on the lands of Kyungale, Nyaungnapin, Vegetable and Fruit Development Centre and Agriculture Development Training Centre. In addition, more lands will be put under citronella in Yangon Division.—MNA



Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe presents prize to a winner at the Yangon Division MCWA Meeting.

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Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Nyunt Tin formally opens Citronella and Essential Oil Factory in Hlegu. — MNA



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

PERSPECTIVES

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Towards development of Myanmar literature and advance of MWJA

Now is the time when the entire people of Myanmar are unitedly striving for the promotion of national interests without relying on others. At such a time, constant national awareness and solidarity of national forces are vital for the successful realization of national aspirations. Moreover, the spirit to build and protect the nation, the spirit to prevent the Union from collapse and the spirit to fortify national unity are the spiritual foundations and national resistance essential for the perpetual existence of the Union, said Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt who attended the opening of the meeting of the Central Body of the Third Conference of the Myanmar Writers and Journalists Association held at the Pyidaungsu Hall in the Kyaikkasan Grounds on 11 May.

The Prime Minister stressed that literature has the power to promote the educational and moral standard and intellectual level of the entire people. He also added that it was necessary for all the literary forces of the nation to unitedly stand under the banner of the Myanmar Writers and Journalists Association and to vitalize the national spirit of all the national races.

Literature plays a vital role in broadening the people's horizon of knowledge and sharpening their vision. Therefore, the Government honours the invaluable strength and vitality of literature and always encourages the development of Myanmar literature. Due to the encouragement of the Government, Myanmar literature is flourishing.

At such an opportune time, it is incumbent upon the literati, publishers and readers to work together in harmony to keep Myanmar literature on the right track of nationalism and to see to it that it serves the national interests.

Nowadays, some big powers are using the mass media in an improper way and attempting to infiltrate the culture and social fronts of other nations. This being the case, all the literati are to work hard to instil nationalistic sense, national outlook and national fervour in the entire mass of Myanmar people.

We would like to call on all the members of the Central Body of MWJA to strive for the development of Myanmar literature and the advance of the association which is taking a leading role in organizing the literati as a consolidated national force.

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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

Aung Lin, Khaing Khaing Maw emerge Sportsman and Sportswoman of the Year

YANGON, 12 May— Under the leadership of the Myanmar National Olympic Council and Myanmar Olympic Committee, the Myanmar Sports Writers Federation held a ceremony to present Sportsman and Sportswoman of the Year 2003 at the Traders Hotel on Sule Pagoda Road on 11 May evening, with an address by Chairman of MOC Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint.

Also present were Chairman of Committee for Ensuring Success of Myanmar Sports Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin, Vice-Chairman of MOC Deputy Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Aung Thein and members, officials, presidents and secretaries of sports federations, President of Myanmar Sports Writers Federation Dr Tin Tun Oo and guests.

First, Minister Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint gave a speech, saying that Myanmar hero footballer Bahadur won the best sportsman award in 1955 and he secured the Myanmar Sports Academy Award (or) Best Sportsman Award of Myanmar and Myanmar Best Footballer Award in 1966 again.

The winning of the awards in the international sports competitions uplifts the prestige of the State and the people. Likewise, it honours and puts on record those who can raise out development of the sports standard of the State.

The XXII South-East Asian Games which is of importance in Myanmar sports sector was held in Vi-



Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint presents a medal and cash award of K 1 million to Aung Lin. — MNA

etnam from 5 to 13 December 2003. In the SEA Games, Myanmar canoeist Aung Lin bagged three gold and two silver as well as Khaing Khaing Maw, two gold. Furthermore, Khaing Khaing Maw also secured one gold and one silver in the VII World Wushu Championship held in Macao in 2003.

Therefore, the two athletes today should deservedly accept honour of the Myanmar Sports Writers Federation, the State and the people.

Next, on behalf of the Ministry of Sports, he thanked MSWF and wellwisher Chairman of Kanbawza Bank Ltd U Aung Ko Win for their contribution toward in holding the ceremony.

Later, the minister urged other athletes to make efforts industriously for achieving the sportsman and sportswoman awards in future years and to bring honour to the State by winning more sports awards at in-

ternational level.

Afterwards, MSWF President Dr Tin Tun Oo explained selection and presentation of the awards.

Minister Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint presented medals of sportsman and sportswoman for the year 2003 and K 1 million each to Aung Lin and Khaing Khaing Maw.

Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin also awarded K 2 million and SU\$ 200 to Aung Lin who bagged two gold in the Canoe C1 event of the XXII SEA Games.

Aung Lin and Khaing Khaing Maw expressed their gratitude.

Chairman U Aung Ko Win, and Managing Director U Zaw Win Naing on behalf of Kanbawza Bank Ltd, presented K 4 million to the funds of the federation; Vice-President Daw Kyu Kyu, on behalf of Gandama Co Ltd Chairman U Khin Maung Lay, K 100,000 and President of Myanmar Traditional Sports

Federation Daw Mi Mi Khin K 100,000. President Dr Tin Tun Oo accepted the donations.

Canoeist Aung Lin bagged three gold and two silver in the XXII SEA Games and Wushu athlete Khaing Khaing Maw two gold in the XXII SEA Games and one gold and one silver in the VII World Wushu Championship in Macao.

The Myanmar Sports Writers Federation plans to present more Sportsman and Sportswoman of the Year awards annually. — MNA

254 drug-related cases exposed in March

YANGON, 12 May— The Tatmadaw, the Myanmar Police Force and the Customs Department exposed 254 drug-related cases —14,342 kilos of opium in 39 cases, 4,7073 kilos of heroin in 73 cases, 0.015 kilo of morphine, 1,0166 kilos of opium oil in two cases, 12,6852 kilos of low-grade opium in 15 cases, 17,7757 kilos of marijuana in 17 cases, eight litres of Phensedyl in two cases, 43,225 stimulant tablets in 67 cases, 0.006 kilo of Ephedrine, 0.37 litre of cough syrup in two cases, 9,1097 kilos of speciosa in three cases, one diazepam tablet, 200 ampoules of buprenorphine injection in one case, 13 cases in failure to register and other 20 cases in Mar 2004.

Action was taken against 320 persons in 254 cases — 256 men and 64 women— in March 2004. — MNA



Khaing Khaing Maw, the Sportswoman of the Year, seen together with officials of the Myanmar Wushu Federation. — NLM

Netherlands to review Iraq participation

AMSTERDAM, 12 May—The Netherlands is reviewing participation in the US-led stabilization force in Iraq after a Dutch soldier was killed in a grenade attack, the Prime Minister said Tuesday.

Jan Peter Balkenende said the death of the soldier Monday, the first casualty among the 1,300-strong Dutch contingent in southern Iraq, was not by itself a reason to leave the country.

"Reconstruction will go on, with all the sorrow of today. The forces of terrorism will not win," Balkenende said, speaking on national television.

But the Dutch will weigh their future deployment based on an expanded role

for the United Nations, and he said a new UN Security Council resolution regarding the occupation forces would be "desirable."

"When we talk about extending the stay of our troops in Iraq, we will examine the involvement of the United Nations. A resolution would lend greater legitimacy to foreign troops," he said.

The Defence Ministry said assailants on a scooter hurled a grenade at four Dutch soldiers patrolling a

bridge over the Euphrates in the city of Samawah Monday night. Two were injured and taken to a field hospital where one later died.

Balkenende said the arrest of two suspects in the attack by Iraqi police showed that the majority of local Iraqis supported the presence of Dutch troops.

Meanwhile, members of Balkenende's own conservative coalition questioned whether the Dutch troops should remain after the

troops' mandate expires June 30. Boris Dittrich, leader of the small centrist D-66 party, told the national news service NOS that "it looks sombre for our continued participation in Iraq."

Dittrich said his party's support for extending the Dutch mission depended on whether the United States "handed over more power" to Iraqis than they are currently planning, and a greater role for the United Nations. He gave no specific requirements.

Balkenende, who cut a vacation short after the soldier was killed, was to meet with his cabinet Tuesday to discuss the extension.

Internet

Britain's Blair to face more questions over Iraq

LONDON, 12 May—Tony Blair will face a barrage of questions on Wednesday over accusations one of his ministers misled parliament about abuse of Iraqis by British troops, with the opposition to demand to know who knew what and when.

The prime minister, under unrelenting criticism over last year's US-led invasion of Iraq, will make his weekly parliamentary appearance after ministers said a damning Red Cross report was seen only by officials.

Ministers are under fire after the International Committee of the Red Cross said it had handed over in February a report — leaked to an American newspaper on Monday — detailing mistreatment of Iraqi captives by US and British soldiers.

It described British troops stamping on the necks of Iraqi prisoners in an incident in which one captive died, and said some Americans meted out abuse "tantamount to torture."

Internet

Russian killed, two taken hostage in Iraq

MOSCOW, 12 May—One Russian worker was killed and two were taken hostage in Iraq, Russia's Foreign Ministry said Tuesday.

The three were employees of the Interenergосervis energy company working at the Southern Baghdad power station.

The attack took place Monday about 18 miles south of the city, said company representative Yevgeny Loginov. He said that assailants opened fire on the workers' car as they were returning to Baghdad from the power station.

An Iraqi citizen serving as a bodyguard and translator was wounded in the attack, Loginov said. He said the names of the Russians were being withheld pending notification of relatives. "All possible measures are being taken for the fastest liberation of our citizens," the ministry said in a statement.

Recalling that it had urged Russian citizens to leave Iraq, the ministry said that the Russian government was working with "interested organizations" to increase the security of those Russians still remaining in Iraq.

Three Russian and five Ukrainian employees of Interenergосervis were abducted in Iraq last month, prompting the Russian government to organize an evacuation. They were released unharmed the next day, and Russian news agencies quoted company director Alexander Rybinsky as saying all eight had chosen to stay in Iraq. In all, about 340 foreign nationals are working for Interenergосervis in Iraq, Loginov said.

Russian authorities initially planned to evacuate more than 800 citizens of Russia and other former Soviet republics, but ended

up sending out about 500.

Russia strongly opposed the US-led war and has no military presence in Iraq. But Russian media reports have estimated Russian contracts in Iraq at up to \$1 billion and said that some companies were trying to avoid massive losses resulting from the April evacuation.

Internet

Japan says Iraq abuses may violate Geneva Convention

TOKYO, 12 May—The abuse of Iraqi prisoners by US soldiers in Iraq may have violated the Geneva Convention on the treatment of military prisoners, Japanese Foreign Minister Yoriko Kawaguchi was quoted as saying on Monday.

The treatment of the prisoners was "inhumane and regrettable", *Kyodo* news agency quoted her as telling a parliamentary committee on Defence. "There is a possibility it violated the Geneva Convention," Kawaguchi said. Japan has conveyed its displeasure to Washington, *Kyodo* said.

US officials have insisted the abuses at the Abu Ghraib Prison west of Baghdad were carried out by a handful of soldiers and were not part of a systematic programme of brutality.

The scandal exploded last week with the release of photographs showing grinning uniformed personnel posing in front of naked detainees. Seven military police have been charged with abusing prisoners in the prison.

MNA/Reuters



A US Marine keeps watch from his top post nearby Falluja, Iraq recently.

INTERNET

Baghdad prison still haunts US soldiers back home

SAN FRANCISCO, 12 May—A month since returning from guard duty as a US military policeman at Baghdad's Abu Ghraib prison, Dionicio Arevalo still has nightmares — of being trapped, of running away and of pulling pins from grenades.

His wife Rose says he says sometimes lashes out in his stormy sleep.

"There was an incident when he was hitting me during the night," wife Rose Arevalo said on Monday. "There was another where he was pulling my ear — he thought it was the pin of a grenade or something. I got scratches on my face."

Arevalo, 31, is a member of the 870th Military Police Company based outside San

Francisco, and like many fellow National Guard men and women, is struggling to adjust back to normal life after encountering tough Iraq wartime conditions.

"I had somewhat of a rough time," said Arevalo, who works as a security guard in his civilian job.

"Most of the dreams that I have I feel that I'm trapped. It's not necessarily in Iraq but I feel that I'm trapped and I'm running away from something. I don't know what it is but I am just running away from whatever it is I'm facing; I'm like a fugitive almost."

Members of another US National Guard unit are blamed for the photos of Iraqi prisoner abuse that have shocked the world.

In some cases, members of the 870th reacted by lashing out against Iraqis, soldiers have said. One woman with the 870th, for example, launched a rock from a slingshot into a crowd of prisoners at Abu Ghraib, causing an injury.

Through her father, the MP said she would only discuss the incident with military investigators.

The soldier who replaced her said he had felt so much stress from serving at Abu Ghraib that he sought psychological counselling from a military doctor there.

"I could see from my own perspective a lot of soldiers end up getting physically abusive with Iraqis," said Special Dave Bischof. "I started feeling really super tense... It got to the point where I was frazzled."

He said he asked military authorities there for three weeks before he got help, which included an anti-anxiety drug.

MNA/Reuters

Indonesia urges US action over Iraq prisoner abuse

JAKARTA, 12 May—Indonesia, urged the United States on Monday to take action against troops accused of abusing prisoners in Iraq.

Speaking after a meeting with visiting US Assistant Secretary of State for East Asia and Pacific Affairs James Kelly, Foreign Minister Hassan Wirajuda said the poor treatment of Iraqi prisoners was a form of torture.

"We strongly deplore acts such as that. We hope that the US Government takes action as they have promised to give no legal immunity to the perpetrators of those cruel acts," he told reporters.

The first of seven US personnel charged with abusing detainees at Iraq's Abu Ghraib Prison is due to be court-martialled later this month in a public trial in Baghdad.

The images have caused a furore around the world and President George W Bush apologized on Thursday.

MNA/Reuters



US soldiers move a cement block back to its original place in a Baghdad street on 11 May, 2004, as troops try to re-establish order in Baghdad. The progress of reconstruction in war-torn Iraq looked in jeopardy after two Russian were kidnapped and another killed, the fifth foreign civilian murdered here in less than a week. — INTERNET

Gunmen attack US-run convoy in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 12 May—Gunmen attacked a US-run civilian convoy in Iraq's western desert and some personnel were unaccounted for, US officials said Tuesday. Iraq's oil minister said a weekend bombing at a southern pipeline had cut oil exports by 30 percent. The attack on the convoy came as one Russian worker was confirmed dead and two others abducted in another attack on foreigners working in Iraq.

The officials said the convoy was operated by a subcontractor of KBR, or Kellogg, Brown & Root, which is in turn a subsidiary of Halliburton. An unknown number of vehicles were destroyed in the attack near the town of Rutba, 230 miles west of Baghdad, the officials said.

A motorist said he saw six burned vehicles on the highway Tuesday, including one Iraqi civilian car caught in the crossfire. Witnesses said some convoy personnel were

taken hostage.

Meanwhile, an American civilian was found dead with signs of trauma on the corpse near a highway overpass in Baghdad, the US military said Tuesday.

The man, whose identity was not released, was not connected with the US military or civilian government mission in Iraq, a military spokesman said. The body was discovered Saturday.

Internet

Peace Malaysia wants US-led forces to leave Iraq

PETALING JAYA, 12 May—The People's Alliance for Peace Malaysia (Peace Malaysia) has called for the immediate withdrawal of US-led coalition forces from Iraq.

The movement, which represents 1,300 civil society organizations, also requested for a United Nations peacekeeping force to replace the occupation forces as an interim authority in the wake of the global outcry on prison abuses in Iraq.

"I have indicated the urgency of the matter and they (US Embassy officials) have assured me that investigations will be conducted in a transparent way," said Umno Youth chief Hishammuddin Tun Hussein after handing over a memorandum of protest to representatives at the US Embassy here yesterday.

Hishammuddin, the Education Minister and patron of Peace Malaysia, said it was crucial that the US government resolve this issue quickly so that "justice would be seen and prevail".

He added that promises made by the US before the invasion in Iraq, including the establishment of a democratic government

that would bring freedom to the Iraqi people, had so far proved to be empty.

"I am disappointed at what has happened over there, and will be following future developments," said Hishammuddin, who aired his concerns to US Embassy chief of mission Thomas Doughton. Also present at the session was MCA Youth chairman Datuk Ong Tee Keat, Barisan Nasional Youth secretary Datuk Zulkifli Alwi and Gerakan Youth chief Mah Siew Keong.

The memorandum, which will be forwarded to US President George W Bush, also urged the US government and the Coalition Provisional Authority to institute measures to guarantee acceptable standards of behaviour that would ensure humane and just treatment for future detainees.

The memorandum also stated that the reconstruction of Iraq had not materialised with certain infrastructural development lagging behind prewar levels.— Internet

Mandela lashes US, Britain over abuses of Iraqi prisoners

JOHANNESBURG, 12 May—Anti-apartheid hero and former South African President Nelson Mandela on Monday criticized the United States and Britain over the abuses of Iraqi prisoners.

The 86-year-old statesman said "we watch as two of the leading democracies, two leading nations of the free world, get involved in a war that the United Nations did not sanction." Mandela made the statement in an address to a special sitting of both houses of Parliament. He had even criticized US President George W Bush as the man "could not think properly" for launching the war against Iraq. "We

look on with horror as reports surface of terrible abuses against the dignity of human beings held captive by invading forces in their own country," he said as members of Parliament applauded.

The British and US Governments have been in the eye of a political storm over the recent publication of photographs of prisoners tortured by their forces in Iraq. The abuse of Iraqi prison-

ers has created global uproar and disgust and prompted demands for resignation of US Defence Secretary Donald Rumsfeld and other senior officials. Addressing 400 members of Parliament in the coastal city of Cape Town, Mandela said that powerful, democratic countries manipulated multilateral bodies to the great disadvantage and suffering of developing nations. — MNA/Xinhua



A masked armed gunman patrols the centre of Sadr City, a suburb of Baghdad, Iraq on 11 May, 2004 after a US aircraft destroyed the Baghdad office of radical Shiite cleric Muqtada al-Sadr early morning Monday. — INTERNET

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Honduran troops start Iraq pullout

BAGHDAD, 12 May—Honduran troops in Iraq have started to withdraw and are expected to be out of the country in about two weeks, a coalition military official said on Tuesday.

"The process is ongoing and is to be finished by May 27," said a spokesman for the Polish-led international contingent in place across southern and central Iraq, where the Hondurans are deployed.

Honduran President Ricardo Maduro, visiting Japan, said some Honduran troops had already left Iraq. "It is with satisfaction we can officially announce ... that we have begun the withdrawal of our soldiers from Iraq and that some of them are already in Kuwait," Maduro's office said in a statement.

About 160 Honduran soldiers have arrived in Kuwait, where they are expected to be joined soon by the remaining 210 from the Honduran contingent, Honduran defense ministry sources told Reuters.

Honduras said on 20 April it planned to bring home its 370 troops within two months, following Spain's decision to remove its 1,400-strong contingent from Iraq, a blow to the United States and its coalition allies.

Spain has been in charge of other troops there from the Spanish-speaking nations of El Salvador, Honduras, Nicaragua and the

Dominican Republic.

Nicaragua took its troops home in February as part of a rotation and said recently it would send them back only as part of a United Nations peace mission.

The Dominican Republic has announced it will bring its troops home early. El Salvador has said it will keep its soldiers in Iraq until their scheduled return in August but has yet to say whether they will be replaced.

Central American countries have been eager to build on close trade and immigration ties with the United States by sending troops to Iraq. But spiraling violence in Iraq and the withdrawal of Spanish troops following terror attacks in Madrid and a change of government have led Central American nations to rethink their involvement in the conflict.

Honduras, a close US ally, sent troops to Iraq around the middle of last year as peacekeepers.

Originally meant to remain until July when their mandate expires, the Honduran troops have been clearing mines and providing medical care in central Iraq. — Internet



A British soldier searches a woman during a patrol in southern Iraq on 11 May, 2004.

INTERNET

Pakistan condemns treatment of Iraqi prisoners

ISLAMABAD, 12 May — Pakistan expressed disgust on Monday at US treatment of prisoners in Iraq.

The abuse of Iraqi prisoners violated Geneva Conventions on prisoners, Foreign Ministry spokesman Masood Khan told a news conference.

"All I can tell you, this treatment was sickening and

appalling. This has been recognized by leaders and people all over the world including US administration's senior leaders," he said.

"What you need here is atonement. The American people have to atone for that, the international community has to atone for this shameful act and I think that no-

body is sweeping it under the carpet."

Photos of naked prisoners being threatened by dogs and being subjected to humiliation have provoked international outrage, including among Pakistanis, most of whom opposed the US-led war in Iraq.

MNA/Reuters

South African worker confirmed dead in Iraq

JOHANNESBURG, 12 May — A South African man has been confirmed dead in Iraq on Monday, putting the tolls of South Africans in Iraq to at least seven.

South Africa's Foreign Ministry reiterated its call for South Africans to avoid going to the country while confirming the death of the man, a construction worker

who were gunned down in Iraq's northern city of Kirkuk early in the morning.

"The South African diplomatic mission in Kuwait has confirmed the death of yet another South African in the ongoing conflict in Iraq," a statement from spokesman Ronnie Mamoepa said.

"The government extends

its heartfelt condolences to members of the bereaved family," Mamoepa said.

"But in the meantime we reiterate the call made by the Minister of Foreign Affairs for South Africans to avoid going to Iraq given the potential danger facing them there and the fact that it is a conflict region," Mamoepa said. — MNA/Xinhua

Bush's backing of Rumsfeld shocks, angers Arabs

DUBAI, 12 May— Arab commentators reacted with shock and disbelief on Monday over US President George W Bush's robust backing of Defence Secretary Donald Rumsfeld against calls for his resignation.

Critics had called for him to quit after the furor over the abuse of Iraqi prisoners but analysts, editors and ordinary Arabs were united in their condemnation of Bush who said the United States owed Rumsfeld a "debt of gratitude".

"After the torture and vile acts by the American Army, President Bush goes out and congratulates Rumsfeld. It's just incredible. I am in total shock," said Omar Belhouchet, editor of the influential Algerian national

daily *El Watan*.

"Bush's praise for Rumsfeld will discredit the United States...and further damage its reputation, which is already at a historic low in the Arab world," he added.

Analysts have said the damage from images seen worldwide of US soldiers abusing naked Iraqi prisoners in Abu Ghraib Prison would be indelible and incalculable.

What people saw, they said, was the true image of the occupation: humiliation

of an occupied people, contempt for Islam, sadism and racism.

"After Mr Bush's decision to keep Rumsfeld, all their apologies seem like lip service," Dubai-based political analyst Jawad al-Anani told *Reuters*. "Mr Rumsfeld would have certainly lost his job if the prisoners were American."

"The United States is spending so much money by setting up Alhurra television and Radio Sawa to improve its image in the Arab

world...How can it reconcile that with keeping a man who has insulted every Arab through the abuses of Iraqi prisoners," added Anani, a former Jordanian foreign minister.

University of Algiers professor Mahmoud Belhimeur agreed.

"I cannot believe the United States reacts the way an authoritarian regimes would. Bush should have done the honourable thing and fired Rumsfeld," he said.

But Michael Cox, professor of international relations at the London School of Economics, said the repercussions of firing the Defence Secretary would have been very significant for Bush. — *MNA/Reuters*

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Three killed in bomb attack in N Iraq city Kirkuk

KIRKUK, 12 May—A bomb exploded in a crowded market in a Kurdish neighbourhood of the northern Iraq oil city Kirkuk on Tuesday, killing three people and wounding around 22, Iraqi police said.

Colonel Ahmed Slamrz said the attack occurred at around 9.30 am (1.30 am EDT) when the market was packed with shoppers. Kirkuk, a city claimed by three ethnic groups — Kurds, Turkmen and Arabs — has suffered persistent unrest in recent months.

Shirko Shakir, the commander of Kirkuk's police, said five of those hurt in the blast were seriously wounded, suggesting the death toll could rise.

Another police official said the bomb had been made of gas canisters and hidden near a road leading through the market. The blast brought down power cables, setting wooden stalls at the market ablaze, witnesses said.

The city's largely Kurdish police force has been the target of frequent attacks, as have the officials and offices of Kurdish political parties in the city.

Internet



A US Marine stands guard in front of the reception and information centre of Abu Ghraib prison, west of the Iraqi capital, on 11 May, 2004. — INTERNET

Abuse on Iraqis by British soldiers to be "rooted out"

LONDON, 12 May — British Defence Secretary Geoff Hoon said Monday any allegations of abuse by British soldiers in Iraq will be investigated thoroughly and action will be taken to "root out and deal with" any unauthorized actions.

He told the Commons in a statement that two cases were in an advanced stage of investigation with a decision on possible legal action pending.

The Minister apologized where any mistreatment of Iraqi prisoners may have occurred. He said the military police would immediately carry out any investigations once a complaint was made, and would not rely on reports from the International Organization of Red Cross (ICRC) or the media.

The Defence Minister said Britain requires its forces at all times to follow British law and comply with the Geneva Conven-

tion. The Red Cross report, alleging abuse at Al-Hakimiya and ill-treatment at Umm Qasr, was handed over to British military officials in Iraq in February, but was not seen by ministers "until recently", he added.

Hoon said practices which the ICRC had highlighted had come to an end last year and that it was "fair to say, the ICRC was fairly happy with the approach" of British troops.

He added the military had not been given any formal ICRC report, only an interim one.

MNA/Xinhua

German Minister says Iraq abuse hurt war on terror

WASHINGTON, 12 May — The "horrific" abuse of prisoners in Iraq was a major setback for the global fight against terrorism and apologies may not be enough to repair the damage, Germany's Interior Minister said on Monday.

Otto Schily told reporters the graphic photographs of American soldiers abusing naked Iraqi prisoners at the Abu Ghraib Prison outside Baghdad were "a heavy setback for the battle against terrorism" because they dealt a serious blow to efforts to win hearts and minds in the Islamic world.

"Repairing the damage will pose serious difficulties," Shily said, while welcoming the US Government's clear condemnation of the abuse and the official steps taken to investigate the maltreatment.

"This matter must be dealt with, and a clear signal must be sent. I don't think one can simply say one is sorry and then go back to business as usual," he said. — *MNA/Reuters*

Spain refuses to hand over Iraqi cleric

MADRID, 12 May— Spanish forces in Iraq refused a request, apparently from the United States, to hand over "dead or alive" an Iraqi religious leader if they encountered him, Defence Minister Jose Bono was quoted as saying on Monday.

"The occupying countries can engage in offensive actions. But coalition countries like Spain cannot participate in offensive actions and therefore we said categorically that we were not prepared to hand over dead or alive — as we were asked to do at one point — a certain religious leader," Bono was quoted as saying by *Europa Press* news agency.

Bono did not say if he was referring to rebel Muslim cleric Moqtada al-Sadr who has led an uprising against the US-led occupation. He also did say who made the request, but appeared to be referring to US forces who have vowed to kill or capture Sadr.

Spain is withdrawing forces from Iraq in line with an electoral pledge by Socialist Prime Minister Jose Luis Rodriguez Zapatero, who won power in March shortly after the Madrid train bombings.

Sadr's stronghold is in the Shiite holy city of Najaf,

south of Baghdad, where Spanish forces were present until it recently concentrated troops in Diwaniya prior to departure. Bono said Spanish troops in Iraq were "subject to international law, which prevents us being an occupying and offensive force".

He said Spaniards could be sure their troops had not mistreated any Iraqi prisoner.

He said US forces would take control of the remaining Spanish base in Diwaniya by 17 May and said all Spanish troops were likely to be out of Iraq before 27 May.

MNA/Reuters

US Ambassador to NATO says Iraq abuse means crisis for Bush

BERLIN, 12 May— The US Ambassador to NATO said on Monday a scandal surrounding the abuse of Iraqi prisoners by US troops had plunged President George W Bush's Government into crisis. Nicholas Burns said Bush, Defence Secretary Donald Rumsfeld and other US Government leaders were well aware of the extent of the damage the abuse scandal had caused.

"This is a great crisis for the government in our country," Burns told the German Council on Foreign Relations in Berlin. "It is an embarrassment for our country."

Pictures showing grinning uniformed personnel posing in front of naked detainees at Abu Ghraib Prison west of Baghdad appeared in the media last month.

The images caused international outrage and prompted apologies by Bush and other senior officials. Washington said it believed the practices were isolated incidents.

Rumsfeld, who has faced calls for his resignation from some US newspapers and from opposition Democrats, offered an apology on Friday for the suffering Iraqi prisoners experienced. — *MNA/Reuters*

Syrian paper slams prison abuses in Iraq

DAMASCUS, 12 May— The torture and humiliation of the Iraqi prisoners reflected the general attitudes of the coalition forces toward all Iraqi prisoners, the official *Syria Times* said Monday.

The paper condemned the acts in a comment as "heinous" and "systematic crimes" against all Iraqi people in general, saying that the US-led coalition forces have proved themselves to be "not a force of liberation and democracy but rather of occupation and brutality".

It blasted the wording of US President George W Bush that such acts were carried out by "a few" American soldiers.

All sorts of investigations and examinations have convinced the world the falsehood of the US prewar accusation that Iraq has weapons of mass destruction, the paper said. — *MNA/Xinhua*



Holding signs, South Korean protesters pray silently during an anti-war and anti-US rally near the US Embassy in Seoul, on 11 May, 2004. — INTERNET



An Iraqi man surveys his destroyed house following clashes between the US army and Iraqi guerillas in the southern city of Kufa, on 9 May 2004.



Iraqis inspect destroyed houses in Kufa, Iraq, after clashes occurred between US and Iraqi guerillas in the industrial area of Najaf, on 9 May 2004.



An Iraqi boy who was injured in clashes between US forces and Iraqi guerillas in the industrial area of Najaf on 9 May 2004 seen in the hospital.



An Iraqi boy removes broken glasses from the window of his house damaged during battles between US marines and guerillas in Fallujah on 6 May 2004.

Images of Iraq



An Iraqi man shows bloodstained cloth at a house after fighting between U.S. forces and Iraqi guerillas, in the city of Kufa, on 7 May 2004.

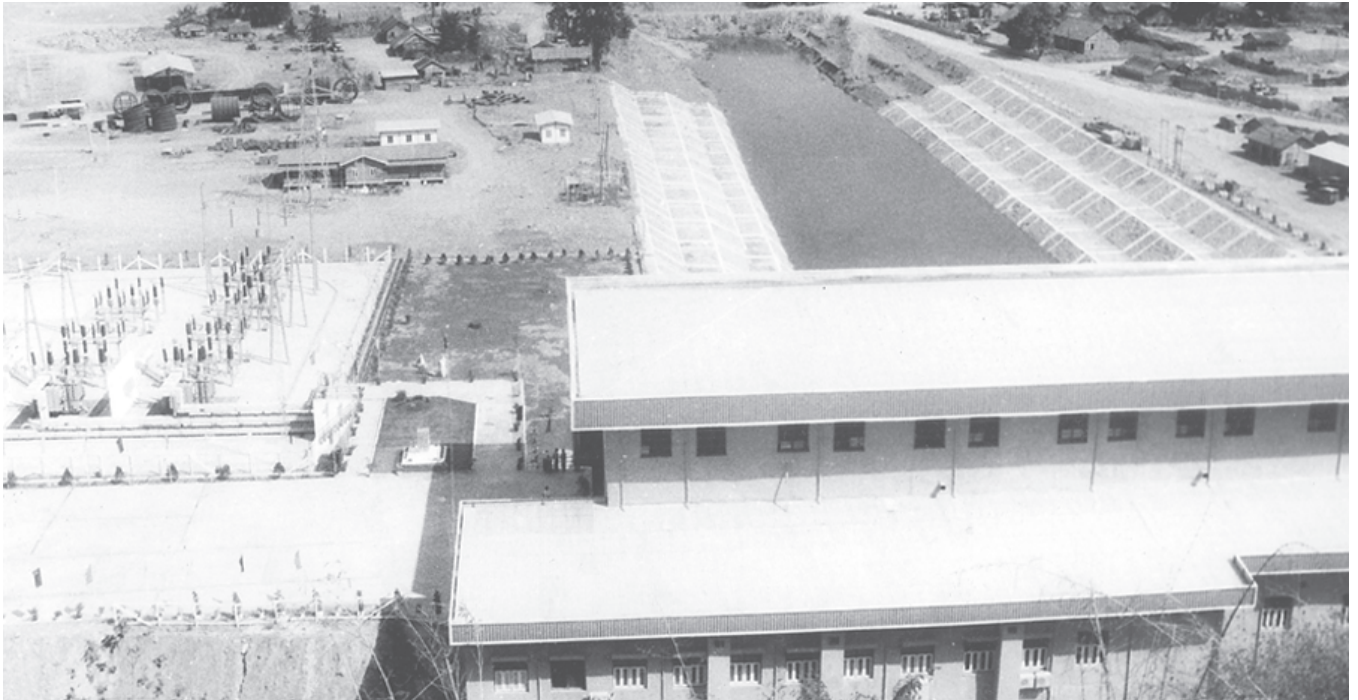


Iraqi boy Ali Wahab lies in the hospital, after being wounded during clashes between US army and Iraqi guerillas in the southern holy city of Kufa, May 9, 2004.



An Iraqi boy waits for treatment in the Al Hakim hospital in Najaf, Iraq, on 7 May 2004.

New and fast developments throughout Myanmar



Mone Creek Hydel Power Project in Sedoktara Township, Magway Division.



Canal and intake structure of Zawgyi Hydroelectric Power Plant seen in Yaksawk Township, Shan State.



The wide view of Ngwetha Dam in Salingyi Township, Monywa District, Sagaing Division.

Literati responsible ...

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The meeting passed three resolutions, put four matters on record and made three approvals under the signatures of MWJA Chairman U Hla Myaing (Ko Hsaung), Vice-Chairman-2 U Than Maung (Than Maung), Secretary U Hla Tun (Hla Tun-Twantay) and Central Body members. Afterwards, the meeting went into recess.

The meeting resumed at 1.30 pm, presided over by MWJA Chairman U Hla Myaing (Ko Hsaung).

Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan delivered a speech. He said he can easily make contact with literati and those from literary world in Yangon. He said he was pleased to meet other literati from states and divisions



Delegates to the Central Body Meeting of the Third Conference of the MWJA chanting slogans. — MNA

of the Union which was built by all national races with the Union Spirit and for emergence of a peaceful, modern, developed nation—were discussed. It is heartening to note that MWJA discharged its national duty, he said.

He said the Ministry of

all the literati are responsible for raising the standard of Myanmar literature and for making efforts for the national people to enjoy Myanmar literature and to proliferate it among them.

He said the standard of Myanmar literature is not low

never be divided and always be united and to continue to discharge national and literary duties for greater success.

Next, Chairman of MWJA U Hla Myaing (Ko Hsaung) delivered a concluding remark. Members of CEC and

must succeed, must succeed—, which brought the meeting to an end at 3.10 pm. Minister Brig-Gen

Kyaw Hsan cordially greeted CEC members of MWJA, delegates and observers.

MNA

First coord meeting for CCCA and Expert Committee on Customs Matters-ECCM held

YANGON, 12 May—The first coordination meeting for Coordinating Committee on the Implementation of the CEPT Scheme for AFTA-CCCA and Expert Committee on Customs Matters-ECCM hosted by Myanmar at the Traders Hotel on Sule Pagoda Road here this morning.

Present on the occasion were officials of Customs Department of the Ministry of Finance and Revenue, and ASEAN Secretariat, and delegates from 10 ASEAN nations.

Director of the ASEAN Secretariat, Mr Noordin Azhari, delivered a speech and delegates discussed the tasks. The 33th coordination meeting of Coordinating Committee on the Implementation of the CEPT Scheme for AFTA and 13th Expert Committee on Customs Matters-ECCM will be held at the hotel from 13 to 15 May. MNA

New school building opened

YANGON, 12 May — The opening ceremony of Pyichitpan new school building of the post-primary school at Seikphu Myaung model village in Kanbalu Township, Sagaing Division, was held on 10 May. Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint attended the ceremony and formally unveiled the signboard of the building. It is 90 feet long and 30 feet wide. It was built with the contribution of local populace and the minister.

Later, the minister inspected the new building of post-primary school at Garta village of the same township. The minister presented sports equipment, exercise books and K 100,000 for the building. On 11 May, the minister inspected upgrading of Shweman Taung sports grounds and Yadanabon swimming pool in Mandalay. — MNA



U Than Maung (Than Maung) presides over the afternoon-session on the second day. — MNA



U Tin Kha (Tekkatho Tin Kha) presides over the morning-session on the second day. — MNA

because it was not easy for him to meet them.

He said the meeting of Central Body of the Third Conference MWJA coincides with the time to reconvene the National Convention. At the meeting the two motions — active participation in efforts for success of the National Convention and the seven-point policy programme together with the people and for all the literati to safeguard the nation in unity for non-disintegration

Information is discharging its duties on entertainment, information and education and cooperating with MWJA and the literati for development of Myanmar literature. The ministry is also safeguarding the duties to flourish Myanmar culture and character. Therefore, the Ministry of Information and MWJA are in the same boat. He said the ministry will make efforts for development of literary world.

He said he believes that

compared with that of literature of the nations of the world and so is the thought and writing of Myanmar literati. However, Myanmar literature is less-known in the world. He called on the literati to make Myanmar literature more popular in the world.

He urged those from literary world to shape a united Union together with the people based on the Union Spirit and solidarity spirit which express the fact that we shall

members of Central Body shouted the slogans “ Success of the National Convention and the seven-point policy programme— our cause, our cause, development of MWJA— our cause, our cause, building MWJA as a consolidated one— our cause, our cause, successful implementation of the future tasks of MWJA— our cause, our cause, building of a peaceful modern developed nation through national solidarity—



U Myint Thein (Myint Thein Aung) replies to queries raised on CEC report. — MNA



U Shwe (Shwe Yoe) submits auditor's financial report for approval. — MNA



U Soe Shein (Maung Soe Htaik-Thonze) tables a motion to declare condolence. — MNA



U Myint Kyi (Myin Win Ni) supports the financial report at the meeting. — MNA



U Than Wai (Than Wai-Taunggyi) supports the CEC report. — MNA



Daw Tin Yi (Naywun Ni Ni) supports the CEC report. — MNA



U Hla Wai (Tekkatho Hla Wai) supports the CEC report. — MNA



U Maung Shein (Saya Taw La) supports the auditor's report. — MNA



U Kyaw Nyunt (Yenatha Maung Kyaw Nyunt) supports the CEC report. — MNA



U Win Aung (Htet Thu Aung) supports the CEC report. — MNA



U Tin Aung (Cheint The) supports the CEC report. — MNA



U Thinkha Kyaw (Mrauk U Ani Chay) supports the CEC report. — MNA

MWJA Central Body meeting passes 3 resolutions, makes 3 approvals and put 4 matters on record

YANGON, 12 May—The meeting of Central Body of the Third Conference of the Myanmar Writers and Journalists Association, held at the Pyidaungsu Hall in Kyaikkasan Grounds yesterday morning, passed three resolutions, approved three issues and put four matters on record.

Resolution No 1 is to adopt the instructions of Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt made at the first day session of the meeting on 11-5-2004 as working guidance for different levels of the association. Resolution No 2 is that the Central Executive Committee tabled the following four motions at the first day session of the meeting on 11-5-2004. 1. All MWJA members are to actively participate together with the national people in successful realization of the seven-point political programme of the State. 2. All MWJA members are to actively participate together with the national people in building a peaceful, modern and developed nation, while safeguarding the non-disintegration of the Union built by the entire national people with Union Spirit. 3. All those from the literary world are to make concerted efforts for development of MWJA tasks to keep pace with changes and developments. 4. The MWJA is to organize those from the literary world at the respective literary sectors and form a consolidated organization. The four CEC members tabled the four motions which were approved by the Central Body members. All MWJA members adopted the four motions as working guidance and passed resolutions to successfully implement them. Resolution No 3 is the adoption of nine future tasks in the report of the Central Body laid down at the Third Conference of MWJA as working guidance. They are: (1) All MWJA members are to take part in implementing the five rural development tasks laid down by Head of State Senior General Than Shwe. (2) All MWJA members are to actively take part in nation-building endeavours with their literary skills by doing their bit. (3) to extend organization works and consolidation of the association, to ensure high leadership and keep members alive and dynamic in organization matters. (4) to enrich the knowledge of members, to ensure the literary rights and welfare and to increase the number of readers. (5) all writers and journalists are to participate in literary development task under the leadership of the association. (6) to make efforts for the emergence of new generations and improving the art and style of writings of the writers and journalists. (7) to constantly urge reading public to get imbued with nationalist spirit and Union Spirit in participating in nation-building endeavours. (8) to preserve national heritage, classics and contemporary Myanmar literature and to make them known to local and international readers. (9) to have the benefits of literature right down to the villages for human resource development.

The first issue out of the three approved was that the five Central Body members discussed the report of the Central Executive Committee presented by CEC Secretary U Hla Tun (Hla Tun-Twantay) and CEC member U Myo Thant (Maung Hsu Shin) at the first day session of the third meeting of MWJA on 11-5-04 for approval. The second issue was that Treasurer U Than Maung (Than Maung) representative the financial report (2002-2004) at the first day session of the Central Body meeting of MWJA for approval. The third issue was that CEC member U Khin Maung Tun (Khin Maung Tun-Lanmadaw) on behalf of the Leader of the Audit Group presented the financial report at the first day session of the Central Body meeting of MWJA for approval.

The first matter out of the four put on record was 19 literati who won national literary award for life long, outstanding award in arts (First Class), outstanding award in arts (Second Class), Pakokku U Ohn Pe award for life long and Cambridge (IBC). Their works reveal the dignity of MWJA. The second matter was that in honour of the third meeting of the Central Body of MWJA six NGOs sent messages and other seven organizations flower baskets. The messages were read out at the first day session of the meeting and put on record thanking those organizations that sent messages and flower baskets. The third matter was to put record the National Convention Convening Commission, the Ministry of Information, the Ministry of Home Affairs, the Ministry of Culture and the ministries concerned, organizations, companies, artists and those who provided necessary assistance for successful holding of the Central Body meeting. The fourth matter was to put record the condolences for 108 MWJA members including 17 doyen literati, 90 MWJA members and CEC member U Kyi Nyunt (Chit Kyi Yay Kyi Nyunt) during the period from the end of the Third Conference to 31 March 2004.—MNA



Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Aung Thein accepts cash donations from wellwishers.—MNA

Cash donated to hail MWJA Central Body Meeting

YANGON, 12 May — Hailing the meeting of Central Body of the Third Conference of the Myanmar Writers and Journalists Association, wellwishers donated cash to the MWJA at Pyidaungsu Hall in Kyaikkasan Grounds, this afternoon.

At the ceremony, Deputy Minister for Information Brig-Gen Aung Thein and MWJA CEC members accepted K 10,000 donated by Kyauktada Township Maternal and Child Welfare Association; K 10,000 by U Shein Aung Bo (Shein Aung Bo) and U Maung Maung Myint Aye (Maung Maung Myint Aye); K 20,000 by U Chit Htwe (Maung Chit Htwe-MA); K 10,000 each by Thanlyin, Myitkyina, Yankin and Latha Township WJAs; K 5,000 each by Danubyu Township WJA and Chanayethazan Township WJA.

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President Dr Daw Khin Win Shwe accepts K 2 million for MMCWA donated by the wellwisher from Pearl Video Production Industry.—MNA

Cash and kind donated to MMCWA

YANGON, 12 May — A ceremony to donate cash and medicines to Myanmar Maternal and Children Welfare Association was held at the meeting hall of MMCWA at the corner of Parimi Road and Thanthuma Road in South Oakkala Township this morning. Present on the occasion were President of MMCWA Dr Daw Khin Win Shwe, Vice-Presidents Dr Kyi Soe and Dr Daw Tin Lin Myint, CEC members and wellwishers.

Donations made were — US\$ 1,000 by U Than Lwin and wife Daw Myint Myint Zaw; medicines worth US\$ 1,100 by wife of Indian Ambassador to Myanmar Mrs Kumkum Bhatia; K 100,000 by Myanmar Military Attache' to the Republic of India Brig-Gen Kyaw Kyaw and Daw Thida Nyunt; K 100,000 by U Aung Myo Min Din and Daw Aye Aye Myint (Adventure Myanmar Travel & Tour) in Yangon; K 2 million by Pale Video Produc-

tion; medicines worth of K 700,000 by Fame Pharmaceutical Co. Dr Daw Khin Win Shwe accepted the donations and presented certificates of honour to the wellwishers. MMCWA President Dr Daw Khin Win Shwe thanked and the ceremony came to a close. Afterwards, Dr Daw Khin Win Shwe and party together with wellwishers viewed the documentary photos on activities of the MMCWA displayed in the hall.

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Stakes driven for refectory of Sandayon Pariyatti Monastery in Patheingyi

YANGON, 12 May— A ceremony to drive stakes of two-storey refectory of Sandayon Pariyatti Monastery in Patheingyi was held at the monastery on 8 May morning.

Present were Chairman of Ayeyawady Division Sangha Nayaka Committee Weiluwin Monastery Sayadaw Agga Maha Pandita Bhaddanta Nagavamsa and members of the Sangha, Chairman of Ayeyawady Division Peace and Development Council Commander of South-West Command Maj-Gen Soe Naing, officials and wellwishers.

The Sayadaws, the commander and officials drove stakes at the place for the building. Next, the commander and party accepted K 4.5 million for the refectory donated by wellwishers.

In the afternoon, the commander attended the final matches of Division Chairman's Trophy Under-19 Volleyball Tournament at the Koethein Gymnasium in Patheingyi. Afterwards, the commander and officials presented prizes to the respective winners.—MNA

Minister inspects construction of dry dock, Ahlon dockyard

YANGON, 12 May — Minister for Transport Maj-Gen Hla Myint Swe arrived at construction of the 12,000-ton dry dock here this morning.

At the briefing hall, the minister heard reports on construction of floor and walls of the dock and Transformer Station and finishing touches presented by General Manager U Kyi Soe of Myanmar Shipyards and attended to the needs. Next, the minister inspected progress of work. After inspecting construction of the Diver Boat and repair of old vessels, the minister fulfilled requirements.

On arrival at Ahlon dockyard of Inland Water Transport, the minister inspected major repairs to the dock and construction of new 1,200-ton cargo barge.

Managing Director of Inland Water Transport U Soe Tint conducted them round the work site. The minister gave necessary instructions. —MNA

Raw opium seized in Loilem

YANGON, 12 May — A combined team comprising members of Local Intelligence Unit and Myanmar Police Force, acting on information, stopped and searched a Nissan truck (1Kha/4282) bound from Loilem to Taunggyi on 24 April and seized driver Myint Thein with 120 packets of opium weighing 186.178 kilos. Action was being taken against Myint Thein, son of U Win Sein of Kopaing Street, Pyayaphyu Ward, Taunggyi under Section of Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law. MNA

Talks on AIDS

YANGON, 12 May— Talks on AIDS to delegates to the Central Body Meeting of the Myanmar Writers and Journalists Association were held at Pyidaungsu Hall in Kyaikkasan Grounds this evening.

Present were Chairman of MWJA U Hla Myaing (Ko Hsaung) and Central Executive Committee members, officials and the delegates.

AIDS and STD Control Project Manager Deputy Director of Health Department Dr Min Thwe lectured on matters related to AIDS and role of periodicals in prevention of AIDS. Next, he answered the queries.

After the talks, those present were entertained to the film titled Nga-thudaba-yaukkya-meinma.—MNA

MRTV programmes broadcast through Panhsaung retransmission station

YANGON, 12 May — Under the Myanmar Radio and Television (MRTV)'s broadcasting extension programme, a television retransmission station has been built in Panhsaung of Sagaing Division and the project was completed on 9 May, 2004. Commencing that day, MRTV programmes were being broadcast via the station.—MNA

US general finds 'leadership failure' behind abuse

WASHINGTON, 12 May — The abuse of Iraqi prisoners reflected a failure of leadership in the US Armed Forces, the general who investigated the mistreatment testified on Tuesday, but he found no evidence that American soldiers had acted on direct orders of higher-ups.

Asked directly in "your own soldier's language" what had caused the abuse at the Abu Ghraib Prison, US Army Major General Antonio Taguba recited a litany of ills.

"Failure in leadership, sir, from the brigade commander on down, lack of discipline, no training whatsoever and no supervision," Taguba, the author of a Pentagon report on the abuse, told the latest Senate hearing on the scandal, which has drawn worldwide outrage. And as US lawmakers plowed through 6,000 pages of classified supplementary material from Taguba's report, one aide said it showed a breakdown in command up to Army Lieutenant General Ricardo Sanchez, commander

of ground forces in Iraq. "It shows a breakdown of basic command responsibility and demonstrates a list of people in the chain of command who are either incompetent or not willing to do their job," the aide said. "It goes up to General Sanchez."

Committee Chairman John Warner, a Virginia Republican, said he understood humiliating photographs were used to threaten prisoners to give information.

"These youngsters didn't understand the nuances of Muslim culture to have, some people say, staged those photographs, which I understand were going to be shown to the prisoners' family by way of threat unless he came forward

with some valuable information," Warner said. "The plot is thickening."

Taguba told the Senate Armed Services Committee he did "not find any evidence of a policy or a direct order given to these soldiers to conduct what they did. I believe that they did it on their own volition." But he also said Brigadier-General Janis Karpinski, who was in charge of the prison when the abuses took place last year, was the highest ranked officer he had interviewed.

"So what may have happened above General Karpinski is an open book," said Senator Ben Nelson, a Nebraska Democrat.

MNA/Reuters

Toyota leads Japanese companies in profit

Tokyo, 12 May — Toyota Motor Corp. has become the first Japanese company to enjoy a net profit of over 1 trillion yen (8.84 billion US dollars) with an excellent performance in fiscal 2003.

The giant auto maker garnered 1.16 trillion yen (10.26 billion dollars) in net profit in the past fiscal year, up 54.8 per cent from the previous year, the company said Tuesday.

The pickup was attributed to vehicle sales boom of its lineup around the world, with a record high of 6.72 million units, up 9.9 per cent compared with fiscal 2002, it said.

In a fierce competition, Toyota surpassed Ford Motor Co. of the United States last year as the world's second largest auto maker, next only to US General Motors Corp.

In domestic market, Toyota held the top two positions on sales list of April. Sales of its Corolla stood at 11,300 units, remaining the best-seller for the third consecutive month, said the Japan Automobile Dealers

Association on Tuesday. Its Crown luxury sedan came the second with 10,759 vehicles. Among the top-ten best-sellers, Toyota took five models.

In addition to strong vehicle sales, the auto maker said its earnings also benefited from cost-reduction efforts and the transfer of a portion of employee pension fund assets to the government, overcoming negative effects from exchange-rate fluctuations.

"Clearly, we are benefiting from our efforts to strengthen our overseas operations and create a global business model that is more resistant to market fluctuations and currency exchange risk," Toyota President Fujio Cho said in a statement.

The company expects global group vehicle sales of 7.02 million units in the current fiscal year which will end on March 31, 2005. — MNA/Xinhua

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- (၄) ရာသီဥတုနှင့် လိုက်လျောညီထွေစွာဝတ်စားဆင်ယင်နေထိုင်ပါ။
- (၅) အသက်အရွယ်နှင့်လိုက်လျောညီထွေစွာသင့်တော်သော ကိုယ်လက်လှုပ်ရှားမှုကို မှန်မှန်ဆောင်ရွက်ပါ။
- (၆) နေ့စဉ်လုပ်ငန်းဆောင်တာများ ဆောင်ရွက်ခြင်းကြောင့် ပင်ပန်းနွမ်းနယ်မှုကိုပြေပျောက်စေရန် အနားယူပါ။
- (၇) ခြင်္သေ့ရယ်မှကားကွယ်ရန် ခြင်္သေ့ထောင်ခြင်းအိပ်ပါ။
- (၈) ကျန်းမာရေးနှင့်ညီညွတ်သော ယဉ်ကျေးမှုသဘောကိုသုံးစွဲပါ။
- (၉) အရက်သောက်ခြင်း၊ ဆေးလိပ်ဆေးရွက် သောက်သုံးခြင်း၊ ကွမ်းစားခြင်းတို့ကိုရှောင်ကြဉ်ပါ။
- (၁၀) မူးယစ်ဆေးဝါးနှင့် စိတ်ကိုပြောင်းလဲစေသည့် ဆေးဝါးများ သုံးစွဲခြင်းကို ရှောင်ကြဉ်ပါ။
- (၁၁) အပျော်အပါးလိုက်စားခြင်းကို ရှောင်ကြဉ်ပါ။
- (၁၂) ရေ၊ မြေ၊ လေ သဘာဝပတ်ဝန်းကျင်နှင့် နေထိုင်မှု၊ အသက်မွေးမှုပတ်ဝန်းကျင်အား ညစ်ညမ်းစေသည့် အပြုအမူများကို ရှောင်ကြဉ်ပါ။

ကျန်းမာရေးဝန်ကြီးဌာန

GCC states set to increase tariff on tobacco to curb smoking

ABUDHABI, 12 May — The Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) states are set to increase the Customs tariff on tobacco by 150 per cent to curb smoking, newspaper Gulf News quoted a source from the UAE Health Ministry as saying on Monday.

The move, which comes in the framework of devising a unified GCC strategy on primary health care, aims at reducing the spread of smoking in the member countries and enhancing the global initiatives and programmes to fight smoking and curb the habit, said the source.

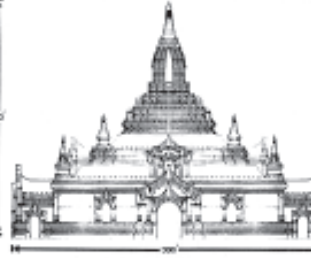
The proposal is on the top of the agenda of the upcoming 57th meeting of the group's health ministers, which will be held on the sidelines of the meeting of the World Health Organization slated for May 17 to 22. — MNA/Xinhua

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 သစ်တစ်ချပ် - ၆၀၀/-
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 ငွေ (တစ်စီး) - ၁၀၀/-
 သစ်တစ်ချပ်၊ တစ်ချပ် (၁၂ x ၁၂) - ၅၀/-

ယဉ်ကျေးမှုဝန်ကြီးဌာန (ဝန်ကြီးရုံး)

ရှေးဟောင်းသုတေသနဦးစီးဌာန (ရုံးချုပ်)

ယဉ်ကျေးမှုအမွေအနှစ်ဝေလျှင်ခံရမှု (မန္တလေး)

တကောင်းမြို့၊ ရှေးဟောင်း လေးမျက်နှာဘုရားကြီး ပြန်လည်ပြုပြင် တည်ဆောက်ရာတွင် ကုသိုလ်ယူ ငါဝင်လှူဒါန်းနိုင်

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WHO regional office warns of worsening "AIDS" situation

MANILA, 12 May — The Western Pacific Regional Office (WPOR) of the World Health Organization (WHO) Tuesday warned a worsening AIDS situation in the region and called for adequate treatment for patients in the developing countries.

The WPOR said in a statement that at least 1.5 million people in the region were living with HIV/AIDS as of 2003. It said that the HIV/AIDS caused at least 70,000 adult and child deaths last year, and the number is expected to reach about 120,000 by 2005.

In the developing countries of the region, around 170,000 AIDS patients were in need of antiretroviral therapy while only less than 5 per cent of them are receiving the right treatment, it added.

According to the WPOR, the WHO has

brought forward a global project as a response to the deadly disease, named "3 by 5" Initiative, aiming at providing three million people with antiretroviral drugs treatment by the end of 2005, especially those in the developing countries.

According to the WHO, six million HIV-infected people in the developing countries need access to antiretroviral therapy but only 300,000 have it.

The WPOR noted that China, Vietnam, Cambodia and Papua New Guinea are in need of priority actions in the region.

"The aim is to have around half of the patients in need in the countries including antiretrovirals by the end of 2005," the statement said.

"The key to this initiative will be to have affordable and sustainable drugs. We are not completely there yet, but we hope this matter will be resolved before very long," it added.

The WPOR said that the WHO will also support all other countries for specific requests for help, especially through making available technical guidelines for care and treatment.

MNA/Xinhua

Vietnam records GDP growth of 7% in first 4 months

HANOI, 12 May — Vietnam posted Gross Domestic Product (GDP) growth of 7 per cent in the first four months of this year, despite unfavourable conditions such as the bird flu outbreak, prolonged cold spells, heavy drought and sharp increases in goods prices.

"In the eight remaining months of this year, we must record GDP growth of 7.7-8.3 per cent by further tapping potential of economic sectors, and boosting production, services and exports," Deputy Prime Minister Nguyen Tan Dung said at the opening of the 11th National Assembly's 5th session started on Tuesday.

To realize the target, Vietnam will focus on implementing five solutions, namely facilitating renovation of state-owned enterprises (SOEs), keeping on issuing government bonds, further tapping potential of non-state sector, improving foreign investment environment, and beefing up exports.

Vietnam is to equitize more SOEs, including well-performing large ones, Dung said, adding that several state corporations and commercial banks will be slated for issuing bonds or shares via the local stock market this year. Besides, development strategies of state corporations will be reviewed in more suitable ways that will "attract par-

ticipation of other economic sectors, including foreign investors, excluding sensitive areas of security and national defense," he stressed. To lure more resources among the public, the government will continue to issue bonds to fund key projects on transport, irrigation, electricity and school upgrades, as well as to create more equal playing grounds for non-state economic sector, including cooperative, household and private economies. Accordingly, the sector will have more access to land for production and business and state credit loans.

The government is also instructing relevant ministries to build the Investment Encouragement and Protection Law which will be applied to both domestic and foreign investment. Business rights of foreign-invested enterprises will be expanded pursuant to Vietnam's commitments of opening up its market during negotiations about its entry in the World Trade Organization (WTO).

MNA/Xinhua

Israeli Airline invites experts to probe safety incidents

JERUSALEM, 12 May — El Al Israel Airlines will bring experts from abroad to assist in the investigation of a series of serious safety incidents involving 747-200 aircraft, including the stalling of engines in mid-flight, Israeli newspaper Haaretz reported Tuesday.

Representatives from engine manufacturer Pratt & Whitney and aircraft manufacturer Boeing will be among the experts.

One of the safety incidents was two of the four engines on a cargo plane flying over Europe stalled, the report said.

The Israeli Transportation Ministry's chief accident investigator, Itzhak Raz, and Israeli Civilian Flight Administration, were also involved in the investigation.

"No incident of an involuntary engine stall occurred recently," the airline said in response to Monday's Haaretz report about the stalling.

"In the cargo flight of a 747-200 aircraft, a stream of unstable air flowed in the area of the engine.

There was no danger to the plane or its cargo.

The crew acted appropriately, and landed the plane safely with all four engines running," it said.

El Al Director-General Amos Shapira said his company never neglected or concealed anything and had no intention of doing so.

"We encourage ground and air crews to report safety incidents," he said. —MNA/Xinhua

Angola, Cape Verde to discuss cooperation in oil exploration

LUANDA, 12 May — Angolan President Jose Eduardo dos Santos, who is on a visit to Cape Verde, is expected to discuss with his counterpart in the Atlantic island on the two countries' cooperation in oil exploitation, local media reported Monday.

It is reported that the Cape Verdean authorities want the aid of Angola, the sub-Saharan Africa's second largest oil producer after Nigeria, in the prospecting of its off shore, which is

believed to have crude oil.

Cape Verde, archipelago of 10 islands and five islets, also a transit point between western Europe and southern Africa as well as southern America, intends to establish in the archipelago an international fuel warehouse.

Besides the petroleum sector, it is said that there are many possibilities for the relaunching of the island country, aiming at its social and economic development. —MNA/Xinhua

Arabs have to invest \$1 trillion in oil and gas sector

ABUDHABI, 12 May — The Arab oil producers will have to pump at least 1 trillion US dollars into their hydrocarbon sector in the next three decades to expand their output capacity and meet a rising global demand, UAE's official WAM news agency reported Monday.

The funds are nearly one sixth of the cumulative international investment needed to be channelled into the oil and gas sector worldwide to face a steady growth in consumption in both sectors, according to figures released by the Organization of Arab Petroleum-Exporting Countries (OAPEC).

The Kuwaiti-based group said the bulk of the Arab investments will have to be pumped by Gulf producers, which control most of the region's oil and gas.

A study by OAPEC shows that crude oil demand is projected to grow by between 1.7 to 2 per cent until 2020 and at a slower rate afterwards because of a surge in gas consumption.

At such a rate, oil demand will rise from around 77 million barrels per day

(bpd) currently to 120 million bpd in 2020 and 120 million bpd in 2030.

Gas will grow faster than oil as many countries are switching to the cleaner source of energy.

From about 2.5 trillion cubic metres currently, consumption is forecast to nearly double after 25 years.

Meeting these growing requirements call for huge investments into the upstream oil industries relating to the discovery of new oil and gas reservoirs and enhanced recovery, said the study.

It noted that firm prices, which must be suitable for both producers and consumers, would allow the global economy to grow steadily and provide a suitable incentive that encourages investment in the producing countries.

MNA/Xinhua

Ethiopian police call for support in fight against terrorism

ADDIS ABABA, 12 May — An Ethiopian top police officer Monday called for further strengthening of the support being made by the government and public toward the prevention of crime and terrorism.

Workneh Gebeyehu, head of the Ethiopian Federal Police Commission, said it has been possible to detain those people involved in the terrorist attacks committed repeatedly through the active participation of the public and security forces.

He made the call here while presenting the nine-month performance report to the Legal Affairs Standing Committee of the Ethiopian House of Peoples Representatives.

The commissioner said the police have confirmed that the repeated terrorist attacks were committed by the Oromo Liberation Front and other similar organizations in an investigation they have carried out.

In the past month, there

were at least three bomb blasts in Ethiopia, leaving several people dead.

According to the local media reports, three Ethiopian policemen, who worked at the Addis Ababa International Airport, were detained last week on suspicion of organizing a possible terrorism attack in the airport.

Pointing out that terrorism has become a serious issue to the country, as it has been a global affair, Workneh said fighting terrorism should not be left to security forces alone.

Extensive sensitization work has to be done to raise the awareness of the public to enable them to actively involve in the fight against terrorism, he said.

MNA/Xinhua

Six people injured in gas station fire in Turkey

ANKARA, 12 May — Six people were seriously injured in a fire Monday when a jeep ran into a gas station in Trabzon Province of northern Turkey, Anatolia news agency reported. The fire broke out in a gas station near the motorway between the towns of Besikduzu and Vakfikebir after a jeep with broken brakes hit the control clocks of the LPG filling depot, the report

said. Two gasoline trucks and five motor vehicles along with the jeep burned down to ashes and six people were injured seriously in the gas station, according to the report.

The wounded were rushed to hospital while fire-fighting teams took the fire under control, and there was serious damage to the gas station, the report added.

MNA/Xinhua

သတိပေးနိုးဆော်ချက်

ဧရိယာသတ်မှတ်တော်ယာဉ်များအား မြို့တွင်းသို့ နေ့/ည ဧရိယာသတ်မှတ်ချက်အရ သတ်မှတ်ခေါက်ရန်အညီ စက်သုံးဆိတ်တံဆိပ်ထားပြီး ဖြစ်ပါသည်။ ယာဉ်စီးများအားလည်း သတ်မှတ်နှုန်းထားများအတိုင်းတောင်းခံရန် ညွှန်ကြားထားရှိပါသည်။ သို့ရာတွင် အချို့ယာဉ်လိုင်းများမှ ယာဉ်မောင်းနှင် ယာဉ်နောက်လိုက်တို့သည် ယာဉ်စီးများကို ညပိုင်းတွင် ပိုမိုတောင်းယူနေကြောင်း သိရပါသည်။ ထိုသို့ပိုမိုတောင်းခံပါက ထိရောက်စွာ အရေးယူနိုင်ရန် အောက်ပါနည်းလမ်းများကို တိုင်ကြားနိုင်ပါသည်။

(၁) မြန်မာနိုင်ငံရဲတပ်ဖွဲ့၊ ရန်ကုန်တိုင်း (ဖုန်း ၁၉၉)

(၂) ကြိုမဲကြေးနန်းနှင့်ယာဉ်ထိန်းတပ်ဖွဲ့ (ဖုန်း ၂၅၁၂၈၇/၂၅၁၂၈၇)

(၃) မော်တော်ယာဉ်လုပ်ငန်းပေါင်းစုံဦးစီးဌာန (ဖုန်း ၅၄၁၉၀၇/၅၄၁၉၀၇)

ယာဉ်စည်းကမ်းထိန်းသိမ်းရေးကြီးကြပ်မှုကော်မတီ

AIDS ရောဂါပညာပေးနိုးဆော်ချက်

AIDSရောဂါကူးစက်စေသောနည်းလမ်းများ

AIDSရောဂါသည် HIVဗိုင်းရပ်(စ်)ဗိုင်းကူးစက်မှုကြောင့်ဖြစ်သည်။

AIDS ရောဂါကူးစက်စေသောနည်းလမ်းများမှာ

- * ရောဂါပိုးရှိသူနှင့်လိင်ဆက်ဆံခြင်း
- * မသန်ရှင်သောဆေးသုံးဆောင်မှု၊ ပြွန်များကိုမျှဝေသုံးစွဲခြင်း
- * HIVဗိုင်းရပ်(စ်)ဗိုင်းကူးစက်မှုရှိသူများမှ ယာဉ်မောင်းနှင်ခြင်း
- * ရောဂါပိုးရှိသောကွက်လမ်းဆေးခန်းခံစားမှုသောသုံးစွဲမှုကြောင့်တို့ဖြစ်ပါသည်။

HIVဗိုင်းရပ်(စ်)ဗိုင်းကူးစက်မှုအခြေခံပုဒ်အဖြစ်မသိနိုင်သောကြောင့် ရောဂါကူးစက်မှုမခံရအောင် အစဉ်အမြဲသတိရှိပါ။

AIDS ရောဂါမကူးစက်နိုင်သောနည်းလမ်းများ

AIDS ရောဂါမကူးစက်နိုင်သောနည်းလမ်းများမှာ

- ချောင်းဆိုးနာရီချွတ်ခြင်း
- သာမန်ထိတွေ့မှုများဖြစ်သော လက်ဆွဲနှုတ်ဆက်ခြင်း၊ ဖက်ခြင်း၊ အရည်ပြားချင်း ထိတွေ့ခြင်း
- ဝန်ထုပ်ကုန်ဝန်ရောင်းဝယ်မှု၊ အိမ်သာ၊ တံခါးလက်ကိုင်၊ ထိုင်ခုံတို့ကိုအသုံးပြုခြင်းတို့ကြောင့် မကူးစက်နိုင်ပါ။
- AIDS ရောဂါသည်တစ်ဦးမှတစ်ဦးသို့သာမန်အခြေခံပုဒ်အရ ကူးစက် နိုင်သဖြင့် AIDS ဝေဒနာရှင်များကိုဝတ်စုံစွဲခြင်း မပြုဘဲ ကြင်နာစွာ ပြုစုစောင့်ရှောက်ပါ။

AIDS ရောဂါကာကွယ်ရန်နည်းလမ်းများ

AIDS ရောဂါကာကွယ်ရန်ဆေးနှင့် ပျောက်ကင်းအောင်ကုသရန် ဆေးမပေါ်သေးပါ။ထို့ကြောင့် မိမိတို့၏အပြုအမူကိုဆင်ခြင်ခြင်း သည်သာ အကောင်းဆုံး ကာကွယ်နည်းဖြစ်သည်။

AIDS ရောဂါမကူးစက်စေရန်အတွက်

- လိင်အရောအပါးလိင်စားခြင်းကိုရှောင်ကြဉ်ပါ။မရှောင်နိုင်ပါက အကာအကွယ်ကုန်သုံးစွဲမှု စနစ်တကျအသုံးပြုပါ။
- အိမ်ထောင်ရှိသူများ တစ်လင်တစ်မယားစနစ် ကျင့်သုံးပြီး မိမိအိမ်ထောင်ဖက်အချင်းချင်း အပြန်အလှန်သစ္စာရှိပါ။

-မှူးစပ်ဆေးဝါးကိုလုံးဝမသုံးစွဲပါနှင့်။

-ဆေးထိုးရန်လိုအပ်ပါက တစ်ခါသုံးဆေးထိုးအပ်ကိုသာအသုံးပြုပါ။

AIDS ရောဂါကြံ့ခိုင်သူများအားပြုစုစောင့်ရှောက်ရေး

- HIVဗိုင်းရပ်(စ်)ဗိုင်းကူးစက်မှုရသူများသည် အကျင့်စားစွဲ ဖျက်ဖျက်သူများ မဟုတ်သောကြောင့် ဝေဒနာရှင်များအား နှိမ့်ချဆက်ဆံခြင်း မပြုလုပ်ဘဲ နှစ်သိမ့်ကူညီအားပေးပါ။
- AIDSရောဂါကြံ့ခိုင်သူများကို ကြည့်မြင်တုံ့ပြန်လက်ကိုင်ကုသမှု ဝေဒနာရှင်များ၏ သဘာဝပုံမှန်ကြံ့ခိုင်သူတို့၏ ကိုယ်စွမ်း ဉာဏ်စွမ်းများကို အသုံးပြုနိုင်ကာ လူလောကအားအကျိုးပြုရင်း အဓိပ္ပာယ်ရှိရှိ နေထိုင်သွားနိုင်မည် ဖြစ်ပါသည်။

ကျန်းမာရေးဝန်ကြီးဌာန

Jordan's public debt reaches \$9.85m

AMMAN, 12 May — Jordan's total public debt stood at 9.85 million US dollars by the end of March, according to a report issued by the Jordanian Finance Ministry Tuesday.

It said the county's external debt reached at 7.48 million dollars and the internal debt totalled 2.36 million dollars.

It added external debt servicing at the end of the first quarter this

year amounted to 241.2 million dollars, of which around 197.6 million dollars were in principal payments and 43.6 million dollars were in interest payments.

Meanwhile, total expenditure dropped by 3.5 per cent or 25.6 million dollars to 712.6 million dollars compared to 738.2 million dollars in the same period last year, the report said.

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မြို့တက်မယ့်လမ်း။

သွေးလွန်တုပ်ကွေးရောဂါကာကွယ်ပါ

၁။ သွေးလွန်တုပ်ကွေးရောဂါသည် အသက် (၃) နှစ်မှ (၁၄) နှစ်အထိ ကလေးငယ်များတွင် ဖြစ်ပွားတတ်ပါသည်။ သွေးလွန်တုပ်ကွေးရောဂါ ဖြစ်လျှင် ရင်သွေးငယ်များ အသက်ဆုံးပါးရသည့်အထိ ဖြစ်နိုင်သဖြင့် မိမိတို့၏ ရင်သွေးများ သွေးလွန်တုပ်ကွေးရောဂါ ကြိုတင်ကာကွယ်ကြပါရန် နှိုးဆော်အပ်ပါသည်။

၂။ သွေးလွန်တုပ်ကွေးရောဂါသည် ရေကြည်ရောင်နီတွင်ပေါက်ပွားသော ခြင်္သေ့ပုန်း၊ ခြင်္ကေး၊ အကိုက်ခံရခြင်းကြောင့် ကူးစက်ပါသည်။ သို့ပါ၍ ခြင်္သေ့ပုန်း၊ ခြင်္ကေး၊ မပေါက်ပွားအရေနှင့် မိမိတို့ရင်သွေးများ ခြင်္ကေးမခံရအရေ အောက်ပါအတိုင်း ဆောင်ရွက်ကြပါရန် နှိုးဆော်အပ်ပါသည်။

သွေးလွန်တုပ်ကွေးရောဂါမှ ကာကွယ်ရန်

- (က) ရေစည်ရေအိုးများကို လုံခြုံစွာဖုံးအုပ်ထားပါ။
- (ခ) ရေအိုး၊ ညောင်ရေအိုးတို့မှရေကို နေစဉ်လွယ်လွယ်ပေးပါ။
- (ဂ) ရေစည်၊ ရေအိုးများရှိ ပိုးလောင်လန်များအား ရေစစ်ဖြင့် ခပ်ထုတ်ဖယ်ပါ။
- (ဃ) မိုးရေတင်နိုင်သော ဘူး၊ ခုံး၊ ဝါး၊ တာယာစုတ်၊ အိုး၊ ခြံ၊ ပဲ စသည်တို့ကို ဖယ်ရှားရှင်းလင်းပါ။
- (င) အလင်းရောင်ရှိရန် တံခါးများကို နေ့ခင်းပိုင်းတွင် ဖွင့်ထားပါ။
- (ဆ) အိမ်တွင်း၊ အိမ်အပြင်သန့်ရှင်းစွာထားပါ။
- (ဇ) ကလေးများ အိပ်ခန်းတွင် ခြင်္သေ့ပုန်းခြင်းသိပ်ပါ။
- (ဇ) အိမ်ပတ်ဝန်းကျင်ရှိ ရေပိုက်ခံရသော မြေခိုက်များကို မြေဖို့ပါ။
- (ဈ) မိမိတို့အိမ်ရှေ့၊ အိမ်နောက်တို့မှ ရေမြောင်းများကို ရေစီးရေလာကောင်းအောင် ရှင်းလင်းပါ။

လုံအပ်ပါက စည်ပင်သာယာရေးအဖွဲ့၏ အကူအညီကိုလျှပ်ပါ။

၃။ ကျန်းမာရေးဝန်ကြီးဌာနနှင့်ပူးပေါင်းပြီး ခြင်္သေ့ပုန်းမပေါက်ပွားအရေနှင့် ဆောင်ရွက်ခြင်း၊ အသိပညာပေးခြင်း၊ ကာကွယ်တားဆီးခြင်းလုပ်ငန်းများကို ဆောင်ရွက်ကြပါရန်နှင့် သွေးလွန်တုပ်ကွေးဖြစ်ပွားသည့်က သာယာရှိသော ကလေးများကို ဆေးပေးခန်း၊ ဆေးရုံများသို့ အချိန်မီ ပို့ဆောင်ကြပါရန် တိုက်တွန်းနှိုးဆော်အပ်ပါသည်။

ကျန်းမာရေးဝန်ကြီးဌာန

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- * ယှဉ်တွဲစိုက်ပျိုး ဒေသဖွံ့ဖြိုး။

လယ်ယာစိုက်ပျိုးရေးနှင့်ဆည်မြောင်းဝန်ကြီးဌာန

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Chinese Health Ministry publicizes top infectious diseases in April

BEIJING, 12 May — China's Health Ministry said here Monday that tuberculosis had the highest incidence rate in April on the Chinese Mainland among all reported infectious diseases, and rabies remained the top killer.

Tuberculosis, Hepatitis B, dysentery, gonorrhea and measles were the top five most common diseases, the ministry said in a monthly surveillance report released Monday.

Rabies, tuberculosis, Hepatitis B, AIDS and epidemic cerebrospinal meningitis were the major causes of death, the ministry said.

The ministry said rabies also had the highest death rate among the communicable diseases on the Chinese Mainland. Severe acute respiratory syndrome (SARS), AIDS, infant tetanus and epidemic cerebrospinal meningitis followed.

Infectious diseases in China are classified into three categories by the country's

law on prevention of communicable diseases. Among the three categories, 27 types of disease are included in the ministry's regular surveillance report.

The ministry said a total of 308,238 cases of infectious diseases were reported during last month on the Chinese Mainland with 447 deaths. — MNA/Xinhua

China-Spain urban transportation forum opens in Beijing

BEIJING, 12 May — An urban transportation forum sponsored by Chinese and Spanish governments opened here Monday to share Spain's experience in tackling transportation problems as Barcelona did in the 1992 Olympic Games.

The forum was held to promote exchanges and cooperation between China and Spain in transportation policy making, development planning, management and technology, said Su Guang, vice-chairman of the forum and also vice-chairman of the Chinese People's Association for Friendship with Foreign Countries.

During the five-day forum, experts from both countries will discuss how to reduce traffic accidents, public transport arrangements during the Olympic period and coordination of different types of vehicles.

Beijing will host the 2008 Olympic Games and is launching campaigns to clear the city, clean the air and improve traffic, along with the busy construction work for Olympic facilities.

It is the second such forum after the first one was held in September 2003. The forum was sponsored by the Chinese Ministry of Science and Technology and the cooperation agency of Spain's Foreign Ministry.

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Study says Molecule "vacuums up" fat from mice

WASHINGTON, 12 May — A new approach being used to fight cancer may also help fight fat, US researchers said on Sunday.

They said blocking a certain protein seems to literally vacuum fat off mice.

When fat mice were injected with the new "fat-zapper" every day for a month, they all slimmed down to normal weight with no visible side-effects, the researchers reported in the June issue of *Nature Medicine*.

But they stressed the experiment is still in the very early stages and it affects a function found in virtually all cells — meaning it has a high potential for serious side-effects.

"I am trying to un-hype this," said Dr Wadih Arap of the MD Anderson Cancer Centre in Houston, who led the research.

In cancer, a new class of drugs called angiogenesis inhibitors starve tumours by cutting off their blood supply.

Arap and colleagues have turned this approach against fat.

It makes sense, Arap argues — fat cells grow and proliferate quickly just as

cancer cells do. Like tumours, they build themselves a scaffold of tiny blood vessels called capillaries for sustenance.

Cancer drugs tackle different proteins involved in building blood vessels. Arap's team looked for a protein that might be found only in the blood vessels that feed fat cells.

They found one. Prohibitin is active on the surface of fat-feeding blood

vessels. They also found a monoclonal antibody — a synthetic immune system molecule — that finds and attaches to prohibitin alone.

"If even a fraction of what we found in mice relates to human biology, then we are cautiously optimistic that there may be a new way to think about reversing obesity," said Renata Pasqualini, Arap's research partner and wife.

Arap's team made the

monoclonal antibody lethal by attaching it to another protein fragment or peptide that causes apoptosis — a natural programmed cell suicide.

Then they put normal mice on what they called a "cafeteria diet". "It is high in calories," Arap said in a telephone interview. The mice started out weighing just under an ounce, 20 to 25 grammes, but more than doubled their weight on the diet.

MNA/Reuters

China to release GSM, CDMA compatible mobile phone handsets in July

BEIJING, 12 May — China United Telecom (China Unicom), the world's third biggest mobile telecommunications carrier, said Monday it plans to release mobile phone handsets in mid-July this year with dual-band technology that shares data and voice service between GSM and CDMA users.

An official with China Unicom explained that users of the new handsets carrying both GSM and CDMA SIM cards will be able to switch between GSM and CDMA networks, and enjoy roaming service in countries where only one of the networks is available.

The technology built by the company has passed primary tests. The official said the introduction of the new handset will also help attract new mobile phone subscribers as Unicom's GSM and CDMA networks cover almost the whole Chinese Mainland. Its mobile telecommunications users exceeded 100 million

by May 5. Wang Jianzhou, board chairman and president of China Unicom, displayed three handsets compatible with GSM and CDMA networks in March at an annual business meeting. The handsets were manufactured by Samsung, LG and Motorola.

MNA/Xinhua



Lava flows around a tree as it moves down the slopes of Kilauea Volcano in Volcanoes National Park on 3 May, 2004, in Volcano, Hawaii. A fiery stream of lava is inching toward the ocean this week, affording some of the best views of Kilauea Volcano's flow in nearly a year. The flow became visible Sunday morning and moved rapidly across a flat, coastal area toward the water, according to Don Swanson, chief scientist at the US Geological Survey's Hawaiian Volcano Observatory. — INTERNET

Bravery of 7-year-old boy saves father's life

CANBERRA, 12 May — A seven-year-old Australian boy will be nominated for a bravery award after walking 1.3 miles through rugged bush with broken ribs and collapsing lungs to get help for his injured father, emergency services said on Monday.

Tyler Moon and his father, David, 39, were seriously hurt on Saturday when their all-terrain four-wheeled vehicle turned over and pinned the boy's father to the ground about 120 miles south of Sydney in New South Wales State.

"With the severity of his

injuries he staggered as two lungs were collapsing to make it home for dad because he loves his dad. We think he deserves recognition," said Ian Badham of CareFlight, which airlifted Tyler to a Sydney hospital.

Tyler collapsed after making it home to his mother, Gail. He and his father were now recovering in separate Sydney hospitals.

MNA/Reuters

Singapore's Changi Airport traffic rises in April

SINGAPORE, 12 May — The passenger traffic in Singapore's Changi Airport stood at 2.37 million in April, up 102.9 per cent over the same period last year.

According to a statement by the Civil Aviation Authority of Singapore (CAAS) on Monday, the passenger traffic at the airport reduced from 2.34 million in April 2002 to 1.17 million in April 2003 mainly due to the outbreak of the severe acute respiratory syndrome (SARS).

In April this year, the airfreight movements at the airport rose by 9.9 per cent to 142,000 tons.

MNA/Xinhua



A polar bear swims in a pond as it holds a block of ice. A polar bear and her two cubs stranded on an island in the Arctic after being caught off guard by a rapid ice melt now face starvation, officials said as Norwegians made emotional calls for an emergency rescue mission. — INTERNET

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Gray steps down as Leeds manager

LONDON, 12 May—Eddie Gray left his post as caretaker manager of relegated Premier League club Leeds United on Monday.

The 56-year-old former Leeds player, who replaced Peter Reid as manager last November, will remain at the club as a consultant on a one-year-contract.

"We had a very productive meeting with Eddie today and the decision was amicable," chairman Gerald Krasner said on Leeds' official web site.

"I'd like to take this opportunity to thank Eddie for his contribution to Leeds United this season, probably one of the hardest on record, but we are delighted that Eddie has agreed to stay with us in a consultancy capacity so we can still benefit from his vast experience in the game."

Leeds drew 3-3 at home to Charlton Athletic on Saturday in their last game under Gray. The result confirmed Leeds' relegation following a traumatic season at the heavily-indebted club.

Relegation is likely to cost the club over 20 million pounds in lost revenue and many of Leeds' best players, such as England striker Alan Smith and Australian Mark Viduka, are expected to be sold in the close season.—MNA/Reuters

Kahn offers to give up armband

HAMBURG (Germany), 12 May—Bayern Munich goalkeeper Oliver Kahn said he was ready to give up his captain's armband after a costly blunder. Kahn allowed Werder Bremen to open the scoring by letting go of the ball early in Bayern's 3-1 home defeat on Saturday which presented Werder with their fourth Bundesliga title.

"If I have to take less responsibility to do my goalkeeping job well again, then I'll do it," Kahn told Tuesday's issue of Munich daily tz in an article released ahead of publication.

MNA/Reuters



Brescia soccer star Roberto Baggio, right, scores during the Italian first division soccer match against Lazio at the Brescia Mario Rigamonti stadium, Italy, on 9 May, 2004. Brescia won, 2-1.—INTERNET

Valencia seal sixth Spanish title

MADRID, 12 May—Valencia clinched their second Spanish title in three seasons after goals from midfielders Vicente and Ruben Baraja sealed a 2-0 win at Sevilla on Sunday.

With only two games left, the victory left Rafa Benitez's side with an unsailable seven-point lead over Real Madrid, who slumped to their third successive defeat on Saturday, 3-2 at home to Real Mallorca.

It is the first time in five years that Real have finished the season without a major trophy and they now have to battle with Barcelona for the runners-up spot and an automatic Champions League place.

Valencia have the chance to end their campaign with a first ever domestic and European double.

They meet Olympique Marseille in the UEFA Cup final on May 19.

"It is incredible," said Valencia captain David Albelda. "I think we're deserved winners, we've worked really hard all season and been by far the most consistent side in the league. Let's see if we can now go for the UEFA Cup as well."

After 36 of 38 games Valencia have 77 points, Real follow on 70, one ahead of Barcelona, who lost 1-0 at Celta Vigo on Saturday.

Deportivo Coruna, who slipped to a 2-0 defeat at struggling Espanyol, are a

further four points adrift in fourth.

Valencia produced the sort of slick, disciplined performance that has helped them earn a sixth league title in the 85 years since they were founded.

Coach Rafa Benitez's men took the sting out of an aggressive Sevilla side in the opening minutes and hit their opponents with a devastating counter-attack from inside their own half in the 12th minute.

Diminutive forward Xisco back-heeled the ball into the path of Vicente after receiving a quick pass down on the left flank from defender Amedeo Carboni.

The speedy winger, who has been outstanding all season, raced towards the area, fended off a challenge from Sevilla defender Javi Navarro and drilled the ball past keeper Esteban at the near post to the delight of the 3,000-strong contingent of travelling Valencia fans.

Valencia made a rare defensive error when Baptista's strike partner Carlitos got ahead of centre-back Carlos Marchena late in the first half but he sent his header over the bar.

MNA/Reuters

Santos give Luxemburgo flying start

RIO DE JANEIRO, 12 May—Santos gave new coach Vanderlei Luxemburgo a winning start at the weekend, beating Juventude 2-1 in the Brazilian Championship.

Rio de Janeiro's four clubs continued their slump with Flamengo crashing 5-1 at Vitoria, and Botafogo, Fluminense and Vasco da Gama all drawing. "Carioca" teams occupy three of the bottom five places and have managed only one win between them in 20 attempts.

An 87th-minute penalty by striker Deivid gave Luxemburgo, who led Cruzeiro to the title last year, a flying start to his second spell at Santos.

Basilio put the home team ahead in the first half but Thiago hit back almost immediately for Juventude. Santos are 12th in the table with six points from five games.

Luxemburgo, Brazil coach from 1998 to 2000, replaced Emerson Leao, who resigned on Thursday after a two-year reign in which he led Pele's former club to their first Brazilian Championship title and took them to the Libertadores Cup final for the first time in 40 years.

Striker Edilson, kicked out of Flamengo at the start of this year for indiscipline, scored twice as he led Vitoria's rout of his former club. Xavier, Obina and Peruvian striker Flavio Maestri,

Footballer of the Year Henry makes history

LONDON, 12 May—Thierry Henry became the first player to win England's Footballer of the Year award in successive seasons when he swept almost 90 per cent of the votes cast in the annual poll announced on Monday.

Arsenal's French international striker finished clear of Chelsea's England midfielder Frank Lampard and Arsenal and France teammate Patrick Vieira to win the award from the English Football Writers' Association.

Since the award was introduced in the 1947-48 season no player had previously won it in successive seasons and only six men had won it twice — Sir Stanley Matthews (1948 and 1963), Sir Tom Finney (1954 and 1957), Danny Blanchflower (1958 and 1961), Kenny Dalglish (1979 and 1983), John Barnes (1988 and 1990), and Gary Lineker (1986 and 1992).

Henry joined that select band and made history of his own just two weeks after he was voted Players' Player of the Year for the second successive season by his peers.

The striker has scored 37 goals this season, including 29 in the Premier League, and has created countless others to inspire Arsenal to the title. Henry said: "It's a real honour to receive this award for the second year running, but as I always say it would not

have been possible without my teammates and of course the manager.

"When I collected this award last season I would have swapped it for a team award, but thankfully this year we won the title so I can really enjoy it this time around.

"You know we have a special group of players at Arsenal and an amazing team spirit. I love being part of this team and really believe we have a big future."

FWA chairman Gerry Cox said: "Last year it was a close contest and a somewhat controversial outcome with Henry narrowly beating Ruud Van Nistelrooy, but this time he has been the runaway winner.

"His skill, athleticism, teamwork and goals have set new standards in the Premier League, but above all that it is about the way he plays the game that has captivated people throughout the country.

"While it bodes well for Arsenal's future, one can only fear for England's defenders in Euro 2004." Henry will be presented with the award at an FWA dinner on May 20.

MNA/Reuters

Owen set to stay at Liverpool but urges improvement

LONDON, 12 May—Liverpool striker Michael Owen has made a pledge to his club that he has no intention of sitting out his contract and leaving on a free transfer at the end of next season.

The England international has been linked with a possible move to several clubs in Europe, but the 24-year-old was quoted in the British media on Tuesday as saying he had no plans to leave Anfield.

"We will sort something

out amicably next summer," Owen told the Daily Express.

"I won't just up and leave on a Bosman (free transfer). I have the rest of this season and all next still left on my existing contract but talks have already started on a new one. "Inevitably, they are complex though and don't get done in just a week. But I certainly see myself at Liverpool next year. Why not?"

"I'm not in football for the money. And that is largely what it means when players sit out their contracts and go for free. I've got a reasonable collection of trophies already, but I want more and that's the main thing in my mind.

"I read that the manager (Gerard Houllier) says he expects me to go abroad at some stage and I certainly would not rule anything out. I am very ambitious and want to play at the highest level

but there is now reason that can't be with Liverpool."

With Thai Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra expected to invest around 100 million US dollars in the club, his ambition may be realized.

"If there is money coming in, maybe the club look like they mean business and are going places," he added.

"It is obvious the other three big clubs (Arsenal, Chelsea and Manchester United) have opened up a gap over us and things have to be done to bridge that.

"We certainly need to improve. Finishing fourth and getting into the Champions League is a must, but we cannot settle for that.

"When the dust settles it has still been a bad season. We have taken a step back and now we need to take two steps forward."

MNA/Reuters



Girondin Bordeaux's Albert Riera Ortega (L) fights for the ball with Paris Saint Germain defender Bernard Mendy (R) in their French Ligue 1 soccer match at the Chaban Delmas stadium in Bordeaux, southwestern France, on 11 May, 2004.—INTERNET

MNA/Reuters

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**13-5-2004 (Thursday)
Morning Transmission
(9:00 - 10:00)**

- 9:00 Signature Tune
Greeting
9:02 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Mingalabar"
9:06 King Alaung Min-
taya's Palace Site
9:10 **Headline News**
9:12 Attractive Myanmar
Snacks
9:15 **National News**
9:20 Popa Flat-topped Hill
(Taung Ka Lat)
9:25 Timing bell and
Clapper Dance
9:30 **National News**
9:35 A Day in the Life of a
Mahout
9:40 Myanmar Modern
Song "Treasure Land"
9:45 **National News**
9:50 Native home of the
Kham
9:58 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Come and See
Myanmar"

**13-5-2004 (Thursday)
Evening Transmission
(15:30 - 17:30)**

- 15:30 Signature Tune
Greeting
15:32 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Myanmar Pano-
rama & Myanma Sen-
timent"
15:36 Popa Flat-topped Hill
(Taung Ka Lat)
15:40 **Headline News**
15:42 Attractive Myanmar
Snacks
15:45 **National News**
15:50 King Alaung Min-
taya's Palace Site
15:55 Timing bell and
Clapper Dance
16:00 **National News**
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16:20 Native home of the
Kham
16:25 Song of Myanmar
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Sights "Mingalabar"
16:30 **National News**

- 16:35 Fabulous Bagan (III)
16:40 The Decoration of
Lacquerware (Stylus
Drawing)
16:45 **National News**
16:50 Journey to Mogok
(The Ruby Land)
16:55 Scenic Beauty of Ha-
Kha and Cultural
Dance
16:58 Myanmar Modern
Song "The Horse
Dance"
17:00 **National News**
17:05 Myanmar Profile
Songs "To Golden
Mandalay"
17:15 **National News**
17:20 Kanbawza Thardi Mu-
seum
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 Peaceful & Developed
Dawei
19:40 **Headline News**
19:42 Myanmar Profile "Fast
Food"
19:45 **National News**
19:50 Mogyinyi Wildlife
Sanctuary
19:55 Wararya Dance
19:58 New Vogue Flower
Arrangement
20:00 **National News**
20:05 Travelogue (PyinOo
Lwin)
20:10 Songs On Screen
"Love Slave"
20:15 **National News**
20:20 Production of A Deli-
cious Seafood
20:25 Song "Everlasting"
20:30 **National News**
20:35 Fabulous Bagan (II)
20:40 Poppy Substitute Crop
Cultivation in Border
Areas
20:45 **National News**
20:50 Myanmar Arts &
Handicraft Centre
Ah-Hla- Kabya-Pan-
fawah
21:00 **National News**
21:05 PaO Nationals'
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Drum
21:10 Myanmar Modern
Songs "Come, Visit
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21:12 Hta Pwe (or) Mogok
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21:15 **National News**
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Sights "Come and See
Myanmar"

**13-5-2004 (Thursday) &
14-5-2004 (Friday)
Evening Transmission &
Morning Transmission
(23:30 - 1:30)**

- 23:30 Signature Tune
Greeting
23:32 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Myanma Pano-
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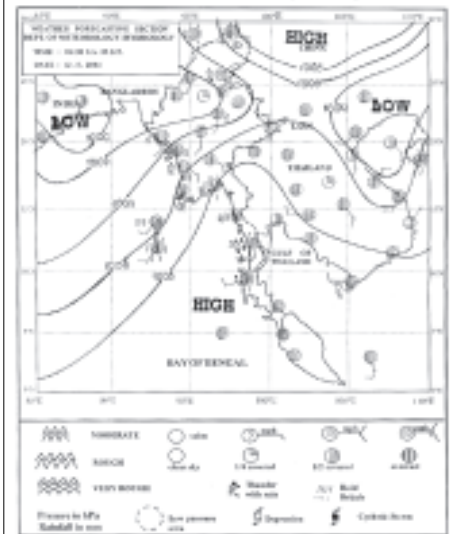
**14-5-2004 (Friday)
Morning Transmission
(03:30 - 07:30)**

- 03:30 Signature Tune
Greeting
03:32 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Mingalabar"
03:36 Peaceful & Developed
Dawei
03:40 **Headline News**
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Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas


WEATHER
Wednesday, 12 May, 2004
Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST:

During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Kayah State, Magway Division and rain or thundershowers have been widespread in Rakhine, Mon States, Yangon, Taninthayi Divisions, scattered in Kachin, Kayin State, Mandalay, lower Sagaing, Bago, Ayeyawady Divisions and isolated in the remaining areas with locally heavyfalls in Mon State, isolated heavyfalls in Kayin State. The noteworthy amount of rainfall recorded were Mawlamyine (8.70) inches, Thaton (8.43) inches, Hpa-an (3.89) inches, Mudon (3.07) inches, Gwa (2.64) inches, Dawei (2.49) inches, Thandwe (2.40) inches, Ye (2.13) inches, Kawthong (1.77) inches, Patheingyi (1.61) inches. Day temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) below normal in Mon State, Ayeyawady Division, (5°C) to (6°C) below normal in Chin, Kayin States, Yangon, Taninthayi Divisions, (3°C) to (4°C) above normal in Shan State, upper Sagaing, Magway Divisions, (5°C) to (6°C) above normal in lower Sagaing, Mandalay Divisions and about normal in the remaining areas. Significant day temperatures were (42°C) each in NyaungU, Chauk, Minbu and Magway.

Maximum temperature on 11-5-2004 was 29.5°C (85°F). Minimum temperature on 12-5-2004 was 21.6°C (71°F). Relative humidity at 9:30 hrs MST on 12-5-2004 was 96%. Total sunshine hours on 11-5-2004 was nil. Rainfall on 12-5-2004 was 23mm (0.91 inch) at Yangon Airport, 8mm (0.32 inch) at Kaba-Aye and 3mm (0.12 inch) at central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2004 was 82 mm (3.23 inches) at Yangon Airport and 95 mm (3.75 inches) at Kaba-Aye and 93 mm (3.66 inches) at central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was 12 mph from Southwest at (10:30) hours MST on 11-5-2004.

Bay inference: Weather is cloudy in Andaman Sea, South Bay and partly cloudy elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal. **Forecast valid until evening of 13-5-2004:** Rain or thundershowers will be widespread in Mon, Kayin States, Ayeyawady, Yangon and Taninthayi Divisions, scattered in Rakhine State, Bago Division and isolated 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 rain or thundershowers in the southern Myanmar areas. **Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 13-5-2004:** One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (100%). **Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 13-5-2004:** Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

New Rainfall Record
(Issued at 10:30 hrs MST on 12th May 2004)

The amount of rainfall 214 mm (8.43 inches) observed at (09:30) hrs MST today at Thaton is 24 hrs new maximum rainfall record of the station for the month of May during last (32) years. The former record was 175mm (6.85 inches) on 24th May 1974.


Thursday, May 13
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. Dance of national races

8:05 am

6. အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ

8:15 am

7. Dance Variety

8:25 am

8. ကော့ကတိတ်လုံး ဓမ္မဗျူဟာလှည့်ကစား

8:30 am

9. International news

8:45 am

10. Let's go

4:00 am

1. Martial song

4:15 am

2. Songs to uphold

4:30 am

3. English For Everyday Use

4:45 am

4. Musical programme

5:00 pm

5. အခေါ်သင်တန်းသို့ရပ် ဗဟိုဗေဒ

5:15 pm

6. ရုပ်မြင်သံကြား သင်ခန်းစာ

5:30 pm

7. မြန်မာစာ မြန်မာစာတော်

5:45 pm

8. Musical programme

6:00 pm

9. နိုင်ငံအဝန်း သစ်တောဖွံ့ဖြိုး

6:15 pm

10. နိုင်ငံအဝန်း သစ်တောဖွံ့ဖြိုး

6:30 pm

11. Evening news

6:45 pm

12. Weather report

7:00 pm

13. နိုင်ငံအဝန်း သစ်တောဖွံ့ဖြိုး

7:05 pm

14. နိုင်ငံအဝန်း သစ်တောဖွံ့ဖြိုး

7:15 pm

15. Myanmar Video Feature:

7:25 pm

16. နိုင်ငံအဝန်း သစ်တောဖွံ့ဖြိုး

7:35 pm

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7:45 pm

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7:55 pm

19. နိုင်ငံအဝန်း သစ်တောဖွံ့ဖြိုး

8:05 pm

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8:45 pm

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8:55 pm

25. နိုင်ငံအဝန်း သစ်တောဖွံ့ဖြိုး

9:05 pm

26. နိုင်ငံအဝန်း သစ်တောဖွံ့ဖြိုး

9:15 pm

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9:25 pm

28. နိုင်ငံအဝန်း သစ်တောဖွံ့ဖြိုး

9:35 pm

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9:45 pm

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10:05 pm

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37. နိုင်ငံအဝန်း သစ်တောဖွံ့ဖြိုး

11:05 pm

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11:15 pm

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11:35 pm

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11:45 pm

42. နိုင်ငံအဝန်း သစ်တောဖွံ့ဖြိုး

11:55 pm

43. နိုင်ငံအဝန်း သစ်တောဖွံ့ဖြိုး

12:05 am

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12:45 am

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12:55 am

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1:05 am

50. နိုင်ငံအဝန်း သစ်တောဖွံ့ဖြိုး

1:15 am

51. နိုင်ငံအဝန်း သစ်တောဖွံ့ဖြိုး

Literati responsible for making efforts for national people to enjoy Myanmar literature

MWJA Central Body Meeting successfully concludes

YANGON, 12 May—The Central Body of the Third Conference of the Myanmar Writers and Journalists Association continued its meeting for the second day at Kyaikkasan Grounds here this morning.

It was attended by Minister for Information Brig-Gen



Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan addresses second day of MWJA Central Body Meeting.

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Kyaw Hsan, Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Aung Thein, MWJA Chairman U Hla Myaing (Ko Hsaung) and CEC members, the Central Body members from State/Division WJAs, and observers.

MWJA Vice-Chairman U Tin Kha (Tekkatho Tin Kha) chaired the morning session and MWJA CEC member Daw Khin Than Win (Kyu Kyu Thin) acted as Master of Ceremonies. The Ministers of Ceremonies read out the agenda and announced that the quorum was complete as 153 out of 178 Central Body members attended the meeting and the meeting was valid.

Central Body members U Win Aung (Htet Thu Aung) from Mogaung Township, Daw Tin Yee (Ne Win Ni Ni) from Myanaung Township, U Than Wai (Than Wai-Taunggyi) from Shan State, U Tin Aung (Cheint The) from Monywa Township and U Thinkha Kyaw (Mrauk U Anichay) from Sittway Township in Rakhine State discussed the report of the Central Executive Committee, and the meeting went into recess.

When the meeting continued, Central Body member U Myint Kyi (Myint Win Ni) from South Okkalapa Township dealt with the financial statements (2002-2004) and Central Body member U Hla Myint (Kawthoung Shwe

Pyi Soe) from Kawthoung Township, Taninthayi Division, the audit report.

MWJA CEC member U Soe Shein (Maung Soe Hteik-Thonze) tabled a motion on condolence for the literati who passed away, and the meeting went into recess. MWJA Vice-Chairman-2 U Than Maung (Than Maung) presided over the afternoon session and Joint-Secretary U Khin Swe (Shwe Sun Nyo) acted as master of ceremonies.

MWJA Vice-Chairman-3 U Myint Thein (Myint Thein Aung) assessed the discussions on the report of the Central Executive Committee. Central Body member U Hla Wai (Tekkatho Hla Wai) from Thegon Township, Bago Division (West), tabled a motion of approval in the report of the Central Executive Committee. Central Body member U Kyaw Nyunt (Yenatha Maung Kyaw Nyunt) from Yenangyoung Township, Magway Division, supported the motion.

Central Body member U Shwe (Shwe Yo) from Pyigyidagun Township, Mandalay Division, forwarded a motion of approval on the financial statements of the Central Executive Committee and the audit report (2002-2004). Central Body member U Maung Shein (Saya Tawla) from Mindat Township, Chin State, supported the motion.

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International Nurses Day observed

YANGON, 12 May — The 2004 International Nurses Day was observed at a ceremony held at the Institute of Nursing (Yangon) on Bogyoke Aung San Street here at 8 am today. Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint attended the ceremony and delivered an address.

Also present on the occasion were Deputy Minister for Health Dr Mya Oo, directors-general and deputy directors-general of departments under the ministry, rectors, directors, medical superintendents, officials, nurses, representatives of UN agencies and NGOs.

In his address, Minister Dr Kyaw Myint said that 12 May has been designated as the International Nurses Day to honour not only Florence Nightingale but also all the nurses in the world. This year, the International Council of Nurses (ICN) has adopted the slogan "Working with the poor; against poverty". Nowadays, the Ministry of Health in accordance with the guidance of the Head of State and the National Health Committee, has been making efforts for promotion of national health standard, he said. Health care services are being provided to the people throughout the country, he said. Many social organizations including the Myanmar Nurses Association have been participating in the nation's endeavours for developing the health care services, and as a result, greater

progress has been made in the health sector, he stressed. The minister urged nurses, midwives and other health workers to treat the people warmly and politely and provide health care services with cetana. At the same time, public health education is to be provided for the people, he said. In conclusion, the minister urged nurses to be skillful in their profession, to constantly improve their knowledge of modern nursing techniques and to strive for promotion of health standard of the entire people in conformity with this year's slogan of the International Nurses Day.

Afterwards, talks on nursing education were held by the Myanmar Nurses Association (Central) to mark the International Nurses Day. Chairperson of Education Subcommittee of the Myanmar Nurses Association Prof Daw Lorna delivered an address. Next, Myanmar Nurses Association

Vice-Chairman-1 Prof Dr Min Tha Shein presented certificate of honour to Dr Beauty Kyi of Mo Asia Co Ltd for donating K 400,000 to the Myanmar Nurses Association (Central). Then, Lecturer of the Institute of Nursing Daw Joyce Si Bwint and Assistant Director of Medical Science Department Daw Aye Nyunt gave talks on related subject. — MNA

Drug traffickers get jail terms

YANGON, 12 May — A combined team comprising members of local intelligence unit and Tachilek Special Anti-drug squad, acting on a tip-off, on 13 October searched the house of Aik Sam, son of U Aik Oun, in Panhat Village, Mongko village-tract, Tachilek, and seized 300 stimulant tablets.

Tachilek District Court on 4 February sentenced five years imprisonment and 14 years imprisonment to drug trafficker Aik Sam to serve separately under Section 15 and 19 (A) of Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.

Similarly, the combined team on 12 November seized 1,400 stimulant tablets from Arhwar near Talot Market in Tachilek. He confessed that he received the tablets from Aiksae (a) Arsein.

In connection with the case, Tachilek Police Station charged Arhwar, son of U Yan Chun Kaing, and Arsein, son of U Aik Lwun, under Section 15/19 (A) of Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.

Tachilek District Court on 6 February sentenced Arhwar to five years' imprisonment and 15 years' imprisonment to serve separately and Arsein to five years under Section 15 and 15 years under Section 19(A) to serve separately. — MNA



Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint speaking at the ceremony to mark International Nurses Day.— MNA