

**Khanti ca, patience; this is the way to auspiciousness.**

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## Four political objectives

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

## Four economic objectives

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

## Four social objectives

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



Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt receives Malaysian Deputy Minister of Transport Datuk Dauglas Uggah and party.—MNA

## PM receives Malaysian guests

YANGON, 13 May—Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar General Khin Nyunt received Deputy Minister of Transport of Malaysia Datuk Dauglas Uggah and party at

Zeyathiri Beikman on Konmyinthar at 4.30 pm today.

Also present at the call were Minister for Foreign Affairs U Win Aung, Minister for Transport Maj-Gen

Hla Myint Swe, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Khin Maung Win, Deputy Minister for Transport U Pe Than, Director-General U Soe Tint of the Government Office and Director-General Thura U Aung Htet of the Protocol Department.

The Malaysian Deputy Minister of Transport and party were accompanied by Malaysian Ambassador Dato Cheah Sam Kip.

<sup>MNA</sup>

## Kyee Creek Bridge in Saw, Gangaw District, put into service

YANGON, 13 May—The opening of Kyee Creek Bridge on Gangaw-Htilin-Kyaukhtu-Saw-Sedoktara-Ngaphe Road in Saw Township, Gangaw District, Magway Division, took place at the pandal near the facility on 11 May morning.

It was attended by Minister for Construction Maj-Gen Saw Tun, Chairman of Magway Division Peace and Development Council Col Zaw Min, Tactical Op-

erations Commander of North-West Command Col Hla Shwe, local authorities, officials, departmental heads, members of social organizations and locals totalling around 1,500.

The minister in his speech said till 1988, the Ministry of Construction built roads stretching 1,308 miles in Magway Division, and from 1988 to date, the ministry has built more roads with a total length of 391.6 miles. In addition to

the roads, it has built 10 bridges 180 feet or above.

The Kyee Creek Bridge Project was launched on 1 July 2003. The 280-foot bridge was built at a cost of K 45 million, he said.

The ministry has been translating one of the State's goals into reality — ensuring smooth transport in all the States and Divisions. With better transport, the people will enjoy economic, (See page 8)

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Opening ceremony of Kyee Creek Bridge in progress on Saw-Kyaukhtu-Gangaw Road in Saw Township.—CONSTRUCTION

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

## PERSPECTIVES

Friday, 14 May, 2004

## Strive for extended cultivation of cotton for export

The Union of Myanmar being an agro-based country, the Government is taking all the necessary measures for rapid development of the agricultural sector, the main pillar of the national economy, and for effective use of terrestrial and aquatic resources.

The Government always meets the needs of farmers in the regions suitable for agriculture so that they can boost the agricultural production. Moreover, it is encouraging the national entrepreneurs to reclaim virgin and fallow land in Yangon, Ayeyawady, Magway and Taninthayi Divisions and to engage in agriculture.

Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and party on 9 May visited Magway Division and inspected the reclamation of land and cotton plantations of the Tatmadaw. In his meeting with responsible personnel at the project site for land reclamation being undertaken by Asia World Co Ltd in Salin Township, Vice-Senior General Maung Aye also urged the entrepreneurs to try to the best of their ability to extend the cultivation of cotton so that they could export their agricultural produces on a commercial scale.

Htoo Trading Co Ltd is also reclaiming land in Pwintbyu Township and planting sesame, pigeon pea, cotton, mango, plum, bellaria myrobalan and thanaka (limonia acidissima). Similarly, Dagon International Ltd is planting beans and pulses and edible oil crops. Moreover, Tatmadaw cotton plantation camp has been set up and it is being planned to put 15,000 acres under quality cotton.

As Magway Division is very suitable for the cultivation of cotton, national entrepreneurs and farmers should try not only to grow beans and pulses, maize but also to extend the cultivation of cotton. Therefore, we would like to urge local authorities and national entrepreneurs to grow all crops and extend the cultivation of cotton for export.

**The best time to plant a tree was 20 years ago.  
The second best time is now.**

မိုးရွာစဉ် ယာဉ်မောင်းလျှင်  
အောက်ပါတို့ကိုသတိပြုပါ

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- ယာဉ်စည်းကမ်းထိန်းသိမ်းရေးကြီးကြပ်မှုကော်မတီ

## 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

## Deputy Minister receives guests

YANGON, 13 May — Deputy Minister for Information Brig-Gen Aung Thein received an 8-member journalist delegation led by Director-General Mr Zhang Dewen of News and Information Department of the Government of the Yunnan Province of the People's Republic of China at the Ministry of Information at 4 pm today. Also present at the call were directors-general and managing directors of departments and enterprises under the ministry and the head of office.

They cordially discussed promotion of cooperation in news and information between the Ministry of Information of the Union of Myanmar and the News and Information Department of the Government of the Yunnan Province. — MNA

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Deputy Minister for Information Brig-Gen Aung Thein receives the PRC journalist delegation led by Director-General Mr Zhang Dewen. — MNA



## MRTV-4 meets to coordinate taping and telecasting of sports events

YANGON, 13 May — A coordination meeting to tape and telecast sports events by MRTV-4 was held at Aung San Stadium this afternoon. It was attended by General Secretary of Myanmar Olympic Committee Director-General of Sports and Physical Education Department U Thaung Htike, officials of the Ministry of Sports, secretaries of Myanmar Sports Federation and guests. U Thaung Htike spoke on the occasion and then officials of the SPED explained related matters. Secretaries of MSF took part in a round of discussions and passed resolutions. — MNA

## UMFCCI officials receive guest

YANGON, 13 May — Commercial Counsellor of the Embassy of the People's Republic of Bangladesh in Yangon Mr Md Aftabuzzaman called on Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce & Industry General Secretary U Sein Win Hlaing, Joint Secretary-1 Dr Maung Maung Lay and Central Executive Committee member U Tun Aung at the UMFCCI head office here at 11 am today. They discussed matters on bilateral trade promotion. — MNA



The Commercial Counsellor of Bangladeshi Embassy in Yangon calls on UMFCCI General Secretary U Sein Win Hlaing. — UMFCCI

## POEM:

## No doubt darkness will be banished

— Writers and journalists  
Allies in the profession  
Central Body meeting  
Has concluded.  
Looked toward the distant future  
Forwarded proposals and decided  
National objectives  
Have been laid down.  
— Decisions  
To be implemented continually  
Hand-in-hand happily  
To be joyous forever  
New path laid down  
Toward new peaceful golden land  
Composing with the pen's capability  
To reach destination without any mishap  
To banish and remove all darkness  
Group of ladies and gents carrying the pen aloft  
Will surely do the banishing.

Byan Hlwar (Trs)

(Honouring the Central Body Meeting of Third Conference of MWJA just concluded.)



# Blair under fire on Iraq abuse

LONDON, 13 May—British Prime Minister Tony Blair has come under fire in parliament over a report from the International Red Cross about abuses against detainees in Iraq.

He denied being slow to act on the report by the International Committee for the Red Cross (ICRC). But he admitted that the past few days had been "immensely damaging."

Blair admitted Wednesday he had not seen the ICRC report — drawn up in February — until Monday and did not know of the allegations contained in it before then.

The report was not passed to ministers in February because all of the allegations relating to British troops were already being dealt with, Blair said at the weekly Prime Minister's Questions.

Opposition Conservative leader Michael Howard said the report's alle-

gations had led to the "greatest crisis in Iraq since the war ended and added immeasurably to the dangers and difficulties" faced by coalition forces.

To shouts of "shame" from Labour backbenchers, he asked how people in the country could have confidence in Blair and his government when they had failed to give any explanation for not having seen or acted on the ICRC report.

Blair insisted that despite the report there was "no evidence of systematic abuse" of Iraqi detainees by British troops.

Blair did not comment on allegations of abuse by US forces, though said: "I agree that the events of the past

few days have been immensely damaging." As fallout from the treatment of Iraqi detainees by coalition forces dominated the 30-minute session, Blair said any abuse by British or American forces was "completely unacceptable."

Accusing Howard of trying to extract "maximum political mischief" from the situation, he added: "What is not true is that allegations were made and nothing happened in respect of them."

The Prime Minister said the deaths of 33 civilians had been investigated, and that there was no case to answer in 15 of them. The military police would shortly announce action on six others. — *Internet*

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## Four Filipinos killed in Iraq attack

MANILA, 13 May—A mortar attack on a US air base in northern Iraq has killed four Filipino civilian contractors, a spokesman for Philippine President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo said.

The attack took place Tuesday night at the Balad air base north of Baghdad, spokesman Ignacio Bunye said.

He said Arroyo has extended her condolences to the families of those killed.

Manila would review the

safety of 3,000 Filipino civilians currently working in Iraq in the wake of the deaths, Arroyo said in a statement.

"If they cannot be adequately secured, they must be transferred or evacuated to other areas," Arroyo said.

"We cannot allow Filipino lives to be placed at wanton risk in a situation where unpredictable attacks are rife."

The Philippines — a strong ally of the United States — also has around 100 police, soldiers and medical personnel in Iraq.

A truck driver became the first Filipino casualty in Iraq when he was killed by attackers as he travelled with other foreigners last month.

About a tenth of the Philippines' population — approximately eight million — work overseas, many as nurses, domestic helpers and construction workers.

*Internet*

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## Fears for reconstruction as contractors flee Baghdad

BAGHDAD, 13 May—The beheading of an American by militants on videotape has sent a wave of fear through Western contractors working on the reconstruction of Iraq.

In the wake of the killing of Nick Berg, 26, who was working on restoring communications towers, there are fears that Western staff and companies may flee Iraq, and the already slow reconstruction effort may grind to a complete halt.

It is a far cry from the bonanza of lucrative reconstruction contracts envisaged before the war, that were supposed to make the invasion and occupation of Iraq a self-financing affair.

Today the American group Bechtel employs two security staff for every one of its Western employees in Baghdad. The biggest American contractor, Halliburton, has seen 34 of its employees killed in Iraq.

There is little sign of reconstruction. Electricity is still only available for 12 hours of the day in Baghdad, a city of 5 million people. There is no sign of road building, and Baghdad's sewer system is collapsing.

Just hours before the gruesome videotape of Mr Berg's death emerged on Tuesday, two Russian engineers were taken hostage on their way back to Baghdad, and a third Russian engineer was killed in the same incident. Since the end of March, as many as 50 civilians have been kidnapped in Iraq.

*Internet*

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## China condemns abuse of Iraqi prisoners

BEIJING, 13 May — China condemned on Tuesday the abuse of Iraqi prisoners by US and British soldiers and called for a thorough investigation.

The abuse, depicted in graphic photographs of soldiers apparently humiliating Iraqi detainees, violated the Geneva Convention and other international conventions, Foreign Ministry spokesman Liu Jianchao said.

"We think a thorough investigation should be carried out and those who are held responsible should be prosecuted according to law," he told a news conference.

"We also demand that the United States and Britain adhere to the Geneva Convention and other international conventions, and protect the basic human rights of Iraqi prisoners and prisoners of war."

China, a permanent member of the United Nations Security Council, opposed the US-led invasion and occupation of Iraq.

*MNA/Reuters*



A group of Iranian protesters gather in front of the British Embassy and burn a British flag in Tehran to protest over the alleged abuse of Iraqi prisoners at Abu Ghraib prison in Iraq, on 12 May, 2004. — *INTERNET*

## Two more GIs facing trial over abuse of Iraqis

WASHINGTON, 13 May—As news of an American's beheading in Iraq rattled the public and politicians here, the US-led coalition said Wednesday in Baghdad that two more American military police guards would face courts-martial over abuses at Abu Ghraib prison, raising the number to nine.

But Defense Secretary Donald Rumsfeld, who had apologized Friday for the maltreatment at Abu Ghraib, insisted Wednesday that it was proper for the US military to use interrogation techniques in Iraq that include depriving prisoners of sleep and forcing them to assume stressful positions.

Rumsfeld rejected complaints that international rules were being violated and that Americans taken prisoner might be endangered as a result.

The Pentagon made available for viewing by members of Congress about 1,000 new photos from the prison, of which an estimated 300 to 400 showed abusive situations.

"What we saw was appalling," said Senate Majority Leader Bill Frist, a Tennessee Republican. Other members spoke of "sa-

distic torture," and "disgusting" and "stomach-turning scenes" that they said were worse than the earlier photos. Some said they now believed strongly that those inflicting the abuse must have been acting on orders.

"I expected that these pictures would be very hard on the stomach lining and it was significantly worse than anything that I had anticipated," said Senator Ron Wyden, Democrat of Oregon. "Take the worse case and multiply it several times over."

While some lawmakers urged that the photos be kept from the public to avoid further inflaming Arab opinion, others said withholding them was essential to, as Senator John Warner of Virginia put it, "protect the integrity of the legal process" as courts martial begin. — *Internet*

## Chinese Premier starts visit to Ireland

DUBLIN, 13 May — Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao arrived here on Tuesday for a two-day official visit to Ireland, the last leg of his five-nation European tour.

Wen's visit to Ireland, which currently holds the rotating presidency of the European Union, came just after the "Emerald Isle" presided over the May 1 grand ceremony marking the bloc's biggest-ever enlargement with the entry of 10 new members. Wen is scheduled to discuss issues of common concern with his Irish coun-

terpart, Bertie Ahern, later on Tuesday.

Before holding a joint Press conference on Tuesday, the two leaders will attend a ceremony for signing a memorandum of understanding on listing Ireland as a tour destination for Chinese citizens.

On Wednesday, Wen will attend a business breakfast

and visit the office of Iona Technologies, an Irish software company doing business in China.

He will also meet with Irish President Mary McAleese before departing for Shannon, west Ireland, where he is scheduled to visit Shannon Development and the University of Limerick.

*MNA/Xinhua*



Cars pass by a roadside explosion site in Baghdad, Iraq on 12 May, 2004. The explosion, that occurred as US military vehicles passed, injured a passerby, according to eyewitnesses. — *INTERNET*

## Assad says US policy in Iraq encourages terrorism

MADRID, 13 May— Syrian President Bashar al-Assad said US policy was encouraging terrorism in Iraq and instability in the region.

He also said in an interview published on Wednesday that some in Washington might want war with Syria. The comments to Spanish newspaper El Pais and Italy's La Repubblica were published a day after President Bush imposed economic sanctions on Syria and accused Damascus of supporting terrorism.

"For the first time the United States has turned into a source of instability instead of stability... The war in Iraq has unleashed a hatred that is finding an echo in terrorism," Assad said.

Assad said the United States should instead help combat terrorism in its neighbour Iraq and in the Palestinian territories by adopting a "fair" political position, fostering economic development and cultural understanding.

Assad said in the interview, conducted before Bush imposed the sanctions, that Syrian-US relations were complicated by conflicting messages from Washington.

"There is one current that wants to cooperate with Syria through dialogue and reciprocity, and another that does

not want this contact and is looking for pressure and perhaps war," Assad said.

"On the other hand, there is dialogue between Syrian and US institutions, above all in the question of the fight against terrorism."

Syria has suffered from the US occupation of Iraq, Assad said, citing a fall in foreign investment in the region and heightened tensions between Syria's own tribes and families.

"Now we are going to see the effects on security. Iraq is chaotic and uncontrolled, there are arms being

smuggled out toward Syria, also a rise in extremism and a feeling of hatred toward the United States which did not exist before."

In ordering sanctions on Tuesday, Bush accused Damascus of supporting terrorism, pursuing weapons of mass destruction and failing to prevent anti-US guerrillas entering Iraq.

The sanctions ban US exports to Syria except for food and medicine, freeze assets of Syrians the United States suspects of terrorism and prohibit Syrian flights to and from the United States, among other measures.

Assad said Syria supported dismantling all weapons of mass destruction in the Middle East region — including Israeli nuclear warheads — a plan it presented to the UN Security Council.

"The conclusion we draw is that the US is not sincere. Otherwise it would have backed our proposal," he said. — *Internet*

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## Loud explosions heard in Najaf

NAJAF, 13 May— Large explosions were heard late Wednesday in the centre of Najaf, and residents said US forces appeared to be making an armed incursion into the Shiite holy city.

At least one civilian was killed and another was wounded, Iraqi authorities said.

Militant cleric Muqtada al-Sadr has been holed up in Najaf since early April, when he launched his rebellion against the US-led coalition with his armed militia.

American forces have been pressuring al-Sadr but have avoided a major assault for fear of damaging the Imam Ali shrine, which would inflame passions in the majority Shiite community. Skirmishes continued through the night, witnesses said, and a comprehensive casualty toll could not be obtained. — *Internet*

## Soldier from Chesapeake killed while on guard duty in Iraq

CHESAPEAKE, 13 May— A soldier from Chesapeake was killed by hostile fire while on guard duty in Iraq, the Defence Department said today.

Army Pfc Andrew L Tuazon, 21, died Monday in Mosul, Iraq, the department said in a news release. He was a military policeman assigned to the Army's 3rd Infantry Division at Fort Stewart, Ga.

No other details were immediately released. — *Internet*



Radical cleric Muqtada al-Sadr leaves a press conference held inside the shrine of Imam Ali in the holy city of Najaf, Iraq on 12 May, 2004. Al Sadr urged fighters in Karbala to resist US troops, comparing their struggle to the Vietnam War. — *INTERNET*

## Turkish President says Iraq experiencing difficult times

ANKARA, 13 May — Iraq is experiencing difficult days as the increasing violence not only obstructs efforts to reconstruct Iraq but also creates an atmosphere of centrifugal tendencies, Turkish President Ahmet Necdet Sezer said on Tuesday.

He made the remarks in a letter sent to the 20th meeting of the Organization of the Islamic Conference

Standing Committee for Economic and Commercial Cooperation (COMCEC).

"We hope in COMCEC, all countries, including the member state Iraq, can make their voice be heard, and Iraqi people are harmonious with each other, their neighbours and international community," Sezer said.

The President noted that the Islam world has deep

concerns over the ongoing insolubility in Palestinian-Israeli dispute and the worsening situation in the region.

MNA/Xinhua

## British Airways announces to raise in fares

LONDON, 13 May — British Airways (BA) announced on Tuesday to raise its fares in the face of soaring oil prices. The European largest airline said that it would add a 5 pound or 8.8 US dollars surcharge to return trip tickets and 2.5 pounds or 4.5 US dollars to one-way tickets.

BA's move follows a similar announcement from Australia's Qantas, which said it was slapping surcharges to tickets to cope with rising costs.

Continuing tensions in the Middle East and increasing oil demand from the United States are behind the recent jump in oil prices. Crude oil prices hit 13-year highs of more than 40 US dollars a barrel earlier this month.

BA said the announced fuel surcharge would apply to tickets bought in Britain for international flights while in markets outside Britain, a surcharge of 4 US dollars

will be added to BA tickets.

The airline also said it will review this surcharge on a regular basis with a view to adjusting it when appropriate.

MNA/Xinhua

Washington said US President George W Bush would impose economic sanctions on Syria on Tuesday for allegedly supporting terrorism and failing to stop guerrillas from entering Iraq.

Syria, on a US list of states accused of sponsoring terrorism, denies giving more than political support to militants, who, it says, are fighting Israeli occupation in the West Bank, Gaza Strip and Lebanon.

The Syria Accountability Act signed by Bush in December offers him a menu of sanctions to punish Syria for backing anti-Israel "terrorism", failing to stop anti-US fighters from crossing into Iraq from Syrian soil, developing chemical and perhaps biological weapons, and keeping troops in Lebanon.

Congressional sources said Bush was expected to curb future investments by US energy firms in Syria and prohibit Syrian aircraft from flying into the United States.

Syria's only carrier, Syrian Arab Airlines, does not operate flights to the Americas. Bush was also expected either to block transactions involving the Syrian Government or to ban exports to Syria of US products other than food and medicine, the sources said.

The White House declined to comment on the timing of the possible sanctions. Syria has said the sanctions would harm US interests more than those of the Arab state especially in view of the modest trade level of about 300 million US dollars per year.

MNA/Reuters

## First Dutch soldier killed in Iraq, one wounded

AMSTERDAM, 13 May — A Dutch soldier was killed and one was wounded in a grenade attack in the town of Samawa in southern Iraq, the Defence Ministry said on Tuesday.

A ministry spokesman confirmed this was the first Dutch soldier to die in Iraq since some 1,200 troops were stationed there in July.

The ministry said in a statement that a number of hand grenades were thrown at Dutch soldiers on a bridge in the southern Iraqi town where they are based at 1750 GMT on Monday.

Two soldiers were wounded. One later died after being taken to a field hospital. The spokesman said he did not believe there was an exchange of fire with the attackers.

Prime Minister Jan Peter Balkenende and Defence Minister Henk Kamp will cut short visits abroad and return home after the attack, Dutch news agency ANP reported.

Some 550 Japanese ground troops on a non-combat mission focused on reconstruction and humanitarian work are also based in the mainly Shiite town of Samawa, where foreign soldiers had not been the targets of any major attacks until now.

MNA/Reuters



A US Army military policeman escorts a detainee between sections of the Abu Ghraib Prison on the outskirts of Baghdad, Iraq on 12 May, 2004. — *INTERNET*



# Malaysia calls for continued accusation against abuse of Iraqis

**KUALA LUMPUR, 13 May—** Malaysia has called on the international community to continue to express disgust and abhorrence at the United States over the abuse of Iraqi prisoners by its forces in Baghdad.

"We must express our disgust and abhorrence to what has happened, other than that, the countries responsible for the abuses have to take action," Foreign Minister Syed Hamid Albar told reporters after meeting Arab ambassadors in Putrajaya, the Federal Administrative Centre, on Tuesday.

"It is not enough just for them to express their sorrow or feel sorry about it, there

must be action taken against those who are responsible at various levels of the US Armed Forces," he said.

Otherwise, he said people would think that the United States would look lowly upon people who did not share the same religion, ethnic and culture with them.

Photographs of stripped and hooded Iraqi prisoners being abused by their captors have caused outrage

throughout the world and prompted apologies over the past week from US President George W Bush and Defence Secretary Donald Rumsfeld.

"I think we should be very satisfied that there are positive reactions to it on the part of the Muslim countries and the international community because it is not a Muslim issue, it is an issue of treatment of prisoners which is

inhuman and against the International Law and Geneva Convention," he said.

Meanwhile, he hoped that the United States would meet the deadline of June 30 to hand over power to Iraq so that the Iraqis would be given the opportunity to determine their own future.

"When the United Nations passes the new resolution, we hope that the resolution will make it clear that Iraqis should decide their own fate and destiny," he added. — MNA/Xinhua

## One Russian expert killed, two others kidnapped near Baghdad

**BAGHDAD, 13 May—** Unidentified attackers killed a Russian expert and kidnapped two of his colleagues working in an electric power plant near Baghdad, said *Azzaman* newspaper Tuesday.

The team of Russian experts working in reconstructing the power plant of Missayab was attacked on its return to Baghdad, said a source in the Iraqi Ministry of Electricity.

"One of the experts was killed and the other two were held hostages by the gunmen," he said.

Eight Russians were kidnapped in Iraq in April and were later released, which made the Russian Government withdraw almost all its workers in Iraq.

Kidnappings were rampant in Iraq as insurgents need ransom money to fund their attacks or tried to revenge countries that joined the US-led coalition. — MNA/Xinhua

## NZ army chief says abuse photos of Iraqi prisoners abhorrent

**WELLINGTON, 13 May—** Images of Iraqi prisoners being tortured and humiliated were abhorrent and an affront to military discipline, says New Zealand Army chief Major General Jerry Mateparae.

"Everyone who has seen those images would say they are abhorrent and an affront to proper military discipline," General Mateparae was quoted Wednesday by *The Dominion Post* as saying.

He was reluctant to comment on how damaging it was to the coalition military effort in Iraq but "it's a huge issue for the Americans" with President Bush apologizing and senior commanders having to deal with the matter.

He said the New Zealand military over the last five years had put a lot of emphasis on the laws of armed conflict. Soldiers, sailors and airmen had been reminded of their obligations before every deployment.

"There's the common sense thing that you would treat people as you would want to be treated. Then there are the rules of engagement and so on and the handling of prisoners — we don't interrogate them," General Mateparae said.

All personnel were trained on how to treat prisoners humanely and "our

people know if they conduct an illegal act they will be held accountable."

This included the elite Special Air Service (SAS), which is often involved in high-risk operations — "there's nothing dirty in the tasks they go about", he said.

General Mateparae, who visited the 61-strong New Zealand engineering contingent in Basra last month, emphasized that while the New Zealand contingent were working and based with British forces, they were not part of the occupation force.

However, this did not eliminate the threat. Over the

weekend they were again confined to base in Basra because of local unrest and a confrontation with British forces.

Overall General Mateparae said the troops were enjoying their work and making a positive contribution.

They had a good working relationships with those around them — both the Iraqis and the British — but contingency plans were in place if they had to be withdrawn before they were due to return home in September, he said.

MNA/Xinhua

## British court allows Iraqis to challenge death cases

**LONDON, 13 May —** Lawyers for 12 Iraqi families who allege their relatives were unlawfully killed by British troops won the right in London's High Court on Tuesday to challenge the government's refusal to open independent inquiries.

The Ministry of Defence has refused to accept responsibility for the deaths, but the families' lawyers are demanding a judicial review to examine whether the killings were a violation of the victims' right to life under European law.

The High Court case came as both British and American soldiers stand ac-

cused of abusing Iraqi prisoners after media organizations published photographs of alleged torture.

The government was also hit by another report on Tuesday by human rights group Amnesty International which accused British soldiers in Iraq of killing several civilians — including an eight-year-old girl — when they

posed no apparent threat.

It was not immediately clear if the cases cited by Amnesty overlapped with those before the High Court. In court, Judge Justice Andrew Collins ruled the 12 families should be given permission to argue that the European Convention on Human Rights applied to their cases. "Permission means merely that the point is arguable," he said.

The families' lawyer, Phil Shiner, argued that because the Iraq war was officially over when the victims died, and Britain was an occupying power, the European Convention should apply.

He said many of the deaths occurred when the victims were at home or going about their normal daily lives. One man was working on a farm, another was fishing on a river and another was returning home in his car.

Shiner alleged British soldiers shot and killed them, and the British Army refused to properly investigate the killings. — MNA/Reuters

## France renews attack on EU farm trade offer

**PARIS, 13 May —** French farmers joined their government on Tuesday in condemning the European Union's offer to scrap farm export subsidies to help world trade talks, but EU diplomats said it was unclear Paris could block the move.

France is the largest beneficiary of the 43 billion euros in EU farm aid paid each year and it has voiced the loudest condemnation of EU Trade and Agriculture Commissioners Pascal Lamy and Franz Fischler for the offer.

"We refuse to allow agriculture to be the bargaining chip in international negotiations," said Jean-Michel Lemetayer, the head of France's largest farm union FNSEA.

"They have no right to sell off agriculture," he told a news conference.

Farm Minister Herve Gaymard, speaking in Ireland, renewed his assault, again criticizing the European Commission for a tactical error in the talks by giving away too much too soon.

EU diplomats said France had been joined by Ireland as the most outspoken at a meeting of trade envoys last Friday in opposing the Commission's offer, which is conditional on other World

Trade Organization (WTO) members taking similar steps.

But it was unclear France could gather a blocking minority of votes in the 25-nation EU to stop any deal. "The cat is out of the bag now," said one northern European diplomat, adding that it would be hard for the bloc to go back on its words.

Another EU envoy said others had voiced concern over the Commission's plan, naming Belgium, Spain, Italy and new members Poland and Slovakia, although they were more muted than France.

"The elimination of export subsidies has to be agreed and it will be difficult to agree," the envoy added.

The farm talks are key to the success of the world trade negotiations, stalled after their collapse in Cancun last year. The EU had been under pressure to make concessions on farming in order to get the rest of the discussions going again. — MNA/Reuters



A US marine sits behind his machine gun on a watchtower as he secures Abu Ghraib prison outside Baghdad on 12 May, 2004. Iraq's Governing Council long suspected abuses at the US-run Abu Ghraib prison but American soldiers covered them up each time Iraqi officials went to investigate, the former interior minister Nouri Badran said on Wednesday. — INTERNET



A US soldier with the 2nd Battalion, 1st Marines Regiment, is silhouetted by the Euphrates river while keeping security in Saqlawiya, 2 km northwest of Falluja, Iraq on 12 May, 2004. — INTERNET

## Kerry attacks Bush over ties to health industry

LOUISVILLE (Ky), 13 May — Democratic presidential candidate John Kerry lashed out on Tuesday at President George W Bush over his campaign contributions from companies picked to administer the new prescription drug cards for seniors.

Despite the uproar over the abuse of Iraqi prisoners, Kerry stayed focused on his week-long message of a "badly broken" national health system and the rising cost of care and drugs since Bush came to office.

Kerry said health insurance premiums for small businesses have risen 47 per cent in just three years, putting jobs at risk in what he called "the most inefficient, ineffective delivery of service you can possibly have."

"For four years, President Bush has been in office, and for four years the

situation has gotten worse," Kerry told small business owners at a local pottery factory.

He also seized on Bush's campaign contributions from companies chosen to offer the new Medicare-endorsed drug discount cards, include pharmacy benefit managers Medco Health Solutions Inc. and health insurer Aetna Inc.

"What we're going to do is break this cycle and start putting the worker, the individual citizen, the people, in front of the campaign contributions," Kerry said.

The Kerry campaign said Medco gave 5,750 US dol-

lars to Bush's campaigns in 2000 and 2004; Aetna gave 25,925 US dollars, with another 510,000 US dollars for the Republican National Committee between 1999 and 2002. Medco and Aetna executives also rank among Bush's top fund-raisers.

The Massachusetts senator wants to offer tax credits of up to 50 per cent to help small businesses provide coverage for their low- and moderate-income employees. This credit would cover up to 50 per cent of the cost of employees' premiums.

"We can't just stand back and pretend that they aren't struggling," he said.

Bush is backing the so-called Association Health Plans, a concept that would let small businesses or other groups join together to purchase insurance.

Kerry said those plans would only make matters worse by increasing costs and removing consumer protections.

Kerry has called on Bush to take full responsibility for the Iraqi prison abuse scandal and for the resignation of Defence Secretary Donald Rumsfeld.

MNA/Reuters

## Italian PM urges inquiry into Iraqi prisoner abuse

ROME, 13 May — Italian Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi Monday urged the United States to carry out a "severe and thorough" inquiry into the mounting evidence of prisoner abuse by its soldiers in Iraq, official sources said Monday. According to a note issued by Prime Minister's office, Berlusconi called for hefty punishments for anyone convicted of torturing Iraqi prisoners in the Abu Ghraib Jail.

"We ask that the inquiry

must be severe and thorough and that the punishments be exemplary," Berlusconi said. "We ask this partly in view of the coherent and reconfirmed action that our soldiers, in the framework of a peace mission, are carrying out there."

Berlusconi said he felt "great pain" over the reports detailing "acts which offend the dignity of the prisoners and represent an obstacle to the pacification of the country." — MNA/Xinhua

## German politicians slam US mishandling of Iraqi prisoners

BERLIN, 13 May — Officials of major German political parties Monday sharply criticized the mishandling of Iraqi prisoners by US troops.

Chairwoman of the Green Party Angelika Beer said that her party called for an "aggressive investigation" of the incidents and demanded Washington assume political responsibility. The resignation of US Defence Secretary Donald Rumsfeld would not suffice to "close the files," she said, adding that the United States should regain its trust in the Arab world by recognizing the International Criminal Tribunal.

Edmund Stoiber, Bavarian Premier and Chairman of the Christian Social Union, said that the mistreatment of Iraqi prisoners was a political and moral catastrophe.

Those responsible must be held accountable for the abuse, said Stoiber, who was the chancellor candidate for the Union Alliance in 2002. — MNA/Xinhua

## US soldier in photos said she was obeying orders

DENVER, 13 May — A female American soldier photographed laughing and holding a naked Iraqi prisoner on a leash said on Tuesday that she was instructed to pose for the picture by people up the chain of command.

The pictures of Private Lyndie England and other US soldiers abusing Iraqis at Abu Ghraib prison near Baghdad have been shown around the world, shocking Americans and posing a serious setback to US efforts to stabilize Iraq.

England in particular has come in for abuse because of the way she



Marines stop family members of prisoners from approaching the entrance of the Abu Ghraib Prison on the outskirts of Baghdad, Iraq, on 12 May, 2004. — INTERNET

## Calls grow for Italian troops to quit Iraq

ROME, 13 May — Opposition leaders pressed Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi on Tuesday to withdraw Italian troops from Iraq following a prisoner abuse scandal that has rocked the US and British governments.

Berlusconi is due to meet US President George W Bush in Washington next week and centre-left opponents said he should use the visit to demand publicly the resignation of US Defence Secretary Donald Rumsfeld.

"Our troops shouldn't stay a week more if the Prime Minister does not get Bush

to sack Rumsfeld," said Francesco Rutelli, a close ally of Berlusconi's long-standing rival, European Commission President Romano Prodi.

"If our country wants to have a crumb of international credibility and dignity it has to make an official request for the dismissal of (Rumsfeld)," the centre-left leader said in an interview with *la Repubblica* newspaper.

Bush gave his Defence Secretary resounding support on Monday and Rumsfeld himself has made clear he will not quit despite evidence of abuse of Iraqi detainees by US soldiers that has enraged the Arab world and embarrassed Washington's allies.

Bush is due to visit Italy on June 4 to mark the 60th anniversary of the Allied liberation of Rome in World War Two and left-wing groups are already preparing

mass protest rallies.

Italy has sent some 2,700 troops to Iraq — the third largest foreign presence after US and British forces — and the centre-right government has promised they will remain there despite the abuse crisis.

The deployment split opposition ranks, with hardliners calling for the immediate withdrawal of the contingent but moderates like Rutelli arguing that this would hamper efforts at restoring peace to Iraq.

The release of photographs depicting the humiliation of Iraqi prisoners has helped unite the opposition.

"The main thing that we can't let happen is to see Italy become an accomplice of a country that uses torture," Piero Fassino, head of the largest opposition party, the Democrats of the Left, was quoted as saying on Tuesday. — MNA/Reuters

## Three killed in bomb attack in Kirkuk

KIRKUK (Iraq), 13 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 (0530 GMT) 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.

MNA/Reuters



Iraqis flee the centre of Karbala, 110 kms south of Baghdad, Iraq on 12 May, 2004 as fighting erupted in this holy Iraqi city. — INTERNET



## Int'l child trafficking runs rampant in South Africa

JOHANNESBURG, 13 May — In Southern Africa every year, there are always a number of children sold by their parents with hopes that they could have a better life after being taken to big cities like Johannesburg. But contrary to the parents' good wish, these children end up being forced into sex trade.

And that is just one misery story disclosed at a conference on human trafficking Tuesday in Pretoria, which named South Africa a major destination and source for international child trafficking.

"Some parents thought they were doing their children a favour by handing them over to people promising them better education and work opportunities. These children often end up on the opposite side of the world being sexually exploited," said Susan Kreston of the Council of the National Centre for Justice and the Rule of Law in the United States.

As many children were sent to South Africa from Angola, Botswana, the Democratic Republic of Congo and Lesotho, and as far as from Russia, many South African children were sent to Europe and Asia to work as sex slaves, labour slaves or both, showed a 2003 study on migration.

Kreston explained that human trafficking was the fastest growing source of profit for organized criminal enterprises worldwide, forming a 7-billion-US-dollar industry with up to 30,000 dollars paid for a child. An estimated 900,000 people are trafficked internationally every year.

"It is currently second only to guns and drugs. But the advantage of human cargo is they can be reused unlike drugs," she said.

In a three tier grading system — where a country doing its utmost to stop trafficking is graded to tier one — South Africa is listed in tier two with 52 other countries, including Canada, India, Kenya, Thailand, Russia and Brazil. "South Africa has laws but needs to do more," said Kreston, adding that legislation combined with a working criminal justice system would jump South Africa into the first tier. — MNA/Xinhua

## Oman's mega polypropylene project to boost economy

ABU DHABI, 13 May — Oman's multi-million-dollar polypropylene plant being built in Sohar as a joint venture between the government and a top South Korean firm is to boost the national economy, UAE's English daily *Khaleej Times* reported on Wednesday.

The 320-million-dollar Oman Polypropylene project signed in Muscat on Monday, is set to play a pivotal role in Oman's Vision 2020 economic strategy and its ambitious industrialization drive, top Omani officials were quoted as saying. Using local raw materials, the project will result in the emergence of several ancillary units and generate employment opportunities for a significant number of nationals, the officials said.

With an initial capacity of 340,000 tons per year of different grades of polypropylene, the project, which is expected to go on stream by September 2006, will receive its feedstock from the 1.2-billion-dollar Sohar Refinery under construction nearby.

Most of the output will be exported, with the remaining quantity used locally by small industries.

The project will be financed by international banks. A number of agreements were due to be signed by the end of May. The Omani Government was considering setting up a plastics park to encourage manufacture of polypropylene-based products. — MNA/Xinhua

## Zimbabwean Mazda car maker explores regional markets

HARARE, 13 May — Zimbabwean automobile maker Willowvale Mazda Motor Industries (WMMI) is exploring regional export markets, a top executive of the company said on Tuesday. The WMMI chief executive Ben Kumalo said the company's vehicle exports had become viable after Zimbabwean central bank announced export incentives last month. The company, which manufactures a wide range of Mazda cars, currently does not export vehicles, but says there was big scope to do so.

"We are exploring the regional export market potential in view of the favourable export incentives that were announced by the governor of the Reserve Bank during his recent monetary policy review," said Kumalo.

"We believe that there could be opportunities for the export of some of our products," he added.

The plans were part of WMMI's efforts to boost production at its factory in Harare, which was currently operating at just 20-per-cent capacity.

It produces an average of 140 cars a month, all to supply local market, where Kumalo said demand was good. "The local market demand is currently good, but is at a lower level than in the past due to the macro-economic challenges the country is facing," he said. — MNA/Xinhua

## Uganda's horticulture exports up by 25 per cent annually

KAMPALA, 13 May — The Uganda Revenue Authority said in a report on Tuesday that the country's annual horticulture exports increased by over 25 per cent in the past five years.

The report said that the horticulture exports has recorded a drastic increase since 1999 when it earned the country only seven million US dollars.

Meanwhile, Keith Henderson, the executive director of the Uganda Flower Exporters Association, recently told the *Monitor* newspaper that Uganda currently exports 5,300 tons of flowers a year and earned the country 26 million dollars last year. "The achievable target is to double this, earning 50 million dollars annual export revenue for Uganda and create at least another 4,000 new jobs over the next three years, or sooner if possible," Henderson said.

MNA/Xinhua



Myanmar Wushu team led by Myanmar Wushu Federation Secretary U Tun Myint left Yangon by air recently to undergo training in the People's Republic of China to be efficient in participating in the International Wushu Tournament. The team comprises Naing Naing Maw (YCDC), Saw Naing (Defence), Thinzar Soe and Aye Aye Maw (Home Affairs). The Myanmar Wushu Federation has sent 35 athletes to undergo training abroad to be able to take part in international events. — NLM

## Uruguay investigates explosion at SKorean ship

MONTEVIDEO, 13 May — Uruguayan port and judicial authorities on Tuesday began investigation into an explosion at a South Korean ship anchored at Montevideo port.

Twenty seven people were hurt in the blast, mainly due to exposure to toxic fumes leaked from an ammoniac tank aboard the ship, *Sung Kyung 201*. Seven of the 19 victims hospitalized, all foreigners, remained in intensive care.

It was hard to know who were on the ship at the time of the blast, because people could move freely in or out of the ship, Fernandez Franzini, the Army's public relations chief, said. There were reports that about 80 people were affected by the blast. The site of the accident remains closed to the public, but most parts of the port had returned to normal by Tuesday morning.

MNA/Xinhua

## Efficient use of electricity

- \* Use daylight as the main source of light
- \* Use the least possible amount of electricity only if there is not enough natural light
- \* Use the least possible amount of electricity required in production and service enterprises
- \* Preventing waste of electricity benefits the user and others

There are about 500,000 households using electricity in Yangon. Thus, saving a four-foot fluorescent lamp everyday by each household amounts to saving power that is equal to the capacity a 20-megawatt power station can supply.

## Efficient use of fuel

- \* Saving one gallon of fuel per car per month will save the nation one US dollar
- \* Thus, a total of 455,822 cars in Myanmar can save US\$ 5.5 million in a year
- \* The amount, US \$ 5.5 million, can build a major bridge across Ayeyawady River

## All this needs to be known

- \* Do not be frightened whenever intimidated
- \* Do not be bolstered whenever flattered
- \* Do not be softened whenever appeased

## အရက်ကြောင့်ဖြစ်သည့်ရောဂါများ

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၃။ အတက်ကြွီရောဂါဖြစ်တတ်ခြင်း (Rum Fits) (ဝက်ရုဖြစ်ရောဂါကဲ့သို့တတ်ခြင်း)။

၄။ စိတ်ဓာတ်ကျရောဂါဖြစ်တတ်ခြင်း (Depressive Illness)။

၅။ စိတ်ဓာတ်ပြန်ခြင်း (Alcoholic Psychosis)။

၆။ ဦးနှောက်ချို့ယွင်းခြင်း။

၇။ အရက်နှင့်မတည့်သောသူများသည် အရက်အနည်းငယ်သောက် ရုံဖြင့် ရုတ်တရက် စိတ်ဓာတ်ပြန်တတ်ခြင်း (Pathological Drunkenness)။

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## Cash donated to honour Tipitakadhara Tipitaka Kovida Sayadaws

YANGON, 13 May— The cash donation ceremony to hold the 56th Tipitakadhara Tipitaka Kovida Honouring Ceremony was held at Wizaya Mingala Dhammathabin Hall on Kaba Aye Hill this afternoon, attended by Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe.

Also present on the occasion were Deputy Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Aung Ko, Adviser U Arnt Maung, departmental heads, authorities and wellwishers.

At the ceremony, the commander, the deputy minister and officials accepted K 4,870,000 donated by 61 wellwishers including K 200,000 each donated by Yangon Division All Bus-line Control Committee; All Highway Bus-line Control Committee; and Thiri Thudhamma Manijotadhara U Bo Gyi-Daw Than Than; K 100,000 each by Yangon North District All Bus-line Control Committee; U Kyaw Win (Crocodile Garment Factory); U Myint Win (Dagon Myothit (North) Economic Development Zone); Thiri Thudhamma Manijotadhara U Bo Gyi-Daw Than Than of Bahan Township; U Ko Ko Latt-Daw Tin Tin May (Kyitha Jewellery Shop); U Khin Maung Win of Dawbon Township; Thiri Thudhamma Manijotadhara U Sein Hla Win-Daw Phyu Phyu Khin; U Sai Aik Paung and U Myat Soe (Mingala Taungnyunt Township); U Myo Myint (Fisca Enterprise); entrepreneurs from Hlinethaya Township; Dagon Myothit (Seikkan) Township Industrial Zone Management Committee; U Khin Maung Latt (Tong Tah Co); Chairman U Aung Kyi of Dagon Myothit (South) Township No 3 Industrial Zone; Yangon South District Bus-line Supervisory Committee; Dagon Myothit (East) Township Industrial Zone Management Committee; Thiri Thudhamma manijotadhara U Than Naing-Thiha Thudhamma Theingi Daw Kyi Kyi Swe; Daw Khin Lay Chit and family; U Hon Wam-Daw Tin Aye (Taikykyi); U Tin Aung of Hlegu Township; Industrial zone management committees of North Okkalapa, Shwepaukkan, South Okkalapa; Thakayta, South Okkalapa, Tamway, Kyimyindine, Htantabin, Botahtaung and Hmawby Township Peace and Development Councils. Later, Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Thura Aung Ko expressed gratitude.— MNA

## 14th annual meeting of MCWAs in Kachin State held

YANGON, 13 May—The 14th annual meeting of Maternal and Child Welfare Associations in Kachin State was held at the office of Kachin State MCWA Supervisory Committee in Myitkyina on 10 May.

Present on the occasion were Chairman of Kachin State Peace and Development Council Commander of Northern Command Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe, Patron of Kachin State MCWA Supervisory Committee wife of Commander of Northern Command Daw Tin Tin Nwe, senior military officers, Secretary of Kachin State Peace and Development Council Lt-Col Maung Myo and officials.

Commander Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe delivered an address.

Next, Daw Tin Tin Nwe presented a certificate of honour to Superintending Engineer U Than Nyunt Win of Kachin State Public Works who built Kachin State booth at the 14th annual meeting of MCWA in Kachin State. Head of Fisheries Department U Ant Kyi presented K 200,000 for the meeting.

The commander delivered a speech at the course on prevention against human trafficking jointly-organized by Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation and UNIAF.

Daw Tin Tin Nwe explained the tasks of MWAFF and officials concerned reported on messages of MWAFF and UN agencies.

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## Kyee Creek Bridge in...

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education, health and social development and higher living standard. That is why the government has been building a network of transport facilities which cover the entire nation, he noted.

In conclusion, the minister called on local authorities and related departments and locals to collectively maintain the facility for its durability.

Next, Col Zaw Min delivered an address. The minister and Col Zaw Min formally opened the bridge. The Kyee Creek Bridge was built by the Bridge Group-13 of Public Works under the Ministry of Construction.—MNA



Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt cordially greets delegates who attended the Central Body Meeting of the Third Conference of the MWJA at the dinner (News on page 16).— MNA

## Commander inspects Hamyingyi mines

YANGON, 13 May — Chairman of Taninthayi Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Coastal Region Command Brig-Gen Ohn Myint, accompanied by officials concerned went to Hamyingyi mines, Dawei, on 7 May morning.

The commander heard reports on history of the mines, and minerals exploration presented by Division General Manager U Khin Maung Lay of No 2 Mining Enterprise. In response to the reports, the commander fulfilled the requirements and inspected minerals exploration with the use of heavy machinery and then, gave necessary instructions to the officials.

After inspecting Myay Khanti Basic Education Middle school, the commander proceeded to Hamyingyi village monastery and paid homage and to the Presiding Sayadaw. On 9 May, the commander encouraged local people carrying out sanitation works in Dawei hospital.

Next, the commander asked after patients undergoing treatment, operation theatre and health care and presented cash assistance to the patients. Then, he met with Medical Superintendent Dr Myo Thant, doctors, nurses and staff. Medical superintendent Dr Myo Thant presented reports on health care services and requirements.

The commander fulfilled the requirements. Afterwards, respective officials donated a total of K 600,000 for sinking a tubewell and Dr Myo Thant accepted the donations.

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## Commander attends closing of Basic First-Aid Course

YANGON, 13 May — Closing ceremony of Basic First-Aid Course (1/2004) in conjunction with the World Red Cross Day 2004 of Shan State (East) was held at the hall of Kengtung Township Development Affairs on 8 May morning, attended by Chairman of Shan State (East) Peace and Development Council Commander of Triangle Region Command Maj-Gen Khin Zaw and wife, senior military officers, local authorities, social organizations and trainees.

Under the programme, after the commander had delivered a speech on the occasion, he and officials concerned presented prizes to winners of essay and Red Cross Skills competitions. Then, Additional Police Commander Police Col Ba Kyi of Shan State Police Force presented completion certificates to trainees.

After the ceremony, the commander and those present viewed wall magazines to mark World Red Cross Day in the hall. — MNA

## Nursery Market Festival continues

YANGON, 13 May — The Nursery Market Festival continued at Myay Padetha Park in Bahan Township here today with the aim of providing necessary assistance for growers and attracting the public to be interested in agriculture, horticulture, livestock breeding and vegetable farming. Kitchen crops, fruits and saplings of herbal plants are being shown at the festival. Modern and scientific poultry farming as well as fish and prawn breeding are also exhibited at the Nursery Market Festival.

Pamphlets and booklets on scientific cultivation of crops, mechanized farming, utilization of natural and chemical fertilizers are also available there.

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Chinese journalist delegation led by Director-General Mr Zhang Dewen of News and Information Department of Yunnan Province Government of PRC visits MRTV.— MNA



## Blood circulation devices donated to ministries

YANGON, 13 May — A ceremony to donate 30 Blood Circulation Devices (BCD) of MH Shalu brand worth K 52,80000 for enabling good blood circulation by Fame Hotel & Trade Co Ltd and Ngwe Zin Oo Health Family for the fourth time was held at the Tatmadaw Guest House in Inya Road, here, this afternoon.

Present on the occasion were Vice-Chief of Military Intelligence Maj-Gen Kyaw Win, Director of Medical Services Col Than Aung and senior Tatmadaw officers, officials of the Ministry of Health and wellwishers.

First, Vice-Chief of Military Intelligence Maj-Gen Kyaw Win accepted 30 BCDs enabling good blood circulation donated by U Khin Maung Kyaw, Daw Ni (a) Daw Kyu Kyu Lwin of Fame Hotel & Trade Co Ltd and Ngwe Zin Oo Health Family.

Next, Vice-Chief of Military Intelligence Maj-Gen Kyaw Win handed over eight BCDs for military hospitals under Directorate of Medical Services of the Ministry of Defence and 22 BCDs for hospitals under the Ministry of Health. Afterwards, the Vice-Chief of Military Intelligence thanked the doner. —MNA



Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt receives Malaysian Deputy Minister of Transport Datuk Dauglas Uggah and party. (News on page 1) — MNA



Vice-Chief of Military Intelligence Maj-Gen Kyaw Win hands over 8 BCDs to military hospitals. — MNA

## MWJA Meeting delegates on tour

Yangon, 13 May— Members of Central Executive Committee and members of Central Body of Chin State and divisions who attended the Third Myanmar Writers and Journalists Association Central Body Meeting this morning visited Union National Races Village in Thakayta Township and the Defence Services Museum on Shwedagon Pagoda Road.

The excursion group led by Vice-Chairman-2 of MWJA U Than Maung (Than Maung) arrived at the Union National Races Village where they were welcomed by Director U Ye Naing and officials of the Progress of Border Areas and National Races Department. Director U Ye Naing extended greetings and explained about the village.

Next, officials conducted them on a tour of the village. The delegates were entertained to traditional dances and songs.

Afterwards, the delegates went to Defence Services Museum on Shwedagon Pagoda Road. Staff Officer (Grade-II) Maj Kyaw Kyaw Myint of the Defence Services Museum and Historical Research Institute welcomed them and briefed them.—MNA



The delegates to Central Body Meeting of the Third Conference of the MWJA visit the Defence Services Museum. — MNA

## Minister Maj-Gen Saw Tun inspects construction of roads, bridges

YANGON, 13 May—Minister for Construction Maj-Gen Saw Tun, accompanied by officials, on 9 May morning, inspected Pakokku-Pauk-Kyaukhtu-Mindat Road.

First, the minister inspected progress in upgrading of Pakokku-Pauk road, stockpiling of gravel and work being carried out section-wise by special road construction groups. Next, the minister inspected the sites chosen for construction of Kyaw Creek bridge and Yaw Creek bridge, where he was briefed on the sites chosen for construction of the bridges, current and axis. The minister gave instructions and inspected the sites chosen. After that, the minister inspected Pauk-Kyaukhtu-Mindat road.

On 10 May morning, the engineers of Public Works reported on progress of Mindat-Matupi road to the minister who gave instructions on close supervision for timely completion of the work and inspected progress of extension of Mindat-Matupi road. Next, the minister and party proceeded to Tawin Creek construction project site on Gangaw-Kale road.

Senior Engineer U Zaw Win Myint reported on progress of work and future tasks to the minister who gave instructions on close supervision for timely completion of work and minimizing loss and wastage and attended to the needs.

Afterwards, the minister inspected construction of Kyunlonhla Bridge and work in progress. Next, the minister also inspected the finishing touches to Panmon Bridge on Gangaw-Kale road.—MNA



The delegates from States and Divisions arrive Yangon International Airport to attend the National Convention. (News on page 16) — MNA

## Wellwishers invited for sinking tube-wells

YANGON, 13 May— The Development Affairs Committees under the Ministry for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs are making concerted efforts in sinking tube-wells in order to get sufficient fresh water in rural areas in States and Divisions where water is scarce.

One 200 feet deep two-inch diameter tube-well costs K 250,000; one 400 feet deep two-inch diameter tube-well costs K 500,000; and one 200 feet deep four-inch diameter tube-well costs K 500,000.

Those wishing to donate cash for the tube-well sinking projects for rural areas may contact the Director-General (Tel: 01-245420 & 253088), the Deputy Director-General (Tel: 01-240118), the Director (Engineering) (Tel: 01-291967), the Directors (Sagaing Division Development Affairs Committee) (Tel: 071-21012), the Director (Magway Division Development Affairs Committee) (Tel: 063-23164) and the Director (Mandalay Division Development Affairs Committee) (Tel: 02-54657).— MNA

**Donate blood**

# Health officials warn India faces "AIDS" tidal wave

GENEVA, 13 May — India, where an estimated 4.5 million people carry the HIV virus, faces an AIDS "tidal wave" and may have already overtaken South Africa as the world's most infected country, health experts warned on Tuesday.

China, where officials said at the weekend that AIDS was spreading rapidly, is also a major concern with 840,000 estimated HIV infections amid unreliable data in some areas, they added.

Senior officials from the World Health Organization (WHO), UNAIDS agency and Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria were speaking at a news conference to launch WHO's annual World Health Report.

The WHO's report warned the world was not ready for the full social and economic impact of AIDS, which has killed more than 20 million people in the last quarter century.

The United Nations agency said that unless nations pulled together to defeat it, AIDS would destroy any hope of a better life for tens of millions, including non-sufferers, worldwide.

South Africa has an estimated five million HIV sufferers — the highest number worldwide — against an official 4.5 million reported in India, according to Richard Feachem, executive director of the Geneva-based Global Fund.

"I believe the Indian statistics are underestimated and that already India has considerably more infected people than South Africa," Feachem said.

"What is much more alarming is looking at the future. With an epidemic growing so fast and a large population, it will become far, far larger than any epidemic in any other country," he added.

India is the world's second-most populous nation, after China, with more than one billion people.

Despite the threat, India had not put in place the necessary policies for preventing, testing and treating sufferers which were needed "if India is going to turn around the tidal wave of HIV/AIDS which is breaking over it," Feachem said.

China's State Council, or Cabinet, on Sunday ordered urgent measures including school education and public awareness campaigns to help keep the deadly virus in check.

Lee Jong-Wook, WHO director-general who recently held talks with senior officials in Beijing, said China appeared determined to confront AIDS. —MNA/Reuters

## EU accused of fuelling trade in illegal timber

BRUSSELS, 13 May — The headquarters of the European Union (EU) has been accused of using Indonesian timber from illegal logging in its buildings.

Greenpeace International Tuesday described the EU economic and social committee (ECOSOC) and the European Commission (EC)'s Berlaymont building in Brussels as "forest crime scenes". The environmental organization claimed undercover investigations show that wood used in renovations of the two buildings originates from companies known for illegal and destructive logging in Indonesia's last rainforests.

Around 50 Greenpeace activists Tuesday demonstrated at the entrance of the

EC headquarters, holding banners and posters like "stop illegal timber trade".

"Not only does the EU allow the import of illegal wood into Europe, it is fuelling the trade in illegal and destructive timber through its own building projects," said a handout released by the activists. They also showed to the Press photos which indicate that plywood imported from Indonesia was used in the EU building projects. The EC, the EU's executive, has denied the allegations. A spokesperson said that as far as the EC is

aware, "all the timber used in the renovations comes from renewable sources," and added that the matter will be looked into when the EC takes over the building.

The Berlaymont building, which is currently under construction, has already been under criticism in the past after it had to be evacuated in 1991 when it was found to be riddled with asbestos. For its part, ECOSOC denied Greenpeace's allegation, saying that the wood used originated from zones in Indonesia where logging is legal. —MNA/Xinhua

## Vietnam lowers import tariffs on clinker

HANOI, 13 May — Vietnamese Ministry of Finance has just slashed the tariff on clinker imported from non-ASEAN countries to 25 per cent from 40 per cent.

Besides, the tariff on the product coming from the Association of the South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN) members is expected to be reduced to 10 per cent by the end of this year, according to *Vietnam Investment Review* on Wednesday.

The import tariff reduction taking place when prices of raw materials for cement production increase will help the domestic cement industry slash production cost.

The local demand for cement is predicted to increase to 25.7 million tons this year, compared to 22.6 million tons last year.

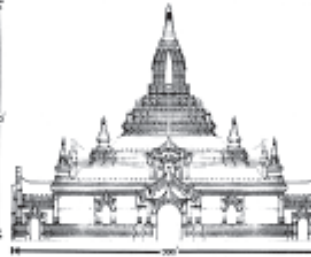
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## တကောင်းမြို့ ရှေးဟောင်း လေးမျက်နှာတရားကြီး ပြန်လည်ပြုပြင် တည်ဆောက်ရာတွင် ကုသိုလ်ယူ ငါဝင်လှူဒါန်းနိုင်



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## US oil hits new 13-year high, waits for OPEC barrels

SINGAPORE, 13 May — US oil prices struck new 13-year highs above 40 US dollars a barrel on Wednesday as the market remained concerned over tight supplies, despite a call by the world's biggest exporter for OPEC to raise output next month.

US light crude climbed to a peak at 40.38 US dollars a barrel, less than one US dollar off the all-time high for New York crude futures at 41.15 US dollars, reached in October 1990 after Iraq invaded Kuwait.

At 0524 GMT, US crude was up 28 cents at 40.34 US dollars a barrel.

Oil has ridden a rollercoaster this week, dropping one US dollar on Monday when Saudi Arabia proposed that the OPEC producers' cartel raise output limits by 1.5 million barrels a day (BPD) to cool down red-hot prices, which have surged 20 per cent this year.

The kingdom proposed the increase be adopted at the scheduled June 3 OPEC ministers' meeting in Beirut. But the market bounced

back to highs not seen since just before the first Gulf War on doubts that the OPEC increase would tip the supply-demand balance in an already constricted market.

The Organization of the Petroleum-Exporting Countries has been pumping 1.5 million to 2.0 million BPD above its official production ceiling of 23.5 million BPD since it agreed to cut supply by one million BPD from April 1.

But David Thurtell, commodities strategist at Commonwealth Bank of Australia in Sydney, said Saudi Arabia was likely to ensure that more barrels hit the market after June.

"OPEC members will overproduce on the new quota. There will be a similar level of overproduction, say 1.5 million BPD, on top of the higher production

ceiling, which will be at 25 million," Thurtell said.

"OPEC knows that all high oil prices do is damage economies and asset markets, and with them the demand for oil, while encouraging development of competing oil resources. The market should come to its senses soon and will come down in the next couple of months," he said.

OPEC President Purnomo Yusgiantoro said on Tuesday he was consulting other OPEC members about the Saudi proposal, which is likely to find backing from Kuwait and the United Arab Emirates, which both opposed the April cut to output limits.

Iran at the weekend said it would not go against any proposal to raise production at the June meeting.

MNA/Reuters

## Thai FM to attend ISC-Symposium in Switzerland

BANGKOK, 13 May — Thai Foreign Minister Surakiart Sathirathai would visit Switzerland during May 13-14 to attend the International Students Committee (ISC) Symposium, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs announced Wednesday.

The 34th ISC-Symposium will be held at the University of St. Gallen, Switzerland, within the framework of this year's general topic "The Challenges to Growth and Prosperity."

The symposium draws 600 political leaders, business executives, and academics around the world, as well as 200 gifted international

students, and over 100 media representatives from more than 60 nations.

The so called "3 Days in May" constitutes a significant platform for the exchange of ideas by overcoming national, generational and cultural boundaries.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs also said that Mr Surakiart was scheduled

to give the opening address at the symposium entitled "Partnership through Multilateralism: A Step Forward to Enhancing Global Growth and Development."

MNA/Xinhua

### ကျန်းမာပျော်ရွှင် ဘဝတစ်ခွင်

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- (၁) တစ်ကိုယ်ရေသန့်ရှင်းမှုကို ဆောင်ရွက်ပါ။
- (၂) အန္တရာယ်ကင်း၍ အာဟာရပြည့်ဝသော အစားအသောက်များကို စားသုံးပါ။
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- (၅) အသက်အရွယ်နှင့်လိုက်လျောညီထွေစွာ သင့်တော်သော ကိုယ်လက်လှုပ်ရှားမှုကို မှန်မှန်ဆောင်ရွက်ပါ။
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- (၇) ခြင်္သေ့ရုပ်သိမ်းကုသမှု ခြင်္သေ့ရုပ်သိမ်းပါ။
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- (၉) အရက်သောက်ခြင်း၊ ဆေးလိပ်ဆေးရွက် သောက်သုံးခြင်း၊ ကွမ်းစားခြင်းတို့ကို ရှောင်ကြဉ်ပါ။
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## Excessive coffee enema may be toxic to body

**BANGKOK, 13 May — Coffee detoxification can become a double-edged sword and the detox treatment misuse may put people at risk of coffee addiction or other health problems, a leading Thai doctor warns.**

Dr Banchob Chunhasawadikul of the Balavi Natural Health Centre pointed out that liver cleansing by coffee enema is another method of an alternative medicine that proves a hit among health-conscious people, the *Thai News Agency* reported Tuesday.

The method is believed to help the liver purge toxins out of body system through caffeine which can be absorbed via colon vein.

However, the doctor warned that some people turn to coffee detox programme instead of limiting their junk food intake with misconception that it may help them losing some weight.

To get benefit from coffee enema, Dr Banchob

urged patients to use standardized kits and avoid reusing a disposable enema bag as it can be contaminated with fungi which may cause a fungal disease.

The treatment if repeated too often can cause caffeine addiction leading to insomnia, nervousness, and irregular heartbeat. Detoxification can be easily done by refraining from eating meat and rice.

To help excretory system function more effectively, Banchob suggested that people should eat fresh fruit, water or herbal drinks a day and drinking water mixed with lemonade in the next morning.

MNA/Xinhua

## NZ tourism continues to show outstanding growth

WELLINGTON, 13 May — New Zealand tourism is an economic powerhouse that is delivering benefits across the country, Tourism Minister Mark Burton said Wednesday.

According to the latest Statistics New Zealand Accommodation Survey, guest nights increased by 3 per cent in March 2004 and eight of New Zealand's 12 regions recorded increases.

New Zealand tourism continues to show outstanding growth. The year 2003

saw over 2 million overseas visitor arrivals for the second year in a row, and an impressive 3.9-per-cent increase on 2002's record international visitors spending, Burton said in a statement.

He said that New Zealand emerged as an international success story in a year when the global tourism sector faced such major challenges as SARS, global conflict, and terrorism.

MNA/Xinhua

## "AIDS" poses "unique threat to human society"

GENEVA, 13 May — The world is not ready for the full social and economic impact of AIDS, which has killed more than 20 million people in the last quarter century, the World Health Organization warned on Tuesday.

The UN agency said unless nations pulled together to defeat it, AIDS would destroy any hope of a better life for tens of millions, including non-sufferers, living in abject poverty around the globe.

The world at large "is far from ready for what is to come" — catastrophic social and economic consequences for many communities and countries if the epidemic continued unchecked, WHO said in its annual report.

"Although it has seemed a familiar enemy for the last 20 years, HIV/AIDS is only now beginning to be seen for what it is: A unique threat to human society whose impact will be felt for generations to come," it said.

It was already undermining the UN Millennium goals of eradicating by 2015 extreme poverty and hunger, reducing infant and maternal mortality and the spread of other diseases, and achieving universal primary education, it added.

WHO's annual report on key aspects of international health — this year focussing on AIDS, the

leading cause of death among 15-59 year-olds worldwide — is to be presented at the agency's annual assembly next week.

The 170-page report, entitled "Changing History", injected a small note of optimism into the overall gloom emerging from its AIDS statistics — 34-46 million people infected, with five million joining them every year.

A concerted international effort to get the latest treatments to sufferers and promote ways to avoid infection could turn the tide, it said, even though no vaccine was in sight despite years of research.

It cited many cases — in the Caribbean, Latin America, Africa and Asia — where the latest anti-retroviral drugs had pulled sufferers back from the brink of death and restored them as active citizens contributing to their national economies.

But of the six million people in developing countries who need the therapy, only 400,000 got it last year, the report said. More than 90 per cent of victims live in just 34 countries.

The report said although Africa is home to two-thirds of all people living with the disease, it accounts for only 11 per cent of the world's total population of some six billion.

MNA/Reuters

## Monsanto suspends biotech wheat programme

**KANSAS CITY, 13 May — Biotech crop pioneer Monsanto Co on Monday suspended plans to introduce what would be the world's first biotech wheat, bowing to a storm of protest from around the world over the company's scientific tinkering with a key food crop.**

Monsanto said it had reached the decision after "extensive consultation" with customers in the wheat industry and would continue to monitor the industry to determine "if and when" it might be practical to move forward.

"It was a lot of things coming together at once," said Monsanto spokesman Chris Horner, who cited declining spring wheat acreage as well as dissent among wheat growers and buyers as factors in the decision. "We realized there was not alignment on the best way forward."

St Louis-based Monsanto has been field testing Roundup Ready wheat, which has been genetically modified to tolerate applications of Monsanto's Roundup herbicide, for six years and spent millions of dollars on the project.

The company already has successfully commercialized Roundup Ready corn and soybean feed grains and had hoped to spread its herbicide-resistant technology into the vast wheat-growing industry, starting in the United States and Canadian markets.

But the company's efforts ignited an outpouring of opposition by environmentalists, farmers, consumers and religious groups, as well as foreign wheat buyers. Among the concerns were worries about possible human health hazards, increased weed resistance and fears about corporate control over key world crops.

Opponents heralded Monsanto's decision as a key victory and said it was indicative of growing biotech crop opposition.

MNA/Reuters

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## Travel agencies brought over 263,000 tourists to Macao in March

**MACAO, 13 May — A total of 263,288 tourists who travelled in groups visited in March 2004, marking a 47-per-cent increase as compared with the same month of last year.**

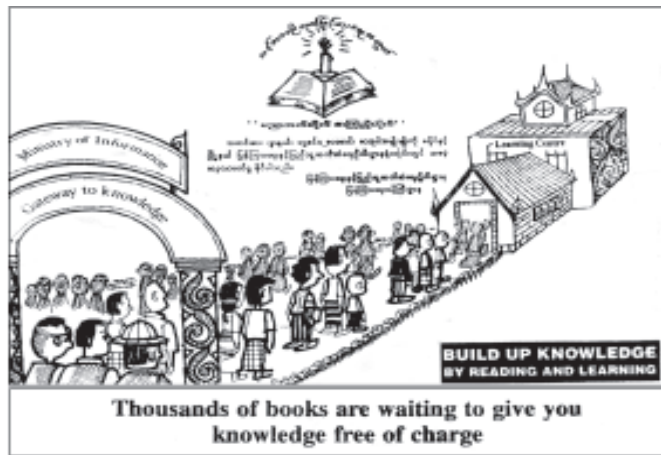
According to a news release by the Statistic and Census Services of the Macao Special Administrative Region (SAR) Tuesday, among the travellers are 238,552 from China's Mainland, 12,170 from Taiwan Province, and 6,486 from the Hong Kong SAR. Meanwhile, some 12,000 Macao residents took trips as members of tourist groups,

up 63.9 per cent over March of 2003. Most Macao tourists chose China's Mainland and Taiwan Province and Thailand as their favourite travelling destinations. The document also shows that tourist agencies have brought 543,828 travellers to Macao in the first quarter of 2004, up 10.8 per cent over the same period of last year.

MNA/Xinhua

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### Panamanian police seize 282 kilos of cocaine

PANAMA CITY, 13 May — Panamanian police on Tuesday seized 282 kilos of cocaine in Playa de Raton sector, San Carlos District, west of Panama's capital province.

Eight Panamanians were arrested while one police captain, a corporal first class and another six policemen are under investigation in connection with the case, police said. Five vehicles used to move the drugs were also seized in the raid.

In early March, the anti-narcotics division of Panamanian police of Colon Province seized 144 kilos of co-

caine concealed in a container bound for the United States.

According to the Panamanian anti-drug authorities, they sequestered a total of 10,462 kilos of drugs nationwide in 2003. In the face of the deteriorating drug problem, police chiefs from Nicaragua, Panama, Honduras, the Dominican Republic, El Salvador and Guatemala vowed during an international meeting in March to step up the fight against organized crimes, drugs and human trafficking in the Central American and Caribbean regions. — *MNA/Xinhua*

### New flight launched to link China, Russia and Europe

BEIJING, 13 May — China and Russia have opened a new business *Boeing 747* flight connecting Europe, China and Russia recently, aiming to promote economic cooperation within the region, according to the Russia Embassy in Beijing.

Igor Rogachev, the Russian ambassador to China, addressed at the celebration for the launching of the flight here Tuesday, saying the event will further enhance the cooperation between China and Russia both in the field of aviation and

trade.

Alexey Isaikiu, the President of the flight sponsor, Russia's Volga-Dnepr Group, said the group's cargo transport by *Boeing 747* airplanes will double that by charter flights by 2006.

The first business flight took off on April 23 this year in Beijing, passing West Siberia in Russia and arrived Luxembourg. The Group's initial schedule plans to launch four flights each week, two starts from Beijing and two from Shanghai.

*MNA/Xinhua*

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### Canada to contribute to WHO's new "AIDS" programme

OTTAWA, 13 May — Canadian government has decided to contribute 100 million Canadian dollars (about 75 million US dollars) to the treatment of millions of people who have AIDS, it is reported Tuesday. The money will be given to a new initiative of the World Health Organization to treat 3 million people with AIDS by the end of 2005. The contribution of new money has made Canada the largest donor in the programme. — *MNA/Xinhua*

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### Heinz Kerry earned more than \$5m in 2003

LOUISVILLE (Kentucky), 13 May — Under political pressure, the wife of Democratic presidential candidate John Kerry disclosed details about her personal finances on Tuesday, estimating her income last year at more than 5 million US dollars.

Teresa Heinz Kerry, heiress to a Heinz ketchup fortune of more than 500 million US dollars, reported a gross taxable income of nearly 2.4 million US dollars in 2003, with tax exempt interest income of nearly 2.8 million US dollars from state, municipal and other bonds.

Heinz Kerry, who has rejected Republican calls for the

release of her full federal income tax returns, said in a statement released by the campaign that she will make public the first two summary pages of her 2003 tax form once it is filed in October.

She received an extension on the April 15 filing deadline, and the statement said she paid about 750,000 US dollars toward her federal, state and local income tax liabilities when she filed for the extension.

In addition, she paid about 280,000 US dollars toward an expected 2003 and 2004 federal tax liability.

"While I am not a candidate for any public office, a

great deal of my financial information has been disclosed for many years," Heinz Kerry, a favourite target of Republican critics, said in the statement.

"John and I believe this strikes a balance between my family's privacy and the media's requests for more financial information," she said.

Heinz Kerry's income was about 13 times what her husband made in 2003. His tax returns, which he filed separately from his wife and released to the public in April, showed that he paid 90,575 US dollars in federal taxes last year on income of 395,000 US dollars. — *MNA/Reuters*

### HK to build world's longest cable-stay bridge

HONG KONG, 13 May — Hong Kong is to build the world's longest cable-stay bridge — the Stonecutters Bridge (SCB) as part of its Route 8 and the bridge building project contract was signed Tuesday.

Hong Kong Secretary for the Environment, Transport and Works Sarah Liao Tuesday signed a 2.76-billion HK dollars (353.84 million US dollars) construction contract of SCB with the contractor Maeda-Hitachi-Yokogawa-Hsin Chong Joint Venture, an international consortium.

She said with the completion of the 1,596-metre Stonecutters Bridge and Route 8 Hong Kong's role as an international world class city will be strengthened even further.

Speaking about the bridge building, she said "this

is more than an engineering feat which our engineers will no doubt take pride. This is a defining piece of architecture for Hong Kong and a reflection of the confidence of this world city to rise up to the challenges of the new millennium." Liao said the bridge which had a main span of 1,018 metres caught international attention not only because of its length.

"The bridge design was adopted from the winning design of an international competition in 2000 which elicited participation from the best design and engineering firms in the world," she said.

The SCB is an important part of Route 8 between

Tsing Yi and Sha Tin. The government will be adding an east-west strategic route linking the eastern part of the New Territories to the Airport upon completion of this section of Route 8.

"This new highway will provide direct access to Container Terminals No 8 and No 9 in Kwai Chung, which will further enhance Hong Kong as an important international logistics and transportation hub," she said.

Liao noted that the SCB project was yet another clear demonstration the government's commitment to invest in Hong Kong's future while at the same time creating 1,400 job opportunities.

*MNA/Xinhua*

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## Groups push US to ratify global tobacco treaty

WASHINGTON, 13 May—Anti-tobacco and other groups called on Tuesday for the Bush Administration to push for quick US ratification of a global treaty to limit the impact of smoking in public places.

The World Health Organization accord, which US officials signed on Monday, would also ban tobacco advertising and increase the size of warning labels on cigarette packages and other tobacco products.

Consumer and health groups said the United States must quickly submit the agreement to the Senate for ratification. Forty nations must ratify the accord for it to take effect.

"Signing it is absolutely the right thing to do, but it will only be meaningful if it is backed by concrete action," said John Seffrin, head of the American Cancer Society.

More than 100 nations signed the treaty, but only India, Norway, Hungary, New Zealand and eight other nations have ratified it.

Health and Human Services Department spokesman William Pierce said no decision has been made about when to submit the treaty to the Senate.

There are some concerns the United States will drag its feet.

Infact, a nonprofit corporate watchdog, said the Administration's ties to tobacco companies — including Bush advisor Karl

Rove's former role as a Phillip Morris consultant — could thwart ratification, especially in an election year. The group also said the Administration has a "clear pattern" of signing treaties and abandoning them, such as the Convention on the Rights of the Child and the Convention on Biological Diversity.

US officials said the tobacco pact includes a number of efforts the government has already undertaken, including efforts to prevent tobacco smuggling.

"The United States has long been a world leader in anti-smoking efforts," Health and Human Services Secretary Tommy Thompson said in a statement.

Tobacco companies' reaction was mixed. RJ Reynolds spokesman Seth Moskowitz said the United States already has "ample authority" to regulate the industry. Altria-owned Phillip Morris has said it supports most of the treaty's provisions.

Smoking has been linked to lung cancer, emphysema and other respiratory disorders. Those who do not smoke but inhale it secondhand can also suffer from cancer and asthma. — MNA/Reuters



Mexican journalists watch a video shot last March by pilots of the Mexican Air Force who were able to record eleven unidentified flying objects (UFO's) during a press conference in Mexico City, Mexico on 11 May, 2004. The infra-red footage was apparently captured by a Mexican Air Force plane on patrol for drug traffickers in March 2004 over the Campeche region of Mexico. — INTERNET

## International pharmaceutical exhibition opens in Vietnam

HANOI, 13 May—The biggest-ever international exhibition on medicines and pharmaceuticals in Vietnam opened on Wednesday, with the participation of 100 enterprises from Europe and Asia.

Fifty-four local companies and 46 foreign ones, mostly from China, India, South Korea, France and Poland, showcased their new and traditional medicines, nutrition products, cosmetics, and medical equipment at the four-day Vietnam Medi-Pharm Expo 2004.

### Indonesian Minister to leave office for vice presidential race

JAKARTA, 13 May — Indonesia's Minister of Transportation Agum Gumelar will leave his office following his nomination as vice-presidential candidate, the vice-president confirmed Tuesday.

Vice-President Hamzah Haz said Agum is ready to leave his post after the retired general was named as vice-presidential candidate.

"It (resignation) should be automatically," Hamzah Haz was quoted by Kompas online as saying. The United Development Party (PPP) on Monday formally announced the pair of Hamzah-Agum as presidential-vice presidential candidates in the presidential election on July 5.

Agum has signed the letter of his nomination as vice-presidential candidate, Hamzah said, adding that Agum is also ready to leave his post as minister of transportation. — MNA/Xinhua

Previously, Coordinating Minister for Political and Security Affairs Susilo Bambang Yudhoyono and Coordinating Minister for People's Welfare and Poverty Alleviation Jusuf Kalla also left from President Megawati Soekarnoputri's Cabinet. Yudhoyono pairs with Kalla to race in the coming election. — MNA/Xinhua

During the exhibition, a seminar on pharmaceutical production and services and a number of business-to-business talks will be held, helping participants better understand pharmaceutical trading in the country as well as their potential partners.

"Because China is close to Vietnam in terms of disease treatment, and its pharmaceuticals are familiar to many people, many Chinese enterprises have participated in the exhibition, in a separate section," said the exhibition's organizers.

Now, around 60 per cent

of pharmaceuticals available in the Vietnamese market are imports. Total value of locally-made pharmaceuticals is estimated to increase to 278 million US dollars this year, a year-on-year rise of 16.3 per cent.

Vietnam's pharmaceutical industry recorded a growth of 15 per cent this year, said the Vietnam Pharmaceutical Corporation. The country's annual spending per capita on pharmaceuticals was increased to 7.6 US dollars in 2003 from 6.7 US dollars in 2002.

MNA/Xinhua

## ADB to focus annual meeting on poverty reduction

MANILA, 13 May—The Asian Development Bank (ADB) said Tuesday that it will give priority to poverty reduction of the Asia and Pacific Region in its 37th annual meeting due to be held from May 15 to 17 on Jeju Island, South Korea.

The ADB said in a statement that over 3,200 delegates are expected to attend the three-day meeting to discuss the challenges of alleviating poverty in the Asia and Pacific Region. The meeting will be focused on how to reduce poverty and assist its developing member countries to reach the millennium development goal of halving extreme poverty and hunger by 2015, the statement said.

Delegates comprising finance and economics ministers, international finance institutions, representatives of the financial and banking sectors, civil society and media will also have the opportunities to discuss a wide range of issues, it said.

As the region's premier finance development institution, the ADB meeting is ex-

pected to discuss the ADB ongoing reforms, which are aiming at increasing its development effectiveness.

In addition, the question of a single currency for East Asia, capital market development, corporate restructuring, challenges of infrastructure financing and the role of domestic credit rating agencies in Asia are also likely to generate much discussion.

Despite its economic dynamism, the region is still home to some 720 million people living with less than 1 US dollar everyday, or two-thirds of the world's poor, the ADB said.

The ADB earlier forecast the economy of the Asian and Pacific Region will grow 6.8 per cent in 2004, higher than the 6.3 per cent growth in 2003. — MNA/Xinhua



From left, Joan Ramagoshi, Miss South Africa Universe 2004; Jessica Rodriguez, Miss Panama Universe 2004; and Laetitia Bleger, Miss France Universe 2004, pose together during registration and fittings for the 2004 Miss Universe competition at the JW Marriott Hotel in Quito, Ecuador, on 12 May, 2004. They will compete for the title of Miss Universe 2004 during the live NBC broadcast of the 53rd annual Miss Universe competition from Quito on 1 June, 2004. — INTERNET

## China to host World Engineers' Convention

BEIJING, 13 May—Zhang Yutai, vice-President of the China Association for Science and Technology (CAST), announced here recently that China is prepared for an "Olympics for engineers" from November 2 to 6 in Shanghai.

Together with the Chinese Academy of Engineering (CAE) and Shanghai Municipal Government, CAST will sponsor the World Engineers' Convention 2004, which was initiated by the World Federation of Engineering Organizations and the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization.

Zhang said topics for discussion at the convention would include computerized network infrastructure, bio-

engineering and life sciences, transportation and sustained development of super metropolises, environmental protection and disaster prevention, agricultural engineering and food safety, natural resources and energy, and environmentally-friendly manufacturing.

Some 12 well-known engineers are invited to deliver speeches at the convention, he said.

Wu Hequan, vice president of the CAE, said that the Chinese engineers are

eager to exchange views on the latest engineering advances with their global counterparts.

An exhibition of future gifted engineers will also be organized in the same period of the convention. A total of 100 designs and original ideas, coming from high school or college students, would be shown at the event.

The organizing committee for the convention kicked off on official website, www.wec2004.org.

MNA/Xinhua

## SPORTS

## Irureta extends contract as Deportivo coach

MADRID, 13 May — Deportivo Coruna coach Javier Irureta will remain in charge of the Primera Liga club for a seventh successive season after extending his contract for an extra year on Tuesday.

"I'm very grateful to the president and the board for placing their confidence in me for another year," Irureta told a news conference in La Coruna. "I hope that we can continue developing along the same lines as we have done in previous years and that this agreement will be to the benefit of everyone involved."

The 56-year-old former Atletico Madrid player guided the club to the Champions League semi-finals for the first time in their history this season, where they lost 1-0 on aggregate to Portuguese side Porto.

Deportivo are guaranteed to finish no lower than fourth in the Primera Liga, which will earn them a place in the Champions League qualifying round.

"Once we'd achieved our objective of earning a place in the Champions League then we sat down to negotiate the deal and everything was settled very quickly," Irureta said. — MNA/Reuters



Argentina's River Plate team reacts after winning the match against Mexico's Santos Laguna soccer team at their Libertadores Cup, in Buenos Aires, Argentina, on 11 May, 2004. River Plate won in penalty shoot out 4-2. — INTERNET

## Businessman Morgan launches rival bid for Liverpool

LIVERPOOL (England), 13 May — Local businessman Steve Morgan has launched a rival bid for Liverpool in an attempt to stop Thai Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra taking a 30-per cent share in the Premier League club.

Morgan has written to Liverpool asking for talks over a 73 million-pound (128.2 million US dollars) cash injection, part of which would come from a rights issue underwritten by him.

It is the second time this season Morgan has offered to invest in the club. Liverpool chief executive Rick Parry met Shinawatra on Monday.

"In my view, the future of Liverpool Football Club is best served by the people who love the club the most, its supporters, of whom I am proud to be one," Morgan said in a statement on Tuesday.

"This proposal will not

only keep ownership of the club with its supporters, where it rightfully belongs. It will also inject 73 million pounds of new capital to strengthen the playing squad and help finance the proposed new stadium."

Morgan's proposal comprises a rights issue, which is expected to raise 61 million pounds, and a new share issue directed at supporters aimed at generating a further 12 million pounds.

Morgan, the former owner of building company Redrow, would underwrite the share issue through his company Bridgemere Investments Limited.

"This proposal would

keep the club under the control of its true supporters and enable the ordinary fans to participate in the fortunes of the club for the first time," the statement said.

"In addition, the club's commercial rights to Asia and indeed any other part of the world would remain where they belong — in the ownership of the club. This would enable LFC alone to benefit from the use of these rights, which is essential to generate future income."

Liverpool are keen for new investment to help fund a move to a new stadium on Stanley Park in time for the 2008 season as well as to pay for new players following another disappointing season. — MNA/Reuters



Lazio's Fabio Liverani, left, and his teammate Rodriguez Cesar from Brazil celebrate at the end of the Italy's Cup soccer match between Juventus and Lazio at Turin, northern Italy, on 12 May, 2004. Lazio tied up and won the trophy on 4-2 aggregate score. — INTERNET

## Thai PM nears deal to buy Liverpool stake

BANGKOK, 13 May — A bid by Thailand's billionaire Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra to buy a stake in English Premier League club Liverpool is "almost 100 per cent" complete, a Thai Government spokesman said on Tuesday.

Thaksin's spokesman, Jakrapob Penkair, said an agreement would be announced jointly by the Thai Government and Liverpool but he did not give a date.

"It's almost 100 per cent," he told reporters. "Both sides are confident we will make the announcement. As far as we are concerned, we have finished the process."

Thaksin, a telecoms tycoon before he entered politics, met Liverpool chief executive Rick Parry in Bangkok on Monday and said he wanted to buy a 30 per cent stake for "more than" 100 million US dollars.

Thaksin suggested the Thai public might pay for at least part of the deal.

"Thailand will buy it first and then we'll discuss later whether the money will come from the people or from the government or the private sector," he told reporters.

Liverpool chairman David Moores,

whose family has controlled the club for more than half a century, hinted in January he might relinquish some of his 51 per cent share.

Any deal would need to be approved by the Liverpool board.

"The Prime Minister told the Cabinet meeting today that the negotiation was completed yesterday, but we have not announced it because Liverpool needs to go through a few more steps before it can make a formal announcement," Jakrapob said.

Thaksin, estimated by Forbes to be worth 1.4 billion US dollars, has said the deal would inject cash into a new stadium.

Liverpool want more seating than at their 45,000-capacity Anfield ground and even considered a ground-share deal with city rivals Everton.

MNA/Reuters

## Champions Valencia hailed as "complete team"

MADRID, 13 May — Spanish media hailed Valencia and lambasted Real Madrid's shortcomings on Monday after Rafa Benítez's side clinched their second league title in three seasons.

Valencia made the most of slip-ups by Real Madrid and Barcelona to win the Primera Liga with a typically slick 2-0 victory over Sevilla on Sunday.

"Unlike Madrid, Valencia are a complete team," said daily El Mundo. "With fewer stars and less glitter, Valencia have more resources and a greater ability to prevent themselves being exposed than Real."

Rival daily El Pais highlighted Valencia's impressive trajectory in recent seasons saying that they had entered a "golden age" of success in the last five years.

"Cup winners in 1999, finalists in the Champions League in 2000 and 2001, winners of the league in 2002 and this season, Valencia have responded with enormous efficiency to the challenges presented by modern football."

Valencia trailed Real Madrid by eight points at the beginning of March, but fought back strongly in the run-in while their illustrious rivals folded under the pressure.

They took over at the top on April 11 after Real slumped to a 3-0 home defeat against Osasuna and re-

tained the leadership from then on.

There was universal agreement that Valencia's victory was a triumph for the traditional footballing virtues of a strong team spirit, careful planning and good coaching.

"Valencia won their sixth league title thanks to the hard work of recent years," said Valencia daily Las Provincias. "The rewards keep coming as shown by the way they obtained the new title by crushing their millionaire 'galactico' rivals."

The media's assessment was supported by Valencia captain David Albelda and his team mates.

"This title is a victory for humility and hard work," said Albelda. "It is proof that in this life money isn't everything. We are deserved winners. We have a very down-to-earth squad, keen to do things well and we have worked full out all season."

Fellow midfielder Ruben Baraja, who scored Valencia's second goal against Sevilla, agreed with Albelda's verdict.

"Winning the league ahead of an all-powerful team like Real makes this triumph even more valuable," he said.

MNA/Reuters

## Korea's Seongnam romp to 15-0 Asian Champions League win

SEOUL, 13 May — South Korea's Seongnam Ilhwa trounced Indonesian side Persik Kediri 15-0 to return to the top of their group in the Asian Champions League on Tuesday. The victory, a record for the competition, was all the more surprising after Seongnam's early-season slump in the K-League.

Three players struck hat-tricks as the South Korean title holders, bottom of the K-League six matches into the 2004 campaign, spectacularly recovered their form against a team they only beat 2-1 away in February.

The huge win sent Seongnam top of Group G ahead of Japan's Yokohama

F-Marinos on goal difference with one match left to play. Seongnam, whose goal difference is now five better than Yokohama's, play at Vietnamese club Binh Dinh, while the J-League champions travel to Persik on the final day of matches on May 19.

Russian-born Denis Laktionov and Croatian Jasenko Sabitovic scored four goals apiece and South Korea striker Kim Do-hoon hit three as Seongnam put themselves firmly in the driving seat to qualify for the last eight.

MNA/Reuters



France's Amelie Mauresmo stretches to hit a backhand return to compatriot Nathalie Dechy during their match at the Rome Masters WTA tournament, on 12 May, 2004. Mauresmo won 7-5, 6-2. — INTERNET

## Young Benfica player collapses after training

LISBON, 13 May — A player in Benfica's junior squad collapsed after training on Tuesday and is in a "serious" condition in hospital, Portuguese news agency Lusa reported.

Bruno Baiao, an 18-year-old midfielder, collapsed unconscious in a cafe after a practice session, Benfica doctor Joao Paulo Almeida told Lusa.

"His condition is considered serious," Almeida said.

Benfica striker Miklos Feher collapsed and died during a Premier League game in January. The cause of the Hungarian's death has not been determined.

"Baiao had finished his training, had gone to a cafe and while he was talking on his mobile phone he fell down unconscious," Almeida told Lusa.

MNA/Reuters



## MRTV-3


**14-5-2004 (Friday)  
(Programme Schedule)  
Morning Transmission  
(9:00 - 10:00)**

- 9:00 Signature Tune  
Greeting  
9:02 Song of Myanmar  
Beauty & Scenic  
Sights "Myanma Pano-  
rama & Myanma Sen-  
timent"  
9:06 The Art of Playing  
Cane-Ball  
**9:10** **Headline News**  
9:12 Traditional Chin  
Cuisine  
**9:15** **National News**  
9:20 Unforgettable Trip to  
Ahka Village  
Kayah Dance  
**9:30** **National News**  
9:35 Mogok, The Ruby  
Land  
9:40 Song "Fetch me in a  
horse-cart"  
9:42 Inn-Waing Waterfall  
**9:45** **National News**  
9:50 Wildlife Conservation  
In Myanmar  
9:58 Song of Myanmar  
Beauty & Scenic  
Sights "Come and See  
Myanmar"

**14-5-2004 (Friday)  
Evening Transmission  
(15:30 - 17:30)**

- 15:30 Signature Tune  
Greeting  
15:32 Song of Myanmar  
Beauty & Scenic  
Sights "Mingalabar"  
15:36 The Art of Playing  
Cane-Ball  
**15:40** **Headline News**  
15:42 Traditional Chin  
Cuisine  
**15:45** **National News**  
15:50 Unforgettable Trip to  
Ahka Village  
Kayah Dance  
**16:00** **National News**  
16:05 Mogok, The Ruby  
Land  
16:10 Song "Fetch me in a  
horse-cart"  
16:12 Inn-Waing Waterfall  
**16:15** **National News**  
16:20 Wildlife Conservation  
In Myanmar  
16:25 Song of Myanmar

- Beauty & Scenic  
Sights "Myanma Pano-  
rama & Myanma Sen-  
timent"  
**16:30** **National News**  
16:35 Fabulous Bagan (IV)  
Community Based  
Drug Control  
Programme  
**16:45** **National News**  
16:50 Myanmar Traditional  
Musical Instruments  
(Percussion Instru-  
ments) (Drum)  
16:55 Magnificent Pindaing-  
san Dance  
**17:00** **National News**  
17:05 Travel & Description  
(Yangon to Thanlyin-  
Kyaik Tan)  
17:10 Myanmar Modern  
Song "Naughty Gril"  
**17:15** **National News**  
17:20 Traditional Folk  
Weaving Works  
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 "Myanma Pano-  
rama & Myanma Sen-  
timent"  
19:35 Poppa Flat-topped Hill  
(Taung Ka Lat)  
**19:40** **Headline News**  
19:42 Attractive Myanmar  
Snacks  
**19:45** **National News**  
19:50 King Alaung Min-  
taya's Palace Site  
19:55 Timing bell and  
Clapper Dance  
**20:00** **National News**  
20:05 A Day in the Life of a  
Mahout  
20:10 Myanmar Modern  
Song "Treasure Land"  
**20:15** **National News**  
20:20 Native home of the  
Kham  
20:25 Songs "The Towering  
Flowers"  
**20:30** **National News**  
20:35 Fabulous Bagan (III)  
The Decoration of  
Lacquerware (Stylus  
Drawing)  
**20:45** **National News**  
20:50 Journey to Mogok  
(The Ruby Land)  
20:55 Scenic Beauty of  
Ha-Kha and Cultural  
Dance  
20:58 Myanmar Traditional  
Marionette (The Horse  
Dance)  
**21:00** **National News**

- 21:05 Myanmar Profile  
"Book Store"  
21:10 Songs "To Golden  
Mandalay"  
**21:15** **National News**  
21:20 Kanbawza Thardi Mu-  
seum  
21:25 Song of Myanmar  
Beauty & Scenic  
Sights "Mingalabar"  
21:35 The Art of Playing  
Cane-Ball  
**21:40** **Headline News**  
21:42 Traditional Chin  
Cuisine  
**21:45** **National News**  
21:50 Unforgettable Trip to  
Ahka Village  
21:55 Kayah Dance  
**22:00** **National News**  
22:05 Mogok, The Ruby  
Land  
22:10 Song "Fetch me in a  
horse-cart"  
22:12 Inn-Waing Waterfall  
**22:15** **National News**  
22:20 Wildlife Conservation  
In Myanmar  
22:25 Song "Ayeeyawady"  
**22:30** **National News**  
22:35 Fabulous Bagan (IV)  
Community Based  
Drug Control  
Programme  
**22:45** **National News**  
22:50 Myanmar Traditional  
Musical Instruments  
(Percussion Instru-  
ments) (Drum)  
22:55 Magnificent Pindaing-  
san Dance  
**23:00** **National News**  
23:05 Travel & Description  
(Yangon to Thanlyin-  
Kyaik Tan)  
23:10 Myanmar Modern  
Song "Naughty Gril"  
**23:15** **National News**  
23:20 Traditional Folk  
Weaving Works  
23:28 Song of Myanmar  
Beauty & Scenic  
Sights "Come and See  
Myanmar"

**14-5-2004 (Friday) &  
15-5-2004 (Saturday)  
Evening Transmission &  
Morning Transmission  
(23:30 - 1:30)**

- 23:30 Signature Tune  
Greeting  
23:32 Song of Myanmar  
Beauty & Scenic  
Sights "Mingalabar"  
23:36 The Art of Playing  
Cane-Ball  
**23:40** **Headline News**  
23:42 Traditional Chin  
Cuisine  
**23:45** **National News**  
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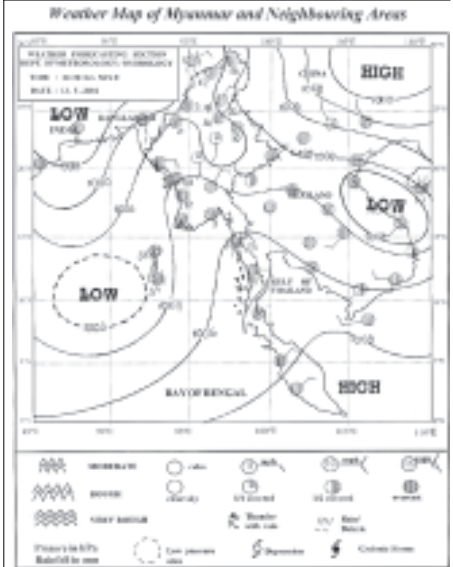
- 23:55 Kayah Dance  
**24:00** **National News**  
00:05 Mogok, The Ruby  
Land  
00:10 Song "Fetch me in a  
horse-cart"  
00:12 Inn-Waing Waterfall  
**00:15** **National News**  
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00:50 Myanmar Traditional  
Musical Instruments  
(Percussion Instru-  
ments) (Drum)  
00:55 Magnificent Pindaing-  
san Dance  
**01:00** **National News**  
01:05 Travel & Description  
(Yangon to Thanlyin-  
Kyaik Tan)  
01:10 Myanmar Modern  
Song "Naughty Gril"  
**01:15** **National News**  
01:20 Traditional Folk  
Weaving Works  
01:25 Song of Myanmar  
Beauty & Scenic  
Sights "Come and See  
Myanmar"

**14-5-2004 (Saturday)  
Morning Transmission  
(03:30 - 07:30)**

- 03:30 Signature Tune  
Greeting  
03:32 Song of Myanmar  
Beauty & Scenic  
Sights "Myanma Pano-  
rama & Myanma Sen-  
timent"  
03:35 Poppa Flat-topped Hill  
(Taung Ka Lat)  
**03:40** **Headline News**  
03:42 Attractive Myanmar  
Snacks  
**03:45** **National News**  
03:50 King Alaung Min-  
taya's Palace Site  
03:55 Timing bell and  
Clapper Dance  
**04:00** **National News**  
04:05 A Day in the Life of a  
Mahout  
04:10 Myanmar Modern  
Song "Treasure Land"  
**04:15** **National News**  
04:20 Native home of the  
Kham  
04:25 Songs "The Towering  
Flowers"  
**04:30** **National News**  
04:35 Fabulous Bagan (III)  
The Decoration of  
Lacquerware (Stylus  
Drawing)

- 04:45** **National News**  
04:50 Journey to Mogok  
(The Ruby Land)  
04:55 Scenic Beauty of  
Ha-Kha and Cultural  
Dance  
04:58 Myanmar Traditional  
Marionette (The Horse  
Dance)  
**05:00** **National News**  
05:05 Myanmar Profile  
"Book Store"  
05:10 Songs "To Golden  
Mandalay"  
**05:15** **National News**  
05:20 Kanbawza Thardi Mu-  
seum  
05:25 Song of Myanmar  
Beauty & Scenic  
Sights "Mingalabar"  
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Cane-Ball  
**05:40** **Headline News**  
05:42 Traditional Chin  
Cuisine  
**05:45** **National News**  
05:50 Unforgettable Trip to  
Ahka Village  
05:55 Kayah Dance  
**06:00** **National News**  
06:05 Mogok, The Ruby  
Land

- 06:10 Song "Fetch me in a  
horse-cart"  
06:12 Inn-Waing Waterfall  
**06:15** **National News**  
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**06:30** **National News**  
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Community Based  
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**06:45** **National News**  
06:50 Myanmar Traditional  
Musical Instruments  
(Percussion Instru-  
ments) (Drum)  
06:55 Magnificent Pindaing-  
san Dance  
**07:00** **National News**  
07:05 Travel & Description  
(Yangon to Thanlyin-  
Kyaik Tan)  
07:10 Myanmar Modern  
Song "Naughty Gril"  
**07:15** **National News**  
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Beauty & Scenic  
Sights "Come and See  
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**WEATHER**
**Thursday, 13 May, 2004**

**Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST:**  
During the past 24 hours, southwest monsoon has advanced in the South Bay and southern part of Myanmar areas. Weather has been partly cloudy in Kayah State, rain or thundershowers have been widespread in Kachin, Mon States, upper Sagaing Division, scattered in Rakhine State, lower Sagaing and Bago Divisions and isolated in the remaining areas with isolated heavyfalls in Kachin State. The noteworthy amount of rainfall recorded were Myitkya (3.78) inches, Myeik (2.80) inches, Kyauppyu (2.09) inches, Coco Island (1.50) inches and Bhamo (1.34) inches.

Maximum temperature on 12-5-2004 was 33.0°C (91°F). Minimum temperature on 13-5-2004 was 21.5°C (71°F). Relative humidity at 9:30 hrs MST on 13-5-2004 was 92%. Total sunshine hours on 12-5-2004 was (6.2) hours approx. Rainfall on 13-5-2004 was 11mm (0.43 inch) at Yangon Airport, 7mm (0.28 inch) at Kaba-Aye and 5mm (0.20 inch) at central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2004 was 90 mm (3.54 inches) at Yangon Airport and 102 mm (4.02 inches) at Kaba-Aye and 98 mm (3.86 inches) at central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was 16 mph from southeast at (17:30) hours MST on 12-5-2004.

**Bay inference:** Monsoon is moderate in South Bay and Andaman Sea and weather is partly cloudy elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal. **Forecast valid until evening of 14-5-2004:** Rain or thundershowers will be scattered to widespread in Kachin, Rakhine, Shan, Mon, Kayah States, upper Sagaing, Ayeeyawady, Yangon, Bago and Taninthayi Divisions and isolated in the remaining areas with likelihood of isolated heavyfalls in Mon State, Ayeeyawady, Yangon and Taninthayi Divisions. Degree of certainty is (80%).

**State of the sea:** Seas will be moderate in Myanmar waters. **Outlook for subsequent two days:** Likelihood of thundery conditions in central Myanmar areas.

**Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 14-5-2004:** Some rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (100%). **Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 14-5-2004:** Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

**Significant Water Level Bulletin**
**(Issued at 12:00 hrs MST on 13<sup>th</sup> May 2004)**

According to the (06:30)hrs M.S.T observation today, the water level 686cm of Ayeeyawady River at Myitkya shows a sharp rise of 298cm (about 10-feet) within 24 hours. The Ayeeyawady water level will sharply rise about 210cm (about 7-feet) at Bhamo and Katha during the next 3 days and about 150cm (about 5-feet) at Mandalay, Sagaing and NyaungU during the next 6-days above present water levels commencing noon today.


**Friday, May 14  
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  
**7:50 am**  
5. ယုတ္တဗျူဟာပြိုင်ပွဲ  
**8:00 am**  
6. The mirror images of  
musical oldies  
**8:10 am**  
7. ရုပ်သံပြိုင်ပွဲ  
**8:20 am**  
8. ဘိက္ခုနီတေး  
**8:30 am**  
9. International news

- 8:45 am**  
10. English For Everyday Use  
**4:00 am**  
1. Martial song  
**4:15 am**  
2. Songs to uphold  
National Spirit  
**4:30 am**  
3. Practice in reading  
**4:45 am**  
4. Musical programme  
**5:00 pm**  
5. အစောဆုံးတက္ကသိုလ် ယုတ္တဗျူ  
ရုပ်မြင်သံကြား သင်ခန်းစာ  
-ဘုတ်သန့် (ခါတုရားအထူးပြု)  
(ခါတုရား)  
**5:15 pm**  
6. Song of national races  
**5:30 pm**  
7. ရုပ်သံဖန်တီးမှုပွဲအားကစားအပြိုင်  
**5:40 pm**  
8. Musical programme  
**5:50 pm**  
9. လာဘ်ဆွဲတီးဝိုင်းကစား  
**6:00 pm**  
10. ရုပ်မြင်သံကြားအထူးပြိုင်ပွဲ နှစ်ဆယ့်တစ်

- 6:10 pm**  
11. Musical programme  
**6:20 pm**  
12. Discovery  
**6:30 pm**  
13. Evening news  
**7:00 pm**  
14. Weather report  
**7:05 pm**  
15. မိုးခန့်ခွဲချက်လမ်းညွှန်  
"မိုးခန့်ခွဲချက်" (အပိုင်း-၂)  
**7:30 pm**  
16. Songs of yesteryears  
**7:40 pm**  
17. ကယားနီရာ လာဘ်ဆွဲတီးဝိုင်း  
**8:00 pm**  
18. News  
19. International news  
20. Weather report  
21. Myanmar Video Feature:  
"လေးလေးချစ်ချစ်ရဲ့ချစ်ချစ်လေး" (အပိုင်း-၂)  
လွင်ဇုံနီ၊ မိုးသင်ကြည်  
ဒါရိုက်တာ-စင်စောမျိုး  
21. The next day's  
programme


**Friday, May 14  
Tune in today:**

- 8.30 am** Brief news  
**8.35 am** Music: To me you are  
everything (98)  
**8.40 am** Perspectives  
**8.45 am** Music: Falling in love  
(Sylvia)  
**8.50 am** National news/  
Slogan  
**9.00 am** Music: I'm just light  
(Mr. Black)  
**9.05 am** International news  
**9.10 am** Music: There's a  
kind of hush  
(Carpenters)  
**1.30 pm** News/Slogan  
**1.40 pm** Luch Time Music:  
-Room in your heart  
(Living in a box)  
-Miss you like crazy  
(Natalie Cole)  
-Forever (Stan Bush)  
**9.00 pm** World of music  
Songs from  
"Philipines"  
**9.15 pm** Article  
**9.25 pm** Music at your request  
-Will you still love in  
(Debre Gibson)  
-Please forgive me  
(Bryan Adams)  
-I will always love  
you (Whitney  
Houston)  
**9.45 pm** News/Slogan  
**10.00 pm** PEL

## Prime Minister hosts dinner in honour of delegates to MWJA Central Body meeting

YANGON, 13 May—Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt hosted dinner in honour of members of Central Body of the Myanmar Writers and Journalists Association, observers and literati who attended the Third Conference of the Central Body of Myanmar Writers and Journalists Association at Karaweik Palace this evening.

Also present on the occasion were Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Soe Win, Secretary-2 Lt-Gen Thein Sein, Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe, ministers, the Yangon mayor, deputy ministers, officials of the State Peace and Development Council Office, departmental heads, presidents and officials of social organizations, MWJA Chairman U Hla Myaing (Ko Hsaung) and CEC members, literati, delegates to the meeting and guests.

After dinner, the Prime Minister had a cordial conversation with those present.—MNA

### Construction of Patheingyi Bridge inspected

YANGON, 13 May —Chairman of Ayeyawady Division Peace and Development Council Commander of South-West Command Maj-Gen Soe Naing and officials inspected construction of Patheingyi Bridge on Patheingyi side on 10 May.

Deputy Superintending Engineer U Khin Maung Win and officials reported on progress of work, stockpiling of materials, construction of approach road.

The commander gave instructions on worksite safety and completion of the project in time and inspected the site.

The commander and party inspected construction of earth road linking Patheingyi-Ngwehsaung and Patheingyi-Chaungtha Road. Officials reported on progress of work and the commander fulfilled the requirements.

The commander inspected laying of concrete along the Patheingyi-Ngwehsaung Road.—MNA



Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt hosts dinner to delegates of Third MWJA Central Body Meeting.—MNA

## Internet and e-Mail Course, Basic Computer Course and Advanced Computer Course opened

YANGON, 13 May—The Internet and e-Mail Course No 1, Basic Computer Course No 43 and Advanced Computer Course No 31 sponsored by Yangon Division Union Solidarity and Develop-

ment Association were opened at the Office of Yangon Division USDA at the corner of Sayasan Road and West Race Course in Bahan Township here at 11 am today with an address by Chairman of

Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe. Also present on the occasion were USDA Secretary-General Minister for Cooperatives Maj-Gen

Htay Oo, USDA CEC member Minister for Home Affairs Col Tin Hlaing, Yangon Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin, Deputy Minister for Home Affairs Brig-Gen Phone Swe, Vice-Mayor Col Maung Pa, Commander of No 3 Military Region Col Tint Hsan, officials, trainees and guests.

The commander, in his speech, said that the courses are being opened with the aim of enabling the youths of today to keep pace with changes and developments in science and technology and of ensuring human resources development. The commander urged the trainees to make strenuous efforts to establish a high living system and create a good social environment.

Next, USDA CEC member Minister for Home Affairs Col Tin Hlaing explained the purpose of opening of the courses and the ceremony ended.—MNA



Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Chairman Yangon Command Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe speaks at opening ceremony of Internet & e-Mail Course and Computer Course.—PRPU



## Delegates to National Convention arrive

YANGON, 13 May—Delegates to the National Convention from States and

Divisions arrived here by air, train or car today.

They are from Chin

State, Tanintharyi Division, Sagaing Division, Rakhine State, Kachin State, Shan

State (North), Shan State (South), Kayah State, Kayin State, Shan State (East) and Ayeyawady Division.

also accommodated at Nyaungnapin Camp.—MNA

The Chairman of the Invitation and Accommodation Subcommittee, chairmen of township Peace and Development Councils, officials and Red Cross members welcomed them at Yangon International Airport, Yangon Central Railway Station and Dagon Highway Bus Terminal, and conveyed them to the hostels at Nyaungnapin camp in Hmawby Township, where the National Convention is to be held.

The delegates from Yangon Division and Shan State (North) who arrived at the reception camp in Kyaikkasan Grounds were



Delegates of States and Divisions to National Convention at Yangon International Airport.—MNA



Delegates of States and Divisions to National Convention being welcomed at Yangon Railways Station.—MNA