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*Vice-Senior General Maung Aye offers a certificate to Tipitakadhara Tipitaka Kovida title recipient Ashin Sundara.— MNA*

## **Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife Daw Mya Mya San attend ceremony to honour Sayadaws who passed Tipitakadhara Tipitaka Kovida Selection Examination**

YANGON, 22 May— A ceremony to honour members of the Sangha who had passed the 56th Tipitakadhara Tipitaka Kovida Selection Examination held by the Ministry of Religious Affairs in conjunction with the certificate presentation ceremony took place at State Pariyatti Sasana University on Kaba Aye Hill at 8 am today, attended by Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife Daw Mya Mya San.

Also present on the occasion were Vice-Chairman of the State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Agga Maha Pandita Agga Maha Saddhamma Jotikadhaja

Thayet Sayadaw Bhaddanta Kesara, Secretary Abhidhaja Maha Rattha Guru Abhidhaja Agga Maha Saddhammajotika Magway Sayadaw Bhaddanta Kumara and member Sayadaws, Chairman of Tipitakadhara Tipitaka Kovida Selection Examination Ovadaçariya Committee Abhidhaja Maha Rattha Guru Mawlamyine Webyan Monastery Sayadaw Bhaddanta Vijayabhivamsa and member Sayadaws, the chief Nayaka Sayadaw, the rector Sayadaw, Tipi-takadhara Tipitaka Kovida Sayadaws, members of the Sangha who passed the Examination, Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt and wife Dr Daw Khin Win Shwe, Daw Khin Than Nwe, widow of Lt-Gen Tin Oo, Member of the State Peace and Devel-

opment Council General Thura Shwe Mann and wife, Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Aung Htwe, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than, Lt-Gen Maung Bo, Quartermaster-General Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo, Chief of Armed Forces Training Lt-Gen Kyaw Win and Lt-Gen Tin Aye of the Ministry of Defence and their wives, Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Rear-Admiral Soe Thein, Commander-in-Chief (Air) Lt-Gen Myat Hein, Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe, the ministers, the deputy ministers, senior military officers, departmen-

tal heads, disciples and wellwishers.

Officials ushered in Sayadaws to the designated places.

First, the congregation received the Five Precepts from Sayadaw Bhaddanta Vijayabhivamsa.

Vice-Chairman Sayadaw Bhaddanta Kesara read out the message of Chairman of the State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Abhidhaja Maha Rattha Guru Abhidhaja Agga Maha Saddhammajotika Myingyan Sayadaw Bhaddanta Sobhita.

On behalf of Chairman of the State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Abhidhaja Maha Rattha Guru Abhidhaja Agga Maha Saddhammajotika Myingyan Sayadaw Bhaddanta Sobhita, Vice-Chairman of the State

### **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

Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Agga Maha Pandita Agga Maha Saddhammajotikadhaja Thayet Sayadaw Bhaddanta Kesara delivered an Ovadaçakatha.

The Sayadaw said two Tipitakadhara Tipitaka Kovida title Sayadaws and one Tipitakadhara Sayadaw emerged in the Tipitakadhara Tipitaka Kovida Selection and Oral Examination this year.

It was very significant in the history of Tipitaka Examination because of the good pass rate. The Sayadaw said the State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee was very pleased to learn that there was a number of candidates who passed the ex-

amination and this showed that Pariyatti Sasana had flourished more.

He said the government and disciples are pleased to know the emergence of Eka Pitaka and Dwi Pitaka Sayadaws. Pariyatti is vital for perpetuation of the Sasana, he added.

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*Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife Daw Mya Mya San receive Five Precepts from Sayadaw Bhaddanta Vijayabhivamsa.— MNA*

## PERSPECTIVES

Sunday, 23 May, 2004

## In the interest of the Union

Since its assumption of the duties of the State, the Tatmadaw government has been striving day in, day out for emergence of a peaceful, modern discipline-flourishing democratic new nation.

A constitution is essential in building a new nation.

As political and economic systems are to be changed in conformity with the new democratic nation, it is very important that there must be a firm constitution capable of steering these systems.

For the emergence of an enduring State Constitution, basic principles and detailed basic principles are to be discussed and formulated at the National Convention.

The Plenary Session of the National Convention continued at Pyidaungsu Hall of Nyaungnabin Camp in Hmawby Township on 21 May.

The National Convention Convening Work Committee made clarifications on administration of justice sector, legislative power of self-administered area leading bodies, delegation of power in connection with matters not stated in the legislative lists of the Union Region or State, and self-administered division or zone leading bodies, legislative powers of Union territories, taking effect of laws enacted by different levels of Hluttaw and self-executive area leading bodies regarding the detailed basic principles to be laid down for sharing of legislative, executive and judicial powers to be included in writing the State Constitution.

Of the basic principles already laid down by the National Convention, one of the aims and objectives of the State calls for 'Further burgeoning of the noblest and worthiest of worldly values namely justice, liberty and equality in the State'.

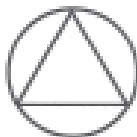
The basic principle is an essential right of all the citizenry residing in the nation. Different levels of court and judges are to take special care to see that our citizens do not lose that right.

Moreover, basic principles calling for independent administration of justice in accord with law; administration of justice in public except where restricted by law; and giving of the right of defence and the right of appeal by law in cases are laid down.

Judges at different levels of court are to practise the uniform laws for the people residing in the nation regardless of the rich or poor, position or class in passing judgements.

We firmly believe that the delegates to the National Convention will do their best in suggesting on the basic principles for administration of legislative, executive and judicial matters to be included in the State Constitution in the interests of the people.

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## People's Desire

- \* Oppose those relying on external elements, acting as stooges, holding negative views
- \* Oppose those trying to jeopardize stability of the State and progress of the nation
- \* Oppose foreign nations interfering in internal affairs of the State
- \* Crush all internal and external destructive elements as the common enemy

## Shopping facilities for the delegates

YANGON, 22 May — Organized by the welfare and entertainment sub committee under the National Convention management committee, Winthuzar shop of the Ministry of Industry- 1 and GEC shop were being run for the delegates in Nyaungnabin Camp in Hmawby Township.

Winthuzar shop of the Ministry of Industry- 1 has got a high demand since its first day as it was opened for the purpose of convenience of the delegates. Winthuzar shop was supplying 287 items of products manufactured by the enterprises under the ministry.

Government Employees Cooperative has also been running a shop selling 521 kinds of goods and was crowded with buyers every day. Photo studio, spectacles shop, drug store, beauty parlor, shop of Livestock and Fisheries Ministry, hair dressers' salon and restaurant were there full of delegates. — MNA

POEM:

## Why does Mai Baw have to overstep the line?

- \* The praise for parroting is bad enough
- Why does she have to overdo it?
- Who is the owner?
- And what is she up to?
- To make it look realistic
- If you draw the true conclusion
- The owner is going a bit too far
- You'll surely find out.

Po Wa (Trs)

(To think in linkage with  
what the western media are up to.)

## Myanmar Delegation leaves for Geneva

YANGON, 22 May—A Myanmar delegation led by Vice-President of Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation Prof Dr Daw May May Yi left here by air to attend the 36th Meeting of the Committee on the Rights of the Child to be held in Geneva in Switzerland.

The delegation members were seen off at Yangon International Airport by Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Maj-Gen Sein Htwa MWAFF President Dr Daw Khin Win Shwe, Vice-Presidents Daw Khin Lay Thet, Daw Than Than Nwe and Daw Khin Khin Win, heads of department and their families.

The Myanmar delegation members were Director-General of Social Welfare Department U Sit Myaing, Director-General



MWAFF President Dr Daw Khin Win Shwe sees off the Myanmar delegation at the Yangon International Airport. — MNA

of International Organizations and Economic Department U Win Mra, Director-General of No 1 Basic Education Department U Tin Nyo, Professor

Dr Daw Khin Aye Win of Yangon University, Police Col Sit Aye of Myanmar Police Force (Headquarters), Director Dr San Shwe Win of the Health Department,

Director Daw Khin Myo Myint of Attorney-General's Office and Deputy Director U Khin Maung Lay of Labour Department.

MNA



Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe inspects sanitation tasks being carried out in drainages in Yangon City. — MNA

## Sanitation tasks for beautifying Yangon City inspected

YANGON, 22 May — Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe inspected sanitation tasks carried out by Tatmadaw members, Myanmar Police Force, YCDC, social organizations and people here this morning.

The commander and party inspected the sanitation tasks in Bahan, Thingangyun, North Okkalapa, Yankin and Mayangon Townships. Officials reported on the tasks

being carried out.

Next, Maj-Gen Myint Swe gave necessary instructions and fulfilled the needs.

Similar tasks were carried out in Botahtaung, Mingala Taungnyunt, Tamway, Thakayta, Dawbon, Dagon (South and North), Kyauktada, Pabedan, Latha, Lanmadaw, Dagon, Ahlon, Kyimyindine, Sangyoung, Hline, Mingaladon, Insein, Shwepyitha and Hlinethaya Townships in the same morning. — MNA



# 790 US troops killed since beginning of military operations in Iraq last year

BAGHDAD, 22 May—As of Friday, 21 May, 790 US service members have died since the beginning of military operations in Iraq last year, according to the Department of Defence. Of those, 575 died as a result of hostile action and 215 died of non-hostile causes.

The British military has reported 58 deaths; Italy, 18; Spain, eight; Bulgaria, six; Ukraine, four; Poland, three; Thailand, two; Denmark, El Salvador, Estonia and the Netherlands have reported one each.

Since 1 May, 2003, when President Bush declared that major combat operations in Iraq had ended, 652 US soldiers have died, 466 as a result of hostile action and 186 of non-hostile causes, according to the military's numbers.

The latest deaths reported by the US military:

A Marine died Thursday in a vehicle accident in Iraq's Anbar province.

A soldier died when an explosive detonated Thursday.

The latest identification reported by the Pentagon:

Marine Pfc. Michael M Carey, 20, Prince George, Va.; died Tuesday after falling into a canal; assigned to 1st Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, Calif.

Internet

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## Bomb blast kills US soldier, two Iraqi civilians

BAGHDAD, 22 May—One US soldier and two Iraqi civilians were killed when a roadside bomb exploded in the Baghdad area, the US military said Friday.

The device exploded Thursday at about 5.15 pm, according to a statement issued by the US 1st Cavalry Division, which is based in and around the Iraqi capital.

It gave no further details.

The soldier's death brought to at least 578 the number of American troops killed in action since the invasion 14 months ago.—Internet



A video image shows a wounded child laying in a hospital in Ramadi, on 20 May, 2004, after having her leg amputated. The girl claimed she was the sister of the bridegroom at a wedding in Western Iraq which witnesses claimed was attacked by US forces. Grieving Iraqis said US forces killed dozens of guests at the desert wedding.—INTERNET

## Over 200,000 stage rally warning US against attacking Iraq holy sites

BEIRUT, 22 May—Tens of thousands of Shiite Muslims, mostly supporters of the militant Hezbollah, turned out in Beirut Friday in a massive show meant as a strong warning to the United States against attacking holy sites in Iraq.

Wearing white shrouds symbolizing their readiness to die in defence of the holy cities of Najaf and Karbala in southern Iraq, the demonstrators, estimated at more than 200,000, shouted "Death to America" and "Death to Israel" as they marched in Beirut's teeming southern suburbs, a Hezbollah stronghold.

A protest march by about 5,000 Shiites in Bahrain led to clashes with police in which at least three people were injured by shotgun pellets and 10 treated for tear gas inhalation. Later Friday, the Bahraini king fired the interior minister over the clashes, saying the demonstration should have been allowed.

Also Friday, a small demonstration was held outside the British Embassy in Tehran, Iran.

The Lebanon demonstration was in response to a call by Hezbollah leader Sheikh Hassan Nasrallah earlier this week for "a symbolic demonstration to tell America that we are ready for martyrdom to defend our holy places."

Nasrallah accused US forces of desecrating holy shrines in Iraq, and called on

Muslims to fight to the death to defend the sanctities in Najaf and Karbala.

US soldiers have been fighting militiamen of the radical Shiite cleric Muqtada al-Sadr in Najaf and Karbala during the past two weeks. During last weekend's fighting, the golden dome of the Iman Ali mosque in Najaf was lightly damaged, but it was not clear which side was responsible. The Imam Ali mosque is the burial place of the Prophet Muhammad's cousin and son-in-law, who is revered by Shiites.

Addressing the crowd at the end of the march, Nasrallah renewed his call on the Americans to leave Najaf and Karbala, else the situation become more dangerous.

"We will not abandon our religious duty. Today's march is a step on the road to defending the holy sites. Any other thing (fighting) decided by our religious duty we will do without hesitation regardless of the sacrifices and calculations," he said. "Let the Americans understand that those who wore shrouds today, including clerics, men, women, children and adults, did not come to show off."

The men beat their chests as they chanted slogans against the United States and Israel. They shouted "Oh Hussein" and "Here we come, Hussein! Here we come, Hussein."

They were referring to the Shiite saint Imam Hussein, a son of Imam Ali, who is buried in a shrine in Karbala.

In Iran, where protests have been staged almost daily this week, about 200 protesters outside the British Embassy were outnumbered by 300 police. The crowd, some throwing stones and firecrackers, demanded that the embassy be closed and the ambassador expelled.

"Down with Britain!" many yelled. "Down with Israel, UK, USA," read a banner. Police shoved back against the advancing crowd, beating them with sticks.

In downtown Amman, Jordan, around 1,000 worshippers representing opposition parties held a one-hour sit-in in front of al-Husseini Mosque to protest Arab

silence on the Israel Defence Forces operation in Rafah, in which at least 40 Palestinians have been killed.

Internet

## Schroeder says he will oppose sending NATO troops to Iraq

WASHINGTON, 22 May—German Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder said he will oppose sending NATO troops to Iraq during the alliance's summit next month in Istanbul, in an interview published in *The New York Times*.

"I personally do not desire this," he said, "and I wouldn't have any support for it in Germany, no legitimacy for such a step, regardless of whether I myself wanted it or not."

However, Schroeder said he would not block a North Atlantic Treaty Organization role in Iraq if a majority of the organization's members wanted it at the June 28-29 summit.

"The problem will be that NATO would find itself in the same situation as the coalition forces are in now with regard to the confidence that the Iraqis have in these forces as guarantors of security and stability," he said.

"I would be very grateful," he added, "if people would understand my doubts as to whether NATO really can play such a positive role as they seem to think and will make no secret

of these doubts in Istanbul."

On the scheduled June 30 transfer of power in Iraq from US-led coalition authorities to a caretaker Iraqi government, Schroeder said there was broad agreement on what future steps are to be taken.

"Both France and Germany as well as other European countries are much closer to the coalition than some people think," he told the daily in an hour-long interview in his Berlin office on Wednesday.

"This Iraqi transitional government must have a say in things; it must not just exist on paper," he said. "It

must have powers and not just be seen as a political adjunct of the coalition forces."

Despite his opposition to the Iraqi war, Schroeder went out of his way to stress Germany's overall cooperation with the United States.

"The dispute over the basic position, which escalated to such an extent last year, is now a part of recent history," he said. "And now the American president and I have decided that this is not the time for historical reappraisals. It is time for deciding where our joint responsibility lies."—Internet

## Chinese Vice-Premier meets US, Kyrgyz guests

BEIJING, 22 May — Chinese Vice-Premier Huang Ju held separate meetings with Foreign Minister Askar Aytmatov of the Kyrgyz

Republic and US-based Motorola Chairman and Chief Executive Officer (CEO) Edward J Zander in Beijing Thursday afternoon.

During the meeting with Kyrgyzstan's Foreign Minister Aytmatov, Huang said that China and Kyrgyzstan, as friendly neighbours, have kept frequent high-level contact, continuously deepened mutual political trust, expanded bilateral trade and pushed forward cooperative projects.

In order to advance bilateral trade and economic cooperation, China is ready to join hands with Kyrgyzstan to improve investment environment, complement each other's advantages, explore new cooperative forms, introduce innovative ideas to bilateral trade and achieve greater results of mutually beneficial cooperation in various fields, Huang said.

Aytmatov said the just concluded session of Kyrgyzstan-China Mixed Committee on Trade and Economy was a big success and fruitful. He said the two sides settled the direction and guidelines of bilateral trade and economic cooperation in the future at the meeting.

MNA/Xinhua



Young Lebanese protesters wearing white shrouds shout slogans during a rally in Beirut, on 21 May, 2004. Tens of thousands of Lebanese Shi'ites marched in a collective show of willingness to die in defence of holy shrines in US-occupied Iraq.—INTERNET

## Honduran troops return home from Iraq

PALMEROLA BASE (Honduras), 22 May—Hundreds of Honduran troops returned home from Iraq on Friday, cutting short their tour by more than a month amid escalating violence in the war zone. "My son, my son, my life, I am happy," said Maria Elena Padilla, 58, as her son Joel Romero and other soldiers stepped off a military plane to fanfare at Honduras' Palmerola base.

More than 600 people gathered at the base for the homecoming. Honduras' 370 troops had intended to stay in Iraq until July but decided to pull out after Spain announced last month that it would withdraw its 1,400 troops.

"I was afraid they were going to kill him there in Iraq. ... It has been unbearable," Padilla told Reuters.

"I asked God for his life and thanks to Him he is here."

The Honduran troops had been mainly clearing mines and providing medical care in central Iraq. Spain had been in charge of troops from other Spanish-speaking nations in Iraq, including those from El Salvador, Honduras, Nicaragua and the Dominican Republic.

"Our troops went to help stabilize and rebuild Iraq, but the conditions in Iraq and for coalition forces ... forced us to participate in (combat) situations that have not been mandated by our Congress," Honduras Defence Minister Federico Breve told Reuters.

"It fills us with pride to see you return safe and sound and with your duties fulfilled," Honduran President

Ricardo Maduro told the returning soldiers.

Honduras' Romero was part of a first contingent of 353 Honduran soldiers returning from Iraq on Friday. Most of the remaining 17 soldiers will join their comrades in Honduras shortly, although one is recovering from appendicitis in Kuwait and another returned last December for medical reasons.

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



Honduran President Ricardo Maduro, right, shakes hands with an unidentified soldier at the Palmerola Air Base, in Comayagua, 80 km north from Tegucigalpa, Honduras, on Friday, 21 May, 2004. The Honduran soldiers arrived home from Iraq.

INTERNET

## French soldiers rescue Liberians on drifting ferry

DAKAR, 22 May—French troops dropped food and water from helicopters to 430 Liberian refugees stranded on a ship drifting off Ivory Coast before a French frigate arrived to tow them ashore, the United Nations said on Thursday.

The French vessel reached the *Dona Elvire*, a ferry overcrowded with Liberians, on Thursday morning and was towing it to Ivory Coast's main city and port Abidjan.

The refugees fled civil war in their own country to Ghana and Nigeria but were now returning home. "The mental state of the refugees and the captain was that they wanted to get on land," said Panos Moutmtzis, Ivory Coast's deputy representative for the UN

High Commissioner for Refugees.

"It was a frightening experience for them to be on the high seas for two days without engines," he told Reuters.

The ferry first sent a distress signal on Tuesday after its engines failed some 20 nautical miles from the Ivorian port town of San Pedro, but had drifted around 120 nautical miles from the shore by the time it was found.—MNA/Reuters

## Syria announces new gas discovery

DAMASCUS, 22 May—A huge gas field was recently discovered in central Syria by a foreign oil and gas company which would allow Syria to export gas for the first time, the Syrian Ministry of Oil declared on Thursday.

The discovery was made by the Croatian INA Oil and Gas company in the region of Palmyra or Tedmor, about 235 kilometres northeast of Damascus. Minister of Oil Ibrahim Haddad told reporters at a Press conference.

The gas field stretches over 4,800 cubic kilometres, with a reserve estimated at 15 billion cubic meters, Haddad said. The current production of gas in Syria reaches 24 million cubic metres per day, which is consumed in the

domestic market.

The new discovery was expected to increase production by 10 million cubic metres per day, encouraging a promising surplus to export, the minister said.

MNA/Xinhua

## Better emergency measures urged for natural disasters in China

BEIJING, 22 May—Vice-Premier Hui Liangyu on Thursday urged officials to improve the emergency system for natural disasters and to do well in disaster prevention and relief work.

Speaking at the closing ceremony of a forum for provincial officials on emergency management for natural disasters, Hui said China's natural disaster prevention and relief cause has made remarkable progress in the past few years.

Currently, a nationwide disaster relief system has been established, infrastructure of disaster prevention and relief has been improved, a natural disaster emergency system has taken an initial shape

and China has done its utmost to relieve losses caused by natural disasters and to safeguard people's interests, Hui said.

"However, China is a country frequently hit by a variety of natural disasters.

To improve natural disaster management is vital to people's life and asset security and is a necessary requirement for healthy economic and social development," said Hui.

MNA/Xinhua

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## Titan worker accused of Iraqi prisoner abuse

NEW YORK, 22 May—A Titan Corp worker has been accused of taking part in the sexual humiliation of Iraqi detainees, *The Wall Street Journal* reported on Friday.

The defense contractor, which provides translators and interpreters to the US Army in Iraq, was named in an internal Army report about abuse at Abu Ghraib prison, the newspaper said, citing people familiar with the report.

A US official who reviewed the report told the Journal that the unnamed Titan employee admitted he helped hold down three detainees who were "nude, handcuffed to each other and placed in sexual positions."

The report comes at a time investors and analysts are questioning whether Lockheed Martin Corp's plan to buy Titan will fall apart due to a bribery probe and an earlier mention of Titan in other prisoner abuse documents.

Lockheed said again on Friday that Titan employees' possible links to prisoner abuse in Iraq should not have a "significant" effect on the deal's outcome.

Internet

## New images of Iraq prisoner abuse surface

BAGHDAD, 22 May—Horror pictures of Iraqi prisoner abuse by US military police which President George W Bush's administration had tried to keep hidden were published to add to the woes of the US-led coalition in Iraq.

The pictures, along with details of testimony from prisoners that they were sexually fondled by female soldiers, beaten, sodomised and forced to eat food from toilets, were published in *The Washington Post*. The paper said the documents featured in evidence gathered by army investigators for the courts martial in Iraq of seven US soldiers charged with abusing detainees.

A Defence Department spokesman told the daily that they seemed to match the graphic material shown privately to US lawmakers earlier this month, and which had been classified by the Pentagon Defence Secretary Donald Rumsfeld told a senate committee earlier this month: "If these are released to the public, obviously it's going to make matters worse. That's just a fact."—Internet



A US soldier holds a trained dog in front of an Iraqi detainee inside the Abu Ghraib Prison, west of Baghdad in this undated photo. Hundreds of unreleased photographs and short digital videos depict US soldiers using a wide variety of abusive techniques at Iraq's Abu Ghraib prison and appearing to enjoy the mistreatment, *The Washington Post* reported on May 21, 2004.—INTERNET

## UN calls for greater recognition of women's role in conservation

NAIROBI, 22 May—The United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) has called for greater recognition of women's role in conservation and poverty reduction.

In a new publication, *Women and the Environment*, published on Thursday, the UNEP says that in developing countries, women are the farmers, the feeders and the carers in their communities relying on an intimate understanding of nature to fulfil their many and varied roles.

They are also the primary providers of water. In the mountain areas of East Africa, women may expend close to a third of their calorie intake in collecting and supplying this precious resource, it says.

The book, drawing on observations and research by numerous individuals

and organizations including the UNEP and the UN Food and Agricultural Organization, contains numerous illuminating anecdotes and case studies that reflect the crucial and all too often ignored role of women in the environment.

MNA/Xinhua



# Spain completes troop withdrawal from Iraq

MADRID, 22 May—Spain completed its troop withdrawal from Iraq on Friday as the last of its soldiers crossed the border into Kuwait, the Defence Ministry said.

A convoy of Spanish troops on trucks and buses set out Friday morning from their base in Diwaniyah and rolled into Kuwait, the ministry said.

The troops were the last of a contingent of logistics experts and other soldiers who had been packing up gear used by 1,300 soldiers sent by the previous

government to take part in the US-led occupation. The withdrawal of those 1,300 was completed late last month on orders from the new Socialist government.

The ministry declined to say how many troops had left Iraq Friday but the radio station Cadena Ser put the figure at 600.

A vast majority of

Spaniards opposed the US-led war and that opposition was a crucial factor in the Socialists' defeat of then Prime Minister Jose Maria Aznar's conservative Popular Party in 14 March elections.

Many Spaniards said the government's support for the war had provoked the 11 March terrorist bombing in

Madrid, blamed on Islamic militants. It killed 191 people and wounded more than 2,000. Spanish troops suffered 11 fatalities in Iraq, including seven intelligence officers killed in an ambush in November.

Zapatero ordered the troop withdrawal on 18 April, a day after taking office.

He said his terms for keeping them in Iraq, United Nations political and military control of the occupation, had no chance of being met.

Internet

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## Fierce fighting in Iraq's south

BAGHDAD, 22 May—American AC-130 gunships and tanks pounded militia positions early Friday near two shrines in the center of the holy city of Karbala, and the US military said it killed 18 fighters loyal to a rebel cleric. Hospital officials said the dead included two Iranian pilgrims.

US forces withdrew from a mosque in the city center that had been used by insurgents as a base of operations, but said patrols in the city would continue.

Fighting between American forces and cleric Muqtada al-Sadr's militia was also heavy in Najaf and neighbouring Kufa, south of Baghdad. Explosions rocked the centre of Najaf, near local government buildings, and Friday prayers were cancelled because of the violence. A huge fire blazed in a vegetable market. —Internet

## Chalabi's decision to cut ties with coalition stirs controversy in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 22 May—A top Iraqi politician's decision to cut ties with the coalition stirred fresh controversy, just as the US-led administrators of Iraq struggle with a prisoner abuse scandal and unending violence.

And as fighting raged in the holy cities of central Iraq, an Iraqi working for Al-Jazeera television was among nine people killed overnight in Karbala, where US troops and militiamen engaged in fierce gunbattles.

In Baghdad, the interim Governing Council was to meet later Friday to discuss its response to a US-backed raid on Chalabi's home, which led the one-time protege of the Pentagon to sever his ties with the Coalition Provisional Authority (CPA).

The US-installed council, of which Chalabi is a member, already had been shaken by Monday's assassination of its president, Ezzeddine Salim.

At the same time, the US

military said it was investigating Wednesday's death of 41 people in an airstrike in remote western Iraq, which it said occurred during a raid on a foreign fighters' safe house, but which local residents said killed civilians at a wedding party.

The string of problems, compounded by a scandal over the mistreatment of Iraqi prisoners, clouded hopes for a smooth handover of sovereignty to Iraq on June 30.

Furious over the raid on his Baghdad home, which he also uses as an office, Chalabi said Thursday his relationship with the CPA was "non-existent."

One colleague said he would resign from the council unless the coalition took steps to stop such "abuses."

Documents, computers, personal belongings and weapons were seized during the raid, which US officials said was conducted by Iraqi police backed by the coalition.

Chalabi, a wealthy Shiite banker and politician, has fallen from grace in Washington amid allegations his party provided false information ahead of last year's invasion of Iraq.

His claims Iraq had weapons of mass destruction, the main reason Washington and London gave for attacking Iraq, are yet unsubstantiated.

The Pentagon has said it halted monthly payments of 340,000 dollars to Chalabi's party and would seek other intelligence sources on Iraq.

Internet



Spanish troops sit in the back of a truck as they wait to cross into Kuwait along the Iraq Kuwait border bringing to an end a mission with US-led occupation forces that was massively unpopular in Spain.—INTERNET

## Pope condemns abuses, prays for Iraq hostages

VATICAN CITY, 22 May—Pope John Paul on Thursday issued a new condemnation of violence and human rights abuses, after a series of Vatican denunciations of American treatment of prisoners in Iraq.

He told Italian bishops in a section of his speech touching on Iraq: "Terrorism, acts of war, violations of human rights (have) made the international situation so difficult and dangerous and weigh heavy on our hearts."

The pope also told the bishops he was praying for the release of all hostages in Iraq and all those risking their lives there. An Italian soldier was killed in Iraq this week and three Italians are still being held hostage.

In recent weeks Vatican figures have

weighed in with strong criticism of the abuse of Iraqi prisoners by US soldiers in Abu Ghraib Prison outside Baghdad.

The timing of the Pope's words was significant because he will receive George W Bush when the US President visits Rome on 4 June.

Earlier this week a senior American cardinal in the Vatican accused the US Administration of "moral failure" and deception in Iraq and warned the war had severely compromised future relations with the Arab world.

MNA/Reuters

## Nearly 9 out of 10 Iraqis see US as "occupiers"

LONDON, 22 May—Opinion poll results to be released next week show nearly nine out of 10 Iraqis see US forces as occupiers rather than liberators or peacekeepers, the British newspaper *The Financial Times* reported on Thursday.

It quoted the Iraq Centre for Research and Strategic Studies as saying more than half of 1,600 Iraqis polled wanted the troops of the US-led coalition to leave Iraq, compared with about 20 per cent in an October survey.

The poll was conducted before photos showing abuse of Iraqi prisoners by US troops were made public. The newspaper said the centre was considered reliable enough by US officials that they had submitted questions to be used in the poll.

"Iraqis always contrast American actions with American promises and there's now a wide gap in credibility," the newspaper quoted the head of the centre, Saadoun Duleimi, as saying.

MNA/Reuters

## US army base in Najaf attacked by rocket

BAGHDAD, 22 May—A university occupied by US forces as a forward base in southern city of Najaf was attacked by a rocket during an overnight clash, a source close to the forces said on Thursday.

The source, who spoke on condition of anonymity, told *Xinhua* that a *Katyusha* rocket fell inside the fortified compound, a few kilometres from the holy shrine in central Najaf, and might have hit an office used by US officers "working on computers".

He said there were "heavy casualties", but could not give the type of the casualty. The US military was investigating the incident, he added.

At least six Iraqis were wounded in the heavy clashes, which broke out overnight in Najaf between fighters loyal to radical Shiite cleric Muqtada al-Sadr and US troops, witnesses and medical source said.

MNA/Xinhua

## Women strengthened Russian WWII spy rings

LONDON, 22 May—Russia's secret service had an advantage over the British in World War II because they used more women, a senior German Gestapo officer told Britain after his arrest in 1945.

Horst Kopkow, who investigated foreign spy rings, told his captors the Russians were easier to infiltrate but were strengthened by women who gave technical help to spies, British Government files released on Friday show.

"These women did excellent work in spite of many hardships, which they appeared to overcome more easily than the agents themselves," he said in a comparison of the two countries' services that the British had asked him to write.

MNA/Reuters



Iraqi armed militiamen take position in the centre of Najaf, Iraq, on Friday, 21 May, 2004 after American tanks charged into the centre of this holy city on and shelled positions held by fighters loyal to a radical cleric who launched an uprising against the US-led coalition last month.—INTERNET

## US Marines say Iraq abuse case could hurt ceasefire

FALLUJAH (Iraq), 22 May — US Marines in Iraq gathered round TV sets on Wednesday to follow the trial of a military policeman charged with abusing Iraqis, and warned the sensational case could upset a shaky truce with guerillas.

"People are going to watch this on TV and say: 'Look at what the Americans are doing in Iraq'," Robert Timmons, 21, of Baltimore, Maryland, said as he watched special CNN coverage of the court martial at a US military base outside Fallujah.

"This is going to put us on the spot. The terrorists are going to hit back," Corporal Donald Jordan, 21, of Palmdale, California said as images of naked and hooded prisoners chained next to grinning guards ran all day at the large TV sets of the base's dining centre.

Marines who daily patrol desert highways littered with roadside bombs said they had little sympathy for US military policeman Specialist Jeremy Sivits, the first defendant so far ordered to stand trial for the abuses at the Abu Ghraib Prison outside Baghdad. "They should be punished and get what they deserve. This stuff is going to make us look bad. What are

Iraqis going to think about the Americans?" asked Captain Michael Martino.

After ending a bloody siege, Marines — whose rules of engagement in central Iraq include the instruction "Think every Iraqi wants to kill you but don't treat him that way" — have launched a hearts-and-minds campaign to spend 500 million US dollars in reconstruction projects.

Taking a lunch break at Camp Baharia, Marines said they feared the Abu Ghraib

cases to be brought to trial will further complicate their efforts to win over the sympathy of ordinary Iraqis.

When US Marines delivered books and frisbees to a school outside Fallujah on Saturday, commanders were confronted by angry teachers demanding an explanation for the abuses at Abu Ghraib. Despite the ceasefire, three Marines have been killed in action this week in the volatile region of al-Anbar, which includes Fallujah.

"This stuff makes our job harder. We can go out to repair water lines or schools but the people might think we are doing it to blanket out the abuse scandal," said Corporal Brandon Kunath.

MNA/Reuters



## Pakistan accuses US troops of border intrusion

ISLAMABAD, 22 May — Pakistan accused US troops on Friday of making an incursion into its territory while hunting al-Qaeda and Taliban militants, the second such incident this month.

The troops intruded into a border village in the North Waziristan tribal region on Thursday and searched several houses before moving back into Afghanistan, military spokesman Major-General Shaukat Sultan told Reuters.

"We have already lodged a protest with the United States," military spokesman Major-General Shaukat Sultan told Reuters. Earlier this month, US troops intruded into the same region and searched shops and a petrol station, prompting a protest from Pakistan.

The Pentagon has said the incursion was inadvertent but US and Afghan officials have repeatedly charged that al-Qaeda and Taliban fighters have launched attacks inside Afghanistan from the safety of Pakistan's tribal region.

The latest incursion came on the day that Pakistani President Pervez Musharraf vowed to eliminate al-Qaeda militants hiding in Pakistan's wild tribal region.

MNA/Reuters



*Iraqi Mahdi Nawaf shows photographs of dead family members during a funeral ceremony in Ramadi, 68 miles, 110 kms west of Baghdad Iraq, on 20 May, 2004.—INTERNET*

## Putin reappoints Russian Cabinet members

MOSCOW, 22 May — Russian President Vladimir Putin Thursday issued decrees to officially confirm the formation of the new government and the restoration of a new ministry, the Presidential Press Service said.

According to the decrees, all the current members of the Cabinet, which resigned shortly after Putin's inauguration on 7 May as required by the Constitution, will retain their posts.

Meanwhile, the Ministry of Information Technologies and Communication, which was dissolved in a Cabinet shake-up in March

ahead of the presidential elections, will be restored. Leonid Reiman has been appointed as the head of the ministry.

Putin reappointed Mikhail Fradkov as Russia's Prime Minister on 12 May after the State Duma, or Lower House of Russian Parliament, approved Fradkov's candidacy. — MNA/Xinhua

## Sandstorm sweeps northern China

BEIJING, 22 May — China saw its 16th sandstorm this year from Monday to Tuesday, which swept some northern regions, according to its environment monitoring station in a report released here Wednesday.

The sandstorm started Monday afternoon in areas of the Alxa League in north China's Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region, and lasted about four hours.

Meanwhile, the central and northern areas of northwest China's Ningxia Hui Autonomous Region also witnessed strong dusty weather and a small-scale sandstorm, lasting about one to two hours.

Tuesday afternoon, Inner Mongolia experienced a sandstorm again in its central and eastern areas, affecting the Sonid Left Banner and the Xilin Hot City and lasting two to four hours.

The report said this sandstorm was mainly confined to local regions and did not last for long, so it did not carry sand far across borders.

MNA/Xinhua

## Cross-border diamond thieves captured in Shanghai

SHANGHAI, 22 May — Shanghai police said Thursday they have cracked a major diamond theft case and captured over 20 foreign suspects.

On the afternoon of May 13, a jewellery company attending the Fourth Shanghai International Jewellery Fair reported to the police that a bag of diamonds, which weighed from 0.01 to 0.05 carat each and were worth 690,000 US dollars, had been stolen at the fair.

The police captured over 20 foreign

suspects and seized all the stolen diamonds in an operation from Monday night to Tuesday morning.

The suspects, who are from Colombia, Mexico, Venezuela, Costa Rica, Chile and Peru, have been detained according to law and the case is being investigated, the police said. — MNA/Xinhua

## US military report draws Iraq, Vietnam parallel

WASHINGTON, 22 May — US action in Iraq could prove a foreign policy debacle if the Bush Administration ignores Washington's painful failure at nation-building in South Vietnam a generation ago, a new Army report warns.

As in Southeast Asia, the United States is trying to fashion a legitimate state in Iraq against a backdrop of insurgency, rising US death tolls and tenuous support at home, said the report published this month by the Army War College.

But US troops, viewed by many Iraqis as invaders, lack the advantage of South Vietnam's large domestic security force as they seek to build new institutions under the pressure of a June 30 deadline for transfer of sovereignty.

"In Vietnam, we were trying to prop up a government that had little legitimacy. In Iraq, we're trying to weave together a government and support it so it can develop legitimacy. Both are extremely hard to do," said co-author W Andrew Terrill,

of the War College's Strategic Studies Institute.

The Vietnam War, a Cold War catastrophe that still haunts American policymakers, ended in the 1970s with 58,000 US war dead after public opinion turned against policies aimed at containing Communism in Southeast Asia.

Administration officials have rejected assertions Iraq, now a main front in the US war on terrorism, poses a Vietnam-like quagmire for the 135,000 US troops now inside the country.

Terrill and his co-author, Air Force War College professor Jeffrey Record, say there are few military parallels between Iraq and Vietnam, where Communist fighters backed by the Soviet Union and China defeated a peak force of 500,000 US

troops.

But their 69-page report, titled "Iraq and Vietnam: Differences, Similarities and Insights," warns of dire consequences if the political lessons of Vietnam go unheeded. "Repetition of those failures in Iraq could have disastrous consequences for US foreign policy," it says.

Terrill and Record warned of potentially dangerous political damage to US-Arab relations if Washington's objective of installing democracy in Iraq means the establishment of a large American military presence in the region.

Guerillas violence could also grow after the June 30 handover, when the run-up to elections magnifies divisions among rival ethnic, religious and tribal groups, all well-stocked with weapons and ammunition. — MNA/Reuters



*Protestors stand on a hill waving flags behind a burning security force vehicle in the Bahraini capital of Manama, on 21 May, 2004. Hundreds of angry Bahrainis, protesting against the presence of US led forces in Iraq's holy cities of Najaf and Kerbala, clashed with security forces.—INTERNET*





Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt receives President of FICCI Mr K K Modi. — MNA

### Prime Minister receives Indian delegation

YANGON, 22 May — Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar General Khin Nyunt received President of Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce & Industry Mr K K Modi and party at Zeyathiri Beikman on Konmyinthta here at 5 pm today.

Also present on the occasion were Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Pyi Sone, Minister for Foreign Affairs U Win Aung, Director General of Government Office U Soe Tint, Director General of Protocol Department Thura U Aung Htet.—MNA



Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt receives Mayor of Vientiane Mr Thong Sing Thama Mavong. — MNA

### Prime Minister receives delegation of LPDR

YANGON, 22 May — Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar General Khin Nyunt received members of Polibureau of People Revolutionary Party of Lao People's Democratic Republic, Mayor of Vientiane Mr Thong Sing Thama Mavong and party at Zeyathiri Beikman on Konmyinthta here at 4 pm today.

Also present on the occasion were Minister for Foreign Affairs U Win Aung, Director General of Government Office U Soe Tint, Director General of Protocol Department Thura U Aung Htet, Secretary of Yangon City Development Committee Col Myint Aung and Ambassador of LPDR to Myanmar Mr Chanthavy Bodhisane.—MNA

### Transport Minister inspects Inland Water Transport works in Sittway



Minister for Transport Maj-Gen Hla Myint Swe inspects the Sittway dockyard.

TRANSPORT

YANGON, 22 May — Minister for Transport Maj-Gen Hla Myint Swe arrived Sittway in Rakhine State yesterday and inspected the Mingan waterway conditions and plying of vessels by Rakhine State Inland Water Transport. Officials reported on progress of work and the minister gave necessary instructions.

Minister for Transport Maj-Gen Hla Myint Swe also inspected Sittway dockyard where officials concerned reported to him on work progress and the minister provided necessary instructions.

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### Efficient use of electricity

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

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

### Efficient use of fuel

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

### All this needs to be known

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

POEM:

### Noble May 17

- \* Myanmar history had been turbulent  
It is indicated by true events  
The ever-changing condition  
Is to be assessed, by all  
Everywhere, for the truth  
Without sticking to wish, ridding of ego  
In essence, our movement  
Our effort, in unison  
For peace of nation, herald the day  
That is May 17, noble and auspicious  
In your conscience, start assessing  
To be alert, conscious on right  
Knowledge on left, inter reliant  
Build great bondage, brethren, kin  
Our own flesh and blood!
- \* Our nation's history, is polite, not rude  
Had not moved forward, but yet not backward  
Our situation, due to reason  
Had to assess and decide  
Main thing is, what is vital  
Due to animosity, and inequality  
Divided and attacked,  
That we can't simply look on  
There'll be flattery,  
Wedge to be driven, the evil one  
The dirty one, must be uprooted  
Only when we're reasonable,  
Will pleasant nation  
In unity, can be thought of  
Convene discussions, with true goodwill  
With lack basis, without exception  
Good omen of success, good sign to succeed  
We will surely got to the top!

Bala Min Htin (Trs)

## Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife...

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Next, Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung supplicated on religious affairs. He said eleven Tipitakadhara Tipitaka Kovida Sayadaws and two Tipitaka Sayadaws emerged in 56 years at the rate of one Sayadaw in five years. He said he looked forward to emergence of more and more Sayadaws. He added that the government would continue to strive for flourishing of the Sasana.

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye presented certificate of Tipitakadhara Tipitaka Kovida Title to Ashin Sundara of Sunlung Vipassana Monastery in Thingangyun Township; the Prime Minister, certificate of Tipitakadhara Tipitaka Kovida Title to Ashin Eindapala of Tipitaka Monastery in Dagon Township, Yangon; General Thura Shwe Mann, certificate of Tipitakadhara Title to Ashin Indacariya of Tipitaka Monastery in Dagon Township; and the Secretary-1, certificates of Abhidhamma Kovida Title to Ashin Abhijata Bhivamsa of Maha Thubawdayon Monastery in Sagaing Division and Ashin Viriya Nanda of Tipitaka Monastery in Dagon Township and certificate of Dighabhanaka Title to Ashin Janinda of Seikpyoyay Dhamma Beikman Monastery in Yankin Township.

Lt-Gen Aung Htwe presented certificates of Vinaya Kovida Title to three monks; Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than, certificates of Dighabhanaka Title to three monks; Lt-Gen



Vice-Senior General Maung Aye presents offertories to a sayadaw. — MNA



PM General Khin Nyunt presents a religious title to a recipient sayadaw. — MNA



Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt presents offertories to a sayadaw. — MNA



General Thura Shwe Mann presents a religious title to a recipient sayadaw. — MNA



General Thura Shwe Mann presents offertories to a sayadaw. — MNA



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Soe Win presents a religious title to a recipient sayadaw. — MNA



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Soe Win presents offertories to a sayadaw. — MNA

Maung Bo, certificates of Vinaya Kovida Title to three monks; Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo, certificates of Vinaya Kovida Title to two monks and certificate of Dighabhanaka Title to one monk; Lt-Gen Kyaw Win, certificate of Vinaya Kovida Title to one monk and certificates of Vinayadhara Title to two monks; and Lt-Gen Tin Aye, certificates of Vinayadhara Title to three monks; the Commander-in-Chief (Navy), certificates of Vinayadhara Title to three monks; the Commander-in-Chief (Air), certificates to Vinayadhara Title to three monks; Maj-Gen Myint Swe, certificates of Vinayadhara Title to two monks and certificate of Ubhatovibhanga Kovida Title one monk; the Religious Affairs Minister, certificates of Vinayadhara Title to three monks; Minister for Labour U Tin Winn, certificates of Ubhatovibhanga Kovida Title to three monks; Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs and Hotels and Tourism

Brig-Gen Thein Zaw, certificates of Ubhatovibhanga Dhara Title to three monks; Minister for Finance and Revenue Maj-Gen Hla Tun, certificates of Ubhatovibhanga Dhara Title to three monks; Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Maj-Gen Sein Htwa, certificates of Ubhatovibhanga Dhara Title to three monks; Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint, certificates of Ubhatovibhanga Dhara Title to three monks; Minister for Home Affairs Col Tin Hlaing, certificates of Ubhatovibhanga Dhara Title to three monks; Minister for Mines Brig-Gen Ohn Myint, certificates of Ubhatovibhanga Dhara Title to three monks; General Military Appointment Maj-Gen Hsan Hsint, certificates of Ubhatovibhanga Dhara Title to three monks; Deputy Minister for Culture Brig-Gen Soe Win Maung, certificates of Ubhatovibhanga Dhara Title to three monks;

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## With prevalence of peace ...

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success. With prevalence of peace in the regions the government has been able to carry out development of border areas and extending all parts of the nation.

In the past, border areas lagged much behind in development in the absence of peace and tranquillity for years. For ensuring development of border areas and improvement of the living standard of national races the Central Committee for Development of Border Areas and National Races and the committees under the Work Committee were formed. Later, a separate ministry was formed and measures for development of border areas were taken with added momentum.

Marked progress has been made in developing border areas since the Ministry of Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs, the sub-committees and the regional sub-committees led by local authorities have been making well-coordinated efforts for development of border areas for over 14 years.

At the meeting of the Central Committee held on 29 March 2004, Chairman of the Central Committee Senior General Than Shwe gave guidance, saying that development of some border areas is greater than that of the plain regions; that with accelerated development of border areas efforts are to be made for maintaining the already-achieved momentum; there are tasks that have already been carried out to appreciable extent whereas there are still tasks to be carried out; that strenuous and continued efforts are to be made in order not to lose momentum; that steps will have to be taken for improvement of the living standard of local people and for alleviating poverty; and that arrangements are to be made for human resource development to ensure constant development of border areas.

In accord with the guidance, officials at different levels are to make continued efforts for speedy development of border areas.

Myanmar is home to over 100 national races. The national races have been living unitedly in the Union through thick and thin for years countable by the thousand.

The entire national people have been safeguarding the Union in the course of history which includes the time of King Anawrahta who founded the first Myanmar kingdom in Bagan Era, the time of King Bayint Naung who founded the second Myanmar kingdom and the time of King Alaung Mintaya who founded the third Myanmar kingdom.

It is incumbent upon all the national races to uphold the fine tradition of safeguarding the Union as long as the world exists. With this end in view, unity among the national races will have to be forged so as to be able to constantly uphold the fine tradition.

So, it is necessary to step up effort for further strengthening the national unity and for successful realization of tasks for development of border areas and national races. Unprecedented achievement has been made in implementing tasks for development of border areas and national races in the period of over 14 years due to combined efforts of the Government and the people. Moreover, modern cities and huge farming undertakings have emerged in border areas where there were only villages in the past.

With the development of the border areas arrangements were made for literacy of people in border areas and development of human resources in accord with the guidance of Head of State Senior General Than Shwe.

He said two Nationalities Youth Resource Development Degree Colleges have been opened in Yangon and Mandalay and national race youths are pursuing higher learning at those institutions. After receiving the degrees, they were assigned duties in their respective regions. Such programmes are now meeting with success, he added.

Domestic science training schools for women were opened in border areas for their vocational education and uplift of their morale. He spoke of the need to open more schools.

Some regions in the country were designated as development special regions and development plans are being implemented. The government is also carrying out five rural development tasks not only in border areas but also in far-flung areas, he said.

Moreover, the 15-year drug elimination plan and new destiny project which supports the master plan were undertaken with greater momentum and achievements have been made. Therefore continued efforts are to be made for realization of the objectives.

With the development of border areas and other regions of the Union better results such as consolidation of national solidarity and perpetuation of the Union have emerged, he said.

Now the National Convention is in progress for perpetuation of the Union and for formulation of stable, better foundations and all national races are attending the Convention. Discussion on the future of national races in unity indicates consolidation of national solidarity. It is believed that the National Convention will be successful in accord with the objectives, he said.

All are to make relentless efforts for acceleration of

border area development with the aim of consolidating the national solidarity.

Next, Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Col Thein Nyunt said the meeting No 1/2004 of Central Committee for Development Border Areas and National Races held on 29 March 2004 laid down ten-point guidelines.

Arrangements are being made for upgrading of roads in border areas to all-weather road, tarred roads and bridges.

Arrangements are being made for achieving success in agriculture, livestock breeding, transport, industries and electricity, education and health sectors and for ensuring uplift of living standard of the local people, development of border areas and human resources in the regions. Education and health infrastructures were established and farmlands were reclaimed in highlands for uplift of living standard of farmers.

Necessary assistance was provided to households for livestock breeding in Panhsaung of Nanyun Township in Sagaing Division and Pannandin of Ngamon Township in Kachin State.

He spoke at length on sending of small tractors to them for reclamation of farmlands, construction of light hydel power stations and building of houses.

The Ministry of Home Affairs plans to assign duties to the graduates from Nationalities Youth Resource Development Degree College in the respective townships. Development and organizing tasks are being performed for gaining progress in accord with the aims of the border areas development tasks.

Next, he continued to report on implementation of the resolutions in education, health and construction sectors of the Work Committee Meeting No 2/2004 on 22-1-2004.

Next, the ministers, the deputy ministers and members of the work committee, those of sub-committees and officials reported on development of border areas and national races in the respective sectors. Members of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Aung Htwe, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than and Lt-Gen Maung Bo gave supplementary reports.

In his closing address, the Prime Minister said national solidarity is of great importance for the Union of Myanmar. The border area and national races development projects are being implemented for strengthening national solidarity. With the high standard of living and economic conditions of national races, all the national races will be in oneness and all are to step up efforts for development of border areas.

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## Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Soe Win inspects Mingaladon and Thakayta industrial zones

YANGON, 22 May—Chairman of the Industrial Development Committee Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Soe Win, accompanied by those in charge of industrial zones Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Pyi Sone and Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs Brig-Gen Thein Zaw, Deputy Minister for Industry-2 Lt-Col Khin Maung Kyaw, Deputy Minister for Science and Technology Dr Chan Nyein, officials of the State Peace and Development Council Office and departmental heads, inspected Mingaladon Industrial Zone and Thakayta Industrial Zone here this afternoon.

Chairman of the Industrial Development Committee Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Soe Win and party arrived at the factory of Myanmar Asia Optical International Co Ltd in Mingaladon Industrial Zone at 1 pm. Deputy Director-General of the Department of Human Settlement and Housing Development Col Aung Win reported to the Secretary-1 on establishment of the industrial zone and conditions on its progress with increasing number of factories.

Director of the company Mr Wiseman Hsu presented a report, saying that the factory has been able to launch its test production of lens thanks to the assistance and encouragement of the State and respective departments, adding that the factory will start its production on a commercial scale soon. He also reported on the requirements.

The Secretary-1 gave necessary instructions to officials concerned and inspected production process at the factory.

The factory will have a capacity to produce around three million lens a month with the use of high technology.

Myanmar Asia Optical International Co Ltd is jointly manufacturing optical apparatuses, electronic apparatuses, office machines, cases & bags, and prisms in cooperation



Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Soe Win inspects the motor vehicle production plant of Nibban Group Industries in Thakayta industrial zone. — MNA

with such famous companies as Hitachi, Panasonic, Olympus, Sony, Fuji, Xerox, Epson, Konica and Ricoh.

Chairman of the Industrial Development Committee Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Soe Win and party proceeded to Nibban Electric & Electronics in Thakayta Industrial Zone. General Manager Dr Aung Thein reported on production of TV antenna and related accessories, generators, inverters, chargers and safeguards, arrangements being made for meeting the set standard of electronics and efforts being made for production of satellite disc antennae.

Proprietor U Thein Kyi gave a supplementary report on technical know-how. The Secretary-1 gave instructions and spoke words of encouragement.

The Secretary-1 and party looked into the electric and electronic products and a sample of satellite disc antenna of the factory.

Afterwards, the Secretary-1 and party headed for the automobile factory of Nibban UD Group Industries. Next, they inspected production of light trucks and 20 KW generators at the factory.

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Group discussions of delegates of political parties in progress. — MNA



Group discussions of delegates of representatives-elect in progress. — MNA



Group discussions of delegates of peasants in progress. — MNA



Group discussions of delegates of workers in progress. — MNA



Group discussions of delegates of intellectuals and intelligentsia in progress.—MNA



Group discussions of delegates of State service personnel in progress. — MNA

## Delegate groups of National Convention...

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Chairman U Kan Nyunt spoke on the occasion. U Chit Than of Sagaing Division, U Tun Oo of Yangon Division, U Thein Maung of Rakhine State, U Thaung Khin of Bago Division, U Than of Sagaing Division and U Tin Nyunt of Yangon Division participated in the discussions on compilation of proposals.

Next, the chairman explained assistance to be provided for compilation of the proposal by National Convention Convening Work Committee and the delegates of peasants group. They selected leaders of the proposal compilation groups.

### Delegates of workers group

The workers delegates group held discussions at the meeting hall-5. Members of the panel of patrons Dr Myo Thant Tin of Yangon Division, U Bo Thein of Shan State (East), U Kyaw Myo Win of Bago Division, U Khin Maung Aye of Sagaing Division and U Kyaw Win Tun of Mandalay Division coordinated with Deputy Director U Zaw Win of work group-7 to compile the proposal.

### Delegates of intellectuals and intelligentsia group

Head of Office U Hla Myint of the Ministry of Rail Transportation presided over the discussions of the delegates of intellectuals and intelligentsia group together with President U Tin Hlaing of Myanmar Academy of Agriculture, Forestry, Livestock Breeding and Fisheries and President Dr U Thein Oo Po Saw of Myanmar Academy of Technology Science.

Deputy Director U Thein Myint of Supreme Court and Assistant Director U Than Win acted as masters of ceremonies.

The master of ceremonies announced the start of the meeting as there were 54 delegates out of 56 listed accounting for 96.43 per cent. Chairman U Hla Myint explained compilation of proposal.

Those present discussed presentation of the proposal concerning detailed basic

principles to be laid down for sharing of power in legislative, executive and judicial sectors to be included in drawing the State Constitution clarified by the Chairman of NCCWC. Later, the chairman gave the concluding remarks.

### Delegates of State service personnel group

The State service personnel delegates met in the meeting hall-7. U Arnt Maung of the Ministry of Religious Affairs presided over the discussions of the delegates of State service personnel group together with Maj-Gen Aung Thein of the Ministry of Defence and U Ko Kyaw of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Deputy Director U Htay Win and Assistant Director U Htein Min acted as masters of ceremonies.

The master of ceremonies announced the start of the meeting as there were 108 delegates out of 109 listed accounting for 99.08 per cent. Chairman U Arnt Maung explained compilation of proposal. Next, the chairman and party answered the queries. Later, the chairman gave the concluding remarks.

### Other invited delegates group

Other invited delegates group held their discussions at the meeting hall-8. Present on the occasion were members of the panel of chairmen Chairman of Myanmar Historical Commission

U Sai Aung Tun, U Aung Kham Hti of Shan State (South) Special Region-6, U Paw Laik Kham of Shan State (North) Special Region-2, Dr Manan Tu Ja of Kachin State Special Region-2 and Vice-Chairman U Tun Aung Chein of Myanmar Historical Commission.

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Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Soe Win inspects the factory of Myanmar Asia Optical International Co Ltd. — MNA



Group discussions of other invited delegates group in progress at the National Convention. (News on page 16) — MNA

### Minister inspects fire engines

YANGON, 21 May— Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Maj-Gen Sein Htwa inspected two fire engines renovated by the engineers of the Fire Services Department for Mabein Township Fire Brigade and Seikhyu Township Fire Brigade. Also present were Officer on Special Duty Brig-Gen Thura Sein Thauung and Deputy Director-General of the Fire Services U Aung Soe and officials concerned. The minister gave necessary instructions.— MNA

## Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife ...

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Deputy Minister for Rail Transportation Thura U Thauung Lwin, certificates of Ubhatovibhanga Dhara Title to three monks; Deputy Minister for Labour Brig-Gen Win Sein, certificates of Ubhatovibhanga Dhara Title to three monks; Deputy Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Aung Ko, certificates of Ubhatovibhanga Dhara Title to three monks; Provost Marshal Maj-Gen Saw Hla, certificates of Ubhatovibhanga Dhara Title to three monks; Supreme Court Justice Dr Tin Aung Aye, certificates of Ubhatovibhanga Dhara Title to four monks; and member of Civil Services Selection and Training Board U Nyunt Swe, certificates of Ubhatovibhanga Dhara Title to three monks.

The Magway Sayadaw delivered a sermon, followed by sharing of merits gained.

After the ceremony, Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife, the Prime Minister and wife, members of the State Peace and Development Council, the ministers, the deputy ministers, senior military officers, departmental heads and wellwishers offered alms to outstanding members of the Sangha.

U Maung Sein, son U Hla Aung and his brothers and sisters of 11th Street in Lanmadaw Township offered "soon" to members of the Sangha.

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### Minister inspects construction of Fresh Water Fish Garden

YANGON, 21 May — Minister for Livestock and Fisheries Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein arrived at the briefing hall of Fresh Water Fish Garden construction site of the Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries in the Education Zone, part of the upgrading tasks for Yangon Kandawgyi Gardens and Zoo this morning.

Minister for Livestock and Fisheries Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein then gave necessary instructions to officials and inspected construction of the fish garden and fulfilled the needs.

MNA

### သတိပေးနှိုးဆော်ချက်

ခရီးသည်တင်စက်တော်ယာဉ်များအား မြို့တွင်းသို့ နေ့/ည ခရီးသည်ပို့ဆောင်နိုင်ရေးအတွက် သတိပေးချက်ရေးနှင့်အညီ စက်သုံးဆီထုတ်ပေးထားပြီး ဖြစ်ပါသည်။ ယာဉ်စီးခများအားလည်း သတိပေးချက်နှင့်အညီ ထုတ်ပေးထားပြီး ဖြစ်ပါသည်။ သို့ရာတွင် အချို့ယာဉ်လိုင်းများမှ ယာဉ်မောင်းနှင့် ယာဉ်နောက်လိုက်တို့သည် ယာဉ်စီးခများကို ညပိုင်းတွင် ပိုမိုတောင်းယူနေကြောင်း သိရပါသည်။ ထိုသို့ပိုမိုတောင်းခံပါက ထိရောက်စွာ အရေးယူနိုင်ရန် အောက်ပါနံပါတ်များသို့ တိုင်ကြားနိုင်ပါသည်။

(၁) မြန်မာနိုင်ငံရဲတပ်ဖွဲ့၊ ရန်ကုန်တိုင်း (ဖုန်း ၁၉၉)

(၂) ကြီးမားကြီးမားသော ယာဉ်ထိန်းတပ်ဖွဲ့ (ဖုန်း ၂၅၁၂၈၅/၂၅၁၂၈၄)

(၃) မော်တော်ယာဉ်လုပ်ငန်းပေါင်းစုံဦးစီးဌာန (ဖုန်း ၅၄၁၉၀၅/၅၄၁၉၀၄)

(ဖုန်း ၅၄၁၉၀၅/၅၄၁၉၀၄)

ယာဉ်စည်းကမ်းထိန်းသိမ်းရေးကြီးကြပ်မှုကော်မတီ

### အရက်ကြောင့်ဖြစ်သည့်ရောဂါများ

အရက်ကိုလွန်ကျွံစားသုံးစွဲလမ်းစွဲသောကလေးများကြောင့် ဖြစ်ပွားတတ်သောရောဂါများမှာ အသုံးပြုရောင်းချခြင်း၊ အသုံးပြုခြင်း၊ သွေးအန်ခြင်း၊ အစာအိမ်ရောဂါဖြစ်ခြင်း၊ နှလုံးရောဂါ ဖြစ်ခြင်း၊ ဦးနှောက်နှင့်အာရုံကြောထိခိုက်ခြင်း၊ စိတ်ရောဂါများဖြစ်ခြင်း စသည်တို့ဖြစ်ပါသည်။

အရက်ကြောင့်ဖြစ်တတ်သော စိတ်ရောဂါများမှာ —  
၁။ ကယောင်ကတမ်းဖြစ်ခြင်း (Delirium Tremors) ကြောက်လန့်ခြင်း၊ အချိန်၊ နာရီ၊ နေရာ၊ လူ ခန့်မှန်းနိုင်စွမ်း မရှိခြင်း၊ ကြောက်စရာလန့်စရာများမြင်ရခြင်း၊ အသံဗဟုများ ကြားရခြင်း၊ ငိုများများနွှားငိုဖျားရခြင်း၊ ရုတ်တရက်သလိပ်စားခြင်း၊ လက်တုန်ရောဂါဖြစ်တတ်ခြင်း။

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

၃။ အတက်ကြီးရောဂါဖြစ်တတ်ခြင်း (Rum Fits)

(ဝက်ရုပ်ရောဂါကဲ့သို့တတ်ခြင်း)။

၄။ စိတ်ဓာတ်ကျရောဂါဖြစ်တတ်ခြင်း

(Depressive Illness)။

၅။ စိတ်ဖောက်ပြန်ခြင်း (Alcoholic Psychosis)။

၆။ ဦးနှောက်ချို့ယွင်းခြင်း။

၇။ အရက်နှင့်မတည့်သောသူများသည် အရက်အနည်းငယ်သောက်ရုံဖြင့် ရုတ်တရက် စိတ်ဖောက်ပြန်တတ်ခြင်း (Pathological Drunkenness)။

၈။ မိမိ၏ဇနီးကို အထင်အမြင်လွဲမှားခြင်းများ ဖြစ်တတ်ခြင်း

(Morbid Jealousy)။

၉။ အရက်ကြောင့် ရာဇဝတ်မှုကျူးလွန်သည့်အထိ ဖြစ်နိုင်ခြင်း။

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

ကျန်းမာရေးဝန်ကြီးဌာန

### Measures for ensuring smooth and secure transport co-ordinated

YANGON, 21 May — The Supervisory Committee to Ensure Smooth and Secure Transport in Yangon Division held a meeting at Yangon Command this evening.

Chairman of the committee Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe delivered a speech. Also present were Military Region commanders, station commanders, the secretary and members of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council, members of the committee, chairmen of District Peace and Development Councils, registrars and officials of universities and colleges in Yangon, chairmen of city bus lines and guests. The commander explained functions concerning transport facilitation and safety in Yangon city and all over the nation. Members of the committee presented plans to ensure smooth and secure transport; registrars and officials requirements for the transport convenience of students and teachers; and chairmen of city bus lines supervision of the city commuters.

The commander said traffic accidents occur due to reckless driving resulting from weakness in supervision and rules enforcement. Effective action should be taken against offenders to reduce the number of accidents due to reckless driving. Drivers and ticket conductors as well as the public should observe the traffic rules. Collective efforts are needed to reduce the number of traffic accidents.

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### တီဘီရောဂါကာကွယ်နှိမ်နင်းရေး

(က) ရောဂါဖြစ်ပွားကူးစက်မှု

ဤရောဂါသည်တီဘီရောဂါဖြစ်သော ကူးစက်ရောဂါဖြစ်သည်။ ဝေဒနာရှင် ချောင်းဆိုးခြင်း၊ နှာချောင်းနာခြင်း၊ သလိပ်တံတွေးမှ တစ်ဆင့် ရောဂါပိုးများလေထဲတွင်ပျံ့နှံ့၍ ကူးစက်သည်။

— အသက်အရွယ်မရွေး လူတိုင်းတွင်ဖြစ်ပွားနိုင်သည်။

— အဆုတ်တွင်အများဆုံးဖြစ်ပွားပြီး ကိုယ်ခန္ဓာအနှံ့အပြားတွင်လည်း ဖြစ်နိုင်သည်။

— ဆီးချိုရောဂါ၊ ခုခံအားကျဆင်းမှုကူးစက်ရောဂါနှင့် အာဟာရချို့တဲ့မှုရှိသူများတွင် အဖြစ်များသည်။

(ခ) ရောဂါလက္ခဏာများ

— ရက်ရှည်ချောင်းဆိုးခြင်း (ရက်သတ္တပတ် သုံးပတ်နှင့်အထက်)။

— ချောင်းဆိုးသွေးပါခြင်း။

— သလိပ်တံတွေးသွေးပါခြင်း။

— အဖျားတာရှည်ခြင်း။

— ခံတွင်းပျက်ခြင်း၊ မောပန်းလွယ်ခြင်း။

— ကိုယ်အလေးချိန်လျော့နည်းပိန်ချခြင်း။

— ကျောရင်အောင့်ခြင်း။

(ဂ) ကြိုတင်ကာကွယ်ခြင်း

— ရင်သွေးငယ်များအား ကာကွယ်ဆေး(ဘီစီဂျီ)ကိုမပျက်မကွက် ထိုးပေးပါ။

— အာဟာရပြည့်ဝသော အစားအစာများကိုစားသုံးပါ။

— သင့်တင့်လျှောက်ပတ်သောကိုယ်လက်လှုပ်ရှားမှုပြုလုပ်ပါ။

— ချောင်းဆိုးခြင်း၊ နှာချောင်းနာခြင်း လက်ကိုင်ပဝါကို အသုံးပြုပါ။

— သလိပ်တံတွေးကိုစည်းကမ်းမဲ့ထွေးခြင်းမှရှောင်ကြဉ်ပါ။

— ဆေးလိပ်သောက်ခြင်းမှရှောင်ကြဉ်ပါ။

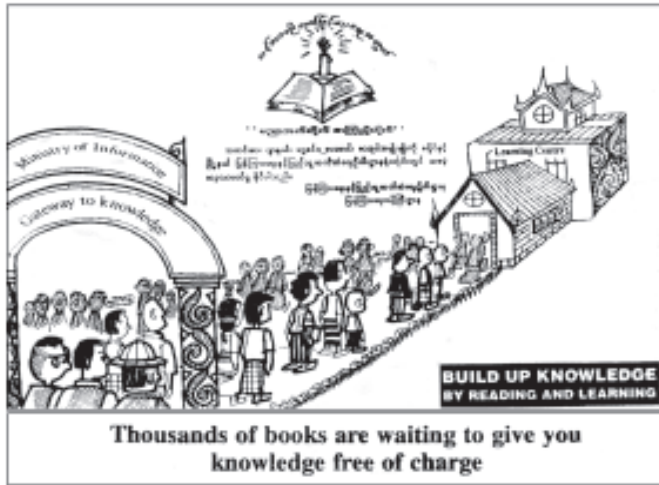
(ဃ) ကုသမှုယူခြင်း

— တိုက်ရိုက်ကြည့်ရှုအချိန်တိုနှင့်ကုသခြင်း ရောဂါကင်းသည့်အထိ ကုသမှုခံယူပါ။

— ကုသမှုခံယူခြင်းသည် အခြားသူများသို့ကူးစက်စေခြင်းမှ အကောင်းဆုံးကာကွယ်ခြင်းဖြစ်သည်။

တီဘီရောဂါသံသယရှိလျှင် နီးစပ်ရာကျန်းမာရေးဌာနတွင် စစ်ဆေး၍ တီဘီရောဂါရှိပါက အစွမ်းထက်သောတီဘီဆေးဝါးများဖြင့် အခမဲ့ကုသမှုခံယူပါ။

ကျန်းမာရေးဝန်ကြီးဌာန



## ADVERTISEMENTS

ပြည်ထောင်စုမြန်မာနိုင်ငံတော်  
ရန်ကုန်မြို့တော်စည်ပင်သာယာရေးကော်မတီ  
ပစ္စည်းဝယ်ယူရောင်းချရေးအဖွဲ့

ရက်စွဲ၊ ၂၀၀၄ ခုနှစ် မေလ ၁၃ ရက်

ချိတ်ပိတ်ရေးနှုန်းလွှာများဝေါ်ယူခြင်း

ရန်ကုန်မြို့တော်စည်ပင်သာယာရေးကော်မတီ၏ လုပ်ငန်းသုံးအတွက် အောက်ဖော်ပြပါပစ္စည်းများကို ဌာနအရောက် ကျပ်ငွေဖြင့်ပေးချေဝယ်ယူရန် ချိတ်ပိတ်ရေးနှုန်းလွှာများ ဖိတ်ခေါ်ပါသည်။

စဉ်	ပစ္စည်းအမျိုးအမည်	အရေအတွက်
၁	Myanmar Convention Centre အတွက် Sound System & Stage Lighting System များ	1 Lot
၂	သံချောင်းလုံးများ	၄၂-၅၅ တန်
၃	ဂရိတ်ကျောက်	၆၅၀ ကျင်း
၄	ထုံး	၁၃၀၀၀ အိတ်

ချိတ်ပိတ်ရေးနှုန်းလွှာများကို ၂၈-၅-၂၀၀၄ ရက်နေ့ (၁၆:၀၀)နာရီအချိန် နောက်ဆုံးထား၍ တင်သွင်းရန်ဖြစ်ပါသည်။ အသေးစိတ်သိရှိလိုပါက ဘတ်ဂျက်နှင့်ငွေစာရင်းဌာန၊ ပစ္စည်းဝယ်ယူ ရောင်းချရေးဌာနမှ ဖုန်းအမှတ် - ၂၀၅၃၄၇၊ ၂၄၈၁၂ လိုင်းခွဲ(၂၃၅)သို့ ရုံးချိန်အတွင်း ဆက်သွယ်မေးမြန်းနိုင်ပါသည်။

ဥက္ကဋ္ဌ

ပစ္စည်းဝယ်ယူရောင်းချရေးအဖွဲ့

## Singapore stresses cooperation to ensure maritime security

SINGAPORE, 22 May— Singapore on Thursday stressed the importance of multi-national cooperation to ensure maritime security, which is of vital interest to the island state and the region.

Speaking at a maritime security conference here on Thursday, Singapore's Deputy Prime Minister and Coordinating Minister for Security and Defence Tony Tan said that the safety of the sea lines of communications in the region is of particular concern as most of the Asia-Pacific countries are maritime trading nations and rely heavily on seaborne trade and commerce for economic prospect.

Tan said that people can not afford to wait for an incident to take place before they act, and they need to institute robust measures that will serve to deter pirates and terrorists.

He said it is the time to act now, as fighting terrorism on the land and in the air and fighting maritime terrorism is necessarily a transnational, collaborative effort. Pointing out that there are many other steps that countries can take to fight threats to maritime security, he stressed the

need to have a comprehensive strategy and action plan.

In his opinion, the action plan covers three overlapping domains, namely each country can tighten up the security of its own port facilities by putting in place additional or enhanced measures, the littoral states are ultimately responsible for the maritime security of the region and moving beyond the littoral states, they need to involve key international

players such as the UN, the International Maritime Organization (IMO) and other countries that have a stake in the safety and security of international waterways.

The minister also pledged that Singapore will work together with other countries to encourage greater cooperation and information sharing, and work towards institutionalizing structures to promote information exchange. —MNA/Xinhua

## German, four others charged with murder in central Philippine

MANILA, 22 May— Philippine police have filed a murder charge against a German national and four Filipinos for the gruesome murders of three foreigners and a Filipino maid earlier this month.

Police have sufficient grounds to charge Uwi Friesl, aide of the killed German property developer and villa owner Anton Faustenhauser, and four other Filipinos for the crime which shocked the

central resort island of Boracay and the art world of Hong Kong, the *Philippine Daily Inquirer* Thursday quoted provincial prosecutor Lourdes Mayor as saying.

Those guys are being linked to the killings of Faustenhauser, Swiss-born, Hong Kong gallery owner Manfred Schoeni and Hong Kong-based British architect John Cowperthwaite and a Filipina maid, who were found stabbed to death on

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## RBI says India's GDP could grow beyond 7% in 2004-05

MUMBAI, 22 May — Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on Wednesday said the Indian economy could grow beyond 7 per cent in 2004-05 on a backdrop of global recovery aiding exports of the country even as it indicated a preference for stable interest rate regime to provide a conducive investment environment.

"What we say if you reach around 7 per cent, it amounts to a structural shift and what will take us to a higher level is the cyclical factor, which is surge in exports with global recovery," RBI governor Y V Reddy said here.

RBI in the annual policy

for fiscal year 2005, has pegged the gross domestic product (GDP) at 6.5-7 per cent. If acceleration in growth noticed during the third quarter of fiscal year-2004 is sustained, the real GDP growth during 2004-05 could well be higher at around 7 per cent, it had stated.

Reddy said growth of US economy estimated at 4 per cent would facilitate in global recovery and Indian exports. India's GDP rate was realistic and sustainable with structural shift like favourable policy environment, he said.

Referring to interest rates, RBI governor said "Indian

rates are absolutely in tune with the band of relevance and the domestic consideration indicate to stability".

On inflation, which RBI has estimated to be around 5 per cent in fiscal year 2005, Reddy said "it is not optimistic. Though the international factors like oil and commodity prices have grown, the domestic situation is comfortable with good monsoon, foodstocks and productivity gains".

"Upward pressure on commodity prices may not continue and there is also reason to believe that there is not much scope for further rise in global oil prices", he said.—MNA/PTI

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## FDI into Pakistan increases 9.3% in last 10 months

ISLAMABAD, 22 May — Foreign direct investment (FDI) into Pakistan increased by 9.3 per cent in the last ten months, while the highest inflow was recorded from Switzerland, English-language *Business Recorder* reported Thursday.

Pakistan received 760.4 million US dollars as FDI from July 2003 to April 2004 compared to 695.9 million dollars in the same period last year.

The highest amount of 201.9 million dollars came from Switzerland which included the amount remitted for the payment regarding the privatization of a bank.

The second highest inflow of 191.7 million dollars came from the United States, which has been a major investor in the oil and gas exploration in Pakistan. Britain is one of the main investors in Pakistan's oil and gas sector and it invested 84 million dollars in the ten months.

The inflow of FDI in terms of percentage was 26.6 per cent from Switzerland, 25.2 per cent from the United States and 11 per cent from Britain. —MNA/Xinhua

## Ghanaian Minister says ADB meeting would focus on trade issues

NAIROBI, 22 May — A senior Ghanaian official has said that the forthcoming African Development Bank (ADB) annual meetings in Kampala would focus on how the members could take block decisions on trade issues when dealing with the World Trade Organization (WTO).

Ghanaian Minister of Finance and Economic Planning Yaw Osafo-Maafomade the remarks on Wednesday before emplaning for the Ugandan capital to attend the ADB annual meeting, saying that "it is important for the

different blocks in Africa to discuss issues and sing one voice at our main meetings with the WTO and other trading blocs".

"We are going to use the ADB/Economic Commission of Africa Meetings in Kampala as a platform to fashion out a single agenda that caters for us all," he was quoted by *Ghana News Agency* on Thursday.

The ADB's 2004 annual meeting will be held in the Ugandan capital on 25-26 May. Osafo-Maafomade said the meetings would strategize on a new trade policy direction for Africa, adding "It is important to put trade at the front burner of all discussions, especially issues pertaining to fair trade".

MNA/Xinhua

## Traffic accident injures 83 children in South Africa

JOHANNESBURG, 22 May — Eighty-three children were injured after a truck overturned near Umlazi in KwaZulu-Natal, about 600 kilometres south of Johannesburg, according to a report on Wednesday.

Prince Mshiyeni Memorial Hospital spokesman Mbuso Mshentshela said the accident occurred on Tuesday and five children were in critical condition and one severely injured child had been transferred to the City Hospital in Durban.

The *South African Press Association* reported that most of the 83 children had been treated and discharged on Tuesday night.

The remaining children at the hospital were treated in the short-stay ward and expected to be released soon. Most of them sustained minor injuries.—MNA/Xinhua



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## Lawmakers pledge collectively to advance "IT" usage

**BANGKOK, 22 May**—Lawmakers from 23 countries on Wednesday pledged to collectively advance the use of information and communications technology in their societies, the local Press reported on Thursday.

An accord that outlined their mutual efforts to advance information technology within their lawmaking bodies were signed in Bangkok at the end of the Second General Assembly of the International Parliamentarians' Association for Information Technology (IPAIT).

The Bangkok Declaration on IPAIT Collaborative Projects would be a stepping stone to electronic democracy at the end of the developing countries, the chairman of the assembly's preparation committee, Kalasin Senator Wiboon Shamsheun, was quoted by local newspaper *The Nation* as saying.

The document highlighted promotion of open-source software, web portals to share the experience on the development of information technology legislation, human-resources development and translation tools.

The promotion of open-source software would be a means "to establish a strong rationale for the reasonable pricing of software products based on the idea of benefits to both software publishers and consumers", the declaration said.

All participating parliamentarians, from Angola to South Korea, also agreed to develop information infra-

structure for e-parliaments in their respective countries.

The information and communication technology would be used to enhance information outreach between the parliaments and their citizens, according to Suchon Chaleekure, president of both the General Assembly and the Thai Senate.

The three-day meeting was aimed at fostering cooperation among parliaments and parliamentarians to promote information technology and narrow the digital divide.

Some 127 delegates from 21 countries are attending the meeting held in Bangkok from Monday to Wednesday.—*MNA/Xinhua*



A southern right whale breaches as it cruises close to city buildings on Sydney Harbour.

Environmentalists said anti-shark nets in place along tourist beaches should be removed during the whale migration season.—INTERNET

## Alleged rebel leader arrested in southern Philippines

**MANILA, 22 May**—An alleged Abu Sayyaf rebel leader linked to the abduction of three American tourists in the southern Philippines has been arrested in the Southern Philippines, the military said Thursday.

Usman Lijal and a bodyguard were detained in a raid of his hideout on the outskirts of Zamboanga City late Wednesday, the military said in a report.

"We finally got him," Salazar said. "It's the result of a long surveillance operation that started on (the

nearby island of) Basilan. Civilian informants provided us with vital information," local military commander Major-General Trifonio Salazar said.

The raiders also seized weapons from the house, and at least one other suspect escaped from the assaults, he

added.

Lijal is suspected to be involved in the May 2001 kidnapping of a group of Filipino and Western tourists at an island resort off the western island of Palawan, said military spokesman Lieutenant-Colonel Daniel Lucero. —*MNA/Xinhua*

## Chinese pianist named UNICEF Goodwill Ambassador

**UNITED NATIONS, 22 May**—Chinese piano virtuoso Lang Lang was on Thursday appointed Goodwill Ambassador of the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF), who will focus on child survival and immunization issues in his voluntary work.

"We are thrilled that Lang Lang will devote his time and talents to improving the lives of children who live far from the concert halls of the world's capitals," UNICEF Executive Director Carol Bellamy said at a ceremony at the UNICEF House in New York.

"Lang Lang has been an amazing ambassador for classical music, and I have no doubt that he will be an extraordinary ambassador

for children as well."

He joined a long list of UNICEF Goodwill Ambassadors who travel the world on behalf of children, including American actor Harry Belafonte and Hong Kong movie stars Jackie Chan and Leon Lai. Lang Lang, 21, has played with all the major American orchestras and was the first Chinese pianists to be engaged by the Berlin Philharmonic.

*MNA/Xinhua*

## Sleeping sickness kills 3 in northern Uganda

**KAMPALA, 23 May**—Sleeping sickness has recently killed three people living in a camp for the people displaced by the war between the Ugandan Army and the Lord's Resistance Army rebels in the north, the *New Vision* reported Thursday.

Monica Ipega, a local councillor, was quoted as saying that in addition, some others are in critical conditions.

"The situation is alarming," she said, calling for urgent medical attention be-

cause it might spread to neighbouring sub-counties.

She said the epidemic is probably due to have many domestic animals like cattle, goats and sheep.

*MNA/Xinhua*

## India-Thai trade leaps in 1st quarter

**BANGKOK, 22 May**—Thailand and India in the first quarter witnessed a fast-growing bilateral trade, which leapt by 66.8 per cent over the same period of last year.

In the first three months of this year, Thai exports to India rose by 67.74 per cent to 191.4 million US dollars, while India's exports to Thailand grew by 66.25 per cent to 326.2 million dollars, the *Business Day* web site on Thursday quoted Indian Ambassador to Thailand Leela K Ponappa as saying.

The increase of India-Thai trade, which recorded some 517.6 million dollars in the first quarter, was mainly due to trade over polymers, automatic data processing machines and motor cars.

The bilateral trade over the same period last year stood at 310.3 million dollars.

Along with that of data processing machines, trade of iron and steel, internal combustion piston engines, synthetic filament and staple fibers, precious stones and jewellery, and rubber also recorded an increase, said Ponappa.

*MNA/Xinhua*

## British police release Windsor Castle intruder on bail

**LONDON, 22 May**—British police have released on bail a 33-year-old man arrested this week for tricking his way into the Queen's residence by pretending to be a policeman, Scotland Yard said on Thursday.

The intruder's entry to Windsor Castle, 20 miles west of London, was the first of two security scares in Britain in three days. On Wednesday, fathers' rights protesters pelted Prime Minister Tony Blair with powder as he spoke in Parliament.

Police said a 29-year-old woman, arrested with the

intruder in a public area of the castle on Monday, was also released on bail. Their names have not been released.

Police say the pair, who had been monitored on close circuit television, did not breach the security cordon protecting the private areas of the royal residence.

Police also plan to ques-

tion the man, from east London, about a number of hoax telephone calls from someone claiming to be a police officer to four police forces across southeast England this month.

Under his bail conditions, the man must return to police on July 21. The woman was bailed to return on June 20. —*MNA/Reuters*

## Foreigners accused in Thai fake passport bust

**BANGKOK, 22 May**—Thai police have seized 119 fake Italian passports and arrested a Briton, a German and a South African who face charges of forging documents, police said on Thursday.

Thai immigration police paraded the three men after one of them was arrested on Wednesday with a suitcase containing the passports and fake visa stamps, police said.

"We believe they planned to sell these passports to Eastern Europeans who want to work in Western Europe," Immigration Police Lieutenant-General Chanvut Vajrabukka told reporters.

The three are accused of producing counterfeit docu-

ments and will be formally charged within a few days, police said. They could face terms of up to five years in prison if convicted.

Chanvut said police are investigating whether the men are involved with international criminal gangs that could threaten national security. The suspects have denied links to any groups.

Police said the men also faced charges of attempted bribery.

*MNA/Reuters*

## Top Kazakhstan anti-drug police dog Bonny killed

**ALMATY, 22 May**—Bonny, one of Kazakhstan's top police anti-drug dogs, was killed in a robbery at her handler's home, a local newspaper said on Thursday.

Bonny was bludgeoned to death with dumbbells and a domestic iron after intruders robbed the apartment in the northern city of Petropavlovsk, the daily *Liter* reported.

It was unclear whether the burglars knew Bonny, an English cocker spaniel, was ranked among the top three police sniffer dogs in Kazakhstan.—*MNA/Reuters*

## Thailand's trade surplus with China reaches \$1.26b in 1st quarter

**BANGKOK, 22 May**—Thailand's trade surplus with China reached 1.26 billion US dollars in the first quarter of this year, the *Thai News Agency* reported on Thursday.

In the first three months of this year, Thailand's exports to China accounted some 2.6 billion dollars with imports from China stand-

ing at 1.34 billion dollars, the news agency quoted official resources as saying.

Thailand is China's third

largest trade partner in Southeast Asia, following behind Malaysia and Singapore.

Top products exported from Thailand to China include electronic machinery and appliances, plastic pellets, rubber products and ore-based fuel.

China and Thailand signed a free trade agreement last year, which granted to the two countries duty-free trade of vegetable and fruits. The two countries are expected to further promote bilateral trade in the future.—*MNA/Xinhua*

## SPORTS

## Morientes to join Chelsea

PARIS, 22 May—Monaco striker Fernando Morientes, the top scorer in the Champions League, is set to join Chelsea next season, French sport daily l'Equipe said on Thursday.

Morientes played for the principality team this season on loan from Real Madrid and was widely expected to return to the Spanish club at the end of his loan spell.

But Morientes was quoted by l'Equipe as saying he was about to sign with a club he refused to name, but which the newspaper said could be Chelsea.

"We're getting closer to a solution and we can say we're almost there.

"I like the idea a lot but it could take some time to finalize the deal and, in the meantime, it is very likely that I'll return to Madrid as soon as the season is over," Morientes was quoted as saying.

According to l'Equipe, Morientes has been offered a five-year contract by Chelsea, who are ready to pay 12 million euros (14.30 million US dollars) to buy out the Spanish international's contract from Real.—MNA/Reuters



Martina Mueller, of Germany, and FIFA world stars' Marinette Pichon of France, on ground, challenge for the ball during the women's soccer match between Germany and FIFA world stars at the Stade de France stadium in Saint-Denis, outside Paris, on 20 May, 2004. FIFA, the world's soccer governing body founded in Paris on 21 May, 1904, celebrates its centennial with a series of activities and events throughout the year. FIFA world stars defeated Germany 3-2.—INTERNET

## Beckham staying in Madrid

MADRID, 22 May — England captain David Beckham plans to stay at Real Madrid and his wife and children will move to Spain, the cou-

ple said in a statement on Thursday, quashing speculation about their future.

"I have a long-term commitment to Real and to my life

in Spain. I've been here for one season and it feels like the job's not done yet," Beckham said in a statement released by a London public relations company. Beckham, who moved to Madrid from Manchester United for 35 million euros (41.7 million US dollars) last year, has had a troubled year in the Spanish capital.

The team ended the season without a trophy while the Beckhams faced a media frenzy over allegations — denied by the player — that he had an affair with his former personal assistant, 26-year-old Rebecca Loos.

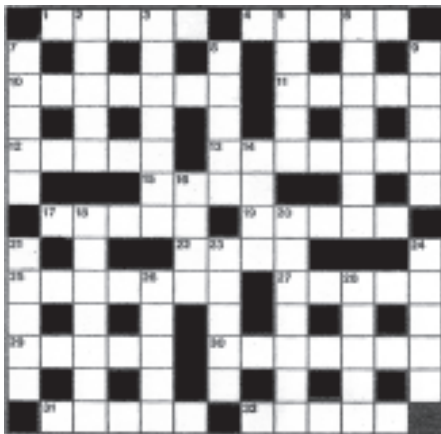
The refusal of Beckham's pop star wife Victoria to move to Spain to be with her husband fuelled media speculation about the England captain's marriage.

The statement released on Thursday seemed aimed at killing any such gossip as well as rumours that Beckham might seek a move after only one season in Madrid. Speculation has run high that Beckham could move to Chelsea, which has been buoyed by the wealth of Russian billionaire owner Roman Abramovich.

The statement said however that the Beckhams, Britain's number one celebrity couple, had taken on a new lease on a Spanish property.

MNA/Reuters

## CROSSWORD PUZZLE



## ACROSS

- 1 Electrical units
- 4 Performing
- 10 Date book
- 11 Underworld river
- 12 Press, TV, etc.
- 13 Spanish grass
- 15 Wife of Kronos
- 17 Forest space
- 19 Mass meeting
- 22 Large pond
- 25 Fix in position
- 27 Garden bird
- 29 Supporting bandage
- 30 Poison
- 31 Great pain
- 32 Bottle

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- 5 Lowest deck
- 6 Unaffected
- 7 Crazy
- 8 Cliff gravel
- 9 Author of Crusoe
- 14 Channel isle
- 16 Hades
- 18 Permanent
- 20 Spraying can
- 21 Wash out
- 23 Ritual table
- 24 Small meal
- 26 Rare gas
- 28 Extra pay

## France, Brazil draw in FIFA centennial friendly

PARIS, 22 May — France and Brazil created — and wasted — plenty of scoring chances but failed to produce a goal as their prestigious FIFA Centennial friendly fizzled out to a 0-0 draw on Thursday.

The closest either side came to scoring was when Brazil's Roberto Carlos wrapped a shot against Gregory Coupet's left-hand post after 66 minutes.

Before and after that both sides created clear cut scoring chances that usually-lethal finishers like Thierry Henry and Sylvain Wiltord of France and Ronaldo and Ronaldinho of the world champions score with ease.

All were guilty of some glaring misses in a game that in the main was played in a competitive spirit — even if the players wore replica kit from the early twentieth century to mark the occasion in the first half.

The match, between the two countries who have won the last three World Cups between them was noticeable for a sublime display by France captain Zinedine Zidane who delighted a record crowd of 79,344 — the largest to watch a home

France international — before he went off after 68 minutes.

Despite the air of festivity surrounding the match it was a useful workout for both teams who face important

matches in the next few weeks with France defending their European crown at Euro 2004 in Portugal and Brazil facing Argentina in an important World Cup qualifier. — MNA/Reuters



Brazil's Ronaldo (R) challenges France's goalkeeper Gregory Coupet at the Stade de France stadium in Saint Denis, near Paris, on 20 May, 2004. Brazil is playing France in a special centennial match to celebrate the 100th anniversary of FIFA, international soccer's governing body. The match ended in a 0-0 draw.—INTERNET

## Spanish media reports Real Madrid set to sign Samuel

MADRID, 22 May — Real Madrid are poised to sign Argentina central defender Walter Samuel from AS Roma, Spanish media reported on Thursday.

Sports daily Marca said on its website Real had secured Samuel for 22 million euros (26.22 million US dollars), beating off competition from Chelsea who were also bidding for the player. Marca said the deal would be announced imminently.

A Real Madrid spokesman could not

immediately be reached for comment regarding the powerful 26-year-old who joined Roma from Argentine side Boca Juniors in 2000.

Real Madrid president Florentino Perez pledged earlier this month to sign another of the world's leading players, and Samuel's name has come up repeatedly in speculation about who would join the star-studded team.

Despite a glittering list of star names Real have suffered a terrible slump, losing four league games in a row for the first time in their history, dropping to third place behind champions Valencia and arch-rivals Barcelona.

The team of "galacticos" has been ridiculed in the Spanish media, with the defence coming in for harsh criticism.

MNA/Reuters

## Desailly to quit international football in August

PARIS, 22 May — France captain Marcel Desailly will retire from international football in August after a friendly against his native Ghana in Rennes, French daily Le Parisien said on Thursday.

According to Le Parisien, the veteran Chelsea defender is to announce his decision in an interview with monthly soccer magazine African Football in June.

Desailly, 35, has 113 caps for France.

However, he is considering playing for another season at club level with Chelsea in 2005, Le Parisien added.

MNA/Reuters

## Athens Olympic stadium catches in fire

ATHENS, 22 May — The Peace and Friendship Stadium, the Olympic venue for volleyball, was caught in a big fire early Thursday, a witness said.

Fire broke out in the stadium at 8:00 am local time (GMT 0600) and six vehicles from the fire department arrived shortly, the witness told Xinhua.

The firemen extinguished the fire in nearly one hour, he said.

In a phone interview, a source in Athens Organizing Committee for Olympic Games confirmed that there was a small fire in the roof of the stadium, but it was extinguished immediately. — MNA/Xinhua

## Everton join race to sign Leeds striker Smith

LONDON, 22 May — Everton have joined the race to sign Leeds United's England striker Alan Smith with a 7.0 million pounds (12.4 million US dollars) offer, the relegated club's director Peter Lorimer said on Thursday.

"We've had lots of bids for Alan, the latest being around 7.0 million from Everton," Lorimer told BBC Radio Leeds.

Leeds, who will play in the first division next season, have already turned down offers from Manchester United, Smith's preferred destination, valuing him at 3.5 and 5.5 million pounds because they did not meet their valuation of the 23-year-old.

"... we want to get the best offer possible for the club, while Alan's agent has stressed that he wants to go to Old Trafford," said Lorimer.

Smith, who scored 10 league goals last season, has made it clear he wants to leave Leeds.

The striker, who has also been reported as saying he would consider joining an Italian or Spanish club, is not in England's Euro 2004 squad but is on stand-by in case of injuries.

MNA/Reuters



## MRTV-3


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Morning Transmission  
(9:00 - 10:00)**

- 9:00 Signature Tune  
Greeting  
9:02 Song of Myanmar  
Beauty & Scenic  
Sights "Mingalabar"  
9:06 Lovely Customs and  
Dances of Gon Shan  
**9:10** **Headline News**  
9:12 Health Care For Mater-  
nal and Child  
**9:15** **National News**  
9:20 Lifestyles along The  
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9:25 Dance of the Oil  
Lamps  
**9:30** **National News**  
9:35 Sittway with Magnifi-  
cent Sight  
9:40 Song "Moonlight  
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9:42 Mogok, The Gems  
Land  
**9:45** **National News**  
9:50 Showcase of Myanmar  
Fabrics and Designer  
Wears  
9:58 Song of Myanmar  
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Sights "Come and See  
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**23-5-2004 (Sunday)  
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(15:30 - 17:30)**

- 15:30 Signature Tune  
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15:32 Song of Myanmar  
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Dance  
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Museum  
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**19:45** **National News**  
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Cultural Dance  
19:58 The Gok Hteik Viaduct  
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20:35 Unique Style of  
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20:40 Pickled Herbal Tea  
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Morning Transmission  
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00:55 Dawei Water Fetching  
Dance  
**01:00** **National News**  
01:05 A Trip to Naga Land  
01:10 Song "Let Mother Say  
This to you Daughter"  
**01:15** **National News**  
01:20 100 Shuttle Traditional  
Weaving Industry  
01:25 Song of Myanmar  
Beauty & Scenic  
Sights "Come and See  
Myanmar"

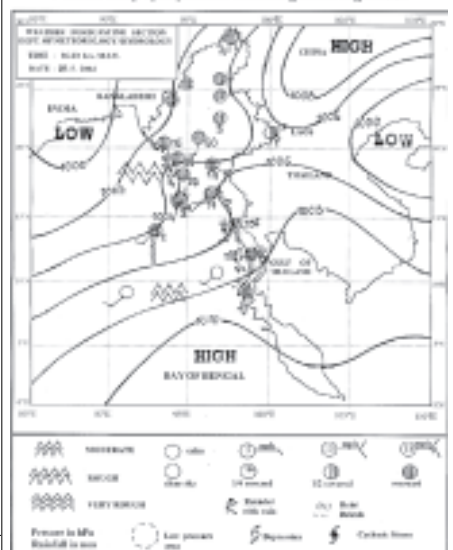
**24-5-2004 (Monday)  
Morning Transmission  
(03:30 - 07:30)**

- 03:30 Signature Tune  
Greeting  
03:32 Song of Myanmar  
Beauty & Scenic  
Sights "Myanma Pano-  
rama & Myanma Sen-  
timent"  
03:36 Rakhine State Cultural  
Museum  
**03:40** **Headline News**  
03:42 Yangon, The Capital  
**03:45** **National News**  
03:50 Dried banded  
Snakehead  
03:55 Khame Traditional  
Cultural Dance  
03:58 The Gok Hteik Viaduct  
**04:00** **National News**  
04:05 Shan Market Day  
04:10 Song "Moonlight  
Flower"  
04:12 Toddy Palm Arts  
**04:15** **National News**

- 04:20 Lifestyles along the  
Ayeayawady (Manda-  
lay to Pyay) (Part-3)  
04:25 Myanmar Modern  
Song "Magnificent  
Darka Bridge"  
**04:30** **National News**  
04:35 Unique Style of  
Kachin Dress  
04:40 Pickled Herbal Tea  
Leaves of Myanmar  
**04:45** **National News**  
04:50 Myanmar Movies Im-  
pact  
**05:00** **National News**  
05:05 Village of "EN"  
05:10 Song "Moonlight"  
05:12 Hsinbyushin Temples,  
Stone Carving and  
Monasteries  
**05:15** **National News**  
05:20 The Splendour of Mt  
Victoria (Natmataung)  
05:25 Song of Myanmar  
Beauty & Scenic  
Sights "Myanma  
Panorama & Myanma  
Sentiment"  
05:35 Lovely Customs and  
Dances of Gon Shan  
**05:40** **Headline News**  
05:42 Health Care For Ma-  
ternal and Child  
**05:45** **National News**  
05:50 Lifestyles along the  
Ayeayawady (Manda-  
lay to Pyay) (Part-4)

- 05:55 Dance of the Oil  
Lamps  
**06:00** **National News**  
06:05 Sittway with Magnifi-  
cent Sight  
06:10 Song "Moonlight  
Flower"  
06:12 Mogok, The Gems  
Land  
**06:15** **National News**  
06:20 Showcase of Myanmar  
Fabrics and Designer  
Wears  
06:25 Myanmar Modern  
Song "Naughty Girl"  
**06:30** **National News**  
06:35 Memorial Stones from  
Chin Mountain Ranges  
06:40 Marvel of a Pagoda  
with Uncountable  
Buddha Images  
**06:45** **National News**  
06:50 Pan-Say Region, Home  
to Kho-Hlon-Lishows  
06:55 Dawei Water Fetching  
Dance  
**07:00** **National News**  
07:05 A Trip to Naga Land  
07:10 Song "Let Mother Say  
This to you Daughter"  
**07:15** **National News**  
07:20 100 Shuttle Traditional  
Weaving Industry  
07:28 Song of Myanmar  
Beauty & Scenic  
Sights "Come and See  
Myanmar"

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas


**WEATHER**

Saturday, 22 May, 2004

**Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST:** During the past 24 hours, rain have been isolated in Sagaing Division and scattered in Kachin State and Mandalay Division and widespread in the remaining areas with locally heavyfalls in Mon State and isolated heavyfalls in Kayin State, Magway, Bago and Taninthayi Divisions. The noteworthy amount of rainfalls recorded were Myeik (9.1) inches, Dawei (7.52) inches, Thaton (5.59) inches, Bago (4.25) inches, Hpa-an (3.86) inches, Mawlamyine (3.39) inches and Aungmye (2.17) inches.

Maximum temperature on 21-5-2004 was 33.8°C (93°F). Minimum temperature on 22-5-2004 was 20.5°C (69°F). Relative humidity at 9:30 hrs MST on 22-5-2004 was 76%. Total sunshine hours on 21-5-2004 was (6.6) hours approx. Rainfall on 22-5-2004 was 31mm (1.22 inches) at Yangon Airport, 17mm (0.67 inch) at Kaba-Aye and 25mm (0.99 inch) at central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2004 was 294 mm (11.57 inches) at Yangon Airport and 277 mm (10.91 inches) at Kaba-Aye and 339 mm (13.35 inches) at central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was 14 mph from South-west at (17:40) hours MST on 21-5-2004.

**Bay inference:** Monsoon is moderate in the North Bay and strong elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

**Forecast valid until evening of 23-5-2004:** Rain will be widespread in Mon, Kayin States and Bago, Yangon, Ayeayawady and Taninthayi Divisions, scattered in Kachin, Chin, Shan, Rakhine States, upper Sagaing Division and isolated in the remaining areas with likelihood of isolated heavyfalls in Mon State and Taninthayi Divisions. Degree of certainty is (100%). **State of the sea:** Squalls with temporary rough seas are likely off and along Mottama, Mon and Taninthayi Coast. Surface wind speed in squall may reach (35) mph. Seas will be moderate elsewhere in Myanmar waters.

**Outlook for subsequent two days:** Decrease of rain in upper Myanmar areas. **Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 23-5-2004:** One or two rain. Degree of certainty is (100%). **Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 23-5-2004:** Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).



Sunday, May 23

View today:

- 7:00 am**  
1. Recitation of Parittas by  
Missionary Sayadaw  
Ottamathara  
**7:25 am**  
2. To be healthy exercise  
**7:30 am**  
3. Morning news  
**7:40 am**  
4. Nice and sweet song  
**7:55 am**  
5. ယဉ်ကျေးသော (၃၈) ဂြဟေလ  
**8:10 am**  
6. အကပြိုင်ပွဲ  
**8:20 am**  
7. ရန်ကုန်တိုင်း ပေါင်းလင်း  
(ဇနီးရစ်မေကျ) ဓမ္မရာဇာတံ  
**8:30 am**  
8. International news  
**8:45 am**  
9. Say It In English  
**11:00 am**  
1. Martial Song  
**11:10 am**  
2. Musical programme

- 11:25 am**  
3. Round-up of the week's  
International news  
**11:40 am**  
4. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ  
"နတ်နီရောင်" (အပိုင်း-၄၄)  
**12:15 pm**  
5. ဓမ္မနိရုတ္တိ  
**12:25 pm**  
6. Myanmar Video Feature:  
"ကလေးတို့ချစ်လို့"  
ဓမ္မရာဇာတံ၊ ကြည်လှတို့၊  
ခါနီတံတား-ဓမ္မရာဇာတံသီရိ  
**2:05 pm**  
7. ရည်သတ္တိများ ပြန်လေ့လာ  
ယူဆချက်ပြုစု  
**2:20 pm**  
8. Musical programme  
**2:30 pm**  
9. ရုပ်ပုံနီရောင်၊ ဓမ္မရာဇာတံ  
(ဓမ္မရာဇာတံ)  
**2:45 pm**  
10. International news  
**4:00 pm**  
1. Martial song  
**4:15 pm**  
2. Songs to uphold  
National Spirit  
**4:30 pm**  
3. English For Everyday Use  
**4:40 pm**  
4. အဆေးသင်တန်းတိုက် ယူဆချက်  
ရုပ်ပြသကြားသင်ခန်းစာ ဒုတိယပုဒ်  
(ရုက္ခဗေဒအသွင်ပြ) (ရုက္ခဗေဒ)

- 4:55 pm**  
5. Dance of national races  
**5:10 pm**  
6. Agricultural Source  
Country's Development  
**5:20 pm**  
7. Musical programme  
**5:35 pm**  
8. ချင်းတို့နေထိုင်ရာ တိုင်းရင်းသား  
ဓမ္မရာဇာ  
**5:45 pm**  
9. Sing And Enjoy  
**6:30 pm**  
10. Evening news  
**7:00 pm**  
11. Weather report  
**7:05 pm**  
12. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ  
"နတ်နီရောင်" (အပိုင်း-၄၄)  
**7:30 pm**  
13. ဓမ္မရာဇာတံသီရိ ကရုဏာတို့အစ  
**7:40 pm**  
14. ကျေးလက်ဒေသတစ်ခွင်အထူးသင်  
**8:00 pm**  
15. News  
16. International news  
17. Weather report  
18. Myanmar Video Feature:  
"အတိတ်တစ်ခေတ် ဝိသုဒ္ဓိတို့"  
(အပိုင်း-၂)  
လွင်စုံ၊ မြေကြီး၊ ဓမ္မရာဇာတံ၊  
ခါနီတံတား-ဓမ္မရာဇာတံ  
21. The next day's  
programme



Sunday, May 23

Tune in today:

- 8:30 am** Brief news  
**8:35 am** Music: Come on  
everybody (Solid  
Base)  
**8:40 am** Perspectives  
**8:45 am** Music: Learn to love  
again (Steps)  
**8:55 am** National news/  
Slogan  
**9:05 am** Music: If I only had  
the heart (Human  
Native)  
**9:10 am** International news  
**9:15 am** Music: I love it when  
we do (Ronan  
Keating)  
**1:30 pm** News/Slogan  
**1:40 pm** Story for children  
**1:50 pm** Songs for children  
**9:00 pm** Weekly news review  
**9:10 pm** Music  
**9:15 pm** Article  
**9:25 pm** Let's Improve  
English through  
Songs/ Lates Hits/  
Adapted originals  
Amazine (Georgs  
Machael)  
**9:45 pm** News/Slogan  
**10:00 pm** PEL

## With prevalence of peace in regions government has been able to carry out development of border areas and extending all parts of nation

### Prime Minister addresses coordination meeting 3/2004 of Work Committee for Development of Border Areas and National Races

YANGON, 22 May—Chairman of Work Committee for Development of Border Areas and National Races Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt attended the coordination meeting 3/2004 of the Work Committee held at Zeyathiri Beikman on Konmyinthta here this morning and made a speech on the occasion.

Also present on the occasion were Vice-Chairman of the Work Committee Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Soe Win, members of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Aung Htwe, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than and Lt-Gen Maung Bo, ministers, deputy ministers, members of the Work Committee and the Sub-Committees, officials of the State Peace and Development Council Office, heads of department



Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt addresses Meeting 3/2004 of Work Committee for Development of Border Areas and National Races. MNA

and officials. Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt, in his address, said that the meeting held today is the third meeting of the Work Committee in 2004.

To take steps for development of border areas, efforts have been made first in order to make peace with

the national race organizations. Based on peace and tranquillity prevailed in the regions measures for development of border areas were taken.

Nowadays, efforts for development of border areas are meeting with (See page 9)

### Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt sends congratulations to Indian PM

YANGON, 22 May — General Khin Nyunt, Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of congratulations to His Excellency Dr Manmohan Singh, Prime Minister of the Republic of India, on his assumption of the Office of the Prime Minister of the Republic of India. — MNA

## Delegate groups of National Convention discuss compilation of group-wise proposals

YANGON, 22 May — For collecting proposals, the group-wise discussions of delegates of political parties, delegates of representatives-elect, delegates of national races, delegates of peasants, delegates of workers, delegates of intellectuals and intelligentsia, delegates of State service personnel and other invited delegates and the meeting of members of the panel of chairmen were held at the designated meeting halls of Nyaungnapin Camp in Hmawby Township this morning.

### Delegates of political parties group

The delegates of political parties group held the discussions at the meeting hall-1 at 11 am. U Saw Philip (a) U Saw Philip Sam of Wa National Development Party presided over the discussions. Deputy Director U Zaw Win and Assistant Director U Aung Win acted as masters of ceremonies.

The master of ceremonies announced the start of the meeting as 93.10 per cent of the group delegates were present.

Next, U Saw Philip (a) U Saw Philip Sam explained matters related to compilation of a proposal. The delegates discussed compilation of party-wise proposals. Next, the chairman approved submission of the party-wise proposals and gave the concluding remarks.

### Delegates of representatives-elect group

The delegates of representatives-elect group held discussions at the meeting hall-2. Alternate member of the panel of chairmen U San Tha Aung of Mro (or)

Khami National Solidarity Organization presided over the discussions together with U Maung Gyi of Union Pa-O National Organization and U Yaw Aye Hla of Lahu National Development Party. Deputy Director U Maung Maung Phyu Tint acted as master of ceremonies.

The master of ceremonies announced the start of the meeting as there were 86.67 per cent of the group delegates. Next, U San Tha Aung explained matters related to compilation of a proposal. The delegates discussed

compilation of proposals. Next, U San Tha Aung approved compilation of the proposals individually or in groups. Later, the chairman gave the concluding remarks.

### Delegates of national races group

The delegates of national races group held discussions at Pyidaungsu Hall. U Mya Sein of Mandalay Division presided over the discussions together with U Mahn Ohn Maung of Kayin State and U Kyaw Din (a) U Htay Rei of Kayah State. Deputy

Director U Thein Tun acted as master of ceremonies.

The master of ceremonies announced the start of the meeting as there were 625 delegates out of 633 listed accounting for 98.75 per cent. U Mya Sein explained matters related to compilation of a proposal concerning detailed basic principles for sharing of power on legislative sector. The delegates participated in the discussions.

Next, U Mya Sein said that states and divisions are to select one person from each district; 16 states and divisions are to compile one proposal each; states and divisions may cooperate to make proposal; and those wishing to compile the combined proposal are to report to the panel of chairmen.

### Delegates of peasants group

The peasants delegates group held their discussions at the meeting hall-4. U Kan Nyunt of Sagaing Division together with U Sai Tint Aung of Shan State (North) and U Tin Aung Kyaw of Magway Division presided over the discussions. Deputy Director U Myint Thein and Assistant Director U Myint Kyaing acted as masters of ceremonies. The master of ceremonies announced the start of the meeting as there were 92 delegates out of 93 listed accounting for 98.92%.

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Group discussions of delegates of national races group in progress in the Pyidaungsu Hall.— MNA

## With hands linked firm around the National Convention.