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Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt offers provisions to Tipitakadhara Tipitaka Kovida Ashin Indapala.— MNA

## Prime Minister attends ceremony to honour Tipitakadhara Tipitaka Kovida, Tipitakadhara Sayadaws

YANGON, 23 May— A ceremony to honour Tipitakadhara Tipitaka Kovida Ashin Indapala and Tipitakadhara Ashin Indacariya and other members of the Sangha who had emerged from Tipitaka Nikaya Missionary Upathaka Group established by Venerable Mingun Tipitakadhara Dhammabhandagarika Sayadaw was held at Tipitaka Monastery in Dagon Township this afternoon,

attended by Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt.

Also present on the occasion were Vice-Chairman of the State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Agga Maha Pandita Agga Maha Saddhammajotikadhaja Thayet Sayadaw Bhaddanta Kesara, Secretary Abhidhaja Maha Rattha Guru Abhidhaja Agga Maha Saddhammajotika Magway Sayadaw (See page 9)

### Four political objectives

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

### Four economic objectives

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

### Four social objectives

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

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## PM urges faculty members to make concerted efforts to possess characteristics of international universities, to produce highly-qualified technicians

### Coordination meeting regarding MMU and MAEU held

YANGON, 23 May—A coordination meeting regarding Myanmar Maritime University of the Ministry of Transport and Myanmar Aerospace Engineering University of the Ministry of Science and Technology was held at Zeyathiri Beikman Hall on Konmyinthar this morning, with an address by Chairman of Myanmar Education Committee Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt.

Present on the occasion were Commander-in-Chief

(Navy) Rear-Admiral Soe Thein, Commander-in-Chief (Air) Lt-Gen Myat Hein, the ministers, the deputy ministers, senior military officers, officials of the State Peace and Development Council Office, rectors of Myanmar Maritime University and Myanmar Aerospace Engineering University, Pro-rectors and officials.

In his address, Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt said Myanmar Maritime University and

Myanmar Aerospace Engineering University were established in accord with the guidance of Head of State Senior General Than Shwe. In three years, tasks including construction of the buildings of both universities, supply of related equipment and teaching aids and financial and academic matters were implemented, he said.

He said Myanmar Maritime University was opened with magnificent buildings in Thilawa in

Thanlyin. Myanmar Aerospace Engineering University is being built in Meiktila. Construction of some buildings were completed and some courses were opened there, he added.

He said committees were formed for compilation of curriculum of international standard, appointment of sufficient qualified and well-experienced instructors and supply of modern teaching aids and reference books.

He said tasks on sending faculty members for further studies, cooperation with similar universities and giving part-time lectures at the university by scholars from abroad are being undertaken for producing technicians of international standard.

He said both universities are infant ones and there are much left to be done to become better universities. He spoke of the need for the two ministries (See page 9)



Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt addresses coordination meeting on Myanmar Maritime University and Myanmar Aerospace Engineering University.— MNA

**The National Convention is the concern of all our national races.**

## PERSPECTIVES

Monday, 24 May, 2004

### For ensuring water supply in rural areas

The number of Myanmar's population stands at over 53 million and rural people make up 70 per cent of the total population.

Agriculture is not only the main economy of the State but also the livelihood earner of the rural public.

To strengthen the national economic life and raise the living standard of rural people, Head of State Senior General Than Shwe has given guidance to implement the five rural development tasks, namely, better transportation in rural areas, supplying water for agriculture purpose and ensuring potable water in rural areas, raising the education standard in rural areas, providing better health care services and development of agriculture and livestock breeding tasks in rural areas.

In accordance with the guidance, the five rural development tasks are being implemented throughout the country with might and main.

The five rural development tasks are the basis for national development and of these tasks, ensuring water for agriculture purpose and potable water is of vital importance.

To supply water sufficiently for agriculture purpose, the Government has been building dams and reservoirs the length and breadth of the nation. From 1988 to this date, over 69,000 million kyat has been spent on building of 159 dams which benefit over 2.1 million acres of farmland and these facilities also provide potable water to the people.

Out of the five rural development tasks, Development Affairs Committees under the Ministry for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs are implementing projects for supplying potable water in rural areas.

Tube-wells have been sunk for ensuring potable water in rural areas where water is scarce and now, it can be seen that wellwishers also contribute towards these projects.

Projects for supplying water have been implemented in 1166 villages in Sagaing Division, 750 in Magway Division, 2268 in Mandalay Division, 285 in Kachin State, 27 in Kayah State, 236 in Kayin State, 76 in Chin State, 159 in Taninthayi Division, 512 in Bago Division, 507 in Bago Division (West), 288 in Mon State, 368 in Rakhine State, 466 in Yangon Division, 235 in Shan State (South), 227 in Shan State (North), 196 in Shan State (East) and 1442 in Ayeyawady Division.

We firmly believe that with the active participation of wellwishers under the leadership of the State, water supply tasks in rural areas are meeting with success.

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Tobacco Control and Poverty  
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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

### Loation delegation leaves

YANGON, 23 May — The five-member delegation led by Mr Thong Sing Thama Mavong, member of Polibureau of People's Revolutionary Party of Lao People's Democratic Republic and Mayor of Vientiane, left here for home by air this morning. The Laotian delegation was seen off at Yangon International Airport by Yangon City Development Committee Vice Mayor Col Maung Pa, YCDC Secretary Col Myint Aung, Joint Secretary U Aung Soe, officials, Ambassador of LPDR to Myanmar Mr Chanthavy Bodhisane and embassy staff.—MNA

### POEM:

#### Towards neo-colonialist

- \* The big Eagle  
Don't come mooching as if  
Loving the hen with brood  
We all know the hard truth.

Nwai Cho (Trs)



Vocalists entertain with song to the National Convention delegates at Nyaungnabin Camp.— MNA

### Music entertainment for National Convention delegates

YANGON, 23 May — The Entertainment and Welfare Sub-committee of the National Convention Convening management Committee organizes entertainment programmes to the delegates of National Convention at 7 pm daily.

Yesterday, vocalists Hla Myint Win, Than Myat Soe, Peter Ba Thein, Yi Yi Thant, Mi Mi Win Pe, Shweyi Win Lett, Tin Tin Mya, Tekkatho Le Le, Khaing Wa, May Barani Khin, Khin Nan Yu Htwe, Thida Moe and Kyaw Kyaw Htoo presented songs to the audience.

Among the audience were Secretary of National Convention Convening Commission Minister for Information

Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan, Chairman of the Work Committee Chief Justice U Aung Toe, Management Committee Chairman Auditor-General Maj-Gen Lun Maung, Work Committee Vice-Chairman Attorney-General U Aye Maung, Work Committee Secretary U Thauung Nyunt, officials and the delegates.

After the entertainment programmes, Joint-Secretary Maj-Gen Khin Aung Myint of NCCC presented cash prizes awarded by NCCC to Assistant Director (Music) Daw Tin Tin Mya of Myanma Radio and Television

MNA

### National Convention delegate groups compile papers

YANGON, 23 May — The delegate groups to the National Convention are making group discussions and start compilation of papers for formulating basic principles for the Executive, Legislative and Judiciary that are to be included in drafting the State Constitution over the clarification of the National Convention Convening Work Committee in Nyaungnabin Camp, Hmawby Township today.

The NC delegates are practicing in physical exercises, playing tennis, weigh-lifting, walking and playing billiards for their health in groups or individually starting this morning.

It is learnt that the group coordination meeting of labour group delegates and other invited group delegates of the NC will be held in Nyaungnabin Camp, Hmawby Township on 24 May. — MNA



Delegates to National Convention meet in group discussions.— MNA

### Rural tubewell opened in Sagaing Township

YANGON, 23 May — The opening ceremony of tubewell donated by Col Hla Aung and family together with Sagaing Township Development Affairs Committee was held at Magyigon Village in Tintek Village-tract yesterday morning.

Present on the occasion were Deputy Director-General of the Development Affairs Department Thura U Soe Aung, Lt-Col Win Myint of local station, Director of Sagaing Division Development Affairs

Committee U Khin Maung Swe, Chairman of Sagaing District Peace and Development Council Lt-Col Soe Naing, the Township PDC Chairman and villagers.

Executive officer of the Sagaing Township Development Affairs Committee U Ko Ko reported on matters related to the tubewell and the Village PDC Chairman expressed gratitude.

Next, Director of Sagaing Division Development Affairs Committee U Khin Maung Swe, Chair-

man of Sagaing District Peace and Development Council Lt-Col Soe Naing and the Village Peace and Development Council chairman formally opened the tubewell.

The tubewell was sunk at a cost of K 550,000 — K 250,000 donated by wellwisher Col Hla Aung, wife Daw San San Myint and daughter Hsu Myat Aung and K 300,000 contributed by Sagaing Township Development Affairs Committee, it is learnt.

MNA

**Don't  
Smoke**



# Bill Clinton attacks Bush over Iraq

**"There are so many people who suspect our motives"**

WASHINGTON, 23 May—Bill Clinton said yesterday that the UN, not America, should be taking Iraq towards democracy, and that George Bush erred in forcing out UN weapons inspectors and going to war without UN support.

"There are so many people who suspect our motives," the former US president said in an address in Brazil. "I don't think Iraq was about oil and imperialism but it was about unilateralism over co-operation as a way to shape the world in the 21st century." Mr Clinton said the best

way to take Iraq to a democracy was multilaterally, with the UN in a leading role. He said the Bush administration should have given UN inspectors a final chance to look for the weapons which it had accused the Iraqi leader of hoarding.

Any military intervention, he said, should have involved

a multinational force rather than the present "coalition of the willing".

"Democracy cannot be imposed, the Iraqis have to want it," he said. He backed the Bush decision to go to war in Afghanistan to "root out" al-Qa'ida, but "we have to make more partners and fewer terrorists".

Co-operation and ensuring democracy benefited the world's poor would help combat terrorism.

Mr Clinton was speaking to 1,000 or so Brazilian business and political leaders at the inauguration of an institute set up by the former Brazilian president Fernando Cardoso.—*Internet*

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## Sunday Times says Britain blasts US military tactics in Iraq

LONDON, 23 May—A leaked memo from Britain's foreign ministry blasts "heavy handed tactics" by the U.S. military in Iraq and soldiers' abuse of prisoners, the Sunday Times newspaper reported.

London has been Washington's most staunch ally throughout the conflict, but the paper said the memo "blows apart" Prime Minister Tony Blair's public in-

sistence that there are no differences between Britain and the United States over strategy.

The paper reported the memo said under the heading "Problems": "Heavy-handed US military tactics in Falluja and Najaf some weeks ago have fueled both Sunni and Shi'ite opposition to the coalition and lost us much public support inside Iraq."

It added: "The scandal of the treatment of detainees at Abu Ghraib (prison) has sapped the moral authority of the coalition, inside Iraq and internationally."

The Foreign Office refused to comment on the report on Saturday night.

The government has repeatedly denied that London and Washington differ on Iraq policy but Blair's main political opponent said this week the prime minister often voiced disquiet in private and urged him to bring the debate into the open.

Blair "seems to take the view that any advice he offers on US policy must be made in private and any disagreement kept secret," opposition Conservative leader Michael Howard wrote in Thursday's Independent newspaper.

However, Blair later told his ministers he would never publicly air disagreements with Washington over policy in Iraq for fear it would damage troop morale.

*Internet*



US soldiers survey a destroyed car after a car bomb attack in Baghdad, on 22 May, 2004. The suicide car bomb attack killed at least five people on Saturday and wounded a senior Interior Ministry official, five days after the head of Iraq's Governing Council was assassinated in a similar bombing.—*INTERNET*

## Car bomb kills 5, injures Iraqi minister

BAGHDAD, 23 May—A car bomb exploded outside the home of a deputy interior minister Saturday, wounding him and killing at least five people, including four police.

Later, several explosions were heard in central Baghdad. The cause was not clear. The press office of the US-led coalition said it had no information.

The earlier blast hurled two cars onto the front lawn of the official's house, and police fired shots to disperse distraught bystanders who scuffled with them.

Abdul-Jabbar Youssef al-Sheikhli, the deputy minister in charge of security, was slightly injured in the forehead and right arm, said Hassan Hadi, a Health Ministry official. "I expect he will leave the hospital in a short time," Hadi said.

Al-Sheikhli is a member of the Shiite Muslim Dawa party, which lost a prominent member this week in another fatal car bombing. On Monday, the president of the Iraqi Governing Council, Dawa member Izzadine Saleem, was killed along with at least six other people near the headquarters of the US-run coalition in the capital.

Also Saturday, the military said a US soldier was killed and three others were wounded in an attack on their

vehicle south of Baghdad, and a Marine died in a non-hostile incident. It said the soldiers' vehicle was "ambushed by a vehicle-borne improvised explosive device" in Mahmoudiyah, 20 miles south of Baghdad. The statement did not say when the attack occurred.

Two of the injured soldiers were evacuated to a combat hospital. The third wounded soldier returned to duty after treatment. All the casualties were from the US Army's 1st Armored Division. The military also said the Marine, assigned to the 1st Marine Expeditionary Force, died Friday near Camp Fallujah, west of Baghdad, while "conducting security and stability operations."

In Najaf, south of Baghdad, fighting broke out Saturday between US forces and the militia of anti-US cleric Muqtadaal-Sadr near the city's police directorate and the governor's office. But there were no reports of fighting in Karbala, another holy city where the two adversaries have engaged in intense battles in recent days.—*Internet*

## Protesters hurl petrol bombs at British Embassy in Iran

TEHRAN, 23 May—Demonstrators hurled petrol bombs and stones at the British Embassy in Teheran for the third time in less than a week on Friday to protest the presence of Western forces in Iraq, witnesses said.

The petrol bombs landed outside the embassy, which has become the focal point for anti-war protests in Iran in recent days, the witnesses said. A crowd of about 500 protesters gathered outside the embassy after tens of thousands — chanting "Death to America" and "Death to Britain" — earlier took part in a state-sponsored nationwide rally against the occupation of Iraq, witnesses said.

"We want the immediate closure of the British Embassy," chanted the crowd outside the embassy, which typically bears the brunt of Iranian anger against US foreign policies due to the absence of a US Embassy in Iran.

Washington severed diplomatic ties with Iran in 1980.

A British diplomat said the protest was relatively peaceful, unlike the other two protests outside the embassy in recent days when several windows in a building inside the compound were smashed by stones hurled by protesters.

Riot police surrounding the large embassy compound in central Teheran and used batons to disperse the crowd. "We are ready to sacrifice our lives to protect holy sites in Iraq," shouted some of the protesters.

Iran's Shiite clerical leadership, relatively muted in its criticism of the US-led occupation of Iraq, has recently

voiced growing opposition to the presence of US troops in the Shiite holy cities of Najaf and Kerbala.

Influential former president, Akbar Hashemi Rafsanjani, condemned the incursion of US military forces close to some of the holiest Shiite shrines in southern Iraq.

"Americans made a major mistake by entering holy cities of Najaf and Kerbala," Rafsanjani, told worshippers at Friday prayers in Teheran.

Rafsanjani is a key adviser to Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, Iran's most powerful figure, who on Sunday denounced US military action in Najaf and Kerbala as "intolerable".—*MNA/Reuters*

## Lebanon Shiites say ready to die for Iraq shrines

BEIRUT, 23 May — Tens of thousands of Lebanese Shiites in white shrouds marched in Beirut on Friday in a collective show of their willingness to die in defence of holy shrines in US-occupied Iraq.

Clinching their fists and chanting "death to America, death to Israel", a white sea of men, women and children swept across the streets of a mainly Shiite Beirut suburb in a massive show of strength by the Shiite Muslim Hizbollah guerrilla group.

Hizbollah chief Sheikh Hassan Nasrallah, addressing the crowd, demanded US forces leave Kerbala and Najaf, the holiest Shiite cit-

ies in Iraq, and said Muslims and Arabs were facing the same enemy — the United States and Israel.

"Today, we must fully understand that the battle is one, the enemy is one and that we are facing one camp, the American-Israeli camp," Nasrallah, also wearing a white shroud under his cleric's robe, said.

"Iraq is not limited to Najaf and Kerbala but we

call on American troops to leave Najaf and Kerbala to stop the escalation into something bigger."

Carrying yellow Hizbollah flags, many demonstrators flocked to Beirut from across Lebanon, some on foot. Sunni and Shiite Muslim clerics, some Iraqis and Palestinian refugees also took part in the march, witnesses said.

*MNA/Reuters*



A British soldier secures the site where a home made bomb was found and defused in the Iraqi southern city of Basra. Senior British officials have criticised the US for its 'heavy-handed' tactics in Iraq, it was reported recently.—*INTERNET*

# 37 deaths of detainees in Iraq, Afghanistan probed

WASHINGTON, 23 May— The US army has investigated the deaths of 37 detainees in US custody in Iraq and Afghanistan since August 2002, including eight pending cases that have been ruled possible homicides, Pentagon officials said.

The latest figures represent an increase over the 25 death cases reported earlier this month by senior army officials.

Of nine pending death cases under active investigation, all but one involved

deaths that medical examiners declared to be homicides.

A senior military official, speaking on condition of anonymity, said "they involved suspected assaults of detainees either before or during interrogation ses-

sions that may have led to the detainee's death."

"I must emphasize that as used by a medical examiner, (homicide) is a neutral term that neither indicates nor implies criminal intent," he said.

In the ninth case, the death was believed to be the result of natural causes, the official said. Six of the nine cases occurred in Iraq, and three in Afghanistan.

The Pentagon also released 23 death certificates of detainees who died in Iraq and Afghanistan, including nine suspected homicides.

Among the causes of death listed were "multiple gunshot wounds with complications," "blunt force injuries and asphyxia," "blunt force injuries complicated by compromised respiration," "closed head injury with a cortical brain contusion and subdural hematoma," "asphyxia due to smothering and chest compression," "strangulation," "blunt force injuries to lower extremities complicating coronary artery disease," "multiple blunt force injuries complicated by probably rhabdomyolysis," and "pulmonary embolism due to blunt force injury to the legs."



An Iraqi man rushes to the spot where a car bomb exploded in Baghdad, Iraq, on 22 May, 2004. —INTERNET

## China, Russia vow to boost regional cooperation

KHABAROVSK (Russia), 23 May — Wu Bangguo, Chairman of the Standing Committee of the Chinese National People's Congress, said here on Saturday that China and Russia should boost regional exchanges and cooperation.

When meeting with Viktor Ishaev, governor of the Far Eastern Russian city of Khabarovsk, Wu indicated that the progress of Sino-Russian relations has paved the way for the development of regional exchanges and cooperation, and that is why he had chosen Khabarovsk as the first stop of his visit.

Wu set forth China's

three-point proposal aimed at enhancing cooperation between the two sides.

First, China and Russia should unblock the main channel for trade cooperation by encouraging large enterprises to participate in the cooperation.

The central and regional governments of the two countries should help them

play an important role in markets and the investment of some big projects.

Second, the two sides should strengthen coordination to solve current problems in trade contacts by protecting legal business operations, combatting illegal trading acts and well regulating the order of economic cooperation and

trade.

Finally, the management and construction of ports should be enhanced to promote access and lower the cost of administration.

Ishaev said the visit indicates that the Chinese Government attaches great importance to the development of relations with Khabarovsk. —MNA/Xinhua

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## Released Iraqi prisoners tell of abuse

BAQUBA, 23 May— US soldiers forced female detainees at Abu Ghraib to serve male prisoners meals after the men had been stripped bare and beaten, according to new accounts of psychological abuse described by those freed from the notorious prison.

One man, who identified himself only as Ghazwan, was among 454 detainees released Friday from the American-run prison at the centre of an abuse scandal. He was held with his father and brother for nine months and said he spent six in "heavy quarantine."

"They were psychologically torturing us, especially in the heavy quarantines. They were abusing us inside these quarantines by beating us and forcing us to take off all our clothes. They were forcing detained women to distribute food to us while we were naked," said Ghazwan.

Public nakedness, especially in the presence of women, is considered especially degrading in sexually conservative Arab societies.

Following the revelations of abuse, US officials have said they plan to cut the facility's population in half. A US official said there are now roughly 3,700 remaining detainees there.

Investigation into the abuse will "go to the top," the US military has said.

Other prisoners released Friday said their treatment improved after pictures of naked prisoners being sexually humiliated came to light.

Internet

## US soldier found guilty of deserting Iraq unit

FORT STEWART (Georgia), 23 May — A US soldier who said he saw prisoners being abused in Iraq was convicted of desertion on Friday for failing to return to his unit after taking leave to the United States last year.

Staff Sergeant Camilo Mejia, a member of the Florida National Guard, was sentenced by an eight-member military panel to the maximum penalty of one year in prison and a bad conduct discharge. His pay was reduced by two-thirds to 795 US dollars a month.

Mejia, a nine-year US Army veteran, was deployed to Iraq early last year and took a two-week furlough to the United States in October. He was gone for five months before surrendering to Army officials in March. He has filed an application for conscientious objector status.

MNA/Reuters

## Anti-war protesters in London call for Iraq pullout

LONDON, 23 May— Anti-war protesters dressed as soldiers and pretending to torture hooded "prisoners" have taken to the streets of central London calling for the immediate pullout of British and American troops from Iraq.

Hundreds of demonstrators on Saturday condemned the abuse of Iraqi prisoners by US troops at Baghdad's Abu Ghraib prison during a rally under the banner "End the Torture". Police estimated up to 1,200 protesters marched peacefully along the River Thames, then past Downing Street to Trafalgar Square.

"We are protesting about the shocking abuses in Iraq and call for the withdrawal of the illegal aggressor forces," Kate Hudson, chair of the Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament (CND), said in a statement.

The number of protesters was far smaller than a demonstration in central London on March 20 which saw about 25,000 take to the streets.

Speakers at Saturday's event included London Mayor Ken Livingstone, who called for US President George W Bush to be prosecuted as a war criminal.

Prime Minister Tony Blair has come under increasing fire at home over worsening violence in Iraq and reports of abuse of Iraqi prisoners. He defended the US-led overthrow of Saddam Hussein in a speech this week and said he would not "cut and run" from Iraq. —Internet



A woman takes part in a demonstration outside the US Embassy in central London, on 22 May, 2004. Women gathered to call for the release of Iraqi women being held in jail in Iraq. —INTERNET



Demonstrators protest against torture of Iraqi prisoners by US forces in Iraq, while marching in London. Around 1,000 demonstrators marched to protest against the continued occupation of Iraq and torture of Iraqi prisoners. —INTERNET



# New images amplify abuse at Iraq prison

WASHINGTON, 23 May — In a collection of hundreds of so-far-unreleased photographs and short digital videos obtained by *The Washington Post*, US soldiers are shown physically and emotionally abusing detainees at Iraq's Abu Ghraib Prison, the newspaper reported on Friday.

The new pictures and videos go beyond the photos previously shown in the media, displaying a variety of abusive techniques and US soldiers appearing to delight in abuse of detainees at the US-run prison near Baghdad, the newspaper said.

Photos and videos from Abu Ghraib were presented to Army investigators in January. The images began surfacing publicly last month, severely damaging the US reputation in the Arab

world.

A segment of video showed a prisoner handcuffed to the outside of a cell door, slamming his head into the green metal, the newspaper said. An image on the newspaper's web site showed

a soldier wielding a baton as a naked detainee covered in a brown substance stood in a hallway with his arms outstretched and ankles cuffed together. Another photo showed a prisoner in an orange jumpsuit recoiling from a snarling dog, it said.

But in one photo a soldier is seen cocking his fist as he holds a hooded detainee in a headlock amid a pile of several detainees.

MNA/Reuters



Spanish reporter Laura Caro, right, from Madrid, waves to Spanish soldiers driving an armoured personnel carrier as they enter Kuwait at Abdaly Border Post, Kuwait, on 21 May, 2004. The last batch of Spanish soldiers withdrawing from Iraq crossed the border from Safwan, Iraq into Kuwait.—INTERNET

## Spanish journalist held by Shiite group in Najaf

MADRID, 23 May — A Spanish radio journalist has been held in the Iraqi city of Najaf by a Shiite group linked to rebel cleric Moqtada al-Sadr, state radio reported on Friday.

State radio said its correspondent Fran Sevilla, who reported the Spanish troops' withdrawal from their base at Diwaniya earlier on Friday, was unharmed but his telephone was about to be confiscated.

"He was intercepted by a group of militants of the Shiite leader al-Sadr. He phoned to say where he was, in a mosque in Najaf, and

that they were going to take away his phone," state radio editor Javier Arenas told the radio. "He is physically fine but all political and diplomatic means are being used to free him."

The radio said Prime Minister Jose Luis Rodriguez Zapatero had "set in motion diplomatic moves to free him as soon as possible".

Earlier on Friday

Sevilla reported from Diwaniya that the last of the Spanish troops had left their base and were on their way to Kuwait. He said he was the last Spaniard left in the south-central Iraqi city.

MNA/Reuters

## Anti-Bush tirade wins top award in Cannes

CANNES, 23 May — US director Michael Moore's *Fahrenheit 9/11*, a savage indictment of President George W Bush's handling of Iraq and the war on terror, won the top award at the Cannes film festival on Saturday.

The Oscar-winning director, overwhelmed by the standing ovation given to his Palme d'Or best film award, said: "I want to make sure if I do nothing else for this year that those who have died in Iraq have not died in vain."

Moore was the big winner on a night otherwise dominated by Asian films, which took three top prizes.

The best actor award was a surprise, going to 14-year-old Japanese actor Yagura Yuuyi for his captivating performance in *Nobody Knows*, about four children abandoned by their mother in Tokyo to fend for themselves.

The best actress award went to China's Maggie Cheung for her role as a woman trying to kick a drug habit and win back her son in *Clean*, by French director Olivier Assayas.

The Grand Prix went to ultra-violent Korean film *Old Boy*, the story of a man imprisoned for 15 years who must find out who captured him and why.

France also enjoyed two awards. Agnes Jaoui and Jean-Pierre Bacri won the best screenplay award for Jaoui's film *Comme une Image*, the tale of a 20-year-old desperate for love and attention from her callous, father.

Tony Gatlif was named best director for *Exils*, about a man going back to Algeria from France to find his roots.—INTERNET



American director Michael Moore (news) poses with the Palme d'Or for his film 'Fahrenheit 9/11' during a photo call following the award ceremony of the 57th Film Festival in Cannes, on the French Riviera, on 22 May, 2004. —INTERNET

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## Al-Sadr tells militia to keep fighting

KUFA (Iraq), 23 May — Rebel cleric Moqtada al-Sadr, whose fighters are battling US troops in Iraq's holiest Shiite cities, told supporters during his Friday sermon they should keep fighting even if he was killed.

"Don't let my death end your resistance. Continue and God will give you victory," Sadr told worshippers in Kufa near Najaf, where witnesses said clashes broke out between US forces and fighters from Sadr's Mehdi Army militia.

"All forces of the Mehdi Army are forces of righteousness and lovers of resistance and fighters against injustice," he said.

Sadr, wanted in connection with the murder of a rival cleric last year, has been holed up in Najaf since his uprising began but regularly travels to Kufa for Friday prayers.

MNA/Reuters

## Shiite, Sunni united against US

NAJAF (Iraq), 23 May — Under the dome of the Imam Ali shrine in Najaf, guerilla Salah Jbouri says it makes no difference whether he fights America in the spiritual centre of Shia Islam or in his Sunni hometown of Fallujah.

"The Muslim who wants to defend his country's honour doesn't care if the battle is in Najaf or in Fallujah. We are fighting the same enemy," said Jbouri, a Sunni fighter standing outside the Imam Ali shrine, one of the holiest mosques in Shiite Islam.

With an Arab headdress that hides his face and an AK-47 assault rifle slung over his shoulder, Jbouri is clad in typical anti-American guerillas gear. But even without his face cover, it is impossible to tell if he was Sunni or Shiite.

Iraqis, who had taken pride for rising above their sectarian differences, found themselves split into Shiites and Sunnis after the US-led forces toppled Saddam Hussein.

The split appeared to deepen as guerillas from the

"Sunni triangle" began attacking US forces, raising Shiite fears that Saddam loyalists were trying to win back power for the Sunnis that dominated the country for decades.

But the line dividing Shiites and Sunnis has increasingly been blurred since Shiite firebrand cleric Muqtada al-Sadr launched his uprising last month.

Many fighters from both communities say defence of their country and their Muslim faith now comes before any sectarian division, a split they blame the US occupiers for aggravating.

"The occupiers came to demolish Islam. We are one people and will fight until we raise the banner of Islam over Iraq," said Haider Hussein, a Shiite comrade of Jbouri.

Several metres away, a

crowd gathered to watch a video that hails the Sunni resistance in Fallujah, the volatile town west of Baghdad, something unheard of just weeks ago.

Fighters from Sadr's Mehdi Army militia say volunteers from mainly Sunni cities of Ramadi, Fallujah and Mosul are now fighting alongside recruits from cities across southern Iraq, where Shiites are dominant.

They say they are among thousands of volunteers who have come to Najaf and Kerbala to wage jihad (holy war) against the Americans.

"In Fallujah there were fighters from the Shiites and now in Najaf there are Sunnis fighting alongside the Mehdi Army," said Kazem Assadi, commander of a group of Sadr fighters in Kerbala.

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Chinese actress Maggie Cheung (news), poses with the best actress award for the film 'Clean,' during a photo call following the award ceremony of the 57th Film Festival in Cannes, on the French Riviera, on 22 May, 2004. —INTERNET



*Smoke from a battle between US troops and militants in Karbala on 20 May 2004.*



*Black smoke rises from an ancient cemetery in Najaf. Sporadic fighting flared between the US Army and supporters of radical cleric Moqtada al-Sadr on 21 May, 2004.*



*TV Image shows Iraqis removing belongings of the bridegroom after US helicopters fired on what survivors say was a wedding party in the remote desert area near Mogr el-Deeb, 600 km west of Baghdad, 20 km away from the Syrian border, on 20 May, 2004. The attack killed more than 40 people, most of them women and children.*



*Iraqis pass by a shattered window of a car in the Baghdad suburb of Al Sadr City, Iraq, on 16 May, 2004.*

## Images of Iraq



*An injured Iraqi boy stands next to the bed of his wounded mother in a hospital in Iraq's southern city of Basra on 23 May, 2004. At least one Iraqi civilian was killed and four others from the same family were injured when a mortar landed on their house in Iraq's second largest city of Basra.*



*Iraqi men walk past a destroyed building in the city of Kerbala, on 21 May 2004, as clashes continued with US forces in the area.*



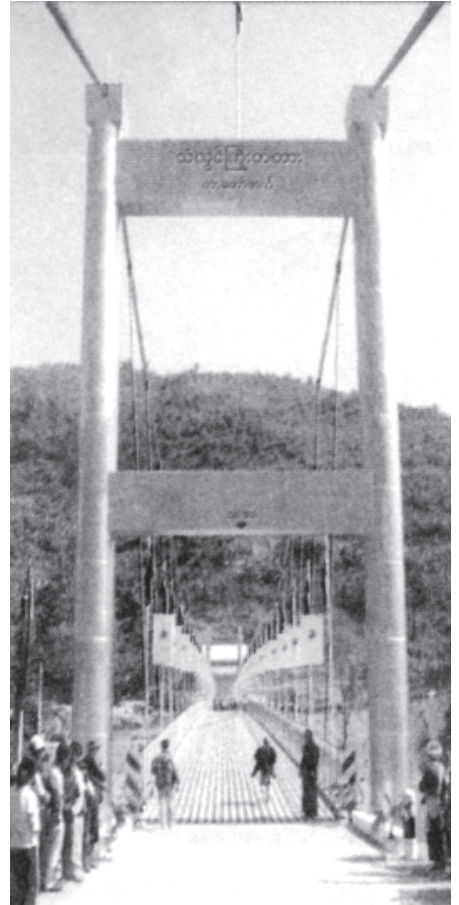
## Border and rural area developments



*Kyatpyi Basic Education Middle School (Branch) seen in Pakokku Township, Magway Division.*



*Rural health care centre in Kadaingdi village, Papun Township, Kayin State, provides health care services to the rural people residing in the area.*



*In the past, people living in Takawet region, Shan State (North) had to rely on ferries to cross the Thanlwin river. To overcome the natural barrier, the government has built Thanlwin Bridge (Takawet) and now, people can cross the river easily using the bridge.*



*With peace prevailing throughout the country, people living in border areas are now able to run their business with peace of mind. The photo shows magnificent Mongla market built in Mongla region.*

## Foundations for flourishing of democracy

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It is mentioned in books on political science that democracy was introduced by Greek philosopher Pericles circa 400 BC. In the East, today's democracy was practised by Licchavi people in Vesali of Viji Region during the time of Lord Buddha in 6th century BC. Altogether 7,707 princes and counsellors of Vesali assembled and elected one of them to govern the country, it was mentioned in the Digha Nikaya.

The essence of today's democracy is the people's freedom, equal rights and being administered by the people's representatives. A great deal of clarification is needed to define it. The point is that it is the ism focused on man. It is the ism of laying emphasis on man. Lord Buddha too said it is hard to be a human being. Myanmar society where humbleness, respects for elders and cardinal virtues are flourishing is naturally in harmony with democracy. In practising democracy or the ism focused on man, the most popular system is majority rule. In electing the leader and making decision on the policy, it is not necessary to put to the vote when there is a consensus. However, the case of a consensus is rare. Generally, people differ in many things. So, it is practised to put to the vote and to compete in the election. Thus, derailment of original scene of democracy and opposite occasions can happen obviously or unobtrusively.

In studying the book on the various kinds of democracy printed and published by the Yale University in 1989, it is found that methods of democracy were practised in the respective countries in various circumstances. All understand that the majority democracy means performance according to the wishes of the majority. For example, there are two kinds of democracy — decision-making by voting and the consensus democracy. When 100 people have to decide an issue, voting can be made and 49 votes are to consent to 51 votes naturally. When voting can cause no benefit but disunity, coordination instead of voting is made. That is consensus democracy. These two kinds of democracy are used either separately or combined.

Generally, majority democracy is used in holding elections. At a constituency with 100,000 voters, let's say each of ten candidates obtains about 10,000 votes. The winner can win by a small margin. It shows that over 10,000 votes win about 90,000 votes. What is awkward in this case is that 10,000 voters can win when 90,000 voters do not cast votes. The winning candidate may give thumbs up by ignoring the fact that the majority did not vote for him or her. AFPFL won the multiparty election held in 1956 in Myanmar and formed a government. In other words, due to the weaknesses in practising democracy, AFPFL had an opportunity to form a government without winning the votes of majority. At that time, AFPFL won the election with 1,665,860 votes out of 3,545,851 throughout the country. There were altogether 1,879,991 votes against AFPFL and thus, it can be seen that those who were against AFPFL was 214,131 more than those who supported the party.

There was a similar incident in Britain. Conservatives won the majority and formed a government and Labour Party which lost the election had to satisfy themselves with the status of opposition. At that time, Conservative Party won 5,381,443. The number of those who were against Conservative Party but gave support to Labour and Liberal Parties stood at 6,858,676 and thus it can be found that the two opposition parties won 1,477,233 votes more than that of Conservative. It might be due to the fact that unfairness of a system or practising democracy, the genuine desire of the people of Britain could not be materialized.

In Myanmar also, there could be found unreasonable incident or unfairness in 1956 multiparty election. AFPFL had a seat or a representative (member of parliament) if it won only 15,424 votes but the opposition party needed to win 24,8767 votes to have a seat in the parliament. If the votes were counted under new regulations as practised in some world democracy nations, AFPFL would win only 91 seats instead of 108 and the opposition 62 instead of 46. In 1990 election, there were about two million or 1,858,918 votes that were invalid for counting and it can be assumed that it is a large number. It is all right if it was a normal occurrence, but if there were any invalid votes that were created by someone in favour of a certain party, it would be most regrettable. This is food for thought concerning what better system or aids should be applied

in the forthcoming elections.

Let alone the democracy that is to be practised through representatives, there were weaknesses in Greece which practised direct democracy. Direct democracy was practised in Athens and Spartan City States. But in the city state with the population of 300,000 people, those who had the right to attend the meetings to make decisions were not the whole 300,000 people.

Among them, 100,000 slaves, about 100,000 foreigners (other citizens), over 100,000 women, those who are not adults and those who do not turn 21 had no right to attend those meetings. If only 6,000 people attended the meeting which was to practise direct democracy, it was assumed enough. Over 3,000 persons, half of 6,000, could thus decide everything. Important decisions such as appointment, dismissal, death sentence, declaration of war, withdrawal of declaration of war came to the hands of 3,000 people. Three thousand people is one per cent of 300,000. In this way there emerged limits, weaknesses, shortcomings in practice of democracy. It is necessary to seek and practise new system and way which bring about the genuine desire of the people effectively overcoming the inequality, incorrectness and weaknesses.

According to the 20th Century Chambers Dictionary, the definition of democracy is (a country having) a form of government in which the people have power freely to elect representatives to carry on the governmental democracies. According to U Tun Nyein's Dictionary, democracy is defined as governing the country by representatives appointed by the people, government of the president.

Here two main forces are practising democracy. They are the people and representatives. There are two parts — the part of the people and that of the representatives. **It is important for the people to practise democracy and make right decision. The people have to vote for good and able citizens. It is necessary for the people to be able to distinguish the policy which reflects their interest and the one which does not reflect their interest. If the people have ability to correctly distinguish between real and bogus, short-term and long-term interest, external appearance and interior essence, there will be the correct choice. It is necessary for them to make decision with honesty, free from partiality and fear. It is necessary to have ability to resist enticement and various kinds of bribes offered directly or indirectly. If the people have good qualifications, they will be able to choose good and able citizens and adopt good and correct policy. It is necessary for them to learn in order to enhance the scope of knowledge and consideration.**

**At the same time, it is necessary to have good representatives. There might be some candidates who with their wealth compete in elections with a view to getting popular, obtaining dignity and grabbing power. The candidate must possess six qualities of a superior and must be the one who loves the truth and who is sincere. He or she must be the one who will never hesitate to sacrifice even his or her life in the interests of the nation and the people. In other words, the candidate must have good character, has to be efficient and the initiative.**

**Only with the most suitable policies and representatives who can accomplish these policies, a nation can expect a bright future. The practising of democracy depends much on the people. If the majority of the people seek self-interest and are deceitful, such a nation cannot achieve democracy and its efforts will be in vain.**

As such, the Tatmadaw Government has been sacrificing a good deal of lives, blood and sweat of its members for restoration of peace and tranquillity and development of the nation and the people. Only when there prevails peace and stability in the nation, will flourish democracy. Democracy can never be put into practice in a region or nation where there are full of insurgencies, murders, bullying and threats. Totally free from such horrible events as the murder of four people in Minhla, the murder of six people in Ngazun, EC Madha kidnap that occurred over 40 years ago, Myanmar today is enjoying significant development with moderate political weather. At such an opportune time, the delegates are to give priority to serving the interest of the nation and the people rather than self-interest in order to promote

## 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:

#### Nyaunghnapin Camp

- \* Nyaunghnapin  
Camp that'll succeed.  
To attend National Convention  
Arrivals from all directions  
Brethren Representatives  
Stride with new strength.
- \* For future of our nation  
Noble and clear mind  
Convention representatives  
Nurture them all.  
Convene and deliberate  
Discuss and reason  
What he'd know I'd tell  
What I'd know he'd tell  
Opinions and what's seen  
To be in conformity gladly  
Come to terms.
- \* No matter who may disturb how  
Unswerving and staunch  
In the national interest  
Hands held together  
Brethren all assembled  
Taking part in this event.  
Envisioned together for eternity  
The seven-point policy  
To see to noble materialization.  
Brethren happily hail it.  
Song of success reverberates
- \* Nyaunghnapin  
Camp that'll succeed.  
To attend National Convention  
Arrivals from all directions  
Brethren Representatives  
Stride with new strength.

Myinmu Maung Naing Moe (Trns)

magnanimity, mutual understanding, forgiveness, respect and sympathy among them in a bid to effectively translate the State's seven-step Road Map into reality for the emergence of discipline-flourishing democracy in the nation.

(Translation: TTA + BG + NY + MS)





Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt inspects all-round renovation of religious buildings at Shwedagon Pagoda.—MNA

### Vice President of MWAFF inspects Spoken English Course

YANGON, 23 May — Vice President of Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation Daw Khin Lay Thet, accompanied by advisor Daw Kyi Kyi Win to the working group for Informa-

tion, advisor Daw Thazin Nwe to the working group for Education, other advisors and members of working groups, inspected the spoken English classes organized by working groups for

Information and Education of MWAFF at language lab and classrooms of Mingala Taungnyunt BEHS 3 here this morning and encouraged the trainees.

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### Chinese delegation calls on Information Minister

YANGON, 23 May — A four-member Chinese delegation led by Mrs Liu Xiuwen, Secretary-General of Chinese Film Association, who are on study tour in Myanmar called on Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan at his office this afternoon.

Also present at the call were Deputy Minister for Information Brig-Gen Aung Thein, departmental heads of department and enterprises under the Ministry of Information, officials of Myanmar Motion Picture Asiayon, the head of office of the ministry, staff of

Chinese Embassy to Myanmar.

During the call, they held discussions on promotion of cooperation in the field of film between the People's Republic of China and the Union of Myanmar.

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Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan receives Secretary-General Mrs Liu Xiuwen and party of Chinese Film Association.—MNA



Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt offers robes to Secretary Sayadaw Bhaddanta Kumara.—MNA

### Prime Minister attends ...

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Examination Ovadaçariya Committee Mawlamyine Webyan Monastery Sayadaw Abhidhaja Maha Rattha Guru Bhaddanta Vijayabhivamsa and members, Pro-Rector of International Theravada Buddhist Missionary University Agga Maha Pandita Dr Kumarabhivamsa and members of the Sangha, patron Sayadaws of Tipitaka Nikaya Missionary Upathaka Group, Tipitakadhara Tipitaka Kovida Sayadaws and monks who had passed the 56th Tipitakadhara Selec-

tion Examination, Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe, ministers, deputy ministers, senior military officers, officials of the State Peace and Development Council Office, departmental heads, the Chairman of Tipitaka Nikaya Missionary Upathaka Group (Central) and members, the chairmen of Tipitaka Nikaya Missionary Upathaka Group (Yangon) and (Mandalay), disciples and guests. First, Thiha Thudhamma Manijotadhara Hsinmin U

Tin Shwe and party ushered in the Sayadaws to the designated places.

Secretary Sayadaw Bhaddanta Kumara administered the Five Precepts.

Chairman of Tipitaka Nikaya Missionary Upathaka Group (Central) U Aye Pe (Retd) supplicated on the purpose of honouring members of the Sangha.

Next, Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt offered robes and provisions to the Magway Sayadaw. Afterwards, the commander, the ministers, the deputy ministers and senior military officers donated provisions to the Sayadaws.—MNA

### PM urges faculty members...

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which take charge of both universities to make efforts for development of the universities with momentum and for related ministries and committees to provide necessary assistance.

He said the two universities are very important because they will produce technicians needed in building of an industrialized nation in the future. Arrangements have been made for the graduates of the universities to take part in nation-building tasks.

He urged officials and faculty members to make concerted efforts to realize the objectives of the State, to possess the characteristics of international universities, to produce highly-qualified technicians in accordance with the universities established by the government with lofty aims.

Next, Minister for Transport Maj-Gen Hla Myint Swe reported on academic and management matters and staff affairs of the university, first phase and second phase constructions, future tasks, dispatching teachers abroad for further study, communication with international organizations, arrangements for upgrading the institute of marine technology into the Myanmar mercantile marine degree college, the institute of aviation technology into

the Myanmar civil aviation university, diplomas to be conferred and law matters.

Next, Deputy Ministers for Transport U Pe Than and Col Nyan Tun Aung, Rector of MMU U Thein Tun reported on lecturing of teachers at home and abroad with the use of modern teaching and learning aids for producing outstanding marine technicians and requirements.

After that, Deputy Minister for Science and Technology U Nyi Hla Nge reported on courses conducted and number of students, academic and management matters, conducting courses for faculty members by guest professors from abroad, fulfilment of modern teaching and learning aids, publications and lab equipment, construction of Myanmar Aerospace University and requirements.

Minister for Science and Technology U Thaug gave a supplementary report.

Next, Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Rear-Admiral Soe Thein, Commander-in-Chief (Air) Lt-Gen Myat Hein, Maj-Gen Aung

Hlaing of the Ministry of Defence, ministers, deputy ministers and departmental heads gave suggestions on Myanmar Maritime University and Myanmar Aerospace University.

After hearing reports, Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt attended to the needs and made concluding remarks, saying that according to the reports of officials at different levels it can be assessed that objectives have been fulfilled to a certain extent as Myanmar Maritime University and Myanmar Aerospace University were in existence for about three years.

The two universities were established with the aim of fulfilling the national objectives and in accordance with the guidance of the Head of State and subjects contributing to the State as well as to the emergence of an industrial nation are being taught at the institutions. Therefore, officials at different levels are to make continued efforts for the emergence of highly qualified technicians in line with the national objectives.—MNA

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Lt-Gen Ye Myint inspects progress in building Myittha Bridge (Kalewa). — MNA



## Lt-Gen Ye Myint inspects building of Myittha Bridge (Kalewa), Kalewa-Mawlaik Road

YANGON, 23 May—Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Ye Myint of the Ministry of Defence, accompanied by officials of the State Peace and Development Council Office and ministries concerned, left here by air on 22 May morning and arrived Mandalay International Airport at 8 am.

Accompanied by Chairman of Sagaing Division Peace and

Development Council Commander of North-West Command Maj-Gen Tha Aye, Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party proceeded to Kalay.

At Aung San Hall in Kalay Station, Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party together with Brig-Gen Khin Maung Aye of Kalay Station met departmental officials and local people. Also present were the commander, Col Nyi Tun of Kalay Station, local authorities and local people.

Local authorities and departmental officials reported on matters related to Kalay District and Township. Lt-Gen Ye Myint attended to their needs.

Lt-Gen Ye Myint gave a speech and cordially met departmental officials and local people.

At Kalay General Hospital, Lt-Gen Ye Myint inspected the site for building extension of two-storey patient ward, completion of the operation

theatre and installation of hospital equipment. Medical Superintendent Dr Tin Tun conducted them round the hospital.

In the briefing hall, Medical Superintendent Dr Tin Tun reported on modern hospital equipment provided by the State, admission of patients, field trips of specialists, setting up of funds, free charge of health care service and extension of the hospital.

Next, Lt-Gen Ye

Myint inspected Intensive Care Unit and eye and dental care units.

At noon, they arrived at the construction site of Myittha Bridge (Kalewa) Project on Kalay-Kalewa Road. Sagaing Division Superintending Engineer U Kyi Tun reported on finishing works of the bridge. In-charge of Kalay-Mawlaik Road Construction Project Maj Aung Htay reported on construction tasks related to the road. Maj-Gen Tha Aye and Brig-Gen Khin Maung Aye gave supplementary reports.

Next, Lt-Gen Ye

Myint inspected laying of gravel on Kalewa-Mawlaik section and preparations for building the bridge on Kalewa-Mawlaik.

Kalewa-Mawlaik Road will be 36 miles long and 40 feet wide. Now, 27 miles and two furlongs out of 36 miles have been completed.

At Myittha Bridge (Kalewa), Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party inspected building of the retaining walls, installation of main cable, laying of tar on the main bridge and progress of building the approach road on Monywa bank. — MNA

## Altogether 183 major bridges...

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Afterwards, Maj-Gen Saw Tun briefed on the construction of the bridge.

He said that a total of 171 bridges have been built all over the country since 1988. Moreover, there are 24 bridges which are under construction and other 20 ones are to be built.

The newly opened Panmon Creek Bridge is the 11th one among the bridges inaugurated in Sagaing Division which are over 180 feet long. In the division, there are two bridges under construction and three are to be built, he said.

He also thanked the departmental officials and

local people who gave a hand with the construction

of the bridge.

Next, Commander Maj-Gen Tha Aye also made an address.

Later, Maj-Gen Tha Aye, Maj-Gen Saw Tun and Brig-Gen Khin Maung Aye of Kalay Station

formally opened the bridge. Then, Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party had a documentary photo taken.



Lt-Gen Ye Myint unveils stone inscription of Panmon Creek Bridge in Kalay. — MNA



Lt-Gen Ye Myint delivers an address at the opening ceremony of Panmon Creek Bridge in Kalay.— MNA



Next, Lt-Gen Ye Myint unveiled the stone inscription of the bridge and sprinkled scented water on it.

The reinforced type Panmon Creek Bridge is 220 feet long and its clearance is 104 feet wide and two feet high. It can withstand 30 tons of load. The bridge construction tasks were launched on 1st August 2003.

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### Maj-Gen Saw Lwin inspects factories in Indagaw industrial zone

YANGON, 23 May — Minister for Industry-2 Maj-Gen Saw Lwin, accompanied by Deputy Minister Lt-Col Khin Maung Kyaw and officials, inspected Indagaw Industrial Zone in Bago Division this afternoon. Managing Director of Myanmar Automobile and Diesel Engine Industries U Soe Thein reported on production of autoparts for jeeps, TE trucks and purchase of raw materials. Managing Director of Myanmar Agricultural Machinery Industries Col Myo Tint reported on production of power-tillers in cooperation with private industrialists, and Project Director of Myanmar Machine Tool and Electrical

Industries U Win Tint on test production of aluminium wires, availability of raw materials and the requirement of aluminium wires for Myanma Electric Power Enterprise. The minister gave instructions on supply of raw materials, cooperation with private industrialists and quality control of aluminium wires. Director of Myanmar Automobile and Diesel Engine Industries U Thwin Myint Maung then reported on teak plantation in the zone. Advisor to Directorate of Myanmar Industrial Planning U Than Htut and Managing Director of Myanmar Industrial Construction Services U Ye Tun reported on measures undertaken for factory projects. The minister inspected workshops and factories in the zone. MNA



National Convention delegates take physical exercises on Sunday.— MNA

### Film delegation arrives

YANGON, 23 May— A 4-member study group led by Secretary-General of Film Association the People's Republic of China Mrs Liu Xiuwen arrived here by air this afternoon for exchange and cooperation in the movie field between the two countries.

Director of Myanmar Motion Picture Enterprise U Thein Tun Aung and officials of the Chinese embassy welcomed the delegation at Yangon International Airport.

The delegation visited the Myanmar Motion Picture Historical Museum on Winkaba Street, Bahan Township and met with officials of the Myanmar Motion Picture Asiaton. MNA



National Convention delegates playing billiards on Sunday.— MNA

### New Fresh Up Gel toothpaste introduced

YANGON, 23 May— The new Fresh Up Gel

toothpaste was introduced at Sedona hotel in Yangon at 2 pm today, attended by officials from Myanmar Dental Association, mediemen, artistes, sale representatives, officials from Fresh Up company,

staff and guests. Brand Manager of the company Daw Moe Myint Thu extended greetings and Managing Director Dr Tun Min explained salient points of the toothpaste. MNA



Managing Director Dr Tun Min of Fresh Up Gel Co introduces the new product to audience.— MNA

### Chinese Tibet Mountaineer Expedition leaves for K-2

ISLAMABAD, 23 May — Chinese Tibet Mountaineer Expedition (CTME) comprising 10 members left for K-2 on Saturday to start the third attempt for Chinese on the world's second highest peak.

The expedition, arranged by China-Tibet Mountaineering Association (CTMA) in collaboration with Alpine Club of Pakistan, marks the golden jubilee celebrations of K-2's first ascent. Two Italian explorers succeeded to ascent the peak as the first time of human being on July 31, 1954. —MNA/Xinhua

### သတိပေးနှိုးဆော်ချက်

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### အရက်ကြောင့်ဖြစ်သည့်ရောဂါများ

အရက်ကိုလွန်ကျွံစားနှင့် စွဲလမ်းစွာသောက်သုံးခြင်းကြောင့် ဖြစ်ပွားတတ်သောရောဂါများမှာ အသည်းရောင်ခြင်း၊ အသည်းခြောက်ခြင်း၊ သွေးအန်ခြင်း၊ အစာအိမ်ရောဂါဖြစ်ခြင်း၊ နှလုံးရောဂါဖြစ်ခြင်း၊ ဦးနှောက်နှင့်အာရုံကြောထိခိုက်ခြင်း၊ စိတ်ရောဂါများဖြစ်ခြင်း စသည်တို့ဖြစ်ပါသည်။

အရက်ကြောင့်ဖြစ်တတ်သော စိတ်ရောဂါများမှာ -  
၁။ ကယောင်ကတမ်းဖြစ်ခြင်း (Delirium Tremors)၊ ကြောက်လန့်ခြင်း၊ အချိန်၊ နာရီ၊ ရေရာ၊ လူ ခန့်မှန်းနိုင်စွမ်း မရှိခြင်း၊ ကြောက်စရာလန့်စရာများမြင်ရခြင်း၊ အသံဗလများ ကြားရခြင်း၊ ပိုမိုများစွာအနာဂတ်ယုံပေါ် ရုစိတ်သွားသလိုခံစားရခြင်း၊ လက်တုန်ရောဂါဖြစ်တတ်ခြင်း။

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

၃။ အတက်ကြီးရောဂါဖြစ်တတ်ခြင်း (Rum Fits) (ဝက်ရုပ်မြန်ရောဂါကဲ့သို့တတ်ခြင်း)။

၄။ စိတ်ဓာတ်ကျရောဂါဖြစ်တတ်ခြင်း (Depressive Illness)။

၅။ စိတ်ဖောက်ပြန်ခြင်း (Alcoholic Psychosis)။

၆။ ဦးနှောက်ချို့ယွင်းခြင်း။

၇။ အရက်နှင့်မတည့်သောသူများသည် အရက်အနည်းငယ်သောက်ရုံဖြင့် ရုတ်တရက် စိတ်ဖောက်ပြန်တတ်ခြင်း (Pathological Drunkenness)။

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

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

ကျန်းမာရေးဝန်ကြီးဌာန

### Philippine government mulls more crude production from Malampaya

MANILA, 23 May — The Philippine Department of Energy (DOE) is studying the possibility of extracting more crude oil from the Malampaya field off the western island province of Palawan for domestic use amid a looming global oil crisis.

"Although the oil produced from Malampaya is not sufficient enough to cover for all our petroleum needs, we might consider looking at it as one of the options to ease the burden of the rising world crude prices," Energy Undersecretary Emmanuel de Dios was quoted by Saturday's Philippine Star as saying.

The Government is using the natural gas from Malampaya to power up not only generating plants but also compressed natural gas-run buses.

Aside from these, the energy official said the DOE is currently exploring all alternative sources of energy especially those from renewable energy sources such as wind, solar and geothermal, according to the newspaper Star..

Shell Petroleum Exploration B.V. (SPEX), the main operator of the 4.5-billion-US-dollar Malampaya oil development project, has been continuing its efforts to drill more oil in the field, and is planning to drill five to six more oil wells within the area.

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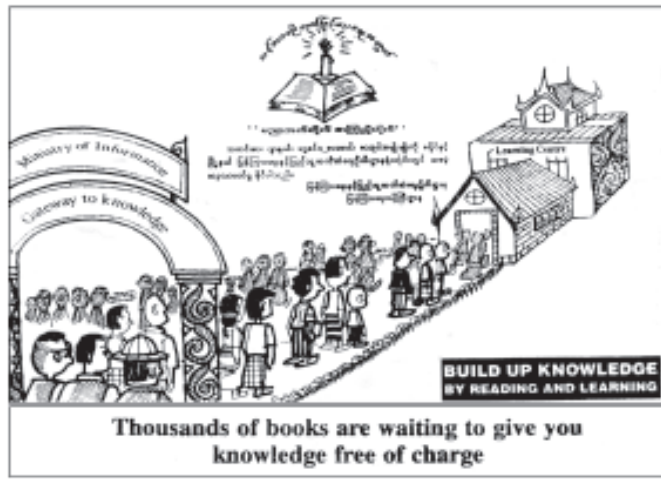
### ကျန်းမာပျော်ရွှင် ဘဝတစ်ခွင်

ကျန်းမာခြင်းဆိုသည်မှာ - ရောဂါဘယကင်းရှင်းစွာ သာမက၊ ကိုယ်၏ကျန်းမာကြံ့ခိုင်ခြင်း၊ စိတ်ချမ်းသာခြင်းနှင့် လူမှုရေးသုခပြည့်ဝခြင်း ကိုဆိုသည်။

ဘဝတစ်ခွင် ကျန်းမာပျော်ရွှင်စေရန် အောက်ပါအတိုင်း လိုက်နာဆောင်ရွက်ပါ။

- (၁) တစ်ကိုယ်ရည်သန့်ရှင်းမှုကိုဆောင်ရွက်ပါ။
- (၂) အန္တရာယ်ကင်း၍ အာဟာရပြည့်ဝသော အစားအသောက်များကိုစားသုံးပါ။
- (၃) ပိုမိုများကင်းစင်၍ သန့်ရှင်းသောရေကို သောက်သုံးပါ။
- (၄) ရာသီဥတုနှင့် လိုက်လျောညီထွေစွာဝတ်စားဆင်ယင်နေထိုင်ပါ။
- (၅) အသက်အရွယ်နှင့်လိုက်လျောညီထွေရှိသည့် သင့်တင့်မျှတသော ကိုယ်လက်လှုပ်ရှားမှုကို မှန်မှန်ဆောင်ရွက်ပါ။
- (၆) နေ့စဉ်လုပ်ငန်းဆောင်တာများ ဆောင်ရွက်ခြင်းကြောင့် ပင်ပန်းနွမ်းနယ်မှုကိုပြေပျောက်စေရန် အနားယူပါ။
- (၇) ခြင်္သေ့ရုယ်မှကွယ်ရန် ခြင်္သေ့အငြိမ်းအိပ်ပါ။
- (၈) ကျန်းမာရေးနှင့်ညီညွတ်သော ယဉ်ကျေးမှုသဘောကိုစွဲပါ။
- (၉) အရက်သောက်ခြင်း၊ ဆေးလိပ်ဆေးရွက် သောက်သုံးခြင်း၊ ကွမ်းစားခြင်းတို့ကိုရှောင်ကြဉ်ပါ။
- (၁၀) မူးယစ်ဆေးဝါးနှင့် စိတ်ကိုမြှင့်တင်လှစေသည့် ဆေးဝါးများ သုံးစွဲခြင်းကို ရှောင်ကြဉ်ပါ။
- (၁၁) အပျော်အပါးလိုက်စားခြင်းကို ရှောင်ကြဉ်ပါ။
- (၁၂) ရေ၊ မြေ၊ လေ သဘာဝတရားကျင့်သင့် နေထိုင်မှု၊ အသက်မွေးမှုတရားကျင့်တို့အား ညစ်ညမ်းစေသည့် အပြုအမူများကို ရှောင်ကြဉ်ပါ။

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## Japan's oldest man dies at 109

Tokyo, 23 May — Japan's oldest man, Kamen Nakamura, died of senility Thursday at a hospital in Okinawa Prefecture at the age of 109.

Born at the village of Chinen in 1894, Nakamura had lived on farming until 70 years old. He became Japan's oldest man at 108 following the death of 114-year-old Yukichi Chuganji last September.

When about 90, dialect-speaking Nakamura started to learn standard Japanese to better communicate with his grandchildren.

Japan is listed as one of the countries with longest average lifespan. According

to government data, its female average lifespan in 2003 topped all other countries at 85.23 years old, while that for male was 78.32 years old.

After the death of Nakamura, the oldest Japanese man is now Minsho Ozawa, also 109, of Yamanashi Prefecture, while the country's oldest person is Ura Koyama, 113, who lives in Fukuoka Prefecture, according to government data. — MNA/Xinhua

## South Africa outlines war on AIDS, poverty

CAPE TOWN, 23 May — South Africa's President Thabo Mbeki unveiled a raft of policies on Friday to fight poverty and AIDS in the continent's biggest economy and boost a growth rate which lags other emerging markets.

The ruling African National Congress, which won a landslide victory in the country's third elections last month, has pledged to spend 100 billion rand (14.82 billion dollars) over the next five years to halve an unemployment rate of 30 per cent by 2014.

Mbeki said the government would spend more to provide housing and clean water for South Africa's poor majority, and ensure that the country's railway and port infrastructure — seen as a key impediment to growth — was dramatically upgraded.

He also addressed the thorny subject of HIV-AIDS, saying that 53,000 people would be on its newly rolled out drugs treatment plan for the epidemic — which infects an estimated one in nine South Africans — by March 2005.

Mbeki said his government would ensure administered prices set by government bodies did not fuel inflation, which is within the government's three to 6 per cent target range.

"The government will lead the process of ensuring that administered prices do not unnecessarily add to the general costs of production and the inflationary pressures in our economy," he told Parliament.

"Our policies in this regard will be announced by October this year."

Mbeki was speaking to Parliament in his first State-of-the-Nation address since the election, which coincided with South Africa's 10th anniversary of democracy.

He said state-owned railway operator Spoornet would increase freight capacity by 30 per cent over the next five years. In the current financial year, the Rail Commuter Corporation would invest 220 million rand to improve commuter transport and safety.

A tender for new energy generating capacity to provide for South Africa's growing needs from 2008 would be launched in December, and awarded in the first half of 2005, Mbeki said.

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## Death toll of N China coal mine accident rises to 27

JIAOKOU (Shanxi Province), 23 May — Rescuers found another two bodies Friday, raising the death toll of coal mine gas explosion that occurred Tuesday in north China's Shanxi Province to 27, with 6 others still missing.

The colliery in Jiaokou County of Shanxi was hit by a gas blast at around 6:20 pm Tuesday.

Rescuers have saved one miner and found 27 bodies, but 6 miners are still reported trapped in the coal mine.

Zou Zhongjia, an official in charge of the rescue operation, said enhanced ventilation reduced the density of carbon monoxide in the shafts and tunnels, but the large-scale roof collapse underneath still challenged the rescue operation.

MNA/Xinhua

## ပြည်တွင်းပြင်ပကို အားပေးပါ

## FAO Director-General praises China's success in food security

BEIJING, 23 May — China's fight against hunger has been a great success, said Jacques Diouf, Director-General of the Food and Agricultural Organization of the United Nations here Thursday at the ongoing 27th FAO Regional Conference for the Asia and the Pacific.

"We are encouraged by the fact that China is feeding one quarter of world's population only with 7 per cent of the world's arable land," said Diouf when interviewed by reporters.

Diouf attributed China's success to the priority the Chinese Government had given to agriculture and its huge investment in the sector. China has been giving priority within agriculture to irrigation. So far 50 per cent of its arable land has been built with irrigation facilities and China's target is to increase one per cent of irrigable arable land each year.

In addition, policies have been adopted in China to

avoid deforestation along the banks of major rivers, which helped cut water erosion, silt accumulation and flood risks.

Diouf noted that China's agriculture still faces some problems. The income difference between the rural and urban areas, and between the coastal and inland areas, led to migration of the rural population to urban and coastal areas of the country.

China will also face increasing food demand with its high GDP growth, especially in high-quality food, said Diouf. Besides, the country will also face the consequences of becoming a member of the WTO and the international market which is distorted.

Diouf also mentioned China's cereal output decrease, reduction of stocks and increase of demand in the past several years, saying that climate changes have caused the output decrease.

"The Chinese Government is naturally well aware of the problems, and is developing policies to address these problems," said Diouf.

In the past 20 years, China has adopted a series of reform measures to improve agricultural productivity.

Currently, total supply of major agricultural products has shifted from a long-term shortage to a general balance against total demand, with some surplus in good harvest years. The number of undernourished people had also decreased to 29 million in 2003 from 250 million in 1978.

MNA/Xinhua

## Dengue fever cases expected to rise in Philippines

MANILA, 23 May — The number of dengue cases are expected to rise in the central Philippines with the early onset of the rainy season, a local health official said Thursday.

Thirteen persons were tested positive for dengue fever from January to April this year and one of the victims, a seven-year-old child died, the *Philippines News Agency* quoted Iloilo City Health Officer Urmicino Baronda as saying.

Baronda observed that in 2003, there were 93 positive dengue cases and only one fatality. Health officials predicted that aedes aegypti mosquitoes, which carried the virus, would be highly active, because they find stagnant waters as their breeding grounds.

Baronda urged the people in the area to keep their surroundings clean and be vigilant against the onslaughts of those mosquitoes which usually attack during daytime as the city health office was also accepting requests for fogging operations.

Baronda said his office was putting on close watch and monitoring seven areas in the region which have a record of dengue cases to the past, adding that dengue could be prevented if people change their life habits and keep their surroundings clean. — MNA/Xinhua

## HK, Kenya sign air services agreement

HONG KONG, 23 May — Hong Kong signed here Friday an air service agreement with Kenya.

Hong Kong Secretary for Economic Development and Labour Stephen Ip John and Njorge Michuki, Minister for Transport and Communications of the Republic of Kenya signed the agreement Friday.

"The Air Services Agreement signed today provides a legal framework for the establishment of air links between Hong Kong and Kenya. It opens a new chapter in the development of air services between the two places," said Ip at the signing ceremony.

He said, since last September, local people and overseas tourists have been able to enjoy the good

services of Kenya Airways, which has become one of the 70 international airlines operating at the Hong Kong International Airport, serving Hong Kong and Nairobi with three direct services every week.

Ip said the bilateral trade between Hong Kong and Kenya in 2003 rose by 22 per cent over the previous year and the number of Kenya visitors to Hong Kong increased by 42 per cent during the same period.

At present, Kenya Airways is providing three weekly direct passenger services between Hong Kong and Nairobi, the capital city of Kenya. — MNA/Xinhua



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## Heat death roll inches to 50 in India's Amritsar

NEW DELHI, 23 May—Mercury Friday shot up to 46.5 degrees Celsius in India's holy city Amritsar as heat wave gripping north India claimed 11 more lives, pushing the death roll from the scorching weather close to 50.

The Press Trust of India reported that nine people succumbed since Thursday evening to soaring mercury in Uttar Pradesh where Agra, Allahabad and Kanpur sizzled at 45 degrees Celsius.

Acute power and water crises in many areas in Uttar Pradesh have so far made 38 people succumbed to blazing heat.

Two heat-related deaths were reported in Rajasthan, where mercury hovered around 44 degrees Celsius in Churu, Dholpur, Sriganganagar and Jaisalmer.

Heat wave continued unabated in Punjab, Haryana and Chandigarh with mid-day temperatures settling several notches above normal in the plains.

Amritsar in Punjab boiled at 46.5 degree Celsius, eight degrees above normal, Ludhiana at 45.9 degrees and Patiala at 44.4 degrees.

Chandigarh reeled at 43.8 degrees Celsius, five degrees above normal. — MNA/Xinhua

## Vietnamese companies see fruitful cooperation with China

BEIJING, 23 May—Five companies from China and Vietnam signed cooperative contracts during trade talks held here Friday morning and many other companies of the two countries showed their cooperative intents.

This is the first time Vietnamese Prime Minister Phan Van Khai brought an entrepreneurs delegation with him though it is his fifth visit to China since he took office as vice-prime minister in 1992 and as prime minister in 1997.

"To bring entrepreneurs with me is very correct," Khai said in the trade talks, which more than 100 entrepreneurs from both countries attended.

Among the five companies, Guangxi Yuchai Machinery Company Ltd., Dongfeng Liuzhou Motor Company Ltd from China and Da Nang Equipment and Spare Parts Company of Vietnam agreed to make trucks in Vietnam with

Chinese technologies and trademarks.

According to their contract, the project will be finished by the year 2008 with an output of 4,000 trucks a year.

The other contract was signed by China Shanghai (Group) Corporation for Foreign Economic and Technological Cooperation (SFECO Group) and Construction Machinery Corporation of Vietnam (COMA).

These two companies have cooperated for some four years. This time they agreed to build a power plant and a cement plant in Vietnam, with a total investment of approximately 70 million US dollars.

During the talks that Khai held with Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao Thursday, they set a goal of enhancing all-round trade and economic cooperation in all spheres to double trade volume by 2010, that is, to reach 10 billion US dollars.

In the trade talks Khai said this is a modest goal. "The economies of Vietnam and China are complementary and the export and import fee is very low since they are neighbours. I can say that the goal will be reached

before 2010."

Since Vietnam began its reform in the 1980s, it has drawn more than 3,000 foreign-invested projects involving over 50 billion US dollars. However, China's investment is merely 300 million US dollars.

"This is not suitable to the capacity of Chinese enterprises," Khai said. "China has a strong economy and its entrepreneurs are very competitive. I hope more Chinese entrepreneurs will invest in Vietnam." — MNA/Xinhua

## Substance abuse linked to a quarter of violent crimes

LONDON, 23 May — People with serious drug and alcohol abuse problems are linked to about a quarter of all violent crimes but many could be avoided with better treatment, scientists said on Friday.

They found that 16 per cent of crimes such as murder, robbery, assault and rape in Sweden between 1988-2000 were committed by people who had been discharged from hospital for alcohol misuse and 10 per cent were associated with drug abusers.

"It is likely you will find the same sort of figures in Western Europe and North America," Seena Fazel, of the

University of Oxford, said in an interview.

Fazel and Martin Grann, of the Karolinska Institute in Stockholm, studied the country's national crime register and compared it with hospital discharges of people diagnosed with alcohol and drug misuse and psychoses.

Few countries, apart from Scandinavian nations, have such detailed population-based registers which are needed to conduct such a study.

In addition to alcohol, abuse of amphetamines and

opiates such as heroin, and use of multiple drugs were linked to the most violent crimes.

"There needs to be more integration between the criminal justice system and mental health services because of this close association between crime and people who leave hospital with drug and alcohol problems," said Fazel, who reported his findings in the *British Medical Journal*.

"Using resources to treat people with these problems could be cost effective in

terms of crime reduction," he added. In Britain alone, drug related crimes cost the criminal justice system about 1 billion pounds (1.8 billion US dollars) annually.

Fazel suggested that opportunities for treatment should be considered if a person with a history of alcohol or drug abuse has been convicted of committing a violent crime. "Probation officers and mental health professionals should continue to work more closely," he added.

MNA/Reuters



A chimpanzee named Conny is shown here Ragunan zoo in Jakarta recently. — INTERNET

## Convicted Argentine bus driver must watch surgery

BUENOS AIRES (Argentina), 23 May—An Argentine bus driver must watch surgery being performed on a traffic accident victim as part of his punishment for striking and killing an 11-year-old boy, a judge said on Friday.

"This is an important legal warning to people who violate transit laws," said Judge Cesar Raul Jimenez of the northern province of Misiones, calling the unusual sentence an "educational measure".

Ramon Rodriguez Dos Santos, 44, was convicted of manslaughter after his bus collided with the child on a scooter.

The judge also barred him from driving for five years and gave him a two-year suspended prison sentence.

Dos Santos must now undergo psychological and physical tests to ensure he can withstand the trauma of watching surgery.

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Marifely Arguello, Miss Nicaragua Universe 2004, poses in her Tadashi dress during a pre-taping of the opening number at the La Capilla del Hombre in Quito, Ecuador on 21 May, 2004. She will compete for the title of Miss Universe 2004 during the 53rd annual Miss Universe competition on 1 June, 2004. — INTERNET

## 11 killed, dozens unconscious due to heat wave in Pakistan

ISLAMABAD, 23 May—At least 11 people have been killed and dozens have become senseless in southern Pakistan's Sindh Province due to severe heat wave in the past few days, according to the local news agency News Network International.

Sindh Province is in the grip of horrible heat wave, due to which the death toll has risen to 11, the news agency quoted a local official as saying Friday.

The prices of ice and soft drinks have gone up with the rise of temperature, the official said. People were becoming ill and the clinic and hospitals were full of patients, the official said.

On Friday, the temperature in southern Pakistan city Jacobabad was recorded as 51 degrees Centigrade while over 49 in the city of Khotki.

MNA/Xinhua

## Nepal, India sign railway agreement

KATHMANDU, 23 May—The governments of Nepal and India signed an agreement regarding railway services here Friday, which is considered crucial for the operation of the dry port in Birgunj City of Nepal.

The agreement will help promote bilateral trade between Nepal and India as well as Nepal's trade with third countries as it has facilitated operation of railway services from Birgunj to different railway stations in India and to the harbour, Secretary of the Nepali Ministry of Industry, Commerce and Supplies, Dinesh Chandra Pyakurel said at the signing ceremony.

Pyakurel said a multimodal transportation system could be developed after the operation of the dry port which would make cargo transportation service reliable and efficient and the trade sector in Nepal could benefit from this.

The operation of the dry port will help reduce the

transportation cost and there will be no need for storing goods in large quantity at one time as a result of the arrangements in which the cargo can be despatched and received on time, he said.

There is possibility of further extension of trade between Nepal and India with the operation of the dry port in Birgunj, he noted, adding that India is considering Nepal's request to use Jawaharlal Nehru Port in Mumbai City of India as a transit port. — MNA/Xinhua

**Drive safely**

## SPORTS

## Roma confirm 25 million euro price tag for Samuel

ROME, 23 May — AS Roma sold Argentine defender Walter Samuel to Real Madrid for 25 million euros (30.12 million US dollars), the Serie A club said on Friday.

Samuel's move to the Spanish giants on a five-year contract was announced on Thursday but the financial terms of the deal were not disclosed.

The 26-year-old Argentine international joined Roma from Boca Juniors in 2000.

He will join his new club on July 1. His arrival is a response to criticisms that Real Madrid's squad lacked strength at the back.

Samuel is the second player in the past week to leave the financially-troubled Serie A team following French defender Jonathan Zebina, who signed for Juventus.

Earlier this season Italian sports daily *La Gazzetta dello Sport* estimated Roma's debts at 250 million euros. —MNA/Reuters

## Sukur double gives Turkey 3-1 win over Australia

SYDNEY, 23 May — Hakan Sukur scored twice in seven minutes to give Turkey a 3-1 win over Australia in the first of their two friendly internationals on Friday.

The veteran striker broke a 1-1 deadlock midway through the second half then sealed his team's victory when he was on target again moments later.

Turkey, World Cup semi-finalists in 2002, dominated the match against a depleted Australian side but had to work hard for their win.

They opened the scoring in the 41st minute when Umit Ozat netted a free kick but the Australians levelled three minutes into the second half when Marco Bresciano converted a penalty.

Turkey are touring Australia after failing to qualify for Euro 2004 while the Australians are preparing for the second round of Oceania World Cup qualifiers. The teams play each other again in Melbourne on Monday.

Turkey blew a golden chance to grab an early goal when Barcelona midfielder Okan Buruk dispossessed Vince Grella and threaded the ball through to Tuncay Sanli.

The Fenerbahce striker charged into the Australian box but his shot was parried by Middlesbrough goalkeeper Mark Schwarzer. The Turks were able to dominate possession in the early stages but their frustration to get the ball in the back of the net boiled over and Emre Belozoglu, Rustu Recber and Australia's Brett Emerton were yellow-carded after a brief scuffle.

Emerton provided Australia with their first real chance midway through the first half when he turned in the box but his left foot shot sailed over the bar.

Turkey opened the scoring when Fenerbahce defender Ozat scored from a long-range free kick. Schwarzer looked to have Ozat's low-drive under control but the ball bobbled just as he was about to smother it and slid under his arms.

Australia almost levelled immediately when the ball fell to Parma midfielder Bresciano on the edge of the box but his shot also went high.

Bresciano made amends three minutes into the second half when he scored from the spot after being felled by a late lunge from Turkey captain Bulent Korkmaz.

Turkey regained the lead in the 68th minute after a terrible mix-up between Bresciano and Steve Laybutt.

Hasan Sas found himself in space after the two Australians got in each other's way and crossed for Sukur to poke the ball in for his first goal.

Sas was also the architect of Sukur's second, providing a cross which the striker headed into an open net.

MNA/Reuters

## Di Canio wanted by Brentford

LONDON, 23 May — Italian striker Paolo di Canio, out of contract at Charlton Athletic and yet to agree a new deal, is wanted by English Second Division side Brentford. The fiery 35-year-old joined Charlton from West Ham United in a one-season deal last August.

"I can confirm that I have genuine interest in bringing Paolo di Canio to Brentford," Allen told the west London club's web site on Friday.

"I will be discussing with the board early next week hoping that we can put a financial package together that would make it acceptable, just for one year, for Paolo to join us." Di Canio, who has also played for Sheffield Wednesday, Celtic and a host of top Italian clubs, made 23 league starts for Charlton this season, scoring four goals.—MNA/Reuters



Marc Planus, foreground, of Bordeaux, and Fernando Morientes, of Monaco, challenge for the ball during their 38th and last match of the French League One soccer championship in Bordeaux, southwestern France, on 21 May, 2004.—INTERNET

## Monaco move closer to direct Champions League berth

PARIS, 23 May — Monaco moved closer to a direct Champions League place when they snatched a 3-1 victory at Girondins Bordeaux in their last league match of the season on Friday before next week's Champions League final. The hosts went ahead after 14 minutes, midfielder Albert Riera volleying home a fine cross by Pascal Feindouno, but the visitors hit back immediately.

Inspirational Monaco striker Fernando Morientes set up Emmanuel Adebayor, who easily beat goalkeeper Mathieu Valverde for the equalizer.

Monaco wrapped up victory after the interval thanks to goals by Lucas Bernardi and Shabani Nonda within two minutes.

Monaco moved up from third to second in the table, two points ahead of Paris St. Germain on 75 points.

PSG are at Bastia in their last game of the season on Sunday, needing victory to reclaim second place and avoid playing in the

Champions League qualifying round.

Olympique Lyon will clinch their third consecutive title when they entertain lowly Lille at home on Sunday.

The league leaders are three points ahead of PSG and have an unassailable goal difference.

Monaco travel to Gelsenkirchen for the Champions League final against Porto on Wednesday, with Morientes proving his fitness after sustaining an ankle injury in last week's 4-1 defeat by Stade Rennes.

MNA/Reuters

## FIFA finally signs anti-doping declaration

PARIS, 23 May — Soccer's governing body FIFA finally agreed to the world anti-doping code on Friday, ending a two-year hiatus which threatened the participation of the world's most popular sport at August's Olympic Games.

FIFA president Sepp Blatter, Dick Pound, chairman of the World Anti-Doping Agency, and Jacques Rogge, president of the International Olympic Committee, took the stage at FIFA's Centennial Congress in Paris to sign FIFA's declaration.

"This is a historic day for sport and the battle against doping in sport," Pound told the Congress. "This is a major step forward."

"This is the end of it, football will now be at the Olympic Games. It is just up to FIFA now to incorporate this into their own process, but

this is the end of debate and I am delighted."

Rogge said: "I have been to many weddings and you hope the bride and groom will be happy. I am sure this marriage between FIFA and WADA will be a long one and produce good children."

All sports have to sign up to WADA's code if they want to take part in the Athens Games. Only cycling has now to sign. Earlier this week it seemed that soccer, which has been part of the Olympic Games since 1908 with the exception of the 1932 Games in Los Angeles, could be dropped from the programme.

The issue of what FIFA terms "individual case management" — dealing with each case on its merits rather than subscribing to automatic two-year bans — has held up the agreement.

WADA also wanted to retain the right to appeal to the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) if it disagrees with any FIFA ruling. This has also provided a sticking point but, according to both sides, these issues are now solved.—MNA/Reuters



France's Gregory Havret tees off during the second round of the Deutsche Bank Open in St. Leon-Rot near Heidelberg, southern Germany, on 21 May, 2004.

INTERNET

## Answers for yesterday's Crossword Puzzle



Australian, Lleyton Hewitt, returns the ball to Argentina's Gaston Gaudio during a match at the World Team Cup in Duesseldorf, western Germany, on 21 May, 2004. Hewitt lost the match 3-6, 7-5, 6-7 (5-7). —INTERNET



**MRTV-3**
**24-5-2004 (Monday)**  
**(Programme Schedule)**  
**Morning Transmission**  
**(9:00 - 10:00)**

- 9:00 Signature Tune  
Greeting  
9:02 Song of Myanmar  
Beauty & Scenic  
Sights "Myanma Pano-  
rama & Myanma Sen-  
timent"  
9:06 The National Museum  
(I)  
**9:10** **Headline News**  
9:12 Myanmar Footware &  
Bags  
**9:15** **National News**  
9:20 Ancient City, Pakhan-  
gyi  
9:25 A Dance to the Harvest  
Tour In Myanmar  
"Patheingyi"  
**9:30** **National News**  
9:35 Myanmar Modern  
Song "Journey To-  
wards A New Golden  
State"  
9:40 Usefulness of Nipa  
Palm  
9:42 Mosaic Painting of  
Myanmar  
**9:45** **National News**  
9:50 Myanmar Natural Re-  
source Spirulina  
9:58 Song of Myanmar  
Beauty & Scenic  
Sights "Come and See  
Myanmar"

**24-5-2004 (Monday)**  
**Evening Transmission**  
**(15:30 - 17:30)**

- 15:30 Signature Tune  
Greeting  
15:32 Song of Myanmar  
Beauty & Scenic  
Sights "Mingalabar"  
15:36 The National Museum  
(I)  
**15:40** **Headline News**  
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Bags  
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16:35 Myanmar Orchestra  
(Thichinkhant)  
16:40 Pride of place in Bagan  
(The Ananda Temple)  
**16:45** **National News**  
16:50 Akha Weaving Train-  
ing School  
16:55 The Beauty and Grace  
of the hands  
16:58 Photo Exhibitions of  
Shwedagon Pagoda  
17:05 Myanmar Traditional  
Snack "Dawei Ngam-  
moun" (Fish Crispies)  
17:10 Song "Do You Love  
me?"  
17:12 Old Master Artist U  
Ba Yin Galay  
**17:15** **National News**  
17:20 Making Myanmar  
Marionette  
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Beauty & Scenic  
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Myanmar"

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

- 19:30 Signature Tune  
Greeting  
19:32 Song of Myanmar  
Beauty & Scenic  
Sights "Myanma Pano-  
rama & Myanma Sen-  
timent"  
19:36 Lovely Customs and  
Dances of Gon Shan  
**19:40** **Headline News**  
19:42 Health Care For Mater-  
nal and Child  
**19:45** **National News**  
19:50 Lifestyles along the  
Ayeyawady (Manda-  
lay to Pyay) (Part-4)  
19:55 Dance of the Oil  
Lamps  
**20:00** **National News**  
20:05 Sittway with Magnifi-  
cent Sight  
20:10 Song "Moonlight  
Flower"  
20:12 Mogok, The Gems  
Land  
**20:15** **National News**  
20:20 Showcase of Myanmar  
Fabrics and Designer  
Wears  
20:25 Songs On Screen  
"Through My Eyes"  
**20:30** **National News**  
20:35 Memorial Stones from  
Chin Mountain Ranges  
20:40 Marvel of a Pagoda  
with Uncountable

- Buddha Images  
**20:45** **National News**  
20:50 Pan-Say Region, Home  
to Kho-Hlon-Lishows  
20:55 Dawei Water Fetching  
Dance  
**21:00** **National News**  
21:05 A Trip to Naga Land  
21:10 Song "Let Mother Say  
This to you Daughter"  
**21:15** **National News**  
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Weaving Industry  
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**23:15** **National News**  
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Marionette  
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Beauty & Scenic  
Sights "Come and See  
Myanmar"

**24-5-2004 (Monday) &**  
**25-5-2004 (Tuesday)**  
**Evening Transmission &**  
**Morning Transmission**  
**(23:30 - 1:30)**

- 23:30 Signature Tune

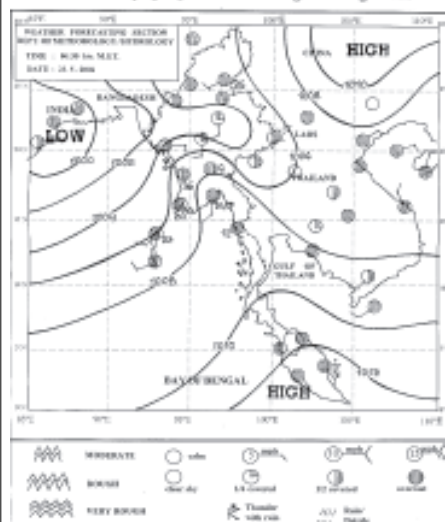
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**25-5-2004 (Tuesday)**  
**Morning Transmission**  
**(03:30 - 07:30)**

- 03:30 Signature Tune  
Greeting  
03:32 Song of Myanmar  
Beauty & Scenic  
Sights "Myanma Pano-  
rama & Myanma Sen-  
timent"  
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Ba Yin Galay  
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**Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas**
**WEATHER**
**Sunday, 23 May, 2004**

**Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST:** During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Kayah State, Sagaing Division and rain have been isolated in Shan State, Mandalay and Magway Divisions, scattered in Kachin, Chin and Kayah States and widespread in the remaining areas. The noteworthy amount of rainfall recorded were Central Yangon (4.52) inches, Myeik (2.44) inches, Khayan (2.13) inches.

Maximum temperature on 22-5-2004 was 33.0°C (91°F). Minimum temperature on 23-5-2004 was 19.8°C (68°F). Relative humidity at 9:30 hrs MST on 23-5-2004 was 92%. Total sunshine hours on 22-5-2004 was (8.4) hours approx. Rainfall on 22-5-2004 was 13mm (0.52 inch) at Yangon Airport, 24mm (0.94 inch) at Kaba-Aye and 115mm (4.52 inches) at central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2004 was 307 mm (12.09 inches) at Yangon Airport and 301 mm (11.85 inches) at Kaba-Aye and 454 mm (17.87 inches) at central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was 15 mph from South-west at (15:45) hours MST on 22-5-2004.

**Bay inference:** Monsoon is moderate in the Bay of Bengal. **Forecast valid until evening of 24-5-2004:** Rain will be widespread in Kachin, Chin, Rakhine, Mon, Kayah States, Taninthayi, Ayeyawady, Bago, Yangon and upper Sagaing Divisions and isolated in the remaining areas. 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:** Thundery conditions are likely in northern Myanmar areas. **Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 24-5-2004:** One or two rain. Degree of certainty is (100%). **Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 24-5-2004:** Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).


**Monday, May 24**
**View today:**

- 7:00 am**  
1. Recitation of Parittas by  
Missionary Sayadaw  
U Ottamathara  
**7:25 am**  
2. To be healthy exercise  
**7:30 am**  
3. Morning news  
**7:40 am**  
4. Nice and sweet song  
**7:55 am**  
5. Cute little dancers  
**8:10 am**  
6. Song of national races  
**8:20 am**  
7. ဖြူစရာပင်တံတား  
**8:30 am**  
8. International news  
**8:45 am**  
9. Let's go

- 4:00 pm**  
1. Martial song  
**4:15 pm**  
2. Songs to uphold  
National Spirit  
**4:30 pm**  
3. Practice in reading  
**4:45 pm**  
4. Musical programme  
**5:00 pm**  
5. အဆာသင်တက္ကသိုလ် ယဉ်းစရာ  
ရုပ်မြင်သံကြားဆိုင်ခံစား တတိယခွဲ  
(ဓာတုဗေဒဆိုင်ကြည့်) (ဓာတုဗေဒ)  
**5:15 pm**  
6. Dance variety  
**5:30 pm**  
7. လက်ဆိုင်ကမ်းပေး ဂီတစာတေး  
**5:40 pm**  
8. ဟင်္သာရုပ်ရှင်  
**5:50 pm**  
9. Musical programme (The  
Radio Myanmar Modern  
Music Troupe)  
**6:05 pm**  
10. Industrial achievement  
**6:15 pm**  
11. Songs and dances of

- national races  
**6:20 pm**  
12. Discovery  
**6:30 pm**  
13. Evening news  
**7:00 pm**  
14. Weather report  
**7:05 pm**  
15. နှစ်ဆောင်ကြီးဝန်း ရေသိုလှမ်း  
အောင်ပွဲဆင်ရေမြန်မာ့ရွှေရောင်  
(အပိုင်-၂)  
**7:15 pm**  
16. နှစ်သို့ရေသိုလှမ်း တိုင်းရင်းသား  
ဓားကွေး  
**7:25 pm**  
17. တိုက်စစ်ရေသိုလှမ်း ကရုဏာတီ  
မေတ္တာရပ်မြို့  
**7:40 pm**  
18. ကျေးလက်ဒေသတစ်ခွင်အထူးဆိုင်  
**8:00 pm**  
19. News  
20. International news  
21. Weather report  
22. နိုင်ငံခြားဓာတ်လမ်းကွေ့  
"အချစ်သို့သွားရာ" (အပိုင်-၃၈)  
23. The next day's  
programme


**Monday, May 24**
**Tune in today:**

- 8:30 am** Brief news  
**8:35 am** Music: Doodah  
(Cartoons)  
**8:40 am** Perspectives  
**8:45 am** Music: I'll be there  
for you (Moffattas)  
**8:50 am** National news/  
Slogan  
**9:00 am** Music: My oh my  
(Aqua)  
**9:05 am** International news  
**9:10 am** Music: Falling in  
love (Labouche)  
**1:30 pm** Lunch time music  
-Truely madly  
deeply (Savage  
Garden)  
-I love you (Celine  
Dion)  
**9:00 pm** Spotlight on the star  
Article  
**9:15 pm** Radio Magazine/  
Drugs Elimination/  
Women's affairs  
Honouring the  
MMCWA  
Conference  
**9:35 pm** Vocal Gems/Golden  
Land's Melody  
Dear Myanmar  
(Yuri)  
**9:45 pm** News/Slogan  
**10:00 pm** PEL



Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt pays homage to Padamya Myetshin Buddha Image on upper terrace of Shwedagon Pagoda.— MNA

## Prime Minister attends coord meeting of Leading Committee for All-round Perpetual Renovation of Shwedagon Pagoda

YANGON, 23 May— The Leading Committee for All-round Perpetual Renovation of Shwedagon Pagoda held the coordination meeting at ancient Buddha Images Tazaung of the pagoda at 2 pm today, attended by Patron of Leading Committee Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt.

Also present on the occasion were Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe and members of the Leading Committee, officials of the State Peace and Development Council Office, departmental heads and members of the pagoda boards of trustees.

The Chairman of the Work Committee reported on renovation of the prayer halls at northern archway and

southern archway, Gandakuti building, the prayer hall at western archway, the prayer hall for offering flowers, water and oil, Bawdimandaing Prayer Hall, Daw Dagon Khin Khin Lay Prayer Hall and other prayer halls, extension of car parking space at the Southern Archway, other renovation and greening tasks and construction of rest houses. Next, member of the Shwedagon Pagoda Board of Trustees U Kyee Myint and officials reported on regular renovation works being carried out at the pagoda.

The Prime Minister gave instructions on renovation of the pagoda without harming ancient cultural works and maintenance of the religious buildings. Then the meeting came to a close with the three-time recitation of *Buddha Sasanam Ciramittithatu*.

After the meeting, the Prime Minister paid homage to Padamya Myetshin Buddha Image kept in the upper terrace. Afterwards, the Prime Minister paid homage to Tipitakadhara Tipitaka Kovida Ashin Eindapala and Tipitakadhara Ashin Indacariya at the reception hall and offered provisions to them.

The Prime Minister then inspected renovation of the prayer halls.

At the briefing hall of Shin Upagutta Lake, the Prime Minister heard reports by FMI Co Managing Director U Soe Myint on renovation of the lake and the building in which the statue of Shin Upagutta is kept and gave necessary instructions. Later, the Prime Minister inspected the renovation tasks. — MNA

## Altogether 183 major bridges built across the nation Panmon Creek Bridge opened in Sagaing Division

YANGON, 23 May — Panmon Creek Bridge, which was built by the Construction Group 11 of the Public Works on Kalay-Gangaw Road near Natchaung Village in Kalay Township, Sagaing Division, was opened this morning with an inauguration speech by Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Ye Myint of the Ministry of Defence.

The inauguration ceremony was also attended by Sagaing Division PDC Chairman Commander of North-West Command Maj-Gen Tha Aye, Minister for Construction Maj-Gen Saw Tun and senior military officers, responsible officials and local people.

First, Lt-Gen Ye Myint spoke on the occasion.

Lt-Gen Ye Myint said the 220 feet long Panmon Creek Bridge is on Kalay-Gangaw Road in Sagaing Division.

He quoted Head of State Senior General Than Shwe as saying that transport is vital for development of the country and better transport brings about economic and social development. Roads and bridges are being built for narrowing the development gap and for closer relations among the regions. He said strategy was laid down and roads and railroads linking all parts of the Union are being built in accord with the guidance of the Head of State. Altogether 183 bridges which are 180 feet and above were built — 170 by Public Works, six by Myanmar Railways and seven by military engineering unit. It was difficult to reach regions in north-west of Myanmar and Gangaw and Kalay regions on west bank of Ayeyawady and Chindwin Rivers in successive periods and there was less development in economic and social sectors, he said.

He said in the time of the Tatmadaw government, Kalay-Gangaw Railroad, Kalay-Gangaw Road and Gangaw-Hakha Road were built and Myittha and Kabani Bridges were also constructed in order to reach Magway, Sagaing and Mandalay Divisions easily.

After completion of the Panmon Creek Bridge, people can go to Kalay and Chin State in a short time and regional and forest products can be transported easily. Regions on Gangaw-Kalay Road will develop soon, he added. He spoke at length on implementation of three development projects—border areas and national races development project, 24 development regions project and the five rural development tasks and raising of economic and social conditions after construction of networks of roads.

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Newly opened Panmon Creek Bridge.— MNA

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