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Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt holds a meeting with local authorities, departmental officials, members of social organizations and local senior citizens in Loilem on 24-5-2004. — MNA

Government implementing three development projects covering whole nation Prime Minister inspects Kengtawng Hydro-electric Power Project, development works in townships of Loilem District

YANGON, 25 May — Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt, accompanied by member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Aung Htwe, ministers, deputy ministers, officials of the SPDC Office, department heads and officials left here by Tatmadaw aircraft yesterday morning and arrived at Namhsan in Shan State at 9.15 am the same day.

The Prime Minister and party were welcomed there by Shan State Peace and Development Council Chairman Eastern Command Commander Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint, Brig-Gen Thura Myint Thein of Namhsan Station, members of district and township PDCs, government employees and members of social organizations.

The Prime Minister and party, together with the commander went to Mongnai in Loilem District

by Tatmadaw aircraft where Col Tha Aung of Mongnai Station, members of Mongnai Township PDC, departmental officials and members of social organizations welcomed them. The Prime Minister and party then arrived at Mongnai Basic Education High School. They were welcomed there by members of school board of trustees, Headmistress Daw Khin Swe, teachers and students. The Prime Minister and party then inspected round the computer aided instruction room, audio room (language lab) and school gymnasium.

Chairman of National Health Committee Prime Minister inquired about the academic affairs and fulfilled the needs for construction of a new school building. The Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt and party proceeded to Mongnai People's Hospital and

viewed round the wards, laboratory, medical store, operation theatre and X-ray room. Medical Superintendent Dr Myo Nyunt Oo and officials conducted the Prime Minister round there. The Prime Minister next attended to the needs for health care services and health care staff quarters. The Prime Minister and party paid homage to Mongnai Sasana Pala Monastery Sayadaw Sula Ganthavacaka Pandita Bhaddanta Kesava and members of the Sangha and donated alms to them. At Kanbawza hall of Mongnai, the Prime Minister met Mongnai Township PDC members, departmental personnel, members of social organizations, townsmen and local nationals. Loilem District PDC member Police Lt-Col Sein Win reported on location, area and population of Mongnai Township, national races

residing in the township, per acre yield of paddy, groundnut, sesame, sunflower, pigeon peas, sugarcane and maize grain out the ten major crops and production volume of the crops, cultivation of regional crops, local self-sufficiency in food, arrangements for extended cultivation of monsoon paddy for 2004-2005, education and health issues. Next, township level departmental officials also reported on matters on agriculture, education, health, township development affairs and power supply.

Next, Chairman of Shan State Peace and Development Council Commander Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint gave a supplementary report.

In his discussions, Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt said economic progress is vital for regional development and uplift of living standard of local people.

ple. Being an agro-based nation, priority is to be given to the development in agriculture and livestock breeding in making efforts for economic progress.

He spoke of the need to lay down systematic projects and implement them for local rice sufficiency and for cultivation of marketable crops such as tea and coffee after establishing large plantations.

He said township level departmental officials are the most responsible ones for regional development, economic progress and uplift of living standard of local people.

He said systematic administrative machinery was established in the township and government departments were also formed in agriculture, livestock breeding, economic, education, health and social sectors for speedy implementation of regional development tasks

and ensuring of the rule of law.

Departmental officials are to make efforts for smooth running of administrative machinery, he added. He also said the various committees formed are to carry out the tasks in education, health, agriculture, transport and development affairs sectors through collective leadership and responsibility.

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Government Technological College (Panglong) in Loilem, Shan State. — MNA

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

PERSPECTIVES

Wednesday, 26 May, 2004

Another bridge for closer friendship among national races

The Gangaw region in Magway Division on the west bank of the Ayeyawady and the Kalay region in Sagaing Division on the west bank of the Chindwin were less developed socially and economically due to poor transport.

Therefore, in the time of the Tatmadaw Government and in accordance with the guidance of the Head of State, the Kalay-Gangaw railroad, the Kalay-Gangaw and Gangaw-Haka motor roads, the Myittha river-crossing bridge and the Kabarni bridge were built to link Chin State (North) and the Kalay region with Magway, Sagaing and Mandalay Divisions.

The opening of the 220-ft-long Panmon Creek bridge on the Kalay-Gangaw motor road was held near Natchaung village, Kalay Township, Sagaing Division, on 23 May and it was attended by member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Ye Myint of the Ministry of Defence.

In his address on the occasion, Lt-Gen Ye Myint said that, as the Panmon Creek bridge had been built across the Panmon Creek on Gangaw-Kalay Road, it would take less time to travel from Gangaw in Magway Division to Kalay in Sagaing Division and to Chin State through Kalay.

In the past, when the Panmon Creek was flooded in the rains, local people had to wait a day or two to travel from one place to another. Now, as the bridge has been built, one can travel from Gangaw to Kalay without waiting for the water level in the creek to drop. Therefore, local products of Chin State and Kalay region can be shipped to other states and divisions easily. In the same way, the products of Magway Division will be transported to Chin State and the regions in the western part of Sagaing Division via Kalay.

With the improvement in the transport sector, the economic, social, education and health sectors will become more developed. Not only that, contacts between national races will become more frequent, thus cementing the national unity.

Since 1988, a total of 183 major bridges — 170 by Public Works, six by Myanma Railways and seven by Military Engineering Unit — have been built. We believe that the opening of the Panmon Creek bridge would pave the way for closer friendship among the national races in the region.

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World No-Tobacco Day (31-5-2004)

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ပြည်သူ့အားလုံးပါဝင်ဆောင်ရွက်ပေး

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

Anti-drug painting, cartoon, poster competitions held

YANGON, 25 May — Sponsored by Yangon Division Committee for Drug Abuse Control, Division level painting, cartoon and poster competitions to mark 2004 International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking were held at Drug Elimination Museum at the corner of Hanthawady and Kyundaw streets in Kamayut township this morning, attended by Chairman of the Committee Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe.

Also present on the occasion were Police Adjutant-General Police Brig-Gen Soe Myint Tun, Commander of No 3 Military Region Col Tint San, Commander of Yangon Division MPF Police Col Aung Daing, officials of CCDAC, Deputy Director of No 3 Basic Education Department (Yangon City) U Nu and officials and the competitors. On arrival at the museum, the commander and party were welcomed by officials. Next, the commander and party viewed the open competitions under the title of "Treatment Works". Altogether 126 competitors are participating in cartoon competition and 96 competitors are taking part in painting competition. Poster competition will be held on 26 May. — MNA

Myanmar delegation arrives back after attending WHO Conference

YANGON, 25 May — A Myanmar delegation led by Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint arrived in Geneva, Switzerland, on 16 May to attend the 57th Conference of the World Health Organization.

In the afternoon, the delegation attended the preliminary session of the ASEAN Ministerial meeting of the WHO, and discussed the united stand of the Association at the conference.

The next day, the delegation attended the opening ceremony of the conference. Myanmar was elected as a member of the Credentials Committee.

At the round table discussion on 18 May, Dr Kyaw Myint discussed matter relating to the reinforcement of the health system for the WHO to give medical treatment to over three million AIDS patients in 2005. In his address delivered at the plenary session of the WHO Conference on 19 May, the minister explained in detail the programmes to conduct AIDS control activities in Myanmar, treatment and anti-AIDS activities.

From 20 to 22 May, the committee A made subject-wise discussion and the committee B dealt with financial and administrative matters. Minister Dr Kyaw Myint of Myanmar was presented the ASEAN World No Tobacco Day Award on 20 May. He also met with Adviser to the WHO Director-General Dr Tomris Turmen, and discussed matters relating to registration of traditional medicines; in-charge of WHO anti-AIDS programme Dr Jack Chow, launching of anti-AIDS programme with might and main in Myanmar; Executive Director of UNAIDS Dr Kathleen Cravero, cooperation with UN anti-AIDS programme; and President of Nippon Foundation Mr Yohei Sasakawa, maintenance of the momentum in reducing the number of leprosy patients in Myanmar although the disease is not a major problem for the country.

At his meeting with the WHO director-general, the minister discussed matters relating to launching of health activities in the whole nation in accord with the guidance of the Head of State and the instructions of the Chairman of the National Health Committee, promotion of advanced

Marijuana seized in Kawthoung

YANGON, 25 May — A combined team comprising members of Local Intelligence Unit, Special Anti-Drug Squad and Myanmar Police Force, acting on information, searched suspects Soe Naing, son of U Kyaw Shein and U Soe, son of U Kyi Aung of Chaungsalan village, 7th mile village tract, Kawthoung on 8 May and seized them with 3 kilos of marijuana inside the polyethylene bag and plastic bag.

In connection with the case, action was taken against the two culprits under Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law by Myanmar Police Force.

MNA

POEM:

If you take his shelter

- * If you seek shelter in another's land
You must do as he beckons
It's only natural.
- * If you accept the food he gives
You must perform to please him
It's only natural.
- * Take his shelter and to his satisfaction
Act to please him, to win his favour
It's only natural.
- * This natural process, got into one's thoughts
Those taking shelter in another's land
Those poor people, our own kin
To keep divided using divisive language
Always muttering, that being the situation
The true reason, is just that
Knowing full well, we pity them
- * Use as much invectives as they like
Use as much divisive acts as you like
We know your plight
There's always forgiveness.
- * Though you divide we're unperturbed.
We are full of patriotism
Always full of resilience.

Byan Hlwar (Trs)



Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint delivers an address at the WHO conference. — MNA

health activities and cooperation with the WHO.

During the meeting with in-charge of infectious diseases control programme Dr Anarfi Asamao-Baah, the minister discussed prevention and control of infectious diseases including malaria and tuberculosis. The delegation arrived back here yesterday evening, and was welcomed back by Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint, Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung, heads of departments under the Health Ministry, Resident Representative of WHO Dr Agostino Borra and others. Acting Director-General of Medical Research Department (Upper Myanmar) Dr Thein Tun, Director of Medical Services Col Than Aung, Deputy Director-General of Health Ministry U Than Aung and Director (Foreign Relations) Dr Pe Thet Tun were also included in the delegation. — MNA

Navy's boxing tournament concludes

YANGON, 25 May — The final event of Commander-in-Chief (Navy)'s shield boxing tournament was held in conjunction with prize presentation ceremony at Ayeyawady Naval Command Headquarters yesterday evening. Those present viewed the final event and the prize presentation ceremony followed. Commander of Naval Training Command Headquarters Col Maung Oo Lwin and officials presented prizes to winners. — MNA



Soe Naing and U Soe with seized marijuana. MNA

Iraqi oil pipeline badly damaged

KIRKUK, 25 May—An oil pipeline that carries crude from the northern Kirkuk oilfields to Turkey has been bombed and majorly damaged.

A security official of Iraq's Northern Oil Company, Juma Ahmad, confirmed on Monday that an explosive device badly damaged the pipe at around 15.00 GMT.

He said the attack was carried out on a section be-

tween the Kirkuk oilfields to the Dibis pumping installations, 50kms further north. Pumping had to be stopped in order to battle the fire.

Issam Muhammad, another security official for Northern Oil, said Monday's

fire had been put out but the damage would take 12 days to repair. The inability of US occupation forces to provide security in Iraq has prompted retired Marine General Anthony Zinni to criticize White House policies.



US Army soldier secures the area as special forces arrive after an explosion destroyed a car near an entrance to the headquarters of the US-led coalition in central Baghdad, Iraq, on Monday, 24 May, 2004. Two British civilians died in the explosion, the Foreign Office said. — INTERNET

Lack of security in Iraq limits progress

WASHINGTON, 25 May — The lack of security in Iraq is making it more difficult to complete reconstruction projects because some Iraqi workers are staying off the job, a senior US official said Monday.

David Nash, director of the Programme Management office in Baghdad that oversees the reconstruction effort, said about 75 per cent of the Iraqis employed by his office are reporting for work every day.

Still, turnout is better than in early April, when a wave of insurgent violence was at its peak. At that time, only 25 per cent of the 10,000 Iraqi workers stayed on the job, Nash said at a Pentagon

news conference.

"Yes, it has had an impact on how many people show up for work," Nash said. "But as I've always said, it would not stop us. It would affect how fast we could build and it would affect how much money had to go to security."

As of 18 May, about 711 million dollars of the 4.2-billion dollars spent so far by Nash's office was spent on security and law enforcement in Iraq, according to a chart

he provided. That is about double the amount spent on security through late March, when the latest wave of violence began. Nash said Iraqi workers and foreign contractors are still being threatened, but the reconstruction work continues. He expects that by 1 July, about \$5 billion in work will be under way. Congress had approved the money as part of a 18.4-billion dollar net sum last November.

Internet

Air NZ and Qantas jets in near-miss over Indonesia

WELLINGTON, 25 May — Air New Zealand and Qantas aircraft carrying 268 people between them came close to disaster in March after a traffic control blunder over a remote part of Indonesia, New Zealand Press Association reported Monday.

A collision between the two Boeing 767s was averted only after the Air NZ crew noticed the Qantas jet climbing into their air space off the coast of Irian Jaya west of Papua New Guinea.

One of the pilots on the Qantas Boeing is said to have told his wife afterwards he thought he was about to die as the aircraft hurtled towards each other at a combined speed of about 940 knots (1,740 kph).

As the Air NZ crew began turning their craft and the 188 people on board away from a collision course, automatic warning systems on both aircraft sounded the cockpit alarm: "Traffic, traffic."

The Qantas Boeing, with

80 on board, then dropped to its earlier height of 35,000 feet (10.6km), from which it had been incorrectly cleared by Indonesian traffic control to climb during a daylight return flight to Sydney on 22 March.

It came within 122 metres of the Air NZ craft's approved altitude of 36,000 feet (10.97km) and only about 800m separated the two Boeings horizontally.

Although passengers are believed not to have noticed anything amiss, and were not told afterwards of the near-tragedy, *The Australian* newspaper this weekend reported a Qantas pilot as saying the first officer of the Qantas crew was extremely upset.

Air NZ chief pilot David Morgan, who is the airline's head of safety and operations, described the incident as a significant event even though the on-board defence systems had worked as intended to prevent a crash.

"Air NZ considers it to be a significant event because any time there is a resolution advisory (automatic alarm) like that, it means some part of the air traffic control system has not performed adequately," he said.

The crew, flying from Auckland to Hong Kong, sent a report on arrival straight back to this country's Civil Aviation Authority, which Morgan said was corresponding with Indonesian safety investigators. —MNA/Xinhua

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Poll says two in three in Britain don't want more troops in Iraq

LONDON, 25 May—Sixty-six per cent of Britons are opposed to Prime Minister Tony Blair sending more troops to Iraq, while only 25 per cent approve, an opinion poll in *The Guardian* newspaper indicated.

Eighty-four per cent also feel that, if reinforcements are sent, they should serve under British commanders, in British-controlled areas, according to the survey of 1,002 adults conducted last Friday through Sunday by the ICM group.

Speculation has been growing that Britain could send as many as 3,000 more troops to Iraq to help ensure stability ahead of the planned 30 June handover of sovereignty.

Many of those troops would be expected to fill the gap left by Spanish forces withdrawn after the election of a Socialist government in Madrid.

Defence Secretary Geoff Hoon is expected to discuss the issue with Iraqi Defence Minister Ali Alawi when they meet in London on Tuesday.

Britain currently has 7,900 troops occupying oil-rich southern Iraq.

The poll in *The Guardian* also indicated that 35 per cent of British voters want the United States and Britain to quit Iraq, a rise of eight percentage points on last month.

Fourteen per cent said they should leave within six months, while 45 per cent said coalition forces "should remain in Iraq as long as necessary" — the same line as that taken by Blair's government. —Internet

Two Britons among several killed in Baghdad bomb blasts

BAGHDAD, 25 May — Seven people, including two Britons, have died in blasts that rocked Baghdad, while clashes between US troops and Shia militiamen have left another 18 dead in the capital.

Four people were killed and two wounded on Monday after an explosion destroyed their armoured civilian vehicle just outside the sprawling complex housing the US-led occupation administration.

Two of those killed in the blast were British civilians, according to the British Foreign Office. And another three people, including a child, were killed in an explosion that destroyed their car only minutes before a US convoy drove by, witnesses said.

The first suspected resistance attack occurred about 50m from the Assassins Gate, one of the main entrances to the so-called Green Zone, at around 2.00pm (11.00 GMT). Latest reports say a rocket-propelled grenade destroyed the vehicle.

Meanwhile, US troops, who have vowed to wipe out Shia leader Muqtada al-Sadr's private army, clashed with the militia over-

night in a district of Baghdad where he has strong support.

Hospital officials said 18 civilians were killed in the populous Sadr City area. But the occupation authority put the figure at 26 and said all were militiamen loyal to al-Sadr.

The US military said its soldiers had already killed "an estimated 21" militiamen over the weekend after coming under small arms and rocket-propelled grenade fire in Sadr City. Al-Sadr's Mahdi Army has been involved in weeks of clashes with the occupation forces, mainly in central Iraq, after the US-led authorities closed down his newspaper and threatened to arrest him.

The Baghdad bomb attacks are the latest in a series of deadly assaults in the Iraqi capital. On Saturday, a car bomber in Baghdad killed four people and slightly wounded a deputy interior minister in Baghdad.

Internet



Soldiers of the Iraqi Civil Defence Corps (ICDC), foreground, US Army and Iraqi police arrive on scene after an explosion destroyed a car near an entrance to the headquarters of the US-led coalition in central Baghdad, Iraq, on Monday, 24 May, 2004. The US military said four people died, and an Iraqi policeman said they were foreigners. —INTERNET

US intelligence fears Iran duped hawks into Iraq war

WASHINGTON, 25 May — An urgent investigation has been launched in Washington into whether Iran played a role in manipulating the US into the Iraq war by passing on bogus intelligence through Ahmad Chalabi's Iraqi National Congress, it emerged yesterday.

Some intelligence officials now believe that Iran used the hawks in the Pentagon and the White House to get rid of a hostile neighbour, and pave the way for a Shia-ruled Iraq.

According to a US intelligence official, the CIA has hard evidence that Mr Chalabi and his intelligence chief, Aras Karim Habib, passed US secrets to Tehe-

ran, and that Mr Habib has been a paid Iranian agent for several years, involved in passing intelligence in both directions.

The CIA has asked the FBI to investigate Mr Chalabi's contacts in the Pentagon to discover how the INC acquired sensitive information that ended up in Iranian hands.

The implications are far-

reaching. Mr Chalabi and Mr Habib were the channels for much of the intelligence on Iraqi weapons on which Washington built its case for war.

"It's pretty clear that Iranians had us for breakfast, lunch and dinner," said an intelligence source in Washington yesterday. "Iranian intelligence has been manipulating the US for several

years through Chalabi."

Larry Johnson, a former senior counter-terrorist official at the state department, said: "When the story ultimately comes out we'll see that Iran has run one of the most masterful intelligence operations in history. They persuaded the US and Britain to dispose of its greatest enemy."

Mr Chalabi has vehemently rejected the allegations as "alie, a fib and silly". He accused the CIA director, George Tenet, of a smear campaign against himself and Mr Habib.

Internet



Spanish soldiers arrive at Madrid's Torrejon airbase from a chartered flight from Kuwait on 24 May, 2004. The 227 soldiers were the last Spanish troops to leave Iraq. — INTERNET

African nations expect better integration into global trade

KAMPALA, 25 May — Multilateral actions and dynamic trade policies are vital for African countries to enhance trade opportunities and better integrate themselves into the global trading system, African finance and economic ministers said here on Saturday.

The ministers made these remarks in a statement Saturday at the conclusion of the two-day conference of African ministers of finance planning and economic development in Kampala, capital of Uganda, which is focused on the importance of trade for African economy under the theme of "Mainstream trade in national development strategies".

"Multilateral actions are crucial to enhance trade opportunities for Africa but African countries will also need to adopt dynamic trade policies and remove domes-

tic bottlenecks in order to capitalize on such opportunities," said the statement.

"An integrated continental market offers the best hope for Africa to build its manufacturing sector and to diversify its economy away from primary products," it said.

However, the statement said, it is disappointing that intra-African trade only accounts for 10.5 per cent of its total exports and 10.1 per cent of imports.

"The continent has not reaped the gains of global integration to the extend of other developing regions.

Africa's share in the world merchandise exports fell from 6.3 per cent in 1980 to 2.5 per cent in 2000," according to the ministers.

They underscored the importance of successfully concluding the Doha Development Round in order to better integrate Africa into the global trading system.

In this context they said they are disappointed "by the failure of the Cancun World Trade Organization (WTO) ministerial meeting of September 14, 2003, to reach consensus on modalities for negotiations on rich countries' agricultural trade barriers and export subsidies that have effectively blocked Africa's successful integration into world markets".

Executive Secretary of the UN Economic Commission for Africa (ECA) KY Amoako said at the meeting that trade is important for increasing growth, expanding employment and reducing poverty in Africa.

He said "key challenges still need to be addressed... most importantly, having market access and capacity". — MNA/Xinhua

Tanzanian President leaves for Shanghai

DAR-ES-SALAAM, 25 May — Tanzanian President Benjamin Mkapa left here Saturday for Shanghai, China, to attend a three-day international conference on poverty reduction jointly organized by the World Bank and the Chinese Government.

The conference from May 25 to 27 is to give a chance to leaders and other delegates from developing countries to exchange views and experiences on reducing poverty in their respective countries. Apart from Mkapa, other leaders from developing countries invited to the Shanghai meeting include President Luiz Inacio Lula de Silva of Brazil, President Yoweri Museveni of Uganda and Prime Minister Khaleda Zia of Bangladesh.

MNA/Xinhua

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Australian imprisoned in Iraq

MELBOURNE, 25 May — An Australian man has been imprisoned in Iraq for the past four months, but federal authorities said the allegations against him are still not known.

A Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) spokeswoman said the 26-year-old Melbourne man, who is of Iraqi descent, had been held by Kurdish authorities in Iraq since February.

The Australian Representative Office in Baghdad was providing consular assistance to the man but the government did not know the nature of the allegations against him, the spokeswoman said.

"Australian consular officials have visited him and are seeking reasons for his continuing detention," she said.

"No charges have been laid."

The spokeswoman said DFAT remained in regular contact with the man's father, who is also in Iraq.

Melbourne's *Herald Sun* newspaper reported the man was being held in the northern Iraqi city of Erbil and was the subject of an International Committee of the Red Cross report. His name has not been released. — Internet

Poll shows new low in approval on Iraq

WASHINGTON, 25 May — Public approval of President Bush handling of the conflict in Iraq has dropped to its lowest point with growing fears that the United States is bogged down and rising criticism of Bush's handling of the prison abuse scandal, according to the latest Washington Post-ABC News Poll.

Support for Bush on virtually every aspect of the Iraq conflict has declined in the past month as the administration has battled insurgents and grappled with the expanding investigation into the treatment of Iraqi prisoners at the Abu Ghraib prison.

The poll underscored the political challenges that confronted Bush as he went on national television last night to defend his policy and outline the steps that

will lead to a transfer of governing authority to a new Iraqi government on 30 June.

Bush's overall job approval rating declined to 47 percent, the lowest the *Post-ABC News* polls have recorded since he took office, with 50 percent saying they disapprove. Just four in 10 Americans gave the president positive marks for his handling of Iraq, the lowest since he launched the

conflict in March 2003.

On the question of whether US forces should remain in Iraq until that country is stabilized or withdraw to avoid further casualties, 58 percent said they favoured staying there, down from 66 percent last month. The percentage favouring a troop withdrawal reached 40 percent, up 7 percentage points in the past month.

Internet

No country can be world policeman, says Fox

MEXICO CITY, 25 May — Mexican President Vicente Fox, once a close US ally, criticized Washington's Iraq policy on Monday and said no nation should take on the role of world policeman.

Speaking hours before US President George W. Bush lays out his strategy for handling the growing crisis in Iraq, Fox said the lessons of Iraq were clear.

"For us, there is no doubt. It has to be the multilateral path and we have to put an end to unilateral procedures and any nation becoming the world's policeman and the fixer of the world's problems," Fox said in an interview with foreign correspondents.

Fox and Bush were once close friends and allies but relations cooled dramatically when Mexico used its seat on the UN Security Council to oppose Washington in the run-up to the Iraq war. Fox has also actively campaigned against death sentences handed down to dozens of Mexican nationals in the United States.

Fox said the United Nations should be given a greater role and Iraqis given control of their own destiny so that "the United States and its allies don't have to be the ones resolving things". — MNA/Reuters



A protester in a mask depicting US President George W. Bush drags a fellow protester, acting as an Iraqi prisoner, during an anti-US rally in Seoul, on 22 May, 2004.

INTERNET

US Army suspends General in Iraqi jail-abuse probe

WASHINGTON, 25 May — An American general in charge of US-run prisons in Iraq when the abuse of prisoners took place has been suspended as commander of the military police brigade at the heart of the scandal and removed from active duty, the Army said on Monday.

Brigadier General Janis Karpinski, who had commanded the 800th Military Police Brigade, was suspended from her duties, said Lieutenant Colonel Pamela Hart, an Army spokeswoman at the Pentagon.

Karpinski previously was formally admonished on January 17 by Lieutenant General Ricardo Sanchez, the top US commander in Iraq. The Army returned Karpinski on Monday to the Army Reserve from active-duty status, said Al Schilf, an Army Reserve

spokesman.

In addition, Karpinski no longer serves as commander of her Uniondale, New York-based brigade, and was "temporarily attached" to the US Army Readiness Command at Fort Jackson, South Carolina, Schilf said.

The Army was seeking an "acting commander" of the brigade, Schilf said.

Seven US soldiers have been charged with abusing Iraqi prisoners at Abu Ghraib on the outskirts of Baghdad. Army Major General Antonio Taguba's

report on the abuse faulted Karpinski's "poor leadership." Photographs show US soldiers physically and sexually abusing and humiliating prisoners.

Asked whether Karpinski could face criminal charges, Schilf did not answer directly, but said, "This action doesn't close any doors."

"It's under review now," Schilf said of possible further steps regarding Karpinski. "It's ensuing from Major General Taguba's report. And the review is under way. And we don't know exactly how long it will take."

But we want to be thorough and don't want to let any grass grow under it."

Schilf said that the latest action "is not a punitive measure. This is a temporary reassignment of duties, pending review of her situation" by Lieutenant General James Helmly, head of the Army Reserve.

Karpinski, who has served in the Army for 27 years, has argued that the cell blocks where the abuse was centred were controlled by US military intelligence, not military police.

Karpinski, in her civilian life, works as a consultant who operates executive-training programmes.

MNA/Reuters

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Four killed in blast near coalition HQs in Baghdad

BAGHDAD, 25 May — Four people were killed Monday when a car blew up near an entrance to the "Green Zone" compound in Baghdad where the US-led coalition forces is based, US military said.

"We are not sure of the nationalities. All we have is four known KIAs (killed in action). Nationality unknown," said Colonel Mike Murray.

The car destroyed in the blast was an armoured protected vehicle, he said, adding that investigations were underway to determine the cause of the explosion.

The explosion occurred about 500 metres from one of the main entrances to the coalition compound, according to Murray.

On May 17, the president of the US-installed interim Governing Council, Ezzedine Salim, was killed along with several other people in a suicide car bombing near another entrance to the "Green Zone".

MNA/Xinhua

Manmohan Singh takes over as Prime Minister

NEW DELHI, 25 May — Manmohan Singh took over as the 13th Prime Minister of India on Saturday.

Singh, a 71-year-old economist, was administered the oath of office by President

Abdul Kalam at a glittering ceremony in the presidential palace.

State television said 67 people would be sworn into the Council of Ministers.

MNA/Reuters



Staff Sergeant Kevin Schuller (2nd R) a soldier with the 1-5, 1st Cavalry Division checks closely the vest of the gunner of his humvee (L) moments after they were targeted by an Improvised Explosive Device (IED) as they made their way through a back road in the town of Abu Ghraib, west of Baghdad recently. — INTERNET

OPEC dissent emerges on Saudi Arabia's plan for more oil

AMSTERDAM, 25 May — Dissent emerged in OPEC on Sunday to a proposal from leading cartel producer Saudi Arabia for a big increase in oil output to bring down crude prices.

Hopes of swift backing from the Organization of the Petroleum-Exporting Countries for a Saudi plan to lift supply limits by as much as 2.5 million barrels daily, 11 per cent, have been dashed. Some in OPEC are angry that Riyadh released a statement on Friday saying it will unilaterally raise production to nine million barrels daily in June.

"They can't. It's a mistake. Saudi Arabia can't decide alone to increase production," Libya's Oil Minister Fethi bin Chetwane told reporters.

The comments bode ill for OPEC unity at a time when US oil prices are near 21-year highs, peaking last week at 41.85 US dollars a barrel.

Output at nine million barrels daily would mean real extra Saudi production of about 700,000 barrels a day,

8 per cent, from April, or 18 per cent above its existing formal quota.

All other OPEC members are pumping flat out, most above official limits, so any increase in quotas for them will only legitimize existing supply.

Saudi Arabia announced its measure ahead of informal OPEC talks in Amster-

dam on Saturday that agreed oil prices should come down to avoid hampering world economic growth.

But the talks made no recommendation on a Saudi plan for OPEC to lift quotas by more than two million BPD, deferring a decision until a full meeting in Beirut on 3 June.

MNA/Reuters

Bolivia delays export of natural gas to Argentina

LIMA, 25 May — The export of four million cubic metres of natural gas a day from Bolivia to Argentina, due to start Saturday, was delayed because related accords had not been inked yet, Bolivian oil authorities said Saturday.

Bolivian Hydrocarbon Superintendence said the "oil companies which are interested must send us legalized copies of the contracts signed with the state-run Bolivian Fiscal Petroleum Fields".

Bolivian President Carlos Mesa's government issued a decree recently, authorizing the selling of natural gas to Argentina, through a pipeline used in 1970. However, a government spokesman said the contracts were still being negotiated. — MNA/Xinhua

Mugabe attacks Blair, Bush

LONDON, 25 May — Zimbabwean President Robert Mugabe launched a blistering tirade against Tony Blair and other world figures on Monday, accusing the British Premier of doing "mad things" and leading the world into turmoil.

In an interview with Sky News television, Mugabe said Blair considered himself to be "superhuman" and looked down on other people. He also criticized US President George W Bush for "cheating the world" over Iraq.

"They knew they were wrong by deciding to attack Iraq. They deceived the world with lies, lies of mass deception, by telling them that there were weapons of mass destruction," Mugabe said.

Mugabe said Blair still behaved as though Zimbabwe was a British colony and was trying to control it.

"You can see some of the mad things he

has done and the world is now in turmoil," the Zimbabwean leader said.

He told Sky News he was unlikely to stand again when his term ends in 2008, saying: "I also want to rest and do a bit of writing."

Mugabe denies charges his rule has caused an economic meltdown with soaring inflation and unemployment, as well as persistent shortages of foreign currency.

The veteran leader blames the ruin on sabotage by local and foreign opponents of his policy of confiscating White-owned farms for redistribution to landless Blacks.

MNA/Reuters

G-7 calls on oil producers to lift output

NEW YORK, 25 May — The Group of Seven top economic powers called on oil producers to pump enough oil to support the world's current rapid economic growth pace, the statement issued after their meeting on Sunday said.

The G-7 communique said lower oil prices would help the global economy and welcomed moves by some oil-producing nations to boost output levels.

"Lower oil prices would benefit the world economy," the statement said. "We welcome the recent announcements by some oil producers to increase production."

"We now call on all oil producers to provide adequate supplies to ensure that world oil prices return to levels consistent with lasting global economic prosperity and stability, in particular for the poorest developing countries," the statement said.

The statement, aimed at preparing the economic agenda for the Group of Eight (G-7 plus Russia) summit next month, said the world economy is "strong" and cited growth rates of about 4.25 per cent for 2003 and 2004. The statement said this was the fastest expansion in 15 years.

There was no reference in the one-page text to foreign exchange rates. How-

ever, ministers said separately they stood by a statement deploring volatile currencies formulated at their February meeting in Boca Raton and reissued in Washington last month.

The communique said the world economic recovery was the result of "sound growth policies" in members

countries — including tax reform, more flexible labour and product markets pension reforms and "macroeconomic policy frameworks".

It said the group reaffirmed members' commitment to "sound public finances".

MNA/Reuters



An Iraqi boy passes by a British soldier securing the site where a homemade bomb was found. Sixty-six per cent of Britons are opposed to Prime Minister Tony Blair sending more troops to Iraq, while only 25 per cent approve, an opinion poll in The Guardian newspaper indicated. — INTERNET

Iraq war was "colonial" and about oil, Saudi envoy says

DUBLIN, 25 May — The US-led invasion of Iraq was a colonial war and there were some in the United States who saw it as a means of getting their hands on Iraqi oil, a senior Saudi ambassador was quoted as saying on Monday.

Prince Turki al-Faisal, ambassador to Britain and Ireland, told the Irish *Independent* newspaper Washington's stated aims in going to war in Iraq masked a more cynical reality.

"No matter how exalted the aims of the US in that war, in the final analysis it was a colonial war very similar to the wars conducted by the ex-colonial powers when they went out to conquer the rest of the world...", Prince Turki said.

"What we have heard from American sources [is that] they were there to re-

move the weapons of mass destruction which Saddam Hussein was supposed to have acquired."

Saudi Arabia, a key US regional ally, opposed the war despite tensions with Iraq since its 1990 invasion of Kuwait. "What we read and hear from our commentators in America and sometimes congressional sources, if you remember going back a year ago, there was the issue of the oil reserves in Iraq and that in a year or two they would be producing so much oil in Iraq that, as it were, the war would pay for

itself," the envoy said.

"[This] indicated that there were those in America who were thinking in those terms of acquiring the natural resources of Iraq for America," Prince Turki said US pledges to bring freedom and democracy to Iraq remained "still just aims".

"The individual Iraqi, until he can actually declare that his government is truly representative of his wishes and aspirations must still consider himself occupied," he said. On the wider conflict in the Middle East, Prince Turki described Pa-

lestinian leader Yasser Arafat as "a living martyr", persecuted by an Israel "that is ruthless and generally devoid of any human considerations (towards the Palestinians)".

Critics of Saudi Arabia, cradle of Islam and the birthplace of Osama bin Laden and 15 of the September 11 hijackers, have accused it of allowing religious militancy to flourish.

The envoy described bin Laden's al-Qaeda network as "not so much an organization as a cult with a cult leader and a cult philosophy..."

MNA/Reuters



Norwegian soldier killed, one hurt in Kabul attack

KABUL, 25 May — A Norwegian soldier was killed and one slightly wounded in a grenade attack on the international peacekeeping force in Kabul, a spokeswoman said on Monday.

The attack, on Sunday evening, involved a grenade that may have been rocket propelled, hitting a vehicle belonging to the 6,500-strong International Security Assistance Force (ISAF) patrolling the Afghan capital.

"I understand one grenade missed and one im-

pacted the vehicle. There were four soldiers in the vehicle," said Major Rita LePage. "I believe this is the first Norwegian death in the ISAF mission."

The attack occurred at around 9 pm (1630 GMT) on Sunday on the road running east out of Kabul towards Jalalabad, where several ISAF bases are located. British peacekeepers had cordoned off the area, and a helicopter flew over the scene. A peacekeeper was wounded earlier this month in a rocket attack on a base used by ISAF.

Afghanistan faces a sustained insurgency led by members of the ousted Taleban regime and Islamic militant allies who are opposed to landmark parliamentary and presidential elections due to be held in September.

Around 700 people have died in the violence since August. In addition to the peacekeeping force, there are 20,000 US-led troops in Afghanistan hunting Taleban and al-Qaeda guerrillas including Osama bin Laden.

MNA/Reuters



An Iraqi mother reacts as she waits whilst her child is being treated outside the Al Kindi hospital in Baghdad, on 22 May, 2004 after a car bomb exploded in front of the home of a senior Iraqi security official, killing at least five people and injuring several, the US military and Iraqi police said. — INTERNET

Arab TV shows scene of Iraq wedding hit by US raid

DUBAI, 25 May — Arab television aired on Monday footage of celebrations at an Iraqi wedding party witnesses say was hit in a deadly US air raid last week, despite US claims that the target was a staging post for foreign fighters.

The *Associated Press* Television News footage, broadcast by Al Jazeera and Al Arabiya channels, showed the bride dressed in white being led to a convoy of decorated cars.

Iraqi men were seen singing and celebrating in a traditional tribal celebration held in several tents pitched in a desert area in western Iraq, close to the Syrian border. Then the scene switched to a destroyed building, demolished tents and dead bodies of Iraqis apparently killed in the raid. At least three bodies were seen, including that of an organist wearing the same tan shirt he had appeared in while playing at the party, and another body wrapped in a pink quilt.

US Brigadier-General Mark Kimmitt denied on Saturday the raid had been a wedding party and said there was strong evidence of illegal activity at a house in the remote desert area where US forces killed about 40 Iraqis.

The US military said the house was a staging post for

foreign fighters entering Iraq, but Iraqi witnesses and relatives of the dead say the attack targeted a wedding party and that several women and children were among those killed.

The television footage conformed with Arab Bedouin wedding celebrations. It showed a young boy and girl dancing in a tent and also men smoking water pipes while others performed a traditional Iraqi dance to a drummer's beat.

MNA/Reuters

Iraq grenade attack kills at least two foreigners

BAGHDAD, 25 May — At least two foreigners were killed on Monday in a rocket-propelled grenade attack that destroyed their car in central Baghdad, a coalition official said.

The official said at least one other foreigner was seriously wounded. Earlier US soldiers said at the scene that four people were killed in the blast. —MNA/Reuters

More subways to be built in Shenzhen

SHENZHEN, 25 May — A new subway involving a total investment exceeding 10 billion yuan (1.21 billion US dollar) will start construction within this year, sources with the recently established Shenzhen No 3 subway investment corporation said.

Actually, only 6.92 kilometres of the 33-kilometre subway will run underground, and the remaining will be ground tracks or overpasses. With six stops underground and another 13 on the ground, the subway will connect downtown areas of Shenzhen to three satellite towns of Buji, Henggang and Longgang.

About half of the funds for the project will come from the Shenzhen City government and Longgang District government, and the other half from other sources such as businesses and institutions.

MNA/Xinhua

US troops, Iraq militia clash in Iraqi cities

KUFA (Iraq), 25 May — US airstrikes and fighting between US troops and Shiite militia around the Iraqi shrine city of Najaf killed at least 34 people overnight and wounded dozens, hospital staff and the US military said on Sunday.

US troops said they killed about 20 fighters when soldiers backed by tanks raided a mosque in the neighbouring town of Kufa. It was occupied by Mehdi Army guerrillas loyal to radical cleric Moqtada al-Sadr, who launched an uprising last month.

"An estimated 20 Mehdi militia were killed after firing on coalition forces during a raid on the Sahla mosque in Kufa," a US military spokesman said. No US casualties were reported.

Staff at the main hospital in Najaf said they had taken in 14 dead and 37 wounded. Pools of blood lay inside the green-domed Sahla mosque, one of three main shrines in Kufa. Spent bullet casings littered the courtyard. The shrine lies about one mile from the town's main mosque where Sadr regularly preaches.

"They killed 12 martyrs and over 40 Mehdi army

fighters were taken alive," said Kazem Zuwein, a resident who lives near the mosque. "I heard tanks advancing and helicopters firing." A CNN correspondent with the US armoured unit quoted soldiers saying they killed 12 fighters on the edge of the mosque compound and four or five inside.

A white banner on the mosque read: "Mehdi army: strength in the face of our enemy." US tanks appeared to have broken down the wooden outer doors and demolished archways in the courtyard. About 100 residents gathered at the mosque, expressing outrage at the damage. "I feel humiliated," said Ali Wasi. "Our sanctity has been violated. These houses of prayer are the most valuable things we own, for Shiites. I will resist them until the last drop of blood in my body," he said. US aircraft also struck nearby Najaf, where a Reuters correspond-

ent counted 14 bodies at the main hospital, including three women. Doctors said the dead appeared to be mainly civilians and Iraqi police hit at Najaf's main police station. The guerrillas rarely bring casualties to the hospital. —MNA/Reuters



An injured person is rushed to the Al Kindi hospital in Baghdad, on 22 May, 2004 after a car bomb exploded. — INTERNET

Panmon Creek Bridge providing direct link between hilly and plain regions

Kalay Win Thu



Panmon Creek Bridge on Kalay-Gangaw Road near Natchaung Village in Kalay Township, Sagaing Division.

"Ko Win, Sayamagyi is waiting to see you", said my wife Daw Than Hla, after rushing to the place where I was harvesting summer beans. "Hurry up", she insisted. It was at 12 noon when I arrived back home, and I saw Sayamagyi Daw Win May and Sayama Daw Win Yi waiting for me.

Sayamagyi said, "Would you please come along with us to take photographs for our students' study tour of Pan Mon Creek Bridge".

"Really!" I replied, "I went there to photograph yesterday and it's great to go there". She said, "we are going to leave the school at 1.30 pm". "It's just right. I've got a new roll of film," I told her. After taking my bath, I was waiting for them at the book shop in the middle of the village.

Shortly after, students and teachers were out of the school in a queue. When we got to Chaunggwa and the bridge, we took documentary photos. It was the twenty-sixth of January 2004. Then, the briefing hall of the Road & Bridge Department was crowded with the students.

Soon, U Khin Maung Soe, Junior Engineer-3 (Civil), arrived there, extended greetings and explained that the bridge was built by the project special group-11 of Public Works under the Ministry of Construction. It lies across Panmon Creek between mile post Nos 15/5 and 15/6 on Kalay-Gangaw Road at the foot of Chin Mountain Range in Sagaing Division. The Minister for Construction instructed officials on 19-3-2002 to build a new bridge as the creek is flooded in the rainy season and it is impassable due to mountain torrents.

During the minister's tour on 5-5-2003, he gave instructions on construction of foundations and pillars of the bridge with reinforced concrete. The upper structure of the bridge is of steel frame and the lower structure, of concrete foundation. The 220-foot bridge is situated near Natchaung village and Chaunggwa Village in Kalay Township. The two-lane motorway of the bridge with the six piles is 18 feet wide and its clearance is 12 feet high and 104 feet wide.

In the interview, U Khin Maung Soe responded to the queries of the visitors willingly.

Q: May I know the date of the launch of the project?

A: It was the 1st of August 2003.

Q: What was the cost of this bridge?

A: It was built in five months at a cost of between K 140 million and 150 million.

Q: How much machinery did you use?

A: We used a 15-ton crane, two No 715 brand concrete mixers, a welding generator and a truck.

Q: What is the work progress?

A: So far, ninety per cent of the project has been completed and we estimate it will be completed at the end of this month.

Q: I would like to know the strength of the staff who built the bridge and who were the engineers.

A: There were many staff and the three engineers were Deputy Superintending Engineer U Thein Tun, Junior Engineer-2 In Charge U Kyaw Naing and Junior Engineer-3 U Khin Maung Soe, that's me.

Then, we studied the project site. U Khin Maung Soe made detailed clarifications to the visitors.

The pre-engineering work was completed during the period from July to December 2002. The construction materials were stockpiled from July 2002 to May 2003. The tasks for building the first approach structure and foundation were undertaken in December 2002 and completed in September 2003. The tasks for building of the second approach structure and pillars were launched in January 2003 and completed in October 2003. The tasks for building the concrete floor of the bridge were carried out in March 2003 and completed in December 2003. The steel beams were installed to the bridge during the period from September to November 2003. Finishing touches to the bridge and painting works were done in August 2003 and completed in February 2004.

The emergence of the Panmon Creek Bridge, a fine and strong transport facility situated near Chaunggwa village at the foot of Chin Mountain Range, has contributed towards direct link between Kalay and Gangaw and Chin State, resulting in smooth transport. Therefore, people can now travel with ease to Yangon and Mandalay via Chin State, Kalay and Gangaw.

(Kyemon: 24-5-2004)

(Translation: ST+MS)

Rural development works inspected

YANGON, 25 May —Deputy Director-General of the Development Affairs Department under the Ministry of Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs U Khin Latt, accompanied by Director U Soe Tint of Magway Division Development Affairs Committee inspected the development works in Magway Township on 21 May.

They arrived in Thityakauk village in Magway Township and inspected the low-cost rural housing projects.

They also inspected the building of Sharbinhla rural earth road. It was being built by the Magway Township Development Affairs Committee. They also inspected a tubewell sunk with the funds donated by a wellwisher in the village.

They also inspected the sinking of a tubewell in Natkan Village. Next, they inspected the nursery of Magway Township Development Affairs Committee.

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Deputy Director-General of the Development Affairs Department under the Ministry for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs U Khin Latt and party inspect the low-cost rural housing projects in Thityakauk Village of Magway Township.

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Efficient use of electricity

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

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

Efficient use of fuel

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

All this needs to be known

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

Deputy Minister leaves for PRC

YANGON, 25 May — A Myanmar delegation led by Deputy Minister for Forestry Brig-Gen Tin Naing Thein left here by air this afternoon to study timber market, visit Trade Fair and parquet factories in the People's Republic of China from 23 to 29 May.

The delegation was seen off at the Yangon International Airport by Minister for Forestry Brig-Gen Thein Aung, departmental heads and officials. — MNA

POEM:

For increased prosperity — National Convention

- * Unitedly, tumultuously assemble together
Our own flesh and blood, all citizens
From throughout Union, fully represented
Hands held together, National Convention
We look forward to prosperity of the nation
- * Union of Myanmar, based on Constitution
Deliberate, think and opinionate
To write the Constitution, mutually discuss
Our land, to remain perpetually
Must be able to write the Constitution.

* Myanmar's independence,
Fought for with sweat and blood
Made all kin united, raise the Union Flag
Example of unity, keep it fluttering
For the success of the National Convention
Firm vow is laid down.

* Discipline-flourishing, Myanmar's Democracy
Seven-point policy, laid down and constructed
For perpetuation of Union,
Move toward prosperous objective
In amity side by side, will celebrate victory
Sentiments from Nyaunghnapin Camp

— In brotherly criticism to the fore
For nation to be prosperous and pleasant
— For emergence of Constitution of the Union
National Convention is convened.

Tekkatho Myat Thu (Trs)

Government implementing three...

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He urged them to make field trips to rural areas and to fulfil the requirements in practice in accord with the five rural development tasks.

He said officials are to lead the people in correct way by fulfilling their needs and to organize them to arouse want-to-do spirit so that they will achieve public cooperation.

He spoke of the need for officials to uplift cooperation of social organizations such as the Union Solidarity and Development Association, Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation, Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association, Myanmar War Veterans Organization, Myanmar Red Cross Society and auxiliary fire brigades.

Only when there are better management and leadership, will there be collective strengths of the social organizations and the people. The Prime Minister called for harmonious efforts for development in the region.

The Prime Minister and party arrived at Kengtaung where they were welcomed by Brig-Gen Nyunt Hlaing of Mongpan Station and military officers and local authorities. The Prime Minister met township level officials, social organizations and local people at Kengtaung General Administration Department.

Township Officer U Nyi Nyi Aung of Township GAD reported on location and areas of Kengtaung, national races living in the regions, cultivation of ten major crops, conditions of 25 crops that can be grown in the region, local rice and edible oil sufficiency, education, health and requirements.

The Prime Minister fulfilled the requirements and said efforts of the respective officials are vital for development of a region. He spoke of the need to try to emerge better management

system in administration, community peace and tranquillity, rule of law and order, education, health and social sectors.

Agricultural sector is the most basic one for regional economic development and he urged departmental officials to organize local people to grow marketable crops in the region on commercial scale.

He called for distribution of quality strains and cultivation methods.

Now transport has improved in Kengtaung and regional products can be transported easily. He said officials are to lead the local people for gaining better results in agriculture, economy and production.

The Prime Minister spoke at length on five rural development tasks, harmonious development in the country after successful implementation of those tasks.

He called on departmental officials to realize the objectives and to work hard harmoniously among the departments concerned.

Next, Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt presented a TV set, VCR and a set of computer for Kengtaung BEHS to the headmaster and the ceremony ended.

Later, Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt and party arrived at Kengtaung Tonhon Pariyatti Sathintak and presented offertories to members of the Sangha led by Presiding Sayadaw Bhaddanta Socinna.

Next, the Prime Minister proceeded to Kengtaung BEHS where he met with Headmaster U Kin Kham Man and teachers and gave instructions on academic matters.

Afterwards, the Prime Minister and party arrived at Kengtaung Hydel Power Project being implemented by the Ministry of Electric Power on Namtein Creek 31 miles east of Mongnai, Loilem District.

At the briefing hall, Deputy Minister for Elec-

tric Power U Myo Myint reported on salient points of the project, aims and location of the project, geological condition, current of Namtein Creek, hydrological findings, construction of diversion weir under the project, process for generating electricity, measures for installation of power lines and others to the Prime Minister and party.

Next, Director U Soe Myint of Hydroelectric Power Department reported on construction of No 1 diversion weir and intake structure, construction of silt settling tank and others to the Prime Minister who gave instructions on timely completion of the project.

Next, the Prime Minister and party inspected flow of Namtein Creek and Kengtaung waterfall.

The hydel power plant will be installed with three 18-megawatt turbines and it will be able to generate 472 million kilowatt hours.

On arrival at Loilem, the Prime Minister and party were welcomed by members of District and Township Peace and Development Councils, departmental officials and members of social organizations.

Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt met with members of District and Township Peace and Development Councils, departmental officials, members of social organizations and townselders at Nawarat Hall of the township.

The Chairman of Loilem District Peace and Development Council reported on location and area of Loilem District, population and land utilization, cultivation of monsoon paddy and the per acre yield, arrangements for extension of sown acreage of monsoon paddy, cultivation of summer paddy, cultivation of ten major crops, cultivation of 25 varieties of crops that are suitable to the region and self-sufficiency in rice and edible oil.

Next, District Manager



Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt offers alms to a Sayadaw in Loilem on 24-5-2004. — MNA

of Myanma Agriculture Service U Mya Kyi reported on work being carried out for cultivation of ten major crops as much as possible.

After that, Assistant Director of District Settlement and Land Records Department U Aye Thauang reported on weather and rainfall of Loilem, sown acreage, kinds of cultivated crops, virgin and fallow land, reserve and protected forest.

Next, District Education Officer U Win Myint Maung reported on opening of more schools in the district, upgrading of the schools, appointment of more teachers, the teacher to student ratio and pass rate in the 2003 matriculation exam. The head of the Shan State (South) Health Department explained the health care activities in Loilem District.

Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt looked into the requirements, saying that they had already attended to the regional development needs of Mognai and Kengtaung. Necessary instructions had been given to officials for earliest completion of the Kengtaung Hydroelectric power project. The Government believes that efforts should be made for rapid progress of the 11 townships in Loilem District. Thus, it is making arrangements for their development since three years ago.

The Government is launching the three devel-

opment projects — border areas and national races development project; development zone project; and the five rural development tasks — covering the whole nation. The Loilem District and its 11 townships have been designated as a special region of the 24-development-zone project. Thus, a large amount of money has been spent for the development of transport, human resources, health care and other sectors. Hospitals in all 11 townships have been upgraded from 16-bed facilities to 25-bed ones; station and village hospitals have been upgraded; and Loilem District Hospital has been upgraded to a 200-bed facility. Transport plays a vital role in developing a region.

Hence, a large amount of money has been used to develop roads linking townships and also the ones connecting northern and southern Shan State. More roads will be built or upgraded in the future also. The Government is striving to ensure rapid development in the whole Loilem District to make less developed regions enjoy equal development as others and to narrow the development gap. The people also have the duty to take part in the Government's regional development drive. Thus, there must be mutual cooperation between the people and the Government in this task. The people should

have the conviction that they also are responsible for regional all-round development, while having full confidence in the Government's sincere efforts.

The departmental personnel also should have the conviction that they too are responsible for regional development. They will have to render assistance for fulfilling the public needs and economic and social development. The Government has been implementing the three development projects for progress of all the people living in the Union regardless of their race and religions and the places they are residing in. Thus, the entire people will have to strive in harmony and unison with the spirit of national solidarity and Union Spirit.

The Prime Minister presented a television, a video and a computer each for No1 and No2 BEHSs of Loilem; and exercise books for schools in the district. At Government Technological College in Panglong, the Prime Minister and party visited the workshop, computer room and language lab. They inspected wards and the operation theatre at the 200-bed Loilem General Hospital. In the evening, they paid respects and presented offertories to Yadanasi Sayadaw Maha Saddhamma Jotika Bhaddanta Silananda and monks at Yadanasi TatU Monastery. —MNA



The Kengtaung Water Falls with which the Ministry of Electric Power will implement a hydropower project on Namtein Creek, 31 miles east of Mongnai, Loilem District. — MNA

Measures for greening 30-mile radius of Yangon International Airport coordinated

YANGON, 25 May— A coordination meeting on all year round greening 30-mile radius of Yangon International Airport was held at the meeting hall of Yangon North District Planning office this afternoon, with an address by Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe.

Also present on the occasion were Deputy Minister for Construction Brig-Gen Myint Thein, Deputy Minister for Transport Col Nyan Tun Aung, departmental heads, Brig-Gen Min Thein of Mingaladon Station, No 1 Military Region Commander Col Tun Kyi, Col Myat Thu of No 11 LID, Secretary of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Lt-Col Myint Kyi, officials, local authorities and guests.

Next, the commander gave instructions on cultivation of monsoon and summer paddy, different kinds of beans and pulses on a commercial scale for all year round greening 30-mile radius of Yangon International Airport. He said that local peasants are to make concerted efforts for greening tasks being carried out in their respective zones and future tasks. Afterwards, Special Zone 1 in charge Deputy Minister for Transport Col Nyan Tun Aung and Heads of Department of Special Zone 2, 3, 4 and 5 presented reports on growing monsoon and summer paddy and different kinds of beans and pulses during the last year and preparations to be made for full cultivation of monsoon and summer paddy and different kinds of beans and pulses in this year. Later, Deputy Minister for Construction Brig-Gen Myint Thein presented reports on rendering assistance for all year round greening 30-mile radius of Yangon International Airport, Director-General U Win Shwe of Water Resources Utilization Department and Deputy Director-General of Irrigation Department U Khin Zaw, Deputy Director-General of Department for Human Settlement and Housing Development Col Aung Win on digging of drains with the use of heavy machinery and tasks to be carried out and building of roads in special zones. Next, the commander inspected construction site of Barlar creek bridge. The commander instructed officials to speedily complete the road which links circular road with Mingaladon Gardens City from Khayebin road. The commander and party then inspected reclamation of farmland stretching 83 acres, measures being taken for digging drains with the use of heavy machinery and gave necessary instructions and fulfilled the requirements. — MNA

NC delegate groups hold...

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Myanmar Red Cross Society Dr Kyaw Win and Director-General of the Cottage Industries Department U Sein Than submitted papers on advice and suggestions regarding the detailed basic principles to be laid down for sharing of legislative, executive and judicial powers to be included in writing the State Constitution. Next, the meeting chairman delivered concluding remarks and the meeting went to recess at 11.10 am. The meeting continues at the same venue tomorrow.

Delegates of State service personnel

The meeting of delegates of State service personnel took place at the meeting hall No 7 starting at 9 am today. Present on the occasion were Panel of Chairmen members U Arnt Maung of the Ministry of Religious Affairs, U Hla Tin of the Ministry of Commerce, Maj-Gen Aung Thein of the Ministry of Defence and U Ko Ko Kyaw of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Deputy Director of the NCC Work Committee Group-9 U Htay Win emceed the meeting. Respective paper compilation groups presented their papers to the Panel of Chairmen. Members of the Panel of Chairmen assessed the papers and the meeting went into recess at 11.20 am.

Other invited delegates group

The meeting of other invited delegates was held at the meeting hall No 8 beginning 8.50 am today. Secretary of Myanmar Historical Committee U Tun Aung Chin chaired the meeting together with U Paw Laik Kham of Shan State (North) Special Region-2 and Dr Ma Nan Too Gyar of Kachin State Special Region-2. Deputy Director of NCC Work Committee Group-10 U Aung Kyi acted as master of ceremonies and Assistant Director U Win Myint, as co-master of ceremonies. The master of ceremonies announced that the meeting was valid as 104 out of 105 delegates or 99.05 per cent were present at the meeting. The chairman delivered an address. Delegates Associate Professor Daw Cho Cho Swan of the History Department of Yangon University and Head of Neuro-surgical Unit Dr Saw Hsai Mon Tha presented papers on sector-wise clarifications of the NCC Work Committee with respect to the detailed basic principles to be laid down for sharing of legislative, executive and judicial powers to be included in writing the State Constitution. Papers of delegates of New Mon State Party, Kachin State Special Region-2 and Shwepyiaye (MTA) Group were presented to the chairman, who then made closing remarks. The meeting went into recess at 10.10 am.

Likewise, delegates of national races and delegates of peasants are making preparations at their hostels for compiling of papers on sector-wise clarifications of the NCC Work Committee as regards detailed basic principles to be laid down for sharing of legislative, executive and judicial powers to be included in writing the State Constitution. —MNA



Meeting of the delegate group of State service personnel in progress. — MNA



Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt inspects Mongnai hospital. — MNA



Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt inspects GTC (Panglong). — MNA

Commander meets UDNR trainees of Yangon Division

YANGON, 25 May — Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Chairman Yangon Command Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe this morning met with trainees of Yangon Division, who are attending the University for Development of National Races at the meeting hall of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council office. Also present at the ceremony were Secretary of Yangon Division PDC Lt-Col Myint Kyi and members, departmental officials, local authorities and parents of the trainees. Lt-Col Myint Kyi introduced each trainee to the commander. Next, the commander delivered a speech. Then, the commander presented cash assistance to each student and K 1.5 million for academic fund. On behalf of the trainees, Maung Thant Zaw Tun, a trainee of the course No 36, accepted the donations and spoke words of thanks. — MNA



Meeting of the delegate group of workers in progress. — MNA



Meeting of a delegate group to National Convention in progress. — MNA

Stakes driven for construction of Vinaya Nuggaha three-storey building of Phayaphyu Monastery in Pazundaung

YANGON, 25 May—The stake-driving ceremony for construction of Vinaya Nuggaha three-storey building of Phayaphyu Monastery in Pazundaung Township, Yangon East District, here, was held at the monastery this morning.

The ceremony was graced by the presence of Secretary of the State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Abhidhaja Maha Rattha Guru Abhidhaja Agga Maha Saddhammajotika Magway Sayadaw Bhaddanta Kumara and members of the Sangha.

Also present on the occasion were Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Chairman Yangon Command Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe, Industry-I Minister U Aung Thaung, Religious Affairs Minister Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung, local authorities, departmental heads, officials, wellwishers and guests.

The Magway Sayadaw administered the Five Precepts to the congregation. Members of the Sangha recited the parittas.

The commander, the ministers and officials presented

stakes and alms to the monks.

Forty-four wellwishers presented K 24,544,237 for the construction including K 1.2 million each donated by sons of U Kyauk — Maung Khin U and Maung Sein Maung; K 1 million each by U Kyaw Myint, Aung Kaung Thread Shop of Theingyi Market, U Zaw Win-Daw Mya Htwe (Zaw Saw Mill), and U Kyaw Myint-Daw Phyu Phyu Myint; K 777,777 by U Kyaw Win-Daw Han Aye and family; K 600,000 by U Win Myint-Daw Moh Moh Soe and family, Ma Myint Myint Soe and family, U Tet Ne Htwe-Daw Sanda Hlaing and family, Daw Myint Hmi and family, U Aye Maw-Daw Hnin Yu and family, U Soe Myint-Daw Khin Nilar and family, U Kyi Nyunt-Daw Mu Mu Myint and family, U Thaung Nyunt-Daw Thein Thein and family, U Hein Hein-Daw Le Le Oo (Ocean Pearl Inn) and family, Daw Aye Hla and family, Daw Si (Mon Ma Lay Restaurant), Daw Khin Lwan (Shwepyitan Tea) and family; K 300,000 by Daw Khin Than Myint and U

Khin Soe-Daw Khin Ma Ma Gyi and family; and K 200,000 by U Thaung-Daw Tin Nyunt and family.

The commander and the ministers accepted the donations and presented certificates of honour to the wellwishers.

Phayaphyu Monastery Sayadaw Bhaddanta Narindabhivamsa delivered a sermon, followed by sharing of merits gained.

Next, the stake-driving ceremony followed.

The commander, the ministers, No 4 Military Region Commander Col Yan Naing Oo and Yangon East District PDC Chairman Lt-Col Maung Maung Shein drove stakes and sprinkled scented water on them.

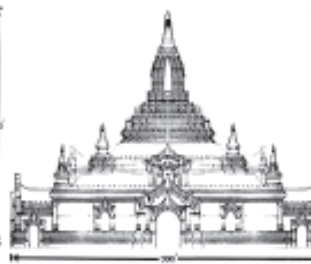
After the ceremony, rituals of golden and silver showers to mark the successful completion of the ceremony were performed.

MNA

တကောင်းမြို့ ရှေးဟောင်း လေးမျက်နှာတရားကြီး ပြန်လည်ပြုပြင် တည်ဆောက်ရာတွင် ကုသိုလ်ယူ ပါဝင်လှူဒါန်းနိုင်



အေဒီ (၁၀)ရာစု အစောင့်ရထားမင်းကြီးကောင်းမြို့မူတော် ဖြစ်သောလေးမျက်နှာတရားကြီးသည်လည်းခက်၊ ရာသီဥတုခက်တို့ကြောင့် ဖြိုကျလျက်ရှိခဲ့ပြီး နှစ်ပေါင်းများစွာ တောဖုံးများအုပ်ရံလျက် အစဉ်ကုန်ကြီး တကောင်းမြို့ရှိ ရေညှိတိုင်း ယဉ်ကျေးမှုဝန်ကြီးဌာန၏ ကြီးကြပ်မှုဖြင့် တကောင်းမြို့ဟောင်းတွင် ပြန်လည်ပြုပြင် တည်ဆောက်ပါမည်။
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သိလင်းမြေတစ်ခဲ	-	၄၀၀/-
သဲတစ်ကျင်း	-	၆၀၀/-
မြစ်ကျောက် (အသေး) တစ်ကျင်း	-	၂၀၀၀/-
မိုး (တစ်ခဲ)	-	၁၀၀/-
သဲကျောက်မြား တစ်ချပ် (၁၂ x ၁၂)	-	၅၀/-

ယဉ်ကျေးမှုဝန်ကြီးဌာန (ဝန်ကြီးရုံး)

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စတုရန်းပေသုံးထောင်ခန့် (ရုံးချုပ်)

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ယဉ်ကျေးမှုအမွေအနှစ်ဝန်ကြီးဌာန (ဓန ဝန်ကြီးရုံး)

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Film entertainment to National Convention delegates

YANGON, 25 May — The Entertainment and Welfare Subcommittee of the National Convention Convening Management Committee organizes entertainment programmes for delegates to the National Convention daily at the gymnasium of Nyaungnapin Camp. Yesterday evening, the delegates were entertained with "A-chit-komwe-phwa-chin", an academy award-winning film for 2001, directed by Maung Tin Oo and starred by Yan Aung, Tun Eindrabo, Lu Min, Soe Myat Nandar, Nwe Nwe San and Aung Khaing. — MNA

ကျန်းမာပျော်ရွှင် ဘဝတစ်ခွင်

ကျန်းမာခြင်းဆိုသည်မှာ - ရောဂါဘယကင်းရှင်းစွာ သမာဓာတိရှိပြီး ကျန်းမာခြင်း၊ စိတ်ချမ်းသာခြင်းနှင့် လူမှုရေးသမာဓာတိရှိခြင်း ကိုဆိုသည်။

ဘဝတစ်ခွင် ကျန်းမာပျော်ရွှင်စေရန် အောက်ပါအတိုင်း လိုက်နာဆောင်ရွက်ပါ။

- (၁) တစ်ကိုယ်ရည်သန်ရှင်းမှုကိုဆောင်ရွက်ပါ။
- (၂) အန္တရာယ်ကင်း၍ အာဟာရပြည့်ဝသော အစားအသောက်များကိုစားသုံးပါ။
- (၃) ပိုးမွှားကင်းစင်၍ သန့်ရှင်းသောရေကို သောက်သုံးပါ။
- (၄) ရာသီဥတုနှင့် လိုက်လျောညီထွေစွာဝတ်စားဆင်ယင်နေထိုင်ပါ။
- (၅) အသက်အရွယ်နှင့်လိုက်လျောညီထွေရှိသည့် သတင်းအချက်အလက်ကိုယုံကြည်စိတ်ချစွာမှန်မှန်ဆောင်ရွက်ပါ။
- (၆) နေ့စဉ်လုပ်ငန်းဆောင်တာများ ဆောင်ရွက်ခြင်းကြောင့် ပင်ပန်းနွမ်းနယ်မှုကိုပြေပျောက်စေရန် အနားယူပါ။
- (၇) ခြင်္သေ့ရုပ်သိမ်းကွပ်ကဲခြင်း ခြင်္သေ့ရုပ်သိမ်းခြင်းပါ။
- (၈) ကျန်းမာရေးနှင့်ညီညွတ်သော ယဉ်ကျေးမှုကိုသိပါ။
- (၉) အရက်သောက်ခြင်း၊ ဆေးလိပ်ဆေးရွက် သောက်သုံးခြင်း၊ ကွမ်းစားခြင်းတို့ကိုရှောင်ကြဉ်ပါ။
- (၁၀) မူးယစ်ဆေးဝါးနှင့် စိတ်ကိုပြောင်းလဲစေသည့် ဆေးဝါးများ သုံးစွဲခြင်းကို ရှောင်ကြဉ်ပါ။
- (၁၁) အပျော်အပါးလိုက်စားခြင်းကို ရှောင်ကြဉ်ပါ။
- (၁၂) ရေ၊ မြေ၊ လေ သဘာဝပတ်ဝန်းကျင်နှင့် နေထိုင်မှု၊ အသက်မွေးမှုပတ်ဝန်းကျင်တို့အား ညစ်ညမ်းစေသည့် အပြစ်အမှုများကို ရှောင်ကြဉ်ပါ။

ကျန်းမာရေးဝန်ကြီးဌာန



Minister for Transport Maj-Gen Hla Myint Swe delivers an address at the opening of the seminar. — MNA

Joint Seminar on Security and Safety in Myanmar Ports opens

YANGON, 25 May — Myanmar-Japan Joint Seminar on the Security and Safety in Myanmar Ports, jointly organized by Ministry of Transport of Myanmar and Ministry of Land, Infrastructure and Transport, Japan, was opened in Ahlon Township this morning.

The opening ceremony was attended by Minister for Transport Maj-Gen Hla Myint Swe, Minister at the Prime Minister's Office Maj-Gen Thein Swe, Deputy Ministers for Transport U Pe Than and Col Nyan Tun Aung, Deputy Minister for Labour Brig-Gen Win Sein, Director-General of the Myanmar Police Force Brig-Gen Khin Yi, responsible officials, ambassadors and resource persons.

Minister Maj-Gen Hla Myint Swe made an address. In his address, he said the international concern for the security of the ships, cargoes, passengers and crew has been steadily growing over the past forty years.

The regulations and the new International Ship

and Port Security (ISPS) Code will be entered into force from the 1st July 2004.

The IMO has ensured that a joint effort is taken when it initiated steps to develop instruments to fight terrorism in its maritime security initiatives. Measures have been drawn up to ensure that ship and port security can be measured and effected through having proper security assessment, the security plans, verification and certification. The appropriate identification is provided to personnel working in these ships and ports.

This seminar is aimed at providing an overview of the maritime security threats and policies in regard to shipping and port facilities, how we should respond to them and the training requirements. This is a great opportunity for us to understand the issues involved in the maritime security, he added.

He continued to say that Myanmar is committed to ensure that the ports, ships and facilities are safe. We are committed to this

goal and work jointly with the IMO, its member states and other like-minded organizations to ensure that the maritime security initiatives and programme succeed. Not only we want to ensure cleaner seas and safer oceans in terms of shipping and the environment, but we also want to ensure that all who sail and serve in the maritime industry are safe and secure.

Next, Japanese Ambassador Mr Yuji Miyamoto also made a remark. He said, since Myanmar is situated at a economically important area between China and India, its port security is regarded as an important factor. Myanmar became a member of ASEAN in 1997.

As ASEAN's economy is being integrated, Myanmar's ports are becoming more important than before. Therefore, it is needed for Myanmar ports to be developed further in order to assist the growing economic activities in the area, he added. He continued to say that last year, ASEAN-Japan Transport Ministers' meeting was held

in Myanmar and projects were agreed upon. The ambassador expressed his delight that the Japanese Government could react very quickly by holding today's seminar as a timely follow-up, based upon the above agreement. Myanmar has always been a good friend of Japan and it is Japan's intention to work with Myanmar in its nation-building efforts, he said.

At 10 am, the seminar was held and it was chaired by Director-General of the Directorate of Inland Water Transport U Soe Win.

Following the opening address of the meeting chairman, officials presented papers on preparation for port security measures in Myanmar; preparation for port security measures at Yangon Port; present situation of port security in Singapore; port security policy and measures in Japan; introduction of port facility security assessment in Japan; and introduction of port facility security plan in Japan. The seminar ended in the evening.

MNA

China's largest maritime patrol vessel visits Japan

SHANGHAI, 25 May — China's largest patrol vessel — *Haixun 21* left Shanghai Saturday for Japan to attend a joint maritime parade and comprehensive exercise.

This is the first time for China's maritime patrol vessel to visit Japan.

The Chinese vessel delegation will attend a two-day joint maritime exercise in Japan hosted by the Japan Coast Guard starting on 29 May.

MNA/Xinhua

China's air passenger volume expected to top 100 million

BEIJING, 25 May — China's total passenger transport volume is expected to surge by 20 per cent to reach 103.8 million people in 2004, according to an annual report on China's industrial development.

It is predicted that cargo transport volume by air will reach 2.5 million tons this year, a rise of 18 per cent year on year, according to China's Industrial Development Report 2004, which was publicized here on Monday.

The report forecast that China's civil aviation transportation will enter a period of fast growth this year as the General Administration of Civil Aviation of China plans to adopt a series of measures to boost the development of the aviation sector and related industries.

These measures include loosening market ac-

cession conditions for cargo transportation airline companies and feeder airways, allowing inflow of private funds into the civil aviation transportation, and reducing and exempting taxes on feeder airways among others.

The report also predicts that fixed asset investment in the aviation sector is expected to reach 15 billion yuan (1.81 billion US dollars).

China's aviation sector handled 87.59 million passengers and 2.19 million tons of cargo last year, up 1.9 per cent and 8.4 per cent over 2002 respectively.

MNA/Xinhua

Wen Jiabao pledges to work with Manmohan Singh

BEIJING, 25 May — Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao Sunday promised to work jointly with his Indian counterpart Manmohan Singh to strengthen bilateral ties and forge a "constructive cooperative partnership" based on Panchsheel principles.

"The Chinese side would like to work together with the new Government of India under the guidance of the five principles of peaceful coexistence jointly initiated by our two countries so as to jointly and continuously push forward the long-term constructive cooperative partnership between China and India," Wen said.

In a warm congratulatory message sent to Singh, Wen said, "I wish to extend, on behalf of the Chinese Government and in my own name, our sincere congratulations and best wishes to you." Wen expressed his optimism that under Singh's leadership, India will make "new and greater achievements in economic growth and national development." He noted that China and India have a long history of interactions. "Since the establishment of diplomatic ties, the overall relations between the two countries have been generally moving forward over the past fifty-plus years," Wen said.

At present, the Sino-Indian bilateral relationship faces important opportunities for further development, he said.

"The friendship and cooperation between China and India not only accords with both sides' fundamental interests and the shared aspiration of the two peoples, but also contributes to peace, stability and development in the region and the world at large," Wen said.

MNA/PTI

Vietnamese PM visits Liaoning Province

SHENYANG, 25 May — Visiting Vietnamese Prime Minister Phan Van Khai said here Sunday Vietnam is willing to strengthen cooperation with Liaoning Province in various fields.

At the meeting with Wen Shizhen, secretary of the Liaoning Provincial Committee of the Communist Party of China, the Vietnamese Prime Minister said Vietnam is faced with some problems in the reform of state-owned enterprises, and Liaoning, which has

successful experience in the restructuring of state-owned enterprises, may offer some help in this regard.

The Vietnamese Prime Minister arrived here Sunday noon from Wuhan, capital of Hubei Province in central China.

MNA/Xinhua

Bangladesh eyes better ties with India

DHAKA, 25 May — Bangladesh is seeking better and more cooperative relations with giant neighbour India following the change of government in New Delhi and the election of new Prime Minister Manmohan Singh.

"Manmohan Singh has been a good friend and admirer of Bangladesh's reforms, especially on the economic front," said Bangladesh Finance and Planning Minister M. Saifur Rahman.

"With him at the helm, ties between our two countries should naturally improve."

Bangladesh has long been seeking greater access for its products to Indian markets, but businessmen say they have had little success. Officials said Foreign Minister M. Morshed Khan was planning to fly to New Delhi as soon as possible to convey a personal message from Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia to Singh and for talks with Indian leaders.

India accuses Bangladesh of harbouring rebels from northeastern states and has threatened to send back millions of Bengali-speaking Muslims — who India says are illegal migrants from Bangladesh — and to fence off sections of its 4,000-km (2,500-mile) border.

"While Congress was in power back in 1991, I and Singh — both finance ministers — had struck many understandings on the economic cooperation and to help each other," Saifur said.

"Now that he is elevated to even a higher position and likely to keep a grip on key economic matters, Bangladesh expects trade gap between the two countries — currently more than 1.0 billion US dollars annually in India's favour — would be narrowed down," he added.

India, under the leadership of then Prime Minister Indira Gandhi, was Bangladesh's closest ally in its 1971 war of independence against Pakistan. — MNA/Reuters

သတိပေးနှိုးဆော်ချက်

ဓရီ သည် တင်မော်တော်ယာဉ်များအား ဖြိုကွင်းသို့ နေ့/ည ဓရီ သည် နိုင်ငံရေးအတွက် သတ်မှတ်ခေါက်ရေနှင့်အညီ စက်သုံးဆီထုတ်ပေးထားပြီး ဖြစ်ပါသည်။ ယာဉ်စီမံများအားလည်း သတ်မှတ်နှုန်းထားများအတိုင်းတောင်းခံရန် ညွှန်ကြားထားရှိပါသည်။ သို့ရာတွင် အချို့ယာဉ်လိုင်းများမှ ယာဉ်မောင်းနှင့် ယာဉ်နောက်လိုက်တို့သည် ယာဉ်စီမံများကို ညပိုင်းတွင် ပိုမိုတောင်းယူနေကြောင်း သိရှိပါသည်။ ထိုသို့ပိုမိုတောင်းခံပါက ထိုရောက်စွာအရေ ယူနိုင်ရန် အောက်ပါနံပါတ်များသို့ တိုင်ကြားနိုင်ပါသည်။

(၁) မြန်မာနိုင်ငံရဲတပ်ဖွဲ့၊ ရန်ကုန်တိုင်း (ဖုန်း ၁၉၉)

(၂) ကြို့မကြေးနန်းနှင့်ယာဉ်ထိန်းတပ်ဖွဲ့ချုပ် (ဖုန်း ၂၅၁၂၅၁၂/၂၅၁၂၅၁၂)

(၃) မော်တော်ယာဉ်လုပ်ငန်းပေါင်းစုံထိန်းသိမ်းရေးကော်မတီ (ဖုန်း ၅၄၁၉၀၅/၅၄၁၉၀၄)

ယာဉ်စည်းကမ်းထိန်းသိမ်းရေးကြပ်မက်ကော်မတီ

အရက်ကြောင့်ဖြစ်သည့်ရောဂါများ

အရက်ကိုလွန်ကျွစွာနှင့် စွဲလမ်းစွာသောက်သုံးခြင်းကြောင့် ဖြစ်ပွားတတ်သောရောဂါများမှာ အသည်းရောင်ခြင်း၊ အသည်းခြောက်ခြင်း၊ သွေးအန်ခြင်း၊ အစာအိမ်ရောဂါဖြစ်ခြင်း၊ နှလုံးရောဂါ ဖြစ်ခြင်း၊ ဦးနှောက်နှင့်အာရုံကြောထိခိုက်ခြင်း၊ စိတ်ရောဂါများဖြစ်ခြင်း စသည်တို့ဖြစ်ပါသည်။

အရက်ကြောင့်ဖြစ်တတ်သော စိတ်ရောဂါများမှာ -

၁။ ကယောင့်ကတမ်းဖြစ်ခြင်း (Delirium Tremors)၊ ကြောက်လန့်ခြင်း၊ အချိန် နာရီ နေရာ လူ ခန့်မှန်းနိုင်စွမ်း မရှိခြင်း၊ ကြောက်စရာလန့်စရာများမြင်ရခြင်း၊ အသံဗလများ ကြားရခြင်း၊ ပိုများများနွှာကိုယ်ပေါ် ရုတ်တရက်သလိုခံစားရခြင်း၊ လက်တုန်ရောဂါဖြစ်တတ်ခြင်း။

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

၃။ အတက်ကြွရောဂါဖြစ်တတ်ခြင်း (Rum Fits) (ဝက်ရုပ်ပြန်ရောဂါကဲ့သို့တတ်ခြင်း)။

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 ရာဇဝတ်မှုကျူးလွန်သည်အထိ ဖြစ်နိုင်ခြင်း။

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

ကျန်းမာရေးဝန်ကြီးဌာန

Hong Kong's core values remain intact

HONG KONG, 25 May — The core values on which the governance in Hong Kong is based remain intact, including the rule of law, an open and free society, an impartial administration, a level playing field, and maintenance of Hong Kong's international links, a government spokesman said here Sunday.

All these values remain alive and run through the systems and activities in Hong Kong every day. The fact that Hong Kong is a leading international financial centre, a top trading economy of the world and an established common law jurisdiction in which both external investors and the local community have confidence, is the best proof that these values continue to work, the spokesman said.

"Although we are not in a position to introduce and 2008, there remains plenty of scope for changes to be made to broaden public participation in and enhance the representativeness of our electoral systems," the spokesman continued.

According to the spokesman, public discussion on constitutional development has entered a new phase with the publication of the Report No. 3 by the Constitutional Development Task Force in mid-May.

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တီဘီရောဂါကာကွယ်နိုင်ရန်အရေး

(က) ရောဂါဖြစ်ပွားကူးစက်ပုံ

- ဤရောဂါသည်တီဘီပိုးကြောင့်ဖြစ်သော ကူးစက်ရောဂါဖြစ်သည်။
- ဝေဒနာရှင် ချောင်းဆိုးခြင်း၊ နှာချေခြင်း၊ သလိပ်တံတွေးမှ တစ်ဆင့် ရောဂါပိုးများလေထဲတွင်ပျံ့နှံ့၍ ကူးစက်သည်။
- အသက်အရွယ်မရွေး လူတိုင်းတွင်ဖြစ်ပွားနိုင်သည်။
- အဆုတ်တွင်အများဆုံးဖြစ်ပွားပြီး ကိုယ်ခန္ဓာအနှံ့အပြားတွင်လည်း ဖြစ်နိုင်သည်။
- ဆီးချိုရောဂါ၊ ခုခံအားကျဆင်းမှုကူးစက်ရောဂါနှင့် အာဟာရချို့တဲ့မှုရှိသူများတွင် အဖြစ်များသည်။

(ခ) ရောဂါလက္ခဏာများ

- ရက်ရှည်ချောင်းဆိုးခြင်း (ရက်သတ္တပတ် သုံးပတ်နှင့်အထက်)။
- ချောင်းဆိုးသွေးပါခြင်း။
- သလိပ်တွင်သွေးပါခြင်း။
- အဖျားတာရှည်ခြင်း။
- ခံတွင်းပျက်ခြင်း၊ ဓမ္မပန်းလွယ်ခြင်း။
- ကိုယ်အလေးချိန်လျော့နည်းပိန်ချိုခြင်း။
- ကျောရင်အောင့်ခြင်း။

(ဂ) ကြိုတင်ကာကွယ်ခြင်း

- ရင်သွေးငယ်များအား ကာကွယ်ဆေး(ဘီစီဂျီ)ကိုမပျက်မကွက်ထိုးပေးပါ။
- အာဟာရပြည့်ဝသော အစားအစာများကိုစားသုံးပါ။
- သင့်တင့်လျောက်ပတ်သောကိုယ်လက်လှုပ်ရှားမှုပြုလုပ်ပါ။
- ချောင်းဆိုးခြင်း၊ နှာချေလျှင် လက်ကိုဝံ့ဝံ့ကို အသုံးပြုပါ။
- သလိပ်နှင့်တံတွေးကိုစည်းကမ်းမှီကျင့်ခြင်းမှရှောင်ကြဉ်ပါ။
- ဆေးလိပ်သောက်ခြင်းမှရှောင်ကြဉ်ပါ။

(ဃ) ကုသမှုယူခြင်း

- တိုက်ရိုက်ကြည့်ရှုအချိန်တိုနှင့်ကုသခြင်းဖြင့် ရောဂါကင်းသည်အထိ ကုသမှုခံယူပါ။
- ကုသမှုခံယူခြင်းသည် အခြားသူများသို့ကူးစက်စေခြင်းမှ အကောင်းဆုံးကာကွယ်ခြင်းဖြစ်သည်။
- တီဘီရောဂါသံသယရှိလျှင် နီးစပ်ရာကျန်းမာရေးဌာနတွင် စစ်ဆေး၍ တီဘီရောဂါရှိပါက အရွယ်ထက်သောတီဘီဆေးပါးများဖြင့် အခမဲ့ကုသမှုခံယူပါ။

ကျန်းမာရေးဝန်ကြီးဌာန

**ပြည်ထောင်စုမြန်မာနိုင်ငံတော်
ဝန်ထမ်းရွေးချယ်လေ့ကျင့်ရေးအဖွဲ့
ကြော်ငြာစာအမှတ်၊ ၂၁/၂၀၀၄
(၂၀၀၄ခုနှစ်၊ မေလ ၁၈ ရက်)**

လျှောက်လွှာခေါ်ယူခြင်း

၁။ လယ်ယာစိုက်ပျိုးရေးနှင့်ဆိုင်ရာဦးစီးဌာန၊ မြန်မာ့ကြံ့ခိုင်ရေးနှင့် ဖွံ့ဖြိုးရေးအဖွဲ့တွင် လက်လုပ်လက်ရိုသော အောက်ဖော်ပြပါရာထူးများအတွက် လျှောက်လွှာများအလိုရှိပါသည်။

ရာထူး	ပညာအရည်အချင်း	လက်လုပ်
(က) အလုပ်ရုံခွဲမှူး (စက်မှု)	စက်မှုအင်ဂျင်နီယာဘွဲ့	၄ နေရာ
(ခ) အလုပ်ရုံခွဲမှူး (ဓာတ်)	ဓာတ်အင်ဂျင်နီယာဘွဲ့	၆ နေရာ

- ၂။ လျှောက်ထားသူသည်-
(က) ပြည်ထောင်စုမြန်မာနိုင်ငံသားဖြစ်ရမည်။
(ခ) ၁၅-၆-၂၀၀၄ နေ့တွင် အသက် ၃၅ နှစ် (ဝန်ထမ်းဖြစ်ပါက အသက် ၄၀နှစ်)ထက် မကျော်လွန်သူဖြစ်ရမည်။
(ဂ) လုပ်ငန်းသဘာဝအရ အမျိုးသားဖြစ်ရမည်။

၃။ လျှောက်လွှာကို ဝန်ထမ်းရွေးချယ်လေ့ကျင့်ရေးအဖွဲ့မှ ၁၅-၆-၂၀၀၄ နေ့ အရောက်ပေးပို့ရမည်။

၄။ လျှောက်လွှာတွင် ဖော်ပြရမည့်အချက်များ၊ ပူးတွဲပါရှိရမည့်စာရွက်စာတမ်းများ၊ ဝင်ကြေးငွေ ၅၀/- ပေးသွင်းရမည်နည်းလမ်း၊ ရေးဖြေနှုတ်ခြေစစ်ဆေးမှုအတွက် လေ့လာရန်လိုအပ်ချက်များနှင့်စပ်လျဉ်း၍ ဤအဖွဲ့က ကြေညာချက်အမှတ်၊ ၁/၉၁ မြင့် ထုတ်ပြန်ထားသော ဝန်ထမ်းရွေးချယ်လေ့ကျင့်ရေးအဖွဲ့ကကြော်ငြာခေါ်ယူသော ရာထူးများသို့ လျှောက်လွှာတင်သွင်းသူများအတွက် လမ်းညွှန်စာစောင်ပါ သတ်မှတ်ချက်များနှင့်အညီ လိုက်နာဆောင်ရွက်ရန် ဖြစ်သည်။

၅။ ရန်ကုန်မြို့နှင့်မန္တလေးမြို့ များတွင်ရေးဖြေစာမေးပွဲစာစစ်ဌာနများထားရှိမည်။ မိမိမြေခိုလိုသော စာစစ်ဌာနကို လျှောက်လွှာတွင် ရှင်းလင်းတိကျစွာဖော်ပြရမည်။

၆။ ဝန်ထမ်းများသည် မူရင်းလျှောက်လွှာတစ်စောင်ကို မိမိတာဝန်ထမ်းဆောင်သည့် ဌာနအကြီးအကဲမှတစ်ဆင့် ဝန်ကြီးဌာန၏ ခွင့်ပြုချက်ရယူပြီး ဝန်ထမ်းရွေးချယ်လေ့ကျင့်ရေးအဖွဲ့မှ ၁၅-၆-၂၀၀၄ နေ့အရောက် ပေးပို့ရမည်။ လျှောက်လွှာတစ်စောင်ကို ဓါတ်ပုံနှင့်အတူတူညီအဖွဲ့မှ ၁၅-၆-၂၀၀၄ နေ့အရောက် ပေးပို့ရမည်။

၇။ ၃-၇-၂၀၀၄နေ့နှင့် ၄-၇-၂၀၀၄နေ့များတွင် အရည်အချင်းစစ်ရေးဖြေစာမေးပွဲကျင်းပမည်။ ၁-၇-၂၀၀၄နေ့မှစ၍ မန္တလေးတိုင်းအထွေထွေအုပ်ချုပ်ရေးဦးစီးဌာနနှင့် ဤအဖွဲ့မှတစ်ဆင့် ဖြေဆိုခွင့်ကတ်ပြားများကို ထုတ်ပေးမည်။

၈။ စုံစမ်းမေးမြန်းလိုပါက ဤအဖွဲ့မှ ၁၅-၆-၂၀၀၄ နေ့တွင် လက်ထပ်နိုင်ပါသည်။ တယ်လီဖုန်းအမှတ် (၃၇၀၁၆၃)သို့ ဖြစ်စေ ဆက်သွယ်နိုင်ပါသည်။

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(၂၀၀၄ ခုနှစ်၊ မေလ ၁၈ ရက်)**

လျှောက်လွှာခေါ်ယူခြင်း

၁။ အလုပ်သမားဝန်ကြီးဌာန၊ လူမှုဖူလုံရေးအဖွဲ့တွင် လက်လုပ်လက်ရိုသော အောက်ဖော်ပြပါရာထူးများအတွက် လျှောက်လွှာများအလိုရှိပါသည်။

ရာထူး	ပညာအရည်အချင်း	လက်လုပ်
အင်ဂျင်နီယာ(စက်မှု)	အီလက်ထရွန်းနစ်	၁ နေရာ
	အင်ဂျင်နီယာဘွဲ့	

- ၂။ လျှောက်ထားသူသည်-
(က) ပြည်ထောင်စုမြန်မာနိုင်ငံသားဖြစ်ရမည်။
(ခ) ၁၅-၆-၂၀၀၄ နေ့တွင် အသက် ၃၅ နှစ် (ဝန်ထမ်းဖြစ်ပါက အသက် ၄၀နှစ်)ထက် မကျော်လွန်သူဖြစ်ရမည်။

၃။ လျှောက်လွှာကို ဝန်ထမ်းရွေးချယ်လေ့ကျင့်ရေးအဖွဲ့မှ ၁၅-၆-၂၀၀၄ နေ့ အရောက်ပေးပို့ရမည်။

၄။ လျှောက်လွှာတွင် ဖော်ပြရမည့်အချက်များ၊ ပူးတွဲပါရှိရမည့် စာရွက်စာတမ်းများ၊ ဝင်ကြေးငွေ ၅၀/- ပေးသွင်းရမည်နည်းလမ်း၊ ရေးဖြေနှုတ်ခြေစစ်ဆေးမှုအတွက် လေ့လာရန်လိုအပ်ချက်များနှင့်စပ်လျဉ်း၍ ဤအဖွဲ့က ကြေညာချက်အမှတ်၊ ၁/၉၁ မြင့် ထုတ်ပြန်ထားသော ဝန်ထမ်းရွေးချယ်လေ့ကျင့်ရေးအဖွဲ့ကကြော်ငြာခေါ်ယူသော ရာထူးများသို့ လျှောက်လွှာတင်သွင်းသူများအတွက် လမ်းညွှန်စာစောင်ပါ သတ်မှတ်ချက်များနှင့်အညီ လိုက်နာဆောင်ရွက်ရန် ဖြစ်သည်။

၅။ ရန်ကုန်မြို့နှင့်မန္တလေးမြို့ များတွင်ရေးဖြေစာမေးပွဲစာစစ်ဌာနများ ထားရှိမည်။ မိမိမြေခိုလိုသော စာစစ်ဌာနကို လျှောက်လွှာတွင် ရှင်းလင်းတိကျစွာဖော်ပြရမည်။

၆။ ဝန်ထမ်းများသည် မူရင်းလျှောက်လွှာတစ်စောင်ကို မိမိတာဝန်ထမ်းဆောင်သည့် ဌာနအကြီးအကဲမှတစ်ဆင့် ဝန်ကြီးဌာန၏ ခွင့်ပြုချက်ရယူပြီး ဝန်ထမ်းရွေးချယ်လေ့ကျင့်ရေးအဖွဲ့မှ ၁၅-၆-၂၀၀၄နေ့အရောက် ပေးပို့ရမည်။ လျှောက်လွှာတစ်စောင်ကို ဓါတ်ပုံနှင့်အတူတူညီအဖွဲ့မှ ၁၅-၆-၂၀၀၄ နေ့အရောက် ပေးပို့ရမည်။

၇။ ၃-၇-၂၀၀၄နေ့နှင့် ၄-၇-၂၀၀၄နေ့များတွင် အရည်အချင်းစစ် ရေးဖြေစာမေးပွဲကျင်းပမည်။ ၁-၇-၂၀၀၄နေ့မှစ၍ မန္တလေးတိုင်းအထွေထွေ အုပ်ချုပ်ရေးဦးစီးဌာနနှင့် ဤအဖွဲ့မှတစ်ဆင့် ဖြေဆိုခွင့်ကတ်ပြားများကို ထုတ်ပေးမည်။

၈။ စုံစမ်းမေးမြန်းလိုပါက ဤအဖွဲ့မှ ၁၅-၆-၂၀၀၄ နေ့တွင် လက်ထပ်နိုင်ပါသည်။ တယ်လီဖုန်းအမှတ် (၃၇၀၁၆၃)သို့ ဖြစ်စေ ဆက်သွယ်နိုင်ပါသည်။

အမည်ပြောင်းခြင်း

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မောင်ကျော်သူအဖို့

China, US launch high-level energy policy dialogue

AMSTERDAM, 25 May— China and the United States signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) on Sunday to launch a bilateral energy forum named China-US Energy Policy Dialogue.

Zhang Guobao, Vice Chairman of China's National Development and Reform Commission signed the MoU with US Secretary of Energy Spencer Abraham. Both of them praised the agreement would help expand the energy relationship between the two countries.

“Our two nations’ economies continue to improve, which means we both will need increased reliable and affordable energy supplies. This agreement will allow us to exchange views on energy issues at the policy level,” said Zhang.

The Energy Policy Dialogue will build upon the two country’s current cooperative ventures.

The two countries are currently engaged in bilateral collaboration in fossil energy, energy efficiency and energy information exchanges.

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Bolivia, ADC sign accord to finance route project

LIMA, 25 May — Bolivian President Carlos Mesa and Chairman of the Andean Development Corporation (ADC) signed accords on Saturday on financing the construction of a route project to boost trade integration between Bolivia and the Common Market of the South (Mercosur).

The 220-million-US-dollar project will connect the Bolivian cities of Potosi, Tarija and Villazon bordering Argentina to promote economic development in the south of Bolivia and make Mercosur more dynamic, according to reports from La Paz, Bolivia's capital.

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လျှောက်လွှာခေါ်ယူခြင်း

၁။ အမှတ်(၁)စက်မှုဝန်ကြီးဌာနကြီးကြပ်မှုအောက်ရှိလုပ်ငန်းများတွင် လက်လုပ်လက်ရိုသော အောက်ဖော်ပြပါရာထူးနေရာများအတွက် လျှောက်လွှာများ အလိုရှိပါသည်။

ရာထူး	ပညာအရည်အချင်း	လက်လုပ်
ဌာနခွဲမှူး/အလုပ်ရုံခွဲမှူး (ကုန်ထုတ်/စီမံရေး)	စိုက်ပျိုးရေးပညာဘွဲ့ (သို့မဟုတ်)စိုက်ပျိုးရေး သိပ္ပံဘွဲ့	၃၈ နေရာ

- ၂။ လျှောက်ထားသူသည်-
(က) ပြည်ထောင်စုမြန်မာနိုင်ငံသားဖြစ်ရမည်။
(ခ) ၁၅-၆-၂၀၀၄ နေ့တွင် အသက် ၃၅ နှစ် (ဝန်ထမ်းဖြစ်ပါက အသက် ၄၀နှစ်)ထက် မကျော်လွန်သူဖြစ်ရမည်။

၃။ လျှောက်လွှာကို ဝန်ထမ်းရွေးချယ်လေ့ကျင့်ရေးအဖွဲ့မှ ၁၅-၆-၂၀၀၄ နေ့ အရောက်ပေးပို့ရမည်။

၄။ လျှောက်လွှာတွင် ဖော်ပြရမည့်အချက်များ၊ ပူးတွဲပါရှိရမည့် စာရွက်စာတမ်းများ၊ ဝင်ကြေးငွေ ၅၀/- ပေးသွင်းရမည်နည်းလမ်း၊ ရေးဖြေနှုတ်ခြေစစ်ဆေးမှုအတွက် လေ့လာရန်လိုအပ်ချက်များနှင့်စပ်လျဉ်း၍ ဤအဖွဲ့က ကြေညာချက်အမှတ်၊ ၁/၉၁ မြင့် ထုတ်ပြန်ထားသော ဝန်ထမ်းရွေးချယ်လေ့ကျင့်ရေးအဖွဲ့ကကြော်ငြာခေါ်ယူသော ရာထူးများသို့ လျှောက်လွှာတင်သွင်းသူများအတွက် လမ်းညွှန်စာစောင်ပါ သတ်မှတ်ချက်များနှင့်အညီ လိုက်နာဆောင်ရွက်ရန် ဖြစ်သည်။

၅။ ရန်ကုန်မြို့နှင့်မန္တလေးမြို့ များတွင်ရေးဖြေစာမေးပွဲစာစစ်ဌာနများ ထားရှိမည်။ မိမိမြေခိုလိုသော စာစစ်ဌာနကို လျှောက်လွှာတွင် ရှင်းလင်းတိကျစွာဖော်ပြရမည်။

၆။ ဝန်ထမ်းများသည် မူရင်းလျှောက်လွှာတစ်စောင်ကို မိမိတာဝန်ထမ်းဆောင်သည့် ဌာနအကြီးအကဲမှတစ်ဆင့် ဝန်ကြီးဌာန၏ ခွင့်ပြုချက်ရယူပြီး ဝန်ထမ်းရွေးချယ်လေ့ကျင့်ရေးအဖွဲ့မှ ၁၅-၆-၂၀၀၄ နေ့အရောက် ပေးပို့ရမည်။ လျှောက်လွှာတစ်စောင်ကို ဓါတ်ပုံနှင့်အတူတူညီအဖွဲ့မှ ၁၅-၆-၂၀၀၄ နေ့အရောက် ပေးပို့ရမည်။

၇။ ၃-၇-၂၀၀၄နေ့နှင့် ၄-၇-၂၀၀၄နေ့များတွင် အရည်အချင်းစစ် ရေးဖြေစာမေးပွဲကျင်းပမည်။ ၁-၇-၂၀၀၄နေ့မှစ၍ မန္တလေးတိုင်းအထွေထွေ အုပ်ချုပ်ရေးဦးစီးဌာနနှင့် ဤအဖွဲ့မှတစ်ဆင့် ဖြေဆိုခွင့်ကတ်ပြားများကို ထုတ်ပေးမည်။

၈။ စုံစမ်းမေးမြန်းလိုပါက ဤအဖွဲ့မှ ၁၅-၆-၂၀၀၄ နေ့တွင် လက်ထပ်နိုင်ပါသည်။ တယ်လီဖုန်းအမှတ် (၃၇၀၁၆၃)သို့ ဖြစ်စေ ဆက်သွယ်နိုင်ပါသည်။

AIDS is a national cancer.

ပညာရေးနှင့် ခေတ်မီပွဲများတိုးတက်သော နိုင်ငံတော်ကြီး တည်ဆောက်အံ့

New Zealand researchers identify self-mutilation gene

WELLINGTON, 25 May — New Zealand researchers have identified a gene markedly increasing a teenager's risk of self-mutilation.

According to a study by the Christchurch School of Medicine, carried by *Sunday Star-Times* Sunday, the researchers have discovered those who have the gene are four times more likely to mutilate or cut themselves than those who do not have it.

Researcher professor Peter Joyce was quoted as saying that the gene appeared to intensify the "numb" state that self-mutilators try to escape from by inflicting pain and cutting themselves.

About 40 per cent of the population has the gene, which researchers have now identified as one of three main predictors of self-mutilation, along with borderline personality disorder and a history of childhood sexual abuse.

Joyce said the study, yet to be published, found that of the young people who did not carry the gene and who had not been sexually abused, only 5 per cent self-mutilated.

By comparison, those who had the gene and had not been abused, or who had been abused and did not have the gene, had a 50-per-cent chance of self-mutilating.

An earlier Christchurch School of Medicine study into depression revealed more

young people had cut themselves than had attempted suicide.

Joyce estimated about 5 per cent of all New Zealanders self-mutilate at some time, usually in their teens.

The newspaper reported that in New Zealand, actual figures are difficult to find as self-mutilation is not well studied and is commonly confused with suicide attempts, but experts warn the number of teenagers cutting themselves is on the rise.

Auckland District Health Board clinical leader of mental health Nick Argyle said the prevalence of cutting had gone up and was now one of the most common presentations at the Kari Centre, the board's community mental health service for children and adolescents.

"Young women cutting themselves is quite common," he said.

Joyce said more acceptable forms of self-mutilation, such as body piercing, might hide the extent of the problem. Patients sometimes resorted to body piercing or tattooing, rather than cutting themselves, when they needed pain to break their intensely numb state, he said. — MNA/Xinhua

Mozambique begins pilot AIDS drugs initiative

MAPUTO, 25 May — Mozambique has launched a pilot project to distribute free life-prolonging anti-retroviral AIDS drugs (ARVs) to 8,000 adults infected by the disease, President Joaquim Chissano said on Saturday.

"It is a very small number (of people) but it is a start," he said in an interview, adding that the initiative was funded by the Bill Clinton Foundation and the World Bank.

Around 1.5 million of Mozambique's 18 million people were estimated to be living with the disease in 2003.

Chissano said he was seeking funds to expand the programme. He pointed to expected increased aid from the United States, where George W. Bush's Administration has listed Mozambique among 16 developing countries that will get more funding from Washington on the back of strong governance credentials.

The head of the UN Children's Fund (UNICEF) in Mozambique complained that children had been excluded from the project.

"We have to make sure that part of the funds pledged for the fight against HIV/AIDS in Mozambique can be used for anti-retroviral drugs for children," UNICEF resi-

dent representative Marie-Pierre Poirier told Reuters.

Chissano said Mozambique was in talks with Western donors and pharmaceutical companies about reducing prices of AIDS drugs as well as training staff and building facilities such as laboratories to fight the growing epidemic that infects an estimated 520 Mozambicans a day.

But to really get to grips with the disease, Chissano said the government was in discussions with several countries to build plants to produce cheap generic AIDS drugs.

Brazil said last year it was keen to help Mozambique establish a factory to produce the medication. No details of the talks have so far been made public.

"We are in talks. It will be one factory or two, the project will be undertaken by one company or two, it will depend. We are in contact with some partners on that," Chissano said. — MNA/Reuters

Romanian coal mine blast kills two

BUCHAREST, 25 May — An explosion in Romania's richest coalfield, the Jiu Valley, killed two miners and injured two others, state radio said on Sunday.

It said a government commission was investigating the accident which occurred late on Saturday in a pit near the small town of Uricani, 250 miles west of Bucharest. The worst accident in Romania's ailing mining industry killed 14 in 2001 in the Jiu Valley, a mining area known for its poor conditions and the militancy of its labour force.

MNA/Reuters

Oxfam enlists music downloaders to fight poverty

LONDON, 25 May — The British charity Oxfam is to enlist music downloaders — a group once regarded by record company executives as "thieves" and "freeloaders" — to help it fight poverty and remove world trade imbalances.

On May 26, Oxfam will launch a music download service at <http://www.bignoismusic.com>. Ten pence from each song sold will go to the group's charity efforts to fight poverty and raise funds for humanitarian aid.

Oxfam has joined forces with Britain's largest digital music firm OD2 to sell downloads ranging from 75 to 99 pence (1.34 to 1.77 US dollars) per track. The service will be made available to music fans across Europe, but songs will be priced in pence.

"Music lovers get great tracks and artists see their

music helping some of the poorest people in the world through real cash support," Adrian Lovett, Oxfam's director of campaigns and communications, said in a statement.

But the charity is entering a brutally competitive digital download market. Last week, Napster launched in Britain and Apple Computer's wildly popular iTunes is expected to make its European debut in the coming months.

Until now, commercial music download services have been the domain of retailers and technology companies looking to crack a

small but promising market for selling music over the Internet.

Earlier this year, soft drink giant Coca-Cola Inc. launched a download service in Britain as part of a marketing effort to connect its brand with hip and tech-savvy teens.

Oxfam's offering is believed to be the first time digital downloads will be used in a fundraising charity effort.

The Oxfam online service will launch with a library of 300,000 songs. Artists include Coldplay and George Michael.

MNA/Reuters

Study shows breast cancer on rise in US men

WASHINGTON, 25 May — Male breast cancer is on the rise in the United States — bad news for men and their doctors, who do not even know to look for it, researchers reported on Monday.

Although the disease remains extremely rare — just 1,600 cases are predicted for 2004 — the 25 per cent increase in 25 years is worrying, said Dr Sharon Giordano of the University of Texas M D Anderson Cancer Centre in Houston, who led the study.

"I don't think anybody had specifically looked to see if male breast cancer had been increasing over time, because it is so rare," Giordano said in a telephone interview.

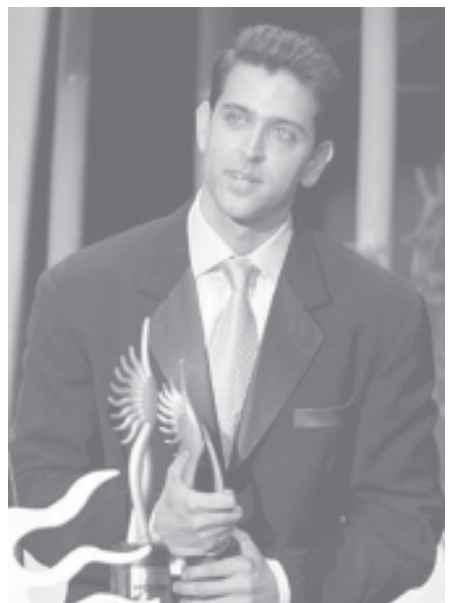
"I was surprised to find that it was increasing, although in retrospect I should have known. We have seen a huge increase in breast cancer in women, as well."

No one knows why, added Giordano, a specialist in breast cancer. In both sexes breast cancer is related to the hormone estrogen, so obesity could be a factor. Fat cells produce estrogen.

So could environmental chemicals, or changes in lifestyle. Giordano stresses that a great deal more study is needed but noted, "Anecdotally, the male patients I am seeing and treating haven't been heavy and overweight."

Even with the increase, male breast cancer represents just 0.6 per cent of all breast cancers and less than 1 per cent of all malignancies in men, Giordano's team reports in the July issue of the journal *Cancer*, published online this week.

MNA/Reuters



Bollywood star Hrithik Roshan speaks after he won the International Indian Film Academy award for Best Actor in a leading role in Singapore on 22 May, 2004. — INTERNET

Walking ability improves in Miami paralysis study

MIAMI, 25 May — Rats with spinal cord injuries regained 70 per cent of their normal walking function with a three-part treatment hailed as a breakthrough in paralysis research at the University of Miami School of Medicine.

The study at the university's Miami Project to Cure Paralysis, due to be published on Monday in the June issue of the journal *Nature Medicine*, produced results "by far greater than what we've seen in anything else," said the principal researcher, Dr Mary Bartlett Bunge.

"It opens up a potential new avenue of treatment for human spinal cord injury," said Bunge, who declined to speculate when human trials might be attempted.

The spinal cord carries messages between the brain and the muscles through a network of nerve cells. Normally, chemical signals prevent those nerves from regrowing, resulting in paralysis when the network is severed by an injury.

Regrowing nerve cells and reconnecting them is the holy grail of spinal cord research.

The Miami study involved hundreds of animals with crushing injuries to the thoracic region of the spinal cord, which mainly causes loss of control of the legs and is the most common form of injury among the 243,000 people in the United States living with spinal cord injuries, the researchers said. — MNA/Reuters



A monkey eats an ice cream during a hot day in Lahore.

INTERNET

SPORTS

Deportivo end season with 1-0 win at Racing

MADRID, 25 May—Deportivo Coruna moved into provisional third place in the Primera Liga on the final day of the season thanks to a 1-0 win at Racing Santander on Sunday.

Uruguayan striker Walter Pandiani grabbed the winner midway through the first half when he picked up the ball just outside the Racing area, checked inside a defender and squeezed a low shot past Israeli goalkeeper Dudu Aouate.

The win put Depor six points behind champions Valencia, one adrift of Barcelona and one ahead of Real Madrid.

Valencia are preparing to celebrate a league and UEFA Cup double later on Sunday when they host Albacete at the Metastalla.

Barca will finish the season as runners-up if they win at Real Zaragoza, while Real Madrid, who have lost their last four matches, must beat Real Sociedad to move above Deportivo into third place and have an outside chance of finishing second.

At the other end of the table, Luis Fernandez' Espanyol will definitely stay up if they beat already relegated Murcia, a result that would condemn Celta Vigo and Valladolid to joining John Toshack's side in the Second Division.

MNA/Reuters

South Africa's Immelman wins in Germany

ST LEON-RÖT (Germany), 25 May—South African Trevor Immelman birdied the 72nd hole in the Tournament Players Championship of Europe on Sunday to claim his second European Tour title of the year and leave Ireland's Padraig Harrington having to settle for his 22nd professional runner-up finish.

Immelman's 17-under-par 271 total after a closing seven-under-par 65 left him a stroke better than defending champion Harrington, who crucially missed his birdie chance on the final hole. —MNA/Reuters

Thai negotiators fly to England for Liverpool bid talks

BANGKOK, 25 May—Thai negotiators have flown to England for talks with Premier League side Liverpool and to evaluate other clubs if the talks fail, Thai newspapers reported on Sunday.

Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra, who emerged as the sole bidder for a 30-per-cent stake in Liverpool after rival Steve Morgan withdrew on Friday, said on Saturday they would pursue other clubs if Liverpool rejected their offer.

Negotiations over the 4.6-billion-baht (113-million-US-dollar) bid have stalled over the level of Thai representation on the board.

Thaksin ordered Pongsak Ruktapongpisal, the chief Thai negotiator, to fly to England on Saturday to negotiate directly with the club, the Thai-language *Daily News* reported on Sunday.

"He said this way would be better than communicating by fax. He said he expected to know an outcome in no more than two days," the *Daily News* quoted the deputy commerce minister as saying.

Thai Rath newspaper reported a similar story on Sunday though officials in Pongsak's office were not available to comment.

Thaksin, a telecoms-tycoon turned politician, said on Saturday he would pursue other clubs if the Liverpool bid collapsed.

"Surely we have many choices in buying other football clubs. We are working. Our team will be going tonight and tomorrow," Thaksin told reporters on Saturday.

British building tycoon Morgan, whose bid was rebuffed by the Liverpool board earlier this month, said on Friday he was withdrawing after a revised offer was also turned down.

The Thais want two seats on the Liverpool board while the club are offering only one, Thai newspapers have reported. —MNA/Reuters

Bruges win Belgian Cup for record 9th time

BRUSSELS, 25 May—Club Bruges beat Beveren 4-2 on Sunday to win the Belgian Cup for a record ninth time despite gifting their opponents two own goals.

Veteran goalkeeper Dany Verlinden, playing his last competitive game at the age of 40, and defender Birger Maertens both scored at the wrong end during a match in which Beveren fielded 10 players from the Ivory Coast.

Club Bruges took the lead on 23 minutes when Gert Verheyen tucked the ball cleanly over Beveren keeper Barry Copa who was slow to come off his line.

But Beveren levelled in bizarre circumstances in the 37th minute. A free kick by forward N'Dri Romaric created confusion in the Bruges penalty area and Verlinden somehow managed to kick the ball overhead into his own net as he fell backwards.

Bruges took the lead again in the 47th minute with an instant volley from Nastja Ceh, only for Beveren to hit back just past the hour mark.

This time defender Maertens deflected a cross from Kante Badjan passed Verlinden to make it 2-2.

Anders Mendoza restored the lead for Bruges in the 74th minute, taking advantage of a left-wing cross from the instrumental Ceh.

This time there was no way back for Beveren and five minutes later left back Peter van der Heyden played a one-two with Rune Lange before shooting past Copa.

The Cup victory takes Bruges ahead of Anderlecht who have won it eight times.

MNA/Reuters

Utrecht retain Dutch Cup after 1-0 win over Twente

ROTTERDAM (Netherlands), 25 May—Utrecht won the Dutch Cup for the second year in a row thanks to a brilliant solo goal from Dave van den Bergh that gave them a 1-0 win over Twente Enschede in an ill-tempered final on Sunday.

Utrecht, playing in their third consecutive final, edged a poor match to clinch a UEFA Cup place as left winger van den Bergh struck after 66 minutes with a fine solo run past two defenders and a superb shot that beat keeper Cees Pauwe.

Ten minutes later Twente midfielder Jeroen Heubach was sent off for trying to strike an opponent and referee Roelof Luinge had to book six players in a bid to regain control as tempers flared at the Feijenoord Stadium.

Both teams reached the semifinals after nail-biting wins on penalties but they could not handle the tension that seemed to paralyze both sets of players in a poor match on Sunday. In the opening period Twente came close to

scoring but Utrecht goalkeeper Rene Ponk saved Adil Ramzi's half volley.

After the break Twente put Utrecht's defence under pressure but failed to create a clear chance until van den Bergh made the breakthrough with his dazzling piece of individual skill.

MNA/Reuters



Manchester United's goalkeeper Tim Howard (L) blocks an attempted shot by Millwall's Tim Cahill during their FA Cup Final football match on 22 May, 2004. Manchester United won the FA Cup for the 11th time with a score of 3-0. —INTERNET

Flesch celebrates 37th birthday with Colonial win

FORT WORTH (Texas), 25 May—Steve Flesch celebrated his 37th birthday by winning the 5-million-US-dollar Colonial tournament by one stroke from Chad Campbell on Sunday.

Flesch carded a three-under-par 67 in windy conditions to finish on 11-under 269 and win his second PGA Tour title.

Campbell, who shared the 54-hole lead with Flesch and Brian Gay, birdied the 18th hole for a 68 and second place. Stephen Ames of Trinidad and Tobago produced the best round of the day, a six-under 64, to take third on 271.

New Zealand's Craig Perks was fourth on 273 following a 68. Bo Van Pelt, Skip Kendall, Tim Petrovic and Robert Gamez tied for fifth on 274.

Gay, who had a 65 in the third round, struggled to a five-over 75 on Sunday to finish tied 14th on 277 at the Colonial Country Club.

Jesper Parnevik, three shots off the lead after three rounds, made a run at the leaders with an eagle at the first hole and a birdie at the third.

The Swede made the turn in a sparkling four-under 31 but found loads of trouble on the back nine. Parnevik had two birdies, three bogeys, one double bogey and a triple bogey for a six-over 41 and a 72 that dropped him into a tie for 14th.

Flesch, who won his first tour title at last year's HP Classic of New Orleans, grabbed solo possession of the lead with a par on the 13th hole while Campbell bogeyed the 12th after dumping his approach in a bunker.

A 12-foot birdie putt on the 16th built Flesch's margin to two strokes but he gave one back when a poor approach and an even worse pitch at the 17th resulted in a bogey.

Campbell also found trouble at the par-four 17th when he hit his tee shot into the right rough and made bogey.

MNA/Reuters



Manchester United's captain Roy Keane lifts the FA Cup after his team's FA Cup Final victory over Millwall in Cardiff, Wales. Manchester United won the FA Cup for the 11th time with a score of 3-0. —INTERNET

MRTV-3
26-5-2004 (Wednesday)
(Programme Schedule)
Morning Transmission
(9:00 - 10:00)

- 9:00 Signature Tune
Greeting
9:02 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Myanmar Pano-
rama & Myanma Sen-
timent"
- 9:06 Ancient Architectural
heritage of Taung-
thaman Kyauktawgyi
Pagoda
- 9:10 **Headline News**
9:12 Myanmar Jaggery
9:15 **National News**
9:20 Fantastic Scenic Sun-
sets of Myanmar
9:25 Kachin Dance
9:30 **National News**
9:35 Tour in Myanmar
"Pindaya"
- 9:40 Myanmar Modern
Song "Journey To-
wards A New Golden
State"
- 9:42 The National Museum
(III)
- 9:45 **National News**
9:50 Victories of the State
the People and the
Tatmadaw "Rural De-
velopment Sector"
- 9:58 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Come and See
Myanmar"

26-5-2004 (Wednesday)
Evening Transmission
(15:30 - 17:30)

- 15:30 Signature Tune
Greeting
15:32 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Myanmar Pano-
rama & Myanma Sen-
timent"
- 15:36 Ancient Architectural
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Pagoda
- 15:40 **Headline News**
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16:05 Tour in Myanmar
"Pindaya"
- 16:10 Myanmar Modern

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- 16:15 **National News**
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timent"
- 16:30 **National news**
16:35 Myanmar Traditional
Marionette (The Royal
Page Dance)
- 16:40 Travel & Description
(Mandalay to Lashio)
- 16:45 **National News**
16:50 Kachin hand-woven
material
- 16:55 The Solo Dance
17:00 **National News**
17:05 Myanmar Musical Or-
chestra (Bwe Song)
- 17:10 Song On Screen "Gaze
Upon"
- 17:12 Fishery in Kayin State
17:15 **National News**
17:20 The Zingyike Water-
fall
- 17:25 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Come and See
Myanmar"

Evening Transmission
(19:30 - 23:30)

- 19:30 Signature Tune
Greeting
19:32 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Mingalabar"
- 19:36 Welcome to Bagan
19:40 **Headline News**
19:42 Travelogue (Kalaw)
19:45 **National News**
21:50 The National Museum
(II)
- 19:55 Tu Hna Thwe
20:00 **National News**
20:05 A Day in the life of the
PaO Family
20:10 Song "Auspicious Day,
May 17th" (I)
20:12 Tour in Myanmar
"Mingun Bell"
- 20:15 **National News**
20:20 Greening of the Hills
and Ranges, in order to
achieve climate change
(Shinmataung) (Ma-
gway Division)
- 20:25 Song "Creating of a
love-like song"
- 20:30 **National news**
20:35 Music for Your Ears
(Than Sann Lyric
Notes)
- 20:40 Thabotsaik Village on
Seaside
- 20:45 **National News**

- 20:50 The Making of a
Myanmar Saung
(Harp)
- 20:55 Kayan Dance
21:00 **National News**
21:05 Weaving Industry of
Pakokku
- 21:10 Song "This Rain"
- 21:15 **National News**
21:20 An Umbrella For Style
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27-5-2004 (Thursday)**
**Evening Transmission &
Morning Transmission**
(23:30 - 1:30)

- 23:30 Signature Tune
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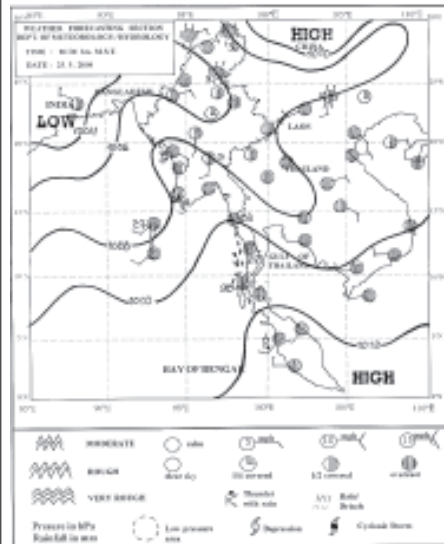
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- 03:30 Signature Tune
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03:32 Song of Myanmar
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Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas
**WEATHER**

Tuesday, 25 May, 2004

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been widespread in Mon State and Taninthayi Division, scattered in Bago Division, Rakhine and Kayin States, isolated in Kachin, Shan and Kayah States, upper Sagaing, Yangon and Ayeyawady Divisions and weather has been partly cloudy in the remaining areas with locally heavyfall in Taninthayi Division. The noteworthy amount of rain-fall recorded were Kawthong (3.86) inches, Dawei (3.27) inches and Thaton (2.68) inches.

Maximum temperature on 24-5-2004 was 32.5°C (91°F). Minimum temperature on 25-5-2004 was 20.5°C (69°F). Relative humidity at 9:30 hrs MST on 25-5-2004 was 79%. Total sunshine hours on 24-5-2004 was (4.7) hours approx. Rainfall on 25-5-2004 was nil at Yangon Airport, Kaba-Aye and central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2004 was 346 mm (13.62 inches) at Yangon Airport and 312 mm (12.28 inches) at Kaba-Aye and 455 mm (17.91 inches) at central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was 5 mph from West at (16:05) hours MST on 24-5-2004.

Bay inference: Monsoon is strong in south Bay, Andaman Sea and moderate elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal. **Forecast valid until evening of 26-5-2004:** Rain will be widespread in Mon, Kayin States, Yangon and Taninthayi Divisions, scattered in Kachin, Chin, Rakhine States, Sagaing, Bago and Ayeyawady Divisions and isolated in the remaining areas with likelihood of isolated heavyfalls in Mon State and Taninthayi Division. Degree of certainty is (80%).

State of the sea: Seas will be moderate in Myanmar waters. **Outlook for subsequent two days:** Decrease of rain in northern Myanmar areas. **Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 26-5-2004:** One or two rains. Degree of certainty is (80%). **Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 26-5-2004:** Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

"Earthquake Report"

(Issued at 10:00 hours MST on Today)
An earthquake of slight intensity (4.9) Richter Scale with its epicenter inside of Myanmar about (193) miles Northwest of Mandalay seismological observatory was recorded at (08) hrs (11) min (34) sec MST on 24th May 2004.


Wednesday, May 26
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. မြေမြေကြွေ ယဉ်ကျေးမှုအက
- 8:10 am
6. အစောပိုင်း
- 8:20 am
7. ရွှေပိတ်တံး
- 8:30 am
8. International news
- 8:45 am
9. Happy and Educational

English Summer Course

MRTV

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. အဆာသင်တန်းသို့ လာရောက်

ရပ်ကြည့်သောသင်ခန်းစာ

5:15 pm

6. Songs of national races

5:30 pm

7. Classical song

5:45 pm

8. Strong and healthy

5:55 pm

9. "စတီဗီတစ်ယောက်လည်းကောင်း"

အကယဉ်ကျေးမှုအက

6:00 pm

10. သက်တောင့်သက်သာ

6:10 pm

11. ရွှေပိတ်တံး အာဇာနည်အခန်း

6:20 pm

12. Discovery

6:30 pm

13. Evening news

7:00 pm

14. Weather report

7:05 pm

15. ရှစ်တိုက်ရိုက်ပွဲ တိုင်းရင်းသား

ကျေးဇူး

7:15 pm

16. မွန်ပြည်နယ် (အပိုင်း-၂)

7:30 pm

17. ကျေးလက်စာသတိပို့အထူးအခန်း

8:00 pm

18. News

8:15 pm

19. International news

8:30 pm

20. Weather report

8:45 pm

21. နိုင်ငံခြားစာတိုက်သတိပို့

8:55 pm

22. "အမေရိကန်သမ္မတ" (အပိုင်း-၄၀)

9:00 pm

23. မင်းကုန်းတစ်ခုတည်းကုန်း၊ နိုင်ငံခြား

9:15 pm

24. သာသနာ့ဝန်ကြီးရုံး အရပ်ရပ်သတိပို့

9:30 pm

25. မြေမြေကြွေ ယဉ်ကျေးမှုအက

9:45 pm

26. The next day's

9:55 pm

27. programme

10:00 pm

28. programme


Wednesday, May 26
Tune in today:

- 8:30 am Brief news
- 8:35 am Music: Tarzan & Jane
(Toy Box)
- 8:40 am Perspectives
- 8:45 am Music: First Love
(Colen)
- 8:50 am National news/
Slogan
- 9:00 am Music: Vivala Radio
(Lolly)
- 9:05 am International news
- 9:10 am Music: Don't hate me
(Mada Sun)
- 1:30 pm News/Slogan
- 1:40 pm Lunch time music
-You get what you
give (New Radical)
-Take your chance
(Fun Factory)
-I'm gonna get you
good (Shania
Twain)
- 9:00 pm Variations on a tune:
"A task of honey"
-Trini Lopez
-John Paul
- 9:15 pm Article/Music
- 9:25 pm Music at your request
-You drive me crazy
(Britney Spears)
I just wanna be with
you (N'sync)
- 9:45 pm News/Slogan
- 10:00 pm PEL

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

Meeting (3/2004) of National Convention Convening Work Committee held

YANGON, 25 May—The National Convention Convening Work Committee held its meeting (3/2004) at its meeting hall at Nyaungnnapin Camp, Hmawby Township, Yangon Division this morning.

It was attended by Chairman of NCCWC Chief Justice U Aung Toe, Vice-Chairman Attorney-General U Aye Maung, Secretary U Thaung Nyunt, Joint-Secretary-1 U Khin Maung Myint, Joint-Secretary-2 Dr Thaung Myint and work committee members.

Chairman of NCCWC Chief Justice U Aung Toe made an opening speech.

Next, Vice-Chairman Attorney-General U Aye Maung and Secretary U Thaung Nyunt reported on measures to be taken by the work committee.

Next, the work committee members reported on work progress and future tasks.

In response to the reports, NCCWC Chairman Chief Justice U Aung Toe and Vice-Chairman Attorney-General U Aye Maung attended to the needs.

The meeting ended with the concluding remarks by NCCWC Chairman Chief Justice U Aung Toe.

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NCC Work Committee Chairman Chief Justice U Aung Toe delivers a speech at the meeting No 3/2004 of the National Convention Convening Work Committee. — MNA

NC delegate groups hold coord meetings on compilation of papers

YANGON, 25 May—The coordination meetings of the delegate groups of workers, the intellectuals and intelligentsia group, State service personnel group and invited delegates group this morning continued at the meeting halls of Nyaungnnapin Camp in Hmawby Township.

The workers delegate group held its coordination meeting at the meeting hall-5 this morning. Dr Myo Thant Tin of Yangon Division presided over the meeting together with U Bo Thein of Shan State (East)

and U Kyaw Myo Win of Bago Division (West). Deputy Director U Zaw Win of the group-7 under the National Convention Convening Work Committee acted as master of ceremonies and Assistant Director U Aung Win as a co-master of ceremonies.

The meeting was attended by full per cent of delegates of workers. NC delegates had a discussion about detailed basic principles that should be laid down for power-sharing sectors such as legislation,

executive and judiciary over the clarification of the National Convention Convening Work Committee and matters related to compilation of papers.

Next, NC delegates submitted papers to the chairman. The meeting adjourned with concluding remarks by the chairman.

Delegates of intellectuals and intelligentsia

The delegates of intellectuals and intelligentsia held a meeting at the meeting hall No 6 starting at 9.55 am today. President of

Myanmar Academy of Agriculture, Forestry, Livestock and Fishery Sciences U Tin Hlaing presided over the meeting together with Panel of Chairmen members Dr U Thein Oo Po Saw of Myanmar Academy of Technicians and Scholars and Professor Surgeon Dr Thein Nyunt (Nyunt Wai-Katha). Deputy Director U Thein Myint of the NCC Work Committee Group-8 acted as master of ceremonies and Assistant Director U Than Win, as co-master of ceremonies.

The emcee announced the start of the meeting as there were 53 out of 56 listed accounting for 94.64 per cent. President U Tin Hlaing made a speech on the occasion. Delegates writer and Advocate U Myat Thu (Tekkatho Myat Thu), Professor of Physics Department of Mawlamyine University Daw Khin Than Nwe, film director U Khin Zaw, Chairman of Myanmar Computer Industrialists Association U Aung Zaw Myint, President of

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U Tun Aung Chain addresses the group-wise meeting of other invited delegates group.—MNA



U Tin Hlaing speaks at the group-wise meeting of delegates of intellectuals and intelligentsia. — MNA

With hands linked firm around the National Convention.