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Four political objectives

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

Four economic objectives

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

Four social objectives

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

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye receives Philippine Military Attaché

YANGON, 27 May — Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Maung Aye received Philippine Military Attaché to the Union of Myanmar Col Pedro Ramon L Sinajon Jr, who had completed his tour of duty, at Zeyathiri Beikman on Konmyinthta here at 9 am today. Also present at the call were Military Adviser to the State Peace and Development Council Chairman General Khin Nyunt, Commander-in-Chief (Navy) Rear-Admiral Soe Thein and Commander-in-Chief (Air) Lt-Gen Myat Hein. — MNA

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye receives Philippine Military Attaché to the Union of Myanmar Col Pedro Ramon L Sinajon Jr, who had completed his tour of duty, at Zeyathiri Beikman. — MNA



Vice-Senior General Maung Aye greets Philippine Military Attaché to the Union of Myanmar Col Pedro Ramon L Sinajon Jr. — MNA



Lt-Gen Ye Myint inspects Myittha Dam Project (Pyintha), meets departmental officials in Htilin, Kanpetlet townships

YANGON, 27 May — Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Ye Myint, accompanied by Sagaing Division Peace and Development Council Chairman North-West Command Commander Maj-Gen Tha Aye, Chin State Peace and Development Council Chair-

man Col Tin Hla, Magway Division Peace and Development Council Chairman Col Zaw Min, officials, local authorities and departmental officials, made an inspection tour of Myittha Dam Project (Pyintha) on 24 May morning. On the way in Yaymyetn Village at the junction of

Yinmabin, Htilin and Gangaw, Lt-Gen Ye Myint had a cordial conversation with the villagers.

On arrival at the project, Lt-Gen Ye Myint heard a report by Director of Construction Group-8 of the Irrigation Department U Myint Than on salient points on the project, ar-

rival of machinery and construction materials, requirements, and estimate acreage that can be irrigated on completion of the project. Col Zaw Min gave a supplementary report on irrigated areas.

Lt-Gen Ye Myint gave instructions on timely completion of the project and

work site safety. He inspected the construction site and gave necessary instructions. On completion, the 29,750-foot-long and 205-foot-high dam can irrigate around 12,000 acres of arable land and contribute towards multiple cropping and mixed cropping in (See page 8)

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

PERSPECTIVES

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Grow marketable crops for regional economic growth

The Union of Myanmar being an agricultural country, priority should be given to agriculture and livestock breeding in striving for the development of national economy. And economic development of each region in the entire Union will surely contribute to the national economy. Systematic measures will have to be taken to grow all crops suitable to the respective regions for regional self-sufficiency besides such marketable crops as tea and coffee.

Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt met with members of Mongnai Township Peace and Development Council, departmental personnel, members of social organizations, townsenders and local people at the Kanbawza Hall in Mongnai in Shan State (South) on 24 May and fulfilled the requirements for the regional development. On the occasion, the Prime Minister said that departmental personnel should organize the local farmers to grow marketable crops suitable to their region by providing high-yield quality strains and cultivation methods to them.

Township-level department personnel are mainly responsible for development, economic growth of their respective townships and higher living standard of the local people. There is systematic administrative machinery at the township level.

Moreover, various departments have been set up in law enforcement, agriculture, livestock breeding, education, health, economic and social sectors for speedy implementation of regional development tasks. Therefore, it is necessary for departmental personnel to work in concert so that the administrative machinery runs smoothly. Not only that, they should practise collective leadership and responsibility so that various committees formed in education, health, agriculture and township development affairs sectors can become active.

We would like to urge all those responsible at the township level to go on field trips to villages, fulfil the needs of farmers and strive for their regional development. And local people, on their part, ought to grow marketable crops on a commercial scale for economic growth of their region.

Film entertainment to NC delegates

YANGON, 27 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 "Kaungkinhtetka Pan-tapwint", an academy award-winning film for 2001, directed by Nyunt Myanmar Nyi Nyi Aung and starred by Yan Aung, Htet Htet Moe Oo, Ye Aung, Lu Min, Hla Inzali Tint and Tin Tin Hla. — MNA

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

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Tobacco Control and Poverty

ကျန်းမာရေးဝန်ကြီးဌာန



ဝဿာရေးဝန်ကြီးဌာန
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People's Desire

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

Aviation Courses for new generation youths conclude

YANGON, 27 May — Basic Aviation Course (1/2004) and Advanced Aviation Course (1/2004) for new generation youths, jointly organized by Union Solidarity and Development Association (Central) and Office of Commander-in-Chief (Air), concluded this morning at Yangon Division USDA in Bahan Township.

At the concluding ceremony, Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe made an address.

Next, on behalf of the Commander-in-Chief (Air), Commander of Mingaladon Air Base Brig-Gen Myint Thein briefed those present on aviation courses.

Afterwards, Acting Secretary of Yangon Division USDA U Aung Myint presented certificates to leaders of the two courses. Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe and Brig-Gen Myint Thein also awarded the trainees who stood first, second and third in the courses. — MNA



Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe delivers an address at the closing ceremony of the Aviation Course. — MNA

Myanmar Gazette

YANGON, 27 May — The State Peace and Development Council has confirmed the appointment of Managing Director Dr San Oo of the Myanma Electric Power Enterprise under the Ministry of Electric Power on expiry of the one-year probational period. — MNA

POEM: Only mind matters

* Human Rights, Democracy
Name, Meaning, Depth, Width
Ability to work for human benefit
Wherever directed, today
In this world, man and man
Hit and dominate, menacing power
As weapon, 'tis being used
what's good, has been destroyed
because of the users' destructive attitude.

Nwai Cho (Trs)



Junior Golf Championship continues

YANGON, 27 May — The second leg of the Junior Golf Championship 2004 of Han Golf Masters, organized by the Myanmar Golf Federation, continued at Myanmar Golf Club here this afternoon.

At the prize-presentation ceremony for the 18-hole competition, Wilson Operation Manager U Aung Tun Oo presented first prize to Lin Moe Tun, who won first in Wilson Putting Challenge category; U Peter of Myanmar Junior Golf Club, 'nearest pin' award to Nyan Ye Htut; U Myo Dan of Star Ice-cream, consolation prize to Phone Pyae Chan Han; Director U Aung Hla Han of Han Golf Masters Pte Ltd, second prize to Khine Mon Kyaw and first prize to Sandi Toe Hsaung in the U-18 women category; MGF Joint-Secretary U Yay Htet Doe, third prize to Thein Than Aung, second prize to Ye Zaw Aung, and first prize to Zwe Lin Ngwe in the aged 8-10 category; and MPGA and MGF Executive U Ko Ko Lay, third prize to Akar Kyaw, second prize to Swan Thiha Aung and first prize to Nyan Lin in the aged 11-12 category.

MGC Vice-Chairman U Myo Thein also presented third prize to Kyaw Phone Mo, second prize to Lin Moe Tun and first prize to Ne Bala Win Myint in the aged 13-14 category; and MGF General Secretary U Aung Kyi, third prize to Yan Naing Phyo, second prize to Soe Moe Win, and first prize to Phyo Kyaw Kyaw in the aged 15-17 category.

The junior golf championship was mainly sponsored by Han Golf Masters Pte Ltd, together with Wilson, Alpine Drinking Water, KM Golf Centre, Myanmar Golf Club, Maruman, Canon, Rapier, MGC Restaurant and Star Ice-cream as cosponsors. The championship was organized by Han Event Management.

MNA

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MGF General Secretary U Aung Kyi presents a prize to Phyo Kyaw Kyaw who stood first in the aged 15-17 category. — MGF



Prize-winners of Junior Golf Championship seen together with officials. — MGF

Three Marines killed in western Iraq

BAGHDAD, 27 May—Three US Marines were killed in action on Wednesday west of the Iraqi capital, the US military said.

A statement from the command said the deaths occurred in Anbar province "while conducting security and stability operations." No further details were released due to security, the statement added.

Anbar province extends from the western suburbs of Baghdad and extends to the borders with Syria, Jordan and Saudi Arabia. It includes such restive insurgency cen-

tres as Fallujah, Ramadi and Qaim.

As of Wednesday, 796 US service members had died since the beginning of military operations in Iraq in March 2003, according to the Department of Defence. Of those, 581 died as a result of hostile action and 215 died of non-hostile causes.

It was unclear if the latest deaths were included in that count.—Internet



An Iraqi man passes by closed shops in the centre of Najaf, on 26 May, 2004.

INTERNET

Malaysia criticizes imposition of democracy model on others

KUALA LUMPUR, 27 May—A Malaysian minister Tuesday described as "undemocratic" the imposition of a particular model of democracy on a certain state without regards to its local peculiarities.

"We should remind ourselves that there is no one unique model of democracy that can be applied in all situations and for all times," Minister in the Prime Minister's Department Mohamad Nazri Abdul Aziz said when opening the 16th Commonwealth Parliamentary Seminar here.

He said that Malaysia recognized early in its nationhood the virtues of developing a democratic system which suited its national circumstances.

Nazri said that democracy was both an ideal to be pursued and a mode of government to be applied, taking into account the modalities which reflect the diversity of experiences and cultural particularities, and also internationally recognized principles, norms and standards.

30 participants from 10 Commonwealth countries are attending the eight-day seminar aimed at sharing views and deepening understanding of the origins and principles

of parliamentary democracy which is the common system of governance in the majority of the Commonwealth member states.

In his speech, Nazri also pointed out that peace, together with economic, social and cultural development were both conditions for, as well as fruits of democracy.

"When we think and work for democracy, we should be looking beyond access to the ballot box when elections were held periodically. We should think of a democracy that encompasses issues such as economic opportunity, measures to promote national integration and the recognition of the interest of all groups," he said.

In the Malaysian context, Nazri said that the government would work hard to promote and protect the democratic system, which had become one of the fundamentals for the country's social and economic development as well as for Malaysia's peace and stability. — MNA/Xinhua

ASEAN drug firms discuss standardization plan in Jakarta

JAKARTA, 27 May — Pharmaceutical delegations from seven countries of the Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN) met here Monday to discuss measures to establish a standard manufacturing process as the region aims to liberalize the industry in 2006.

The delegates, gathering at the first ASEAN Pharmaceuticals Club (APC) congress, focused discussion on two areas: the ASEAN Common Technical Requirements (ACTR) and the ASEAN Common Technical Dossier (ACTD), both of which are the basis for the implementation of the Good Manufacturing Process (GMP). The Jakarta Post reported Tuesday.

The ACTR concept includes common technical requirements such as drug registration, information on side effects, indications, ingredients and how the drugs are manufactured, while the ACTD mostly deals with packaging, said Lucky Slamet, first deputy at Indonesia's Food and Drug Monitoring Agency (BPOM).

Lucky said the ACTR and ACTD had been par-

tially applied in several member countries of the Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN) including Indonesia starting last year and is scheduled for evaluation next month prior to regional implementation.

She explained local pharmaceutical companies in the country in general were willing to comply with the standardization requirements.

MNA/Xinhua

ထုတ်တုန်နှစ်ဆ တိုးမြှင့်ကြ

Battles continue in Najaf

BAGHDAD, 27 May—Violent clashes between occupation forces and supporters of Shia leader Muqtada al-Sadr have continued in the Iraqi city of Najaf, a day after an Islamic holy shrine was damaged by mortars.

US tanks headed towards the city centre early on Wednesday, but were unable to advance after coming under rocket-propelled grenade fire launched by al-Mahdi fighters, reported Aljazeera's correspondent Atwar Bahjat.

US helicopters have also been hovering over the city, she added. Tanks backed by the helicopters pounded al-Mahdi fighters based in a cemetery, leaving four people dead, said hospital officials.

Another 29 people were injured in the attack. The casualty toll may be higher because it is difficult for ambulances to reach the area, said medics.

Fury still prevails in Najaf after a mor-

tar bomb was fired at the shrine of Imam Ali, the first imam of the Shia, reported Aljazeera.

In other violence, two Russian contractors were killed in Iraq when their bus came under fire on Wednesday, reported the Foreign Ministry in Moscow.

Six alleged Iraqi resistance fighters were killed by US occupation forces in Tikrit, said the US military on Wednesday.

A US soldier was also wounded after apparently coming under fire late on Tuesday. In a separate incident, a US soldier died and two others were injured in a road accident south of Tikrit on Tuesday night.

Internet

Russian electricity firm to pull out of Iraq after more workers killed

BAGHDAD, 27 May—A Russian energy firm said it was pulling out of Iraq after two of its workers were killed and six wounded in an ambush by masked gunmen, in the latest blow to efforts to rebuild the country.

The two Interenergосervice workers and two Iraqis died when their bus was sprayed with bullets near a power plant being rebuilt by the firm in southern Baghdad.

Another 16 Iraqis were killed Wednesday during fighting in the holy Shiite city of Najaf, where US forces arrested a key lieutenant of radical cleric Muqtada Sadr, and in a car bombing north of the capital.

The violence came amid differences between the main occupying powers, the United States and Britain, on how much power over military operations to give a new stopgap government.

The UN envoy to Iraq, Lakhdar Brahimi, said the list of the new members of the provisional government that will serve for seven months ahead of countrywide elections had nearly been completed.

However, the current Iraqi leadership has expressed discontent over the UN resolution designed to provide international backing for the handover of sovereignty back to Iraqis by June 30.

Interenergосervice, the largest Russian company in Iraq, announced it was pulling out its remaining 200-odd workforce in the wake of the attack a few hundred metres (yards) from the Dora

power plant, one of three being refurbished by the Russians.

"The decision has been taken to evacuate all our staff" in Iraq, acting director Alexander Rybinsky told AFP.

The bus transporting 13 company employees to the power station came under fire at 7:30 am (0330 GMT) by two masked gunmen who then fled, said electricity minister Aiham al-Samarrai.

Six Russians and two Iraqis were also wounded and taken to Baghdad's Al-Yarmuk hospital, hospital officials said. The foreign ministry in Russia, which has no troops in Iraq and which opposed the US-led invasion, has repeatedly urged its citizens to leave the country.

An Interenergосervice employee was killed in Iraq earlier this month. Samarrai said the departure of the Russians could cause a major power crisis for the country already beset by regular power cuts as it nears the summer and a surge in demand.

In further bloodshed, three Iraqis were killed and 18 wounded, including a senior police officer, when a car bomb exploded at Balad Ruz, 75 kilometres (about 45 miles) northeast of Baghdad, police said.

Internet



A car drives past the Al-Dura power station south of Baghdad. Interenergосervice, the largest Russian company in Iraq, announced it was pulling its staff out of the country after two of its contractors were killed outside Baghdad, on 26 May 2004 and another six wounded when assailants attacked their mini-bus. —INTERNET

China supports new UN resolution on Iraq

BEIJING, 27 May—China supports the United Nations (UN) Security Council to adopt a new resolution on Iraq, and had already presented a working paper to explain China's position, said Foreign Ministry spokesman Liu Jianchao here Tuesday.

Liu told a Press conference that recently Chinese Foreign Minister Li Zhaoxing talked by phone with Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov and US Secretary of State Colin Powell respectively and exchanged opinions with them on relevant issues. Li also expressed China's proposition and concern in the phone conversations.

Liu said China is carefully studying the draft resolution presented by the United States and Britain to the UN Security Council.

MNA/Xinhua

US, Britain face new opposition on Iraq at UN Security Council

UNITED NATIONS, 27 May—The United States and Britain ran into new Security Council opposition over Iraq, with key opponents of the war calling for changes to their draft resolution on the June 30 handover of power.

China, France and Germany led the way in pressing for revisions to the text, with the question of full Iraqi sovereignty and the mandate of US troops who will remain after the handover emerging as significant sticking points.

"It is not yet a good resolution. There is a lot of work to do," said French ambassador Jean-Marc de la Sabliere after the council held a second round of talks on the draft presented Monday.

"What is at stake is so important that having a good resolution this time is of the essence," he said.

Diplomats said they wanted a number of changes to underline that Iraqis would have total control over their destiny when an as-yet unnamed interim government takes over from the

US-led occupation on 30 June.

The current draft says that the multinational force (MNF) should remain in the country only with the "consent" of Iraqis and with a one-year mandate that could be reviewed at the request of the caretaker government.

"This is not enough," de la Sabliere said, adding that France also wanted concrete language spelling out that Iraqi troops would be free to opt out of any military operations led by US commanders.

"It is important because we want to underline that there is a real transfer of sovereignty," he said. But John Negroponte, who will wind up his tenure as UN envoy next month to take over as the new US ambassador to Iraq, declined to

say the United States was willing to include such language.

"We think that we've put down a very solid resolution in terms of its conveying the exercise of sovereignty," he told reporters after the council held a three-hour meeting on the draft.

"There's just no question that we are going to operate ... with the consent and approval of the authorities in Iraq," Negroponte said. "We don't think this is a resolution that needs to be re-written."

AFP obtained a three-page Chinese proposal for changes to the text, including shortening the mandate for the multinational force to the end of January, when national elections are scheduled to take place.

Internet

Japan citizens' group to sue gov for sending troops to Iraq

TOKYO, 27 May—A citizens' group will file a lawsuit later Wednesday seeking a halt to the deployment of Japanese troops in Iraq and a withdrawal of troops already there, saying the government is violating Japan's war-renouncing Constitution.

The suit, to be filed with the Shizuoka District Court by 218 plaintiffs, mainly citizens in the Shizuoka Prefecture area, seeks 10,000 yen in compensation for each plaintiff on grounds that the deployment infringes on their right to a peaceful life. According to NHK's news channel, the plaintiffs are filing the lawsuit in response to calls by a civic group led by Kijun Sakurai, a former House of Councillors member from the Social Democratic Party.

Other opponents of the deployment of the Self-Defence Forces in Iraq are expected to file a similar lawsuit next month, the television reported.

The plaintiffs were quoted as saying the deployment violates not only the Constitution's war-renouncing Article 9 but also a special law to assist Iraq's reconstruction, which limits the SDF's activities to "noncombat zones".

"The Japanese people have been forced to become victimizers and the risks of them becoming terrorist targets have increased," they said. Other civic groups have filed similar suits with district courts in Sapporo, Tokyo, Nagoya and Osaka across Japan. —MNA/Xinhua



US Army soldiers secure the area after a road side bomb exploded near a military convoy in the centre of Baghdad on 26 May, 2004.—INTERNET

Britain reiterates adherence to "one China" policy

LONDON, 27 May—The British Government would continue to adhere to the "one China" policy. British Deputy Prime Minister John Prescott said here Monday. During talks with visiting Chief of General Staff of the Chinese People's Liberation Army, Liang Guanglie, Prescott said Liang's visit will further enhance relations between the armies of the two countries.

Relations between Britain and China have seen continuous development thanks to efforts by leaders of the two countries, Prescott said, noting that Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao's recent successful visit to Britain was very significant for boosting British-Chinese relationship.

Saying he was satisfied with the cooperation between Europe and China, Prescott said he believed that Hong

Kong would see a bright future under the "one country, two systems" principle.

Liang, on his part, said Sino-British relations have never been so good. Bilateral relations would become better and better through common efforts from both sides, Liang said, adding that good relations would not only benefit the two countries, but also help promote global peace and stability.—MNA/Xinhua

US drops legal actions against lawyer held for Madrid bombing

LOS ANGELES, 27 May—Citing "misidentification", a US judge dropped all actions Monday against a lawyer in Oregon State, who was detained for alleged link to the Madrid train bombings.

US federal Judge Robert Jones dismissed the "material witness" proceedings against American attorney Brandon Mayfield, 37, four days after he was released from a two-week arrest in Portland, Oregon.

"Due to the misidentification by the FBI of a fingerprint, the court orders the material witness proceeding dismissed," the judge wrote.

Mayfield, an Islamic convert, was set free Thurs-

day after Spanish authorities said that fingerprints found on a plastic bag near the attack scene and initially linked to Mayfield actually belonged to another person

MNA/Xinhua

Saudi FM says Riyadh, Rome want new resolution to give UN "full powers" in Iraq

JEDDAH, 27 May—Saudi Arabia and Italy agreed that a new Security Council resolution on Iraq should give the United Nations "full powers" to achieve security and transfer sovereignty to Iraqis, the Saudi foreign minister said.

"Concerning ongoing deliberations at the Security Council to issue a resolution on Iraq, the two sides agreed on the need for the resolution to give the United Nations full powers in Iraq," Prince Saud al-Faisal said.

Those powers would aim at "achieving security and stability and transferring power and full sovereignty to the legitimate government," he told a joint news conference with visiting Italian Foreign Minister Franco Frattini in this Red Sea city.

Frattini, who arrived Tuesday evening, held talks earlier Wednesday with Saudi crown prince and de facto ruler Abdullah bin Abdul Aziz.

US and British diplomats

put forward on Monday a draft Security Council resolution that left key issues of the handover of power due by a June 30 deadline unresolved until UN envoy Lakhdar Brahimi's return from Iraq.

The draft endorses a "sovereign Iraq" under an interim government being assembled by Brahimi. It formalizes an end to the occupation but sets no date for US-led coalition troops to leave and gives them wide-ranging powers to maintain order and fight "terrorism."

Saud said he and his Italian counterpart also concurred on the need to "guarantee Iraq's unity and sovereignty on its soil."

Brahimi has been in Iraq

since May 6 trying to hammer out a consensus on an interim government, which will lead the country from the handover until elections set for January.

Italy has contributed about 3,000 troops to the US-led occupation, the third largest contingent behind the United States and Britain.

Defence Minister Antonio Martino was in Iraq Wednesday visiting the troops at their main base in the southern town of Nasiriyah.

Frattini told reporters that Italy would respect the wishes of the new Iraqi government to be formed by June 30 concerning the presence of its troops in Iraq.

Internet



Militants loyal to radical Shiite cleric Moqtada Sadr, hold up his portrait as they pose with their weapons in al-Majar, 25 kms south of al-Amara on 26 May, 2004.—INTERNET

Arabs say US offering Iraq sham sovereignty

CAIRO, 27 May — Ordinary Arabs and commentators said on Tuesday the United States was offering a sham sovereignty in Iraq by pushing a UN resolution for a handover of power without setting a date for withdrawing US troops.

Many also dismissed US President George W Bush's proposal to demolish Iraq's Abu Ghraib Prison, saying razing the building would not erase the images of US abuses. Some said the jail should be kept as a monument to those who suffered there.

Washington on Monday asked the United Nations to back a handover of power to an interim Iraqi government

on 30 June and proposed US forces be allowed to "take all measures" to keep order there. It did not say when US forces would leave.

"The American administration has a plan to give the Iraqi people fake sovereignty and according to this plan Washington controls the process of forming a transitional government in Baghdad..." Qatar's *al-Watan* newspaper wrote. "And un-

der another name, US occupation forces will remain in Iraq."

Ahmad al-Dawwas, a columnist at Kuwait's *al-Watan* newspaper, wrote: "Decision making will be transferred from July to the American Embassy in Baghdad."

In Iraq, few were convinced by Bush's pledge in a speech on Monday to improve their living conditions.

"We don't believe anything Bush says. The Americans have not done a thing for Iraqis. And now he promises to hand over power to Iraqis in a democracy after handpicking the people in the Governing Council," Iraqi trader Haidar Majeed said.

"America has been all talk and no action," said Jabbar Luay, 25, an ex-Iraqi soldier.

Arabs, who broadly opposed the Iraq war, have watched with horror the violence across Iraq and photographs of US troops abusing Iraqis in Abu Ghraib.

"The prison should remain because it is a symbol of monstrosity and the occupation," said Reem Shehada, 21, a business student in Sharjah in the United Arab Emirates.

"Abu Ghraib Prison has already done irreparable damage. Its notoriety will stay forever in the hearts of Arabs and there's nothing Bush can do to make it better," Omani businessman Salem bin Suleiman al-Habshi said.

MNA/Reuters

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Iraq council wants control of oil, a say on troops

BAGHDAD, 27 May — Iraq's US-appointed Governing Council welcomed on Tuesday a draft UN resolution to formally end the US-led occupation, but insisted Iraqis should control oil revenues and have the right to ask foreign troops to leave.

The head of the Council, which is to give way to a caretaker government when Washington transfers sovereignty to Iraqis on 30 June, said the final UN resolution outlining that handover must guarantee those rights.

"The draft resolution is positive on many points, but there are some points that we hope to see revised in the interest of the Iraqi people and sovereignty," Sheikh Ghazi al-Yawar told reporters in Baghdad.

The United States asked the United Nations to endorse its handover of power on June 30 to a "sovereign" Iraqi government but proposed US forces there be allowed to "take all measures" to keep order and set no date for them to leave.

"We as Iraqis see the necessity of the presence of forces," Yawar said, when asked about the status of foreign forces.

"But in the period to come want to have the right to ask that these forces leave if we deem that to be in the best interests of the country," he said.

He also said Iraqis must have control of revenue from the country's oil sales, which are now conducted by the US-led occupation authority. Proceeds go to the Development Fund for Iraq, an account subject to international oversight.

The draft resolution proposes putting that fund in Iraqi hands with continued international oversight, a step Yawar said was short of the demand advanced by a range of Iraqi politicians for full control of the sales and revenue.

"There is progress. Iraq was previously an observer and now participates, but we hope to control this fund," he said. — MNA/Reuters



Two US Army soldiers inspect a bullet-ridden mini bus after an attack on foreigners in Baghdad, Iraq, on 26 May, 2004. —INTERNET

Russia wants more work on UN Iraq resolution

MOSCOW, 27 May — Russia wants to have a clear idea of what a transitional government in Iraq would look like before backing a new UN Security Council resolution, *Interfax* news agency quoted a Foreign Ministry source as saying on Tuesday.

In the first Russian reaction to the document sponsored by the United States and Britain, the source also said Moscow did not object to the idea of keeping a UN-backed international force in Iraq under US command. A draft resolution circulated in the UN Security Council backs the formation of a "sovereign interim government" in Iraq to take office after a handover of power to the Iraqis on June 30, but sets no date for the departure of international troops.

"The process of considering the document... is at an early stage," the source told *Interfax*. "The document leaves Russia and other members of the Security Council asking many questions and needs further work." — MNA/Reuters

World aid groups urge G-8 to act now on poverty

WASHINGTON, 27 May — A coalition of more than 1,500 international aid groups on Tuesday urged G-8 leaders meeting in the United States next month to make eradication of global poverty a key item on their agenda.

In a statement sent to world leaders attending the summit, the groups urged G-8 nations to use every tool available to reach development goals set at the so-called UN Millennium Development summit in 2000 by more than 180 nations.

"As you debate the geostrategies for enhancing global stability we ask you to remember that many of you have made convincing public cases in support of effective, accountable development as an essential part of any policy," said the statement, a copy of which was given to *Reuters*.

The goals set at the 2000 UN summit included cutting extreme poverty and hunger by half, providing basic education, promoting women's equality, slashing mother and child mortality and fighting HIV/AIDS by 2015.

MNA/Reuters

Germany sees "good basis" for UN consensus on Iraq

BERLIN, 27 May — Germany, opposed to the US-led war in Iraq, praised Washington on Tuesday for its plans to give Iraqis sovereignty.

"That is a very good basis on which we aim for consensus," Foreign Minister Joschka Fischer told reporters, in reference to a US draft of a United Nations resolution and a speech by US President George W Bush.

"It is essential for us that we go forward with implementing the resolution in the Security Council. Of course we will have to wait for the report, the ideas of (UN Iraq envoy) Lakhdar Brahimi before we can start on the finalization."

It was important to stick to the timetable

that schedules the handover to a new Iraqi interim government on 30 June, Fischer added.

An interim government drawn from Iraq's various religious and ethnic communities is expected to be formed in the next week or so, with help from UN envoy Brahimi. No vote on the resolution is expected until he reports back to the Council.

The draft resolution supports the formation of a sovereign interim government to take office by June 30. It says that government would "assume the responsibility and authority for governing a sovereign Iraq."

Germany is on the UN Security Council at present but has no veto.

MNA/Reuters

Allawi says foreign troops in Iraq "months not years"

LONDON, 27 May — Iraq's Defence Minister said on Tuesday he thought US-led military forces would only need to stay in the country for months rather than years. "In terms of the timeline for the presence of multinational forces to help us establish security and stability, I think it will be a question of months rather than years," Ali Allawi said at a joint news conference with British Defence Minister Geoff Hoon.

Allawi said Baghdad had a "large recruitment pool" of Iraqi security forces, which he expected to be properly equipped and trained to take over from US-led forces within that period.

"Hopefully before the end of the year but certainly before the elections that will lead to a new constitutional assembly... we should have Iraqi security forces by and large in a position to assume greater responsibility inside

their own country," he added.

The main task of the interim government due to take power from July 1 will be to prepare for national assembly elections in January 2005.

Most analysts have been predicting US and British troops will stay in Iraq for several years.

Asked about possible British reinforcement of its 7,500-strong military contingent in Iraq, Hoon reiterated the issue remained under

constant review.

"If there is a requirement for extra multinational forces obviously we would respond to that request," he added.

London has said it is in talks with allies about sending more troops after Spain withdrew its contingent.

On Monday, the United States and Britain asked for United Nations endorsement of the handover of power to the interim Iraqi government on 30 June. — MNA/Reuters



Iraqi children run away from a burning street barricade at the entrance to the suburb of Sadr City, Baghdad, Iraq, on 26 May, 2004. —INTERNET

Gunmen kill two Russians in Iraq ambush

BAGHDAD, 27 May—Masked gunmen attacked Russian technicians heading to work at a major electric power station Wednesday, killing two of them and prompting the company employing them to order its staff out of Iraq, officials said Wednesday.

The attack was the latest targeting efforts to rebuild infrastructure in Iraq, a vital part of the US campaign to win support among Iraqis.

Two Russian experts from the same firm, Interenergosservis, were kidnapped and a third Russian was killed in an attack earlier this month south of Baghdad. The two captives were later released.

In Moscow, the firm's executive director, Alexander Rybinsky, announced the full evacuation of company personnel from Iraq. Some 241 employees are expected to start leaving Thursday, Russia's *ITAR-Tass* and *Interfax* news agencies reported.

Police said the Russians were travelling by bus to the Dora power station when they were ambushed from the compound in southwestern Baghdad. One Iraqi was also killed, police said. Dr Adham Saadoun of the Yarmouk Hospital, where the wounded were taken, said some were seriously injured.

Seventeen Russian specialists were on the bus when it was attacked, Russian news agencies reported.

Just a day before the ambush, Interenergosservis chief executive Alexander Abramov announced plans to expand activities in Iraq. The company was reviewing a

flood of offers, he told *ITAR-Tass*, including some from the Iraqi Ministry of Energy.

On 10 May, a group of Russians working for the company were seized after their vehicle was attacked in Musayyib, about 40 miles south of Baghdad. A third worker was killed in the attack.

The men were released about 10 days later after mediation by Iraqi religious and political figures.

In April, three Russian and five Ukrainian employees were abducted and released unharmed the next day. Hundreds of workers for Russian companies were

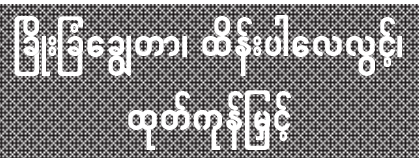
evacuated from Iraq shortly thereafter, but most decided to stay on.

In Moscow, the Russian Foreign Ministry said it had repeatedly warned Russian nationals of the dangers of living in Iraq, where violence is on the rise ahead of the return of sovereignty June 30.

The ministry blamed the deteriorating situation on the failure of the US-run occupation authority "to guarantee the necessary security."

Russian experts have played a key role in attempts to improve electric power supplies as the summer's peak-use period approaches.

Internet



Britain's Iraqi occupation cash set to run out early next year

LONDON, 27 May — The cost of British occupation of Iraq set aside by the government so far is going to run out early next year even if no new troops are sent to Iraq, *The Financial Times* reported Monday.

The monthly average cost of Britain's presence in Iraq is 125 million pounds or 222 million US dollars at the present spending speed, and more extra resources are needed, British Defence Secretary Geoff Hoon was quoted as saying.

This means the 3.8 billion pounds or 6.76 billion US

dollars so far committed by British Chancellor of the Exchequer Gordon Brown would be exhausted at the beginning of next year and if the British Government sends more troops to the country, the money would run out even faster.

The cost raised questions about the government's strategy although the rising bill for the occupation is not of a scale to threaten the outlook for the public finances, the paper said.

British ministers are understood to be considering the deployment of another 2,000 to 3,000 troops in Iraq in the near future that would bring British troops in Iraq to around 10,000. British Ministry of Defence expects any additional costs to be met in the future. But the demands come at a time when there is increasingly intense pressure on all public spending.

MNA/Xinhua

China has 21% of world's population

BEIJING, 27 May — China, which has 21 per cent of the world's population, now faces twin problems of birth rate imbalance between urban and rural areas and between economically developed and backward areas.

Although China has successfully prevented around 300 million would-be births since it implemented the "one child" family planning policy in the late 1970s, problems such as birth rate imbalance have emerged.

By the end of 2003, China had a population of 1.29 billion, taking up to 21 per cent of the world total, China Youth Daily said in an article, adding that the Communist nation's population now has three features of low birth rate, low death rate and low growth rate. However, birth rate imbalance between urban and rural areas and the imbalance between eastern and western areas have emerged at the same time, the article noted.

At present, China's urban birth rate is lower than the rural birth rate. The "one child" policy is strictly implemented in cities, while in China's vast rural areas, it is still common to see one couple produce two or more children.—MNA/Xinhua



A Russian shooting victim is pushed on a wheelchair at a hospital after an attack in the capital Baghdad, on 26 May, 2004. Two employees of a Russian company working on a power plant in Iraq were killed on Wednesday when their bus came under attack, officials said. At least five of their colleagues were injured.—INTERNET

NZ asks why US keeps quiet over detention of its citizen in Iraq

WELLINGTON, 27 May — The New Zealand Government wants to know why the United States never said that a New Zealander was being held by the US Army in Iraq.

Andreas Schafer, 26, from New Plymouth in the North Island of New Zealand, had travelled from Afghanistan to Iraq to develop software for a non-governmental organization before he lost contact with his family and disappeared in March. His family received an e-mail last month suggesting he had been detained by the US-led Coalition Provisional Authority, which administers the country.

Initial inquiries failed to turn up any trace of Schafer but New Zealand Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade (MFAT) confirmed on 27 April he was being detained by the authorities in Iraq. However, it was not known why he was detained.

Schafer was released Monday after nearly three months' detention, during which time he was repeatedly interrogated by the US Army, the *New Zealand Herald* reported Tuesday.

Foreign Affairs Minister Phil Goff told reporters Tuesday that despite "repeated" efforts by Ministry of Foreign Affairs staff, the government was never told who was holding Schafer, where or why.

"At the moment it's still not clear at who's behest and why Schafer was held in detention." The ministry, after Schafer's family contacted it, tried over a period of months to find out where Schafer was being held.

"We had no response from British or American authorities to that question," Goff said, adding the ministry would contact Schafer to get his explanation of events.

"It is not satisfactory that a New Zealand national has been held in detention without his country being advised of his whereabouts and why he was being held," he added.

If it was the case that Schafer was held in custody

by the US Army, "we would want an explanation of that, we would want an explanation of why New Zealand authorities were not properly advised", Goff said.

MNA/Xinhua

Iraq pleads for more aid for "desperate" Iraqis

DOHA, 27 May — Iraq urged the United Nations and World Bank on Tuesday to act more quickly in delivering promised pledges of foreign aid, saying Iraqis were desperate for better living conditions.

Iraqi Planning Minister Mehdi al-Hafedh said more than one billion US dollars of the 33 billion US dollars of aid pledged for rebuilding Iraq, which is sitting in trust funds run by the United Nations and World Bank, should be made available immediately.

Ross Mountain, UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan's special representative for Iraq, said 17 projects valued at 230 million US dollars have so far been approved by the trust fund.

"The people of Iraq are desperate for a rapid improvement in their life. There is an urgent need to move faster and obviously with more assistance," Mehdi told a donors conference in the Gulf Arab state of Qatar.

"Democratization, economic liberalization and integration into international community are some of the big challenges, but nothing is more significant than the security," he said.

The United States and its

allies, who invaded Iraq in 2003 to topple Saddam Hussein, are due to hand over power to an interim Iraqi Government on 30 June.

Officials said five more countries, including France, Italy and Finland, have joined the donor committee but they did not say how much money they had pledged.

The aim of the two-day Doha conference is to urge countries to contribute to the Iraq aid funds and to implement the pledges declared at the Madrid conference.

Several countries that opposed the US-led war, including France and Germany, refused to contribute any aid to Baghdad if the United States and Britain — who currently occupy Iraq — control the funds. They said they preferred to give aid directly to Iraq or contribute to trust funds run and audited independently, while Washington has been injecting its billions of reconstruction money directly into Iraq projects.—MNA/Reuters



US Marines patrol the centre of Karbala on 26 May, 2004.

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Lt-Gen Ye Myint meets departmental personnel and social organization members at the hall in Htilin Township.— MNA

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Gangaw Township and generate 30 megawatts.

They proceeded to Htanbingon Village in Htilin Township. Village elders reported on hydropower sector. Lt-Gen Ye Myint urged them to participate in regional development tasks. The village built a 7.5-kilowatt self-reliant hydropower plant which can provide electricity for the village round the clock.

Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party held a meeting with departmental officials and social organizations at the Township PDC office. An official reported on progress in administrative, economy and social affairs of the region, and regional development tasks. District PDC Chairman Lt-Col Hla Shwe gave a supplementary report.

Lt-Gen Ye Myint said that the government is implementing Myitha Dam Project (Pyintha) in the interest of local people. He called on local people to build rural diversion dams, to extend paddy cultivation as far as they can and to carry out self-reliant measures to generate more electricity. The region's paddy output is in surplus, but local farmers are to make greater efforts for contributing towards rice efficiency of the entire Magway Division and Chin State, he said. He dealt with the government's

endeavours to upgrade the transport sector of the region. Departmental officials, social organizations and townsenders are not to be content with present regional progress and rice sufficiency but to strive further to become a township that can contribute much towards Chin State, he urged. He had a cordial conversation with those present. Next, Lt-Gen Ye Myint inspected Htilin-Kyauhtu-Saw-Kanpetlet Road and proceeded to Shwetaungtan domestic cow breeding camp in Kanpetlet in the afternoon. Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party inspected breeding of 125 domestic cows. They also viewed thriving of orange and tea plantations at Shwetaungtan agriculture and livestock breeding farm. At Border Area and National Races Development Training School, they inspected construction of a new building and vegetable patches. On arrival at Kanpetlet Township Hospital, they encouraged the patients being undergone medical treatment. Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party inspected the operation theatre and the X-ray room of the hospital. Afterwards, Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party met departmental officials and social organization members at the hall of Township Peace and Development Council. Also present were the commander, Chairman of Chin State Peace and Development Council Col Tin Hla and Vice-Chairman Col Hsan Aung and local authorities.

Chairman of Township Peace and Development Council U Thein Lwin Tun reported on progress of the township and requirements. Commander Maj-Gen Tha Aye and officials gave supplementary reports. Lt-Gen Ye Myint attended to their needs. Speaking on the occasion, Lt-Gen Ye Myint said that development of Chin State is being performed based on Kalay and Pakokku. As the government is implementing the plan that southern Chin State will obtain supplies of requirements through Pakokku, southern Chin State including Kanpetlet will have progress with momentum. People can travel to Mindat, Matupi, Haka from Kanpetlet in Chin State through the hill road as well as through Saw-Kyauhtu-Htilin-Gangaw-Pakokku Road. In the past, southern and northern parts of Chin State faced difficulty not only in transport but also education, health, administration and development matters in the rainy season. To be able to overcome these difficulties, extension of Mindat-Matupi Road is being carried out with momentum. Kanpetlet region, a fertile region, is located at the edge of Magway Division. So agriculture and livestock breeding tasks are to be undertaken. Local people are urged to make concerted efforts for regional development and to generate small-scale hydroelectric power. Next, he cordially conversed with those present. They spent the night in Saw, Magway Division.— MNA

Commander inspects Ngamoeyek Sluice Gate construction

YANGON, 27 May — Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe this afternoon inspected agricultural tasks and regional development tasks in Yangon East District and fulfilled the requirements. On arrival at the construction site of Ngamoeyek Sluice Gate in Dagon Myothit (East) Township, Yangon East District, the commander was welcomed by No 2 Military Region Commander Lt-Gen Ne Win, local authorities and departmental officials

At the briefing hall, Director of Yangon Division Irrigation Department U Kyaw Thein reported on tasks being carried out in the construction. On completion, over 6,000 acres of summer paddy will be cultivated in Hlegu Township and Dagon Myothit (East) Township, the commander pointed out. Next, he urged the officials concerned to make efforts to finish the construction by April 2005. Next, Maj-Gen Myint Swe and party inspected progress of work.

The sluice gate is being constructed on Ngamoeyek Creek in Dagon



Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe inspects building of Ngamoeyek Sluice Gate in Dagon Myothit (East) Township.— YANGON COMMAND

Myothit (East) Township and it comprises 18 sluice gates and eight silt excluders. Leading channel of the sluice gate is 1,200 feet long and outfall channel is 2,000 feet long. Later, the commander and party inspected the 6,000-foot-long concrete road linking Pyithuthakaung Village and Thayetbin Village in Dagon Myothit (Seikkan) Township.

Afterwards, the commander and party arrived at the briefing hall of the dried fish industries project of the Yangon City Development Committee in Dagon Myothit (Seikkan) Township.

At the briefing hall,

YCDC joint secretary U Aung Soe reported on progress of dried fish industries project. Next, Chairman of Yangon East District Peace and Development Council Lt-Col Maung Maung Shein reported on agricultural tasks in Yangon East District and Director of the Human Settlement and Housing Development Lt-Col Htin Aung Kyaw on progress of construction of concrete road. After hearing reports, the commander gave necessary instructions. Later, the commander and party inspected the dried fish industries in Thayetpinchaung Village.— MNA



MWJA Central Executive Committee meeting held

YANGON, 27 May— The Central Executive Committee of Myanmar Writers and Journalists Association held meeting 5/2004 at Sarpy Beikman Building on Merchant Street here this afternoon.

Present were Vice-Chairman U Than Maung (Than Maung), Secretary U Hla Tun (Hla Tun-Twantay) and officials. Vice-Chairman U Than Maung (Than Maung) presided over the meeting.

Secretary of the MWJA U Hla Tun (Hla Tun-Twantay) reported on implementation of the resolutions of the meeting 4/2004.

Next, work group leaders recounted experience of the third meeting of the central body of MWJA.

In conclusion, U Than Maung (Than Maung) urged all to accept decisions and future tasks laid down by the central body meeting, directives on policies instructed by Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt, instruction of the Minister for Foreign Affairs as work guidance.

*MNA

Mayor arrives back from PRC

YANGON, 27 May— Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin and party arrived back here by air this morning after visiting the People's Republic of China at the invitation of the Mayor of Rongzu, Jiangsu Province, which is connecting with Yangon as sister city. The mayor and party were welcomed back by Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint, Minister at the Prime Minister's Office Maj-Gen Thein Swe, officials and families.— MNA

Cash and kind donated to hail National Convention

YANGON, 27 May — Hailing the National Convention, the donation ceremony was held at the parlour of men's hostel of Nyaungnapin Camp in Hmawby Township this afternoon.

Present were Secretary of the National Convention Convening Commission Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan and members, Chairman of National Convention Convening Management Committee Auditor-General Maj-Gen Lun Maung and members, Vice-Chairman of National Convention Convening Work Committee Attorney-General U Aye Maung and members, members of the panel of patrons of delegate groups and wellwishers.

Chairman of National Convention Convening Management Committee Auditor-General Maj-Gen Lun Maung accepted 600 kilos of Basa fillet fish and 300 kilos of Skill fish worth K 2,400,000 donated by Myanmar Fisheries Federation; 150 bags of rice and 20 bags of green pea worth K 2,050,000 by National Economic Development Co Group; 200 kilos of fresh water prawn worth K 1,500,000 by Myanmar Prawn Entrepreneurs Fed-



Chairman of National Convention Convening Management Committee Auditor-General Maj-Gen Lun Maung speaks words of thanks to wellwishers. — MNA

eration; 200 kilos of black tiger prawn worth K 1.4 million by Anawa Fisheries Holdings Ltd; 100 bags of rice worth K 1,170,000 by Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry; 300 kilos of Basa fillet fish worth K 750,000 by Min Zarni Co Ltd; 50 bags of rice and five bags of glutinous rice worth K 620,000 by Myanmar Paddy Wholesalers Association; 200 kilos of Basa fillet fish worth K 500,000 by Naing Naing Aung Co Ltd; 200 kilos of Basa fillet fish worth K 500,000 by Anawa Soe Moe Trading Co Ltd; 232 viss of groundnut oil worth 350,000 by Myanmar Oil Dealers Association; five bags of green pea, five bags of lablab bean and five bags of lentil worth

K 300,000 by Myanmar Bean and Sesame Merchants Association; various kinds of foreign-made medicines worth K 920,000 by Myanmar Pulses, Beans and Sesame Seeds Merchants Association; K 300,000 by peasant delegate U Maung Lwin of the National Convention of Nabule region and farmers from five village-tracts, Yebyu Township, Taninthayi Division; 1,000 packets of traditional medicine worth K 100,000 by Director Zun Maung Maung (Aung Taman Traditional Medicine Industry); 600 packets of traditional medicine worth K 190,000 and 1,000 pamphlets describing Dhammazedi stone inscriptions by Maung Thu Aung Kyaw (Wazi Karana Tradi-

tional Medicine House); and 100 calendars worth K 15,000 by Myawady Literary House.

Next, UMFCI President U Win Myint explained the purpose of the donations. Maj-Gen Lun Maung thanked for the donations.

After the donation ceremony, NCCC Secretary Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan, NCCMC Chairman Auditor-General Maj-Gen Lun Maung and members, NCCWC Vice-Chairman Attorney-General U Aye Maung and members of the panel of patrons of delegate groups cordially met the wellwishers.

Today's donations were K 13,065,000.

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"Soon" offered to Sangha in London

YANGON, 27 May — Under the leadership of the Union of Myanmar Ambassador to the United Kingdom and North Ireland Dr Kyaw Win and wife Daw Kyi Kyi, Myanmar Embassy staff families offered "soon" to members of Sangha in Myanmar monasteries and Sayadaw Maha Saddhamajotikadhaja and members of Sangha in Sirilankan monastery in London at Myanmar Ambassador's resident on 3 May (fullmoon day of Kason).

Patrons of Myanmar Association (UK), executive members and members of Myanmar Association totalling 75 persons donated cash and kind to Sayadaws. The congregation shared merits gained. —MNA

Deputy Minister arrives back

YANGON, 27 May — After attending the 8th ASEAN-ROK Dialogue Meeting in Seoul, Republic of Korea, the Myanmar delegation led by Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Khin Maung Win arrived back by air this afternoon.

The Myanmar delegation was welcomed back at the airport by

departmental heads and officials.

Director U Myint Soe and Deputy Director U Aye Kyaw Lwin of ASEAN Affairs Department also arrived back. — MNA

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(က) အမှည့်လွန်အသီးများကို စားသုံးခြင်းမှ ရှောင်ပါ။

(ခ) ယင်နားစာများကို မဆင်မခြင် စားသုံးခြင်းမှ ရှောင်ပါ။

(ဂ) စားကြွင်းစားကျန် အမှိုက်သရိုက်များနှင့် အညစ်အကြေးများကို စည်းကမ်းမဲ့ စွန့်ပစ်ခြင်းမှရှောင်ကြဉ်ပါ။

(ဃ) မိမိတို့မိသားစုအတွင်း ကျန်းမာရေးအသိပညာ ဖြန့်ဝေပါ။ လိုက်နာကျင့်သုံးပါ။

(င) တစ်ကိုယ်ရည် သန့်ရှင်းရေးကို ဂရုပြုလိုက်နာဆောင်ရွက်ပါ။

(စ) ရေကိုကျိုချက်၍ သောက်ပါ။

(ဆ) လတ်ဆတ်သန့်ရှင်းသည့် အသီးအနှံနှင့် အစားအစာများကို ပူပူနွေးနွေး ချက်ပြုတ်စားသုံးပါ။

(ဇ) ရာသီဥတု အပူအအေး အပြောင်းအလဲကို သတိရှိပါ။

(ဈ) ပတ်ဝန်းကျင်သန့်ရှင်းရေးလုပ်ငန်းနှင့် ဖြန့်ချိနှံ့နှံ့ရေး လုပ်ငန်းများကို အမျိုးသားရေးအမြင်ဖြင့် ဝိုင်းဝန်းပူးပေါင်းဆောင်ရွက်ပါ။

(ည) ရောဂါတစ်မျိုးဖြစ်ပွားချွန်လာပါက ကျန်းမာရေးဌာနသို့ အမြန်ဆုံး သတင်းပို့ပါ။

(ဋ) လိုအပ်ပါက နီးစပ်ရာဆေးပေးခန်း ဆေးရုံများသို့ အချိန်မီ သွားရောက်ပြသစစ်ဆေးကုသမှုခံယူပါ။

ကျန်းမာရေးဝန်ကြီးဌာန

212 drug related cases exposed in April

YANGON, 27 May—The Tatmadaw, the Myanmar Police Force and the Customs Department exposed 212 drug related cases — 201.9779 kilos of opium in 30 cases, 103.6516 kilos of heroin in 67 cases, 2.1057 kilos of opium oil in two cases, 4.7687 kilos of low grade opium in 12 cases, 20.2678 kilos of marijuana in 14 cases, 1.2 litres of phensedyl in one case, 1,058,434 stimulant tablets in 43 cases, nine kilos of stimulant powder, 0.6 litre of cough syrup in one case, 5.3388 kilos of speciosa in two cases, 40 bottles of buprenorphine, 60 tablets of diazepam in one case, 0.5 kilo of stimulant tablets (ice), four cases in failure to register and other 34 cases in April.

Regiments and units of the Tatmadaw exposed 212 kilos of opium in one case and 0.0001 kilo of heroin in one case. The MPF exposed 201.7659 kilos of opium in 29 cases, 103.6514 kilos of heroin in 66 cases, 2.1057 kilos of opium oil in two cases, 4.7687 kilos of low grade opium in 12 cases, 20.2678 kilos of marijuana in 14 cases, 1.2 litres of phensedyl in one case, 1,058,434 stimulant tablets in 43 cases, nine kilos of stimulant power, 0.6 litre of cough syrup in one case, 5.3388 kilos of speciosa in two cases, 40 bottles of buprenorphine in one case, 60 tablets of diazepam in one case, 0.15 kilo of tablets (ice), four cases in failure to register and other 34 cases.

Action was taken against 284 people in 212 cases — 233 men and 51 women in April 2004. An anti-drug combined team together with witnesses searched the house of Ar Chein (a) Lauk Chwin and Aik Htay in Wein Kyaw Village, Haungleik Village-tract, Tachilek Township on 7 April 2004. However, at that time, the two were not present at home but guardian Mar Kwan Kyein. After a thorough search, the authorities found out 799,600 stimulant tablets hidden under the concrete floor of the kitchen. The seizure led to the arrest of Ar Chein (a) Lauk Chun, Aik Htay and Mar Kwan Kyein under Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law. On 24 April, a combined team stopped and searched Nissan truck with the number plate 1Kha/4282 bound for Taunggyi and seized 186.1783 kilos of raw opium. With respect to the case, Loilem Myanmar Police Force filed Myint Thein, the driver, in accordance with Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law. On 30 April, a similar team stopped and searched a private automobile with number plate number 1Kha/1166 driven by Sai Win Maung (a) Aik Maung on its way from Lashio to Muse. And the officials seized 85 blocks of heroin weighing 29.325 kilos. Muse MPF is taking action against Aik Maung. — MNA



Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Aung Thein attends the dinner hosted for the film delegation from the PRC. — MNA

Dinner hosted in honour of PRC film delegation

YANGON, 27 May—Myanmar Motion Picture Asiayan hosted a dinner to Chinese Film-Maker Association led by Mrs Liu Xiuwen at Karaweik Palace Hotel this evening.

The Chinese association is on a visit here under the programme of exchange and cooperation in film sphere between the People's Republic of China and the Union of Myanmar. Present on the occasion were Deputy Minister for Information Brig-Gen Aung Thein, Myanmar Motion Picture Enterprise Managing Director U Bo Kyi, News and Periodicals Enterprise Managing Director Col Soe Win, the head of Office of the Ministry of Information, departmental officials, MMPA Chairman U Sein Tin, Vice-Chairman U Kye Myint, Secretary U Kyaw Thu, joint-secretaries and executives, Myanmar film stars, Mrs Liu Xiuwen and party, officials of Chinese Embassy to Myanmar, and guests.

At the dinner, the deputy minister and departmental heads cordially exchanged film technology and experiences with the Chinese visitors. After the dinner, the chairman of the MMPA presented souvenirs to Mrs Liu Xiuwen and members. — MNA

S Africa to boost research in Antarctica

တကောင်းမြို့၊ ရှေးဟောင်း လေးမျက်နှာတုရားကြီး ပြန်လည်ပြုပြင်
တည်ဆောက်ရာတွင် ကုသိုလ်ယူ ပါဝင်လှူဒါန်းနိုင်



အေးဒီ (သ)ဂျာဂျ အခန့်ရသေးသီးကြီးကောင်းပူဇော်
ခြံစေသောလေး၊ ယုတ်နာထုရားကြီး၊ သည်လျှင်ခဏ်၊
ရသည့်ဥထုဂဏ်တို့၊ ကြောင့် ငြိကျယုတ်နီး၊ ရဲရဲဖြိုး
နစ်စပ်သီး၊ နှာတောဇွဲ၊ အသီးလျှင် အထွတ်ကုန်ကြီး၊
တဝရေကဏ်ရဲရသည့်ကို ယဉ်စေကျ၊ မှုဝင်ကြီး၊ နှာနအီ
ကြီးကြပ်ပျံ့ခြင် နှစ်စပ်ကုန်ကြီး၊ တွင် ပြန်လည်ပြုခြင်
တည်စေကဏ်ပင်မည်၊
စေတနာရှင် ကုသိုလ်နည်းအား၊ သဒ္ဓါ တရားထောင်သီး နှာခြင်
ကုသိုလ်ယုဝ် ဝင်လျှင် နီးနီးသိသည်၊



အုတ်တစ်ချပ် ($၁၂ \times ၉ \times ၃$)	-	၄၆/-
ဘိလပ်ခြေတစ်အိတ်	-	၄၀၀၆/-
သဲတစ်ကျင်း	-	၆၀၀၆/-
မြစ်ကျောက် (အသေး) တစ်ကျင်း	-	၂၀၀၀၆/-
ထုံး (တစ်အိတ်)	-	၁၀၀၆/-
သဲကျောက်ပြား တစ်ချပ် (၁၂×၁၂)	-	၅၀၆/-

ယဉ်ကျေးမှုဝန်ကြီးရုံး (ဝန်ကြီးရုံး)

မိုး ၅၄၃၂၃၅၊ ၅၄၃၂၃၃

စက္ကနဟောင်းသုတေသနကြီးစီးဌာန (ရုံးချုပ်)

မိုးစိုင်း ၅၁၂၁၄၀၊ ၅၁၂၁၃၉

ယဉ်ကျေးမှုအမွေအနှစ်ဝေသညာနဲ့ (မန္တ)

မုန့် ၀၂-၃၆၃၅၊ ၀၂-၃၉၁၅၆

တကောင်းမြို့ လေးမျက်နှာဘုရားဂေါပကအဖွဲ့ရုံး

Thai Govt launches campaign against smoking

The majority of smokers were 25-29 years old. The statistics show that the rate of smokers in the 15-24 age group was rapidly increasing. — MNA/Xinhua

EU adopts measures to tackle translation problem

BRUSSELS, 27 May — In a move to solve a growing translation problem, the European Union's (EU) executive arm — the European Commission (EC) — adopted on Wednesday a measure to shorten the length of official EU documents.

Over the past five years, the EC's Directorate-General of Translation has seen translation demands grow by over 25 per cent. Demand for translation in 2003 was 1.48 million pages and the current translation backlog amounts to some 60,000 pages, an EC Press release said. "Without action, the backlog would rise over the next three years to 300,000 pages. Therefore, the Commission has adopted today a series of practical management measures," the Press release said.

Under the new measures, communications and explanatory texts should normally not exceed 15 pages. In addition, efforts will be made to increase translation productivity by 40 per cent by 2006 compared to 2003.

Following the latest round of EU enlargement, the number of official languages of the bloc has increased from 11 to 20, posing a heavy burden of translation for the day-to-day running of EU institutions.

China says Sino-Indian ties facing new opportunities for growth

BEIJING, 27 May — In an upbeat assessment of Sino-Indian relations, China on Tuesday said bilateral ties with India have entered a “new phase” of improvement and opportunities exist for the two governments to forge a “constructive cooperative relationship” between the two Asian giants.

"We attach importance to friendly relations and co-operation between China and India and we maintain that bilateral relations between the two countries have entered a new phase of improvement and development", Chinese Foreign Ministry Spokesman Liu Jianchao told reporters here at a bi-weekly news conference.

"The relationship is also faced with new opportunities for development," Liu said. Reacting to the comments made by India's new External Affairs Minister K Natwar Singh, the spokesman said China appreciated Singh's positive assessment of India-China relations. "We appreciate the positive remarks made by the Foreign Minister Singh on assuming office," Liu said.

"India and China are important neighbours. We hope that the governments of the two countries will make joint efforts to maintain the good momentum of development of bilateral relations and to promote new progress in the building of constructive cooperative partnership between the two countries," he said.

"We are willing to work with the Indian Government in this regard," the spokesman said. Singh, who took charge as External Affairs Minister on Monday, said India-China relations were "problem-free" except

for the border question.

“I personally began my diplomatic career in China in the mid-1950s and it is to be noted that in the 2000 years of our contact there has been only one conflict and we attach importance to the Panchsheel (principles of peaceful co-existence). I look forward to intensifying our relations with the People’s Republic of China,” Singh was quoted as saying.

On Sunday, Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao had promised to work jointly with his new 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 message to Singh.

In a warm congratulatory message sent to Singh, Wen voiced his belief that under Singh's leadership, India will make "new and greater achievements in economic growth and national development".

ကျန်းမာပျော်ရွှင် ဘဝတစ်ခွင်

ကျန်းမာခြင်းဆိုသည်မှာ - ရောဂါဘယကင်းရှင်းရုံ သာမက၊ ကိုယ်၏ကျန်းမာကြံ့ခိုင်ခြင်း၊ စိတ်ချမ်းသာခြင်းနှင့် လူမှုရေးသုဝေ
ပြည်ဝခြင်း ကိုဆိုသည်။

ဘဝတစ်ခွင် ကျန်းမာပျော်ရွှင်စေရန် အောက်ပါအတိုင်း
လိုက်နာဆောင်ရွက်ပါ။

- (၁) တစ်ကိုယ်ရည်သန့်ရှင်းမှုကိုဆောင်ရွက်ပါ။
- (၂) အန္တရာယ်ကင်း၍ အာဟာရပြည့်ဝသော အစားအသောက်များကိုစားသုံးပါ။
- (၃) ပိုမိုစားကင်းစင်၍ သန့်ရှင်းသောရေကို သောက်သုံးပါ။
- (၄) ရာသီဥတုနှင့် လိုက်လျောညီထွေစွာဝတ်စားဆင်ယင်နေထိုင်ပါ။
- (၅) အသက်အရွယ်နှင့်လိုက်လျောညီထွေရှိသည့် သင့်တော်မှုတသော ကိုယ်လက်လှုပ်ရှားမှုကို မှန်မှန်ဆောင်ရွက်ပါ။
- (၆) နေ့စဉ်လုပ်ငန်းဆောင်တာများ ဆောင်ရွက်ခြင်းကြောင့် ပင်ပန်းနွမ်းနယ်မှုကိုပြေငြိမ့်စေရန် အားယူပါ။
- (၇) ခြင်အန္တရာယ်မှကာကွယ်ရန် ခြင်ထောင်ဖြင့်အိပ်ပါ။
- (၈) ကျန်းမာရေးနှင့်ညီညွတ်သော ယဉ်လုံအိမ်သာကိုသုံးစွဲပါ။
- (၉) အရက်သောက်ခြင်း၊ ဆေးလိပ်စားရွက် သောက်သုံးခြင်း၊ ကွမ်းစားခြင်းတို့ကိုရှောင်ကြဉ်ပါ။
- (၁၀) မူးယစ်ဆေးဝါးနှင့် စိတ်ကိုပြောင်းလဲစေသည့် ဆေးဝါးများသုံးစွဲခြင်းကို ရှောင်ကြဉ်ပါ။
- (၁၁) အပျော်အပါးလိုက်စားခြင်းကို ရှောင်ကြဉ်ပါ။
- (၁၂) ရေ၊ မြေ၊ လေ သဘာဝပတ်ဝန်းကျင်နှင့် နေထိုင်မှု၊ အသက်မွေးမှုပတ်ဝန်းကျင်တို့အား ညစ်ညမ်းစေသည့် အပြုအမူများကို ရှောင်ကြဉ်ပါ။

Shanghai citizens feel most safe in China

BEIJING, 27 May —The citizens of China's commercial centre Shanghai feel safer than the residents of other Chinese cities, according to a survey conducted by the National Bureau of Statistics.

The survey found that 91.2 per cent of the Shanghai citizens surveyed said they feel "safe" or "generally safe" in the city, and 93.5 per cent expressed their satisfaction with the local police work, 9.9 percentage points higher than national average level. The two indices both top those of other parts of China, the survey shows.

The nationwide sample survey, the third of its kind on Chinese public's sense of security, covered the country's 31 provinces, municipalities, and autonomous regions.

MNA/Xinhua

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Putin criticizes human rights groups

Moscow, 27 May — Russian President Vladimir Putin on Wednesday denounced human rights groups critical of his record and accused some of serving the interests of dubious organizations.

He made no specific mention of any single group in his annual State of the Nation Address, in which he devoted 15 minutes to the importance of democracy.

“For some of these organizations the priority has become a different goal — in particular receiving funds from influential foreign and domestic foundations — and for others serving dubious groups and commercial interests,” he said. He said the groups in question often failed to speak up about actual abuses. “There is nothing surprising about this — they cannot bite the hand that feeds them,” he told 800 parliamentarians, ministers and public figures in the Kremlin. — MNA/Reuters

Russia vows to double GDP by 2010

Moscow, 27 May — Russian President Vladimir Putin on Wednesday said that if the country maintains its current growth rate Russia could double its gross domestic product (GDP) in six years instead of in a decade as predicted last year.

“By maintaining the growth rate at the level of the first quarter of this year, we could double GDP per capita not in ten years but by 2010,” Putin said in the first annual State of the Nation Speech since his March reelection.

Putin said Russia’s economy grew 7.3 per cent in 2003 and at an annualized rate of 8.0 per cent in the first four months of 2004. Real per capita income has risen by about 50 per cent over the past four years. Putin’s 50-minute address focused on the need to raise the population’s standard of living and increase Russia’s economic competitiveness in the world. Putin suggested that at least one-third of Russian people should own quality housing by 2010. MNA/Reuters The President criticized the inefficient domestic health care sector and the declining quality and availability of medical services across the country.

Putin also noted that the development of Russia’s transport infrastructure is another priority task for the country. — MNA/Reuters

Asia-Pacific region faces immense task fighting poverty

SHANGHAI, 27 May — The task before Asia-Pacific countries in the fight against poverty remains both urgent and immense, said Asian Development Bank (ADB) President Tadao Chino Wednesday.

Asia and the Pacific have seen strong economic growth and a dramatic reduction to poverty in the region in recent decades. The number of people living on less than one dollar a day fell from 32 per cent in 1990 to 22 per cent in 2000, which translates into a reduction from 900 million poor in the region to 720 million, said the ADB president at the Global Conference on Scaling Up Poverty Reduction.

Sponsored by the World Bank and the Chinese Government, the conference is aimed to accelerate efforts in reducing poverty through assessing best practices and sharing valuable knowledge among developing countries. Despite these successes, there is a sobering array of challenges: people living in poverty in Asia and the Pacific still represent nearly two-thirds of the world’s poor, he said. Progress in economic growth and poverty reduction has also been uneven, and many countries in the region remain among the least developed in the world.

Calling on the international community to supplement the efforts of the developing countries to reduce poverty by increased financial support, he said a portion of ADB’s Asian Development Fund, which shareholders recently pledged to replenish by 7 billion US dollars, would be allocated for grants to support poverty reduction programmes in the poorest developing countries.

He thanked Chino for its valuable contribution to the Asian Development Fund, which demonstrated China’s commitment to reduce poverty in the region.

Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao announced at the opening of the conference that China decided to pledge the “Asian Development Fund” and to contribute 20 million US dollars to ADB to establish the China Special Fund for Poverty Reduction and Regional Cooperation in support of relevant endeavours in the Asia-Pacific Region.

ADB has adopted poverty reduction as its overarching goal, and ADB’s Poverty Reduction Strategy aims to fight poverty in all its dimensions, and is built on three pillars: promoting pro-poor sustainable economic growth; social development; and good governance.

MNA/Xinhua

Study says mouth bacteria may defend against “AIDS” virus

WASHINGTON, 27 May — Bacteria in the mouth can latch onto the AIDS virus and prevent it from infecting cells— which could help protect infants from catching the deadly virus from their mothers, researchers reported on Tuesday.

Two strains of Lactobacillus bacteria can hook onto HIV and stop it from getting into cells. The bacteria also cause immune cells to clump, which could be used to stop HIV-infected cells from infecting other cells, the researchers told a meeting of the American Society for Microbiology in New Orleans.

“While studies have been done so far only in the laboratory, we believe this work opens up new possibilities for preventing the transmission of HIV through mothers’ milk,” said Lin Tao, associate professor of oral biology in the University of Illinois at Chicago’s College of Dentistry.

“Unlike standard retroviral drugs, which are too toxic for newborns, Lactobacilli are ‘friendly’ bacteria already inhabiting the human digestive tract and milk products, and so should pose no danger to infants.”

The AIDS virus affects an estimated 43 million people worldwide and has killed more than 25 million. It is passed through body fluids like blood, semen and mother’s milk. Many babies born free of HIV are infected by breast feeding— an estimated 25 per cent in some areas. Up to 800,000 babies are infected each year globally. Giving the mother and baby anti-retroviral drugs, especially one called Nevirapine, can protect the infants at birth, but they risk becoming infected later if they are breastfed. “This discovery opens up a possible means of preventing the transmission of HIV from mother to infant through breast feeding,” Tao, who led the study, said in a statement. Tao’s team studied bacteria taken from volunteers. “The two strains were found to bind with several varieties of HIV, the related simian immunodeficiency virus, and immune cells that HIV targets for infection,” Tao said. “Further analysis showed that the bacteria inhibited HIV infection of immune cells in the laboratory.” — MNA/Reuters

သတိပေးနိုးဆော်ချက်

ခရီးသည်တင်စက်တော်ယာဉ်များအား မြို့တွင်းသို့ နေ့/ည ခရီးသည်ပို့ဆောင်နိုင်ရေးအတွက် သတ်မှတ်ခေါက်ရေခွင့်အညီ စက်သုံးဆီထုတ်ပေးထားပြီး ဖြစ်ပါသည်။ ယာဉ်စီးခများအားလည်း သတ်မှတ်နှုန်းထားများအတိုင်းတောင်းခံရန် ညွှန်ကြားထားရှိပါသည်။ သို့ရာတွင် အချို့ယာဉ်လိုင်းများမှ ယာဉ်မောင်းနှင့် ယာဉ်နောက်လိုက်တို့သည် ယာဉ်စီးခများကို ညပိုင်းတွင် ပိုမိုတောင်းယူနေကြောင်း သိရှိပါသည်။ ထိုသို့ပိုမိုတောင်းခံပါက ထိရောက်စွာ အရေးယူနိုင်ရန် အောက်ပါနိပါတ်များသို့ တိုင်ကြားနိုင်ပါသည်။

(၁) မြန်မာနိုင်ငံရဲတပ်ဖွဲ့၊ ရန်ကုန်တိုင်း (ဖုန်း ၁၉၉)

(၂) ကြို့မဲ့ကြေးနန်းနှင့်ယာဉ်ထိန်းတပ်ဖွဲ့ (ဖုန်း ၂၅၁၂၅၁/၂၅၁၂၅၁)

(၃) မော်တော်ယာဉ်လုပ်ငန်းပေါင်းစုံထိန်းသိမ်းရေးဓာတ်မတ် (ဖုန်း ၅၄၁၉၀၅/၅၄၁၉၀၅)

ယာဉ်စည်းကမ်းထိန်းသိမ်းရေးကြီးကြပ်မှုဓာတ်မတ်

အရက်ကြောင့်ဖြစ်သည့်ရောဂါများ

အရက်ကိုလွန်ကျွဲစွာနှင့် စွဲလမ်းစွာသောက်သုံးခြင်းကြောင့် ဖြစ်ပွားတတ်သောရောဂါများမှာ အသည်းရောင်ခြင်း၊ အသည်းခြောက်ခြင်း၊ သွေးအန်ခြင်း၊ အစာအိမ်ရောဂါဖြစ်ခြင်း၊ နှလုံးရောဂါ ဖြစ်ခြင်း၊ ဦးနှောက်နှင့်အရက်ကြောထိခိုက်ခြင်း၊ စိတ်ရောဂါများဖြစ်ခြင်း စသည်တို့ဖြစ်ပါသည်။

အရက်ကြောင့်ဖြစ်တတ်သော စိတ်ရောဂါများမှာ -

၁။ ကယောင်ကတမ်းဖြစ်ခြင်း (Delirium Tremors)၊ ကြောက်လန့်ခြင်း၊ အချိန် နာရီ နေရာ၊ လူ ခန့်မှန်းနိုင်စွမ်း မရှိခြင်း၊ ကြောက်စရာလန့်စရာများမြင်ရခြင်း၊ အသံဗဟုများ ကြားရခြင်း၊ ပိုများများနောက်ယိပ်ပေါ် ရွံစိတ်သွားသလိုခံစားရခြင်း၊ လက်တုန်ရောဂါဖြစ်တတ်ခြင်း။

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

၃။ အတက်ကြွ ရောဂါဖြစ်တတ်ခြင်း (Rum Fits) (ဝတ်စုံပြန်ရောဂါကဲ့သို့တတ်ခြင်း)။

၄။ စိတ်ဓာတ်ကျရောဂါဖြစ်တတ်ခြင်း (Depressive Illness)။

၅။ စိတ်ဓာတ်ပြန်ခြင်း (Alcoholic Psychosis)။

၆။ ဦးနှောက်ချို့ယွင်းခြင်း။

၇။ အရက်နှင့်မတည့်သောသူများသည် အရက်အနည်းငယ်သောက်ရုံဖြင့် ရုတ်တရက် စိတ်ဓာတ်ပြန်တတ်ခြင်း (Pathological Drunkenness)။

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

၉။ အရက်ကြောင့် ရာဇဝတ်မှုကျူးလွန်သည်အထိ ဖြစ်နိုင်ခြင်း။

အထက်ပါဆိုကျိုးများကို မခံစားရစေရန် အရက်သောက်သုံးခြင်း၊ အထူးသဖြင့် အလွန်အကျွံသောက်သုံးခြင်း၊ အရက်ကို စွဲလမ်းစွာသောက်သုံးခြင်းတို့မှ ရှောင်ကြဉ်ရန် တိုက်တွန်းအပ်ပါသည်။ အရက်စွဲရောဂါဖြစ်ပွားပါက စိတ်ကျန်းမာရေးဆေးရုံနှင့် ကုသရေးဌာနများတွင် စနစ်တကျကုသမှုခံယူရန် အသိပေးနိုးဆော်အပ်ပါသည်။

ကျန်းမာရေးဝန်ကြီးဌာန

China to provide poor people with adequate food, clothing

SHANGHAI, 27 May — China will try to help a small portion of population who still live in poverty have access to adequate food and clothing at an early date in the next ten years, said Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao at the Global Conference on Scaling Up Poverty Reduction, which opened here Wednesday.

Wen said the first 20 years of this century is a key period for China’s endeavour to build a well-off society in an all round way. China will adhere to the people-oriented principle and achieve comprehensive, coordinated and sustainable development.

China will further improve the basic living and production conditions in poor areas so as to secure the achievements it has scored in poverty reduction, he said.

China will also enhance the life quality and overall capability of the poor population, step up infrastructure in poor villages, improve the eco-system, and gradually bring the poor areas out of economic, social and cultural backwardness, thus creating favourable conditions for the people’s well-off life, the Premier said.

MNA/Xinhua

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တီဘီရောဂါကာကွယ်နိုင်ရန်အရေး

(က) ရောဂါဖြစ်ပွားကူးစက်ပုံ

ဤရောဂါသည်တီဘီကို ကြောင့်ဖြစ်သော ကူးစက်ရောဂါဖြစ်သည်။ ဝေဒနာရှင် ချောင်းဆိုးခြင်း၊ နှာချေလျှင်၊ သလိပ်တံတွေးမှ တစ်ဆင့် ရောဂါပိုးများလေထဲတွင်ပျံ့နှံ့၍ ကူးစက်သည်။

- အသက်အရွယ်မရွေး လူတိုင်းတွင်ဖြစ်ပွားနိုင်သည်။
- အဆုတ်တွင်အများဆုံးဖြစ်ပွားပြီး ကိုယ်ခန္ဓာအနှံ့အပြားတွင်လည်း ဖြစ်နိုင်သည်။
- ဆီးချိုရောဂါ၊ ခုခံအားကျဆင်းမှုကူးစက်ရောဂါနှင့် အာဟာရ ချို့တဲ့မှုရှိသူများတွင် အဖြစ်များသည်။

(ခ) ရောဂါလက္ခဏာများ

- ရက်ရှည်ချောင်းဆိုးခြင်း (ရက်သတ္တပတ် သုံးပတ်နှင့်အထက်)။
- ချောင်းဆိုးသွေးပါခြင်း။
- သလိပ်တွင်သွေးပါခြင်း။
- အဖျားတာရှည်ခြင်း။
- ခံတွင်းပျက်ခြင်း၊ ဓမ္မာပန်းလွယ်ခြင်း။
- ကိုယ်အလေးချိန်လျော့နည်းပိန်ချိုးခြင်း။
- ကျောရင်အောင့်ခြင်း။

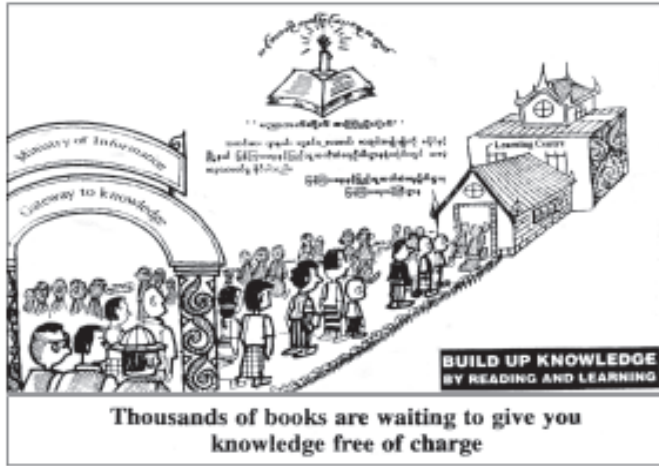
(ဂ) ကြိုတင်ကာကွယ်ခြင်း

- ရင်သွေးငယ်များအား ကာကွယ်ဆေး(ဘီစီဂျီ)ကိုမပျက်မကွက် ထိုးပေးပါ။
- အာဟာရပြည့်ဝသော အစားအစာများကိုစားသုံးပါ။
- သင့်တင့်လျောက်ပတ်သောကိုယ်လက်လှုပ်ရှားမှုပြုလုပ်ပါ။
- ချောင်းဆိုးခြင်း၊ နှာချေလျှင် လက်ကိုဝံ့ဝံ့ကို အသုံးပြုပါ။
- သလိပ်နှင့်တံတွေးကိုစည်းကမ်းမှတစ်ဆင့် ချောင်းဆိုးမှုရှောင်ကြဉ်ပါ။
- ဆေးလိပ်သောက်ခြင်းမှရှောင်ကြဉ်ပါ။

(ဃ) ကုသမှုယူခြင်း

- တိုက်ရိုက်ကြည့်ရှုအချိန်တိုနှင့်ကုသခြင်းဖြင့် ရောဂါကင်းသည်အထိ ကုသမှုခံယူပါ။
- ကုသမှုခံယူခြင်းသည် အခြားသူများသို့ကူးစက်စေခြင်းမှ အကောင်ဆုံးကာကွယ်ခြင်းဖြစ်သည်။
- တီဘီရောဂါသံသယရှိလျှင် နီးစပ်ရာကျန်းမာရေးဌာနတွင် စစ်ဆေး၍ တီဘီရောဂါရှိပါက အရွယ်ထက်သောတီဘီဆေးဝါးများဖြင့် အခမဲ့ကုသမှုခံယူပါ။

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CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

MV YANGON STAR VOY NO (353)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV YANGON STAR Voy No (353) are hereby notified that the vessel arrives on 28-5-04 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of M.I.T.T. where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11.20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm up to Claims Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the vessel.

No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

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INVITATION TO TENDER

(TENDER NO. 3(T) MPE/HSD(2)/2004-2005)

1. Sealed Tenders are invited by the Myanmar Petrochemical Enterprise, the Ministry of Energy for the supply of (5,400) Metric Tons HSD (Gas Oil Regular 0.5%).
2. Tender Closing Dated: 10-6-2004 at 12:00 noon.
3. Tender Documents and detail information are available at the Department of Finance, Myanmar Petrochemical Enterprise, No. (23), Min Ye-Kyaw-Zwa Road, Yangon, during office hour commencing 28-5-2004 on payment of one hundred (100) FEC (or) US\$ per set.
4. Only bid from tenderer who has purchased tender document officially from Myanmar Petrochemical Enterprise will be accepted for evaluation.

Managing Director
Myanmar Petrochemical Enterprise

ခိုင်မိတ်တင်ခါ ခေါ်ယူခြင်း

၁။ အမှတ်(၁) စက်မှုဝန်ကြီးဌာန၊ မြန်မာ့စက်မှုနှင့်စာတုပေးလုပ်ငန်းကြီးကြပ်မှုအောက်ရှိ စက်ရုံများအတွက် အောက်ပါပစ္စည်းများအား မြန်မာ့စက်မှုနှင့်စာတုပေးလုပ်ငန်းကြီးကြပ်မှုအောက်ရှိ စက်ရုံများအား ခေါ်ယူကြောင်း ကြေညာပါသည်။

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1.	Machine Clothings	8 items	(၇-၆-၂၀၀၄) နေ့လယ် ၁၂:၀၀ နာရီ
2.	Acetone	5 MT	(၁၄-၆-၂၀၀၄) နေ့လယ် ၁၂:၀၀ နာရီ
	Perlite	2 MT	
3.	Double Disc Refiner	1 set	။
4.	Plastic Container	၂ မျိုး	။
	ပလတ်စတစ်ပုံးခွံ		
5.	စာတုပေးပစ္စည်းကုန်ကြမ်း	၄ မျိုး	။

၂။ သိရှိလိုသည့် အချက်များရှိပါက ရောင်းဝယ်ရေးဌာန၊ ဖုန်းနံပါတ်-၅၄၃၃၆၅ သို့ ဆက်သွယ်နိုင်ပါသည်။

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Floods death toll rises to 500 in Haiti, Dominican Republic

FOND VERETTES (Haiti), 27 May — Floods and mudslides have killed more than 500 people in the Dominican Republic and Haiti, many of them swept to their deaths when rain-swollen rivers burst their banks, authorities in the two neighbouring Caribbean countries said on Tuesday.

In the hard-hit Haitian town of Fond Verettes, floodwaters rose from a previously dry riverbed and swept through the streets,

washing away buildings or burying them under tons of rock and gravel. At least 158 people were killed in the town of 40,000, local officials said.

Margareth Martin, head of the civil protection office for the Southeast department, said at least 200 people were killed in that part of the country. The flooding followed days of torrential rain on the island of Hispaniola, shared by Haiti and the Dominican Republic. Thousands were left homeless in the two countries.

Canadian troops and US Marines were flying helicopters with water and relief supplies to the worst-hit part of Haiti, said a spokesman for a US-led peacekeeping force.

Some 135 people were killed in the Jimani area of western Dominican Republic, near the border with Haiti, and more than 200 people were believed to be missing, officials at an emergency op-

erations centre said. Ten people died in other parts of the Dominican Republic.

The flooding scoured a section of town half a mile long and 1,000 feet wide. It swept away the town's tax office and courthouse. Only half of the police station remained.

"It appears there have been many victims that have been washed out of the village or may be buried underneath the rubble," said Colonel Glen Sachtleben, chief of staff for the multinational task force in Haiti, as he stood among the rocks and gravel covering areas where buildings once stood.

At least 540 houses were destroyed or buried, another 1,500 were damaged and 3,000 people needed emergency aid, said a United Nations development official who toured the town.

MNA/Reuters

Vietnam's rubber exports hit record price

HANOI, 27 May — The export price of Vietnamese rubber is standing at 21.5 million Vietnamese dong (VND) (1,370 US dollars) per ton, a record high over the past 15 years.

The price hike is attributed to China's higher demand for Vietnamese rubber, which is used for production of automobile tyres, according to the Vietnam Rubber Corporation on Tuesday.

The high price is encouraging local farmers and enterprises to boost rubber production, so as to increase the output to 472, 500-495,000 tons this year, up 5-10 per

cent over last year.

The country, which targets to export 480,000 tons of rubber in 2004, plans to raise the country's rubber-growing acreage to 600,000 hectares by 2010, up from the current 432,000 hectares. Vietnam exported 77,000 tons of rubber worth 87 million dollars in the first four months of this year, year-on-year declines of 38.4 per cent and 11.2 per cent, respectively.

It shipped 438,000 tons of rubber worth 383 million dollars last year, down 2.3 per cent in volume but up 43.1 per cent in value over the previous year.

MNA/Xinhua

UN envoy says Ethiopia risks "AIDS" disaster

ADDIS ABABA, 27 May — A United Nations envoy has warned Ethiopia the dramatic spread of HIV/AIDS pandemic could wreck havoc in the impoverished country unless the government treats the outbreak as an emergency.

"Ethiopia is at a crossroad. If the government views HIV/AIDS as an emergency, it would be defeated. But if it is not treated as an emergency, the pandemic could wreck havoc in the country," Stephen Lewis, the UN Secretary General's Special Envoy for HIV/AIDS in Africa, told a news conference late on Sunday.

Ethiopia faces an alarming growth of HIV/AIDS pandemic with an estimated

1,000 people infected each day and a current prevalence rate of about 6.6 per cent, government officials say.

About three million of Ethiopia's 67 million people are already infected with HIV/AIDS, giving the Horn of Africa country one of the largest caseloads in the world along with South Africa, India and Nigeria.

The government has set up youth clubs, testing centres and media publicity campaigns on HIV/AIDS, but anti-retroviral drugs — the only medicines capable of slowing the progress of the disease — are available only to those who can afford them and critics say the government has moved too slowly to address the crisis.

MNA/Reuters

India's new defence minister to continue modernizing Armed Forces

NEW DELHI, 27 May — India's new Defence Minister Pranab Mukherjee said Monday that "expeditious" steps would be taken to continue the modernization of the Armed Forces and transparent procedures would be instituted for arms procurement.

Speaking to reporters shortly after assuming formal charge, Mukherjee said that he would keep an open mind on the integration of the three services and on the creation of the post of Chief of Defence Staff.

Indo-Asian News Service quoted Mukherjee as saying

that he would study the issue before taking a decision.

"We have to make proper use of resources. There have been complaints of under utilization in the past, which speaks of bad management," Mukherjee contended.

According to him, a country with limited financial resources could not afford such lapses. "We are proud of our forces for spending sleepless nights in difficult terrain, protecting our country so we can sleep in peace," said Mukherjee, who has been Finance and External Affairs Minister in the past Congress governments.—MNA/Xinhua

Cambodia to display ancient statues in South Korea

PHNOM PENH, 27 May — Cambodia's National Museum will send 102 pieces of ancient cultural relics to be displayed for three months starting from June 29 in Seoul, the capital city of South Korea.

"It is the first time in South Korea and it is very important for us to promote our culture and traditions to the world," Hab Touch, deputy director of Cambodia's National Museum, told Xinhua on Monday.

Hab Touch said that the sending of the paintings and

statues is a response to the request by South Korea to the Government of Cambodia.

Touch said the 102 pieces include some ancient Khmer paintings and statues made of stone, bronze and wood. "They are the statues and paintings that date back to the 6th Century and they are all our national patrimony," said Touch.

Cambodia has already displayed ancient statues and paintings in Australia, France, America and Japan, according to Hab Touch.

MNA/Xinhua

Three killed in Nepal cargo plane crash

KATHMANDU, 27 May — A small cargo plane crashed in Nepal's Mount Everest region on Tuesday, killing its three-member crew, airport officials said.

The *Twin Otter* aircraft owned by private firm Yeti Airlines was flying from the capital Kathmandu to Lukla in east Nepal, close to the world's highest mountain.

It had lost contact with air traffic controllers soon after take-off from the Nepali capital at 1:30 p.m. (0745 GMT).

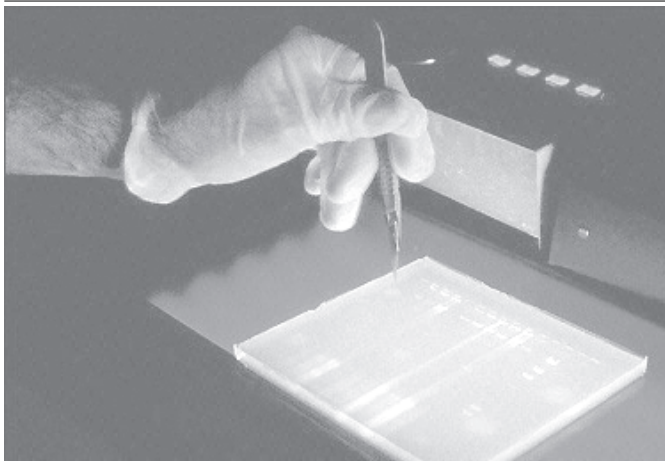
"Search helicopters have located the wreckage of the

ill-fated aircraft that crashed west of Lukla," an official at Kathmandu airport told Reuters. "There are no survivors," he said, adding that the plane crashed at 11,600 feet southwest of Mount Everest.

The cause of the crash was not immediately known. More than a dozen private airlines operate in mountainous Nepal, which has a poor road network. Eighteen people, most of them German tourists, were killed when a *Twin Otter* crashed in west Nepal nearly two years ago.

MNA/Reuters

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DNA study in CDC laboratory. Scientists have produced a complete map of the human chromosomes nine and 10, which are linked to diseases including cancer, diabetes and Alzheimer's, according to Nature magazine.—INTERNET

Northern Uganda on alert following Ebola outbreak in Sudan

KAMPALA, 27 May—The Ugandan Health Ministry has placed all northern districts bordering with the Sudan on alert and dispatched a team there following an Ebola outbreak in southern Sudan.

The move was taken by the ministry after the World Health Organization (WHO) last Friday confirmed a virus of the Ebola family in Hai-Cuba, in the Sudan's Western Equatorial Province. Four people died and 11 more were still ill, while 102 who made contact with patients were being monitored.

"It's an Ebola outbreak but then there are variants of Ebola. It could be less virulent than the wild type of Ebola", Dr Oladapo Walker, WHO chief in Uganda told local Press on Monday.

The Health Ministry has cautioned people in northern Uganda against crossing into the Sudan unnecessarily while any Sudanese who cross into Uganda are supposed to be closely monitored, Dr Okware, chairman of the national task force on ebola told local Press. Northern border district authorities are supposed to alert the communities in case of an outbreak, he said.—MNA/Xinhua

UNDP helps Sao Tome Parliament with oil watchdog role

LUANDA, 27 May—The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) has signed a 100,000-US-dollar aid accord with Sao Tome and Principe to help its legislature prepare to assume a watchdog role over the archipelago's future oil revenues.

According to a report reaching here on Monday, the accord, signed Friday in Sao Tome, will help finance the preparation of oversight legislation and the equipping of the Parliament for a supervisory role over government oil accounts.

MNA/Xinhua

WHO confirms 19 cases of Ebola in southern Sudan

NAIROBI, 27 May—Nineteen cases of the deadly Ebola virus have been confirmed in southern Sudan and five of the victims have already died from the infection, the World Health Organization (WHO) said on Tuesday.

The WHO office for southern Sudan said health authorities in Yambio County in Western Equatoria Province had reported patients suffering the symptoms associated with Ebola, which can kill up to 90 per cent of its victims.

"I can confirm that there are 19 reported cases of Ebola haemorrhagic fever in Yambio County as of this morning," Abdullahi Ahmed, head of the WHO southern Sudan office, told Reuters. "It could be more than this," he said. "We just don't know at this point".

The WHO said four patients were in isolation and health workers were monitoring 120 people believed to have had close contact with the victims.—MNA/Reuters

NZ signs int'l agreement to combat animal disease outbreaks

WELLINGTON, 27 May—The New Zealand Government signed an international agreement Monday night with Ireland, Canada, the United States, Australia and Britain to combat animal disease outbreaks in these countries.

According to a Press release issued by the New Zealand Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry (MAF) Tuesday, the agreement enables the above-mentioned countries to combine their efforts by supplying experts including veterinarians, laboratory diagnosticians, animal health technicians and emergency managers to combat animal disease outbreaks together.

It will also be an opportunity for the experts to discuss and exchange information to better understand and combat diseases. Allen Bryce from MAF said that arrangements between these countries to provide emergency assistance have historically been informal but always important. The countries have cooperated in many instances, one example being the 2001 foot and mouth disease outbreak in the British.

This agreement officially ensures the signatory countries can rely on each other to provide assistance and expert support should an animal disease outbreak occur, he said.

The agreement was signed in Paris by chief veterinary officers from the six countries at a conference on animal health.

Bryce said while the primary objective of sending New Zealand animal health personnel to work in overseas outbreak responses is to provide assistance where it is needed, it also "provides invaluable experience that we use to strengthen our own preparedness."

New Zealand arranged for about 30 personnel to Britain in the 2001 foot and mouth disease outbreak. This year New Zealand has provided staff to assist with avian influenza control in Vietnam, Cambodia and Canada.

International cooperation and understanding is an important step to combat animal disease outbreaks around the world, Bryce noted.

MNA/Xinhua

Russia launches cargo craft to "International Space Station"

Moscow, 27 May—A Russian supply ship blasted off to the International Space Station (ISS) on Tuesday, carrying 2.5 tons of cargo for the two-man crew serving in the orbiting station.

The Progress M-49 took off from Russia's Baikonur cosmodrome in Kazakhstan aboard a Soyuz-U rocket at 4.34 pm Moscow time (1234 GMT), the Interfax news agency reported. The craft later shed its rocket stages and entered orbit.

It is scheduled to dock with the Station at 1355 GMT on Thursday, bringing to the station fuel, food, water, oxygen, clothes, research equipment and presents from the families of the duo crew, said Valery Lyndin, the mission's spokesman.

Russian cosmonaut Gennady Padalka and NASA's Michael Fincke, the ninth ISS expedition, have been working in orbit since mid-April and are scheduled to remain in the Station until October.

MNA/Xinhua

FAO, OIE strengthen cooperation on controlling animal diseases

ROME, 27 May—The World Organization for Animal Health (OIE) and the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) have decided to strengthen their collaboration in response to an increase of animal diseases, FAO said here Tuesday.

Animal diseases spreading between countries, such as foot-and-mouth disease and avian influenza, are often having a severe economic and social impact, the two agencies said in joint statement Tuesday.

FAO and the OIE called upon countries and donors to invest more in the control of contagious animal diseases.

"Animal diseases that cross borders need an immediate and effective regional or international response," the two agencies said.

FAO and the OIE have decided to set up a global information and early warning system on highly contagious animal diseases.

MNA/Xinhua

Cyprus, Germany agree on mutual recognition of education degrees

NICOSIA, 27 May—Cyprus and Germany signed here Tuesday a bilateral agreement on mutual recognition of degrees in higher education.

The agreement was signed by Cyprus' Minister of Education and Culture Pefkios Georgiades and German Ambassador in Nicosia Jochen Trebesch.

Speaking to the Press following the signing of the agreement, the Cypriot minister said the agreement will strengthen the ties between Cyprus and Germany and will mark the beginning of a closer cooperation and moving of different professionals of one country to the other.

The German Ambassador said that the agreement would contribute immensely to bringing students and people closer together.—MNA/Xinhua

Hydrogen forum opens in Beijing

BEIJING, 27 May — The International Hydrogen Energy Forum, or HyForum 2004, opens Tuesday in Beijing, attracting more than 700 participants from governments, enterprises, research institutes and investment companies around the world.

Shi Dinghuan, executive chair of the four-day forum, said that the world is faced with energy shortage, environmental deterioration

and climate change.

Development of clean energies including hydrogen energy is vital for shaping a sustained world economy, said Shi, also secretary-general of the Ministry of Science and Technology, which organized the forum with the China Association for Science and Technology and the International Association for Hydrogen Energy (IAHE).

In recent years, the United States, Japan and European countries schemed their long-term projects for hydrogen energy research and development.

The Chinese Government is also considering to plan an energy safety strategy toward 2020, which includes a research and development plan for hydrogen energy, Shi said.

MNA/Xinhua



An Indian student lies on a bed of nails. A Malaysian woman aims to popularize Indian classical dance by performing on a bed of 10,000 nails.—INTERNET

SPORTS

British 10-year-old charged after soccer riot

LONDON, 27 May — A 10-year-old boy was charged on Tuesday with violence in a soccer match riot, becoming what officials believe could be the youngest suspected football hooligan in the annals of British crime, police said. Soccer in England suffered from hooliganism during the 1970s and 1980s but has recently been largely under control, apart from sporadic outbursts at England internationals.

The boy, who cannot be named for legal reasons, was arrested following trouble at a match in March between south coast rivals Portsmouth and Southampton.

"The 10-year-old boy will appear before a youth court this Thursday," a police spokeswoman said. He will be charged with violent disorder. A Home Office spokesman said it was likely he was the youngest ever soccer hooligan suspect because children under 10 cannot be charged with criminal offences.

A 14-year-old girl also remains on bail, police said, among more than 30 people who were charged after one of the worst outbreaks of soccer violence in recent years. — MNA/Reuters

Porto cruise to Champions League glory

GELSENKIRCHEN (Germany), 27 May — Porto eased to an emphatic 3-0 victory over Monaco in the Champions League final on

Wednesday to win the European Cup for the second time in their history.

Goals from Carlos Alberto, Deco Souza and

substitute Dmitri Alenichev secured victory for the Portuguese champions, who became only the second team to win the UEFA Cup and European Cup in successive seasons after Liverpool in 1976 and 1977.

Brazilian striker Carlos Alberto scored the first goal with an opportunist finish six minutes before halftime and Deco and Alenichev struck twice on the counter-attack within four minutes late in the second half.

Monaco never recovered from an early injury to their captain and playmaker Ludovic Giuly, who was substituted after just 23 minutes.

Monaco striker Fernando Morientes, hoping to become the first player for 35 years to score for two different sides in the European Cup final, was well shackled by the Porto defence and never looked likely to add to his 11 goals in the competition this season.

Porto's first European Cup victory came in 1987 when they beat Bayern Munich 2-1 in the final in Vienna. — MNA/Reuters



Porto players celebrate as they lift the trophy after beating Monaco 3-0 to win the UEFA Champions League Final in the 'Arena AufSchalke' in Gelsenkirchen, Germany, on 26 May, 2004. — INTERNET

Thailand secures two seats on Liverpool board

BANGKOK, 27 May — Thailand has secured two seats on Liverpool's board as part of its bid for a 30-per-cent stake in the English Premier League soccer club, the country's chief negotiator on the deal said on Wednesday.

On his return from talks in Liverpool, Deputy Commerce Minister Pongsak Raktapongpisal said Thailand was conducting 'due diligence' financial scrutiny of the club, and a deal would be signed within four to eight weeks if no problems arose.

He also said the two sides had resolved the thorny issue of how much control the Thai company managing the 4.6 billion baht (113 million US dollars) investment would have over the 112-year-old club.

"I think the company will send two representatives to take the seats there," Pongsak told reporters at Bangkok Airport.

"Two seats at least."

The club's web site lists 12 people on its board, including chairman David Moores, chief executive Rick Parry, and the team manager, a post held until earlier this week by Frenchman Gerard Houllier.

Pongsak said Thailand's Prime Minister, Thaksin Shinawatra, for whom the Liverpool bid has provided a boost to political fortunes, would not be taking up either of

the places.

The four times champions of Europe is 51 per cent owned by Moores, whose family has had control for half a century, and 9.9 per cent owned by television company Granada.

According to Thaksin, the deal will dilute Moores' holding to 35 per cent.

Thaksin has said his offer, probably to be funded by a controversial one-off national lottery, would inject 81 million US dollars into Liverpool, which needs cash to buy new players and pay for a bigger stadium.

Pongsak said Thailand would certainly not seek to influence Liverpool's decision in picking a new manager following Houllier's sacking on Monday.

"That is an internal matter for the Liverpool club. We wouldn't intervene," he said.

Although the bid appears to have gone down well with the soccer-mad Thai public, the planned use of public or lottery money rather than Thaksin's vast personal fortune, has raised eyebrows and led to accusations of abuse of power. — MNA/Reuters



FC Porto's Dmitri Alenichev, left, scores the third goal for his team during the UEFA Champions League Final between AS Monaco and FC Porto in the 'Arena AufSchalke' in Gelsenkirchen, Germany, on 26 May, 2004. At right is AS Monaco goalie Flavio Roma. Porto won the match 3-0. — INTERNET

Russia fail to shine in stalemate with Austria

VIENNA, 27 May — A depleted Russia team struggled to a dull 0-0 draw against Austria in their last competitive match before next month's European championship in Portugal.

The Russians, without injured captain Viktor Onopko and playmaker Dmitry Loskov, lacked inspiration in midfield and failed to control the friendly against an aggressive Austrian side.

Austria started strongly and created the better chances until the dying minutes of the match, when Russia increased the pressure but failed to score.

"Although we didn't play with the 11, I would expect to, the result is a fair reflection of the match," Russia coach Georgy Yartsev told Austrian news agency APA.

"I'm pleased with the boys. They showed heart, willing and fighting spirit," he said.

Russia's best chance fell to midfielder Vladislav Radimov, whose shot from inside the penalty area was deflected on to the post by

Austrian keeper Thomas Mandl in the 79th minute.

"Both sides had chances to win. Mandl's save salvaged the 0-0 draw for Austria," Yartsev said.

"Thank God they didn't

respond by scoring. We played against a very good team," Yartsev added.

Russia face hosts Portugal, Spain and Greece in Euro 2004 Group A.

MNA/Reuters

Osasuna players get four-match bans for fighting

MADRID, 27 May — Three Osasuna players were banned for four games for their involvement in a brawl that marred their final league match of the season in Seville on Sunday.

Midfielder Alfredo, who was on the bench during the game, Uruguayan international forward Richard Morales and Ivory Coast striker Ibrahima Bakayoko were handed the punishment by the Spanish Football Federation's Competitions Committee on Tuesday.

Sevilla defender Pabo Alfaro, who was also involved in the incidents, was banned for two games, while Osasuna coach Javier Aguirre received a one-match suspension.

All the punishments will have to be served at the beginning of next season.

Sevilla won the match 1-0, a result that ensured them a sixth-place finish in the Primera Liga and a berth in next season's UEFA Cup.

MNA/Reuters

Man Utd says transfer deals did not break rules

LONDON, 27 May — Manchester United paid 13.4 million pounds (24.2 million US dollars) to agents on top player transfers from 2001 to 2004 and did not break any rules, the English soccer club said on Tuesday in response to investor criticism.

The world's richest soccer club said an internal review sparked by criticism from its biggest shareholders, Irish race horse owners John Magnier and J.P. McManus, had looked at 21 player transfers worth 158 million pounds excluding agent fees.

It found the club's established internal practices had been fully adhered to and all documentation had been completed in accordance with Football Association (FA) rules.

Manchester United said the deals it examined included the 2.3 million pound purchase of United States international goalkeeper Tim Howard from the New York/New Jersey Metrostars. This amount included 700,000 pounds for agent Gaetano Marotta.

"Although the agent's fee

was large as a percentage of the overall deal, the board believes the total cost represents good value," the club said.

Manchester United said it believed the commission on the transfer was shared with other parties but had no proof.

The club was also satisfied there were "no untoward issues" in its dealings with sports agency Elite Sports where Jason Ferguson, son of team manager Alex Ferguson, is a director.

"Nevertheless, the board recognizes the concerns over the connection between Elite and the club manager," the 15-time English champions said in a statement.

Manchester United said it would not allow Elite Sports, which represents 13 of its players, to act for it in future and would publish full details of any dealings it had in which

Elite Sports acted for a player or another club.

It also pledged to revise its existing transfer procedures by placing tighter rules on the appointment of agents and stricter limits on how much they could be paid.

"I am satisfied that we have complied with the relevant regulations, but accept that there are things we could do better to protect the reputation of the club," chairman Roy Gardner said.

Magnier and McManus, who own 28.9 per cent of Manchester United shares, were examining the club's findings, a source close to the Irish pair told Reuters.

"McManus and Magnier will put forward any views when they have their next routine contact with the board. It would be inappropriate to comment before then," the source said. MNA/Reuters

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28-5-2004 (Friday)
(Programme Schedule)
Morning Transmission
(9:00 - 10:00)

- 9:00 Signature Tune
Greeting
- 9:02 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Myanma Pano-
rama & Myanma Sen-
timent"
- 9:06 Wonderful Swiftlets
Dwelling in House
- 9:10 National News**
- 9:12 Citrus Products of
Shwe Kyin
- 9:15 National News**
- 9:20 Sri-Kestra Museum
(Pyu Cultural Site)
- 9:30 National News**
- 9:35 Song "Moonlight
Flower"
- 9:40 Victories of the State, the
People and the
Tatmadaw "Develop-
ment of Border Areas
Sector"
- 9:45 National News**
- 9:50 Water Hyacinth Furni-
ture
- 9:58 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Come and See
Myanmar"

28-5-2004 (Friday)
Evening Transmission
(15:30 - 17:30)

- 15:30 Signature Tune
Greeting
- 15:32 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Mingalabar"
- 15:36 Wonderful Swiftlets
Dwelling in House
- 15:40 National News**
- 15:42 Citrus Products of
Shwe Kyin
- 15:45 National News**
- 15:50 Sri-Kestra Museum
(Pyu Cultural Site)
- 15:55 San Daw Chain
- 16:00 National News**
- 16:10 Song "Moonlight
Flower"
- 16:12 Victories of the State, the
People and the
Tatmadaw "Develop-
ment of Border Areas
Sector"
- 16:15 National News**
- 16:20 Water Hyacinth Furni-
ture

- 16:25 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Myanma Pano-
rama & Myanma Sen-
timent"
- 16:30 National news**
- 16:35 The Source of the
River Ayeyawady
- 16:40 Myanmar Roasted
Bean
- 16:45 National News**
- 16:50 Rattan Wares and
Bamboo Strip Hat
- 16:55 Traditional PaO Dance
- 16:58 Stone Inscription
- 17:00 National News**
- 17:05 Myanma Traditional
Tayaw Kinbun Sham-
poo
- 17:10 Song "City of Bagan"
- 17:15 National News**
- 17:20 Myanma Mat
- 17:25 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Come and See
Myanmar"

Evening Transmission
(19:30 - 23:30)

- 19:30 Signature Tune
Greeting
- 19:32 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Myanma Pano-
rama & Myanma Sen-
timent"
- 19:36 Fabulous Shwe Gu
Dage Daw Gyi
- 19:40 National News**
- 19:42 How to Cook "The
Nga-paine Fish Curry"
- 19:45 National News**
- 19:50 Myeik, a Town in the
Southern part of
Myanmar
- 19:55 Kayin Dance (We Bu
(or) Paddy Winnowing
Dance)
- 19:58 New, Modernized
Myanmar Food
- 20:00 National News**
- 20:05 The Patheon Umbrella
- 20:10 Myanmar Modern
Song "Auspicious Day
May 17th"
- 20:12 Inlay Blacksmith
Craftsmanship
- 20:15 National News**
- 20:20 Peace and Develop-
ment of "Wa" Areas
(Mong Pauk)
- 20:25 Song "A Way for Lov-
ers"
- 20:30 National news**
- 20:35 Drug Eradication
Movement in
Myanmar
- 20:40 Talent Show on the
Myanmar Bamboo
Xylophone
- 20:45 National News**
- 20:50 Travelogue "Sagaing"

- 20:55 Dance of the
Konbaung Era
- 21:00 National News**
- 21:05 Percussion of "Pan"
(or) Communal Drum
- 21:10 Song "A Country like
that of a golden paint-
ing"
- 21:12 Myanmar Crocodiles
- 21:15 National News**
- 21:20 Yaw Clothes from
Yaw Region
- 21:25 Song of Myanmar
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Sights "Mingalabar"
- 21:36 Wonderful Swiftlets
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- 21:40 National News**
- 21:42 Citrus Products of
Shwe Kyin
- 21:45 National News**
- 21:50 Sri-Kestra Museum
(Pyu Cultural Site)
- 21:55 San Daw Chain
- 22:00 National News**
- 22:10 Song "Moonlight
Flower"
- 22:12 Victories of the State, the
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- 22:15 National News**
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- 22:25 Song "Hey! Little Girl"
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**28-5-2004 (Friday) &
29-5-2004 (Saturday)**
**Evening Transmission &
Morning Transmission**
(23:30 - 1:30)

- 23:30 Signature Tune
Greeting
- 23:32 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Mingalabar"
- 23:36 Wonderful Swiftlets
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- 00:10 Song "Moonlight
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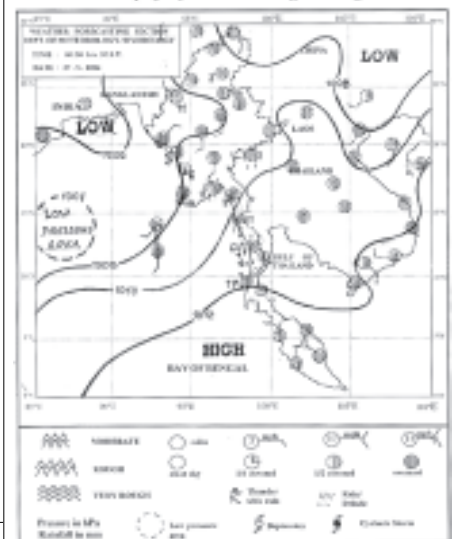
29-5-2004 (Saturday)
Morning Transmission
(03:30 - 07:30)

- 03:00 Signature Tune
Greeting
- 03:02 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Myanma Pano-
rama & Myanma Sen-
timent"
- 03:36 Fabulous Shwe Gu
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Sector"
- 06:15 National News**
- 06:20 Water Hyacinth Furni-
ture
- 06:25 Song "Hey! Little Girl"
- 06:30 National news**
- 06:35 The Source of the
River Ayeyawady
- 06:40 Myanmar Roasted
Bean
- 06:45 National News**
- 06:50 Rattan Wares and
Bamboo Strip Hat
- 06:55 Traditional PaO Dance
- 06:58 Stone Inscription
- 07:00 National News**
- 07:05 Myanma Traditional
Tayaw Kinbun Sham-
poo
- 07:10 Song "City of Bagan"
- 07:15 National News**
- 07:20 Myanma Mat
- 07:25 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Come and See
Myanmar"

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas

**WEATHER**

Thursday, 27 May, 2004

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, rain has been wide-spread in Mon State, Bago, Yangon and Taninthayi Divisions, scattered in Kachin, Kayah, Kayin States, Ayeyawady Division and isolated in the remaining areas. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Taunggyi (2.99) inches, Myeik (2.52) inches and Zaungtu (1.77) inches.

Maximum temperature on 26-5-2004 was 28.0°C (82°F). Minimum temperature on 27-5-2004 was 20.3°C (68°F). Relative humidity at 9:30 hrs MST on 27-5-2004 was 100%. Total sunshine hours on 26-5-2004 was nil. Rainfall on 27-5-2004 was 8mm (0.32 inch) at Yangon Airport, 17mm (0.67 inch) at Kaba-Aye and 7mm (0.28 inch) at central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2004 was 357 mm (14.06 inches) at Yangon Airport and 333 mm (13.11 inches) at Kaba-Aye and 462 mm (18.19 inches) at central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was 8 mph from southwest at (10:50) hours MST on 26-5-2004.

Bay inference: Yesterday's low pressure area over Central Bay persists. Monsoon is weak in the Bay of Bengal. **Forecast valid until evening of 28-5-2004:** Rain or thundershowers will be widespread in Rakhine, Mon States, Taninthayi, Yangon, Ayeyawady, Bago Divisions, scattered in Shan, Kayah, Kayin States 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:** Thundery conditions are likely in northern Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 28-5-2004: One or two rains or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (100%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 28-5-2004: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).


Friday, May 28
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. ယဉ်ကျေးမှုပိုင် နီတိဆွေစုံ
- 8:10 am**
6. The mirror images of
musical oldies
- 8:20 am**
7. အတိတ်မြင်ပုံ
- 8:25 am**
8. ပရောပတ်တေး

- 8:30 am**
9. International news
- 9:45 pm**
10. English for Everyday Use
- 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. အစောဆုံးတက္ကသိုလ် ယဉ်ကျေးမှု
ရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ
- ပထမနှစ် (သို့မဟုတ်အသုံးပြုအားလုံး)
(မဟုတ်မသ)
- 5:15 pm**
6. Song of national races
- 5:30 pm**
7. ရှေးဦးစွာမူပိုင် အားကစားအစီအစဉ်
- 5:40 pm**
8. လက်ဆွဲကံစမ်းပေး ဂီတအား
- 5:50 pm**
9. အိမ်ထောင်မှုသိပ္ပံ တိုင်းရင်းသား
ရိုးရာအစားအစာ (ကယား)

- 6:00 pm**
10. Song of yesteryears
- 6:10 pm**
11. Discovery
- 6:20 pm**
12. မူပိုင်သံသယ ဆိုကြားရမယ်
- 6:30 pm**
13. Evening news
- 7:00 pm**
14. Weather report
- 7:05 pm**
15. နိုင်ငံတော်တော်လှန်ရေး
"မိုးမုတ်မုတ်" (အပိုင်း-၂၆)
- 7:30 pm**
16. ရန်ပုံငွေသုံး (အပိုင်း-၂)
- 7:40 pm**
17. ဓမ္မာရုံတော်တော်လှန်ရေးအထွေထွေ
- My world (Bee
Gees)
- 8:00 pm**
18. News
19. International news
20. Weather report
21. Myanmar video feature
- 8:40 pm**
- "နဂါးသားလှုပ်ရှား" (အပိုင်း-၂)
- ရန်ပုံငွေသုံး**၊ **ရုပ်ပုံငွေသုံး**၊ **ဆုပုံငွေသုံး**
ဒါရိုက်တာ-စင်စစ်စစ်၊ **နီတိဆွေစုံ**
22. The next day's
programme


Friday, May 28
Tune in today:

- 8.30 am** Brief news
- 8.35 am** Music: Girls & boys
(Blur)
- 8.40 am** Perspectives
- 8.45 am** Music: All that she
wants (Ace of Base)
- 8.50 am** National news/
Slogan
- 9.00 am** Music: Baby come
back (Worlds Apart)
- 9.05 am** International news
- 9.10 am** Music: What's up
(Boyzone)
- 1.30 pm** News/Slogan
- 1.40 pm** Lunch time music
- Magic May (Rod
Stewart)
- 9.00 pm** -La La means I love
you (The Delfonics)
World of music
Songs from
"France"
- 9.10 pm** Article/Music
- 9.20 pm** Musicatyourrequest
-When will I see you
again (Brother
Beyond)
- Can't help falling in
love (Corey Hart)
- I honestly love you
(ONJ)
- 9.45 pm** News/Slogan
- 10.00 pm** PEL



Lt-Gen Ye Myint inspects rail-cum-road Kabani Bridge across Manipur River.— MNA

Lt-Gen Ye Myint inspects Kalay-Gangaw railroad and bridges, meets local people in Gangaw District

YANGON, 27 May— Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Ye Myint of the Ministry of Defence inspected railroad sections and bridges from Natchaung Station in Kalay Township to Gangaw Station in Gangaw Township on 23 May.

Accompanied by Chairman of Sagaing Division Peace and Development Council Commander of North-West Command Maj-Gen Tha Aye and departmental officials, Lt-Gen Ye Myint arrived at rail-cum-road Kabani Bridge across Manipur River. They inspected durability of the bridge.

After inspecting railroad sections and bridges, they proceeded to Taungkhinyan Farm of Myittha River Basin Land reclamation Project of North-West Command. They were welcomed there by Chairman of Magway Division Peace

and Development Council Col Zaw Min and officials.

Maj Win Htut of the farm reported agriculture and livestock breeding tasks. Commander Maj-Gen Tha Aye and officials gave supplementary reports. Next, they inspected thriving of 30 acres of summer paddy and 10 acres of summer sesame plantations at the farm.

Accompanied by Magway Division Chairman Col Zaw Min and Col Hla Ngwe of North-West Command, Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party went to the site of Tawwin Creek Bridge Project on Gangaw-Kalay Road being implemented by Pakokku District Public Works. Senior Engineer U Zaw Win Myint of Pakokku District reported on building of the bridge.

On arrival at the rail-cum-road Kanywa Bridge across Myittha River, Lt-Gen Ye Myint saw over durability of

the bridge and gave instructions on systematic maintenance to be carried out.

At Gangaw Station, they were welcomed by Chairman of Chin State Peace and Development Council Col Tin Hla and officials. Next, Lt-Gen Ye Myint met departmental officials and local people. Also present were the commander, authorities, Col Hla Ngwe of North-West Command and social organization members.

Chairman of Gangaw District Peace and Development Council Lt-Col Hla Swe reported on progress of the district. Departmental officials also submitted their respective reports. Next, Lt-Gen Ye Myint gave a speech and cordially met those present. Afterwards, they proceeded to the local battalion in Gangaw and spent the night there.

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Group discussions of National Convention delegates continue

YANGON, 27 May — Delegate groups of the National Convention — Delegates of Intellectuals and Intelligentsia Group and Delegates of State Service Personnel Group— were held at the designated meeting halls of Nyaungnapin Camp in Hmawby Township this morning, attended by members of the panel of chairmen of respective groups and delegates.

Intellectuals and Intelligentsia Delegate Group

The Intellectuals and Intelligentsia Delegate Group held its group discussions at the meeting hall-6 this morning. Professor/Head of Department and Surgeon Dr Thein Nyunt (Nyunt Wai-Katha) presided over the discussions together with Film Director U Khin Zaw and Head of Office of the Ministry of Rail Transportation U Hla Myint. Deputy Director U Thein Myint and Assistant Director U Than Win acted as masters of ceremonies.

The master of ceremonies announced the start of the meeting as there were 52 delegates out of 56 listed accounting for 92.86 per cent.

Professor/Head of Department and Surgeon Dr Thein Nyunt (Nyunt Wai-Katha) delivered an opening address.

President of Myanmar Academy of Technology Dr U Thein Oo Po Saw, Chairman of Myanmar Veterinarians Association Dr Than Daing and Deputy Chief Engineer (Electricity) U Aung Thein reported on proposals concerning detailed basic principles to be laid down for sharing power in legislative, executive and judicial sectors to be included in drawing the State Constitution clarified by the National Convention Convening Work Committee. Next, the discussion chairman gave the concluding remarks and the meeting was adjourned at 9.45 am.

Delegates of State Service Personnel Group

The discussions of Delegates of State Service Personnel Group were held at the meeting hall-7 at 9 am. U Ko Ko Kyaw of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs presided over the discussions together with U Myat Ko of the Ministry of Home Affairs and U Hla Tin of the Ministry of Commerce. Deputy Director U Htay Win and Assistant Director U Htein Min acted as masters of ceremonies.

The master of ceremonies announced the start of the meeting as there were 108 delegates out of 109 listed

accounting for 99.08 per cent. U Ko Ko Kyaw of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs gave a speech.

Next, U Yan Naing of the Ministry of Hotels and Tourism presented the proposal on the economic sector and Daw Yi Yi Myint of the Pyithu Hluttaw Office the proposal on the management sector concerning detailed basic principles to be laid down for sharing power in legislative, executive and judicial sectors to be included in drawing the State Constitution clarified by the NCCWC. The delegates participated in the discussions. Later, the chairman gave the concluding remarks and the meeting recessed at 10.15 am.

The discussion of panel of chairmen of delegates of State service personnel Group was held at the same venue. Present were Members of the panel of chairmen of the State Service Personnel Group U Ko Ko Kyaw of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, U Myat Ko of the Ministry of Home Affairs, U Hla Tin of the Ministry of Commerce, Maj-Gen Aung Thein of the Ministry of Defence and U Arnt Maung of the Ministry of Religious Affairs. They studied the proposals presented by proposal compilation groups.—*MNA*



U Ko Ko Kyaw of Ministry of Foreign Affairs speaking at discussions of State Service Personnel Group.— MNA



Dr Thein Nyunt (Nyunt Wai-Katha) speaks at discussions of Intellectuals and Intelligentsia Group.— MNA

With hands linked firm around the National Convention.