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Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt and party inspect Shwe Gabar housing estate on Mindhamma Road in Yangon. — MNA

## Soft opening of Shwe Gabar housing project held

YANGON, 31 May — The soft opening of the Shwe Gabar housing project part 1, jointly constructed by YCDC and Shwe Gabar Maung Maung Construction, was held at the front of the housing project on Mindhamma road in Mayangon Township here yesterday morning and Chairman of City Housing Project Supervising Committee Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt attended it.

Also present on the occasion were Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe, the ministers, Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor of Yangon Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin, the deputy ministers, the vice-mayor, members of City Housing Project Supervising Committee, officials of the State Peace

and Development Council Office and departmental heads, national construction entrepreneurs, officials from Shwe Gabar Maung Maung

Construction and guests.

Chairman of City Housing Project Supervising Committee Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt first

formally opened the brass inscription of the housing project and sprinkled it with scented water.

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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

## Joint collaborative efforts to be made to obtain the goal of a country free from health, economic and social burdens of tobacco

### Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt attends 'World No-Tobacco Day 2004' ceremony

YANGON, 31 May — 'World No-Tobacco Day 2004' was observed at International Business Centre on Pyay Road here this morning, attended by National Health Committee Chairman Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt.

Present on the occasion were State Peace and Development Council Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Soe Win, Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Chairman Yangon Command Commander Maj-Gen

Myint Swe, the ministers, the Yangon mayor, members of the NHC, members of National Tobacco Control Committee, deputy ministers, responsible personnel of the State Peace and Development Council, departmental heads, foreign ambassadors of embassies in Yangon, resident representatives of UN agencies, directors-general of departments under the Ministry of Health, rectors of medical universities, medical superintendents, specialists, nurses, officials of social organiza-

tions and departments, and guests.

Speaking on the occasion, Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint said that Myanmar has been celebrating World No-Tobacco Days since 1989. Today's celebration will be the first of its kind for the Ministry of Health of Myanmar because the World Health Organization has recognized our efforts towards tobacco control and has awarded the World No-Tobacco Day Award to the

Minister for Health.

Myanmar had been implementing tobacco control measures for many years, mostly through providing health education to the public through all forms of media and health talks. Under the guidance of the National Health Committee, Myanmar officially launched the National Tobacco Control Programme in the year 2000. Strong political commitment became more evident, when the State Peace and Devel-

opment Council, officially formed the National Tobacco Control Committee in March 2002, which is headed by the Minister for Health and includes heads of departments and local NGOs as members. This Committee set guidelines for the tobacco control measures to be implemented in the country.

At this juncture, may I take the opportunity of presenting some significant milestones in our anti-tobacco campaign.

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Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt attends the "World No-Tobacco Day" ceremony and Health Minister Dr Kyaw Myint delivers a speech. — MNA

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

## PERSPECTIVES

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## Strive with goodwill for further development of townships

The Government is striving for the harmonious development of the entire Union by implementing development plans and building social and economic infrastructures of various regions across the Union.

State-level officials constantly make field trips to states and divisions to fulfil the requirements for regional development and for the education and health sectors.

Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt and party on 29 May visited Hsinmyeethswe in Thegon Township in Bago Division and inspected the basic education high school, the township people's hospital, the station hospital and the Thegon-Padigon-Wetpok road section.

The Prime Minister provided a generator, a television set, a video set and a computer for the Hsinmyeethswe Basic Education High School and a television set and a computer each for Thegon, Padigon, Inma and Wetpok Basic Education High Schools. Moreover, the Prime Minister provided the oxygen machine for the Hsinmyeethswe Station Hospital.

In his meeting with members of Thegon Township Peace and Development Council, departmental personnel, social organizations and townsmen, the Prime Minister said that, as smooth and easy transport was the key to the development of a region or a township, the Government spent large sums of money on the construction of roads and bridges and that departmental personnel should strive with goodwill for the long-term development of their respective townships.

Although Hsinmyeethswe is a small town in Thegon Township, it has turned out outstanding figures in literature and culture and in the history of our country's independence struggle. The opening of multimedia classrooms at the Hsinmyeethswe Basic Education High School is an effort of the Government at producing intellectuals and intelligentsia. Development of a township is related with that of the villages in that township. In other words, development of townships is possible only with rural development. This being so, rural development tasks are being carried out the length and breadth of the nation. We would like to urge regional organizations and township-level responsible personnel to make a first-hand study of the life of rural people and fulfil their needs with an eye to the development of their respective townships.



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Maung Win (a) Li Lao Sei and Lau Lau Ka (a) Lao Si with seized heroin. — MNA

## 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



Lt-Gen Ye Myint of the Ministry of Defence inspects cultivation of tea plants in Matupi. — MNA

## Lt-Gen Ye Myint inspects tea plantations in Matupi

YANGON, 31 May — Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Ye Myint of the Ministry of Defence, together with Sagaing Division Peace and Development Council Chairman Commander of the North-West Command Maj-Gen Tha Aye, Chin State Peace and

Development Council Chairman Col Tin Hla, Vice-Chairman Col San Aung and departmental officials, on 28 May inspected tea plantations in Matupi, Chin State.

At No 1 plantation zone, an official of the Myanmar Agriculture Service reported on cultivation of tea in Matupi

Township in 2002-2003.

Afterwards, Lt-Gen Ye Myint, the commander and party inspected tea plantations of the departments in the township. Similarly, they also saw over the plantations of township Union Solidarity and Development Association. Afterwards, Lt-Gen Ye Myint

and party viewed the cultivation of 68,970 tea saplings on 19 acres of land on Teinwheel Hill near Matupi-Yezwa-Haka Road.

Later, they proceeded to tea plantations of the local battalion near Matupi-Kanpalet Road and inspected it.

MNA

## Myanmar delegation arrives back from Geneva

YANGON, 31 May — Myanmar delegation led by Vice-President of Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation Professor Dr Daw May May Yi yesterday arrived back here after attending the 36th Meeting of the United Nations Committee on the Rights of the Child held in Geneva, Switzerland.

The delegation was welcomed back at the airport by Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Maj-Gen Sein Htwa, Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Myint, President of MWAFF Dr Daw Khin Win Shwe, Vice-Presidents Daw Khin Lay Thet, Daw Than Nwe and Daw Khin Win, officials of the ministry and MWAFF, Resident Representative of UNICEF Ms Carroll C Long and family members.

Members of the delegation Director-General of Social Welfare Department

U Sit Myaung, Director-General of No 1 Basic Education Department U Tin Nyo, General Secretary of MWAFF Professor Dr Daw Khin Aye

Win, Police Col Sit Aye of Myanmar Police Force, Director of Health Department Dr San Shwe Win, Director of Attorney-General's Office

Daw Khin Myo Myint, Deputy Director of Labour Department U Khin Maung Lay also arrived back on the same flight. — MNA



Myanmar delegation led by Vice-President of the Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation Professor Dr Daw May May Yi being welcomed back at Yangon International Airport by Minister Maj-Gen Sein Htwa and MWAFF President Dr Daw Khin Win Shwe. — MNA

## Heroin seized in Lashio

YANGON, 31 May — Two drug pushers were caught red-handed together with 1.232 kilos of heroin concealed in 88 soap cases on 23 May.

Acting on information about the illegal sale of narcotic drugs in Ingyin lane, Block-6, Ward-9, Lashio, a combined team comprising members of the local intelligence unit and the Special Anti-drug Squad, while ly-

ing in wait, managed to arrest Maung Win (a) Li Lao Sei, son of U Lau San of Khosantan village in Lashio, and Lau Lau Ka (a) Lao Si, son of U Lau Wein Kui, who arrived there on drug trafficking purpose. Action is being taken against them by the police station concerned according to Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.

MNA

## Maritime courses conclude

YANGON, 31 May — Jointly conducted by the Union Solidarity and Development Association (Central) and the Office of the Commander-in-Chief (Navy), Basic Maritime Course No 1/2004 and Advanced Maritime Course No 1/2004 concluded at U Ottama Hall in Sittway on 28 May morning.

Present on the occasion were Capt Than Tun Aung of Sittway Station, Capt Aung Thaw of Danyawady Naval Regional Command, senior military officers, departmental officials at state and division levels and others. After giving speeches on the occasion, Capt Than Tun Aung and Capt Aung Thaw presented awards to outstanding trainees and completion certificates.

MNA



# Two Westerners and four US soldiers killed in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 31 May — Explosions and gunfire rocked the Iraqi city of Najaf on Sunday breaking a fragile truce between militia and US troops on Wednesday and gunmen attacked three civilian vehicles carrying foreigners in northwest Baghdad on Sunday, killing two Westerners and seizing three others, witnesses and police at the scene said.

The explosions and gunfire started at about 9 am and appeared to be coming from the northern extremities of the city's vast cemetery and the 1920 Revolution Square, scene of fierce clashes in recent weeks between US troops and militia loyal to radical cleric Moqtada Sadr.

Two of the four-wheel-drive vehicles, of the type used by foreign contractors, employees of the US-led administration and some

media in Iraq, appeared to have collided after coming under fire on a main highway, and two bodies could be seen.

Locals and police said the attackers had dragged away three survivors of the attack.

After the attack a crowd of cheering Iraqis leapt up and down on the crippled vehicles, and later set them ablaze.

Two men were killed when a bomb they were planting by a road near the oil refinery centre of Baiji,

north of Baghdad, exploded prematurely, police said on Sunday.

Three US Marines were killed Saturday in the al-Anbar province in western Iraq, the US military said on Sunday.

"Three Marines assigned to 1 Marine Expeditionary Force were killed in action 29 May in the al-Anbar province while conducting security and stability operations," the statement said.

The US military also reported in another statement that a soldier had been killed and nine wounded in a mortar attack on 25 May on a military base south of Baghdad.

Elsewhere, a mother and daughter were killed when two mortars struck their home during an attack on a US military base near Mosul early Sunday, police and witnesses said.

Internet

## American losses in Iraq in April, May exceed 200

WASHINGTON, 31 May— American troops in Iraq died in May at a rate of more than two per day, according to Pentagon figures. That pushes the combined death count for April and May beyond 200.

And the figures indicate that the National Guard and Reserve are bearing an increasing combat load. At least 22 of those who died this month were members of the Guard and Reserve. That's nearly 1/3 of all US losses in May—about double the percentage in most previous months of the war.

The most persistent killer is the homemade roadside bomb. This month, improvised explosive devices have killed at least 19 soldiers, seven of them National Guardsmen.

In total, the Iraq conflict has taken the lives of more than 800 American troops so far. —Internet



Iraqis demonstrate in the centre of Najaf, on 29 May, 2004 after an attacker opened fire on Sadreddine al-Qobani, a senior Iraqi official. — INTERNET

## India not to succumb to global pressure on farm issues

NEW DELHI, 31 May— Indian Food and Agriculture Minister Sharad Pawar said Saturday that India would not succumb to international pressure on opening up its farm sector.

"India does not need a new policy in the light of World Trade Organization regime, but needs to review its existing policy," the *Indo-Asian News Service* quoted Pawar as saying.

Addressing the media on his first visit to his home state Maharashtra in western India after taking over as food and agriculture minister, Pawar said, "The United Progressive Alliance government is planning to unveil a new agriculture credit policy soon."

The government had decided to unveil a slew of initiatives to double agriculture credit in the next three years, he added.

Pawar said that the interest of domestic producers would be looked after in the new agriculture policy. "Indian farmers will have to become global players," he said. "Our farmers are deep in debt. We shall come out with a policy that will reduce interest rates from the present 16 per cent to around 9 per cent. We are talking to the

Finance Ministry and the Reserve Bank of India," Pawar added.

On the need to reform the agriculture sector, he said, "We have accepted liberalization but why do we still have an inter-state ban on movement of food grains. I think all such restriction should be removed."

Agriculture is the means of livelihood of almost two-thirds of the work force in the country. It has always been India's most important economic sector. —MNA/Xinhua

## Black anti-war group rallies against Iraq occupation

PITTSBURGH, 31 May— A black-led anti-war group rallied in the city Saturday, and promised to do so weekly until the United States ends its occupation of Iraq.

About two dozen people, both black and white, attended the first rally organized by Black Voices for Peace.

The protesters picked Saturday, because African Liberation Day is generally commemorated on the last weekend in May. The group also honoured Malcolm X, whose birthday is 19 May.

The group said they'll rally every Saturday

from 1-2 pm in the city's East Liberty section until the military leaves Iraq.

Blacks are especially hard-hit by the war, the protesters said.

"America as a whole suffers, but the black community suffers even more because it's already at the bottom," said protester Fred Logan of Homewood.

Internet

## Reception marks 30th anniversary of Sino-Malaysian ties

BEIJING, 31 May — A reception was held here Saturday to celebrate the 30th anniversary of the establishment of diplomatic relations between China and Malaysia.

Chinese Vice-Premier Huang Ju and visiting Malaysian Prime Minister Abdullah Ahmad Badawi attended the reception.

China and Malaysia are good neighbours, and the friendship and political trust between them have developed over the past three decades, Huang said, adding that bilateral cooperation has made remarkable achievements in all fields.

The annual trade between the two countries has exceeded the level of 20 billion US dollars, and personnel exchanges have surpassed one million, while the number of the Chinese students studying in Malaysia

has reached 13,000.

All these indicated that Sino-Malaysian relations have entered a new era of all-round and rapid development, he said.

According to Huang, both China and Malaysia adhere to the five principles of peaceful coexistence, and have always understood and supported each other when they face difficulties and challenges.

The development of Sino-Malaysian relations not only benefits the people of the two countries but is also conducive to world and regional peace and development, he noted.

The consensus reached between China and Malay-

sia during Badawi's current visit on pushing forward the strategic cooperation in an all-round way has set new guides for the development of bilateral relations. China is ready to work with Malaysia for a better tomorrow, Huang said.

Badawi said the relations between Malaysia and China have turned mature day by day since they forged diplomatic ties, and their mutually beneficial cooperation has been developing.

Malaysia takes China as an important partner, and hopes to expand cooperation in agriculture, information technology, and educational. —MNA/Xinhua

## Turkish police confiscates 81.5 kilos of heroin

ANKARA, 31 May— Turkish police confiscated 81.5 kilos of heroin in eastern province of Van on Saturday.

Anatolia news agency reported that the heroin which was hidden in the secret parts of a truck was confiscated at a police checkpoint in town of Gurbulak.

One suspect was detained and an investigation was underway, said the report.

On Friday, a statement issued by Turkey's narcotic directorate stated that police

confiscated over 70 kilos of heroin and 33 kilos of hashish in operations in Bursa and Istanbul on May 20 and 23 respectively.

A total of 51 people including foreigners were detained in connection with drugs smuggling.

Istanbul Narcotics Team Department said that 70.1 kilos of marijuana were

found in a cargo at Istanbul's Ataturk Airport on Friday.

Turkey plays a central role in the heroin trade destined for Europe.

Its central geographical position, on the cross-roads of Europe, Asia, the Middle East and the Mediterranean Sea, gives the country the potential to play an important role in the trade. —MNA/Xinhua



A Shiite militia member stands near a crater left by a landmine explosion after clashes between United States forces and Shiite gunmen, on 30 May 2004, in the main cemetery in Najaf. — INTERNET

## India, Iran stress need to restore peace in Iraq

TEHERAN, 31 May— India's new Prime Minister Manmohan Singh has emphasized the need to restore peace and security in Iraq.

Manmohan Singh made the remarks during a telephone conversation with Iranian President Mohammad Khatami, who had called him Friday to congratulate him on his election, the Iranian news agency IRNA reported.

Khatami reiterated his government's policy that the withdrawal of US-led forces from Iraq was a prerequisite for the restoration of Iraq's sovereignty. The withdrawal of the occupying forces would enable Iraq to resume its status as a member of the international community, he said.

"India holds the same stance with Iran on the necessity of restoring peace and security to the conflict-ridden country," Singh said. He also stressed the need to have the international community participate in efforts to resolve the country's problems and the suffering of its people.

Khatami called for enhanced cooperation between Iran and India to combat terrorism and drug trafficking. The Iranian leader expressed satisfaction with the joint efforts of the two countries to help reconstruct war-devastated Afghanistan.—*Internet*



A Shiite Muslim Iraqi fighter of the Mehdi Army militia holds up a section of an automatic gun, following fighting in the town of Kufa recently.—*Internet*

## Chinese, foreign children celebrate Children's Day in Beijing

BEIJING, 31 May — Children from China and other countries got together here Saturday to celebrate the International Children's Day, which will fall on 1 June.

Some seven hundred children from China and more than 50 countries' embassies in China gathered in Zhongshan Park and gave their national performances in the museum of the park.

Chinese children played orchestra music with traditional Chinese instruments. Russian children performed Russian folk dance. Indonesian children sang famous Indonesian folk songs. And children from Kazakhstan Embassy and some African countries' embassies also presented the au-

dience with dances and songs of their own feature.

The event, titled "Global Babies", is cosponsored by the organization committee of China International Friendship and Culture Festival and China National Committee on Aging. This event aims at enhancing friendship and cultural exchanges between Chinese and foreign children, and creating a sound growing environment for the Chinese children, a personnel with the organization committee said.—*MNA/Xinhua*

## South Korea feels strongest earthquake in 26 years

SEOUL, 31 May— South Korea was hit by an earthquake on Saturday, but no damage was reported, the country's meteorological agency said.

The Korea Meteorological Administration said the quake, which struck South Korea's east coast, was the strongest to hit the country in 26 years. "An earthquake measured 5.2 by the Richter

Scale has taken place at 7.14 pm (1014 GMT)," an official at the administration said.

"The tremor was felt nationwide but there has been no report of damage," she said. Unlike its neighbour Ja-

pan, one of the world's most earthquake-prone countries, South Korea has had few quakes strong enough to be noticed without the aid of scientific instruments.

—*MNA/Reuters*

## Official says further studies needed for new HK railway

HONG KONG, 31 May — Further studies are needed before the final decision on the construction of the proposed South Island Line railway in Hong Kong, said Sarah Liao, secretary for the Environment, Transport and

Works on Saturday.

Responding to inquiries on the economic viability of the proposed railway, Liao said the Hong Kong Government has always been careful in evaluating what is feasible and cost-effective for the

community at large. She said the government has questions regarding the information provided by the Hong Kong Mass Transit Railway Corp on the patronage and economic viability of the proposed rail line.—*MNA/Xinhua*

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## Two killed in Baghdad ambush

BAGHDAD, 31 May—At least two Iraqis have been killed and five wounded when unknown assailants fired at a convoy of four-wheel-drive vehicles (4WD) carrying Westerners in Baghdad.

Sunday's attack occurred on the busy road in northwestern Baghdad, which leads to the capital's airport where US forces are based.

Police captain Saadun Aziz told AFP one of the dead men was an Iraqi travelling in one of the 4WDs.

A doctor at al-Sadr hospital, Mazhar Abd Allah, told Aljazeera a family of three had also been caught in the crossfire. An Iraqi man was killed while his six-months pregnant wife and two children were wounded, he said.

Two witnesses told Aljazeera that the five or six survivors of the attack — some

armed — seized another car at gunpoint to escape.

The dead convoy passenger, whose face was covered in blood, was wearing a combat vest and a pistol was resting on the floor of the vehicle, witnesses said.

It was not immediately clear if the man was an employee of the US-led occupation authority or a private contractor, but 4WDs are the vehicles of choice for occupation authority employees.

Witnesses said the assailants had opened fire with assault rifles from an overpass directly above the road. Two of the vehicles appeared to have crashed.—*Internet*

## Militants ambush Baghdad convoy

BAGHDAD, 31 May—Gunmen killed at least two people in an ambush of a convoy carrying Westerners in the outskirts of Baghdad yesterday.

Some witnesses said they saw bloodied Westerners being dragged from three SUVs, the four wheel-drive vehicles favoured by security contractors and Western administrators in Iraq. It was unclear whether any hostages had been taken.

The attack in Baghdad's Shoala district occurred at dusk as the convoy headed south toward the city centre. Armed men in another vehicle are reported to have opened fire on the SUVs as they approached a bridge.

There was confusion about what had then happened. Some witnesses said the

attackers emerged from their cars, dragged five or six "Western-looking" people from the vehicles and hauled them away.

Two other witnesses, Khalid Zaalan, 22, and Qays Hussein, 15, said there was a shootout, and armed Western men jumped from the wrecked SUVs, commandeered a passing car at gunpoint and escaped.

Crowds of local people were seen dancing and cheering as a bloodied body, wearing a flak jacket, was pulled from the driver's seat of one wrecked vehicle. Others looted tyres and set two vehicles on fire.

—*Internet*

## Bulgarian woman dies climbing Mt Everest

SOFIA, 31 May— A Bulgarian woman has died while trying to ascend Mount Everest, a spokesman for a Bulgarian expedition said on Saturday.

Mariana Maslarova, 42, was reported missing on the world's highest mountain five days ago. She was the second Bulgarian to die on Mount Everest in the past month.

Maslarova had been trying to scale the 8,850-metre mountain as part of a Russian and Brazilian expedition. Her body was found at 8,680 metres.

On Monday, a Russian climber and two sherpas found the body of Hristo Hristov, 26, a member of a 10-man Bulgarian expedition, who went missing on 20 May.

The Bulgarian expedition aimed to mark the 20th anniversary of the first Bulgarian scaling of the world's highest peak. Hristo Prodanov, who

climbed the peak without oxygen, died in a storm while descending from the peak in 1984.

Maslarova was Prodanov's niece and had paid 14,000 US dollars to take part in the expedition as she wanted to follow her uncle's footsteps, her husband told BTV television.

—*MNA/Reuters*



Activists of a local women's organization in the central Indian city of Bhopal shout anti-US and anti-Britain slogans during a protest on 29 May, 2004. Dozens of demonstrators on Saturday took to the streets denouncing US-led forces that they said were responsible for the damage on the Imam Ali shrine in Najaf, the holiest shrine in Iraq. — *Internet*



## “NY Times” ombudsman criticizes paper over Iraq

NEW YORK, 31 May — Institutional failures at *The New York Times* led to it being used in a “cunning campaign” by those who wanted the world to believe Iraq had weapons of mass destruction, the paper’s ombudsman said on Sunday.

Daniel Okrent, who has the title “public editor”, wrote in a scathing review of the paper’s coverage of the weapons issue ahead of the Iraq invasion last year that *The Times* had been guilty of flawed journalism.

“Some of *The Times*’ coverage in the months leading up to the invasion of Iraq was credulous; much of it was inappropriately italicized by lavish front-page display and heavy-breathing headlines,” said Okrent.

The newspaper’s editors on Wednesday acknowledged they had failed to challenge adequately information from Iraqi exiles who were determined to show Saddam Hussein had weapons of mass destruction and over-

throw him.

The editors said they “should have been challenging reporters and pressing for more skepticism”. Among other things, they said the paper had relied on “misinformation” from Iraqi exile Ahmad Chalabi, once considered Washington’s top Iraq ally. No chemical, biological or nuclear weapons were found in Iraq after the invasion.

Okrent wrote that a series of articles on the search for weapons of mass destruction by a *Times* reporter who was embedded with US troops in Iraq “constituted an ongoing minuet of startling assertion followed by understated contradiction”.

But he said it would be unfair to pin the blame on specific reporters. “The

failure was not individual, but institutional,” he said.

Okrent blamed “the hunger for scoops”, saying *Times* readers “encountered some rather breathless stories built on unsubstantiated ‘revelations’ that, in many instances, were the anonymity-cloaked assertions of people with vested interests”.

He said some stories pushed the Pentagon line so aggressively “you could almost sense epaulets sprouting on the shoulders of editors”.

The editor of the *Times* at the time of the Iraq invasion was Howell Raines, who resigned amid recriminations over the discovery that Blair had invented some stories and plagiarized others over a lengthy period. — MNA/Reuters

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## New UN Iraq resolution must speed up handover of sovereignty

Moscow, 31 May — Russian President Vladimir Putin said on Friday that a new United Nations Security Council resolution on Iraq should accelerate the handover of sovereignty to the Iraqi people.

“The resolution will only be effective if it enables the Iraqi people to take their fate into their own hands and creates mechanisms for restoring Iraq’s real sovereignty,” Putin told reporters after holding talks with his Egyptian counterpart Hosni Mubarak here.

He said Russia’s delegation at the United Nations would work for “such type of a document” and he would discuss the issue in a telephone call later Friday with US President George W Bush.

Putin said Bush “has recently been making energetic steps to find a way out of the situation in Iraq”, the *Interfax* news agency reported.

He said the longer the violence in Iraq continues, the harder it would be to solve the problem which “concerns everyone, including Russia”.

The remarks were the first Putin made after the United States and Britain delivered on Monday a draft resolution on Iraq to the UN Security Council.

Reports here said Russia believes that the document could be passed only after a legitimate interim Iraqi government is formed.

MNA/Xinhua

## Central European countries back stabilization process in Iraq

CONSTANTA (Romania), 31 May — Leaders of the Central European countries on Friday reiterated their commitment to supporting the stabilization and democratization process in Iraq, Romanian national news agency *Rompres* reported.

Coalition members have the duty to contribute to the stabilization and democratization process in Iraq, which could only be achieved through a UN resolution on the creation of a legitimate Iraqi government, Bulgarian President Gheorgi Parvanov told the Press at the end of the 11th summit of the Central European countries. Parvanov believed that the war in Iraq has turned the country into a true world ter-

rorism centre.

Also at the news conference, Romanian President Ion Iliescu called for international solidarity and a strong trans-Atlantic cooperation in solving the Iraqi issue. Heads of state of 16 Central European countries attended the two-day summit held in Constanta, a port city in southeastern Romania, during which they urged further enlargement of the European Union. — MNA/Xinhua



In this picture taken from television Iraqi children watch as two civilian vehicles, of the type used by foreign contract workers of the US-led administration and some media in Iraq, burn after being set ablaze by locals on 30 May, 2004 in northwest Baghdad. — INTERNET

## \$3.9b approved for development in Bangladesh

DHAKA, 31 May — Bangladeshi National Economic Council Saturday okayed the Annual Development Programme (ADP) for 2004-05 fiscal with an outlay of 3.9 billion US dollars, focusing on poverty reduction and investment in rural areas.

The development budget was approved at a meeting with Prime Minister Khaleda Zia in the chair, reported *The United News of Bangladesh*.

The ADP outlay for the coming financial year is 655 million dollars higher than the revised budget of 3.27 billion dollars for the outgoing fiscal 2003-04. The origi-

nal allocation of the current fiscal was 203 billion taka (3.5 billion dollars), which was recently downsized during the revision.

Some 61 per cent or 2.41 billion dollars of the total allocation has been earmarked for poverty-reduction programmes.

Of the total allocation, 53 per cent would be met

from domestic resources while the rest 47 per cent would come in foreign aid from donor agencies and countries.

In the new ADP, education and power-sector development got the highest priority, each with 14-per-cent allocation of the total development funds.

MNA/Xinhua

## Tanzanian President visits Shandong Province

JINAN, 31 May — Tanzanian President Benjamin Mkapa visited a high-tech development zone and a water control project here Saturday in east China’s Shandong Province.

Mkapa visited the Yellow River water control project in Jinan, capital of Shandong, and was briefed on the irrigation works along the river, including how to distribute water between people’s daily life use and irrigation.

Mkapa said the Yellow River, as the mother river of the Chinese nation, was well known in the world. Tanzanian students would always think of Chairman Mao Zedong and the Yellow River

when they talked about China, he said.

In the high-tech development zone, Mkapa visited a computer corporation and witnessed how servers and personal computers were produced. He also asked about the operation, investment and management of the zone.

The Tanzanian side held a briefing for local governmental officials and businessmen from over 20 enterprises in Shandong, to intro-

duce Tanzania’s preferential policy on attracting foreign investment. The two sides exchanged views on trade and economic cooperation.

Mkapa and his party arrived here Friday morning for a goodwill visit to Shandong. They intended to promote friendly cooperation between the two sides, to learn Shandong’s experience in irrigation technology, and to get Chinese enterprises to invest in Tanzania. MNA/Xinhua

## Maiden flight of India’s first civilian aircraft successful

NEW DELHI, 31 May — First prototype of India’s indigenous civilian aircraft, *Saras*, made a successful maiden flight in Bangalore early on Saturday.

The aircraft took off from the Hindustan Aeronautics Limited airport and flew for about 20 minutes.

Flanked by two *Kiran* trainer aircraft of the Indian Air Force, *Saras*, designed and developed by National Aerospace Laboratories (NAL) flew for about 35 kilometres over Bangalore before making a perfect landing, the *Press Trust of India* (PTI) reported.

“It was a good flight and

it went off very well,” the PTI quoted NAL Director B R Pai as saying.

The prototype, powered by two Canadian Pratt and Whitney engines weighs 5,118 kilograms, about 900 kilograms heavier than its desired empty weight of 4,125 kilograms and was equipped with five seats.

“It reached a speed of 150 nautical miles and flew at an altitude of about 2,285 metres. The landing was

good and the aircraft was handling beautifully,” an Aircraft and Systems Testing Establishment (ASTE) official said.

The *Saras* project named after the Indian crane, began in 1991 but was stalled due to denial of critical components, following US sanctions imposed in the wake of India’s Pokhran Nuclear tests in 1998, but was revived in 2001 with a cost escalation of 20 per cent. — MNA/Xinhua



Iraqi Shi’ite militiamen armed with rocket-propelled grenades patrol a street in the holy city of Najaf on 29 May, 2004. Five Iraqis were killed and 14 wounded in clashes on Friday between US troops and Shi’ite militiamen loyal to rebel cleric Moqtada al-Sadr around Najaf. Two US soldiers were also wounded. — Internet

## Army report cites scant evidence in long detention of Iraqis

WASHINGTON, 31 May—Hundreds of Iraqis were held in Abu Ghraib Prison for prolonged periods despite a lack of evidence that they posed a security threat to American forces, an unpublished Army report said.

The report reflects what other senior Army officers have described as a deep concern among some American officers and officials in Iraq over the refusal of top American commanders in Baghdad to authorize the release of so-called security prisoners, *The New York Times* reported Sunday.

Some of the prisoners were held for interrogation at Abu Ghraib in the cell-block that became the site of the worst abuses at the prison, according to the report.

Some Iraqis had been held for several months for nothing more than expressing "displeasure or ill will" toward the American occupy-

ing forces, the paper quoted the Army report, which was completed last fall by Major-General Donald J. Ryder, as saying.

The November 5 report said the process for deciding which arrested Iraqis posed security risks justifying imprisonment, and for deciding when to release them, violated the Pentagon's own policies, and the conditions in which they were held sometimes violated the Geneva Conventions.

The report to Lieutenant-General Ricardo Sanchez, the top American commander in Iraq, was based on a review of prisons in Iraq last summer and fall and

made no mention of abuses at Abu Ghraib, but warned that the continuing influx of prisoners being arrested as the American-led occupation forces fought a persistent insurrection would strain the system set up to review each case every six months, the newspaper reported.

Since the scope of abuses at Abu Ghraib first began to come to light late last month, the US military has begun to

discharge prisoners from the facility at a rapidly accelerated rate. On Friday alone, 624 Iraqi prisoners were freed from the prison, in the fourth such release in May.

The military, however, has offered little public explanation of the process of deciding who should be released and who should remain in prison, the paper said.

MNA/Xinhua

## AL head does not rule out Arab troops in Iraq

ROME, 31 May—Arab League head Amr Moussa can see a possible future role for Arab forces in Iraq—but only once foreign occupiers leave, an Italian newspaper reported on Saturday.

"In current circumstances it is impossible. In the future and under certain circumstances, above all a request from a legitimate government, we'll see," Moussa told *La Stampa* when asked whether Arab countries might send troops to Iraq.

Moussa said Arab countries might contribute to a future multinational force with a United Nations mandate that would replace the US-led coalition.

A draft Anglo-American UN resolution proposes handing sovereignty to an interim Iraqi government on June 30 but does not envisage the immediate withdrawal of coalition forces. Iraqi officials have said they

want Arab troops to replace US and British forces.

"Of course, Arab troops could not unite with troops that are occupying another Arab country," the Egyptian Arab League secretary-general said in an interview.

A future UN resolution would have to state clearly what would be the role of non-Iraqi forces in the country, he added.

"There would have to be a precise task—what would Arab troops be going there to do? Perhaps to help foreign troops? That would not be acceptable.

To help the Iraqi people then? In that case it would have to be the Iraqi people that ask for it."

MNA/Reuters

## China's building materials export sees big rise

BEIJING, 31 May—In the first quarter of 2004, the volume of China's building materials export reached 1.368 billion US dollars, up 32.94 per cent over the same period in 2002, according to statistics from China's building materials industry association.

In recent years, glazed tile, toilet ceramics and porcelain wares, and glass products have become the main kinds of exported building materials, replacing non-metal mineral products, the statistics show.

In the early 1990s, the

volume of the building material export mainly fluctuated with the demand of the domestic market, meaning the export rose when the domestic demand was weak and it decreased when the demand was strong, experts said.

But the rise of building

material export this year is growing simultaneously with the booming of the demands on China's domestic market, and the export has become one of the major driving forces to boost the building material industry.

MNA/Xinhua

## More efforts urged to promote vocational education in China

BEIJING, 31 May—While enjoying a rapidly growing economy for consecutive years, China has begun to witness an increasing shortage of skilled professionals.

To resolve the problem, experts urged more efforts to promote vocational education and shed the outdated practice that only stresses the diploma of higher education.

A blue book on the Chinese economy and related policies, published by the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences recently, points out China needs more professionals of certain skill to support its economic growth, and such people can be trained by developing vocational education. According to the blue book, expanded college enrollment and decreasing

demand for people of higher education have caused a "waste of educated people".

Xia Jiechang, one of the authors of the blue book, said vocational education and polytechnic education should be treated the same as general education.

"The government should increase financial input to vocational education and support low income earners to receive vocational education," said Xia, adding that vocational education should be employment-oriented, which echoed the Ministry of Education.

MNA/Xinhua

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A US soldier stands guard in a stairwell in Baghdad as his fellow soldiers check the area after a nearby explosion on 29 May, 2004. — INTERNET

## Venezuela attributes oil price hike to Iraqi war

GUADALAJARA (Mexico), 31 May—Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez said here Friday that the war in Iraq is "the fundamental reason" behind the increasing oil price, and it was not the fault of the Organization of Petroleum-Producing Countries (OPEC).

"It is not our fault. The one who sees the problem in such a way is completely wrong," Chavez told the Press

on his arrival for the third summit of the European Union (EU), Latin America and the Caribbean countries, held Friday in the west Mexican city of Guadalajara. The Venezuelan leader underlined that "the ones who are requesting Venezuela or Mexico to contribute to lowering the prices must adjust the complete scenery", he said. "Why don't they ask US President George W. Bush to abandon Iraq?"

The United States thought "they were going to take Iraq like a glass of water" and in five or six months they would recover the oil production. However, they have been unable to control the country, Chavez said.

He said that Bush had to be blamed for the situation in the oil market, for he took an "arbitrary, imperialistic and unilateral" decision, disregarding international laws.

It was necessary to maintain the oil price at a fair level because "one of the risks of low prices was that once consumption soared, the destruction of the environment and the ozone layer would be worsened", Chavez argued.

Leaders from the 58 countries attended the one-day summit during which they agreed to criticize the United States for the abuse and torture of Iraqi prisoners.

MNA/Xinhua



The world's tallest viaduct, designed by British architect Norman Foster, towers 270 metres (886 feet) over the Tarn River gorge near Millau, southern France, after the completion of its roadway on 28 May, 2004. The bridge, expected to be completed by Jan. 2005, will run for 2.6 kilometres (1.6 miles) and will ease vehicle traffic in the region that typically faces 40 kilometres (26 miles) of bottlenecks in the tourist-heavy summer season. — INTERNET



# More butterflies we have, more forest we get

Sein Sein Thein (Dagon University)



*A thyma perius perius*

Myanmar has a diversity of species of which over 7,000 plants have been recorded. Also she has a rich diversity of butterfly fauna, about 68 swallow tail butterflies represent 12% of the world total making it the fifth richest country of the world. They have attractive colour and elegant flight. They number in 10 families and about 17,500 species in the world, out of these 9 families and 1,014 species including six of the rare



*Catopsilia pomona pomona* species.

The people of the developed countries seek to spend their vacation at tropical and subtropical environments. It is most surprising that a total of 290 butterfly species were collected from Taninthayi Division. One thousand and fourteen butterflies of Myanmar have been recorded by Talbot's work



*Catopsilla scylla scylla* on the fauna of British India including Sri Lanka and Myanmar.

Myanmar's forest covers half of the land area containing the great diversity of the butterflies. The exact number of the existing butterfly species in these forests are not yet known. No one knows exactly how many butterfly species exist in the world.

Greening projects are being implemented in 13 districts and it is sure to



*Papilio demoleus*  
*Malayanus*

emerge new forests such as Mount Popa, protected forest in central Myanmar. These forest would provide habitat for species diversity.

Myanmar has protected forests for plants and animals such as rain forest, monsoon forest and so on. The existence of great diversity of butterflies is due to different geographical region with various of ecological



*Danaus genutia genutia*

conditions. Thus Taxonomic studies on the butterfly species have been carried out in Universities. Forest area in Myanmar is over fifty percent of the whole country. Geographical conditions and environments are in a proper position. Thus further studies and surveys still need to carry on some areas which previous researchers have not yet studied. Because human



*Acraea viola*

resources and natural resources are most basic assets for national development. Some countries which have large area of desert, hilly regions and forest and few water resources have less agriculture land so they cannot rely on agriculture for income. Instead they have to set up industries and import food such as wheat and rice. In these countries they would like to raise butterfly for pollination and



*Precis alites alites*

seed dispersion. They can use as helper in cultivation for their country. No species can survive in isolation: all species depend on one another directly on indirectly for their survival. Environmentalists and naturalists say that: Thousands of species worldwide are under threat from overuse, loss of habitat



*Cethosia cyane euanthes*



*Danaus limniace leopardus*

and environmental pollution. Because species in ecosystems are interdependent, the loss of one species can lead to the disappearance of many others. Trees in the rain forest are being decimated for timber. And the



*Danaus chrycippus*  
*chrycippus*

destruction continues, resulting in the loss of valuable species which could have been exploited by humans for various uses.

Habitat degradation, loss or modification is considered to be the most comprehensive indicator of loss of butterflies. Ecological disaster such as floods, forest fires, are quite common throughout the world. In this way diverse species such as plants, wild



*Eurema hecabe*  
*contubernalis*

animals, birds and butterflies were threatened. Extinction can occur when the biotic potential becomes negative and population cannot recover. Once a population has declined significantly, it may be difficult or impossible for it to rebound.

Major causes of extinction generally are related to human activities



*Hebomoia glaucippe*  
*glaucippe*

for butterflies. Developing a new ecological or green economic is an important contemporary challenge.

Among the beautiful papilionidae include large and magnificently coloured butterflies. We must collect many species from anywhere. Two methods were used to collect. The first method is rapid side

stroke when the insect was in flight, the second method is downward stroke when the butterfly is at rest.



*Papilio memnon agenor*

The net was then twisted over the frame to prevent the butterfly from escaping.

These were anesthetized by using chloroform pieces of cotton wool soaked with chloroform is placed in a bottle. A piece of paper was placed above the specimen before dropping the chloroform soaked cotton wool into the bottle. The



*Delias hyparete indica*

anesthetized specimen were then transferred into envelopes. Specimen were mounted on spreading board and left to dry about three hours under sunlight and then they were stored in insect boxes. Identification and classification followed after Bingham, Talbot and Mani. These have been the valuable references for us since 1939.

This article will



*Mycalesis gotama charaka*

certainly stimulate many more people to conserve the butterflies and many species of forest plants are pollinated by them. These plants cannot reproduce without them. From the perspective of wild life conservation the number of species of butterflies can be used as an indicator of the condition of the wilderness



*Precis lemonias lemonias*

of the country. The more diverse the species composition, the better the condition of the forest. Ecotourists interested in butterfly collecting have been coming to our country.

## Efficient use of electricity

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

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

## Efficient use of fuel

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

## All this needs to be known

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

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## “သတိပေးနှိုးဆော်ချက်”

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But now an illustrated checklist for the butterflies of Myanmar is the outcome of the research work of Zoology Department, Yangon University. This publication was compilation work of Stephen Kinyon

(Smithsonian Institute and it would be invaluable to us especially to scholars and researchers of Universities. This publication is the best reference for us now.

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## Prime Minister attends...

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to the members of the Sangha. A trainee member of the Sangha Bhaddanta Pañnasami of Ye Township spoke words of thanks.

Next, Sayadaw Bhaddanta Tilokabhivamsa presented certificates to Bhaddanta Kesara. Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung also presented certificates of honour to those who donated alms.

Members of the State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Agga Maha Pandita Agga Maha Saddhammajotikadhaja

Shwebo Sayadaw Bhaddanta Vimalabhivamsa delivered a sermon, followed by sharing of merits.

Altogether 800 trainees—750 members of the Sangha, 45 nuns and five laymen attended the course. Chairman of Myanmar Education Committee Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt inspected construction of two-storey building for No 10 Basic Education Middle School on Bayintnaung Road in Ywama Ward in Insein Township and gave instructions.

MNA



Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt presents offertories to a Sayadaw at conclusion ceremony of special summer course on Yamaik, Pahtan on 30 May. — MNA

## Meetings of National Convention delegate groups continue

YANGON, 31 May — Delegate groups to the National Convention held their meetings at respective meeting halls in Nyaungnapin Camp in Hmawby Township here this morning.

### Delegate group of representatives-elect

The meeting of delegate group of representatives-elect was held at the meeting hall-2 at 10 am. U Maung Gyi of Union Pa-O National Organization chaired the meeting together with U San Tha Aung of Mro (or) Khami National Solidarity Organization and U Law Hsin Kwan of Kokant Democracy and Unity Party. Deputy Director U Maung Maung Phyu

Tint of the group-4 of the National Convention Convening Work Committee acted as master of ceremonies and Assistant Director Daw Tin Tin Nwe as co-master of ceremonies. The meeting was attended by 86.67 % of delegates. U Maung Gyi made an opening speech. NC delegate U Thein Tun read out the proposal presented by National Unity Party for detailed basic principles to be laid down for sharing of power in legislative, executive and judicial sectors to be included in drafting the State Constitution by the NCCWC. The chairman gave concluding remarks and the meeting was adjourned at 10.35 am.

### Delegate group of workers

The meeting of delegate group of workers took place at the meeting hall-5 at 9 am. U Bo Thein of Shan State (East) chaired the meeting together with U Khin Maung of Sagaing Division and U Kyaw Win Tun of Mandalay Division. Deputy Director U Zaw Win of the group-7 of the National Convention Convening Work Committee acted as master of ceremonies and Assistant Director U Aung Win as co-master of ceremonies. There was the full attendance of 48 delegates at the meeting. U Bo Thein made an opening

speech. Daw Khin Saw Mu of Ayeyawady Division and U Min Myint Maung of Mon State read out the proposal presented by the paper compilation subgroup-2 of the delegate group of workers for financial and planning sector, formation of the Financial Commission, tax collection and financial allotments. U Than Win of Mandalay Division, U Maran Tan Gun of Kachin State and U Than Myint of Yangon Division read out the proposal presented by the paper compilation subgroup-1 of the delegate group of workers for defence and security sector, foreign affairs sector and other issues that are not mentioned in the legislation. U Maung Ni of Mandalay Division and Dr Myo Thant Tin of Yangon Division made supplementary discussions. The chairman gave concluding remarks and the meeting was adjourned at 10.30 am.

### Delegate group of intellectuals and intelligentsia

The meeting of delegate group of intellectuals and intelligentsia took place at the meeting hall-6 at 9 am. Head of Office of the Ministry of Rail Transportation U Hla Myint chaired the meeting together with Chairman of Myanmar Academy of Agriculture, Forestry, Livestock and Fishery Sciences U Tin Hlaing and Chairman of Myanmar Academy of Technicians Dr U Thein U Po Saw. Deputy Director U Thein Myint of the group-8

of the National Convention Convening Work Committee acted as master of ceremonies and Assistant Director U Than Win as co-master of ceremonies. Fifty-three out of 56 delegates attended the meeting, accounting for 94.64 %. U Hla Myint gave an opening speech. NC delegates Vice-Chairman of Myanmar Academy of Medical Science Dr Ko Lay, Deputy Director of Myanmar Oil and Gas Enterprise U Sein Kyi and Judge of Bago Division U Win Tin submitted their proposals concerning the legislative sector. The chairman made concluding remarks and the meeting was adjourned at 9.50 am.

### Delegate group of State service personnel

The meeting of delegate group of State service personnel took place at the meeting hall-7 at 9 am. U Hla Tin of The Ministry of Commerce chaired the meeting together with U Arnt Maung of the Ministry of Religious Affairs and Maj-Gen Aung Thein of the Ministry of Defence. Deputy Director U Htay Win of the group-9 of the National Convention Convening Work Committee acted as master of ceremonies and Assistant Director U Htain Min as co-master of ceremonies. 108 out of 109 delegates attended the meeting, accounting for 99.08 %. U Hla Tin made an opening speech. U Than Nyunt of the Ministry of Finance and Revenue submitted the paper on finan-

cial and planning sector; U Win Kyi of the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation the paper on agricultural and livestock breeding sector; and U Thaug Htaik of the Ministry of Sports the paper on social sector. Next, discussions were made after the papers had been read out. The chairman gave concluding remarks and the meeting was adjourned at 11.35 am.

### Group of other invited persons

The co-ordination meeting of the group of other invited delegates took place at the meeting hall-8 at 9 am. Vice-Chairman of Myanmar History Committee U Sai Aung Tun chaired the meeting together with U Aung Kham Hti of Shan State (South) Special Region-6, Dr Ma Nam Tuja of Kachin State Special Region-2, Secretary of Myanmar History Committee U Tun Aung Chin and U Paw Laik Kham of Shan State (North) Special Region-2. Deputy Director U Aung Kyi of the group-10 of the National Convention Convening Work Committee acted as master of ceremonies and Assistant Director U Win Myint as co-master of ceremonies. At the meeting, they discussed the two papers submitted to the members of panel of chairmen by the other invited delegates group. Then, the meeting of the groups of other invited delegates was set to hold tomorrow at the same venue, and the coord meeting ended at 10.20 am. —MNA



The group meeting of other invited persons in progress. — MNA



U Hla Myint speaks at discussions of Intellectuals and Intelligentsia Group. — MNA

## Construction of MEB's branch inspected

YANGON, 31 May — Deputy Minister for Finance and Revenue Col Hla Thein Swe, accompanied by Managing Director of Myanmar Economic Bank Col Hsan Tun, arrived at the construction site of Myanmar Economic Bank (Pazungdaung branch) this morning. They were welcomed there by General Manager of MEB U Aung

Myint and officials.

Later, the deputy minister inspected the construction site and heard reports on progress of construction works. He also gave instruc-

tions on timely completion of the project. Afterward, the deputy minister looked into the branches 1 and 2 of the MEB and left instructions. —MNA

## Earthquake report

YANGON, 31 May — An earthquake of moderate intensity (5.6) Richter Scale with its epicenter outside of Myanmar about (379) miles

Southwest of Kaba-Aye seismological observatory was recorded at (08) hrs (22) min (32) sec M.S.T on 31st May 2004. — MNA



## Soft opening of ...

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Next, Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe, Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor of Yangon Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin and Shwe Gabar Maung Construction Managing Director U Maung Maung opened the Shwe Gabar housing project part 1 by cutting a ribbon. Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt and party then inspected the housing project.

Next, the ceremony to open the SCT electrical equipment sale centre was also held at the ground floor of the Shwe Gabar housing project part 1. Yangon Division electrical engineer of Myanma Electric Power Enterprise U Hla Paing and SCT holding Electrical Pte Ltd Managing Director Mr Chon Wen Quan opened the sale centre by cutting a ribbon before Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe opened the signboard of it. Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt and party then viewed around the centre.

At the Mingala Mandat, Shwe Gabar Maung Maung Construction Managing Director U Maung Maung reported on the Shwe Gabar construction project part 1, 2 and 3. Chairman of City Housing Project Supervisory Committee Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt gave necessary instructions.

The Shwe Gabar housing project part 1 consists of 12 two-storey houses, 2 six-storey flats which have 24 apartments and 4 five-storey flats which have 40 apartments. At the ground floor of the six-storey building stands an electrical equipment sale centre.

The projects to be continued were 4 eight-storey buildings, 8 five-storey buildings and 10 two-storey houses in the Shwe Gabar housing project part 2 and a twelve-storey Twin Tower, 2 eight-storey buildings and 4 five-storey buildings in the project part 3. The total area of all 3 projects is 7.4 acres. — MNA



Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt and party view display of electronic equipment at SCT Electronic Equipment Sale Centre on the ground floor of Shwe Gabar Housing Estate. — MNA



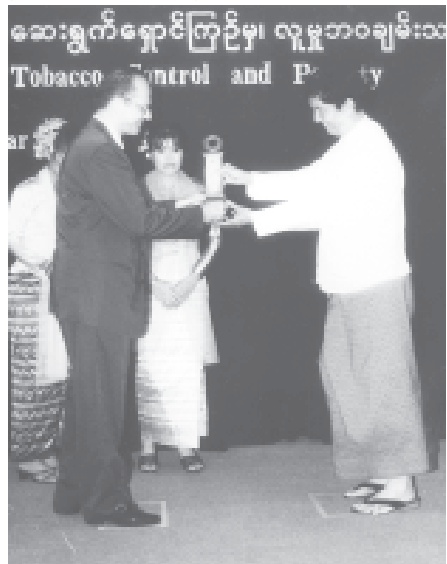
Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt cordially greets the guests attending the World No-Tobacco Day ceremony. — MNA

## Joint collaborative efforts ...

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The South-East Asia Anti-tobacco Flame arrived at Yangon in December 2000. It was welcomed ceremoniously, and during its stay for 2 weeks in different townships, various activities were carried out in these townships and throughout the country, greatly increasing the community awareness on dangers of tobacco. While the Anti-tobacco Flame was in our country, advocacy workshops and health education campaigns were carried out with increased momentum.

Following the guidelines set by the National Health Committee and the National Tobacco Control Committee, tobacco advertising billboards were banned since 2002. Advertisement of tobacco on television, radio and all electronic media are all prohibited. Tobacco advertisement from the newspapers, journals and magazines have also been banned since early 2003. Schools, hospitals and health facilities, sports fields and stadiums were designated as tobacco-free areas. The facts on dangers of tobacco were also included in the school curriculum and life skills education training for students, under the guidance of the Ministry of Education.



Acting Resident Representative of WHO Dr Stephan Jost presents a prize awarded by WHO to Dr Kyaw Myint. — MNA

Delegates from the Ministry of Health and office of the Attorney General had participated in the inter-governmental negotiating bodies and had strongly supported the convention. Myanmar proudly hosted the 4th Inter-country Consultation Meeting on Framework Convention on Tobacco Control in August 2002, where the countries of South-East Asia Region issued the "Yangon Declaration". Myanmar became a proud signatory to the Framework Convention on Tobacco Control on the 23rd of October 2003 and became the 11th country to ratify the Convention on the 20th of April 2004.

In line with the objectives of the World Health Organization, Myanmar had celebrated World No-tobacco Days every year at all levels throughout the country, in collaboration with other Ministries and NGOs. The theme of this year is "Tobacco Control and Poverty".

In commemoration of this year's World No Tobacco Day, the Ministry of Health conducted a study on tobacco control and poverty and had disseminated the findings at a workshop early this month.

Although the contribution of tobacco to premature death and disease is well documented, little attention has been paid to the link between tobacco and poverty. Studies have shown that Tobacco tends to be consumed more by the lowest income groups. For the poor, money spent on tobacco is money not spent on basic necessities, such as food, shelter, education and health care.

At the national level, countries suffer huge economic losses as a result of high-health care costs, lost productivity due to tobacco-related illnesses and premature deaths. Tobacco derived contributions to the economy through employment and government tax revenues are outweighed by its costs to households, to public health, to the environment and to national economics. This year's slogan highlighted the economic effects of tobacco use at household level as well as national level.

It is evident that tobacco is posing a major chal-

lenge to the low income group in Myanmar. Following the ratification of the Framework Convention on Tobacco Control, measures will be sought to reduce the economic burden of tobacco on the poor households. Enhancing community awareness campaigns to reach the poor and the uneducated is vital.

Following the guidelines of the National Health Committee, we have achieved significant developments due to our collaborative efforts. Future joint collaborative efforts will be continued in order to obtain the goal of a country free from the health, economic and social burdens of tobacco. Next, Acting Resident Representative of the WHO Dr Stephan Jost read out the message of 'World No-Tobacco Day 2004' sent by Dr Sanlee Plianbangchang, Director of the WHO for South-east Asian Region.

Later, Dr Stephan Jost presented the 'World No-Tobacco Day 2004' Award offered by the Geneva-based WHO (HQ) to Dr Kyaw Myint, who expressed his thanks.

After the ceremony, Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt and party cordially greeted the diplomats and guests and viewed round the health education booth exhibited in commemoration of 'World No-Tobacco Day 2004' at the reception hall of IBC.

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## Storm news

YANGON, 31 May — According to the observations at 12:30 hr MST today the low pressure area over South Bay has intensified into a depression and centered at about (330) miles Southwest of Patheingyi. It is likely to intensify further and move northeast direction.

Under the influences of this depression, squalls with moderate to rough seas are likely at times off an along Gulf of Mottama, Deltaic and Rakhine coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (40) mph. — MNA

## Lt-Gen Ye Myint inspects development tasks in Matupi

YANGON, 31 May — While in Matupi, Chin State, Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Ye Myint, accompanied by Chairman of Sagaing Division Peace and Development Council Commander of North-West Command Maj-Gen Tha Aye, Chairman of Chin State Peace and Development Council Col Tin Hla, Vice-Chairman Col Hsan Aung, departmental heads, officials at state level, inspected development tasks in town on 27 May.

First, Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party inspected Women Vocational Training School in Matupi and then Matupi Township Hospital where they were conducted round by Medical Officer of State Health Department Dr Than Tun Oo and officials. Lt-Gen Ye Myint attended to the needs. Afterwards, Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party inspected tea plantation grown by staff of hospital.

On arrival at No 2 Basic Education High School, Matupi, Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party inspected measures being taken for earth work with the use of heavy machinery. They then went to domesticated wild ox farm in Phanaing model village and inspected raising of do-



Lt-Gen Ye Myint of the Ministry of Defence meets with departmental officials, social organizations and townelders in Matupi. — MNA

mesticated wild ox.

Next, Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party met with departmental heads, members of social organizations and local people in Matupi Township Peace and Development Council's Office.

During the meeting, Chairman of Matupi Township Peace and Development Council U Nyunt Soe presented reports on cultivation of different kinds of crops, raising of domesticated wild ox, education, health and social matters of the township, construction of village-to-village roads using charts and officials at state and district levels gave supplementary reports.

Afterwards, Lt-Gen Ye Myint made a speech, saying that transportation, cultivation and livestock breeding tasks are being implemented with added momentum for speedy development of Chin State under the guidance of the Head of State. Emphasis should be placed on the success of the cultivation of tea peculiar to Chin State. Arrangements will be made to build a tea plant when the tea cultivation thrives. In conclusion, he called upon local officials to disseminate agricultural and livestock breeding techniques to national growers through close contact with them.

Next, Lt-Gen Ye Myint donated a set of computer to

the No 2 BEHS of Matupi through the township education officer. He also donated sports gear for the township through a local authority.

Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party proceeded to the Border Areas and Nationalities Youths Development Training School. He met with school officials and asked health, education, food and shelter needs. Next, he gave instructions on cultivation of seasonal crops on a broad scale and that of perennial

trees in the school compound. He also donated clothes and cash to trainees of the school.

Later, Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party visited the monastic education school in Mindat, where they paid homage to Sayadaw Saddhamma-jotikadhaja Bhaddanta Rajinda and offered provisions. Lt-Gen Ye Myint also donated K 100,000 to be used for the students of the school through the Sayadaw and clothes through a local authority. Lt-

Gen Ye Myint and party arrived back at the office of the Matupi Township Peace and Development Council, where he met with departmental officials at state level and engineers and gave instructions on tasks to be carried out in the future. He also fulfilled the requirements.

Afterwards, Lt-Gen Ye Myint went to Matupi Station, where he met with officers and other ranks and their families and left necessary instructions. — MNA

## Maritime new generation youths Basic and Advanced course (1/2004) (Mandalay Camp) held

YANGON, 31 May — A closing ceremony of Basic and Advanced Maritime Course for new generation youths (1/2004) (Mandalay Camp) sponsored by Union Solidarity and Development Association (central) and office of the Commander-in-Chief (Navy) was held at the hall of Mandalay division Union Solidarity and Development Association in 28 May morning attended by Chairman of Mandalay Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Central Command Maj-

Gen Ye Myint, Chairman of Mandalay City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Yan Thein, secretary of Mandalay division Lt-Col Kyi Thein and members, senior military officers, commanders of battalions and units, Naval Training Command Headquarters Commander Col Maung Oo Lwin and course instructors, joint secretary of Mandalay division Union Solidarity and Development Association U Sein Pyin and secretaries of districts and townships USDA. First, the commander and

Col Maung Oo Lwin made a speech respectively.

Later, the commander presented prizes to those who stood in the best trainee prize in basic and advanced course.

Afterwards, Command Headquarters Commander Col Maung Oo Lwin presented a trainee who gets the outstanding prize in shooting and the certificates to officials and the ceremony came to an end. A total of 50 trainees in basic course and 25 trainees in advanced course attended it and it took 5 weeks. — MNA



Secretary of National Convention Convening Commission Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan speaks at the coordination meeting of NCCC, NCCWC and NCCMC. — MNA



National Convention Convening Management Committee Chairman Auditor-General Maj-Gen Lun Maung speaks at coordination meeting of NCCC, NCCWC and NCCMC. — MNA

## NC delegates entertained with films

YANGON, 31 May — The Entertainment and Welfare Sub-committee of the National Convention Convening Management Committee is entertaining the delegates to the National Convention at the gymnasium in Nyaungnapin Camp, Hmawby

Township for their recreation.

Last night "Pay-sep-thu-do-nha-lone-tha" starring Yan Aung, Kyaw Ye Aung, Myo Thunder Tun and Khine Hnin Wai, directed by Kyi Soe Tun, was entertained to NC delegates. — MNA

## Members of NCC Work Committee and Panel of Chairmen meet

YANGON, 31 May — The coordination meeting between members of National Convention Convening Work Committee and Panel of Chairmen of each Delegates Group took place at the meeting hall of Nyaungnapin Camp, Hmawby Township, at 2 pm today.

Present at the meeting were Chairman of NCCWC Chief Justice U Aung Toe, Vice-Chairman Attorney-General U Aye Maung and members, delegates of political parties, delegates of representatives-elect,

delegates of national races, delegates of peasants, delegates of workers, delegates of intellectuals and intelligentsia, delegates of State service personnel and other invited delegates.

First, NCCWC Chairman Chief Justice U Aung Toe made an opening speech on the occasion. Next, members of panel of chairmen reported on work being carried out groupwise. This was followed by a general round of discussions. The meeting ended with the concluding remarks by NCCWC Chairman Chief Justice U Aung Toe. — MNA



Chairman of the National Convention Convening Work Committee Chief Justice U Aung Toe makes an address at the coordination meeting of NCCWC and delegate groups. — MNA



## Workshop on Strategy for Leprosy Control beyond 2005 held

YANGON, 31 May — A ceremony to open Workshop on Strategy for Leprosy Control beyond 2005, which was jointly-organized by the Ministry of Health, WHO and International Organization for Leprosy Elimination took place at Grand Plaza Royal Park on Alanpya Pagoda Street this morning with an address by Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint.

Also present on the occasion were Deputy Minister Dr Mya Oo, President of Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association Dr Daw Khin Win Shwe, directors-general, deputy directors-general, rectors, directors, medical superintendents, professors, WHO acting resident representative Dr Stephan Jost and officials, officials of International Organization for Leprosy Elimination, officials of international non-governmental organizations and guests. First, Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint made a speech



Health Minister Dr Kyaw Myint makes an address at Workshop on Strategy for Leprosy Control beyond 2005. — MNA

on the occasion.

Next, WHO acting resident representative Dr Stephan Jost and Adviser to Asian Prevention for Disabilities Dr Hugh Alistair Cross made speeches and the workshop came to a close.

Directors-general, professors, specialists and advisers took part in the discussions and the workshop continues tomorrow for the last day.

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### Basic Printing Course No 1/2004 concludes

YANGON, 31 May—The Basic Printing Course No 1/2004 sponsored by Printing and Publishing Enterprise under the Ministry of Information concluded at the training hall of GTC Printing House in Aung San, Insein Township, Yangon Division, this morning, with an address by Deputy Minister for Information Brig-Gen Aung Thein.

Also present on the occasion were heads of department under the ministry, advisers and officials of PPE, course instructors and trainees. Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Aung Thein, in his address, said that the course was opened with four aims—to enable the staff to be well-versed in printing, to ensure improvement of spiritual ability and qualification, to ensure development of departmental work and to be ready for future.

He spoke of the need for the trainees to try their best to be outstanding in the realms of their work, valuing their knowledge and technology gained at the course.

Next, Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Aung Thein presented prizes to Major Myint Aung of the Ministry of Defence who stood first, U Kyaw Chit Soe of GTC Printing House who stood second, U Min Lwin Oo of Myeik Township Information and Public Relations Department who stood third and completion certificates. Major Myint Aung, on behalf of the trainees, accepted the completion certificates. Altogether 28 trainees attended the five-week course.

After the ceremony, Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Aung Thein together with heads of department inspected printing and production process of GTC Printing House of PPE. — MNA

### Two new school buildings opened in Taungtha Township

YANGON, 31 May — Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thaung yesterday attended a ceremony to hand over a two-storey school building in Taline Ward, Taungtha Township, Mandalay Division. The minister and Director-General of the No 2 Basic Education Depart-

ment Lt-Col Win Htein formally opened the school building and sprinkled the scented water on the stone inscription.

Afterwards, secretary of Taungtha Township Union Solidarity and Development Association U Thaung Sein and Organizer of Ywathit USDA U Zaw

Myint handed over the documents related to the new school building to Lt-Col Win Htein.

In the afternoon, Minister U Aung Thaung and Lt-Col Win Htein also formally opened the new two-storey building built in the compound of Taungtha Township Basic Education

High School. The new school building was built at a cost of over K 68 million. After the opening ceremony, on behalf of the wellwishers, the school board of trustees Chairman U Thaung Sein handed over the documents related to the school building to Lt-Col Win Htein. — MNA

### Minister arrives back from China

YANGON, 31 May— Myanmar delegation headed by Minister for Cooperatives Maj-Gen Htay Oo which attended to the fifth International Trade Exhibition in West China held in Chundu city in Zhichuang province from

25 May to 28 arrived back in Yangon by air yesterday afternoon.

The delegation was welcomed at the Yangon International Airport by Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Pyi Sone, Minister for National Planning

and Economic Development U Soe Thar, Chinese officiating Counsellor to Myanmar Mr Yu Boren, Economic and Commercial Counsellor Mr Tang Hai and departmental heads under the Ministry and their families.

Director of co-operatives department U Kyaw Hlaing, Deputy Director of directorate of trade U Myat Tun Kyaw and chairman of Exo gift souvenir shop U Aye Min Oo also arrived back.

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### Chinese cultural festival opens in Bulgaria

SOFIA, 31 May — Top Chinese legislator Wu Bangguo opened the second Chinese culture festival in Bulgaria with a speech stressing the significance of cultural exchanges in international communication and in promoting harmonized co-existence of different nations.

Wu, chairman of the Standing Committee of the Chinese National People's Congress, said activities in the culture festival will help the Bulgarian people learn more about Chinese culture and

the country as a whole. He also said exchanges between different cultures will further the development and prosperity of the cultures involved and promote harmonized co-existence and progress of the whole human society through dialogue and communication.

As the biggest and most comprehensive event of cultural exchanges between China and Bulgaria since the two countries established diplomatic ties 55 years ago, the festival will last for three weeks. To be presented to Bulgarian au-

diences will be Chinese movies and arts and the Chinese language. Several hundred people, including Bulgarian officials, ambassadors to the country and representatives of all walks of life attended the opening ceremony.

China and Bulgaria signed cultural cooperation agreements twice, in 1952 and 1987 respectively, which mapped out annual cooperation plans on culture, science and education. China has been holding an

average of 25 cultural and art exhibitions a year in Bulgaria in recent years. Cultural exchanges between the two countries reached a new high in 2003 when China held its first culture festival in Bulgaria.

Wu arrived here Friday for a two-day official good-will visit after wounding up a weeklong visit to Russia, the first leg of his four-nation tour, which will also take him to Denmark and Norway.

MNA/Xinhua

### HK expects double-digit GDP growth in 2nd quarter

HONG KONG, 31 May — Hong Kong Chief Executive Tung Chee Hwa said Saturday that it is possible that Hong Kong's GDP growth will reach double-digit in the second quarter of this year.

"Although there are uncertainties further down the road, I am optimistic about our economy as we forge ahead," Tung said when addressing at the opening ceremony of the 26th Asia Pacific Dental Congress.

The GDP growth of Hong Kong reached 6.8 per cent in the first quarter.

Tung said the future of Hong Kong economic development depends on ensuring access to the Chinese Mainland market for businesses and professionals, and on building the ca-

pacities of service needed.

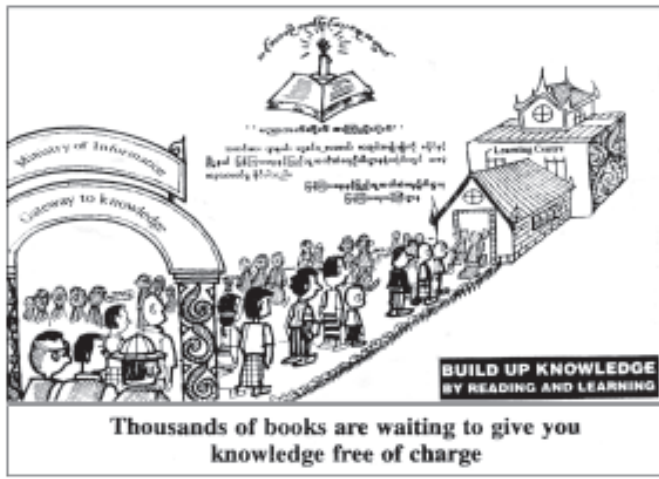
While ensuring greater access to the Mainland market, Tung said the Hong Kong Government needs to work with colleagues in Guangdong Province to ensure that Hong Kong will be a major player in the growth of the Pearl River Delta and beyond.

To sustain Hong Kong's position as Asia's leading financial centre, Tung emphasized that Hong Kong must, in the long run, be an offshore renminbi centre.

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Shwe Gabar Housing Estate constructed by Yangon City Development Committee and Shwe Gabar Maung Maung Construction Group (News page1). — MNA



## ADVERTISEMENTS

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### Ministry of Finance & Revenue The Internal Revenue Department Income Tax and Profit Tax Directorate Notice for filing of return of income

- All tax payers who have been assessed to tax under the profit Tax Law and those having income amounting to Kyats 10001 and above during the income year 2003/2004 are hereby informed of the necessity to file the return of income, duly filled in and personally signed, in the respective Township Revenue Office, not later than 30 June, 2004.
- All Co-operative societies which have been assessed to tax under the income Tax Law and those Co-operative societies having income amounting to Kyats 30001 and above during the income year 2003-2004 are also required to file the return of income, duly filled-in and signed by the chairman or the secretary of the society concerned, in the respective Township Revenue Offices not later than 30 June, 2004. Moreover Companies, Joint venture enterprises and other taxpayers who are covered by the Income Tax Law are also required to file the return of income, duly filled-in and properly signed in the respective Township Revenue Office not later than aforesaid date.
- Persons having income amounting to Kyats 30001 and above solely under the head "Salaries" during the income year 2003-2004 are not required to file the return of income in respect of their salary income as the tax had been paid thereon by way of deduction at source. However, the employer is responsible for furnishing the Annual Salary Statement in the respective Township Revenue Office, not later than 30 June, 2004.
- Prescribed forms of return of income and Annual Salary Statement are available free of charge at the Township Revenue Offices. The Return can be filed in the person or sent by registered post. A receipt will be issued by the Township Revenue Office concerned in case the return is filed in person.
- Further information can be obtained from Township Revenue Offices and Companies Circle Tax Office.

Director  
Income Tax and Profit Tax Directorate

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## ပြည်တွင်းပြင်ကိုအားပေးပါ

### Chirac calls for multilateralism, ratifying Int'l Criminal Court

GUADALAJARA(Mexico), 31 May — French President Jacques Chirac Friday called for strengthening multi-lateralism and the ratification of the International Criminal Court in The Hague, Netherlands.

The United States is not among the 90 countries that have ratified their adherence to the court. Addressing the third summit of the European Union, Latin American and Caribbean countries opening here, Chirac warned that the

multilateral system must be legitimized.

"On the UN Security Council, its enlargement is imposed in both categories of members," he said, referring to calls from leaders of countries from both sides of the Atlantic for a strengthened United Nations and an enlarged Security Council.

"In economic and social

affairs we need an intergovernmental forum capable of politically promoting the whole of the multilateral system and improve its coherence," Chirac said.

He said that growing interdependence and international scourges could only be controlled with measures of a general character.

MNA/Xinhua

### WTO chief pledges more support for Rwanda

KIGALI, 31 May — The World Trade Organization (WTO) Director-General Supachai Panitchpakdi hailed Rwanda over the achievements it has obtained during the past ten years, saying WTO will continue its support for the Central African country.

Supachai said after meeting with Rwandan President Paul Kagame that Rwanda is one of the countries in the world that have achieved some of its main goals and he also praised the unity and reconciliation of Rwandans after the 1994 genocide.

"With no doubt, one can observe that Rwanda has achieved a lot both in

economy, social and political which we as WTO can base on in supporting this country," said Supachai, adding that "as long as any country is united, then development activities are well assured".

Supachai mentioned the importance of New Partnership for African Development (NEPAD), saying the programme "brings together the continents ideas and we feel through the harmony of Africans, they will have to sustain themselves".

"Without a fairer international trade, there wouldn't be development in Africa," he said.

MNA/Xinhua

### Mercosur, EU to improve offers for trade accord

GUADALAJARA (Mexico), 31 May — The Common Market of the South (Mercosur) and the European Union (EU) agreed Friday to exchange improved offers, thereby preparing the ground for the signing in October of a bilateral trade agreement.

"As of Tuesday, we will exchange the requests to improve the different lists, both in goods and in services. The advance was good and the basis to conclude the accord is being set," said Argentine Vice-Foreign Minister Martin Redrado. On Friday, Mercosur, comprising Argentina, Brazil, Paraguay and

Uruguay, and the EU concluded the negotiations on concessions, granted in the agricultural sector by the Europeans and in the goods and services areas by the South Americans, as part of the efforts to reach a wider accord.

The negotiations on the accord have been going on for four years. The problem is that the EU seeks to further participate in the services and investment sectors of the South American bloc, areas that are very important to Brazil, while Mercosur wishes to increase the exports of raw materials and byproducts. —MNA/Xinhua



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### CLAIMS DAY NOTICE MV BOUGAINVILLE VOY NO (059)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV BOUGAINVILLE Voy No (059) are hereby notified that the vessel arrives on 1-6-04 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of M.I.P 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 upto 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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### ARRIVAL/CLAIMS DAY NOTICE MV "MANDALAY" VOY NO 127/N

Consignees of cargo carried on MV "MANDALAY" Voy: No 127/N are hereby notified that the vessel will arrive at Yangon port on 2-6-2004 and will be berthing on about 3-6-2004 and cargoes will be discharged into the premises of Myanma Port Authority 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 11:30 am and 12 noon to 4 pm upto Claims Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from vessel.

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

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## 60,000 Chinese smokers join Int'l Quit-smoking Competition

**BEIJING, 31 May** — Nearly 60,000 Chinese smokers joined the International Quit & Win 2004, a smoking cessation competition initiated by Finland.

"The number of Chinese participants this year almost doubled the figure of last competition in 2002, covering 25 provinces, prefectures and cities including Henan and Yunnan-two of China's major tobacco-growing provinces," Jiang Zuojun, China's Deputy Health Minister, said here Sunday at a conference marking the 17th World No Tobacco Day.

The International Quit & Win 2004 is being held in May 2004 in some 100 countries world wide.

According to the regulation, if participants, adult daily smokers who have smoked for at least one year, can abstain from smoking and using tobacco products for a four-week period starting from May 2, they may

have the opportunity of getting a 10,000 yuan (about 1,209 US dollars) prize from the Chinese Government and a 10,000-US-dollar prize from the World Health Organization (WHO).

As the world's biggest tobacco producer and consumer, China has approximately 300 million tobacco smokers.

Jiang said every year, nearly one million Chinese died of diseases related to tobacco smoking, exceeding the total death toll of tuberculosis, HIV/AIDS, confinement diseases, traffic accident and suicide.

"The task of tobacco control in China is immense and challenges are enormous," Jiang said.

In order to boost public

awareness to the dangers of tobacco, China has remained an active participant to the International Quit & Win since 1996.

In November last year, China signed the Framework Convention on Tobacco Control (FCTC), the first public health treaty ever negotiated under the auspices of WHO.

"There are many items on the FCTC agenda that China has been implementing for quite a while, and others are gathering steam," said Henk Bekedam, WHO Representative in China.

"WHO applauds China for such efforts, as the country continues along the path to ratification of the FCTC," he said.

MNA/Xinhua

## Recovering Haiti villages seen vulnerable to mudslides

**PORT-AU-PRINCE (Haiti), 31 May**—The villages near the centre of Haiti's flooding disaster are at risk for more mudslides of the type that contributed to deaths of 2,000 people last week, foreign aid workers said on Sunday.

As US Army helicopters flew food and water over mountains to the southeastern town of Mapou, Red Cross groups said surveys of the surrounding area showed Bawa and other villages appeared vulnerable to more mudslides.

"At Bawa, 150 households are in danger; at least 55 have been buried and 32 are still missing," a Red Cross official said. "The villages are threatened by accumulations of mud and rocks on mountains that could come down on the villages".

Mapou, an isolated town some 25 miles from Port-au-Prince, was hard hit last week by torrential rains that have

left an estimated 2,000 people dead in Haiti and the Dominican Republic, the more prosperous of the two countries which share the Caribbean island of Hispaniola.

As many as 1,000 of the dead were in Mapou, which was engulfed by floods, officials say. Roads to Mapou were damaged by torrents of mud and water that swept down hillsides and submerged the town.

The US helicopters, on Sunday delivered tons of food and water, according to US Marine Lieutenant-Colonel Dave Lapan.

Emergency supplies transported by helicopter in recent days have included

medicines, tarps, plastic sheeting and a small boat meant to help workers searching for possible survivors and corpses, Lapan said.

Last week's flooding ravaged the crops and livestock of poor farmers who scratch out a living and piled misery onto already desperate conditions in Haiti, the poorest country in the Americas. Average per capita annual income for Haiti's 8 million people is about 300 US dollars. A small earthquake rattled the southern border of Haiti and the Dominican Republic on Saturday but there were no reports of further deaths or destruction.

—MNA/Reuters

## Cholera kills 7 more Ugandans

**KAMPALA, 31 May** — Cholera killed seven people recently in Kayunga District, about 100 kilometres from Kampala, bringing to 24 the total number of people died of the disease since it broke out in Uganda in February, the *New Vision* newspaper reported Saturday.

It quoted Kayunga Hospital medical superintendent Ahmed Matovu as saying that three died last week in the hospital and four others died in their homes.

Matovu said the Ugandan Health Ministry has sent health workers to the area to contain the situation and the district has set up a camp to accommodate cholera suspects. In the country's north-western district of Nebbi, 12 people have died out of the 258 cases since February and the disease has also killed five in Kampala since the epidemic broke out.

MNA/Xinhua

## HK food supplier urged to keep proper hygienic practices

**HONG KONG, 31 May**—Lunch box suppliers and food manufacturers in Hong Kong may face penalties or have their licences revoked if they fail to follow the law and licence conditions to ensure food safety.

Philip Ho, acting deputy director of Hong Kong Food and Environmental Hygiene, said Saturday that the food at a Tseung Kwan O Primary School where there was a suspected food poisoning outbreak on 24 May has been found to have been contaminated by *Staphylococcus aureus*.

Speaking on a radio talk show, Ho said among the food samples taken during

## Ex-US football star likely "friendly fire" victim

**WASHINGTON, 31 May**—Corporal Patrick Tillman, killed in Afghanistan last month after spurning a 3.6-million-US-dollar football contract to join the special forces, was probably shot by his own comrades in the confusion of battle, the military said on Saturday.

An investigation of the 22 April death of Tillman, 27, an ex-safety for the National Football League's Arizona Cardinals, did not blame any individual.

Previous military statements had suggested Tillman, perhaps the best-known US casualty of the Iraq and Afghan campaigns, had been killed by enemy fire.

"While there was no one specific finding of fault, the investigation results indicate that Corporal Tillman died as a probable result of friendly fire while his unit was engaged in combat with enemy forces," the US Central Command said in a statement.

The term "friendly fire"

is used by the military to describe an accidental or mistaken attack on one's own forces or allies.

Tillman's elite Army Ranger platoon was ambushed by 10 to 12 fighters firing small arms and mortars while on patrol at about 7.30 pm near Khost, in south-eastern Afghanistan, the Army Special Operations Command said in Fort Bragg, North Carolina.

MNA/Reuters

## Chinese experts to help build water silos in Nigeria

**LANZHOU, 31 May**—Eight Chinese specialists will be sent from northwest China's Gansu Province to Nigeria on Saturday to teach locals expertise on rain water utilization.

Li Yuanhong, president of the Gansu Provincial Academy of Water Resources, said the eight specialists, who are from the Water Resources Institute attached to the Gansu Provincial Department of Water Resources and the Dingxi County Bureau of Water Resources in the province, would stay in Jigawa State for three to six months.

During their stay, they will help build silos and train local residents in rainwater collection, said Li, who is



Sand sculpture : A sand sculpture representing soldiers landing on a beach sits in Vierville-sur-mer, which was known as Omaha beach on D-Day. — INTERNET

## Envoy says Libya's African policy remain unchanged

**HARARE, 31 May**—The Libyan envoy Ali Treiki said Friday when meeting with the Zimbabwean President Robert Mugabe, that Libya's African policy remain unchanged after its shift to reconcile with some Western countries.

"I do not think that agreement with the Western countries has something to do with Africa. We will never forget what Africa did for us and there will be no change in the African policy," he said.

Ali Treiki, the special representative of Libyan leader Colonel Moammar Kadafi on African affairs, led the Libyan delegation here at Zimbabwe House to discuss ways to strengthen bilateral relations between the two countries.

Treiki told reporters after the meeting "We have discussed how to strengthen bilateral relations between

our two countries and how to strengthen the African Union and the need for an African Army to defend the continent."

"On the economic side, we discussed about wheat and maize production and as Africa, we should have a policy on trade because we cannot stand competition from the bigger countries," he added.

Treiki also paid tribute to Zimbabwe and Namibia for playing a leading role in bringing peace in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC).

MNA/Xinhua

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## SPORTS

## Portugal stroll to 3-0 win over Luxembourg

AGUEDA (Portugal), 31 May— First half goals gave Portugal a 3-0 win over Luxembourg on Saturday in their penultimate run-out before Euro 2004.

Midfielder Luis Figo opened the scoring from a 20-metre free kick 14 minutes into the match. Striker Nuno Gomes doubled the lead after 28 minutes with a shot inside the box after a neat pass by Rui Costa.

Costa made it 3-0 with a 30-metre low shot eight minutes from the break, his 24th goal for the Portuguese team.

In the second half, Portugal played at walking pace but substitute playmaker Deco Sousa missed two good chances to increase the lead.

Portugal went through the first half without six members of the Porto team who were crowned European champions in Germany on Wednesday, coach Luiz Felipe Scolari calling on them only after the interval.

Portugal play Lithuania on June 5 in Setubal before opening Euro 2004 against Group A opponents Greece on June 12. — MNA/Reuters



Igor Andreev of Russia serves to Julien Benneteau of France at the French Open in Paris, on 29 May, 2004. Andreev defeated Benneteau 7-6, 7-6, 6-3. —INTERNET

## Palermo, Cagliari, Livorno promoted to Serie A

MILAN, 31 May — Palermo, Cagliari and Livorno earned promotion to Serie A with wins on Saturday.

Sicilians Palermo beat Triestina 3-1 to move nine points clear of sixth place with just two games remaining and secure top-flight football after a 31-year absence.

Cagliari and Livorno both had 77 points after their victories on Saturday ensured that sixth-placed Fiorentina, on 70 points, could not catch them. Sardinian side Cagliari beat Salernitana 3-1 while Livorno enjoyed a 3-1 victory at Piacenza.

Five teams are promoted to Serie A this season as the top flight will expand to 20 teams with just three automatic relegations.

The sixth-placed side will play off with Perugia, who finished 14th in Serie A, for a place in Italy's top league. Ancona, Modena and Empoli were the three teams relegated from Serie A. — MNA/Reuters

## Werder seal first double with Cup triumph

BERLIN, 31 May— Bundesliga champions Werder Bremen sealed their first domestic double with a 3-2 victory over Alemannia Aachen in a thrilling German Cup final on Saturday.

Two goals from midfielder Tim Borowski helped the northerners to tame their brave Second-Division opponents, who battled hard despite playing the last 15 minutes with 10 men.

Borowski put Werder ahead at the Olympic stadium when he latched on to a Fabian Ernst pass and slammed the ball home from 11 metres on 31 minutes.

Croatian striker Ivan Klasnic doubled the advantage with a low-angled drive from inside the box just before halftime.

Westerners Aachen, who mounted a spirited challenge, pulled one back in the 51st minute with a superb headed goal from defender Stefan Blank, a former Werder player.

Alemannia's chances received a blow when midfielder George Stanley Mwando was sent off in the 75th minute for a dangerous tackle on Borowski, who raced into the box to score his second goal of the night nine minutes later.

However, Aachen went down fighting, Dutch striker Erik Meijer giving them a second goal in added time.

Four-times German champions Werder are proven Cup specialists, having now lifted the trophy five times. Never before, though, had they won the league and Cup titles in the same season.

They became the fourth German club to do so. Bayern Munich achieved it four times and Schalke 04 and Cologne did it once.

With Werder entering the Champions League, Aachen will play in the UEFA Cup despite losing their third final after 1953 and 1965.

The difference in class between both sides was never obvious, even after Aachen trailed 2-0 at halftime.

Werder survived a couple of scares in the first 30 minutes, notably when midfielder Ivica Grlic fired over the crossbar from the edge of the box on 14 minutes. A minute later Werder defender Mladen Krstajic nearly scored an own goal with a header that went just wide.

MNA/Reuters

## Poland beat Greece 1-0 in lacklustre friendly

SZCZECIN (Poland), 31 May — Poland handed Euro championship-bound Greece a 1-0 defeat in a lacklustre friendly on Saturday.

The winner was scored in the 16th minute from a 35-metre free kick by midfielder Jackek Krzynowek whose looping shot was deflected into the net by defender Michalis Kapsis. It was Poland's ninth victory in 13 matches against Greece, who produced a largely restrained performance.

Several second half chances were kept out by Poland's reserve keeper Artur Boruc.

Greece play in the opening game of Euro 2004 against Group A opponents Portugal on June 12. — MNA/Reuters

## Goor penalty gives Belgium 1-0 win over Dutch

EINDHOVEN (Netherlands), 31 May— The Netherlands were well short of the form they will need for a shot at the Euro 2004 title in Portugal next month in an embarrassing 1-0 home defeat by Belgium in a warm-up on Saturday.

Captain Bart Goor converted a penalty 12 minutes from time to seal Belgium's first win against the Dutch since the 1994 World Cup finals in the United States after defender Johnny Heitinga fouled striker Mbo Mpenza.

The Dutch were without the injured Mark van Bommel and Rafael van der Vaart, while coach Dick Advocaat started with Ruud van Nistelrooy and Roy Makaay on the bench.

Belgium almost made a dream start but Edwin van der Sar blocked Vincent Kompany's far post header from a Goor free kick on the line in the third minute.

The Dutch controlled the match in the first half but hardly convinced as their 4-4-2 line-up, with two central strikers in Patrick Kluivert and Pierre van Hooijdonk, failed to trouble the tight Belgian defence.

Just past the half hour, the Netherlands had their first fluent attack set up by Clarence Seedorf, who reached van Hooijdonk in the box. The striker crossed but Philip Cocu's header was fisted clear by keeper Tristan Peersman.

On the stroke of halftime, Giovanni van Bronckhorst had a shot from a deflected corner cleared off the line by Sven Vermant.

Advocaat changed his tactics to 4-3-3 after the interval and brought on Andy van

der Meijde in place of Kluivert while Zenden was posted on the left flank.

Five minutes into the second half a superb volley from Wesley Sneijder came back off the bar.

Despite the changes, the Dutch continued to lack inspiration while the defensive Belgians bet on a successful counter-attack with maximum results after 78 minutes.

"It seems a habit that we start the preparation for a major tournament with a defeat, but maybe my players now understand what is required," Advocaat said.

"I am disappointed about the fact that despite playing with Kluivert and van Hooijdonk we hardly created anything.

"We missed a passionate player like Edgar Davids, that was obvious," he said. Midfield Dynamo Davids was rested. Belgium's coach Aime Anthuenis said: "I don't have to underline that I'm very pleased with this result against opponents in the world's top 10.

"To say that the Dutch performed poorly, and I am sure my colleague (Advocaat) will say they did, would undermine our victory and that would not be right."

The Netherlands will play the Faroe Islands on Tuesday and Ireland on Saturday in further warm-ups before their opening Euro 2004 match in Group D against Germany on June 15 in Porto. —MNA/Reuters

## Nigeria beat Ireland 3-0 in friendly

LONDON, 31 May— A fleet and resourceful Nigeria beat Ireland 3-0 on Saturday in the first of three international friendlies at Charlton Athletic's London ground, with the 21-year-old Bartholomew Ogbeche scoring a brace of goals.

Despite some imprecise passing and the absence of many of their highest-profile players, Nigeria dominated both halves of the first match in the round-robin Unity Cup tournament between the Republic of Ireland, Nigeria and Jamaica. Ogbeche put Nigeria ahead in the 36th minute with a low shot from just inside the penalty area that ricocheted in off the left-hand post.

Ogbeche, on loan from Paris St. Germain to Corsican club Bastia, had rattled the other upright in the 19th minute.

Inter Milan's Obafemi Martins doubled Nigeria's lead in the 50th minute, running from mid-field against

a retreating Irish defence to fire low across goal into the right-hand corner.

Irish goalkeeper Nicky Colgan was bested in the 69th minute by Martins, who laid the ball across to Ogbeche to complete Ireland's defeat.

Ireland rarely threatened Nigeria and their best chance was an 83rd-minute header

from the energetic Robbie Keane which forced keeper Sunday Rotimi to palm the ball on to the post.

A crowd of fewer than 7,500, mostly Irish fans watched the encounter. Jamaica will play Nigeria on Monday and Ireland on Wednesday.

MNA/Reuters

## Italy bounce back at Euro under-21 championship

BERLIN, 31 May— European Under-21 championship specialists Italy bounced back with a 2-1 victory over Serbia & Montenegro in their second Group A game on Saturday.

Italy, the winners of four of the last six editions of the tournament, had started their campaign with a 2-1 defeat by surprise package Belarus on Thursday.

A goal in each half from striker Giuseppe Sculli gave Italy a 2-0 lead 53 minutes into the game in Bochum. Serbia & Montenegro pulled one back through midfielder Simon Vukcevic four minutes from time. Belarus moved close to a semifinal spot with a 1-1 draw with Croatia in Oberhausen in the other Group A game played on Saturday.

Defender Mario Lucic opened the scoring for Croatia on 38 minutes but Belarus equalized against the run of play with eight minutes left courtesy of defender Pavel Kirilchik.

MNA/Reuters

## Croatia beat feeble Slovaks in Euro 2004 warm-up

RIEKA (Croatia), 31 May— Croatia beat lacklustre Slovakia 1-0 on Saturday in a Euro 2004 warm-up meant to help Croatia coach Otto Baric get a definite picture of the squad he will take to Portugal.

Ivica Olic brought Croatia a victory with a close range header in the 29th minute after midfielder Milan Rapaic set him up with a precise left wing cross.

Croatia were without top strikers Dado Prso of Monaco, who has a minor injury, and Ivan Klasnic who was on duty for Werder Bremen in the German Cup final.

Baric seems to have found in Kaiserslautern's Nenad Bjelica a creative playmaker, a position he has been trying to fill for months. He will announce his 23-man squad on Monday.

Before heading for Portugal, Croatia play Denmark in Copenhagen on June 5. In Portugal, the Croats are in Group B with England, France and Switzerland. —MNA/Reuters



Spain's national team players Raul Gonzalez, left, and David Albelda, right go for the ball with an unidentified player during training on the outskirts of Madrid, on 29 May, 2004, in preparation for the Euro 2004 soccer championships in Portugal. —INTERNET



## MRTV-3


**1-6-2004 (Tuesday)  
(Programme Schedule)  
Morning Transmission  
(9:00 - 10:00)**

- 9:00 Signature Tune  
9:02 Greeting  
9:02 Song of Myanmar  
9:06 Beauty & Scenic  
9:10 Sights "Mingalabar"  
9:12 Home Sweet Home  
9:12 Art of Carving On  
9:15 Fruits  
9:20 National News  
9:25 Indicate Art of Silver-  
9:25 smith  
9:25 Dance of the Couple  
9:30 National News  
9:35 Marine Products in  
9:40 Myeik  
9:40 Myanmar modern  
9:45 Song "Auspicious  
9:45 Day, May 17th (2)"  
9:50 National News  
9:50 Architecture of the  
9:58 Great Ananda  
9:58 Song of Myanmar  
Beauty & Scenic  
Sights "Come and See  
Myanmar"

**1-6-2004 (Tuesday)  
Evening Transmission  
(15:30 - 17:30)**

- 15:30 Signature Tune  
15:32 Greeting  
15:32 Song of Myanmar  
15:36 Beauty & Scenic  
15:40 Sights "Myanmar Pano-  
15:40 rama & Myanma Sen-  
15:42 timent"  
15:45 Home Sweet Home  
15:45 National News  
15:50 Intricate Art of Silver-  
15:55 smith  
15:55 Dance of the Couple  
16:00 National News  
16:05 Medicinal Plants at  
16:10 Popa Mountain Park  
16:10 Myanmar Modern  
16:12 Song "Auspicious  
16:15 Day, May 17th (2)"  
16:20 Marine Products of  
16:25 Myeik  
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16:20 Architecture of the  
16:25 Great Ananda  
16:25 Song of Myanmar

- 16:30 Beauty & Scenic  
16:35 Sights "Mingalabar"  
16:35 National News  
16:40 Central Agricultural  
16:40 Research Institute  
16:40 Melodious Myanmar  
16:45 Harp (Auspicious  
16:45 Blessing)  
16:45 National News  
16:50 Mandalay-Lashio-  
16:50 Muse Union Highway  
16:55 Kayah Dance  
16:58 Art in Glass Bottles  
17:00 National News  
17:05 Artistic Touch  
17:10 Song "Where does  
17:10 love begin?"  
17:15 National News  
17:20 Finished Products of  
17:20 Teak  
17:28 Song of Myanmar  
17:28 Beauty & Scenic  
17:28 Sights "Come and See  
17:28 Myanmar"

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

- 19:30 Signature Tune  
19:32 Greeting  
19:32 Song of Myanmar  
19:36 Beauty & Scenic  
19:36 Sights "Mingalabar"  
19:36 A Glimpses at the  
19:40 Mighty Loggers  
19:40 National News  
19:42 A Gift to Mark a visit  
19:42 to Myitkyina (Kachin  
19:45 - Snack)  
19:45 National News  
19:50 Inlay Wild Bird Sanc-  
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19:55 Kayan Dance  
20:00 National News  
20:10 Health Development in  
20:10 Wa Region  
20:12 Song "Moonlight  
20:12 Flower"  
20:15 National News  
20:20 Tobacco Control and  
20:20 Poverty  
20:25 Song "Invitations from  
20:25 Manaw Land"  
20:30 National News  
20:35 All Lives Under The  
20:35 Sky: "Catch of Fish by  
20:40 Cooperation of Fisher-  
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21:05 A Journey to Research  
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21:10 Dreams"  
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**1-6-2004 (Tuesday) &  
2-6-2004 (Wednesday)  
Evening Transmission &  
Morning Transmission  
(23:30 - 1:30)**

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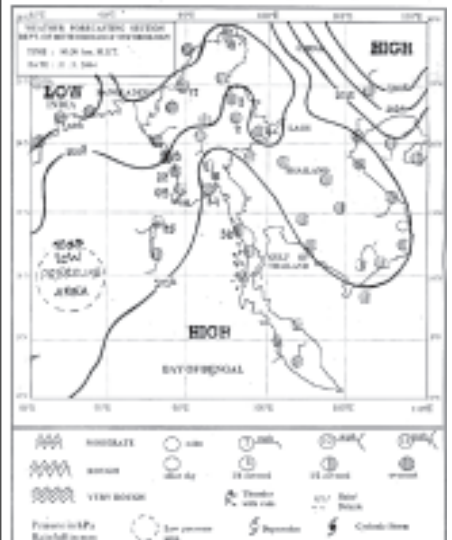
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**2-6-2004 (Wednesday)  
Morning Transmission  
(03:30 - 07:30)**

- 03:30 Signature Tune  
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03:36 Sights "Mingalabar"  
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**Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas**

**WEATHER**
**Monday, 31 May, 2004**

**Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST:** During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Kayah State and lower Sagaing Division and rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Mandalay, Magway and Taninthayi Divisions and scattered to widespread in the remaining areas with isolated with heavyfall in Kachin State. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Putao (3.15) inches, Patheingyi (2.01) inches and central Yangon (1.97) inches.

Maximum temperature on 30-5-2004 was 30.5°C (87°F). Minimum temperature on 31-5-2004 was 20.1°C (68°F). Relative humidity at 9:30 hrs MST on 31-5-2004 was 88%. Total sunshine hours on 30-5-2004 was (2.3) hours approx. Rainfall on 31-5-2004 was 25mm (0.99 inch) at Yangon Airport, 34mm (1.33 inches) at Kaba-Aye and 50mm (1.97 inches) at central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2004 was 433 mm (17.05 inches) at Yangon Airport and 423 (16.65 inches) at Kaba-Aye and 529mm (20.83 inches) at central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was 14 mph from South at (16:00) hours MST on 30-5-2004.

**Bay inference:** The low pressure area over South Bay persists. Monsoon is generally weak to moderate in the Bay of Bengal.

**Forecast valid until evening of 1-6-2004:** Rain or thundershowers will be isolated in lower Sagaing Division, scattered in Kachin, Shan Chin and Kayah States, upper Sagaing, Mandalay, Magway and Taninthayi Divisions, and widespread in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (80%). **State of these:** Seas will be moderate in Myanmar areas. **Outlook for subsequent two days:** Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers in northern Myanmar areas.

**Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 1-6-2004:** One or two rains or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%). **Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 1-6-2004:** Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

**Earthquake Report**

(Issued at 13:30 hours MST on Today)  
An earthquake of moderate intensity (5.6) Richter Scale with its epicenter outside of Myanmar about (379) miles Southwest of Kaba-Aye seismological observatory was recorded at (08)hrs (22) min (32)sec MST on 31st May 2004.

**Storm News**

(Issued at 15:00 hours MST on Today)  
According to the observations at 12:30hrs MST today the low pressure area over South Bay has intensified into a depression and centered at about (330) miles Southwest of Patheingyi. It is likely to intensify further and move North Northeast direction.

Under the influences of this depression, squalls with moderate to rough seas are likely at times off an along Gulf of Mottama, Deltaic and Rakhine coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (40) mph.


**Tuesday, June 1  
View today:**
**7:00 am**

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**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. ကော့ကုန်းဆရာတော်

**8:10 am**

6. အကုသိုလ်

**8:20 am**

7. Song of Yesteryear

**8:30 am**

8. International news

**8:45 am**

9. Grammar made easy

**4:00 pm**

1. Martial song

**4:15 pm**

2. Songs to uphold  
National Spirit

**4:30 pm**

3. English For Everyday Use

**4:45 pm**

4. Musical programme

**5:00 pm**

5. အခမဲ့သင်တန်းသို့လ် ပညာရေး  
ရရှိနိုင်သည့် သင်ခန်းစာ  
- ဒုတိယပုဒ်  
(ဓာတ်ပုံအသုံးပြု) (ဓာတ်ပုံအသုံးပြု)

**5:15 pm**

6. Dance of national races

**5:30 pm**

7. အိမ်ထောင်ရေးသို့ တိုင်းရင်းသား

**5:35 pm**

8. ဓမ္မာနုပဿနာစာတော်

**5:45 pm**

9. သာသနာ့ရေး၊ ငြိမ်းချမ်းရေး

**5:55 pm**

10. Sing and enjoy

**6:30 pm**

11. Evening news

**7:00 pm**

12. Weather report

**7:05 pm**

13. ဝိသုဒ္ဓိသင်တန်း၊ ဝိသုဒ္ဓိသင်တန်း  
ဓမ္မနုပဿနာစာတော်

**7:20 pm**

14. The mirror images of

**7:30 pm**

- musical oldies

**7:40 pm**

15. ကျွန်ုပ်တို့၏ ငွေသင်္ချာ ပြဿနာ  
(အိမ်ထောင်ရေးသို့ တိုင်းရင်းသား  
ဓမ္မနုပဿနာစာတော်)

**7:40 pm**

16. ကော့ကုန်းဆရာတော်ဘုရား

**8:00 pm**

17. News

**8:10 pm**

18. International news

**8:20 pm**

19. Weather report

**8:30 pm**

20. နိုင်ငံခြားစာတော်လမ်းညွှန်  
"အခမဲ့သင်တန်း" (အခမဲ့သင်တန်း)

**8:40 pm**

21. The next day's programme


**Tuesday, June 1  
Tune in today:**

- 8.30 am Brief news  
8.35 am Music: Miss you finally (At Project)  
8.40 am Perspectives  
8.45 am Music: Why (Tiggy)  
8.50 am National news/  
Slogan  
9.00 am Music: You are my  
babe (Dohnna)  
9.05 am International news  
9.10 am Music: Wedggy (Big  
Bass)  
1.30 pm News/Slogan  
1.40 pm Lunch Time Music  
- Hello darling  
(Tracy Huang)  
- I love you (Celine  
Dion)  
- Truly mady  
deeply (Savage  
garden)  
9.00 pm English Lesson:  
Look Ahead (14)  
9.15 pm Article/Music  
9.25 pm Weekly sports reel  
9.35 pm Music for your  
listening pleasure  
- Just to have you  
(Jennifer Paige)  
9.45 pm News/Slogan  
10.00 pm PEL

## Prime Minister honours Tipitakadhara Tipitaka Kovida Title recipient Sayadaw

YANGON, 31 May — A ceremony to honour the Presiding Sayadaw of Sunlungu Monastery in Thingangyun Township Sayadaw Ashin Sundhara, a title recipient Sayadaw of Tipitakadhara Tipitaka Kovida, was held yesterday afternoon at the monastery and Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt presented offertories to the Sayadaw.

It was also attended by Vice-Chairman of the State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Agga Maha Pandita Agga Maha Saddhamma Jotikadhaja Thayet Sayadaw Bhaddanta Kesara and member Sayadaws, Chairman of Tipitakadhara Tipitaka Kovida Selection Examination Board Abhidhaja Maha Rattha Guru Sayadaw Bhaddanta Vijayabhivamsa of Webyan Monastery in Mawlamyine, members of the Sangha and nuns, Chairman of Yangon

Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe, ministers and deputy ministers, officials of the State Peace and Development Council Office, departmental heads and officials and wellwishers.

First, the congregation received the Five Precepts from Sayadaw Bhaddanta Kesara. Next, an official read out the brief biography of the Sayadaw Ashin Sundhara. Next, Sayadaw Ashin Sundhara delivered a sermon.

Afterwards, Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt presented robes and offertories to Thayet Sayadaw Bhaddanta Kesara and Sayadaw Ashin Sundhara. Similarly, the commander, ministers, deputy ministers and officials presented robes and offertories to the Members of the Sangha. —MNA



Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt presents robes to title recipient Sayadaw Tipitakadhara Tipitaka Kovida Ashin Sundhara. — MNA

Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt inspects new two-storey building of No 10 Basic Education Middle School in Ywama West Ward in Insein Township on 30 May. — MNA



## Prime Minister attends conclusion of special summer course on Yamaik and Pahtan in Insein

YANGON, 31 May—The conclusion ceremony of special summer course on Yamaik and Pahtan was held at Insein Ywama Pariyatti Sathintaik in Insein Township yesterday, attended by Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt.

Also present were State Ovadacariya Insein Ywama Pariyatti Sathintaik Presiding Nayaka Sayadaw Agga Maha Pandita Bhaddanta Nandavamsa, members of

the Sangha led by Vice-Chairman of the State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Agga Maha Pandita Agga Maha Saddhammajotikadhaja Thayet Sayadaw Bhaddanta Kesara, Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe, the ministers, the deputy ministers, officials of the State Peace and Develop-

ment Council Office, departmental officials, social organizations, wellwishers and disciples.

The Prime Minister and party took the Eight Precepts from Thayet Sayadaw Bhaddanta Kesara. Next, instructor Sayadaw Agga Maha Pandita Bhaddanta Tilokabhivamsa reported on the course.

The Prime Minister and party presented offertories (See page 8)

## Coord meeting of NCCC, Work Committee, Management Committee held

YANGON, 31 May — A coordination meeting of National Convention Convening Commission, Work Committee and Management Committee was held at the meeting hall of Anawrahta Yeiktha, Nyaungnapin Camp, Hmawby, at 9.30 am today.

Present at the meeting were Chairman of NCCC Secretary-2 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein and members of NCCC, Chairman of the Work Committee Chief

Justice U Aung Toe and members of the Work Committee, Chairman of Management Committee Auditor-General Maj-Gen Lun Maung and members of Management Committee.

During the meeting, Joint-Secretary-2 of NCCC Director-General of Pyithu Hluttaw Office U Myint Thein acted as master of ceremonies. At the meeting, Chairman of NCCC Secretary-2 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein discussed matters on placing

emphasis on security, holding for group-wise discussions, measures to be taken for group-wise paper compilation, holding of the Plenary Meeting, health condition for delegates undergoing treatment, food and accommodation for delegates, activities on physical exercises of the delegates, having access for books and papers to be observed.

Next, Secretary of NCCC Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan presented reports on matters relating to National Convention and administrative measures.

Chief Justice U Aung Toe then presented reports on holding for group-wise discussions and Plenary Meetings and Auditor-General Maj-Gen Lun Maung, food and accommodation for delegates, health condition and administrative matters.

Afterwards, those present gave suggestions on successful holding of the National Convention.

In response to the reports, Chairman of NCCC Secretary-2 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein attended to the needs and the meeting ended.

MNA



Secretary-2 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein gives instructions at the coordination meeting of the National Convention Convening Commission, Work Committee and Management Committee. — MNA

**With hands linked firm around the National Convention.**