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Senior General Than Shwe sends condolences to US on demise of former President Mr Ronald Reagan

YANGON, 6 June—Senior General Than Shwe, Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of condolence to the Honourable George W Bush, President of the United States of America, on the demise of the former President of the United States of America, Mr Ronald Reagan.

A similar message of condolence has been conveyed by Senior General Than Shwe to Mrs Nancy Reagan, wife of the late former President Mr Ronald Reagan.—MNA



Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt inspects classrooms of Hlinethaya BEMS No 1.—MNA

Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt attends opening of school buildings at BEMS No 1, BEPPS No 10 in Hlinethaya

YANGON, 6 June—Chairman of Myanmar Education Committee Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt this morning attended the ceremonies to open extensions of No 1 Basic Education Middle School and No 10 Basic Education Post-Primary School in Hlinethaya Township.

Also present on the occasion were 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 Development Council Office, departmental heads, district and township authorities, members of the School Boards of Trustees, Parent-Teacher Associations, townsmen, well-wishers, school heads, teachers, so-

cial organizations and students. The ceremony to open the annexe of Hlinethaya BEMS No 1 was held in Yayokkan Ward at 9 am. Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe, Minister for Construction Maj-Gen Saw Tun and Deputy Minister for Education Col Aung Myo Min formally opened the annexe.

The Prime Minister and party inspected the new

school building and multimedia classroom.

Next, the General and party attended the ceremony to open new school building of Hlinethaya Basic Education Post-Primary School No 10 in Ward 20.

On the occasion, Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe, Minister for Construction Maj-Gen Saw Tun, Deputy Minister for Education Col Aung Myo Min

and well-wisher Chairman U Aung Kyaw of Southern Metal Industry Co Ltd formally opened the building.

Afterwards, the opening ceremony was held at the hall of the school. Director-General U Arnt Kyaw of the Department of Human Settlement and Housing Development reported that the building opened was 264 feet long and 30 feet (See page 9)

Four political objectives

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

Four economic objectives

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

Four social objectives

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

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Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt and party see over factories and workshops in Shwepyitha Industrial Zone and Shwelinpan City of Industry.—MNA

PERSPECTIVES

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Conserve the environment

Since the advent of mankind on Earth, human beings have harnessed the forces of nature to improve their well-being. From the primitive stone age to the present information age, human ingenuity and hard work have brought about tremendous economic and social developments. The rise of science and technology in recent decades has resulted in vast transformations all over the world. These changes have had both positive and negative consequences.

The 2004 World Environment Day, organized by National Commission for Environment Affairs, was observed at Myanmar Information and Communication Technology Park in Hline Township at on 5 June, with an address by Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt. In his address the Prime Minister said that Myanmar is paying greater attention to environmental issues in the country, that in order to promote effective environmental management, the Environmental Conservation Committee has recently been formed and that this Committee and its task forces will implement programmes to effectively address environmental issues in the country.

The nations around the world hold special events on World Environment Day to highlight the important role of the natural environment in supporting and sustaining human life.

The world population now stands at 6.2 billion. It continues to grow each day. The increase in population means greater demand for food, water, energy, housing, and other basic needs. Humans have regarded the Earth and its resources as inexhaustible. They have been mindlessly exploiting these finite resources to meet their growing demands. In the process they have also taken for granted that the Earth can absorb all the waste generated by men. The irrational actions of mankind have thus degraded the Earth and the environment.

Over the past three decades, a large number of international conventions related to the environment have been adopted and are being implemented. At the national level, environmental agencies and ministries have been set up to promote effective environmental management. Nevertheless in most nations, due to the lack of enforcement of environmental laws and regulations and absence of political and financial commitments, the environmental continues to deteriorate. On the positive side, there is growing awareness in the world that economic development cannot be sustained without protecting the environment.

For ensuring sustainable development of the nation, all the entire national people are urged to lend themselves to endeavours to conserve the environment.



Residents of 32nd Street (upper block) in Pabedan Township, Yangon, contributed voluntary service in collectively carrying out sanitation works at drainages in the street on 5 June morning. — (H)

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

Various kinds of health...

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When health care services have been upgraded in major cities public health care services are to be extended in conjunction with public health and community health to rural regions. The Ministry of Health enlisting the strength of the related ministries are to strive together with social organizations in launching public health and community health and public health care services.

Regarding rural development tasks systematic steps are to be taken in the health sector such as acquisition of potable water, using fly-proof latrines, sanitation of surrounding areas, further reducing mortality rate of infants and children under 5, obtaining nourishment with local foods, personal hygiene and fulfillment of health staff.

Arrangements are to be made to produce sufficient number of highly-qualified health staff including doctors, nurses and midwives in the whole country. In control of lethal diseases such as HIV-AIDS, malaria and TB continued efforts are to be made with added momentum for successful realization of the project. Strenuous efforts are to be made to extend school health care services, especially at primary schools in far-flung areas, rural areas and poor suburbs. At a time when marked progress has been made in reducing smoking continued steps are to be taken to reduce over-consumption of alcohol.

The Ministry of Health is to make integrated and well-coordinated efforts together with private sectors to be able to cure every disease by means of sophisticated medical equipment and therapies and to win the trust of the people to rely on its health care services.

As there have been highly-qualified health staff in the nation private sectors are to lend themselves to fulfillment of modern medical equipment and techniques.

The government has been giving priority to development of traditional medicines that has been practiced in successive eras and producing them with modern equipment and techniques. Thus, officials of the Ministry of Health, traditional medicine practitioners and traditional medicine entrepreneurs are to make concerted efforts for successful realization of the project. It is obvious that the Ministry of Health has been able to carry out tasks for ensuring emergency health care services, availability of potable water and prevention of infectious diseases in the natural disaster prone areas. But preventive measures are to be taken in anticipation of such disaster. At the same time, continued efforts are to be made to provide health care services which are carried out season-wise in line with the changes of climate.

Next, Secretary of National Health Committee Dr Kyi Soe reported on implementation of resolutions of the 39th Meeting of the Committee.

Afterwards, Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint reported on implementation of the UN Millennium Vision and others. Next, Deputy Minister Dr Mya Oo reported on selecting of candidates for entrance of 3-year diploma course and one-year course conducted at the Nursing and Midwifery Training Schools under the Medical Science Department. Later, Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Nyunt Tin reported on the findings of technicians and experts of the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation on chemical, biological and radiological materials. Next, Director-General Professor Dr Paing Soe of Medical Research Department (Lower Myanmar) reported on research findings on chemical, biological and radiological materials and suggestions. This was followed by a general round of discussions. Next, NHC Secretary Dr Kyi Soe sought approvals for resolutions of the 40th Meeting of the Committee. The meeting ended with concluding remarks by NHC Chairman Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt. — MNA

Film entertainments to National Convention delegates

YANGON, 6 June — The Entertainment and Welfare Subcommittee of the National Convention Convening Management Committee organizes entertainment programmes for delegates to the National Convention daily at the gymnasium of Nyaungnapin Camp.

Yesterday evening, the delegates were entertained with a film entitled "Nga-ye-tha" (Victim of Hell) directed by Thiha Tin Soe and starred by Thiha Tin Soe, Aung Lwin and Zin Mar Oo. — MNA

POEM:

Sail up, Flag-aflutters our vow

- * Seven times, step by step
- Carefully thought and planned
- Raise the tempo regularly
- Sail up against the tide
- Plants entwined, creepers gain strength
- Prominent Convention
- Brethren of same flesh and blood
- Of all strata in our land
- Victory flag hoisted valiantly
- Interest of the Union
- Kept uppermost.
- * Forward Victory Post Golden Land
- Rowing in the same boat
- Like triple twine, hands held tight
- Both sail and oar employed
- If wind should strike the sail
- Use the strength of the oar
- Let there be impediments
- Not worried even if oar breaks
- Will use hands as oar
- Unrelenting resolve.

Kyaw Saw Han (Trs)



President of MMCWA Dr Daw Khin Win Shwe presents a certificate to a trainee. — MNA

Refresher course for core peer educators concludes

YANGON, 6 June—A closing ceremony of a refresher course on core peer educators took place at the meeting hall of the multi-purpose building of the Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association, at the corner of Thanthuma Street and Parami Road in South Okkalapa Township here this morning. The course was conducted under the teenage reproductive promotion programme jointly organized by the MMCWA, the UNFPA and the IPPF. Present on the occasion were Vice-President of MMCWA Dr Daw Tin Lin Myint and CEC members, Patron of Yangon Division MMCWA Supervision Committee Daw Khin Thet Htay and members, officials of department of health, course instructors and trainees.

First, President of MMCWA Dr Daw Khin Win Shwe made a concluding speech on the occasion. Next, President of MMCWA, Vice-President and Secretary Dr Daw Wai Wai Tha gave completion certificates to the trainees and the ceremony came to a close. — MNA

Commandar, minister inspects railroad sections, bridges

YANGON, 6 June—Minister for Rail Transportation Maj-Gen Aung Min accompanied by Deputy Minister U Pe Than met with service personnel under the ministry at Pyay Station in Pyay on 4 June morning. Later, the minister fulfilled requirements. Afterwards, the minister arrived at Myanaung Station via Kyangin and met with officials. He instructed them to run the train on right time and substitute new rail tracks in place of the old ones. On arrival at Myokwin Bridge, he gave instructions on durability of the bridge and prevention of bank erosion. Yesterday morning, the minister and party inspected durability of Natmaw Bridge. The minister called on Chairman of Ayeyawady Division Peace and Development Council Commander of South-West Command Maj-Gen Soe Naing and reported matters on betterment of Patheingyi-Hinthada-Kyangin railroad section. Next, they inspected Yekyi-Athok-Patheingyi railroad section. — MNA

Six US soldiers killed in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 5 June— Five US soldiers were killed during fighting in a Baghdad neighbourhood, as US and British diplomats finetuned proposals in a revised draft UN Security Council resolution.

Five US soldiers were killed when their convoy was attacked on the edge of Sadr City, a Baghdad slum of two million people that include supporters of radical Shiite cleric Muqtada Sadr.

The slum is named after the cleric's father, murdered during the regime of ousted dictator Saddam Hussein. More than 800 US troops have been killed in Iraq since the March 2003 invasion.

Of those, 490 have died in action since US President George W Bush declared major

combat in Iraq over on 1 May last year.

Meanwhile, a US soldier was killed and three were wounded when a roadside bomb wrecked their vehicle in Baghdad Saturday, a US military spokesman said. "Their vehicle was flipped by an improvised explosive device in northeastern Baghdad," he said.

A burnt-out Humvee smoldered, billowing plumes of black smoke as military medics tended wounded soldiers and at least two military ambulances could be seen.

Internet



US soldiers patrol the streets of the Baghdad, Iraq neighbourhood of Sadr City during morning clashes with armed militants loyal to Shiite cleric Muqtada al-Sadr on 4 June, 2004. —INTERNET

Iraqi Minister sees Chalabi role in new government

UNITED NATIONS, 6 June— Iraqi politician Ahmad Chalabi will have a role to play in the new government taking over in Baghdad on June 30 despite US suspicions he spied for Iran, a top Iraqi Cabinet minister said on Thursday.

"Chalabi still in my view will have a role to play. This is his country," Foreign Minister Hoshiyar Zebari said after appearing before the UN Security Council.

"Chalabi is a friend of ours. He was a leading member of the Governing Council. We are sorry to hear all these difficulties, all these rumours, all this investigation going on," Zebari told reporters. "We are following this news and development with great distress."

Chalabi, a long-time Iraqi exile and Pentagon darling once thought to be a top candidate to lead Iraq after the fall of Saddam Hussein, is under fire in Washington af-

ter officials there, speaking on condition of anonymity, said he was being investigated for leaking secrets to Iran.

Chosen by the United States for a seat on the Iraqi Governing Council formed last year, Chalabi has been a divisive figure in Iraqi politics since the fall of Saddam Hussein. But analysts say the recent US onslaught against him has made him more amenable to ordinary Iraqis.

Chalabi is alleged to have told Iran that the United States had broken secret communication codes used by Teheran's spy service. He has also been accused by some US officials of passing

on false information on weapons of mass destruction to push the United States into invading Iraq.

The Bush Administration last month cut off financial aid to Chalabi's organization, the Iraqi National Congress, and American and Iraqi security forces raided his Baghdad headquarters.

Chalabi said accusations he supplied sensitive intelligence to Iran were unfounded. He has blamed CIA Director George Tenet, who announced his resignation on Thursday, for providing Bush with erroneous information on Iraq's unconventional weapons under Saddam. —MNA/Reuters

China, ASEAN Senior Officials' Consultation ends in Cambodia

SIHANOUKVILLE (Cambodia), 5 June — The two-day 10th China-ASEAN Senior Officials' Consultation ended here Friday with common understandings following in-depth discussions on further cooperation.

The two sides maintained that the strategic partnership between China and the Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN) established in 2003 was a milestone event in the history of the two sides, which marked the relationship between China and ASEAN has entered a

new high level.

During the meeting, the two sides decided to prepare a Joint Declaration for Advancing China-ASEAN Strategic Partnership, and to lay out the cooperation between the two sides in various fields in the next five years.

The meeting also discussed the promotion of ne-

gotiations on China-ASEAN Free Trade Area, speeding up ASEAN integration and the enhancement of cooperation in security in non-traditional areas.

The participants also exchanged views on the regional and international situation.

MNA/Xinhua

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Thousands rally in Paris against Bush, Iraq war

PARIS, 6 June— Thousands of people in the French capital demonstrated against the war in Iraq on Saturday as President Bush met France's Jacques Chirac ahead of ceremonies commemorating the D-Day landings in Normandy.

Wearing T-shirts depicting Bush as a war criminal and carrying banners reading "Bush — Terrorist number one!" and "US troops out of Iraq," a colourful crowd of students, housewives and office workers marched through central Paris.

Police estimated 12,000 took part in the protest. Organizers were not available to give their own estimate.

Demonstrators chanted "Go home" and "Bush — Assassin," but were banned from the area round the Elysee presidential palace, where the two leaders held their talks.

Bush and Chirac were hoping to improve bilateral ties strained by the US-led invasion of Iraq, which France opposed.

As they met, ceremonies were under way in Normandy to mark the 60th anniversary of the Allied D-Day landings in June 1944.

"I hope Chirac stands by France's opposition to sending troops to Iraq," said pro-

tester Micheline Entine, 70.

Eugenie Printezi, a 23-year-old student, said she wanted the foreign troops in Iraq to be withdrawn. "We feel only regret and pity for Bush. That man cares about nothing but his own interests," she said.

A delegation of US citizens joined the march through central Paris. Rob Mohl, an American living in the city, carried a US flag emblazoned with the words: "Honour in 1944. Shame in 2004. I weep for my country."

Another banner read: "I love my country. I hate my president." One American protester, disguised as the Statue of Liberty in a green tunic and with a fake blue tear glued to her painted face, said: "Bush is an embarrassment to the United States. It is very important to see how the world is reacting."

Police sealed off many streets close to the march, and the protests remained peaceful. —Internet

S Africa says UN requires urgent reform

CAPE TOWN, 5 June— South Africa called on Thursday for urgent reform of the United Nations which it said was fast becoming a tool in the hands of powerful Western states.

South Africa's Foreign Affairs Minister Nkosazana Dlamini Zuma told Parliament armed intervention and war in Iraq had created anxiety about the future role of the Security Council in maintaining and preserving international peace and security.

"It (the Security Council) is fast becoming a tool

for the agenda of certain powerful countries...If this continues it is going to become increasingly difficult for the rest of the UN members who feel marginalized to carry out the obligations emanating from the Security Council," she said.

"The United Nations urgently needs to be reformed,"

she said, without elaborating. "The Security Council is losing its status as an agent for our collective security."

South Africa has led demands for changes to the UN Security Council especially since a United States-led decision to invade Iraq without clear Council backing.

MNA/Reuters

Thousands protest in Washington on Iraq

WASHINGTON, 6 June— Thousands protested in Washington in Lafayette Park across the street from the White House Saturday demanding the return of the troops from Iraq.

The father of Nick Berg, the Philadelphia man beheaded by al-Qaida operatives in Iraq last month, spoke out against the Bush administration's policies at the protest.

He urged Americans to "act now to stop war and end racism" and to "take non-violent direct action" to "let our leaders know (that) in this democracy, they have to do a better job of representing what we, the American people want, and what we want is peace now."

Berg said he held "the Bush administration accountable for denying (his) son his

civil rights for the 13 days of his illegal detention," and it of "callous behaviour" which contributed to Nick's death."

The demonstration, organized by the ANSWER Coalition, accused Bush and Defence Secretary Donald Rumsfeld of war crimes. Shouting slogans against the war and demanding an "end to foreign occupation" in Iraq, Haiti and Palestinian territories, the protesters continued their march to the residence of Rumsfeld in downtown Washington. Neither Bush nor Rumsfeld were in Washington. —Internet



Hundreds of anti-war protesters march through downtown Los Angeles, on 5 June, 2004, to call for an end to the US-led occupation of Iraq. —INTERNET

Roadside bomb kills two US soldiers in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 5 June— A roadside bomb killed two American soldiers and wounded two in a series of attacks Saturday against occupation forces and their Iraqi allies, while tensions eased in the Shiite holy cities of Najaf and Kufa just weeks ahead of the transfer of sovereignty to the new Iraqi government.

Meanwhile, radical Shiite cleric Muqtada al-Sadr met in Najaf with Iraq's most influential spiritual leader Grand Ayatollah Ali al-Husseini al-Sistani for the first time since the anti-US cleric launched an uprising against coalition forces in April, an aide to al-Sadr said.

Najaf and Kufa were calm as Iraqi police extended their control after a deal announced Thursday to remove gunmen loyal to al-Sadr from the streets.

Elsewhere, violence persisted, underscoring the grave security threat facing occupation forces and the government set to take power June 30.

Iraq's new prime minister, Iyad Allawi, has called for a halt to attacks on Americans and other foreign soldiers, saying their presence would be needed after the transfer of sovereignty to help improve security.

Allawi said in an interview Saturday with Al-Jazeera television that security would be one of the major tasks of

his new government. He criticized the US decision last year to disband the Iraqi army after Saddam Hussein's regime collapsed. "We will try to resolve these problems and we are looking forward to building a strong Iraq, based on love, peace and brotherhood," Allawi said.

The roadside bombing, which occurred in eastern Baghdad, was the second fatal attack against American troops in the capital in as many days. Five US soldiers were killed and five wounded Friday in an ambush near the Shiite neighborhood Sadr City, an al-Sadr stronghold.

Elsewhere in Sadr City, Al-Sadr's militiamen attacked an Iraqi police station and American soldiers guarding the building returned fire, wounding at least one militiamen, witnesses said.

Assailants also ambushed two civilian sport utility vehicles, favored by Western civilian contractors, on the road to Baghdad's international airport. —Internet



US soldiers assist a wounded soldier, centre, as others secure the area along a highway in Baghdad, Iraq on 5 June, 2004. A roadside bomb killed one US soldier and injured three others in an explosion near the Ministry of the Interior, the US military said.—INTERNET

Vietnam promotes safe usage of medicines

HANOI, 5 June— Seeing many rural residents buy medicines without doctors' prescription, Vietnam has further promoted propaganda about safe usage of drugs.

To encourage more rural people, especially poor ones to undergo medical checks-up and treatment at hospitals and use drugs with prescription, the country is conducting more campaigns on telling them about the importance of the two activities, local newspaper *Family and Society* on Friday quoted director of the Institute for Health, Environment and Development, Pham Huy Dung, as saying.

The Ministry of Health has asked healthcare establishments and localities nationwide to fully conducted health insurance, and organize trips to rural and remote areas to give free medical

examination and treatment to poor people.

Besides, Vietnamese children up to six years old are to receive medical checks-up and treatment free of charge, according to the newly-revised Law on Child Protection, Care and Education.

Now, many rural people in the country, with yearly income per capita of around 250 US dollars, cannot cover expenses at provincial or central hospitals, so they tend to buy medicines themselves without doctor's prescription.

On average, poor people, who have to take medicines 5.4 times a year, buy pharmaceuticals by themselves without doctors' prescription

3.9 times, partly due to being unable to cover hospital expenses, Dung said.

Other reasons for the phenomena include that they are in the habit of purchasing medicines without prescription, take medical advice from their relatives and friends, find it more convenient to go to pharmacies, and have low awareness about the necessity of using drugs with prescription, he added.

Vietnam's pharmaceutical industry recorded annual growth of 15 per cent in recent years. Its annual spending per capita on pharmaceuticals increased to 7.6 US dollars in 2003 from 6.7 dollars in 2002.—MNA/Xinhua

China to make Shanghai World Expo most successful

BEIJING, 5 June— China will try its best to make the World Expo 2010 in Shanghai one of the most successful, most attractive and most memorable international events in history.

Chinese Vice-Premier Wu Yi made the remarks here Thursday at the first meeting of the organization committee of the Shanghai World Expo, which also marked the inauguration of the organization committee.

Wu, also member of the Political Bureau of the Central Committee of the Communist Party of China (CPC) and Chen Liangyu, member of the Political Bureau of the CPC Central

Committee and secretary of the CPC Shanghai Municipal Committee, addressed the meeting attended by officials from concerned departments.

Wu, also head of the organization committee, said the World Expo is a great event for people of all countries to enhance exchanges and cooperation. To successfully hold the Shanghai World Expo is of vital importance to speeding up Chi-

na's reform and opening-up process and boosting the co-operation and exchanges between China and other countries.

At present, she said, the organization committee of the Shanghai World Expo should set down the action programme, and carefully carry out the preparation work, including choosing the song and emblem of the Expo, and promoting publicity.

MNA/Xinhua

Scientists say develop new SARS tracing method

SINGAPORE, 5 June— Scientists in Singapore said on Friday they had developed a faster method of detecting strains of the deadly SARS virus.

A new chip containing a "genetic fingerprint" reduces the length of molecular testing of the flu-like disease to three days from about one week, the Genome Institute of Singapore said.

The faster a strain of severe acute respiratory syndrome (SARS) is pinpointed, the quicker health workers can identify the origin of an outbreak and who else may be infected — critical steps in bringing outbreaks under control.

"It can help to tell where and when an infected individual may have contracted the disease," said Dr. Edison Liu, executive director of the institute, referring to the new chip.

MNA/Reuters

Official says Russia eyes big slice of UAE energy market

ABU DHABI, 5 June— Russia is looking forward to grabbing a big stake in the oil and gas technology market in the United Arab Emirates (UAE), a top Russian diplomat here was quoted by Dubai.com web site as saying Friday.

In an exclusive interview with the media, the official unveiled that Russia was set to finalize important joint projects in the nearest future with Gulf states as part of a new drive targeting the region. Russia has made great strides in technology over the years, particularly in the area of oil and gas. The technology is cost-effective and of top quality in the same time.

If Russia is able to make a breakthrough in technology trading field, it would really boost the already excellent bilateral relations between the two countries, said the Russian official.

The bilateral trade be-

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Army misconduct investigation adds another 16 cases

WASHINGTON, 5 June— The Army reported on Friday 16 more criminal investigations into possible misconduct by US soldiers against detainees and civilians in Iraq and Afghanistan.

The revised figures brought to 85 the number of inquiries by the Army's Criminal Investigation Division into detainee deaths and alleged assaults and thefts by U.S. soldiers in the region. Counting 22 other investigative actions by commanders in the field, the cases now total 107 and have involved at least 111 Iraqis and Afghans, Army officials said.

Much of the increase reflects a surge in accusations by Iraqis and Afghans in the wake of the Abu Ghraib prison scandal, according to a senior Army official. The widely publicized revelations about mistreatment of detainees at the prison on the outskirts of Baghdad encouraged others to come forward with complaints about the conduct of US troops, the official said.

Whether most of the accusations involve recent in-

cidents or ones that occurred some time ago could not be determined from the list provided by the Army.

But at least one of the new death investigations was triggered by the killing of an Iraqi last week after a high-speed car chase near Kufa, a restive Shiite city in south-central Iraq.

A brief statement issued Friday by the US military command in Baghdad said the killing, which occurred on the afternoon of 21 May may have violated the rules of engagement that govern when US soldiers can use deadly force.

In releasing the updated figures, the Army provided no information about the people, places or times involved. In the past, military officials have cited concerns about privacy rights and judicial process to justify keeping disclosures to a minimum.

Internet

Former US President Ronald Reagan dies

WASHINGTON, 5 JUNE— Former US President Ronald Reagan has died after a decade-long battle with Alzheimer's disease.

The movie star turned politician who forged a conservative revolution that transformed American politics, died on Saturday at the age of 93.

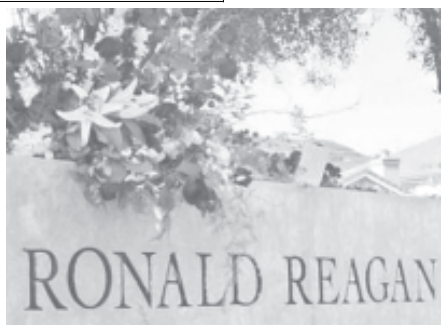
His wife, Nancy, and fam-

ily members had gathered at his bedside at his house in the Bel Air district of Los Angeles.

All US TV networks broke into programming to announce Reagan's death just after 16.45 (20.45 GMT) on Saturday. Reagan has suffered from the brain-wasting Alzheimer's disease since 1994 and his condition is believed to have worsened in the past week.

Reagan was US president from 1981 to 1989.

Internet



Flowers sit atop the sign for the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library in Simi Valley, California after the death of former United States President Ronald Reagan on 5 June, 2004. Reagan died in the afternoon on 5 June from complications of Alzheimer's disease, at his home in the Bel-Air section of Los Angeles with his wife Nancy at his side.—INTERNET

Bangladeshis burn US flags before Rumsfeld visit

DHAKA, 5 June— Bangladeshi Islamic activists burned American flags and chanted anti-US slogans on Friday to protest against a visit by US Defence Secretary Donald Rumsfeld and stress their opposition to Bangladeshi troops going to Iraq.

Rumsfeld, on a visit to Asia, told reporters travelling with him he did not intend to press countries to provide peacekeeping troops for Iraq, and Bangladeshi Government officials have said they would not send troops to Iraq on anyone's behalf.

Nevertheless, some Bangladeshi officials, and the protesters on the streets of the capital, Dhaka, after Friday prayers, said they believed Rumsfeld would ask for troops for Iraq when he arrives for a visit

on Saturday.

The leader of one radical Muslim group said any troop dispatch would be vehemently opposed.

"If Bangladesh sends troops to Iraq to please the United States... the revolutionary Muslim people of Bangladesh will resist the move at all costs," Jafrulla Khan, secretary of the Bangladesh Khelafat Andolan, told followers outside the city's main Baitul Mukarram mosque.

Bangladesh has a tradition of sending troops to

trouble spots under UN control. While Rumsfeld said he would not press any country directly for troops, he said Asian states were aware of US desires for such support.

The United States and Britain are pressing the UN Security Council for a new resolution on Iraq under which the United Nations could issue a mandate for an international peacekeeping force.

Foreign Minister M. Morshed Khan told reporters on Friday Bangladesh would not send troops to Iraq or any other country "on behalf, or

against, anyone".

"We won't send our troops to kill people or to be killed," he said, adding that Bangladesh would only ever act under a UN mandate.

Police set up barbed-wire barricades near the Baitul Mukarram mosque to contain the noisy protesters from five radical Islamic groups.

"Bangladesh should not host a war criminal and enemy of mankind like Rumsfeld who not only killed thousands of innocent Iraqis, but was also responsible for abusing Muslim prisoners," said Moulana ATM Hemayetuddin, a leader of the Islamic Constitution Movement.

Police dispersed the protesters after the flag burning and prevented them from regrouping, witnesses said.

MNA/Reuters

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Accused US soldier wants Cheney, Rumsfeld evidence

DENVER, 5 June— An American woman soldier at the centre of the Iraqi prison abuse scandal has asked that Vice-President Dick Cheney and Secretary of Defence Donald Rumsfeld testify on her behalf, her attorneys said on Thursday.

The soldier, Private First Class. Lynndie England, 21, is due to appear at a preliminary hearing in Fort Bragg, North Carolina, where she is based, on June 22.

England appeared in at least two notorious photographs taken at Abu Ghraib Prison outside Baghdad, in one of which she holds a leash attached to the neck of a prostrate, naked Iraqi man.

England's lawyer Rose Mary Zapor told a news conference that Cheney and Rumsfeld were on a list of more than 130 people that the defence would like to call as witnesses.

Zapor said England's defence that she was only following orders could be bolstered by evidence from Rumsfeld and Cheney. The vice-president would have knowledge of "intelligence tactics" due to his service as a secretary of defence in the presidency of Bush's father, she said.

MNA/Reuters

US court dismisses suit against Iraq by 1991 POWs

WASHINGTON, 5 June— A US appeals court on Friday threw out an award of more than 959 million US dollars in damages against Iraq, Saddam Hussein and the Iraqi Intelligence Service and dismissed a lawsuit by 17 American prisoners of war held during the 1991 Gulf War.

The three-judge panel ruled the plaintiffs, which also included relatives of the prisoners, were not legally entitled to the judgment and that the law at issue does not allow for such lawsuits.

The lawsuit had been filed in April 2002 by 17 of the American troops held captive by Iraq during the war and by 37 of their immediate family members.

They sued Iraq, Saddam and the Iraqi Intelligence Service, claiming personal injuries caused by torture during their captivity and citing the suffering by their family members. Iraq never responded to the lawsuit. The judgment was awarded by a federal judge in July last year after the US-led war resulted in Saddam's ouster.

"We are mindful of the gravity of (the plaintiffs' allegations) in this case," Judge Harry Edward wrote in the ruling. That they "endured this suffering while acting in service to their country is all the more sobering," he added.

He called the circumstances of the case extraordinary in considering what was at stake — a nearly billion-dollar judgment against a foreign government whose stability has become a central preoccupation of US foreign policy.

Edwards said the court cannot ignore the magnitude of the judgment and its impact on the US foreign policy when the law is "indisputably clear" that the plaintiffs "were not legally entitled to this judgment". — MNA/Reuters



Bangladeshis burn a US flag to protest the visit of US Defence Secretary Donald Rumsfeld in Dhaka, Bangladesh, on 5 June, 2004.—INTERNET

Bush faces Italian anger over Iraq on Rome visit

ROME, 5 June— Italians greeted American soldiers as liberators when they marched into Rome 60 years ago but President George W Bush faces deep anger on his visit on Friday over the actions of a new generation of US soldiers in Iraq.

Bush arrived in the early hours of Friday in a city gearing up for the possibility of violent demonstrations.

Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi said he was worried about violence during Bush's two-day visit and urged protesters to show

"maturity and understanding of history".

While Berlusconi has been among Bush's closest allies, most Italians opposed last year's US-led invasion of Iraq and there have been many calls for Rome to withdraw its some 2,700 troops.

Italians were reminded of the dangers of their presence in Iraq on Thursday when mortar rounds landed near their embassy in Baghdad, killing one Iraqi.

They are also concerned about three Italian hostages held in Iraq for nearly two months.—MNA/Reuters

Pakistan seizes 927 kilos of morphine near Afghan border

ISLAMABAD, 6 June — The Anti-Narcotics Force (ANF) in southwestern Pakistan said Friday that they have seized a huge quantity of morphine from the area close to Pakistani-Afghan border.

"The special investigation cell of the anti-narcotics force, Islamabad in collaboration with regional directorate ANF Quetta has

successfully seized 927 kilos of morphine from the north of district Chaghi," an ANF statement said.

The Joint Director Special Investigation Cell received secret information from the reliable source that some drug traffickers had brought a huge quantity of narcotics from Afghanistan and dumped it at an isolated place near Pakistani-

Afghan border, Balochistan, it said.

"Then narcotics were dumped with an intention to transport it abroad, particularly to Europe," said the statement.

The traffickers were in search of an opportunity to transport the narcotics to various destinations as different consignments.

MNA/Xinhua



An anti-war protestor shouts during a demonstration against the US President George W Bush visit in Paris, on 5 June, 2004. Thousands of people in the French capital demonstrated against the war in Iraq as Bush met France's Jacques Chirac ahead of ceremonies commemorating the D-Day landings in Normandy.—INTERNET

Cold current kills over 30 children in Peru

LIMA, 5 June — The Peruvian Health Ministry announced Thursday that over 30 children under five have been killed by pneumonia caused by cold current in the central region of Cusco since April.

According to the ministry, more than 790 people have contracted pneumonia and 36,200 others suffered from serious respi-

ratory diseases in the area.

The ministry said that the temperature in Cusco, a high-altitude mountainous region, will drop to 27 degrees Celsius below zero in the coming days, and health authorities are taking preventive measures to keep pneumonia from further spreading.

MNA/Xinhua

Radical Iraqi cleric rejects interim government

KUFA, 5 June — Shiite cleric Muqtada al-Sadr rejected Iraq's new interim government on Friday but agreed to shore up a shaky truce with American forces after weeks of clashes.

Sadr's men have fought fierce battles with US troops in and around the holy city of Najaf, but the area was quiet for the first time in days on Friday after Shiite leaders helped broker a fresh truce attempt.

A new interim government was appointed by the United Nations on Tuesday after consultation with the US-led administration and Iraqi leaders, and is due to take over from US occupiers on June 30.

"I do not want to have anything to do with this gov-

ernment," said a statement issued by Sadr and read out by Sheikh Jader al-Khafaji at Friday prayers at a mosque in Kufa, near Najaf.

"I don't believe any Iraqi would accept this appointment of a government by the occupier. There is no freedom or democracy without independence," he said, speaking to several thousand worshippers gathered at the mosque where Sadr normally preaches.

"Which country has accepted the UN appointing its rulers except for Afghani-

stan and Iraq? Leave us to decide our fate as a unified people, not under submission to the occupier."

Sadr also called for elections to determine the country's next government. Under current plans, polls planned for January will elect members of a transitional government that will draft a new Constitution. More polls will then choose a constitutionally elected government, perhaps in early 2006.

Shiite politicians said earlier on Friday that Sadr had agreed to withdraw his

fighters from the city of Najaf within two days, as long as US forces also withdrew.

Sadr also proposed that neutral observers monitor the truce, the Shiite politicians said after hours of talks with the firebrand preacher in Najaf, 100 miles south of Baghdad.

A truce attempt last week failed to take hold and there have been frequent skirmishes around Najaf.

Iraq's top Shiite religious leaders have been highly critical of Sadr for fighting in holy cities — but have also said the US military response was heavy-handed. Washington is keen to secure a truce before the June 30 handover of power.

MNA/Reuters



An Iraqi militant, loyal to Shiite cleric Muqtada al-Sadr, walks through the Baghdad, Iraq district of Sadr City on 5 June, 2004 during clashes with US troops. —INTERNET

Russia lifts ban on imports of EU meat

BRUSSELS, 5 June — The European Union (EU) said Friday that Russia had agreed to lift its ban on meat imports from EU member states after shipments were suspended this week by Moscow after a dispute over veterinary certificates.

European Commission spokesman Reijo Kemppinen said meat exports would be resumed "very soon" after Commission President Romano Prodi and Russian Prime Minister Mikhail Fradkov held telephone talks Thursday.

Both sides agreed to con-

clude technical negotiations on export certificates covering EU meat exports to Russia by the end of September, Kemppinen said.

Fradkov "promised that the Russian Government will lift these restrictions and will allow trade in foodstuffs to continue freely," he said.

On Tuesday, Russia's Agriculture Ministry suspended meat imports from the EU after the 25-nation

bloc failed to adopt a single veterinary certificate.

Russia demanded that the EU provide a uniform certificate instead of certificates issued by its individual member states from 1 May but later extended the deadline to June 1.

Kemppinen said the Russian ban affects 1.3 billion euros (1.6 billion US dollars) of European exports annually. —MNA/Xinhua

Bangladesh, India to mend fences through dialogue

DHAKA, 5 June — Foreign Minister M Morshed Khan on Friday said Bangladesh and India have decided to mend their fences on all bilateral issues through dialogue instead of imposing unilateral decision by any side.

Talking to newsmen at the Zia International Airport on his return from a three-day visit to India, he said the two sides also decided to jointly address and resolve the security concerns through mutual discussion.

The foreign minister had been to India as special envoy of Prime Minister Begum Khaleda Zia carrying her message for Indian Prime Minister Dr Monmohan Singh and All India Congress president Ms. Sonia Gandhi.

Referring to his meeting with Indian External Affairs Minister Natawar Singh, Morshed Khan said "we have expressed our concern about anti-Bangladesh activities from Indian soil" while assuring Bangladesh's stand that it never allowed any one for carrying out anti-Indian activities from its soil. —MNA/Xinhua

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Army investigates US soldier in slaying of Iraqi

WASHINGTON, 5 June — The US Army has opened a criminal investigation against a US soldier who fatally shot at close range an Iraqi man who already was grievously wounded in a vehicle after a high-speed chase near the city of Kufa, US Central Command said on Friday.

The Army Criminal Investigation Command will look into whether the US soldier, from the 1st Armoured Division, shot the Iraqi in the May 21 incident to try to end the man's suffering from serious wounds, officials said.

One official said soldiers "don't get to make those kinds of decisions", and Central Command called the incident "a potential violation of US rules of engagement".

In a statement, Central Command said US forces came across a motorcade in which the Iraqi was driving one of the vehicles. Central Command did not specify the nature of the motorcade. "A high-speed chase ensued and during the course of the encounter, the Iraqi vehicle was engaged with gunfire. The driver was seriously injured and a passenger was less seriously wounded. Reports indicate that the injured driver was shot at close range by a US soldier and died," according to the statement. —MNA/Reuters

Indian FM arrives Kathmandu for official visit

KATHMANDU, 5 June — Indian Minister for External Affairs K Natwar Singh arrived here Friday afternoon for a two-day official goodwill visit to Nepal at the invitation of the Nepali Government.

Talking briefly to journalists at the Tribhuvan International Airport in Kathmandu, Singh said, "Nepal is one of our closest neighbours and friend. In the common minimum programme of the United Progressive Alliance, the first priority of our foreign policy is further improving and strengthening our relations with our neighbours."

"It is no coincidence that Nepal is the first country I am visiting after assuming office as India's external affairs minister," Singh said in a written statement.

MNA/Xinhua

Kuwaiti Oil Minister says oil prices to fall to \$30 per barrel

KUWAIT CITY, 6 June — Kuwait's Oil Minister Sheikh Ahmad Al-Fahad Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah predicted Thursday that the world oil prices will fall to some 30 US dollars per barrel following OPEC's meeting in Beirut, Kuwait News Agency reported.

During his reception of the Kuwaiti Press in Beirut, Sheikh Ahmad said that the Organization of Petroleum-Exporting Countries (OPEC) will be following up the prices but any incident that might occur in Iraq, Saudi Arabia or any other country would negatively affect the prices.

He expressed his belief that the greatest fear is the incapability of the oil producing states to cover the needs of the market, indicating that the increase of the international annual consumption ranges between 1.2 million and 1.8 million barrels per day. He added that OPEC is currently producing 25.7 million BPD, which is nearly its maximum capacity.

As for the reasons leading to the hike of prices, Sheikh Ahmad said that the prices are subjected to the supply and demand and if the market needs oil, then the prices will increase to 30-40 dollars, but if there is no demand, then they will fall to 15 dollars.

He indicated that the real problem is related to the derivatives, not the crude.

He stressed the necessity that the oil producing states have plans to increase the production. Kuwait's share of OPEC's production is currently 2 million BPD and if there is a need this would increase to 2.5 million BPD, the minister said.

MNA/Xinhua

International energies conference ends with declaration

BONN, 5 June — The International Conference for Renewable Energies closed here on Friday by passing a Political Declaration which sent strong political messages in meeting the big challenge of this century.

Ministers and government representatives from 154 countries acknowledge that "renewable energies combined with enhanced energy efficiency, can significantly contribute to sustainable development, to providing access to energy, especially for the poor, to mitigating greenhouse gas emissions, and enhancing energy security". —MNA/Xinhua



US Marines sailors guard while tankers load Iraqi oil at Iraq's Al Basra offshore oil terminal on 5 June, 2004. Marines are guarding the terminals, where two American sailors and a coastguard member were killed in an April suicide attack. —INTERNET

New and fast developments throughout Myanmar



People's hospital in Kanpaikti, the border town of Myanmar at the border with China. The town is located 85 miles from Myitkyina, Kachin State. —MNA



*TV retransmission station in Haka, Chin State.
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Development of Kawthoung, a border region, in Taninthayi Division. —MNA

**Border
and rural
area
developments**



Gonbo Bridge, 440 feet long, built on Sakku-Pauk-Kyaukhtu-Kangyi-Mindat Road in Kyaukhtu Township, Gangaw District, Magway Division. —CONSTRUCTION

Railroad of sweat and train of smiles

Yadanasi Sayadaw (Loilem)

On top of the human body, that measures five feet or over in height, is the head, including the face. On the face are the two lips, and when we smile we open our lips till the teeth appear. We always smile, every time, we hear about or see a pleasant or a desirable situation or thing, and of the smiles of every race of the nation all around the globe, the smiles of Myanmar people are famous all over the world.

Myanmar is a new dreamland or an ideal place for tourists visiting her, as they feel at home because of the smiles of the Myanmar people awaiting every visitor at every place as soon as he or she enters the nation's territory. Besides, the fact clearly shows that Myanmar is a peaceful country under the power of loving kindness, and peace and loving kindness are the fruits of the Theravada Buddhism the Myanmar people have been embracing since long ago.

Thanks to the Buddhist teachings, Myanmar is able to see everything from the positive point of view. Besides, their sincere smiles come out from their hearts.

The 20th of March 2004 is a memorial and auspicious day for the local people of a remote area in Loilem District in southern Shan State, as a section of Shwenyaung-Namhsan railroad, that would make their smiles more beautiful and help further strengthen the spirit of national solidarity and Union Spirit, was commissioned into service at Mong Seik village in Namhsan Township in the southern part of the district.

Owing to lack of peace and stability and security in the past, let alone building railroads, even motor roads were not constructed in the remote area, and history stands witness to the fact that the lives of the local people were miserable. The Tatmadaw Government after assumption of the State duties, laid down the four political objectives, and gave priority to the two — Stability of the State, community peace and tranquillity, prevalence of law and order; and the national re-consolidation. Because of its nation-building endeavours and the peace initiative, the MTA made the unconditional surrender on 5 January 1996. As armed insurgency ended in the area, the Government started its regional development undertakings in all sectors. The emergence of the railroad and the passenger trains running on it is one of the Government's achievements that has made people smile more beautifully.

In accord with one of the objectives of the 2004 Armed Forces Day — To collectively implement the border areas development project and the five rural development tasks together with the people, the railroad was opened under the arrangement of Rail Transportation Minister Maj-Gen Aung Min.

All the sections of the railroad were built with the sweat of the Tatmadawmen. The Tatmadawmen would

continue to build the two sections to Ponchaung, one from Loilem on one side and another from Taunggyi on the opposite side. The whole railroad is called the Shwenyaung-Loilem railway.

The grand opening ceremony of the section was held under the leadership of Chairman of Shan State Peace and Development Council Commander of Eastern Command Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint, supervision of Col Thauang Aye of Loilem Station, the head of the railroad construction project, local authorities and departmental personnel, and with the participation of local people. The happiness of the local people for the emergence of the railroad is beyond expression, as they can now travel and transport goods swiftly and smoothly from one place to another by train.

Hailing the ceremony, the Loilem District Information and Public Relations Department Office distributed the Armed Forces Day commemorative pamphlets free of charge, and the medical superintendent, specialist surgeons of different branches of medical science, doctors and nurses of Loilem District Hospital, the township health officer and other health staff went to Mong Seik and offered free medical care services and treatment for local people in the village and other villages in the surrounding areas. These endeavours are also included in the record of the opening ceremony.

Normally, the local people rose from the bed only when they heard cook-a-doodle-do and the song of birds in the early morning. But on that particular day, the local people got up before dawn and went to the village by buses, motorized trailers and motorcycles or on foot, to attend the ceremony.

As the sun rose the ceremony and the audience became more visible. The smiles of over 20,000 local ethnic people — the Shan, the Pa-O, the Yinkya, the Yintet etc. — from various townships including Loilem, Panglong, Laikha, Namhsan, Mognai townships attending the ceremony were as bright as the rays of the rising morning sun.

Together with the local people at the ceremony were Commander Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint and Minister Maj-Gen Aung Min, who formally launched the railway. Deputy Minister for Rail Transportation U Pe Than, senior military officers of the Eastern Command and regional battalions and units, officials of Myanmar Railways, local authorities, departmental personnel and members of social organizations were also present on the occasion.

(To be continued)

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World Population Day poster, essay competitions to be held

YANGON, 6 June — The Ministry of Immigration and Population in cooperation with the United Nations Population Fund will hold poster and essay competitions to commemorate World Population Day 2004.

The chosen title for the poster is "Statistical Girl" in English Version and "Pyinnya-kyan-ma Hkwint-lan-tha Pyae-son-hla-pa Mein-kha-lay-bawa Sa-yin-in-hnint Nhoon-so-pya" in Myanmar Version.

The poster competition will be categorized into five levels. The age group for the first level will be between 6 and 8; the second level, between 9 and 12; the third level, between 13 and 15; the fourth level, between 16 and 18 and the fifth level, between 19 and above. The competitions from the first to fourth levels will be held at designated venues in the cities of States and Divisions on 12 June under the supervision of State/Division Immigration and National Registration Departments. Only 15" x 20" drawing papers to be issued by the Population Department are to be used in the competitions. Those wishing to participate in the competitions from the first to fourth levels are to contact the offices of State/Division Immigration and National Registration Departments concerned for enrollment not later than 9 June. The fifth level is designated as an open invitational competition. Entrants can use any sort of 18"x 24"— drawing papers and should send their works either to State/Division Immigration and National Registration Departments concerned by 14 June or to the Population Department (Head Office, Yangon) by 27 June. Participants from Yangon Division are to send their entries to the Population department (Head Office) not later than 27 June. Prizes for the competitions from the first to fourth levels are K 50,000 for the first prize, K 40,000 for second prize, K 30,000 for the third prize, and K 20,000 each for two consolation prizes. Prizes for the fifth level are K 75,000 for the first prize, K 50,000 for the second, K 40,000 for the third and K 30,000 each for two consolation prizes.

Detailed information about the competition can be obtained at State/Division Immigration and National Registration Departments, and the participants from Yangon Division can obtain detailed information about the competitions either at National Registration Department or Population Department in Yangon Division.

Similar essay (Myanmar Version) competition in commemoration of World Population Day 2004 will also be held under the title "Pyinnya-kyan-ma Hkwint-lan-tha Pyae-son-hla-pa Mein-kha-lay-bawa Sa-yin-in-hnint Nhoon-so-pya." The essay will be classified into two levels — high school level (8th, 9th, 10th grades) and middle school level — (5th, 6th, 7th grades) — held in major towns of States and Divisions from 9 to 11 am on 13 June. Prizes for both levels will be K 30,000 for the first prize, K 25,000 for the second, K 20,000 for the third and K10,000 each for two consolation prizes. First, second and third winners at central level, will be presented prizes at the ceremony of World Population Day to be held in Yangon and consolation prizes of essay will be sent through respective State/Division Immigration and National Registration Departments to winners. — MNA

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

မိုးညိုကျွန်း မိုးရာသီတွင်ဖြစ်တတ်သော
ရောဂါများအတွက်နူးစေချက်

၁။ မိုးညိုကျွန်းရာသီတွင် အောက်ဖော်ပြပါ ကူးစက်တတ်သောရောဂါများ
ပုံမှန်ဖြစ်ပွားလေ့ရှိပါသည်။

(က) ဝမ်းပျက်ဝမ်းလျှော့နှင့် ကာလဝမ်းရောဂါများအပါအဝင် ဝမ်းနှင့်
ပတ်သက်သည့် ရောဂါများ၊ အသည်းရောင်အသားပါ ရောဂါနှင့်
သံကောင် တုပ်ကောင်ရောဂါများ

(ခ) သွေးလွန်တုပ်ကွေးနှင့် ငှက်ဖျားရောဂါ

(ဂ) တုပ်ကွေး၊ နှာစေ့ချောင်းဆိုးနှင့် အဆုတ်အဆေးမိရောဂါ

၂။ ဖြစ်ပွားရသည့်အကြောင်းရင်းမှာ—

(က) မိုးညိုကျွန်းလူကြွယ်၍ လှိုင်လှိုင်ပေါလာသည့် အချိန်တစ်ပါးသော
သရက်သီး၊ ပိန္နဲသီး၊ ဖရဲသီး၊ ကြက်ဇောက်သီး၊ မင်းပွတ်သီး၊
စသည်သစ်သီးဝလံများ၏ အခွံအစေ့ စသည်များကို စည်ကမ်းမဲ့
မဆင်မခြင် စွန့်ပစ်ခြင်းကြောင့် ယင်ပေါများခြင်း

(ခ) ရာသီဥတုအမှန်အတိုင်းမဟုတ်ဘဲ မိုးရာသီ

(ဂ) မိုးရာသီရေတင်ရေဝပ်သဖြင့် ရေအိုင်၊ ရေကန်၊ ရေအိုင်၊ ရေအိုင်၊
ပိတ်ခြင်းနှင့် ချွန်ပိတ်ပေါင်းထူထပ်၍ ဖြစ်ပေါက်ပွားခြင်း

(ဃ) ရာသီဥတု အပြောင်းအလဲဖြစ်၍ အပူရှိန်ခြင်း၊ အအေးပတ်ခြင်း

(င) ပတ်ဝန်းကျင်သန့်ရှင်းမှုနှင့် တစ်ကိုယ်ရည်သန့်ရှင်းမှု နည်းပါးခြင်း

(စ) ကျန်းမာရေးနည်းသည့် အသိပညာနှင့်အလေ့အကျင့် အားနည်းခြင်း

၃။ အောက်ဖော်ပြပါတို့ကို လိုက်နာကျင့်သုံးခြင်းဖြင့် ဖော်ပြပါ ရောဂါများ
ကူးစက်ပျံ့နှံ့ခြင်းမှ ကာကွယ်တားဆီးနိုင်မည် ဖြစ်ပါသည်။

(က) အမှန်လွန်အသိများကို စားသုံးခြင်းမှ ရှောင်ပါ။

(ခ) ယင်နားစာများကို မဆင်မခြင် စားသုံးခြင်းမှ ရှောင်ပါ။

(ဂ) စားကြွင်းစားကျန် အမှိုက်သရိုက်များနှင့် အညစ်အကြေးများကို
စည်းကမ်းမဲ့ စွန့်ပစ်ခြင်းမှရှောင်ကြဉ်ပါ။

(ဃ) မိသားစုအတွင်းကျန်းမာရေးအသိပညာဖြန့်ဝေပါ။ လိုက်နာကျင့်သုံးပါ။

(င) တစ်ကိုယ်ရည် သန့်ရှင်းရေးကို ဂရုပြုလိုက်နာဆောင်ရွက်ပါ။

(စ) ရေကိုကျိုချက်၍ သောက်ပါ။

(ဆ) လတ်ဆတ်သန့်ရှင်းသည့် အသီးအနှံနှင့် အစားအသောက်များကို
ပူပူနွေးနွေး ချက်ပြုတ်စားသုံးပါ။

(ဇ) ရာသီဥတု အပူအအေး အပြောင်းအလဲကို သတိရှိပါ။

(ဈ) ပတ်ဝန်းကျင်သန့်ရှင်းရေးလုပ်ငန်းနှင့် ဖြစ်နိုင်ခြင်းရှိသည့် လုပ်ငန်းများ
ကို အမျိုးသားရေးအမြင်ဖြင့် ဝိုင်းဝန်းစုပေါင်းဆောင်ရွက်ပါ။

(ည) ရောဂါတစ်မျိုးဖြစ်ပွားပျံ့နှံ့ပါက ကျန်းမာရေးဌာနသို့ အမြန်သတင်း
ပို့ပါ။

(ဋ) လိုအပ်ပါက နီးစပ်ရာဆေးပေးခန်းဆေးရုံများသို့ အချိန်မီသွားရောက်
ပြသစစ်ဆေးကုသခွင့်ယူပါ။ ကျန်းမာရေးဝန်ကြီးဌာန



Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt inspects sanitation for proper flow of water at drain in West Ywama Ward, Insein Township.—MNA



Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt inspects students at classroom of BEPPS No 10 in Hlinethaya Township.—MNA



Annexe of Hlinethaya Basic Education Post Primary School No 10.—MNA



The opening ceremony of the new building of Hlinethaya BEMS-1 in progress.—MNA

Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt attends ...

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wide and it is an RC three-storey building. Students can apply the teaching aid such as multimedia and language lab were installed at the school this academic year. In addition to supply of power, such school facilities as a football ground, a canteen, chairs and tables, the prayer hall, staff quarters and toilets were built in the compound of the school.

SMI Co Ltd had donated to build BEPPS No 10. While Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt inspecting the factory of SMI Co Ltd in Hlinethaya Industrial Zone, Chairman of the company donated K 35 million to the funds of the education sector in Hlinethaya Township. And, arrangements were made for construction of the school buildings after taking instructions from the Prime Minister.

Basic Education Post-Primary School No 10 where a large number of students are learning education was chosen to start construction tasks. Though the wellwisher limited to donate K 35 million for construction tasks, other wellwishers added to the donations totalling about K 124.4 million and it was built of steel structure and aluzinc roofs, fibre doors and fibre sliding doors.

Deputy Director Col Aung Win handed over documents related to the building to Director-General U Aye Kyu of No 3 Basic Education Department.

Next, the commander accepted K 1 million donated to the funds of the BEMS No 1 by Daw Nan Aye Myint;

K 500,000 by Tokyo Pipe and Benhur Co; K 500,000 by Great Wall Medicine and Construction Co; K 500,000 by Hlinethaya Industrial City Management Committee; K 300,000 by Daw Aye Aye Thin (AYN Co Ltd); and K 200,000 by Parami Construction.

Minister for Construction Maj-Gen Saw Tun accepted K 9.12 million for purchasing school furniture and the funds of No 10 BEPPS donated by Kyaw Tha Co; K 210,000 by U Thein Han; K 500,000 each by U Maung Maung Aye; U Aung Myat (Mother Trading Co Ltd); U Tin Oo (OK Brother Co Ltd); U Ohn Sai (New Golden Gate); U Kyaw Aung (Benhur Co Ltd); U Kyaw Kyaw Soe (SEC Co Ltd); and U Ko Ko Gyi (Diamond CO Ltd); and K 200,000 by U Aung Thein (Aung Thiha Co).

Afterwards, the commander handed over the donations to respective schoolheads. No 1 BEMS Headmaster U Tin Aye expressed gratitude.

After the ceremony, the Prime Minister and party inspected the new school building and classrooms.

The annexe of Hlinethaya BEMS No 1 is 264 feet long and 30 feet wide and it is a three-storey building built of reinforced concrete. The building was donated by DHSHD. Hlinethaya BEPPS No 10 is also 264 feet in length and 30 feet in breadth. The two-storey building is built of composite structure donated by Southern Metal Industry Co Ltd.

Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt and party proceeded to Shwepyitha Bridge. On the bridge, the General

viewed location of factories and workshops and progress of Shwepyitha Industrial Zone-1, Shwepyitha Industrial Zone-2, Shwepyitha Industrial Zone-3, Shwepyitha Industrial Zone-4, Hlinethaya City of Industry and Shwelinpan City of Industry. Director-General U Arnt Kyaw of DHSHD briefed the Prime Minister on the industrial zones.

Soya-bean oil mill, textile factory, electronic products factory, machine parts factory, agricultural produce processing factory, feedstuff factories, cold storage and value-added wood products factories are located in Shwelinpan City of Industry and personal goods factories, fluorescent tube factory, biscuit factory, automobile factory, textile factories, soap factory, electronics equipment factory, agricultural produce processing factory, machine parts factory, instant concrete plant, plastics factory, polyethylene bag factory and value-added wood products factory in Shwepyitha Industrial Zone Nos 1, 2, 3 and 4.

Afterwards, the Prime Minister and party inspected extension of industrial zones, eastern part of Shwepyitha-Insein Road crossing Shwepyitha Industrial Zone. The commander and officials reported on matters related to construction tasks. The Prime Minister gave necessary instructions.

Next, the Prime Minister and party inspected the new school building of Insein BEPS No 10 built by Naing Group, near Bayintnaung Road in West Ywama Ward, Insein Township.

The Prime Minister and party inspected laying of laterite on Natsin Road near Insein Ywama Pariyatti Monastery and proper flow of water in drains. — MNA



National Convention delegates play billiard. — MNA

Delegates of National Convention take physical exercises

YANGON, 6 June — Delegates attending the National Convention at Nyaungnnapin Camp took physical exercises in table tennis, weightlifting, walking, golf and billiards for keeping themselves fit and healthy individually or in groups daily.

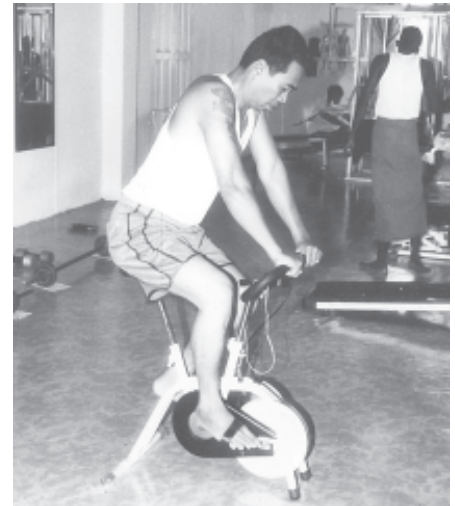
The Win Thuza shops are selling 300 kinds

of goods manufactured by the Ministry of Industry-1 for the delegates of NC daily.

Similarly, Government Employees Cooperative shops are also selling personal goods, foodstuff, textiles and stationery.

The retired employees gave optical services to delegates at 10 % discount.

Sarpay Beikman bookstalls is selling a variety of books, magazines, journals, novels and reference books and Sarpay Beikman award winning books at a reasonable prices.



A delegate takes physical exercise. — MNA

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National Convention delegates visit Lawka Chantha Abhaya Labha Muni Buddha Image. — MNA

NC delegates visit Shwedagon Pagoda, Lawka Chantha Abhaya Labha Muni Buddha Image

YANGON, 6 June — Accompanied by officials of National Convention Convening Invitation and Reception Subcommittee, NC delegates visited the Shwedagon Pagoda and Lawka Chantha Abhaya Labha Muni Buddha Image this morning.

On arrival at the Shwedagon Pagoda at 7 am, the delegates were welcomed by Secretary of the pagoda board of trustees U Win Kyaing and officials. U Win Kyaing explained history of the pagoda, all-round renovation tasks and documentaries on the Shwehtidaw-hoisting ceremony. Next, the delegates donated K 164,995 towards the funds of the pagoda, paid homage to Padamya Myatshin Image kept at the upper terrace and viewed round the religious buildings and Buddhological Museum.

Afterwards, the delegates went to the Lawka Chantha Abhaya Labha Muni Buddha Image kept on Mindhamma Hill in Insein Township where Chairman U Shein Aung Bo of the pagoda board of trustees and officials welcomed them. U Shein Aung Bo greeted the delegates and explained history of the Image and religious edifices. Sculptor U Taw Taw also explained the carving of the image and purpose of the donation. The delegates donated K 113,785 to the funds of the Buddha Image. Officials accepted the donations and presented a certificate of honour.

The visitors paid obeisance to the Buddha Image, Maha Atula Patta Nila Bowl and two Buddha Pada Footprints and viewed the religious buildings. Later, the delegates studied the garden of white elephants. Director of Forest Department U Myint Swe greeted them and explained facts about Raza Gaha Siri Pissaya Gaza Raza White Elephant, Theingi Malar Yadana White Elephant and Rati Malar Yadana White Elephant. The visitors then viewed the white elephants and left there at 10.15 am.

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သတ်ပေးနှိုးဆော်ချက်

ခရီးသည်တင်မော်တော်ယာဉ်များအား ဖြိုခွင်းသို့ နေ့/ည ခရီးသည်ပို့ဆောင်နိုင်ရေးအတွက် သတ်မှတ်ခေါက်ရေနှင့်အညီ စက်သုံးဆီထုတ်ပေးထားပြီး ဖြစ်ပါသည်။ ယာဉ်စီးခများအားလည်း သတ်မှတ်နှုန်းထားများအတိုင်းတောင်းခံရန် ညွှန်ကြားထားရှိပါသည်။ သို့ရာတွင် အချို့ယာဉ်လိုင်းများမှ ယာဉ်မောင်းနှင့် ယာဉ်နောက်လိုက်တို့သည် ယာဉ်စီးခများကို ညှဉ်းတွင် ပိုမိုတောင်းယူနေကြောင်း သိရပါသည်။ ထိုသို့ပိုမိုတောင်းခံပါက ထိရောက်စွာ အရေးယူနိုင်ရန် အောက်ပါနံပါတ်များသို့ တိုင်ကြားနိုင်ပါသည်။

(၁) မြန်မာနိုင်ငံရဲတပ်ဖွဲ့၊ ရန်ကုန်တိုင်း (ဖုန်း ၁၉၉)

(၂) ကြို့မကြေးနန်းနှင့်ယာဉ်ထိန်းတပ်ဖွဲ့ချုပ် (ဖုန်း၂၉၁၂၅/၂၉၁၂၆)

(၃) မော်တော်ယာဉ်လိုင်းပေါင်းစုံ ထိန်းသိမ်းရေးကော်မတီ (ဖုန်း ၅၄၁၉၀၇/၅၄၁၉၀၄)

ယာဉ်စည်းကမ်းထိန်းသိမ်းရေးကြိုကြပ်မှုကော်မတီ

Grenade attack on job seekers wounds 17 Iraqis

MOSUL (Iraq), 6 June — Guerrillas fired rocket-propelled grenades at Iraqis queuing up outside an Army recruitment centre in the northern city of Mosul on Saturday, wounding 17 people in the second such attack in a month.

Unidentified assailants fired rocket-propelled grenades at a line of civilians waiting at the gate of the recruiting centre to get jobs in the new Iraqi army, Army Captain Ahmad al-Deen said. "Sixteen civilians have been wounded, as well as one security guard."

Guards said the attackers fired the grenades from a car before driving away. Last month a mortar attack on the recruiting centre killed four people and wounded at least 15.

Anti-American guerrillas have frequently targeted Iraqis joining new, US-supervised security forces such as the police. Saddam Hussein's 375,000-strong Armed Forces were disbanded after their defeat last year. But in anticipation of a return of sovereignty to an Iraqi interim government on June 30, US commanders are overseeing recruitment to a new army.—MNA/Reuters



NC delegates seen at a welfare shop. — MNA

Gulf Arab states welcome Iraq's new President

JEDDAH, (Saudi Arabia), 6 June — Gulf Arab states voiced support on Saturday for Baghdad's new interim government and hope that it would build an independent and united Iraq.

At a regular meeting of foreign ministers of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC), Kuwait also said that it would discuss establishing diplomatic ties with Baghdad, severed since Iraq's 1990 invasion of Kuwait, after the UN Security Council approved a new resolution on handover of power in Iraq. "On this historic occasion, we welcome and congratulate new Iraqi President Ghazi Yawar and members of the interim Iraqi government," Kuwaiti Foreign Minister Sheikh Mohammad al-Salem al-Sabah said. "We wish them success in carrying out their responsibilities to build a new Iraq and restore Iraq's effective role in the region and internationally," he told the foreign ministers in the Saudi Red Sea city of Jeddah. The pro-US GCC groups Saudi Arabia, Kuwait, Qatar, the United Arab Emirates, Bahrain and Oman. At a news conference later, Sheikh Mohammad said Kuwait would move soon to establish diplomatic ties with Baghdad. "As soon as a Security Council resolution is issued recognizing a new state, then Kuwait will send a diplomatic mission to Iraq to study exchanging ambassadors," he said. The interim Iraqi government was sworn in on Tuesday with Iyad Allawi, a secular Shiite and former CIA-backed opposition leader in exile, as its prime minister and Yawar, a Sunni tribal leader and former executive in Saudi Arabia, as its president. Gulf states have repeatedly voiced concern about the security situation in multi-ethnic Iraq. While many GCC states opposed the war on Iraq, several, including Kuwait, were launchpads for the US-led invasion that toppled Saddam Hussein. "The situation in the new Iraq requires us to stand by the brotherly Iraqi people to maintain their independence and territorial integrity," Sheikh Mohammad said in the speech.

The GCC criticized Israel's assassination of leading Palestinian militants and destruction of Palestinian houses. In a final communique, the ministers also urged Washington to "reconsider" its decision to impose sanctions on Syria last month and use "positive dialogue" to resolve differences.

MNA/Reuters

Two vehicles ablaze on Baghdad airport road

BAGHDAD, 6 June — US troops cordoned off the burning wreckage of two cars on the main road to Baghdad's airport on Saturday, an area where militants have frequently attacked convoys carrying foreigners.

It was not immediately clear whether there had been any casualties or what had caused the cars to burst into flames.

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အရက်ကြောင့်ဖြစ်သည့်ရောဂါများ

အရက်ကိုလွန်ကျွံစွာနှင့် စွဲလမ်းစွာသောက်သုံးခြင်းကြောင့် ဖြစ်ပွားတတ်သောရောဂါများမှာ အသည့်ရောင်ခြင်း၊ အသည့်ခြောက်ခြင်း၊ သွေးအန်ခြင်း၊ အစာအိမ်ရောဂါဖြစ်ခြင်း၊ နှလုံးရောဂါဖြစ်ခြင်း၊ ဦးနှောက်နှင့်အာရုံကြောထိခိုက်ခြင်း၊ စိတ်ရောဂါများဖြစ်ခြင်း စသည်တို့ဖြစ်ပါသည်။

အရက်ကြောင့်ဖြစ်တတ်သော စိတ်ရောဂါများမှာ -

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

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

၃။ အတက်ကြွရောဂါဖြစ်တတ်ခြင်း (Rum Fits)

(ဝက်ရုမြန်ရောဂါကဲ့သို့တတ်ခြင်း)။

၄။ စိတ်ဓာတ်ကျရောဂါဖြစ်တတ်ခြင်း

(Depressive Illness)။

၅။ စိတ်ဖောက်ပြန်ခြင်း (Alcoholic Psychosis)။

၆။ ဦးနှောက်ချို့ယွင်းခြင်း။

၇။ အရက်နှင့်မတည့်သောသူများသည် အရက်အနည်းငယ်သောက်ရခြင်း ရုတ်တရက် စိတ်ဖောက်ပြန်တတ်ခြင်း (Pathological Drunkenness)။

၈။ မိမိ၏ဇနီးကို အထင်အမြင်လွဲမှားခြင်းများ ဖြစ်တတ်ခြင်း

(Morbid Jealousy)။

၉။ အရက်ကြောင့် ရာဇဝတ်မှုကျူးလွန်သည့်အထိ ဖြစ်နိုင်ခြင်း။

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

ကျန်းမာရေးဝန်ကြီးဌာန

Kuwaiti FM reaffirms importance of cooperation in combating terrorism

KUWAIT CITY, 6 June — Kuwaiti Foreign Minister Sheikh Mohammad Sabah Al-Salem Al-Sabah reaffirmed Saturday the importance of cooperation and solidarity of the international community in combating terrorism, which has become a danger to the whole world, according to Kuwait News Agency.

In his opening statement to the 19th meeting of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) ministerial council held in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, Sheikh Mohammad condemned the terrorist operations that recently took place in Saudi Arabia, stressing the importance of standing up to it through cooperating with the international community.

Sheikh Moham-mad com-mended the results of the meeting of GCC ministers of interior held in Kuwait in early May, as well as signing the GCC agreement for combating terrorism.

The foreign minister congratulated the new Iraqi President Ghazi Al-Yawar and the members of the interim government, wishing them success in fulfilling their obligations towards their country so as to reassume Iraq's effective role in regional, Arab and international arenas.

He added that the Iraqi people should be supported so as to maintain Iraq's independence, territorial integrity and regional security. The minister reaffirmed GCC support for Palestinians, calling upon the international community to interfere to stop Israeli aggression and to achieve justice in accordance with international conventions. Sheikh Mohammad said that GCC members have observed the developments in the occupied Palestinian territories with great sorrow, including assassinations, killing innocent people, demolishing homes and erecting barriers.

The Foreign Minister also stressed the importance of Arab solidarity in the interest of all nations, alluding to the results of the 16th Arab summit held in Tunisia in which major issues were discussed, including the Arab League reform.

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UN treaty on the disabled ready for signing next year

UNITED NATIONS, 5 June — A global treaty protecting and promoting the human rights of the world's approximately 600 million people with disabilities could be ready for signature next year, the chairman of a United Nations committee drafting the convention said Friday.

"We could have something substantive in September next year," Ambassador Luis Gallegos Chiriboga of Ecuador told reporters in New York at a briefing on the two-week negotiating session he chaired.

Meanwhile, he said that there were still many substantive and procedural issues to be negotiated before an agreed text would be ready.

Chiriboga said the numbers of people living with disabilities, either physical or mental, will rise given that the population is aging and many people acquire disabilities not through birth but later in life through sickness or injury.

The convention, according to the chairman, would contain a monitoring body to help enforce its provisions, but its structure was yet to be decided.

The 24-article draft is based on the principles of the dignity individual autonomy and independence of persons with disabilities, their full inclusion as equal citizens and participants in all aspects of life, respect for difference and acceptance of disability as part of human diversity, equality of opportunity, and nondiscrimination, according to the chairman. — MNA/Xinhua

Study finds Vitamin C may worsen arthritis

WASHINGTON, 5 June — High doses of vitamin C may worsen arthritis, at least in guinea pigs, US researchers reported on Friday. The finding by a team at Duke University Medical Centre in North Carolina contradicts previous studies that suggested large doses of the vitamin may protect against osteoarthritis.

Dr. Virginia Kraus, an associate professor of medicine who led the study said the vitamin may help prevent the chemical reactions that cause damage in the short term, but become damaging in the long term.

"It's possible that brief exposure to high levels of vitamin C offers antioxidant effects with a minimum of side effects, while prolonged exposure results in deleterious effects," said Kraus.

Recommended intakes of C for men is 90 milligrammes per day and for women is 75 milligrammes per day. A diet that includes five servings of fruits and vegetables a day should supply about 200 milligrammes per day of vitamin C. Some supplements contain 500 milligrammes of C. — MNA/Reuters

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Lightning claims two lives in S China city

GUANGZHOU, 5 June — Two people were killed and four others injured when they were struck by lightning in Qingjiang City of south China's Guangdong Province last week, said local police on Friday.

The lightning strike occurred around 3:30 pm on May 27, killing a cowherd surnamed Wu at the scene and knocking five others down. One of them, surnamed Zhu, died later in local hospital.

Another lightning bolt also hit a residential house in Qingcheng District of the city about 7:30 am. Thursday, fortunately without casualties, the police said.

Incomplete statistics showed that 16 people had been struck dead by bolt of lightning while 21 others injured from 2001 to 2003 in Qingyuan, a thunderstorm centre in Guangdong Province. — MNA/Xinhua

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OPEC likes oil price drop, will not want crash

BEIRUT, 5 June — OPEC producers said on Friday they were pleased to see oil drop below 40 US dollars a barrel and predicted prices could ease further on rising export flows.

The Organization of Petroleum-Exporting Countries agreed on Thursday a two-stage increase of 2.5 million barrels a day in July and August, raising formal supply quotas by 11 per cent.

"We hope to reach a reasonable and acceptable price and believe that 28 US dollars is reasonable for everybody," said Qatar Oil Minister Abdullah al-Attiyah. He was referring to an OPEC index price now valued just under 36 US dollars a barrel.

"This is the first time OPEC wants to see the price in a downtrend," said Iranian Oil Minister Bijan Zanganeh.

US oil, worth a three-US-dollar premium over OPEC crude, eased 53 cents to 38.75 US dollars a barrel after an 80-cent drop on Thursday.

A two-stage increase in quotas reflected concerns among some OPEC members about triggering a price crash and many in the cartel appear keen to keep prices above 30 US dollars a barrel.

"We hope with this decision to be close to 35 US dollars for the OPEC basket," Zanganeh said.

"When you're trying to

find the right balance you have to take it in steps. We have to watch it in case like this," said Nigeria's head of OPEC delegation Edmund Daukoru.

Formal output limits go up by two million bpd from July 1, to 25.5 million, increasing by a further 500,000 bpd from August. OPEC meets again on July 21.

It has come under heavy pressure to force down prices from industrialized powers worried about the impact of inflated energy costs on economic growth. For its part the 11-member group does not want crude at heights that put fuel demand at risk.

Saudi Arabia and the United Arab Emirates have said they are already delivering just over one million barrels a day of real extra oil in June. The only two nations with much spare capacity, they effectively have been granted licence to pump at will this month.

Kuwaiti Oil Minister Sheikh Ahmad al-Fahd al-Sabah estimated real supplies would rise this month by about 700,000-900,000 bpd, from 25.5 million bpd.

MNA/Reuters

Strong winds slam into N-W

China basin, causing great losses

URUMQI, 5 June — Gale force winds whipping up northwest China's Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region have torn down trees, blown up growing fruit and vegetables and caused fires that burned hundreds of houses and cattle, the local government said.

The whole gale, with a maximum speed between 49 to 56 miles per hour, stroke Turpan City and Toksun County every afternoon till early night from Tuesday to Thursday, leaving at least seven local people burned by fires which also destroyed more than 200 houses and killed 286 head of cattle.

The gales also forced the

No 312 and No 314 national trunk road sections in the region to shut down temporarily. The local government said the life and livelihood of at least 72 rural households in this sparsely populated region were affected.

"Strong winds like these happening for such a long time and on such a wide scale were rarely recorded during past years," said a spokesman for the local meteorological department.

Eyewitnesses said the sky was darkened by the fierce winds whirling up sands and rolling along stones while many irrigation channels were buried by the sands. Many farmers' vegetables like cucumbers and beans were completely bent while fallen apples, pears, peaches and apricots were seen everywhere. The local government estimated direct economic losses had reached 2.32 million yuan (about 280,000 US dollars) by Friday. Relief and rescue work is under way.

MNA/Xinhua

India to test-fire 3,000-km "Agni III" missile

NEW DELHI, 5 June — India has started integrating the 3,000-kilometre range Agni III Intermediate Range Ballistic Missile (IRBM), an adviser to the Indian Defence Minister said Friday.

"We have started integrating it (Agni III). In this kind of high-end technologies, it is very difficult for me to indicate a time," the Press Trust of India quoted V K Aatre, Scientific Adviser to the Defence Minister as saying Friday.

Talking to reporters in Bangalore, Aatre said, "It is certainly not in the next three months. I am planning to do it (this year), but I can't be certain of it."

"I need three months clearance once I finish all the tests (on the missile). At present, we have not finished the tests," he added.

"The Agni III missile would have a range of over 3,000 kilometres. We have all the technologies. In fact, the Inter Continental Ballistic Missiles (ICBM) needs a larger engine, longer burning time, improvement in the guidance system, among others," he said. — MNA/Xinhua

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UN warns oceans at risk from aggressive fishing

BARCELONA (Spain), 5 June—The United Nations sounded the alarm over the health of the world's oceans on Friday, warning that aggressive fishing threatens little-understood corals that may hold the key to new medicines.

Oil exploration, waste dumping and telecommunications cables pose further risks to mysterious cold water corals, according to a report released ahead of World Environment Day on Saturday which this year focuses on risks to marine life.

The corals, cousins of the creatures that build more famous tropical reefs, live in sunless waters up to 3.5 miles deep but are seriously threatened by deep sea fishing, the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP) said in its report.

Particularly damaging is bottom trawling, which involves pulling huge weighted nets behind ships. The nets drag along the sea floor scooping up all the marine life in their way — from valuable fish to inedible species and delicate corals. "Arguably the biggest threat to both cold and warm-water corals is coming from unsustainable fishing," UNEP head Klaus Toepfer said in a statement.

"We are only beginning to understand where (cold water corals) are and what their role is... (they) may also harbour important compounds and substances that could be the source of new drugs," he added.

Environmentalists trying to persuade governments to cut back on fishing to protect reefs and precarious fish stocks are up against a formidable enemy — a voracious international appetite for seafood.

From sushi in Tokyo to fish and chips on Britain's beaches, consumer demand drives a massive market — worth an estimated 75 billion US dollars a year — and also supports jobs in coastal areas of many countries where other employment options can be limited.

Fishing of more usual commercial species is depleting stocks at an alarming rate. According to the United Nations, over 70 per cent of the world's commercially important fish stocks are over-exploited, depleted, fully fished or slowly recovering.

But tumbling numbers of traditional favourites like cod only encourage some fishermen to turn to more exotic deep sea options like orange roughy or blue ling.

The fate of these fish is intimately tied to that of the slow-growing cold-water corals they live in and around, and it can be hard to catch them without damaging or destroying the reefs. — MNA/Reuters



A child strains against the weight of sumo wrestler Aminishiki during a demonstration of Japanese Sumo, in Beijing, on 5 June, 2004. A 111-member sumo delegation arrived in the Chinese capital for a two-day performance over the weekend. —INTERNET

Hong Kong to host ITU TELECOM WORLD 2006

GENEVA, 5 June — The International Telecommunication Union (ITU) announced here Thursday that the next world-wide telecommunication exhibition, ITU TELECOM WORLD in 2006, would be held in Hong Kong.

The announcement came following an evaluation on May 28 of the final offers received from Geneva and Hong Kong, the two cities which applied to hold the event.

"Despite significant cost reductions in both offers, the one from Hong Kong gives a clear and distinct advantage to both the event stakeholders and ITU," ITU Secretary-General Yoshio Utsumi said here in a Press release.

"Both Geneva and Hong Kong have made tremendous efforts to submit the most attractive offer for hosting the next ITU TELECOM WORLD event. I am very

grateful to both for their commitment to provide the best terms and conditions for the organization of the next world event," he added.

All considered, the Hong Kong offer tops the Geneva bid because direct costs are 30 to 50 per cent lower, there is a sizable level of guaranteed sales by Chinese companies and Hong Kong subcontractor rates, hotel rates and other indirect costs are lower, the ITU Press release said.

In view of the fact that there will be no event in Europe in 2006, ITU is also considering organizing one — ITU TELECOM EUROPA.

The first TELECOM EUROPA was held in 1992 in Budapest but was not staged again given that the world event was also taking place in Europe.

ITU TELECOM events were launched more than 30 years ago with the first world-wide event being held in Geneva in 1971.

The most recent world event, held last October in Geneva, brought together 911 exhibitors representing 51 countries with over 375 industry's CEOs and 148 government ministers and regulators.

Over 1,500 journalists including 300 broadcast media and more than 120 industry analysts were also accredited for that show last year.

MNA/Xinhua

Woman's weight nearly halved after growth removed

DAR-ES-SALAAM, 5 June—A Tanzanian doctor said on Friday he had removed a growth six times the weight of an average healthy baby from the uterus of a Comorian woman.

Dr David Lisasi said 32-year-old Amina Saidi had lived for more than five years with a fibroid in her uterus which grew to 18 kilos, or two-fifths of her body weight before the two-hour operation.

Uterine fibroids are areas of muscle cells and fibrous connective tissue that develop in or on the uterine wall. The tumours are benign, not associated with cancer and rarely become cancerous.

Showing a soccer-ball sized lump to journalists, Lisasi said an average healthy baby weighs three kilos. Saidi had not known why her belly was distended, he added. —MNA/Reuters

Over three billion kilos of wheat saved in fight against stripe rust

BELJING, 5 June— More than three billion kilograms of wheat have been saved in China, thanks to active control and treatment of stripe rust, a hazardous wheat disease, according to an expert from the All-China Agricultural Technology Spreading Centre.

Over 95 per cent of the four million hectares of wheat plagued by stripe rust were brought under control at the disease's incipient stage and the yield losses were also kept within a range of 5 per cent, said Zhu Enlin, director of the centre.

"It means a reduction of over 50 kilos per 0.067 hectare, which is still light as stripe rust can cause 15 to 30 per cent of yield loss or even no harvest in large-scale prevalence," Zhu said.

Detailed calculation would not be available until all the wheat is harvested.

Stripe rust first broke out in southwest China's

Sichuan Province last November and central China's Henan Province last December, even earlier than in 1950, 1964 and 1990 when China also suffered large-scale prevalence of the disease.

Zhu listed weak disease-resistance of wheat seedlings and the warm winter influence as major factors leading to the disease, which quickly spread from no more than 50 counties at the beginning of this year to over 300 counties all over China in April.

He attributed the success in disease control to early finding and early treatment.

MNA/Xinhua

WTC survivor granted record \$8.6m award

NEW YORK, 5 June—A New York woman who suffered internal injuries and crushed legs when she was hit by falling debris in the September 11, 2001, attacks was awarded 8.6 million US dollars by the US Victims Compensation Fund, her lawyer said on Friday.

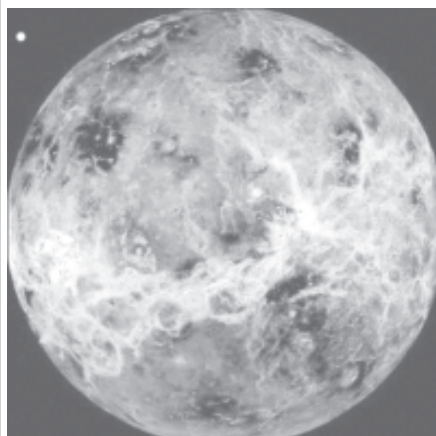
The award, the biggest such grant yet, was given to 33-year-old Deborah Mardenfeld.

Mardenfeld had just come from a subway under the World Trade Center when falling debris from the second plane to hit the towers split open her back, punctured her intestines, sliced off her buttocks and badly damaged her legs.

She was hospitalized for more than a year, underwent repeated reconstructive surgery and needs more operations.

"It's not like she won the lottery," attorney Guy Smiley said. "She's not jumping for joy. She feels at least comfortable that her economic future is secure."

The fund has settled more than 2,500 personal injury claims. The average award to relatives of victims is about 1.85 million US dollars. —MNA/Reuters



Planet Venus, a scorched hell where rainfall takes the form of sulphuric acid. On Tuesday it passes between the Earth and the Sun, a sight unseen by anyone alive on 5 June, 2004. —INTERNET

Texas woman charged in baby death by chili powder

DALLAS, 5 June—A Texas woman has been charged with capital murder in the death of her baby daughter, who was suffocated with chili powder, police said on Friday.

The woman, Angela DiSabella, 19 said she had used the spicy powder to try to stop the five-month-old girl from sucking her thumb, said Irving, Texas Police Department spokesman David Tull.

Paramedics who went to the scene after the mother called for help, and a later autopsy, found so much chili powder in the baby that she could not breathe, he said.

"I can't comment on how much chili powder was inhaled by the baby, but what we know is that when the

paramedics tried to insert a tube to open the baby's airways, they couldn't get the tube down her throat because of the blockage," Tull said.

"Evidence showed the amount of chili powder in the baby was so much the baby could not have inhaled it all by herself," Tull said.

DiSabella was in jail on 750,000-US-dollar bail, he said. If convicted of capital murder, she could face the death penalty.

MNA/Reuters

Donate blood

SPORTS

Raul upbeat about Spain's chances

MADRID, 5 June — Spain captain Raul was in upbeat mood about his side's chances at Euro 2004 as the squad made its final preparations before departing for Portugal on Sunday.

"Physically we are in optimum shape, we have been training really well and now we have to reflect that in the tournament itself," the Real Madrid striker told a news conference at the team's training base in Las Rozas on Friday.

"Apart from the injury to Michel (Salgado) we've had a very positive time here and we really believe that if we do things well we can beat any team in Portugal.

"Obviously if we don't do that we'll be on our way home, but there's no doubt that we will be doing everything we can to fight for Spain and for Spanish football."

Raul said the side's experience of having to earn their place at Euro 2004 via the playoffs had brought the squad together and the strength of the team spirit had become evident during their week-long training camp.

MNA/Reuters



Rafael van der Vaart, center, of the Netherlands, shoots the ball at the wall consisting of, from left to right, Patrick Kluivert, Alan Quinn, Clinton Morrison, Steve Finnan, Matt Holland and Robbie Keane during the friendly soccer match between The Netherlands and Ireland in Amsterdam, on 5 June, 2004. —INTERNET

Deschamps stays at Monaco for two more years

MONACO, 5 June — Didier Deschamps announced on Friday he would continue as Monaco coach for two more seasons, ending speculation that he might take over as France manager.

Deschamps said he had obtained the "sporting and financial guarantees" allowing him to lead "an ambitious project" at the club.

The former France captain, who joined the principality club three seasons ago, has renewed his contract until 2007.

It was announced on Thursday that France manager Jacques Santini would quit at the end of Euro 2004 to take over at English Premier League side Tottenham Hotspur.

Deschamps said Santini's announcement was "regrettable for the team, the coach

and the federation."

He added: "It's not going to bring back credibility. Now France must still do well at Euro 2004."

Deschamps, who captained France to the European title in 2000 and who has just taken Monaco to the Champions League final, went on: "The adventure continues (at Monaco) and we're going to try to keep a competitive team as well as the players who have been approached like Jerome Rothen and Ludovic Giuly.

"Our great campaign last season must give us the am-

bition to do even better the next."

Rothen has been linked with Paris St. Germain and Giuly with Barcelona.

Investors announced this week they would pour 50 million euros (61.08 million US dollars) into the club, roughly equal to its estimated debts — MNA/Reuters

Mokhtari, Naybet miss Morocco World Cup tie

BLANTYRE, 5 June — Morocco will be without Youssef Mokhtari and captain Nouredine Naybet for their opening World Cup qualifier away to Malawi on Saturday.

Coach Badou Ezaki said both were injured, along with striker Jawad Zairi, another member of the squad who finished runners-up at this year's African Nations Cup finals in Tunis.

Mokhtari, from German Second Division club Wacker Burghausen, was joint top goal scorer in the tournament.

Botswana, Guinea, Kenya and Tunisia are the other sides in Group Five of the African zone qualifiers. The group winners qualify for the 2006 World Cup finals in Germany.

MNA/Reuters

Real told to pay extra eight million euros for Ronaldo

LAUSANNE (Switzerland), 5 June — Real Madrid were ordered on Friday to pay Inter Milan an extra eight million euros relating to their purchase of Brazil striker Ronaldo in 2002.

The Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) issued the decision following a hearing on Thursday at which Real had appealed against an order by world body FIFA to pay a 10-million-euro settlement to Inter.

Ronaldo moved to Spanish side Real in August 2002 in a deal worth 35 million euros which also included midfielder Santiago Solari in part-exchange.

The 35 million was paid but Argentine Solari refused to move to Inter in January 2003, prompting the Italian club to appeal to FIFA.

FIFA ordered Real to pay Inter 10 million euros for the incomplete move of Solari,

but Real appealed to CAS in March 2004 over the decision.

CAS said in a statement on Friday: "Real Madrid and Inter Milan...have decided to settle the controversy related to the interpretation of the transfer agreement of Ronaldo to the Spanish club, and concerning the position of the player Solari.

"Real Madrid shall pay eight million euros to Inter Milan, divided as follows: seven million euros by June 30, 2004 and 1 million euros by June 30, 2005."

The judgment has been approved by both Real Madrid and Inter Milan, CAS said.

MNA/Reuters

Qatar pledges to host best Asian Games in 2006

SINGAPORE, 5 June — Qatar on Friday pledged to host the best ever Asian Games that will take place in its capital of Doha in 2006.

Speaking at a Press conference here on Friday, Abdulla Yousef Al Mulla, Director of Protocol and International Relations at the Doha Asian Games Organizing Committee (DAGOC), said that the numerous international world-class sporting events staged in the Qatari capital have given Doha "the confidence to keep reaching higher and thinking bigger and better".

"The Doha Asian Games 2006 will show the world the dedication and capabilities of the people of Asia and how we, in this great continent can collaborate to achieve our aspirations," he said.

"The success of the Doha Asian Games is not only good for the State of Qatar, it is for this strong and beautiful continent we call Asia," he added.

Briefing the Press on the progress Qatar has made in infrastructure projects,

Mulla said that Doha's progress so far indicates that it will exceed all expectations, with 2.8 billion US dollars being invested to ensure that the 10,000 athletes and officials from the continent are subjected to the best and highest standard of sporting excellence.

The Qatari DAGOC official promised that all the infrastructure projects will complete before July 2006, with 22 competition venues in addition to numerous training venues have already been specified.

On the same occasion, Ng Ser Miang, Singapore's member of the International Olympic Committee (IOC), said that Doha has accepted this arduous task and stands committed to delivering the most successful Asian Games ever.

"We are happy that the Doha Asian Games Organizing Committee with the full support of the Qatari Government and National Olympic Committee of Qatar are totally committed and sparing no resources to ensure the success of the Asian Games. We look forward to a great Games in Doha," he said.

The 15th Doha Asian Games, to be held from December 1 to 15, 2006, is expecting athletes from 45 countries and regions in 33 competitive sports.

The first Asian Games took place in New Delhi, India in 1951, and the last one was held in Busan, South Korea in 2002.

MNA/Xinhua



Belgium's pair Olivier Rochus, left, and Xavier Malisse hold the cup after defeating France's Michael Llodra and Fabrice Santoro in the men's double final of the French Open tennis tournament at the Roland Garros stadium in Paris, on 5 June, 2004. Rochus and Malisse won, 7-5, 7-5. —INTERNET

Italy's del Neri to take over as Porto coach

LISBON, 5 June — Italy's Chievo Verona coach Luigi del Neri will replace Jose Mourinho at Champions League winners Porto, Portuguese newspapers said on Friday.

O Jogo and A Bola sports newspapers quoted Porto Chairman Jorge Nuno Pinto da Costa as saying del Neri had agreed to a three-year contract.

The club was not immediately available for comment.

Mourinho, who steered Porto to a 3-0 win over Monaco in the Champions League final last week, was named manager of English Premier League club Chelsea on Wednesday.

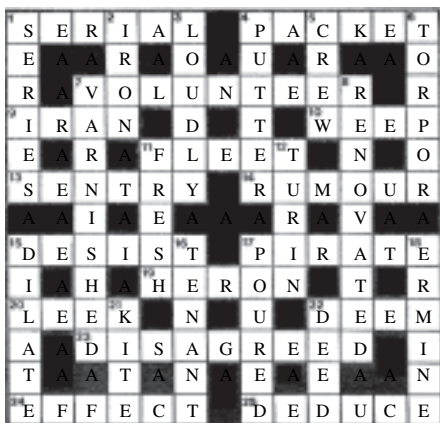
MNA/Reuters



Anastasia Myskina of Russia (Front) and her compatriot Elena Dementieva hold their trophies after the women's final of the French Open tennis tournament at Roland Garros stadium in Paris, on 5 June, 2004.

Myskina won the final 6-1, 6-2.

INTERNET

Answer for yesterday's Crossword Puzzle

7-6-2004 (Monday)
Evening Transmission
(15:30 - 17:30)

15:30 Signature Tune
 Greeting

15:32 Song of Myanmar
 Beauty & Scenic
 Sights 'Myanma Pano-
 rama & Myanma Sea-
 ting'

15:36 Ponglaung Village and
 Elephant Camp

15:40 **Headline News**
 15:42 Ancient Buddha Im-
 ages Carved On Stone
 Walls (Akkau Moun-
 tain)

15:45 **National News**
 15:50 2004 Chaungtha Sea
 Training (Part-I)

15:55 Kachin Dance

16:00 **National News**
 16:05 Rafting and Kayaking
 in Maytha and
 Malikha Rivers

16:10 Song 'Auspicious Day'

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Ivanmar

- 7:00 am
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- 7:15 am
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- 7:25 am
3. To be healthy exercise
- 7:30 am
4. Morning news
- 7:40 am
5. Nice and sweet song
- 7:55 am
6. Song of national races
- 8:05 am
7. Cute little dancers

May 17th (II)"

16:12 A Thin Kind of Paper

16:15 **National News**

16:20 Biological Expedition to Hponkan Razi Region (I) (Yangon - Putao - Upper Shauangung)

16:25 Songs of Myanmar Beauty & Scenic Sights "Mingalabar"

16:30 **National News**

16:35 Quality Rice Production in Myanmar

16:40 Hsinbyushin Temples, Stone Carving and Monasteries

16:45 **National News**

16:50 Teddy Poo Arts

16:55 Smart Beautiful Cat

17:00 **National News**

17:05 National Races Village (Shan & Bamar)

17:10 Song "A Compassionate Love Boat"

17:12 What an Interesting Souvenir Shop

17:15 **National News**

17:20 The Cok Hkeik Viaduct

17:25 Songs of Myanmar Beauty & Scenic Sights "Come and See Myanmar"

19:30	Signature Tune
	Greeting
19:32	Song of Myanmar
	Beauty & Scenic
	Sights "Mingalabar"
19:36	Typical Traditional
	Customs of Mor
	Shan
19:40	Headline News
19:42	A Hidden Treasure
	(Kekku)
19:45	National News
19:50	Lawka Nanda Sanctu-
	ary Garden
19:55	Magnificent Pindaing-
	an Dance
20:00	National News
20:05	Bagan Archaeological
	Museum
20:10	Song "From The
	Golden National Con-
	vention Towns"
20:12	Myanmar's Pride: The
	Art of Carving
20:15	National News
20:20	Let's Talk About Lahu
	Nationality
20:25	Myanmar Modern
	Song "No right to love,
	yet
20:30	National News
20:35	School for the Blind,
20:40	Vegetable and Fruit
	Research and Develop-
	ment Centre
20:45	National News
20:50	Three Dimensional
	Gems Studied Paint-
	ing
20:55	Scenic Beauty of
	Tiddim & Cultural
	Dance

21:00	National News
21:05	Songs On Screen "My Ardent Wish"
21:10	Red Panda
21:15	National News
21:20	Towards Speedy Development of Loilem District (Part-III)
21:25	Song of Myanmar Beauty & Scenic Sights "Myanmar Panorama & Myanma Sentiment"
21:35	Pandaung Village and Elephant Camp
21:40	Headline News
21:42	Ancient Buddha Images Carved On Stone Walls (Akauk Mountain)
21:45	National News
21:50	2004 Chongtha Sea Training (Part I)
21:55	Kachin Dance
22:00	National News
22:05	Rafting and Kayaking Along Maykha and Malikha Rivers
22:10	Song "Auspicious Day, A Thin Kind of Paper (Part-III)"
22:12	National News
22:15	Biological Expedition to Hponkan Kazi Region (I) (Yangon - Putao - Upper Shauungun)
22:25	Myanmar Modern Song "Welcome to Kachin State"
22:30	National News
22:35	Quality Rice Production in Myanmar
22:40	Hsinbyun Temples, Singing Carving and Monasteries
22:45	National News
22:50	Toddy Palm Arts
22:55	Smart Beautiful Cart
23:00	National News
23:05	National Races Village (Shan & Bamar)
23:10	Song "Passionate Love Boat"
23:12	What an Interesting Souvenir Shop
23:15	National News
23:20	The Gok Hteik Viaduct
23:28	Song of Myanmar Beauty & Scenic Sights "Come and See Myanmar"

7-6-2004 (Monday)
8-6-2004 (Tuesday)
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01:10	Song "A Compassionate Love Boat"
01:12	What an Interesting Souvenir Shop
01:15	National News
01:20	The Gok Hteik Viaduct
01:25	Song of Myanmar Beauty & Scenic Sights "Come and See Myanmar"

03:30	Signature Tune
	Greeting
03:32	Song of Myanmar
	Beauty & Scenic
	Sights "Mingalabar"
03:36	Typical Traditional
	Costums of Mor
	Shan
03:40	Headline News
03:42	A Hidden Treasure
	(Kekku)
03:45	National News
03:50	Lawka Nanda Sanctu-
	ary Garden
03:55	Magnificent Pindaing-
	san Dance
04:00	National News
04:05	Bagan Archaeological
	Museum
04:10	Song "From The
	Golden National Con-
	vention Towards"
04:12	Myanmar's Pride: The
	Art of Carving
04:15	National News
04:20	Let's Talk About Lahu
	National

04:25	Myanmar Modern Song "No right to love, yet"
04:30	National News
04:35	School for the Blind
04:40	Vegetable and Fruit Research and Development Centre
04:45	National News
04:50	Three Dimensional Gems Studded Painting
04:55	Scenic Beauty of Tiddim & Cultural Dance
05:00	National News
05:05	Songs On Screen "My Ardent Wish"
05:10	Red Panda
05:15	National News
05:20	Towards Speedy Development of Loilem District (Part-III)
05:25	Song of Myanmar Beauty & Scenic Sights "Myanma Panorama" & Myanma Sentiment
05:35	Pandaung Village and Elephant Camp
05:40	Headline News
05:42	Ancient Buddha Images Carved On Stone Walls (Akauk Mountain)
05:45	National News
05:50	20th Anniversary Sea Training (Part-I)
05:55	Kachin Dance

06:00	National News
06:05	Rafting and Kayaking Along Maykha and Malikha Rivers
06:10	Song "Auspicious Day, May 17th (II)"
06:12	A Thin Kind of Paper
06:15	National News
06:20	Bicultural Expedition to Hponkan Razi Region (I) (Yangan - Putao - Upper Shangungu)
06:25	Myanmar Modern Song "Welcome to Kachin State"
06:30	National News
06:35	Quality Rice Production in Myanmar
06:40	Hsinbyushin Temples, Stone Carving and Monasteries
06:45	National News
06:50	Toddy Palm Arts
06:55	Smart Beautiful Cart
07:00	National News
07:05	Nonkon Razes Villagers (Shan & Bamar)
07:10	Song "A Compassionate Love Boat"
07:12	What an Interesting Souvenir Shop
07:15	National News
07:20	The Gok Hteik Viaduct
07:25	Song of Myanmar
07:28	Nativity & Scenic Sights "Come and See Myanmar".

Map of the Western Indian Ocean showing the depth of the thermocline in meters. The map covers the area from 10°N to 20°S and 20°E to 100°E. It includes the Arabian Sea, Bay of Bengal, and the Indian Ocean. A legend at the bottom explains the symbols for bathymetry, depth, and presence of life.

Map Title: WESTERN INDIAN OCEAN: DEPTH OF THE THERMOCLINE IN METERS

Scale: 1:1,000,000

Legend:

- BATHYMETRY:**
 - 0-200m
 - 200-1000m
 - 1000-2000m
 - 2000-3000m
 - 3000-4000m
 - 4000-5000m
 - 5000-6000m
 - 6000-7000m
 - 7000-8000m
 - 8000-9000m
 - 9000-10000m
- DEPTH:**
 - 0-200m
 - 200-1000m
 - 1000-2000m
 - 2000-3000m
 - 3000-4000m
 - 4000-5000m
 - 5000-6000m
 - 6000-7000m
 - 7000-8000m
 - 8000-9000m
 - 9000-10000m
- PRESENCE OF LIFE:**
 - Low pressure zone
 - High pressure zone
 - Low pressure zone
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 - Low pressure zone
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 - Low pressure zone
 - High pressure zone

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Mon State, Magway and Ayeyawady Divisions, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Chin, Kayah and Kayin States, widespread in Kachin, Shan States, Sagaing Division and scattered in the remaining areas with isolated heavyfall in Mandalay Division. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Mogoke (2.09) inches and Kvaikse (1.61) inches.

Maximum temperature on 5-6-2004 was 33.5°C (92°F). Minimum temperature on 6-6-2004 was 21.0°C (70°F). Relative humidity at 9:30 hrs MST on 6-6-2004 was 79%. Total sunshine hours on 5-6-2004 was (6.4) hours approx. Rainfall on 6-6-2004 was 17mm (0.67 inch) at Yangan Airport, nil at Kaba-Aye and central Yangan. Total rainfall since 1-1-2004 was 542mm (21.34 inches) at Yangan Airport and 458mm (18.03 inches) at Kaba-Aye and 592 mm (23.30 inches) at central Yangan. Maximum wind speed at Yangan (Kaba-Aye) was 8 mph from Southwest at (14:10) hours MST on 5-6-2004.

Bay inference: According to the observations at (09:30) hrs MST today, yesterday's the low pressure area over West Central Bay and adjoining Southwest Bay persists. Monsoon is weak to moderate in the Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of the 7-6-2004: Rain or thundershowers will be widespread in Kachin, Kayin, Shan and Mon States, Yangon, upper Sagaing and Taninthayi Divisions, scattered in Rakhine, Kayah States, Mandalay, Ayeyawady and Bago Divisions and isolated in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (80%).

State of the sea: Seas will be slight to moderate in Myanmar waters.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Thundery conditions in the northern Myanmar areas. **Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 7-6-2004:** One or two rains or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%)

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 7-6-2004: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

Music Troupe)

6:00 pm
10. Song and dances of national races

6:05 pm
11. Industrial Achievement

6:15 pm
12. တယာ-ရီးရာဝတီစားဆင်ယင်မှု

6:20 pm
13. Discovery

6:30 pm
14. Evening News

7:00 pm
15. Weather report

7:05 pm
16. Musical programme

7:15 pm
17. ကော့လီလပ်ပန်းပွင့်လန်းဝေသာ
ဆွေးချင်းတို့ရွာရာမှာ

7:30 pm
18. ကျောက်ဆေးတစ်ရှင်အလှဆင်

8:00 pm
19. News
20. International news
21. Weather report
22. နိုင်ငံခြားစာတမ်းတွဲ
“အချစ်သို့သွင်ရာ” (အပိုင်း-၁၄၄)
23. The next day's programme

Radio
Myanmar

Monday, June 7
Tune in today:

8.30 am	Brief news
8.35 am	Music: Let's stay together (No Mercy)
8.40 am	Perspectives
8.45 am	Music: Love of my life (Fun Factory)
8.50 am	National news/ Slogan
9.00 am	Music: Teddy bear (Toybox)
9.05 am	International news
9.10 am	Music: Better best forgotten (Steps)
1.30 pm	News/Slogan
1.40 pm	Lunch time music -I want it that way (Backstreet Boys) -I will always love you (Dolly Parton) -Without you (Samantha Cole)
9.00 pm	Spotlight on the star "Amy Grant"
9.15 pm	Article
9.25 pm	Radio Magazine / Drugs Elimination / Women's affairs -Parents teachers cooperation helps promote children's education
9.35 pm	Vocal Gems/Golden Land's Melody -Nothing compares to you (Sinead O'connor) -Rush rush (Paula Abdul)
9.45 pm	News/Slogan
10.00 pm	PEL



Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt addresses 40th meeting of National Health Committee.—MNA

Various kinds of health care services to be provided to different regions in conformity with different environments

YANGON, 6 June—The 40th meeting of the National Health Committee was held at the meeting hall of NHC at the Ministry of Health on Pyidaungsu Yeiktha Road this afternoon, with an address by Chairman of NHC Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt.

Also present were Vice-Chairman of NHC Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Soe Win, the ministers, the Yangon mayor, members of NHC, officials of the State Peace and Development Council Office, heads of department and officials.

In his address, the Prime

Minister said arrangements for promotion of quality of health care services for the citizens were formulated at the NHC meetings. The present meeting was to review the implementation of the resolutions passed at the previous meeting and to lay down the future tasks.

He said Myanmar which has a population of over 52 million is a country of a considerable high population ratio among the South-East Asian nations.

The regions in the north and north-eastern part of the country are mountainous and there are heights situated over 6,000 feet or 7,000 feet above sea level.

In the central part of the

country there are dry zones.

The regions in southern part of the country are wet and get much rain. Climate changes occur as there are three seasons in Myanmar. He spoke of the need to provide various kinds of health care services to the different regions in conformity with the spread of population, dry, cold and rainy regions and different environments.

He said the amount of the tasks for promotion of quality of health care services for the citizens are great and very delicate. In the past, systematic health care services could not be provided to border areas due to instability in the region.

Now those regions are at peace and arrangements are being made for providing health care services to them.

He said the Union of Myanmar is promoting the tasks for health standard in cooperation with WHO, ASEAN member countries and other friendly nations. Therefore health care services in Myanmar are becoming wider and wider and more and more delicate. He called on officials of health sector to make efforts for promotion of health care services after realizing this point.

Fruitful results can be seen in some sectors on account of the success of health care services. He said

there are still much to be done for successful implementation of the health care services.

Continuing, he said the government has laid down border area and national races development project, 24 special region project and five rural development tasks and the health sector is included as a major one in the three projects. With the successful implementation of these projects, health care services can cover the whole country, he said.

He went on to say that Myanmar is a Union formed with states and divisions where over 100 national races reside. With the equal

provision of health care services to hilly regions, border areas and inner regions, national solidarity will be strengthened and the Union will exist forever.

The government opened rural health care centres and sub-centres in states and divisions, general hospitals and upgraded them in accord with the requirements of the respective regions.

Nowadays, 16-bed hospitals have been upgraded into 25 ones in most townships. Likewise, hospitals in states and divisions and those from special development regions have been upgraded into at least 200-bed facilities.

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Lt-Gen Maung Bo inspects construction of bypass in Myeik

YANGON, 6 June — Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Maung Bo of the Ministry of Defence, accompanied by Deputy Minister for Construction Brig-Gen Myint Thein and officials of the State Peace and Development Council Office and departments concerned, arrived in Myeik on 4 June morning.

Lt-Gen Maung Bo and party were welcomed there by Chairman of Taninthayi Division Peace and Development Council Com-

mander of Coastal Region Command Brig-Gen Ohn Myint, Deputy Commander Col Hon Ngaing, senior military officers and departmental officials.

Accompanied by the commander, Lt-Gen Maung Bo arrived at the junction of Palaw-Mazawbyingyi-Thamok Road. Chief Engineer (Road) U Kyaw Tint of Public Works, Taninthayi Division Superintending Engineer U Ba Wan and Deputy Superintending Engineer U Khin Maung

Kyaw reported on completion of Myeik bypass and future tasks. Lt-Gen Maung Bo gave instructions on timely completion of the bypass. They also inspected preparations for laying gravel at mile post 7 and completion of Papyin Bridge.

They saw over extension of the road sections and dredging of drains. Next, they inspected driving of piles at the construction site of Alechaung Bridge. Afterwards, they arrived at Myeik bypass

construction site. In the briefing hall, Deputy Superintending Engineer U Khin Maung Kyaw and Chief Engineer (Road) U Kyaw Tint reported on progress of road construction and requirements.

Next, Deputy Minister for Construction Brig-Gen Myint Thein reported on a plan to fulfil the machinery and fuel for timely completion of the bypass.

Afterwards, Lt-Gen Maung Bo urged the officials concerned to make efforts to complete the by-

pass and Taninthayi-Bokpyin Road by December. As the bypass is a part of the Union Highway, responsible officials also need to step up efforts for timely completion of the road construction meeting the set standard, he added.

In Myeik bypass construction project, extension of earth works has been completed on 13 miles and four furlongs long Boke-Papyin-Daw road section and 11 miles and four furlongs long Daw-PinO-Kabin Road

section. Out of 25 miles and four furlongs long Daw-Mazawpyingyi road section, earth work of eight miles and one furlong section was completed.

Out of 13 miles and four furlongs of the Boke-Papyin-Daw road section, 10 miles and six furlongs were paved with gravel. Two miles and six furlongs Daw-PinO-Kabin Road section and one mile and four furlongs section out of Daw-Mazawpyingyi Road have been paved with gravel. — MNA



Lt-Gen Maung Bo inspects progress in building of Myeik bypass.—MNA