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In endeavours for emergence of ASEAN-China Free Trade Area private sector will serve as driving engine Third Annual ASEAN-China Business Council Meeting, 16th ASEAN-CCI Conference & 61st Council Meeting open

YANGON, 7 June—Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt attended and addressed the opening ceremony of the Third Annual ASEAN-China Business Council Meeting and 16th ASEAN-CCI Conference & 61st Council Meeting held at the Grand Ballroom of Sedona Hotel on Kaba Aye Pagoda Road here at 9 am today.

Present on the occasion were Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Soe Win, ministers, deputy ministers, officials of the SPDC Office, departmental officials, ambassadors of foreign embassies and embassies of ASEAN countries, the president, CEC members and advisers of Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry, the presidents of ASEAN-CCI and CCPIT, representatives of ASEAN countries, the president of Myanmar Foreign Correspondents Club and special guests.

First, Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt delivered a speech. He said:

It gives me great pleasure to extend a very warm welcome to Your Excellencies, distinguished delegates from ASEAN Chambers and from the China Council for the Promotion of International Trade (CCPIT), led by Excellency Mr. Wan Jifei, to this auspicious Third ASEAN-China Business Council (ACBC) Annual Meeting and the 16th Bi-Annual Conference of ASEAN Chambers of Com-

merce and Industry.

Southeast Asia and China represent 1.7 billion consumers with a combined gross domestic product (GDP) two trillion US dollars. Moreover, the two regions are regarded as among the most economically vibrant areas in the world today. The growth of their economies, as well as increasing purchasing power, have dramatically increased their trade and economic ties.

the previous year. I am fully confident that this growing trend will prevail in the years to come and ASEAN-China trade will achieve the target of 100 billion dollars by 2005. Moreover, the development of ASEAN-China trade will contribute towards the acceleration of the establishment of ASEAN-China Free Trade Area (ACFTA).

In this context, I am delighted that ASEAN-CCI

networking.

It is my belief that this important ASEAN-China Business Council Third Annual Meeting will bring forth practical ways and means for further development of the private sector and business in ASEAN and China within the framework and in the context of ACFTA. In short, this Third Annual Meeting will positively push forward the follow-up measures to the decisions taken at the last



Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt delivers an address at Third Annual ASEAN-China Business Council Meeting, 16th ASEAN-CCI Conference & 61st Council Meeting. — MNA

I am happy to note that in 2003 the volume of ASEAN-China two-way trade increased by nearly 43 percent over the previous year and amounted to over 78 billion US dollars. ASEAN's export to China amounted to more than 47 billion dollars, thus showing a 52 percent increase. On the other hand, ASEAN imported about 31 billion dollars worth of goods from China, representing a 31 percentage increase over

and CCPIT share common goals and are working in close cooperation. In the endeavours for the emergence of the ASEAN-China Free Trade Area, the private sector, acting in concert with the broad policy decisions of the ASEAN and Chinese leaders, will serve as the driving engine. Therefore, it is imperative for both sides to strive for the strengthening of both ASEAN-China Private Sector linkages and

Kunming Meeting.

Since assuming the ASEAN-CCI Chair by the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry (UMFCCI) in July 2002, my Government has extended every possible assistance to the UMFCCI as well as to the ASEAN-CCI in Yangon. We view ASEAN-CCI as an umbrella Chamber of the ASEAN region, representing and advocating regional

business interests, facilitating, helping and leading the ASEAN private sector.

At the Summit Meeting in Bali in October 2003, the ASEAN leaders agreed on the creation of ASEAN Economic Community (AEC) to achieve deeper economic integration of the region, as outlined in the Roadmap for Integration of ASEAN (RIA) and Vision 2020. In short, ASEAN will become a single market and productive base, with a freer flow of goods, services, investment, labour and capital. In this (See page 8)

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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PERSPECTIVES

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Speed up efforts for total elimination of narcotic drugs

Narcotic drugs are a grave threat to the existence of the entire human beings. Therefore, every nation and region in the world is making serious endeavours to totally wipe out the menace of these narcotics. The Government of the Union of Myanmar is also carrying out the narcotic drugs elimination tasks with the national outlook and with the cooperation of national races.

In accordance with the guidance of Head of State Senior General Than Shwe, the 15-year drug elimination plan was started in the fiscal year 1999-2000. As the first phase of the plan from 1999-2000 to 2003-2004 has been successfully implemented, the implementation of the second phase of the plan has now begun in the year 2004-2005. To be able to speedily and successfully implement the tasks of the 15-year plan, a new project, known as the New Destiny Project, is also being implemented.

According to the New Destiny Project, poppy plantations are being destroyed and at the same time necessary assistance provided to the farmers so that they can grow substitute crops. Local farmers are being provided with seeds of substitute crops, strains of livestock and cultivation and livestock breeding methods.

The implementation of the New Destiny Project is successful, especially in Shan State (North), Shan State (South) and Shan State (East) where poppy growers, of their own volition, surrender or torch poppy seeds.

All the necessary measures should be taken for the development of education, health and social infrastructures to ensure the higher living standard of farmers who have given up poppy-growing and to make cultivation of poppy-substitute crops, livestock breeding and manufacturing industry successful.

As the first phase of the 15-year drug elimination plan and the tasks of the New Destiny Project are very successful, there have been a remarkable drop in production and demand of narcotic drugs. Moreover, it is important to make constant efforts so that stimulant tablets cannot rear their ugly head.

We would like to call upon the entire national people to enthusiastically cooperate with the Government for total elimination of narcotic drugs, a serious danger to mankind.



Attorney-General U Aye Maung delivers an address at Third Meeting of Task Force on ASEAN Dispute Settlement Mechanism. — MNA

Third Meeting of Task Force on ASEAN Dispute Settlement Mechanism held

YANGON, 7 June — Third meeting of Task Force on ASEAN Dispute Settlement Mechanism, hosted by Myanmar, was held at Traders Hotel on Sule Pagoda road here this morning.

Present at the meeting were Chief Justice U Aung Toe, Attorney-General U Aye Maung, Deputy Attorney-General U Myint Naing, Director-General of Office of the Attorney-General U Mya Nyein and directors, officials of

Office of the Attorney-General, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Directorate of Trade and National AFTA Unit and representatives of ASEAN countries.

Attorney-General U Aye Maung and Vice-Secretary General Mr Pengirang Mashor Pengirim Ahmad of Asian Secretariat extended greetings and representatives of ASEAN countries discussed matters related to tasks concerned. The meeting will continue until 9 June. — MNA

Ambassador U Thein Lwin presents credentials to President of Mongolia

YANGON, 7 June — U Thein Lwin, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Union of Myanmar to Mongolia, presented his Credentials to His Excellency Mr Natsagiin Bagabandi, President of Mongolia, on 11 May 2004, in Ulaanbaatar. — MNA

Ambassador U Aye presents credentials to Governor-General of Canada

YANGON, 7 June — U Aye, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Union of Myanmar to Canada, presented his Credentials to Her Excellency the Right Honourable Adrienne Clarkson, Governor-General of Canada, on 27 May 2004, in Ottawa. — MNA

Gifts for Ministry of Health

YANGON, 7 June — Hailing the National Convention, the ceremony to donate 100 pieces of Inter Ocular Lens worth K 3.5 million and 500 books on medical science by Professor Dr Khin Maung Htoo who lived abroad and wife Dr Htay Htay Nwe and families took place at the Tatmadaw Guest House on Inya Road here this afternoon.

Well-wisher retired Orthopaedic Surgeon Dr Khin Maung Htoo presented 100 pieces of Inter Ocular Lens (IOL) and 500 books on medical science to Maj-Gen Kyaw Win and explained purpose of the donations.

Next, Maj-Gen Kyaw Win handed over the donations to Minister Dr Kyaw Myint who spoke words of thanks. — MNA

Maj-Gen Kyaw Win accepts the donations of Dr Khin Maung Htoo (Retd). — MNA



Opening of sinking tubewell held

YANGON, 7 June — A tubewell was opened in Kayin Chaung village, Moekaung village tract Toungoo Township on 29 May.

The tube-well was sunk by Development Affairs Committee and local

family.

It was sunk at a cost of K 900,000.

Now, Kayin Chaung village has got enough drinking water as the newly-opened tubewell produces 1500 gallons per hour. — MNA

Drug traffickers sentenced

YANGON, 7 June — A combined team comprising members of local intelligence unit and Bago Special Anti-Drug Squad, acting on information, on 3 August 2003, searched Htin Lin Aung medicine shop of Win Min in Yone Kyi Ward in Bago and arrested him together with 8 bottles of comethazine each containing 100 ml and 582 tablets of diazepam. Further information led to the search of the house of Win Min in Pyaytawye (3) street in the same ward and arrested him together with 50 bottles of comethazine each containing 100 ml.

Bago Police Station filed a lawsuit against Win Min, son of U Ba Khin in Yone Kyi Ward in Bago under Sections 15/19(A) of Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law. Bago District Court handed down 11 years' im-

prisonment on Win Min under Section 19 (A) of the law and 3 years' imprisonment under Section 15 to serve separately on 26 February 2004.

Similarly, a combined team comprising members of local intelligence unit and Tachilek Special Anti-Drug Squad searched Soe Win on the Pedauk street in Pone Tun ward in Tachilek and arrested him with 140 stimulant tablets with WY brand in his pocket on 31 December 2003. Tachilek Police Station filed a lawsuit against Soe Win, son of U Ohn in Yarmyaykon in Macahokhan ward in Tachilek under Sections 15/19 (A) of Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law. He was sentenced to 13 years' imprisonment by Tachilek District Court under Section 19 (A) of the law on 17 March 2004. — MNA



A lucky draw winner of Sanyo grand receives prize. (H)

Sanyo grand lucky draw opens

YANGON, 7 June — The opening ceremony of Sanyo grand lucky draw 2003-2004, organized by OK Myanmar Co, Ltd was held at Sedona Hotel this evening. It was attended by officials of Sanyo Manufacturing (S) Pte, Ltd, officials of the departments concerned and Yangon City Development Committee and officials of OK Myanmar Co, Ltd and guests.

Next, Managing Director U Kyaw Kyaw Hlaing

of OK Myanmar Co, Ltd presented reports on measures being taken for import and distribution of electrical gadgets. Then, U Kyaw Kyaw Hlaing and officials drew lots for buyers of Sanyo and its accessories and presented prizes to lucky draw winners. Sanyo company office opens at She Gon Daing Dagon Tower and anyone may also contact Tel- 544464 and 544465. (H)

Suicide bomb attack outside US base leaves nine dead

BAGHDAD, 7 June—Nine Iraqis were killed and 61 injured yesterday when a suicide bomber blew himself up in a car outside a security base at Taji, north of Baghdad, part of a wave of attacks in and around the Iraqi capital.

And, in a separate attack, a British security contractor was killed in a drive-by attack in the northern Iraqi city of Mosul, the Foreign Office confirmed yesterday. Craig Dickens, an Armour Group International Ltd, was shot when gunmen opened fire on Saturday on a convoy of vehicles. Mr Dickens' age and home-town were not released.

Three other employees—Peter Lloyd, Stephen Baigent and David Leach—were injured, but were recovering.

The bombings and ambushes are being carried out in Shia districts, as well as

Sunni. In the past three days, seven US soldiers have been killed near the enormous Shia slum known as Sadr City in east Baghdad.

The bomb exploded outside the base of the Iraqi Civil Defence Corps, a 40,000-strong paramilitary group that the US has been seeking to build as an auxiliary force to aid the 138,000 US troops in Iraq. The surge in attacks may be connected with the approaching handover of sovereignty to an Iraqi interim government on 30 June, but the pattern is changing.

Internet



Iraqi children gather behind barbed wire close to a blown up police station in Sadr City, a poor Shiite Muslim neighbourhood of Baghdad, on 6 June 2004.—INTERNET

Anti-war protest at Rumsfeld's home

WASHINGTON, 6 June—Roughly 2,000 anti-war demonstrators have marched to the home of US Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld to call for an end to the American-led occupation of Iraq.

After holding a rally in front of the White House on Saturday, protesters walked almost 90 minutes through downtown Washington to Rumsfeld's house, demanding that the Bush administration withdraw US troops.

"The US should leave Iraq immediately," said Brian Becker, a coordinator for International ANSWER (Act Now to Stop War and End Racism), an activist group that organized the event.

Becker said the Defence Secretary's home was the target of the march because Rumsfeld had become the "face of this war."

"Just because Donald Rumsfeld owns an

[expensive] house does not mean that the American people do not have a right to go there and point a finger and say, 'You are accountable'," he said.

Despite predictions by some foreign policy experts that a precipitous exit from Iraq by US forces could spark a violent civil war, Becker said the ongoing occupation would only deter the country's fight for political stability. "The chaos came to Iraq when the US came to Iraq," he said. "And the chaos will end only when the Iraqi people have full, undiluted control over their own affairs."

Internet

China's temperature could rise up to 8.9 degrees in 21st Century

BEIJING, 6 June—Due to global warming, temperatures in China might rise 1.3 to 8.9 degrees Celsius in the 21st Century, and the average precipitation will increase by over 10 per cent, a Chinese meteorologist said here Friday.

The conclusion was drawn from some 40 climate forecasting models, said Liu Hongbin, a researcher with the National Meteorological Centre of China Meteorological Administration.

"The models show that if the emissions of greenhouse gases cannot be brought under effective control and the global population growth stays at a high speed, temperatures in China will rise 5.5 degrees Celsius on the

average by the end of this century, and the precipitation will increase by 14 per cent," Liu said.

However, if the global population growth could be well controlled and further achievement be made in science and technology, China's average temperature will rise by 3.4 degrees Celsius and the precipitation will rise by 9 per cent, Liu said.

The global temperature will increase by 1.4 to 5.8

degrees Celsius in the 21st Century, according to forecasting models.

The 20th Century was the warmest century in the past 1,000 years, and the last 20 years were the warmest years of the past 100 years. With more greenhouse gases emitted to the air, the global temperature will keep on rising, said Qin Dahe, director-general of China Meteorological Administration.

MNA/Xinhua

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Four civilian contractors killed in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 6 June—Assailants ambushed a convoy of security contractors travelling to Baghdad's airport, killing two Americans and two Poles working for a US security company in Iraq, their employer said Sunday.

Gunmen opened fire with automatic weapons as the security guards working for Blackwater USA (search) travelled to the airport to pick up a client, a company official in Baghdad said while speaking on condition of anonymity.

Four men died on the spot, but three others managed to fight their way to the other side of the road, flag down a passing car, and travel to safety with US coalition forces at their headquarters in the Green Zone (search) in central Baghdad.

A spokesman for Moyock, NC-based Blackwater, Chris Bertelli, said the convoy was "attacked from a couple of different angles by four or five vehicles with four or five people each."

"They at least had automatic weapons if not RPGs," or rocket-propelled grenades, Bertelli said.

Bertelli declined to identify the two Poles and two Americans killed in the attack. He said they and three other Blackwater guards who survived the attack were working for a delivery subcontractor for Texas-based

KBR, a division of Halliburton Co (search). The subcontractor, called ESS, generally transports food and kitchen equipment within Iraq.

Though the major road is heavily travelled, it "seems to be one where ambushes are not unheard of in that area," Bertelli said.

In Warsaw, Boguslaw Majewski, the spokesman for Poland's Foreign Ministry, also reported the deaths.

Majewski said an "intense search" for the attackers was under way. He said another Pole was also slightly injured in the attack, but gave no other details.

Blackwater is one of the biggest and best-known private security firms working in Iraq.

Four other civilian security personnel from Blackwater were killed 31 March after their vehicle was hit by rocket-propelled grenades in Fallujah. Their bodies were mutilated and burned, and two were hung from the framework of a bridge across the Euphrates river.

Internet

World's oldest bilaterian fossil found in China

NANJING, 6 June—Chinese scientists have discovered the world's oldest bilaterian fossil, which provides valuable clues on the origin of early life.

Though only 0.2-millimetre long, this fossil demonstrated under microscope a life-form 580 million years old, with one pair of coeloms and symmetrically arranged sensory pits.

Researcher Chen Junyuan of the Nanjing Institute of Geology and Palaeontology, also the discoverer, claimed this find has advanced the recorded history of bilaterian fossils, or fossils characterized by bilateral symmetry in organs, by 40 million years.

Officially named "Vernanimalcula guizhouena", this life-form has provided valuable evidence

of the genetic innovations from biradial symmetry to bilateral symmetry. Such innovation, Chen said, was crucial for mankind to track early life's three development periods, namely Sponges, Diploblastic Radiates (including Coelenterate) and Triploblastic Bilaterian.

According to Chen, this fossil was the best preserved of the 10 discovered last November at Weng'an Biota of Guizhou Province, southwest China.

Given the fossil came into being during the "Snow Ball" period when the snow-covered Earth began to melt

due to rising temperature, Chen also called it the "Guizhou Spring Worm".

Chen said the "Guizhou Spring Worm" normally lived in the running water under small tides. Afraid of being swept away, just like modern microorganisms, it would hide itself among the ashes in seabed.

Research results also showed it would suck in nutrition through a "mouth" on the belly with the help of pharyngeal muscle, which Chen claimed could be a more primitive living model than those of grass eating and cave dwelling.

MNA/Xinhua



US military police secure the area following a road side ambush on a convoy along the main Baghdad airport highway on 6 June 2004.—INTERNET

Australian opposition renews pledge to withdraw troops from Iraq

SYDNEY, 6 June—Opposition Labour leader Mark Latham stood by his pledge to pull Australian troops out of Iraq by Christmas, saying it was in the country's best interests despite what US President George W Bush thinks.

Bush has been widely accused here of intruding into Australian politics after saying Thursday that Latham's policy would be "disastrous" for the war on terrorism and would send a bad message to terrorist networks.

But Latham, who had answered the attack only with a brief Press statement, told reporters here Sunday that he was not worried about the criticism and was standing by his policy.

He said the government's Iraq policy had failed and had put Australians at greater risk of a terrorist attack, as well as diverting resources from the real priority of dismantling Al-Qaeda and catching its leader Osama Bin Laden.

"They are the things I'm worried about and the reason why we need alternative strategies to avoid the terrible mess the Howard government has helped to create

in Iraq," Latham said.

Whether the criticism by the US President had harmed him politically was a matter for the commentators, he said.

"One thing about the Labour Party — we make policies in Australia's national interest, always Australia first."

Howard, who was with Bush in Washington when the attack was launched, said in an interview recorded in

Britain and screened here Sunday that he did not know whether the attack would create a backlash against his conservative Liberal-National coalition.

"I have never looked at the polls when it comes to Iraq," he said. I've taken a position that has been out of favour at various stages because I believe in it very strongly and I will continue to maintain that position, irrespective of what the opinion polls say."

Howard, whose government faces election by the end of this year, repeated his declared view that winning a fourth term of government is going to be very tough and his government is clearly the underdog. —Internet



A general view of what used to be the police station in al-Musayyib, some 70 kms south of Baghdad recently.—INTERNET

Thailand eyes up South Korean tourist market

BANGKOK, 7 June — The Tourism Authority of Thailand (TAT) is organizing a Thailand Festival in the South Korean capital Seoul later this month in a bid to promote tourism in the country.

The festival, which will run from June 18-24, is being organized by the TAT's Seoul office in conjunction with the Thai Embassy, the Ministry of Commerce and Thai Airways International, the *Thai News Agency* reported Sunday.

The TAT hopes that the festival will lay down the routes for its latest marketing campaign, which projects Thailand as Asia's tourism capital. By doing so, the government hopes to generate more foreign revenue and increase the tourism competitiveness of Thailand's public and private sectors, while promoting tourism in conjunction with other

countries in the region.

The festival will consist of a range of tourism promotion activities, including traditional puppet shows, demonstrations of khon mask making techniques, the sale of One Tambon One Product (OTOP) goods and spa products, as well as a Thai food festival and a tourism trade meet, the agency said.

The TAT will also organize a Thai food promotion at Seoul's Sofitel Hotel from June 10-17, and will encourage the promotion of Seoul's 20-plus Thai restaurants over the next four months. —MNA/Xinhua

Pope leaves for Switzerland

ROME, 6 June—Pope John Paul left Rome on Saturday for Switzerland where he will address crowds of adoring Catholic youths during a 36-hour visit.

The 84-year-old Pope, who has Parkinson's disease, will travel to the capital Berne to preside at a jamboree of tens of thousands of Catholic youth, amid tight security and with police braced for a protest against the visit.

The Pope's plane left Rome's Fiumicino Airport at 10:09 am (0809 GMT).

MNA/Reuters

Oman plans to change phone numbers to eight digits from July

ABU DHABI, 6 June—Oman Telecommunications Company (Omantel) has revealed a well-structured plan for telephone numbers to be changed to eight digits instead of six or seven from July, the *Times of Oman* reported Saturday.

Official source in Omantel said that the new plan is a "simple-to-follow and easy-to-remember" theme. The implementation of the new numbering plan for the fixed telephone service would start in July 2004, while for the GSM, including Hayyak, it is scheduled for September 2004.

This plan is in compliance with the directive from the Telecommunications Regulatory Authority as part of the sector's liberalization strategy, which will see more telecom operators in Oman.

Omantel is committed to making the process as easy as possible to reduce or eliminate any negative implications.

An effective media plan covering TV, radio, web, SMS, and so on will be in place to communicate the changes well in advance to reduce the customer inconvenience.

MNA/Xinhua

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British contractor killed in northern Iraq

BAGHDAD, 6 June—A British contractor has been killed after an attack by gunmen on a civilian convoy in northern Iraq.

The Foreign Office said the man killed in the ambush near Mosul on Saturday was security guard Craig Dickens. Three other Britons were injured. In the past two months there has been an increase of attacks against foreign civilians in Iraq. Four British contractors were killed in May, with 11 deaths since the end of the war last year.

In a separate attack just outside Baghdad, two Poles and two American private contractors were killed in a roadside ambush. And at least six Iraqis have been killed in a suspected car bomb attack north of Baghdad.

Two American soldiers were among several people injured in the blast at Taji, a US military officer said.

Several Iraqi policemen were also reported to have been killed in an attack on a police station south of Baghdad late on Saturday. The wave of violence comes with the 30 June handover date looming, when power will transfer from the Coalition Provisional Authority (CPA) to an interim Iraqi government. —Internet

Two killed in Japan's highway vehicle pileup

TOKYO, 6 June—Two people were killed and four others were injured Friday night in a five-vehicle pileup on a highway in northern Japan, police said Saturday.

A truck crashed into a station wagon from behind on a highway in Miyagi Prefecture shortly after 10 pm (1300 GMT), killing two men and seriously injuring three others who were in it, the police said.

The truck driver has been arrested on suspicion of professional negligence resulting in injuries.

The accident involved another truck, a passenger car and a minivan that were in front of the station wagon, the police said. A woman in the minivan sustained light injuries.

MNA/Xinhua

Tourism promotes harmony between Chinese cities, rural areas

HANGZHOU, 7 June—More and more urban Chinese choose to go for rural tours after long hours of brain work, which stimulates China's tourism and boosts the exchange between cities and villages, said Liu Hongyu, a travel agency employee from east China's Jiangxi Province, who is attending the China Domestic Travel Mart.

Some urban people are willing to pay for their farming work. Wang Yan, 37, said he went to rural areas every two weeks. His wife also grew an interest in the agricultural tourism activities.

When fruit-reaping season came, they usually paid 40 yuan (five US dollars) to local farmers for picking some fruit. If they stayed in farmers' house overnight, they had to pay another 70 yuan (eight US dollars).

The programme is named

"fun in farmer land" and has developed rapidly all over China. In some well-developed regions, governments grant stars to local household hotels suitable for tourists.

Rural touring has also brought more urban cars to remote villages, and boosted the business of gas stations, stores and souvenir shops along the way. Meanwhile more and more villages have improved their environment by introducing shower devices and clean drinking water.

In Xunhua County of Qinghai Province, with the development of such tourism programme, some 4,000 new job vacancies have been created.

Statistics from the China National Tourism Administration indicate that tourism has become the most vibrant and potential industry in the service sector.

MNA/Xinhua



Armed militia members roam the mostly empty streets of the Shiite Muslim Sadr City district of Baghdad, Iraq on 6 June, 2004.—INTERNET

Russia still not fully satisfied with revised resolution on Iraq

Moscow, 6 June — A top Russian diplomat said Saturday that Russia is still not fully satisfied with the new US-British revised resolution on Iraq, noting it requires additional coordination.

Yury Fedotov, Russia's Deputy Foreign Minister, said that the new revised resolution did take into account and addresses concerns that Russia and other Security Council members expressed earlier.

However, Russia "cannot say now that it fully satisfies us, and therefore we believe it is necessary to continue its coordination," the *Interfax* news agency quoted Fedotov as saying.

"Besides the contents of the draft resolution itself, it's necessary to bear in mind how the adoption of this document would actually influence the situation in Iraq and whether it would lead to its radical improvement," Fedotov noted.

"It is from this viewpoint that we are assessing the situation and continuing intensive consultations with our partners in the UN Security Council," he said.

The United States and Britain presented a new revised

resolution to the UN Security Council on Friday, giving newly-formed Iraqi interim government the right to send home US-led troops from the war-ravaged country.

It is the third version of the draft resolution in less than two weeks. The two countries aim to give international endorsement to the interim government, which will take office on 30 June, and to authorize the multinational force to keep peace.

Fedotov on Thursday said that the revised draft resolution submitted by the United States and Britain on Tuesday needed improvement for it failed to address "many" concerns of Russia.

Russia, an opponent of the US-led war on Iraq, wants, among other things, two resolutions, one immediately to endorse an interim government and another on other issues after it takes office. — *MNA/Xinhua*

Iraqi police patrol Najaf as truce takes hold

NAJAF, 6 June — Iraqi police returned to duty on the streets of the holy city of Najaf for the first time in weeks on Saturday in an early sign that a truce between US troops and Shiite militia may be taking hold, witnesses said.

US forces and radical cleric Moqtada al-Sadr agreed on Friday to pull back from Najaf and turn control of the city over to the police in a fresh attempt to end weeks of fighting after clashes undermined an initial truce deal last week.

"People now feel relieved and safer, they have missed the police," said police officer Omar Abdul Hassan, standing by his patrol car near traffic lights on a main street.

"Hopefully the city will now enjoy real peace," he said, in between talking on his hand-held radio.

There was no visible sign of Sadr's Mehdi Army fighters on the streets, where the

sight of guerillas brandishing rifles or grenade launchers has been a common sight for weeks.

US Colonel Brad May hailed the agreement as a "breakthrough" on Friday that would help end the clashes, which Washington had been keen to resolve in the run-up to a June 30 handover of power to an interim Iraqi government.

Under the deal, police were supposed to take up key positions closest to holy shrines in the city, where fighting between Sadr's militia and US forces has offended religious sentiment among Iraq's 60 per cent Shiite majority. — *MNA/Reuters*

2,500-year-old blast blower discovered in N-W China

URUMQI, 7 June — Archaeologists claim that as early as 2,500 years ago people living in the current northwestern Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region had begun to use blast blowers, as they discovered a bronze blowpipe in the Yanghai Tombs in Turpan.

"The function of the blowpipe is much like that of the blast blowers which people are using now," said Lu Enguo, a research member with the Xinjiang archaeological research institute.

"Although we discovered bronze blowpipes several years ago in Kuqa County and the northern part of Xinjiang, they were all made in the Han (206 B.C.-220) and the Tang (618-907) dynasties," said Lu.

"But after research we concluded that the blast blower we discovered in the Yanghai Tombs was made in the Warring States period (475 B.C.-221 B.C.), the oldest one we ever discovered in this region," said Lu.

"It proves that as early as 2,500 years ago the local

people living in Xinjiang had grasped the ability to smelt bronze," said Lu.

— *MNA/Xinhua*

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David Kay calls Iraqi WMD "delusional"

LONDON, 7 June — The alleged weapons of mass destruction (WMD) do not exist in Iraq and it is "delusional" to think they will be found, former chief US weapons inspector David Kay said on Saturday.

Former Iraqi president Saddam Hussein had intended to reconstitute his weapons programme at some point and had acted illegally, but there were no actual new WMD stockpiles, Kay told the BBC Radio 4's Today programme.

"Anyone out there holding, as I gather (British) Prime Minister (Tony) Blair has recently said, the prospect that ISG (Iraq Survey Group) is going to unmask actual weapons of mass destruction are really delusional," Kay said, one day after Blair appeared to suggest that the ISG may provide evidence of the banned weapons in its next reports. "We know Saddam

Hussein had weapons of mass destruction. He used them...What we know also is that we haven't yet found them, we need to resolve what has happened to that." Blair said in an interview with the BBC on Friday when he defended his decision to go to war in Iraq even though coalition troops have found no such banned weapons.

Kay, who led the hunt for the banned weapons in Iraq until he stepped down as head of the ISG in January, also called for the British and American leaders to simply apologize and admit that they were wrong on claiming that Iraq had possessed WMD.

— *MNA/Xinhua*

Iranian police take over one kilos of heroin from teenagers' stomachs

TEHERAN, 7 June — Iranian anti-drug police took 1.3 kilos of heroin from stomachs of three teenagers in the central province of Isfahan on Saturday, the official IRNA news agency reported.

The drug traffickers, aged between 14-15, intended to transfer the haul from Zahedan City in the eastern province of Sistan-Baluchistan to the capital of Teheran, IRNA quoted police source as saying. Iran sits in the crossroad linking drug producing Afghanistan and Pakistan and markets in the Persian Gulf states, Central Asia, Western Europe and other regions.

The country accounts for 80 per cent of the opium and 90 per cent of the morphine intercepted worldwide, according to the International Narcotics Control Board.

— *MNA/Xinhua*

Millions of dollars of cannabis seized in Australia

CANBERRA, 6 June — Australian police have seized 640 kilos of cannabis with a street value of 8.4 million US dollars, in Perth, capital of Western Australia state.

It was believed to be one of the biggest haul of the drug in Australia. After being alerted to a suspicious container at a container repair facility earlier this week, police officers dismantled the container and found there was a false floor, a spokesman for Justice and Customs Minister Chris Ellison said on Friday. — *MNA/Xinhua*



An Iraqi man walks past a destroyed police vehicle following an attack in Tuz Khurmatu, 75 kilometres south of Kirkuk, 255 kms north of Baghdad, on 6 June, 2004. — *INTERNET*

Pacific rim trade chiefs urge on global talks

PUCON (Chile), 7 June — Trade leaders from 21 countries around the Pacific, who represent almost half of world trade, tried to give global trade talks a jolt on Saturday with a strong statement supporting a key July deadline to put together an outline for further negotiations.

Top trade officials from the Asia-Pacific Economic Forum, which includes China, the United States and 19 other countries, met in the southern Chile resort town of Pucón on Friday and Saturday.

In a stand-alone statement apart from other agenda items, the ministers urged WTO negotiators in Geneva to include in their framework agreement for further trade talks a deadline for abolishing all agriculture export subsidies.

Export subsidies and other farm protections gummed up world trade talks — currently in the so-called Doha Round — last year.

"The meeting has given a very important push on the Doha Agenda as we enter the closing lap of this effort to try to achieve the agreement on the negotiating frameworks by July," said US Trade Representative Robert Zoellick at a news conference at the conclusion

of the meeting.

Last year, developing nations led by Brazil balked at moving ahead with world trade talks, demanding rich countries give up hefty protections for their farmers, but the round was revived this year when the European Union offered to eliminate agriculture export subsidies if others do so.

The APEC trade summit came at a critical time ahead of a 27 July meeting of the 147 ambassadors to the WTO when they want to complete the outline for global trade agreements that will then be fleshed out in negotiations next year.

Trade leaders have set the July deadline because the coming US elections will make the second half of the year a dead time for trade talks. Asian trade officials said countries in the region were showing greater flexibility on tough agricultural issues.

— *MNA/Reuters*



A fighter loyal to Shiite Muslim cleric Moqtada Sadr crouches as holds his Kalashnikov during clashes with US soldiers in Sadr City, a slum neighbourhood of Baghdad, on 6 June, 2004. — *INTERNET*



Smoke billows following an explosion rocked central Baghdad on 1 June, 2004.



An injured Iraqi man lies in Kazemiya hospital following a car bomb explosion north of Baghdad on 6 June, 2004.

Images of Iraq



An Iraqi man points to bullet holes in the wall of his family home in Najaf, on 3 June, 2004 after clashes between US forces and Iraqi guerillas.



Firemen extinguish one of two vehicles burnt on the Baghdad airport highway on 5 June, 2004.



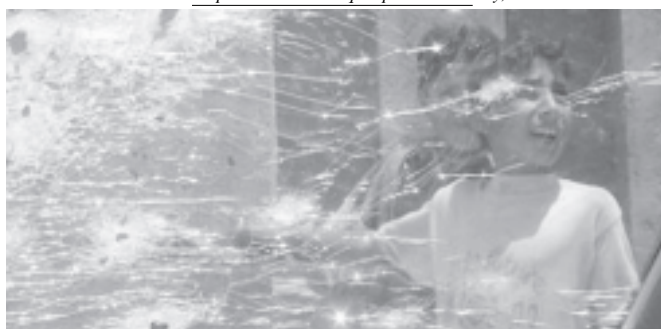
Iraqi women grieve the death of a deceased relative in Kufa, near the Southern Iraq city of Najaf, on 31 May, 2004.



An Iraqi man carries his wounded daughter out of a Baghdad hospital after she was hurt in an explosion in the Iraqi capital on 31 May, 2004.

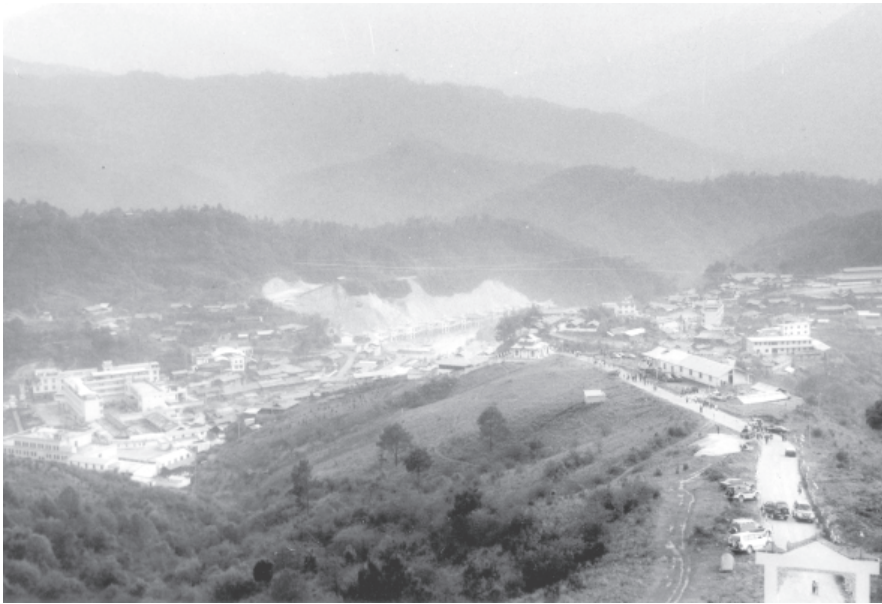


Three-month-old Iraqi boy Ali Mohammed cries during his diarrhea treatment in the General Teaching Hospital for Children in Baghdad on 4 June, 2004. More than a year of US occupation has not significantly improved health care in Iraq.



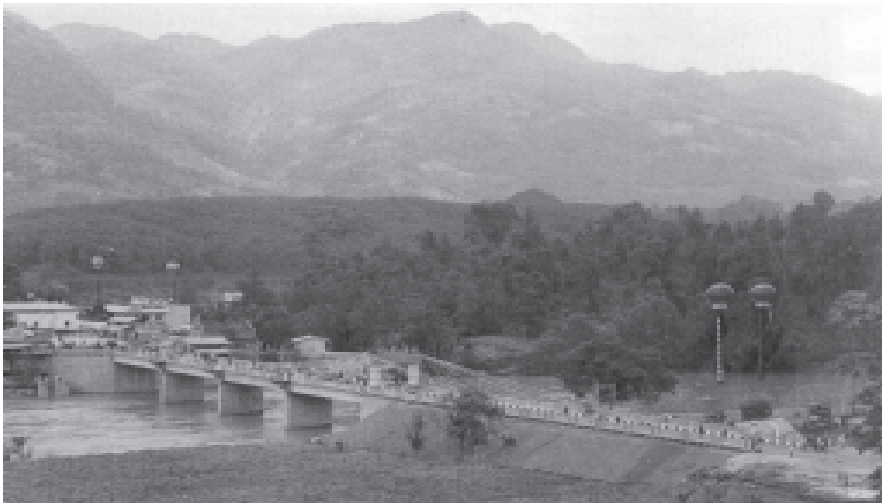
Iraqi children are seen through a bullet-riddled windscreen in the southern town of Amarah, 365 kms south of Baghdad, after it was hit by British troops on 5 June.

New and fast developments throughout Myanmar

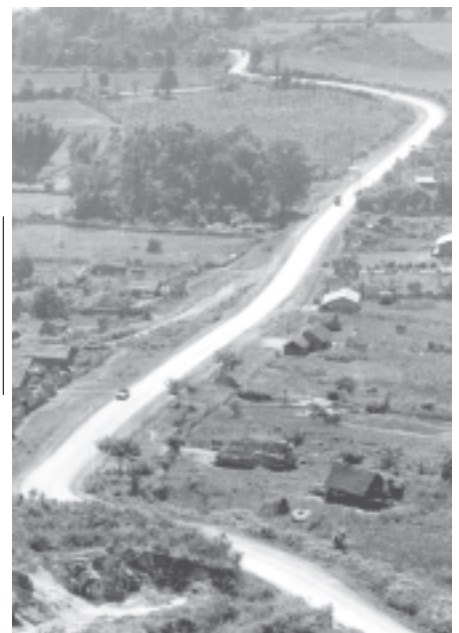


Aerial view of development of Panwa, Kachin State. — MNA

Border and rural area developments



Nyinaung bridge linking Kokang and Wa regions in northern Shan State was built across Nanttain creek for better transportation in the region. — PBANRDA



A scenic beauty of the Kutkai-Muse section of Lashio-Muse Road. — MNA



A drilling machine in action to supply potable water to rural people in Magyihone village, Padaung Township in Bago Division(West). — PBANRDA



People's hospital in Namtit, Shan State (North), is providing health care services to rural people. — PBANRDA



Dr Bhaddanta Sila Nandabhivamsa (D Litt) confers BA (Buddhism) degrees on a monk and Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt attends the third convocation of ITBMU—MNA



In endeavours for emergence of ASEAN-China...

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context, ASEAN-CCI's functional role has become all the more significant. Similarly, the ASEAN Business Advisory Council also assumes a greater role. In view of the recent successes, ASEAN will surely be able to reach the goals set out in ASEAN Economic Community. Allow me to take this opportunity to express Myanmar's support for the emergence of the ASEAN Economic Community.

Myanmar believes that the development of ASEAN-China economic linkages is of great importance to South-east Asia and China as it will bring great benefit to the people of both areas.

Sharing common borders with two Southeast Asian countries, namely Thailand and Laos as well as with China, it can be said that Myanmar can serve as a bridge between ASEAN Member States and China. Indeed, it also serves as a transportation link to South Asia since Myanmar has common borders with India.

Today, there already exist land transportation linkages between Myanmar and India, China and Thailand. Moreover, we are in the midst of establishing trilateral road linkages that will

promote trade and commerce, tourism and people-to-people contacts. We believe that Myanmar can serve as an important transportation hub for the region.

With peace and stability as well as growing prosperity, Myanmar looks forward to making further meaningful contribution to regional peace and progress.

Before I conclude, I would like to take this opportunity to express my sincere appreciation for the accomplishments of the ASEAN-CCI Yangon and UMFCCI that had served as Chair of ASEAN-CCI and all National Chambers of the ASEAN for their support and cooperation.

I am confident that the outcome of today's meeting will be productive and consolidate the ASEAN-China friendship through further enhancing trust, confidence and friendship among ASEAN-China business people. I wish you every success in your deliberations and a pleasant stay in Myanmar.

Next, UMFCCI President U Win Myint said with the founding of ASEAN-CCI in 1972, there has been progress in economic cooperation not only in the region but also EU and NAFTA.



ASEAN private businesses have also met with success due to the assistance of ASEAN countries. In addition, mutual trade and investment have developed in China, he noted. The ACFTA will stand as a big market with 2 billion consumers within a decade. With the holding of the third annual meeting of ACBC, there will emerge significant developments in undertaking the activities of ACFTA, he said. As Myanmar shares the borders with China, Thailand and Laos, border trade can be enhanced. Besides, China Kunming Export and Import Commodities Fair, ASEAN

Trade Fair and GMS Trade Fair were held in Myanmar due to the efforts of UMFCCI.

The UMFCCI will promote its business co-operation with ASEAN-CCI, ABAC and ACBC. CCPIT President Mr Wan Jifei and ASEAN-CCI President U Pyone Maung Maung extended greetings.

After the ceremony, the Prime Minister and party posed for a documentary photo together with presidents of respective industries. The meetings and the conference continue till 10 June.

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Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt poses for a documentary photo together with CCPIT President and delegates at 16th ASEAN-CCI Conference and 61st ASEAN-CCI Council Meeting Opening Ceremony. — MNA



CCPIT President Mr Wan Jifei makes an address. — MNA



Goalkeeper Nyi Nyi Tun of the Ministry of Forestry defends the strike of Tun Tun Aye of Ministry of Energy at semi final of premier league knockout in Youth Training Camp (Thuwunna) Monday.

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Motion Picture Training Course No 1/2004 opened

YANGON, 7 June—The Motion Picture Training Course No 1/2004 of Myanma Motion Picture Enterprise under the Ministry of Information was opened at the Feature Film Studio of MMPE on Golden Valley in Bahan Township this morning with an address by Deputy Minister for Information Brig-Gen Aung Thein.

Also present on the occasion were Managing Director of

News and Periodicals Enterprise Col Soe Win, the directors of MMPE and officials, Head of Office of the Ministry of Information Major Ye Tint, course instructors and trainees.

Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Aung Thein made an opening speech.

The one-month course is being attended by 28 trainees.—MNA



Deputy Minister for Information Brig-Gen Aung Thein addresses at the opening ceremony of Motion Picture Training Course.—MNA



Secretary-2 Lt-Gen Thein Sein and party attend the entertainment of the artistes. — MNA



Chairman of NCCMC Auditor-General Maj-Gen Lun Maung. — MNA



NCCC Secretary Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan. — MNA

National Convention delegates entertained

YANGON, 7 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 songs by singers, actors and actresses to the accompaniment of the Aurora Music Band.

Chairman of the National Convention Convening Com-

mission Secretary-2 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein and Vice Chairman Minister for Electric Power Maj-Gen Tin Htut, Secretary of the commission Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan and commission members, Vice Chairman of the National Convention Convening Work Committee Attorney-General U Aye Maung, Secretary U Thauung Nyunt and work committee members, Chairman of the management committee Auditor-

General Maj-Gen Lun Maung and committee members were also entertained.

Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan presented cash awards provided by NCCC to artistes through officials. Next, Secretary of the Myanmar Music Asiayon Kantkawtaw U Myo Aung accepted cash awards for the Aurora Music Band presented by Auditor-General Maj-Gen Lun Maung. After the concert, Lt-Gen Thein Sein and party cordially greeted the artistes. — MNA



Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan presents a cash award for artistes through an official. — MNA



Auditor-General Maj-Gen Lun Maung presents a cash award to an official. — MNA

Proposals read...

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permission of the chairmen as there were 89.66 per cent of the delegates. Next, Meeting Chairman U Tun Yin Law made a speech.

Delegates U Saw Than Aung and U Mahn Tin Maung (a) U Mahn Myo Nyunt of Union Kayin League presented their combined proposals concerning detailed basic principles to be laid down for the sharing of power in legislative, executive and judicial sectors

to be included in drafting the State Constitution.

The meeting ended with the concluding remarks by the meeting chairman at 10 am.

Delegate groups of national races

The proposals presentation of the delegate group of national races was held at Pyidaungsu Hall this morning. U Maung Hla (a) U Hla Myint presided over the meeting together with Duwa Zoke Daung of Shan State

(North) and U Kyaw Din (a) U Htay Rei of Kayah State. Deputy Director U Thein Tun and Assistant Director U Than Tun of working group-5 of the National Convention Work Committee acted as master and co-master of ceremonies. First, the master of ceremonies announced the start of the meeting with the permission of the chairmen as there were 96.68 per cent of the delegates. Next, Meeting Chairman U Maung Hla (a) U Hla Myint of Taninthayi Division made an opening speech.

Next, proposals of delegate groups of national races on clarification of the National Convention Convening Work Committee concerning detailed basic principles to be laid down for the sharing of power to be included in the drafting of the State Constitution were read.

First, proposals of delegates of Kachin State national races were read by U Pon Ri Mehn and Daw Inbran Dwebhu of Kachin State while proposals of national races of Bago Division were read by U Kyaw Tint and

Daw Dr Thin Thin Yi of Bago Division. Next, the proposals were presented to the meeting chairman and the meeting came into recess.

Next, the proposals of the delegate group of national races of Mandalay Division were read by U Aung Tun and Daw Tin Tin Win of Mandalay Division and they were submitted to the Chairman.

In the afternoon session, the proposals of the delegate group of national races of Rakhine State were read by U Aung Zan Wai and Daw Ma Khin Win of Rakhine State and the proposals of the delegate group of national races of Ayeyawady Division by U Zaw Tun and Daw Nan Ohnmar Mya. The proposals were then submitted to the Chairman. The meeting ended with the concluding remarks by the chairman.

Delegate group of workers

The coordination meeting between the panel of chairmen and leaders of proposals compilation groups of delegate group of workers was held at the meeting hall-5 at 9 am. Present were members of panel of chairmen Dr Myo Thant Tin of Yangon Division, U Kyaw Myo Win of Bago Division, U Bo Thein of Shan State (East), U Khin Maung Aye of Sagaing Division and U Kyaw Win Tun and leaders of proposals compilation groups of delegate group of workers. They discussed compilation of the proposals of the delegate group of workers to be submitted to the plenary meeting of the National Convention.

Delegate group of State service personnel

The panel of chairmen of the delegate group of State service personnel held at the coordination at the meeting hall. The meeting was presided over by Maj-Gen Aung

Thein of the Ministry of Defence together with U Ko Ko Kyaw of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and U Myat Ko of the Ministry of Home Affairs as members of the panel of chairmen. Deputy Director U Htay Win of National Convention Work Committee of working group-9 acted master of ceremonies with Assistant Director U Htain Min as joint master of ceremonies.

Altogether 106 delegates out of 109, attended the meeting. Maj-Gen Aung Thein of the Ministry of Defence delivered a speech.

Next, U Hsan Tun of the Ministry of Mines, U Kyaw Myint of the Ministry of Industry-1, U Chit Khin of the Ministry of Transport, Daw Myat Myat Ohn Khin of the Ministry of Health, U Ba Myint of the Ministry of Home Affairs and U Nyan Tun of Supreme Court submitted proposals on clarifications made by the National Convention Work Committee. The meeting came to a close at 11 am after concluding remark by the chairman.

Delegate group of other invited persons

The panel of chairmen of the delegate group of other invited persons held the coordination meeting at the meeting hall-9 at 9 am. Present were Vice-Chairman U Sai Aung Tun of Myanmar History Committee, U Aung Hkam Hti of Shan State (South) Special Region-2, Secretary U Tun Aung Chein of Myanmar History Committee, U Pao Laik Kham of Shan State (North) Special Region-2 Deputy Director U Aung Kyi and Assistant Director U Win Myint of Work Committee working group-10. They discussed matters relating to compilation of the proposal to be submitted to the plenary meeting of the National Convention. — MNA



Group discussions of delegates of political parties in progress at Nyaungnapin Camp. — MNA

Railroad of sweat and train of smiles

Yadanasi Sayadaw (Loilem)

(Continued from yesterday)

Speaking at the opening ceremony, Chairman of Shan State Peace and Development Council Commander of Eastern Command Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint wished health and happiness for all the local people attending the ceremony including the Minister and the Deputy Minister for Rail Transportation and officials.

He quoted Head of State Senior General Than Shwe as saying, "Plans should be laid down and implemented for improvement of roads in the border regions to narrow the development gap between the rural and urban areas."

"In accord with the guidance, the railroad has been built to facilitate transport between villages or places lying in the southern part of Taunggyi District and Loilem District," he pointed out.

He continued to say, "The Government has been playing a leading role in building a new modern and peaceful nation, and to reach this end, it is carrying out the 24-development-zone project as well as the five rural development tasks for harmonious progress of the whole Union. It built a university in Panglong town, in Loilem District, two colleges, one 200-bed specialist hospital and a digital auto-exchange station in Loilem. It has been implementing a hydroelectric power project in Kengtawng and Dahseik River Water Pumping Station in Langkho Township. Hence, the situation of the whole region has changed, and it is achieving significant progress when compared with the past."

In conclusion, the commander urged all the regional people to collectively safeguard and maintain the regional developments thus achieved.

In his address delivered at the ceremony, Minister for Rail Transportation Maj-Gen Aung Min said, "In serving the public interest, the Myanmar Railways has built a number of railroads, and up to now there are 3,011.98 miles of railroads in the nation, up from 1,976.35 miles in 1988. Moreover, the railroads under construction are: the 52.48-mile Kaunghsai-Htiri railroad; the 26-mile Yemyetni-Kyaw tunnel-passing section of the ChaungU-Pakokku-Gangaw-Kale railroad; the 3.33-mile Okposu-Thanlyin University railroad; and the five-mile Kyeni-Chauk railroad."

"The MR is striving as a considerable force in the interest of the Union", the minister pointed out, stressing, "Not only the MR staff, but also the regional people should strive to maintain the existing railroads for their long-term existence." U Sai Nyunt, an ethnic Shan from Mong Hseik village, on behalf of the regional people, thanked the Government.

As soon as the commander and the minister had formally opened the railroad by cutting a ribbon, the local people at the ceremony cheered with joyous applause, and the dance troupes and musical troupes started to give cultural performances. The commander and the minister cordially greeted the local people and posed for souvenir photos together with them.

At that moment, the special train that would carry the commander, the minister and other guests to Kaunghsai on the other end of the railroad section, blew the horn,

and slowly rolled to the station where the pandal of the ceremony was located. After everybody got on the coaches, the train started to roll towards the destination. The commander, the minister and party and the local people at the ceremony and all along the railroad standing on both sides exchanged smiles and greetings. Thus, there were smiles everywhere in the region.

The train carrying people with smiling faces and that helped make local people happy with smiles was running smoothly on the 10.23-mile railroad, built by the Tatmadawmen with much sweat till reaching Kaunghsai on the other end.

The Tatmadawmen were continuing to build the 9.19-mile Kaunghsai-Nantheik section; the 6.2-mile Nantheik-Taunggaing section; and 12.16-mile Taunggaing-Ponchaung section with energetic efforts. All the three remaining sections have been built on a rough terrain, with gorges, steep mountain slopes, wild creeks flowing through it, mountain ranges posing as barriers, and rocky areas. Hence, they have been facing and overcoming a lot of difficulties and hardships, building bridges across the creeks, filling gravel and earth to raise and harden the low-lying areas and cutting through the rocky terrain to build the railroad. Of all the three sections, 65 bridges have been built, 75,252,400 cubic feet of earth have been filled and 5,369,100 cubic feet of pebbles have been produced at the Kaunghsai-Nantheik section; 36 bridges have been built, 64,547,300 cubic feet of earth have been filled, and 6,188,900 cubic feet of pebbles have been produced at the Nantheik-Taunggaing section; and 60 bridges have been built, 116,475,200 cubic feet of earth have been filled and 47,208,200 cubic feet of pebbles have been produced at the Taunggaing-Ponchaung section.

Moreover, the railroad has been built in accord with the ASEAN standards: maximum allowable extent for inclines, 1:80 (1.25 per cent); and maximum allowable extent for curves, 11.65 degree. Thus, all works including ground preparation, rail laying and rock filling have been done in accord with the standards for the emergence of an accident-free and hazard-free railroad.

The Tatmadawmen are making energetic efforts, overcoming a lot of difficulties and hardships for completion of the railroad. The MR staff are also rendering assistance to them. At the time when the railroad is completed, national brethren residing in areas closely will be able to meet one another frequently after overcoming the natural barriers.

The sweat of the Tatmadawmen at present will become the precious rain drops in the future.

The sweat of the Tatmadawmen working under sun or rain will not dry, and they will not feel tired, because of the smiles that will appear on the faces of the people when the trains start to run on the newly built railroad they have built.

(Concluded)
(Translation: TMT)

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People's Desire

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

Efficient use of electricity

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

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

Efficient use of fuel

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

All this needs to be known

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

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The boxing championship of the 35th Inter-state and division Junior C-level and B-level continued at Indoor Stadium of Aung San Sport Grounds on 7 June. The photo shows the left jab of Kyaw Zin Oo (Yangon) punching on the chin of Aung Lin (Ayeyawady). — NLM

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Blood, a gift for life. Thank you

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Minister inspects factories in Bago Division

YANGON, 7 June — Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thaung, accompanied by officials, arrived at Myanma General and Maintenance Industries in Shwegyin Township, Bago Division, this morning. At the briefing hall, the factory manager reported on the area of Sittaung rubber farm, the number of plants, average per-acre yield, annual requirement of fertilizers and raw materials. Managing Director of MGMI U Theik Tun gave supplementary reports to the minister.

After hearing the reports, the minister gave instructions on measures for increased supply of machinery and manpower to ensure development of the farm and fire-preventive measures. The minister inspected the manufacturing process of rubber.

Next, the minister and party went to Khun Theik

rubber farm, where they inspected plantations and gave instructions on arrangements for taking fire preventive measures.

At the meeting hall of the General Administration Department in Shwegyin Township, the minister met with departmental employ-

ees and locals and gave instructions on extended cultivation of rubber trees.

At the briefing hall of Myanma Foodstuff Industries in DaikU, the minister heard reports on cultivation of tapioca and its products. Managing Director of MFI Col Soe Hline also gave ad-

ditional reports.

After giving instructions on thorough preparation of farmland, the minister inspected trial plantations of tapioca. At the glucose factory, the minister inspected the production process of glucose.

MNA



Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thaung inspects manufacturing process of rubber at Rubber Factory in Shwegyin Township. — MNA



Group discussions of national race delegates group in progress at Nyaungnapin Camp. — MNA

China trade fair attracts businesses from ASEAN

KUNMING, 7 June — The annual China Kunming trade fair opened Sunday in this capital of southwest China's Yunnan Province, with 1,300 businesses from 18 countries and regions attending.

The 11-year old trade fair, held annually in Kunming of Yunnan, was renamed as China Kunming Import and Export Commodities Fair in this year. Its previous name was China Kunming Export Commodities Fair. Yunnan is a province bordering Vietnam, Laos and Myanmar, three countries from the Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN).

The five-day fair is under regional spotlight as a China-ASEAN free trade area is moving forward as economic and trade cooperation between the two sides are fast expanding.

The ASEAN hall is a major focus of the fair. All 10 member countries of the ASEAN set up a total of 237 display stands at the fair. Vietnam alone has 100 stands for its enterprises, the largest ever in its history of attendance to the fair, organizers said.

The fair for the first time set up a South Asia hall for enterprises from South Asian countries, according to organizers.

Over 4,000 businessmen from ASEAN and South Asian countries are attending the fair, according to the calculation of the organizing committee.

The fair was cosponsored by the governments of Chongqing Municipality, provinces of Sichuan, Yunnan and Guizhou, the Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region, the Tibet Autonomous Region and Chengdu, the capital city of Sichuan.

Laotian Vice-Prime Minister Boua Sone and Li Zhaozhao, vice-chairman of National Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference attended the opening ceremony on Sunday. — MNA/Xinhua

HK, Macao businessmen meet to seek more opportunities in northeast China

BEIJING, 7 June — Chinese Vice-President Zeng Qinghong met an inspection team composed of businessmen from Hong Kong and Macao on Sunday, encouraging them to seek more business opportunities in the traditional industrial base in northeast China and to contribute to its revitalization. The team, including over 120 tycoons from famous Hong Kong or Macao financial groups, prestigious lawyers and accountants, as well as related government officials, arrived in Beijing on Sunday and will start from Monday a week-long inspection tour around Dalian, Shenyang, Changchun and Harbin, which are all northeastern cities. Zeng noted that the northeast region became a cradle for industry since new China was founded in 1949, and was also a major production base of grain, petroleum, lumber, steel and coal.

"With a vast tract of land, the region possesses rich resources, developed traffic and various talents, while Hong Kong and Macao are superior in capital, technologies, management and professional services. The two sides can supplement each other if strengthening economic cooperation," Zeng said.

He encouraged the team to pursue more commercial opportunities in the old industrial base and to contribute good ideas and advices to its revitalization.

He said that Hong Kong and Macao businessmen deserved appreciation as they had made great contributions to the reform and progress of the Mainland as well as the prosperity and stability of Hong Kong and Macao. —MNA/Xinhua

No earthquakes caused by water storage of Three Gorges Project

CHONGQING, 7 June — The Three Gorges Project, believed to be the world's largest multi-purpose power project, did not induce any strong earthquakes since it began to store water a year ago.

Though the number of earthquakes in reservoir areas of the Three Gorges Project increased since it started to store water on June 1, 2003, the number of earthquakes measuring 2 or above on the Richter

O, What goodwill

- * In a foreign land, divided by water and land
Those born there, with different attitude
Those persons with different race and caste
Pretending to see our land prosper
Using this guile, create concoction
To create doubts among brethren
Scheming to create bad blood
Main reason is for our Myanmar nation
They organize to create goodwill
That's what they say.
- * Forsaking motherland, for another's
Looking for master, to settle there
To obtain the good life
These persons, those activists
Are marring acts of patriots, relatives
Working to be prosperous, for nation to be good
Endavouring among brethren
Who are discussing, deliberating
They very act, they're impeding
Concoctions to man the schools path
They're still talking ill, but claim
They're working for Myanmar
Who reside in their own land
To enjoy goodwill, they're finding words
And talking in good path, they say
- * Well, their goodwill
Is frightful, it really is.

Byan Hlwar (Trs)

To U Par Chaw

- * I met him in a town
He wanted to dabble in everything
Only he could make people handsome
He knew how to say and brag
His name in the Community
Was known as U Par Chaw
- * He'd offer tea and coffee
And after a bite of cake
If you should partake of it
He'd be talking about it more than enough
His brag would din the ear
He'd say nobody is good
But he is, repitiously.
- * If you'd take him as master
He'd act as if he's kind and gentle
Would tend to caress you.
- * If you'd act on your own
with your capability, industrious
He'd be jealous, and speak ill
Always scheme to give trouble
- * Since today's world is progressing
There are plenty of U Par Chaw
Not only in Myanmar
But they exist worldwide
Have heard via the media
About other people, bad news
Strike the gong and herald it
"If unlike me, he's my enemy"
"If he doesn't espouse my policies, he's bad"
With the bad habit of wanting to win
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Ko Par Chaws are getting notorious
Aw, say what you like, U Par Chaw
It's only natural that you'll stop when tired
We Myanmar citizens, all of us are
Self-reliant and work in our own interest
We've set our boundaries, we're secure
To make our way, we see fit
The path we traverse is vivid
This exists, and those who drive wedge
No matter how you divide, we remain undivided
Always united, we've hands held
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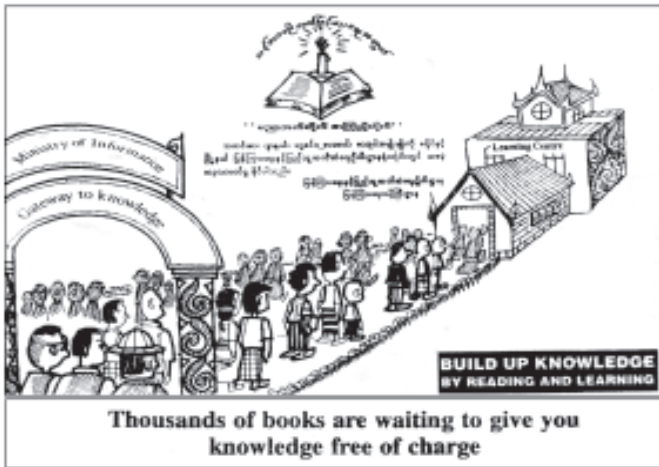
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Scale were rarely seen, according to Wang Qiang, director of the Chongqing Municipal Seismological Bureau.

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China launches "green community" campaign

BEIJING, 6 June — China started a nationwide environmental protection campaign to establish "green communities" Saturday, to mark the World Environment Day.

To set up environment-friendly communities around the country is aimed to "raise the people's awareness of environmental protection and encourage public participation in related activities," said Xie Zhenhua, director of the State Environmental Protection Administration, at a ceremony in Beijing. —MNA/Xinhua

Man arrested for alleged killing of prosecutor in Indonesia

JAKARTA, 6 June — Indonesian National Police Chief General Da'i Bachtiar said here on Friday that the police have arrested a man allegedly involved in the killing of a prosecutor, Ferri Silalahi, whom handling terrorist case in Central Sulawesi Province.

Bachtiar said that the police had been intensively investigating the man with an initial AM.

"(The police) have been deepening the investigation to prove his involvement," he said. On the same occasion, a police spokesman said

that the arrest was based on the similarity of the AM face with the sketch made by the province police. Until today, AM, who was a tailor and is being jailed in a provincial prison, refused to admit that he killed the prosecutor, he said. —MNA/Xinhua

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US willing to cooperate with China in many fields

SINGAPORE, 6 June — US Secretary of Defence Donald Rumsfeld on Saturday voiced the United States' willingness to cooperate with China.

"China, of course, is an emerging power. The United States seeks to cooperate with it in many fields — diplomacy, economics and global security," said Rumsfeld while addressing the third Asian Security Conference, which opened here on Friday focusing on regional security issues.

The US Secretary said that the world would welcome a China that is committed to peaceful solutions and whose talented people contribute to international peace and prosperity.

Rumsfeld also praised

China for its efforts to help resolve the nuclear problem on the Korean Peninsula, saying that Washington is pleased that China has agreed to play a leading role, which is important to ensuring the success of the multilateral diplomatic effort to solve this problem.

He noted that the United States strongly supports such a multilateral diplomatic effort. Rumsfeld also stressed the importance of Washington's close cooperation with its allies and friends in Asia, which he describes as one of the world's fastest-growing centres for the creation of opportunity, prosperity and knowledge, saying that such cooperation is "more essential than ever".

MNA/Xinhua

Japan passes pension bill

TOKYO, 6 June — Japan's Parliament passed a contentious pension bill on Saturday despite a long struggle by the main opposition party to kill it, a play for support a month before elections in which pension policy will be a hot topic.

But the battle in Parliament, which delayed voting for nearly a day by using several ruses, may have backfired by increasing voter distrust of politicians still further.

"It is unbearable that such an important thing be decided in this form," the daily *Mainichi Shimbun* said in an editorial before the bill passed, adding, "In this way, only distrust of politics is

left." The bill aims to hike premiums and cut benefits and is disliked by a public angered by revelations that lawmakers on both sides failed to pay into the national pension scheme at a time when the government is urging ordinary citizens to do so.

Opposition lawmakers, led by the largest opposition Democratic Party, used the "ox walk" tactic, stepping slowly towards the dais where they cast their ballots, a traditional delaying move.

They also submitted several motions to relieve lawmakers of key positions, along with a non-binding censure motion against

Health Minister Chikara Sakaguchi. All were voted down. Occasional scuffles erupted, with lawmakers shoving at each other on the floor of Parliament amid angry shouts.

In the end, the bill, which coalition leaders had hoped would be enacted on Friday by being passed by the Upper House, did not pass until Saturday morning.

It went through the Lower House last month.

"This is very unfortunate," Akira Imaizumi, a Democratic lawmaker in charge of Upper House policy, told reporters. "Why must everything be rushed through so fast?"

MNA/Reuters

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Tanzanian doctors remove 18-kilo tumour from patient's belly

DAR-ES-SALAAM, 6 June —Tanzanian doctors in Dar-es-Salaam has successfully removed an 18-kilo tumour from a woman's belly, local newspaper *The Guardian* reported on Saturday.

Dr David Lisai of the Regency Medical Centre, who conducted the operation, was quoted as saying that the 32-year-old woman, Amina Said had a swollen uterus for more than three decades and has been transferred to different hospitals.

He said that the 18-kilo tumour in the patient's stomach had to be removed and a four-month already dead ectopic pregnancy was removed as well.

Before the operation, the patient could hardly stand up as the heavy tumour weighed her down, while after operation, she could look forward a new beginning of her life, the doctor added. —MNA/Xinhua

Almost half of Beijing homes have access to Internet

BEIJING, 7 June —Forty-seven per cent of Beijing's homes have access to the Internet by the end of March this year, a survey has found.

According to a report by CCW Research, a survey institution, 62 per cent of the families in eight downtown districts in Beijing were connected to the Internet, about three times of the 21.9 per cent in the rural part of Beijing.

Broadband Internet access dominated the market in Beijing, as 63.8 per cent of Beijing homes had access to Internet through broadband network.

The number of homes in Beijing is estimated at three million, and there are about 11 million people in Beijing, according to the latest census conducted three years ago.

There are 10 million broadband Internet subscribers in China by the end of 2003, and the figure is expected to surge to 60 million ones by 2007, according to the survey. —MNA/Xinhua

Donate blood

Omani company plans investment for 266-kilometre pipeline

ABU DHABI, 6 June—Oman Refinery Co (ORC) is planning to invest around 119 million US dollars for the construction of a 266-kilometre crude oil pipeline to provide feedstock for Sohar Refinery Co (SRC), the *Times of Oman* reported Saturday.

The new crude oil pipeline will start in ORC area at Mina Al Fahal and end at SRC located at Sohar in the port area. It will be one of the biggest of its kind in Oman when construction is completed.

This fast track project will be completed in 567 days, including pre-commissioning and commissioning activities. Its basic objective is to provide SRC with sustained feedstock of crude oil, according to the daily newspaper.

The new 24-inch pipeline will go along Al Batinah coast from ORC's Mina Al

Fahal facility to Sohar with initial required capacity of 116,000 barrels per day (BPD) of mixed crude oil and long residue.

This capacity will be increased in the future to accommodate 160,000 BPD of Oman export blend crude oil.

The pipeline will be operated and managed by ORC through state-owned Oman Gas Company (OGC). OGC have managed and operated similar projects in the past like the 32-inch gas pipeline from Fahud to Sohar, the paper reported. —MNA/Xinhua

Coal mine safety made priority in Shanxi Province

TAIYUAN, 6 June—North China's Shanxi Province, a leading coal producer of China, has stepped up its efforts in recent years to improve conditions at coal mines to guarantee production safety.

Vice-Governor Jin Shanzhong said that the provincial government had made it clear that no coal mines with an annual capacity of 300,000 tons and involving technical upgrading projects would be approved in the future.

To guarantee production safety, the province has urged all local coal mines to complete the construction of gas-monitoring systems in the first half of the year. According to plan, a provincial level production safety emergency rescue centre will be set up within the year to improve the province's ability to deal with serious accidents.

Statistics show that the province has shut down

6,692 small coal mines and 1,275 non-coal mines, which have no production permits, or are improperly distributed or do not meet the requirements set by the government for safe production over the past six years.

The number of coal

mines in the province had dropped to 3,828 by the end of March this year from over 10,000.

Last year, 1,357 people held responsible for coal mine accidents were punished, 92 of whom were brought to court. —MNA/Xinhua

Cuba donates famous writer's book to China

BEIJING, 6 June—The Cuban Embassy to China here Friday donated the book *Chinese and Cuban Independence* by well-known Cuban writer Gonzalo Quesada to the Chinese National Museum, to commemorate the Chinese workers in Cuba who made tribute and even died for the Cuban Independence War.

Alberto Rodriguez Arufe, Cuban Ambassador to China, said at the donating ceremony that almost all Chinese workers in Cuba joined the Cuban people for independence from 1868 to 1898, which was written into *Chinese and Cuban Independence* by Quesada in 1892.

According to him, the Chinese Pang Bing'an, who

then worked for China's state media *Xinhua* news agency, brought the book back from Cuba in 1965, after completing his commission of setting up new branch office in Cuba for *Xinhua*. In 2003, during his meeting with the Cuban leader Fidel Castro, Pang had the book signed with Castro's name and later returned it to the Cuban side.

MNA/Xinhua

Int'l film gala opens in Shanghai

SHANGHAI, 7 June —Some 1,000 film stars, directors and critics gathered here Saturday night to kick off the Seventh Shanghai International Film Festival, a fiesta that was put off a year due to the severe acute respiratory syndrome (SARS) outbreak in 2003.

Sixteen films, nine from Europe and seven from Asia, will compete for the Jin Jue Award at the nine-day festival, which will end on June 13. Another 10 new film from Asian countries will also vie for the title of Asian New Talent Award during the festival.

The six-member judge panel for the Jin Jue Award includes committee president and noted Chinese director Ding Yinnan, Korean director and producer Park Chul-soo, Japanese director Kuroki Kzuo, chairman of Hong Kong Film Awards Association Limited

Manfred Wong, French director Oliver Assayas and Ron Henderson, founder and artistic director of the Denver Film Society.

China phenomenon, Asia fashion and international experience will highlight the film festival's forum while an international TV festival will also be launched here Sunday.

The annual Shanghai International Film Festival, initiated in 1993, is the only of its kind in China and one of the two Category A international film festivals in Asia. —MNA/Xinhua

Nine killed as fire engulfs bus in Bangladesh

DHAKA, 6 June — At least nine people were killed when fire engulfed a double-decker bus in the Bangladesh capital Dhaka on Friday night in what police said might be an arson attack on Saturday.

"This is a case of arson caused by subversion," one police officer said. He said several other vehicles were torched in the city.

Doctors at the Dhaka Medical College Hospital said 20 other people were treated for serious burn injuries.

Nearly 100 people were travelling in the bus and most

were returning home from work.

People travelling in the upper deck could not escape through the narrow stairs and windows, one survivor said.

"I was among the lucky ones sitting in the lower deck and could escape in a hurry," survivor Abdur Rahim told police. —MNA/Reuters



Teenage boys and girls are using blogs, easily publishable online diaries, in many more similar ways than has been predicted, according to a study. —INTERNET

Six migrants die as boat sinks off Tunisia

TUNIS, 6 June—The Tunisian Coast Guard found the bodies of six migrants who drowned after a boat carrying them and five others to Italy sank off the Tunisian coast, the North African country's main newspaper reported on Saturday.

"Six bodies were recovered, one man was rescued and the four others are still missing," Arabic-language

daily *Assabah* said.

Interior Ministry officials had no comment on the report.

The boat sailed from a coastal village in Sfax Province, 150 miles south of Tunis, early on Friday before sinking a few hours later in bad weather, the newspaper said.

The only survivor swam to the shore.

Tunisia has stepped up efforts to stem the flow of illegal migrants, including toughening its legislation and expanding sea patrols and police surveillance of its coasts.

About 500,000 illegal immigrants mainly from African and Asian countries enter the European Union each year, according to European Commission estimates.

Scores of illegal migrants have died in recent years when overcrowded boats carrying them capsized or sank.

MNA/Reuters

France launches web site on war victims

CAEN (France), 6 June—The French Government has launched a new web site to enable web surfers to find more information on victims of past wars.

The web site was inaugurated by Deputy Defence Minister for Veterans Hamlaoui Mekachera, according to a Press release received here Saturday.

The web site was designed for better access to information concerning the place where about 420,000 French and foreign victims were buried in the military cemeteries during the 1870 war, the First World War, the Second World War and

other conflicts of the 20th Century.

"The success of the 'Memoire des Hommes' (men's memory) web site, and the numerous questions for information about the place of burial of French First World War victims, along with a growing interest for these places, have encouraged the French Ministry to propose a wider and easier access to private people," it said.

MNA/Xinhua

SPORTS

Gilardino double helps Italy win Olympic spot

BERLIN, 6 June— Two goals from Parma striker Alberto Gilardino helped Italy book a place at the Olympic soccer tournament by beating Portugal 3-1 in the semifinals of the European Under-21 championship on Saturday. Italy will play the final on Tuesday against Serbia & Montenegro, who also won a ticket to the Olympics by beating Sweden on penalties in the other semifinal.

The two finalists and the winners of the third-place playoff, also being played on Tuesday, qualify for the Olympics in August in Athens.

Gilardino scored a goal in each half for Italy in the game in Bochum. Midfielder Gianpiero Pinzi also contributed to the victory of the winners of four of the last six editions of the tournament.

Portugal, who had eliminated Germany by beating the hosts in the group stage, were trailing 2-0 when striker Pedro Oliveira scored their goal in the 28th minute. In the other semifinal, played in Oberhausen, midfielder Haralampos Stefanidis, who had put Sweden in the lead on 35 minutes, missed the decisive penalty to give Serbia & Montenegro a 6-5 win in the shoot-out.—MNA/Reuters



Venezuelan Jonay Hernandez (L) and Hector Gonzales fight for the ball during a Venezuelan soccer team practice at the National Stadium Lima, on 5 June, 2004. Venezuela will face Peru June 6 in a World Cup qualifying match.—INTERNET

Portugal ease to 4-1 win over Lithuania

SETUBAL (Portugal), 6 June— Portugal eased to a 4-1 victory over Lithuania on Saturday in a satisfying final warm-up match before they begin their quest for a home victory at Euro 2004.

A header from Fernando Couto and a deft finish from Pauleta Resendes put Luiz Felipe Scolari's side 2-0 up by the 13th minute.

Lithuania got a goal back after 74 minutes with a penalty from Donatas Vencevicius but Nuno Gomes scored with nine minutes to go and Helder Postiga headed in in injury time to complete a comfortable win for the home side.

Scolari fielded what is likely to be his starting lineup when the hosts get the tournament underway with a Group A match against Greece on June 12 in Porto.

Portugal were ahead as early as the third minute when Luis Figo swung over a corner and Couto headed in at the near post.

Pauleta latched on to a long clearance over the top from goalkeeper Ricardo Pereira to make it 2-0 in the simplest of styles and with better finishing Scolari's side would have scored many more. Lithuania had one chance at the end of the first half, Ricardo making a smart save from Roberto Poskus, and the visitors eventually

pulled one back when Beto Severo mistimed a tackle on Poskus, Vencevicius blasting in the penalty.

Portugal redoubled their efforts and Gomes pounced

on a loose ball in the area to make it 3-1 and Postiga headed in from a Miguel Monteiro cross in the first minute of injury time.

MNA/Reuters

Keane's goal sinks Netherlands

AMSTERDAM, 6 June — Ten days before their Euro 2004 opening game against Germany, Dutch confidence took a big knock with a 1-0 home defeat by Ireland on Saturday.

Robbie Keane sealed the deserved win just before halftime, ending a fine 40-metre run with a powerful, deflected shot from just outside the box.

The Dutch disappointed in their last warm-up before Portugal, proving harmless up front. Their best chance came 15 minutes from time but Shay Given brilliantly saved a Roy Makaay header.

The Irish had gone close to an opening goal after only three minutes when Keane intercepted a header away by Giovanni van Bronckhorst but his shot narrowly missed the target.

Ten minutes later the Dutch had their first chance but Patrick Kluivert failed to cash in.

On 20 minutes the impressive Keane was unlucky with a bicycle kick that struck the crossbar.

After the break Dutch coach Dick Advocaat paired Rafael van der Vaart with Ruud van Nistelrooy while Clarence Seedorf replaced the totally out of form Kluivert.

Ireland might have gone further ahead in the first seven minutes of the second half. A Clinton Morrison volley went just over the bar and goalkeeper Edwin van der Sar foiled a breakaway by Keane.

The Dutch pressurized the Irish defence but kept searching for the solution through the centre. Despite the presence of wingers like Arjen Robben and Andy van der Meijde the flanks were hardly used.—MNA/Reuters

Rooney hits two in 6-1 England win

MANCHESTER (England), 6 June— Teenage striker Wayne Rooney scored twice as England limbered up for Euro 2004 in style with a crushing 6-1 victory over Iceland on Saturday.

Frank Lampard opened the scoring with a deflected shot after 25 minutes and 18-year-old sensation Rooney followed up with one neat side-foot and a glorious 25-metre piledriver in the 38th minute before Heidar Helguson pulled one back for Iceland.

Coach Sven-Goran Eriksson made nine changes for the second half and England's reserves rose to the challenge with two goals from striker Darius Vassell and defender Wayne Bridge's first for his country.

The first-half performance fully vindicated Eriksson's decision to scrap the diamond-shaped midfield which had flopped in Tuesday's 1-1 draw with Japan, with commanding performances from Lampard and Steven Gerrard in the centre.

The changes enabled England captain David Beckham to head to a Manchester hospital for treatment to remove a cyst from his back. The Football Association said Beckham

would be fully ready for England's training session in Portugal on Tuesday.

Eriksson could not have dreamed of a better send-off before his squad leave on Monday for a Group B campaign which opens next Sunday against holders France and continues against Switzerland and Croatia.

His first-choice side, with the exception of rested central defender John Terry and keeper David James, showed real strength in the middle and plenty of attacking flair up front, where

Rooney sparkled and Michael Owen had a goal disallowed.

The reserves proved they are pushing hard for places, with both Vassell and Emile Heskey, who made two of the goals, doing much to silence their critics and Jamie Carragher looking impressive at the back.

The only blot on the copy book before England face the European champions in Lisbon next weekend was conceding a goal at a set-piece.

MNA/Reuters

Croatia beat Denmark 2-1 in last warm-up

COPENHAGEN, 6 June— Croatia beat Denmark 2-1 away in the two teams' final warm-up on Saturday before the start of Euro 2004 in Portugal next weekend.

Striker Tomislav Sokota lobbed Denmark keeper Thomas Sorensen after 27 minutes to put the Croats ahead against their lacklustre hosts at the Parken Stadium.

Croatia went two up just before halftime when Ivica Olic crisply headed into the net from Nenad Bjelica's corner kick. Denmark came out a different team in the second half and substitute Ebbe Sand put the 1992 European champions back in the game when he scored in the 56th minute.

Sand had been denied a few minutes earlier when Croatia's Stipe Pletikosa saved a shot from just inside the penalty box.

MNA/Reuters

Levante back in Spain's top flight after 39 years

MADRID, 6 June— Levante secured promotion to the Primera Liga 39 years after dropping out of the top flight thanks to a 2-1 win away to Xerez on Saturday.

The Valencia-based side, who cannot now finish lower than third in the Spanish Second Division, lead the table on 75 points, five ahead of Getafe, who beat Ciudad de Murcia 2-1, and seven ahead of Alaves who play fellow promotion hopefuls Numancia on Sunday.

Levante's promotion completes a year of footballing triumphs for the Mediterranean city after neighbours Valencia won both the Spanish title and the UEFA Cup.

Levante, who are coached by former Racing Santander boss Manuel Preciado, have spent only two seasons in the top flight in their 95-year history from 1963-65.

MNA/Reuters

Mabizela guides South Africa to unconvincing win

BLOEMFONTEIN, 6 June— Captain Mbulelo Mabizela scored twice in South Africa's unconvincing 2-1 win over the Cape Verde Islands at the start of their 2006 World Cup qualifying campaign on Saturday.

The Tottenham Hotspur player blasted home a free kick just before halftime and then netted a spectacular long-range shot in the second to give South Africa all three points in new coach Stuart Baxter's first game.

But Baxter admitted his side were not impressive and had panicked and lost discipline after the islanders pulled a goal back in the 78th minute when Janicio scored with a snap shot.

The 144th-ranked islanders then pressed in the final 10 minutes to grab an equalizer, with Calo missing after rounding South African goalkeeper Hans Vonk, who then dropped a ball in the final minute which Lito failed to capitalize on.—MNA/Reuters

Inspired Sweden outclass Poland 3-1

STOCKHOLM, 6 June— Sweden outclassed Poland 3-1 with goals by Henrik Larsson, Andreas Jakobsson and Marcus Allback in a warm-up friendly on Saturday, their last before the European championship.

Larsson, who announced his return to the national team in April, gave Sweden the lead in the 41st minute after Liverpool goalkeeper Jerzy Dudek had made several spectacular saves in the first half.

The Swedes came on even stronger in the second half and defender Jakobsson made it 2-0 in the 54th minute with a precise header from a corner kick by midfielder Kim Kallstrom.

Dudek made a rare mistake in the 72nd minute when he tried to tip the ball away but instead sent it straight to substitute Allback two metres out and the Aston Villa striker fired Sweden's third.

MNA/Reuters

Martins gives Nigeria 2-0 victory over underdogs Rwanda

ABUJA, 6 June— Two goals by Inter Milan striker Obafemi Martins secured Nigeria three points in their World Cup African zone Group Four qualifier against Rwanda in Abuja on Saturday.

Both goals came in the second half after Nigeria's expensively assembled overseas-based team were successfully contained in the first period by a nervous Rwandan side.

Martins, playing in his first home international, scored his first goal with his favourite left foot on 56 minutes, tucking the ball into the net after cleverly escaping an offside trap.

The second goal in the 87th minute was similar to the first. Martins avoided another offside trap before lifting the ball over the on-rushing goalkeeper Ramazan Nkuizingoma.

Rwanda lacked bite in attack and rarely posed a threat to the Nigerians who curiously restricted most of their play to the midfield.—MNA/Reuters

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9:45 **National News**
9:50 Lacquerware Museum
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Sights "Come and See
Myanmar"

- 8-6-2004 (Tuesday)
Evening Transmission
(15:30 - 17:30)**
15:30 Signature Tune
15:32 Greeting
15:32 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Mingalabar"
15:36 Road to Mingun
15:40 **Headline News**
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cal Instrument
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tures
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17:05 Myanmar Traditional
Art Silversmith
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Point"
17:12 The World's Biggest
Book
17:15 **National News**
17:20 The Art of Making
Paper Toys
17:25 Song of Myanmar
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Sights "Come and See
Myanmar"

- Evening Transmission
(19:30 - 23:30)**
19:30 Signature Tune
19:32 Greeting
19:32 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Mingalabar"
19:36 Pandaung Village and
Elephant Camp
19:40 **Headline News**
19:42 Ancient Buddha Im-
ages Carved On Stone
Walls (Akauk Moun-
tain)
19:45 **National News**
19:50 2004 Chaungtha Sea
Training (Part-I)
19:55 Kachin Dance
20:00 **National News**
20:05 Rafting and Kayaking
Along Maykha and
Malikha Rivers
Song "Auspicious Day,
May 17th (II)"
20:12 A Thin Kind of Paper
20:15 **National News**
20:20 Biological Expedition
to Hpokhan Razi Re-
gion (I) (Yanong -
Putao - Upper
Shangaung)
20:25 Myanmar Modern
Song "Shadow of
Love"
20:30 **National News**
20:35 Quality Rice Produc-
tion in Myanmar
Hsinbyushin Temples,
Stone Carving and
Monasteries
20:45 **National News**
20:50 Toddy Palm Arts
20:55 Smart Beautiful Cart
21:00 **National News**
21:05 National Races Village
(Shan & Bamar)
21:10 Song "A Compassion-
ate Love Boat"
21:12 What an Interesting
Souvenir Shop

- 21:15 **National News**
21:20 The Gok Heik Viaduct
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9-6-2004 (Wednesday)
Evening Transmission &
Morning Transmission
(23:30 - 1:30)**
23:30 Signature Tune
23:32 Greeting
23:32 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Mingalabar"
23:36 Road to Mingun
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24:00 **National News**

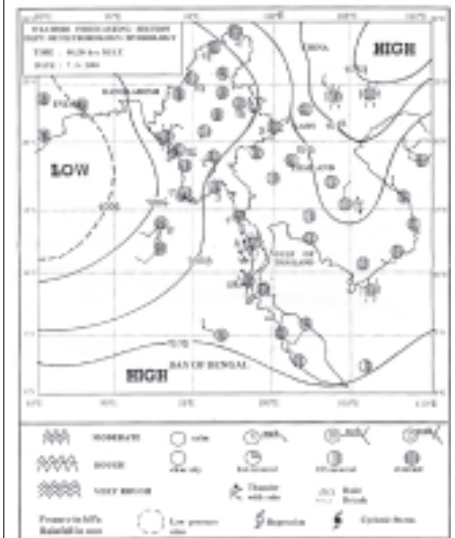
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- 9-6-2004 (Wednesday)
Morning Transmission
(03:30 - 07:30)**
03:30 Signature Tune
03:32 Greeting
03:32 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Mingalabar"
03:36 Pandaung Village and
Elephant Camp
03:40 **Headline News**
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Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas

**WEATHER**

Monday, 7 June, 2004

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Magway Division and Kayin State and rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Kachin, Chin, Rakhine and Kayin States, lower Sagaing and Mandalay Divisions, scattered in upper Sagaing, Bago and Ayeyawady Divisions and widespread in the remaining areas. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Kawthoung (2.01) inches, Bago (1.65) inches and Mogoke (1.42) inches.

Maximum temperature on 6-6-2004 was 33.1°C (92°F). Minimum temperature on 7-6-2004 was 22.8°C (73°F). Relative humidity at 9:30 hrs MST on 7-6-2004 was 84%. Total sunshine hours on 6-6-2004 was (4.5) hours approx. Rainfall on 7-6-2004 was 20mm (0.79 inch) at Yangon Airport, 3mm (0.12) inch at Kaba-Aye and nil central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2004 was 562mm (22.13 inches) at Yangon Airport and 461mm (18.15 inches) at Kaba-Aye and 592 mm (23.30 inches) at central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was 5 mph from Southwest at (11:45) hours MST on 6-6-2004.

Bay inference: According to the observations at (06:30) hrs MST today, yesterday's low pressure area over West Central Bay becomes unimportant. Monsoon is feeble in the Bay of Bengal. **Forecast valid until evening of the 8-6-2004:** Rain or thundershowers will be isolated in Kayah State, lower Sagaing, Mandalay, Magway, Bago and Yangon Divisions and scattered 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: Weak to moderate monsoon. **Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 8-6-2004:** Isolated rains or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%). **Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 8-6-2004:** Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

Earthquake Report

(Issued at 10:30 hours MST on Today)

An earthquake of slight intensity (3.9) Richter Scale with its epicenter about (138) miles West-southwest of Kaba-Aye seismological observatory was recorded at (03) hrs (53) min (56) sec MST on 7th June, 2004.


**Tuesday, June 8
View today:**

7:00 am

1. Recitation of Parittas by
Missionary Sayadaw
U Ottamathara

7:15 am

2. တိပိဋကဓမ္မ ဓမ္မဘူတဂါရီတံ၊
အပ္ပမာဒဗျူဟာ၊ တဉ္စသိန္နဘိဝံသ
(ဇောတိရာဇာတိ) ဟောကြားစောတိဗ္ဗ
အပ်သော ဥပ္ပါဒ်သင်္ခါပိဋစောတိ

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. ကဗျာပန်းဥယျာဉ်

8:10 am

7. Songs of yesteryear

8:20 am

8. အတူတူပွဲ

8:30 am

9. International news

8:45 am

10. Grammar make easy

4:00 pm

1. Martial song

4:15 pm

2. Songs to uphold

National Spirit

4:30 pm

3. English For Everyday Use

4:45 pm

4. Musical programme

5:00 pm

5. အဆေးသင်တန်းသို့ ယဉ်ရေး

ရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ

- တတိယပန်း (ဓာတုဗေဒအမျိုးမျိုး)

(ဓာတုဗေဒ)

5:15 pm

6. Dances of national races

5:30 pm

7. ခံစားနားဆင် တေးစာတိုတို

5:45 pm

8. ကရင်နီရာဇဝင်စာအုပ်သင်္ချာ

5:50 pm

9. Sing and enjoy

6:30 pm

10. Evening news

7:00 pm

11. Weather report

7:05 pm

12. သားငါးစုံဖြိုး ပြည့်အတိုင်း

7:15 pm

13. The mirror images of

the musical oldies

7:30 pm

14. မွန်ပြည်နယ် (အစိုးရ-၁)

7:45 pm

15. ကျေးလက်အသံတစ်စုံအရာဆိုင်

8:00 pm

16. News

8:15 pm

17. International news

8:30 pm

18. Weather report

8:45 pm

19. မိုင်မြောက်တစ်လမ်းတွဲ

"အရင်ဆိုသည့်မှာ" (အစိုးရ-၄၅)

8:55 pm

20. Calcio Serie A Highlight

9:00 pm

21. The next day's

programme


**Tuesday, June 8
Tune in today:**

- 8.30 am Brief news
8.35 am Music: Billi Balla (Kitty)
8.40 am Perspectives
8.45 am Music: Boom boom boom boom (Vengaboys)
8.50 am National news/ Slogan
9.00 am Music: Cest la vie (Bewitched)
9.05 am International news
9.10 am Music: Doodah (Cartoons)
1.30 pm News/Slogan
1.40 pm Lunch time music -Lullaby (Mandah) -Vacation (Vitamin C)
-It was you (Ashley Ballard)
9.00 pm English Lesson: Look Ahead Speaking Course (15) Article/Music
9.15 pm Weekly sports reel
9.25 pm Music for your
9.35 pm Listening pleasure -Nothing's gonna change my love for you (Glen Medero)
9.45 pm News/Slogan
10.00 pm PEL

Prime Minister attends third convocation of International Theravada Buddhist Missionary University

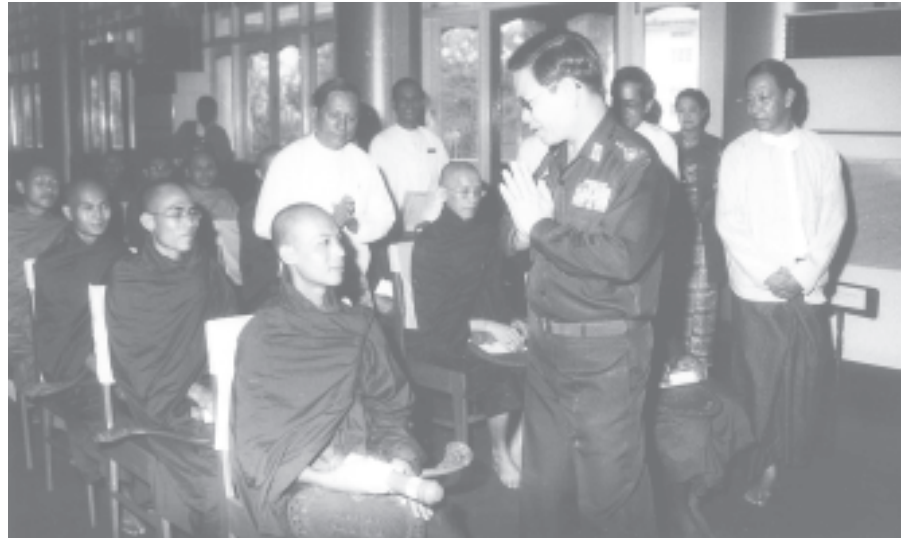
YANGON, 7 June—The third convocation of International Theravada Buddhist Missionary University was held at the Convocation Dhammayon of the State Pariyatti Sasana University (Yangon) on Thiri Mingala Kaba Aye Hill this morning, attended by Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt.

Present were State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee member Sayadaws led by Deputy Chancellor of ITBMU Secretary of the State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Abhidhaja Maha Ratha Guru, Abhidhaja Agga Maha Saddhammajotika Magway Sayadaw Bhaddanta Kumara, Ovadacariya Sayadaws of ITBMU, Tipitakadhara Tipitaka Kovida title recipient Sayadaws, Rector and pro-rector (Teaching) of ITBMU and heads of faculty.

Also present were Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe, the ministers, the Yangon mayor, the deputy ministers, officials of the State Peace and Development Council Office, heads of departments, ambassadors, pro-rector (Admin) of ITBMU and professors, trainee members of the Sangha, wellwishers and guests.

Trainee members of the Sangha who will receive B.A (Buddhism) degree paid respects to Sayadaw Agga Maha Pandita Agga Maha Saddhammajotikadhaja Dr Bhaddanta Sila Nandabhivamsa (D. Litt).

The Sayadaw conferred B.A (Buddhism) degrees on members of the Sangha from home and abroad and presented fans with the emblem of the university. The Sayadaw also conferred



Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt pays respects to members of the Sangha at Third Convocation of International Theravada Buddhist Missionary University. — MNA

degrees on laymen and nuns from home and abroad.

The Sayadaw signed in the record book and delivered an Ovadakatha.

At the convocation, 24

members of the Sangha, seven nuns and 13 laymen

received B.A (Buddhism).

After the ceremony, the Prime Minister paid respects to members of the

Sangha who received degrees and new trainee members of the Sangha.

MNA

Coord meeting of NCC Commission, Work Committee, Management Committee held

YANGON, 7 June —The Coordination Meeting No 7/ 2004 of National Convention Convening Commission, Work Committee and Management Committee was

held at the meeting hall of Anawrahta Yeiktha, Nyaungnapin Camp, Hmawby Township this morning with an address by Chairman of NCCC Secre-

tary-2 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein.

Also present at the meeting were Secretary of NCCC Minister for Information

Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan and members, Secretary of the Work Committee U Thuang Nyunt and members, Chairman of the Management Committee Auditor-General

Maj-Gen Lun Maung and members.

Joint-Secretary-2 of NCCC Director-General of Pyithu Hluttaw Office U Myint Thein acted as mas-

ter of ceremonies.

First, Chairman of NCCC Lt-Gen Thein Sein delivered an address. In his address, he said that priority is being given to tasks for holding the National Convention as they are the national concerns. Thus, strenuous efforts are to be made for successful holding of the meeting. There will be different ideas since the Convention is being attended by a wide array of national races. Constructive and sound ideas capable of serving the interests of the State and the people are to be accepted in accord with the six objectives of the Convention and 104 basic principles. He urged officials concerned to make efforts with goodwill and a sense of duty for the welfare of the delegates.

Next, Secretary of NCCC Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan reported on matters relating to permission of outpass of the delegates and their arrival on time to their respective hostels from 4 to 6 June and visiting the Shwedagon Pagoda and Lawka Chantha Abhaya Labha Muni Image by the delegates on 5 June.

Afterwards, on behalf of the Chairman of NCCC, Secretary U Thuang Nyunt reported on paper compilation of the delegates, Chairman of the Work Committee Auditor-General Maj-Gen Lun Maung on health of delegates and those undergoing medical treatment and administrative measures for the delegates.

This was followed by a general round of discussions. The meeting ended with the concluding remarks by NCCC Chairman Secretary-2 Lt-Gen Thein Sein—MNA



NCCC Chairman Secretary-2 Lt-Gen Thein Sein makes an address at the coordination meeting of NCCC, Work Committee and Management Committee. — MNA

Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs arrives back

YANGON, 7 June— U Khin Maung Win, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs and Col Hla Min of the Ministry of Defence who attended the 3rd IISS Asia Security Conference held in Singapore from June 4 to 6 arrived back here by air this afternoon.

Deputy Minister U Khin Maung Win and Col Hla Min of the Ministry of Defence were welcomed at the Yangon International Airport by Mr Simon Tenseng de Cruz, Ambassador of the Republic of Singapore to Myanmar and officials from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.—MNA

Proposals read, meeting of panel of chairmen held

YANGON, 7 June—The proposals presentation of delegate groups of political parties, national races and State service personnel and coordination meeting of panel of chairmen of delegate groups of other invited persons and workers to the National Convention were held at the respective venues of Nyaungnapin Camp in Hmawby Township, Yangon Division, this morning and this evening, attended by members of the panel of chairmen and delegates.

Delegate group of political parties

Meeting of the delegate group of political parties was held at the meeting hall-1 this morning. U Tun

Yin Law of National Unity Party presided over the meeting. Deputy Director U Khin Maung Pyu and Assistant Director Daw Yin

Yin Than of the working group-3 of the National Convention Convening Work Committee acted as mater and co-master of ceremonies.

First, the master of ceremonies announced the start of the meeting with the (See page 9)



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