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Four political objectives

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

Four economic objectives

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

Four social objectives

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

Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt receives Apostolic delegate from Rome

YANGON, 10 June— Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar General Khin Nyunt received the Apostolic Delegate from Rome for Myanmar, Brunei Darussalam, Laos and Malaysia and who is also the Apostolic Nuncio for Thailand, Cambodia and Singapore, Office in Bang-

kok His Grace Archbishop Salvatore Pennacchia, First Counsellor of Apostolic Nunciature in Bangkok Rev Msgr Francis Cao Minh Dung, Archbishop of Yangon Catholic Chairman of All Myanmar Catholic Bishops Committee Archbishop Charles Maung Bo and Bishop of Loikaw

Catholic Sotero Phamo at Zeyathiri Beikman on Konmyinthta at 4 pm today. Also present were Minister for Foreign Affairs U Win Aung, Director-General U Soe Tint of the Government Office and Director-General Thura U Aung Htet of the Protocol Department.

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Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt greets Apostolic Delegate from Rome for Myanmar, Brunei Darussalam, Laos and Malaysia and who is also the Apostolic Nuncio for Thailand, Cambodia and Singapore, Office in Bangkok. — MNA



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Panel of chairmen of two delegate groups hold coord meetings

YANGON, 10 June— The coordination meetings between resource persons and panel of chairmen of Delegate Group of Representatives-elect and Delegate Group of Other Invited Persons were held at the designated meeting halls of Nyaungnapin Camp in Hmawby Township this morning. Present at the meetings were members of the panel of patrons, resource persons and officials.

Delegate Group of Representatives-elect

The coordination meeting between resource persons and panel of chairmen of the Delegate Group of Representatives-elect held the meeting hall-2 at 10 am. Present on the occasion were members of the panel of chairmen U San Tha Aung of Mro (or) Khami National Solidarity Organization, U Maung Gyi of Union Pa-O National Organization, U

Yaw Aye Hla of Lahu National Development Party and U Law Hsin Kwam of Kokang Democracy and Unity Party and resource persons U Tun Kyaw of Namhsam Township of Shan State, Deputy Director U Maung Maung Phyu Tint of the working group-4 of the National Convention Convening Work Committee and Assistant Director Daw Tin Tin Nwe.

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-8 at 9 am. Present on the occasion were Vice-Chairman U Sai Aung Tun of Myanmar History Committee Secretary of the Myanmar History (See page 2)

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PERSPECTIVES

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To be able to perform national duties successfully

The work programmes to build a new nation are very practical. The policies laid down must be in conformity with the objective conditions of the nation. Peace, atability, modernization and progress must be ensured while developing all the resources. Peace and stability of the State, the national economic development and human resources development are the most basic factors for flourishing of democratic practices in the future nation. The democratic practices must be developed and strengthened with practical work programmes.

These are the noteworthy words in the address delivered by Patron of the Union Solidarity and Development Association Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe at the opening of Myanmar and International Studies Course No. 6 and Special Refresher Course No. 7 at the USDA Training Centre in Hmawby Township on 9 June. The Union Solidarity and Development Association was formed with new generation youths with the purpose of serving the national interests. The Government regards the new generation youths as human resources indispensable for the nation. Accordingly, it is constantly training them so that they can lend themselves to national endeavours with national outlook. During the last ten years, various courses on national culture and moral education have been conducted. Up to now, there are over two million youths who have attended various courses opened in summer.

At the present courses, the youth trainees will have to study national politics, Myanmar history, national defence and security, and political, economic and social developments of the State and international affairs.

Stability, national economic growth and human resource development are the sine qua non for the building of a modern state. It is also necessary to develop and strengthen the democratic practices with practical work programmes. Now, the State is on the right path to development owing to concerted efforts of and active cooperation between the people and the Tatmadaw. The National Convention is being held for the emergence of a new state. At a time like this, the entire national people ought to try to the best of their ability to safeguard the National Convention and maintain what we have already achieved.

We would like to call on the trainees to make a thorough study of the subjects taught at the courses so that they will be able to perform the national duties successfully with correct national outlook.



Myanmar Intergraph Co Ltd donated US\$ 50,000 worth Intergraph OGC Grant to Development Affairs Department of the Ministry for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs at a ceremony held at the department in Yangon on Thursday. Director-General of the Department Col Myo Myint spoke words of thanks on the occasion. — PBANRDA

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

Panel of chairmen of two delegate groups ...

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Committee U Tun Aung Chein, U Aung Hkam Hti of Shan State (South) Special Region-6, Dr Manan Tu Ja of Kachin State Special region-2 and U Paw Laik Kham of Shan State (North) Special Region-2, Deputy Director U Aung Kyi of the working group-10 of the National Convention Convening Work Committee and Assistant Director U Win Myint.— MNA



Group discussions of delegates of representatives-elect. — MNA

Minister receives Ambassador

YANGON, 10 June—Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung received Ambassador of Pakistan to Myanmar Mr Muhammad Nawaz Chaudhry at his office here at 10.30 am today.

Also present on the occasion were Deputy Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Aung Ko, and officials.

MNA



Group discussions of other invited persons. — MNA

နိုင်ငံတော်အစိုးရဌာနပိုင် မော်တော်ယာဉ်များ မသုံးစွဲရနဲ့

လစဉ်လ၏ ဒုတိယပတ်

တနင်္ဂနွေနေ့နှင့်နောက်ဆုံးပတ် တနင်္ဂနွေနေ့တို့သည် ရှေးလုပ်ငန်းအတွက်မဖြစ်မနေ သွားလာရန် လိုအပ်သည့် ကိစ္စရပ်များမှအပ မော်တော်ယာဉ်များ မသုံးစွဲရနဲ့ ဖြစ်သည်။

၂၀၀၄ ခုနှစ်၊ ဇွန်လအတွက် (၁၃-၆-၂၀၀၄) ရက်နေ့နှင့် (၂၇-၆-၂၀၀၄) ရက်နေ့

POEM:

Our pledge

- * Straight ahead, on the road, while we're marching, Bar from the front, pull from the back, vehemently
- If our journey's broken. Good enough, with that thought
- With a dirty mind, with intent. Let them do it, we're unperturbed.
- * Be the front barred, our route's not changed
- We'll keep on marching, hands held together
- Desired journey has been marked till its covered, we'll march on.
- * Pull from the back, we'll not fall
- Marching on held our people's hands
- Won't break off line, held on steadfast
- Journey has been marked
- Till we finish, we'll go on.

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Wa (Trs)

မိုးဦးကျနှင့် မိုးရာသီတွင်ဖြစ်တတ်သော ရောဂါများအတွက်နှိုးဆော်ချက်

၁။ မိုးဦးကျရာသီတွင် အောက်ဖော်ပြပါ ကူးစက်တတ်သောရောဂါများ ပုံမှန်ဖြစ်ပွားလေ့ရှိပါသည်။

(က) ဝမ်းပျက်ဝမ်းသွှောနှင့် ကာလဝမ်းရောဂါများ အပါအဝင် ဝမ်းနှင့် ပတ်သက်သည့် ရောဂါများ၊ အသည်းရောင်အသားဝါ ရောဂါနှင့် သံကောင် တုပ်ကောင်ရောဂါများ

(ခ) သွေးလွန်တုပ်ကွေးနှင့် ငှက်ဖျားရောဂါ

(ဂ) တုပ်ကွေး၊ နှာစေးချောင်းဆိုးနှင့် အဆုတ်အဆေးရောဂါ

၂။ ဖြစ်ပွားသည့်အကြောင်းအရာများမှာ-

(က) မိုးဦးကျလာပြီးဖြစ်၍ လွှဲလွင့်ပေါ့လှသည့် အချို့စာအိတ်သော သရက်သီး၊ ပဲခူးသီး၊ ဖရဲသီး၊ ကြက်မောက်သီး၊ မင်းဂွတ်သီး စသည့်သစ်သီးဝလံများ၏ အခွံအစေ့ စသည်များကို စားသုံးခြင်း၊ မဆင်မခြင် စွန့်ပစ်ခြင်းကြောင့် ယင်းပေါများခြင်း

(ခ) ရာသီစာအမှည့်လွန်အသီးများကို စားသုံးခြင်း

(ဂ) မိုးရွာပြီး ရေတင်း၊ ရေဝပ်သဖြင့် ရေအိုင်၊ ရေကန်၊ ရေကန်ကြီး၊ ရေမြောင်း၊ ဝိတ်မြင်းနှင့် ချုံနွယ်ဝိတ်ပေါင်း ထူထပ်၍ ဖြစ်ပေါက်ပွားခြင်း

(ဃ) ရာသီဥတု အပြောင်းအလဲဖြစ်၍ အပူရပ်ခြင်း၊ အအေးပတ်ခြင်း

(င) ပတ်ဝန်းကျင်သန့်ရှင်းမှုနှင့် တစ်ကိုယ်ရည်သန့်ရှင်းမှု နည်းပါးခြင်း

(စ) ကျန်းမာရေးနှင့်ညီညွတ်သည့် အသိပညာနှင့် အလေ့အကျင့် အားနည်းခြင်း

၃။ အောက်ဖော်ပြပါတို့ကို လိုက်နာကျင့်သုံးခြင်းဖြင့် ဖော်ပြပါ ရောဂါများ ကူးစက်ပျံ့နှံ့ခြင်းမှ ကာကွယ်တားဆီးနိုင်မည် ဖြစ်ကြောင်း တိုက်တွန်းနှိုးဆော်အပ်ပါသည်။

(က) အမှည့်လွန်အသီးများကို စားသုံးခြင်းမှ ရှောင်ပါ။

(ခ) ယင်းနားစာများကို မဆင်မခြင် စားသုံးခြင်းမှ ရှောင်ပါ။

(ဂ) စားကြွင်းစားကျန် အမှိုက်သရိုက်များနှင့် အညစ်အကြေးများကို စည်းကမ်းမဲ့ စွန့်ပစ်ခြင်းမှရှောင်ကြဉ်ပါ။

(ဃ) မိမိတို့မိသားစုအတွင်း ကျန်းမာရေးအသိပညာ ဖြန့်ဝေပါ။ လိုက်နာကျင့်သုံးပါ။

(င) တစ်ကိုယ်ရည် သန့်ရှင်းရေးကို ရရှိလိုက်နာဆောင်ရွက်ပါ။

(စ) ရေကိုကျိုချက်၍ သောက်ပါ။

(ဆ) လတ်ဆတ်သန့်ရှင်းသည့် အသီးအနှံနှင့် အစားအစာများကို ပူပူနွေးနွေး ချက်ပြုတ်စားသုံးပါ။

(ဇ) ရာသီဥတု အပူအအေး အပြောင်းအလဲကို သတိရှိပါ။

(ဈ) ပတ်ဝန်းကျင်သန့်ရှင်းရေးလုပ်ငန်းနှင့် ဖြစ်နိုင်သမျှ လုပ်ငန်းများကို အမျိုးသားရေးအမြင်ဖြင့် ဝိုင်းဝန်းစုပေါင်းဆောင်ရွက်ပါ။

(ည) ရောဂါတစ်မျိုးဖြစ်ပွားပျံ့နှံ့လာပါက ကျန်းမာရေးဌာနသို့ အမြန်ဆုံး သတင်းပို့ပါ။

(ဋ) လိုအပ်ပါက နီးစပ်ရာဆေးပေးခန်း ဆေးရုံများသို့ အချိန်မီ သွားရောက်ပြသစစ်ဆေးကုသမှုခံယူပါ။

ကျန်းမာရေးဝန်ကြီးဌာန

US military casualties in Iraq climb to 826

BAGHDAD, 10 June—As of Wednesday, June 9, 826 US service members have died since the beginning of military operations in Iraq last year, according to the Defence Department. Of those, 608 died as a result of hostile action and 218 died of non-hostile causes.

The British military has reported 58 deaths; Italy, 18; Spain, eight; Bulgaria and Poland, six each; Ukraine, four; Slovakia three; Thailand, two; Denmark, El Salvador, Estonia, Latvia and the Netherlands have reported one each.

Since May 1, 2003, when President Bush declared that major combat operations in Iraq had ended, 688 US soldiers have died - 499 as a result of hostile action and 189 of non-hostile causes, according to the military's numbers as of Wednesday.

The latest identifications reported by the military:

- Marine Lance Cpl Jeremy L Bohlman, 21, Sioux Falls, SD, died Monday from hostile action in Anbar province, Iraq; assigned to 1st Light Armoured Reconnaissance Battalion, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, Calif.

- Army Capt Humayun S M Khan, 27, Bristow, Va, died Tuesday in Baqouba, Iraq, after a vehicle packed with explosives drove into the gate of his compound; assigned to Headquarters, Headquarters Company, 201st Forward Support Battalion, 1st Infantry Division, Vilseck, Germany. —Internet



An oil pipeline burns in the desert near Beiji, Iraq about 250 kilometres (155 miles) north of Baghdad on 9 June, 2004.

INTERNET

Two pipelines ablaze as Iraq fighting rages on

BAGHDAD, 9 June— Insurgents staged attacks Wednesday on coalition forces on several fronts, firing mortars at an Iraqi militia west of here, setting two critical oil pipelines in the north ablaze and ambushing a military convoy in the capital. In the southern holy city of Najaf, fighters loyal to Moktada al-Sadr, the rebel Shiite cleric, tried to seize a police station Tuesday night despite a declared cease-fire. On Wednesday, the cleric's militia, the Mahdi Army, still controlled the holiest Shiite site in Iraq, the golden-domed Shrine of Ali. An aide to Sadr insisted that officials linked to the militia will have the right to take part in future elections despite a recent order from the US administration saying otherwise. The various assaults underscored the fact that the United States is still engaged in a wide-ranging war in Iraq, one that American officials say will likely get worse as the White House tries to hand some sovereignty over to the country by June 30.

The United Nations Security Council approved a resolution on Tuesday that recognized the sovereign status of Iraq after June 30. Whether the approval will dampen the resolve of the insurgents is one of the biggest questions confronting Iraqis and Americans. With the spate of attacks on Wednesday, the insurgents gave the impression that they were determined to carry on fighting for the moment. The attacks on the pipelines came after an assault on fuel and transmission lines that forced the shutdown last weekend of a large power plant south of Baghdad.

The continuing sabotage of infrastructure shows that fighters are cannily picking targets that deliver basic needs and whose destruction can erode Iraqi confidence in the occupation and the new government. An occupation spokesman said that one of the pipeline explosions resulted in a temporary power decline from an electricity plant in the northern town of Bayji.

An attack on Iraqi forces took place around the volatile town of Fallujah, about 50 kilometres, or 30 miles, west of Baghdad. Insurgents lobbed mortars at a camp housing members of the Fallujah Brigade, which was created by the marines in late April to pacify the anti-American city. The attack wounded a member of the brigade, said Brigadier General Mark Kimmitt, a spokesman for the occupation forces. —Internet

Cities in China, Russia to strengthen cooperation

XINING, 9 June— The city government of Xining, capital of northwest China's Qinghai Province, will send two delegations to visit Izhevsk, an inland city in west Russia, in a bid to strengthen the bilateral cooperation and exchange between the two cities, a local official said on Tuesday.

Zhao Zhijun, an official with the city's economic and foreign trade cooperation bureau, said the two sides possess great potential for cooperation in agriculture, economy and trade, as Izhevsk, capital of the Udmurtskaya Republic, has similar economic conditions with Xining. — MNA/Xinhua

ထုတ်ဖော်ပြောဆိုမှု

G8 harmony cracks, as France and US duel over Iraq

SEA ISLAND (United States), 10 June— A new era of trans-Atlantic unity soured after just one day at the Group of Eight summit, as fresh US-France spats broke out and world leaders squabbled over Iraq's debt pile.

The summit had been billed as a chance to consign old animosity over the US invasion to history, after the West closed ranks to pass a new UN resolution on Iraq on Tuesday.

But new diplomatic brushfires broke out almost immediately, even as US President George W Bush led Iraq's new interim ruler onto the world stage.

Leaders of Britain, Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan, Russia and the United States did manage to agree on Bush's controversial reform plan for the Islamic world.

They also endorsed an end-of-July target for an outline deal on the most divisive issues to put global trade talks back on track.

But just one day after France signed up to a US-sponsored resolution at the United Nations on Iraqi sovereignty, the fractious allies were at loggerheads again — on a handful of issues.

They clashed on NATO's role in Iraq, after Bush called for a greater presence of the Western alliance in the occupation.

"We will work with our NATO friends to at least continue the role that now exists and hopefully expand it somewhat," Bush said after meeting top ally, British Prime Minister Tony Blair.

"There's going to be some constraints, obviously. A lot of NATO countries are not in a position to commit any more troops; we fully understand that."

Facing a knife-edge reelection battle, Bush wants to ease the plight of US troops,

many of whom are reservists or on extended tours as they battle a vicious insurgency.

But French President Jacques Chirac, a fierce critic of Bush's decision to invade Iraq, threw up an immediate roadblock.

"I do not think that it is NATO's job to intervene in Iraq," Chirac said.

"Moreover, I do not have the feeling that it would be either timely or necessarily well understood," said Chirac.

"I see myself with strong reservations on this initiative."

Although the United States, Britain and other NATO members have troops in Iraq, the alliance has no formal role in the country. Some NATO members like Canada, France and Germany have declined to send troops.

Chirac also had pointed criticism for Bush's economic policies, warning yawning US trade and budget deficits could dampen world economic prospects.

He said he and some other leaders worried about the "possible consequences of the large US budget and trade deficit for the future and notably on interest rate developments."

Discord also surfaced over the issue of Iraq's mountainous debt, with European states resisting US calls to quickly forgive almost all of it.

The United States is pushing for up to 90 percent to be cancelled but countries like France, Russia and Canada unwilling to go so far.

Egypt and Saudi Arabia, alarmed by the implications of the initiative declined an invitation to the summit. —Internet



An Iraqi firefighter tries to extinguish a burning truck carrying tires after a roadside attack on the highway outside of Baghdad, Iraq, on 9 June, 2004. — INTERNET

Two Turks kidnapped in Iraq

ISTANBUL, 9 June— Suspected insurgents have abducted two Turks and their Iraqi driver in the Iraqi city of Fallujah, Turkey's Foreign Ministry said on Tuesday.

"We don't have too many details, but two Turkish nationals and their driver were kidnapped in Fallujah on Monday. They worked for a firm based in Mosul," a ministry official said.

"Our ambassador is in contact and is working for their (release)," he told Reuters.

The state-run Anatolian news agency said the Turks, identified as Tarkan Arikoglu and Adnan Azizoglu from southern Turkey, work as managers with Serka Insaat, a contracting firm active in the construction and

food services sector in Iraq.

They had travelled from Mosul to Fallujah with their Iraqi Turkmen driver to check on construction materials, it said.

Serka's general manager, Cemal Kurklu, said he had spoken to Arikoglu by satellite phone on Tuesday morning.

"Tarkan said, 'As we were returning to Mosul, armed individuals we did not recognize stopped our vehicle and took us to a place we don't know'," Kurklu told Anatolian.

MNA/Reuters

Guard, reserve death toll rising in Iraq

WASHINGTON, 9 June—In the first week of June, nine of the 13 announced US troop deaths in Iraq were National Guard or Reserve soldiers, an extraordinarily high toll on part-time troops.

The ninth was announced Tuesday: Sgt. Jamie A Gray, 29, of Montpelier, Vt, who died June 7 in Scania, Iraq, when his military vehicle was struck by one of the war's most frequent killers, the blast from a homemade bomb.

The Pentagon also said the number of American troops wounded in Iraq since the start of the war has topped 5,000. The exact total is 5,013, up 131 from a week ago and 3,025 from two months ago.

Gray was assigned to the Vermont National Guard's 1st Battalion, 86th Field Artillery, based at Williston. He was the third Vermont National Guardsman to die in Iraq; the two others, also with the 1st Battalion of the 86th Field Artillery, were killed in a May 25 mortar attack.

The death toll among National Guard and Reserve soldiers has been climbing in recent months, and the pace of casualties so far this month has been the highest of the war. May had the larg-

est number of Guard and Reserve deaths in Iraq, 22 of the month's 80 total US troop deaths.

The worst day of June thus far was last Friday, June 4, when three members of the Oregon National Guard and two members of the New Jersey National Guard were killed in an ambush in the Sadr City section of Baghdad. Their Humvee utility vehicles were struck by a roadside bomb blast and rocket-propelled grenades.

Internet

Spain will not send troops back to Iraq in any guise

MADRID, 9 June—Spanish troops will not return to Iraq under any international mandate, the foreign minister said today just as George Bush and Tony Blair said they wanted NATO involvement in the country.

"Spain will not send troops to Iraq, neither unilaterally nor as part of a multinational force, nor as part of a NATO force," Miguel Angel Moratinos said in Madrid.

"Spain will not have any presence in Iraq because we're convinced that the best way of speeding up the process of stabilisation of Iraq is that foreign occupation forces withdraw from Iraq," he added.

Spain withdrew its 1,300 soldiers from

Iraq in May when the new Socialist government took power.

Moratinos welcomed the UN Security Council's unanimous backing of the US-British resolution spelling out the transfer of sovereignty in Iraq.

He shrugged off criticism by the opposition Popular Party that the government had been disloyal to countries that still have troops in Iraq.—Internet

S Korea's Roh nominates new prime minister

SEOUL, 9 June—South Korean President Roh Moo-hyun named former education minister Lee Hae-chan as his choice of new prime minister on Tuesday and will seek swift parliamentary approval, the Presidential Office said.

Lee, 51, served as education minister under former president Kim Dae-jung and played an important role in setting up the pro-Roh Uri Party last year. Roh plans to send his appointment to Parliament on Wednesday for approval, said an official at the presidential Blue House.

The Uri Party holds a majority in the single-chamber Parliament after winning April's general election, and so Lee seems almost certain to be approved.

The prime minister has traditionally been a backseat role because of South Korea's strong executive presi-

dency, but Roh has been keen to devolve more responsibility to his prime minister.

Roh valued Lee's drive and conviction and his ability to coordinate workings between the party and the government, Roh's spokesman Yoon Tae-young said in a statement.

The Uri Party leadership welcomed the nomination, he said.

The nomination came after a meeting with Uri Party leadership late on Tuesday and weeks of speculation that a former four-term provincial governor would get the nod.

But the expected nomination of Kim Hyuk-kyu had been bitterly opposed by the opposition Grand National Party, on whose ticket Kim served as governor of South Gyeongsang province.

The Grand National Party labelled him a traitor after he switched to the Uri Party this year and said he lacked integrity.

Lee would replace former Prime Minister Goh Kun, who served for two months after Roh was impeached by the then-opposition controlled Parliament in March.

MNA/Reuters



US Marines bunker down in the sand on the edge of the main highway leading to the southern edge of Fallujah, 60 kms west of Baghdad, on 9 June. — INTERNET

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Poland says mortar attack killed troops in Iraq

WARSAW, 9 June—The explosion that killed six eastern European soldiers in Iraq on Tuesday was a mortar attack, not an ammunition accident as first thought, the Polish army said on Wednesday.

"Beyond all doubt we must say that the death was not caused by inappropriate actions by the sappers," General Piotr Czerwinski told a news conference carried live on Polish television.

"It was caused directly by a mortar attack," he added. The explosion killed three Slovaks, two Poles and a Latvian who were disposing of old Iraqi army ordnance.

Czerwinski said survivors of the attack reported

hearing the characteristic whistle of mortar shells shortly before the blasts, and an investigating team had found craters from three mortar bombs, one of which probably ignited the ammunition.

General Mieczyslaw Bieniek, commander of the Polish-led multinational force in Iraq, said a coalition base nearby had been attacked frequently.

He added that the coalition would review its prac-

tices on providing security for troops on ammunition-disposal missions.

Bieniek commands troops from 17 countries — mostly from Eastern Europe and Asia — in the south-central occupation zone around the holy city of Kerbala, one of four such zones in Iraq.

Poland has one of the largest contingents in the US-led coalition, with 2,400 troops.

Internet



Soldiers guard the site of a car-bomb explosion in Mosul, Iraq, on 8 June, 2004. Two car bombs exploded in separate cities in Iraq on Tuesday, killing at least 14 Iraqis and one US soldier. Dozens were wounded, including 10 American soldiers. — INTERNET

Thai Cabinet approves five oil conservation measures

BANGKOK, 9 June—The Cabinet Tuesday approved the Energy Ministry's proposals on fuel-saving measures, which are expected to help save more than 19,000 million baht (475 million US dollars) of Thailand's energy costs.

Vice-Minister for Energy Viset Choopiban was quoted by the *Thai News Agency* as saying that the following five measures would be implemented immediately with no specific time limit.

First, operators of petrol stations are to close their services from midnight to 05:00 hours. Second, the Interior Ministry will seek for cooperation from operators of advertisement to turn off the light of advertisement boards after 22:00 pm.

Third, the Transport and Energy Ministries as well as local administrations will jointly consider turning off the light on certain roads, or some sections of the roads;

Fourth, the Transport and Finance Ministries will consider raising tax rates of registration for personal cars with engine exceeding 2,500 cc; and

Finally, the Bureau of the Budget will cut annual spending on fuel by all state agencies and state enterprises by 10 per cent.

MNA/Xinhua

Indonesian FM rejects foreign intervention in Malacca strait

JAKARTA, 9 June — Indonesian Foreign Minister Hassan Wirajuda reaffirmed here on Tuesday that Indonesia firmly rejected any foreign intervention in the security along the Malacca strait.

Wirajuda said that the authority of securing the strait was fully the right of the littoral countries, including Indonesia, Malaysia and Singapore.

"It is hard for us to understand that other countries (troops) patrol (in the strait)," Wirajuda told reporters here.

"The security of the strait is fully under the authority of the littoral countries," he stressed.

Regarding to the recent statement of the Malaysian Government of rejecting the foreign intervention on the strait, Wirajuda said, "I also make the same statement."

He reaffirmed that he had issued the same statement along with his Malaysian counterpart Syek Hamid Albar when the latter visited Jakarta several weeks ago.

More than 50,000 commercial vessels travel the 805 kilometres straits every year, carrying about a third of the world's trade volume and some 80 per cent of Japan's oil needs.

MNA/Xinhua

Australian opposition shrugs off renewed US pressure to rethink Iraq policy

SYDNEY, 9 June— Australia's opposition is standing by its pledge to withdraw troops from Iraq if it wins the upcoming elections despite renewed pressure from the United States to rethink its policy.

Shadow foreign minister Kevin Rudd, in the United States for talks with US officials, said he hoped to discuss the issue with US Deputy Secretary of State Richard Armitage this week, ABC radio reported.

He insisted that Labour would not be changing its policy.

Armitage earlier warned that to withdraw the soldiers at a time when Iraq was as delicately poised would damage the coalition effort.

Interviewed by The Australian newspaper in Washington just before the UN Security Council's adopted Tuesday a US-British resolution endorsing a new interim gov-

ernment for Iraq, he said:

"To be involved in something so momentous that could change the Middle East for the better and set a course of greater openness and transparency and better education, including for women, is something I think any modern nation would want to be involved in. "To pull away at the 10th or 11th hour would be very debilitating to this effort."

Armitage's comment followed President George W Bush statement last week that Labor leader Mark Latham's policy would be disastrous for the war on terrorism and would send the wrong message to terrorists.

Internet

Lawsuit filed against US contractors over Iraq abuse

WASHINGTON, 10 June— Two US defence contractors were accused in a class-action suit on Wednesday of conspiring with US officials to torture and abuse prisoners in Iraq.

The suit, filed in San Diego, alleged San-Diego based Titan Corp and CACI International of Arlington, Virginia, engaged in "heinous and illegal acts" to show they could get intelligence from detainees, and thereby obtain more government contracts.

Employees from both firms, which provided interrogation and translation services in Iraq, were named in a report on Iraqi prison abuse by US Army investigator Major-General Antonio Taguba.

"We believe that CACI and Titan engaged in a conspiracy to torture and abuse detainees and did so to make more money," said Philadelphia-based lawyer Susan Burke who filed the suit along with New York-based Center for Constitutional Rights.

The two companies are accused of violating the Racketeer Influenced and Corrupt Organizations Act, an anti-conspiracy law originally enacted to target organized crime.

Titan spokesman Wil Williams called the lawsuit "frivolous" and said the company would aggressively defend itself against the charges. He said the Titan employee named in the Taguba report, Adel Nahkla, had since left the company.

CACI did not immediately respond to phone calls asking for comment.

The lawsuit charged that Stephen Stefanowicz and John Israel of CACI Inc. and Nahkla "directed and participated in illegal conduct" at the Abu Ghraib Prison outside Baghdad. — MNA/Reuters

Turkey says Bush's Mideast plan needs peace to work

ANKARA, 9 June — US President George W Bush's Greater Middle East Initiative for regional reform will fail without an end to Israeli-Palestinian violence and peace in Iraq, Turkish Prime Minister Tayyip Erdogan said on Tuesday.

Speaking to reporters before going to the United States for talks with Bush and other world leaders on the Middle East, Erdogan also renewed his criticism of Israel's tough policies against the Palestinians in Gaza.

"If we are to present a real democratic perspective and reform strategy to the Middle East and Africa, we have to follow policies which end the violence in the Israeli-Palestinian conflict and which normalize the situation in Iraq," he said.

NATO member Turkey is a key regional ally of the United States and of Israel, but has been troubled by the mounting violence in neighbouring Iraq and has strongly condemned Israel's military measures in Gaza.

Ankara called its top two diplomats to Israel back to Turkey on Tuesday, but

sources played down the move, saying it was for "consultations" and that they would return this week.

Bush invited Erdogan to

this week's G-8 summit in the US state of Georgia to try to shore up support for his regional initiative.

MNA/Reuters



A US armoured vehicle secures the area as fire and billowing black smoke from a burning truck fills the air in the northwestern Baghdad neighbourhood of al-Khadra on 9 June, 2004. — INTERNET

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Putin says UN resolution on Iraq a "major step forward"

SAVANNAH, 10 June — Russian President Vladimir Putin said Tuesday that a resolution adopted unanimously earlier that day by the UN Security Council was a "major step forward".

Speaking to reporters after talks with US President George W Bush in Sea Island, some 120 kilometres south from here, Putin said that "without any exaggeration I would state that it is a major step forward".

Putin arrived in Sea Island, in the southeastern US state of Georgia, on Tuesday for a three-day G-8 summit that started Tuesday evening. "This is about a quality change in the status in Iraq and with regards to the presence of the military troops there. And this is about a quality change of the impact the United Nations has over the situation in Iraq," Putin said.

He pointed out that it would take time for the resolution to make any meaningful difference on the ground. "Naturally, it will take quite a long time before this adoption of the document will have any impact on the real change on the ground in Iraq. But we can convincingly and comfortably state that the situation is right for adopting such a serious and such a concrete document concerning this country."

With the adoption of the resolution, he said, the Iraqi people would enjoy the "whole spectrum" of sovereign rights, and the entire world community, besides

the United States and its allies, would also play "a major influence" in Iraq.

Meanwhile, Sergei Prihodko, a foreign policy adviser to Putin, said Russia was pleased that Washington was moving toward supporting Russia's desire to organize an international conference for Iraq, and announced that Russia had accepted an invitation to par-

ticipate in NATO manoeuvres in the North Atlantic this fall.

He added that Russia would stick to its policy of providing support to Iran's civilian nuclear programme, and that the cooperation would be consistent with guidelines set down by the International Atomic Energy Agency.

MNA/Xinhua



A helicopter hovers overhead as US Abraham tanks gather on the ground along the main highway leading to the southern edge of Fallujah, 60 kms west of Baghdad, on 9 June, 2004. — INTERNET

Annan urges G-8 members to give priority to development goals

NEW YORK, 9 June— UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan has urged the G-8 nations to give high priority in their national policies to achieve key development goals, including halving poverty by 2015, set by the Millennium Summit.

"Let me appeal to you to incorporate the MDGs (Millennium Development Goals) as an explicit priority in the programmes and policies of your governments, and to do whatever you can to show that you are serious about them," Annan said in a letter to the G-8 summit that will be held in the US from June 8 to 10.

The MDG adopted unanimously by all UN member states in 2000, set out yardsticks for measuring development progress by 2015 in eight areas of global importance, including hunger, poverty and health.

Noting that four of the 15 years have already passed with "mixed results", the

Secretary-General stressed that the goals could still be reached by almost every country - "as long as it pushes through the necessary internal reforms and receives the necessary external support".

"We are running out of time, especially in sub-Saharan Africa," Annan wrote in the letter that was released at UN Headquarters in New York. Noting that the task of achieving the MDGs posed the greatest challenge in Africa, Annan said that trade, health and official development assistance (ODA) were the three areas where action was vital for the continent.

The Secretary-General emphasized the crucial importance of a global partner-

ship between developed and developing countries to achieve the goals.

He also pointed out that reversing the spread of HIV/AIDS was a prerequisite for attaining other goals in regions where the impact of AIDS and malaria was particularly severe, as in sub-Saharan Africa.

Annan welcomed recent initiatives by Canada and the US to give developing countries easier access to affordable anti-retroviral therapies, but noted that in themselves those measures were "not enough". The UN Children Fund (UNICEF) also called on G-8 leaders to remember the plight of children in many countries. — MNA/PTI

Guerillas kill 12 Iraqi forces in Fallujah

FALLUJAH (Iraq), 10 June — Rebels killed 12 members of an Iraqi security force in a mortar attack in the flashpoint town of Fallujah on Wednesday, the force said.

It was the first time guerillas have attacked General Mohammed Latif's Fallujah Brigade since it set out to pacify Iraq's most rebellious town west of Baghdad last month following fierce fighting between US troops and insurgents.

Officers in the force told *Reuters* 10 people were wounded in the attack.

Witnesses said the mortar attack hit a camp housing security forces. They said Latif was not in the area at the time and no US forces could be seen.

Fiercely anti-American Fallujah has been relatively calm since Latif and other generals offered to help tame the area where roadside bombs and ambushes have dogged American troops in the area.

The US wants Latif to rein in guerillas, help capture or kill foreign fighters and collect weapons from rebels. He describes Fallujah as a town of peace-loving people and believes US troops should go home.

The attack will put Latif's security forces through their first major test and raise questions over whether the Americans will redeploy their positions closer to the town.

US troops are still within striking distance of Fallujah but the American military has tried to keep a low profile to give attempts to calm Fallujah an Iraqi face.

Members of the force said a joint patrol with American troops had been scheduled to pass through Fallujah at the time of the attack.

US troops launched an offensive on the town after four US contractors were killed by guerillas and then mutilated and dragged through the streets by residents on March 31.

After weeks of fierce fighting between the Americans and guerillas which killed hundreds of Iraqis and scores of US troops, the US military struck a deal with Latif, a former general in Saddam Hussein's Army.

MNA/Reuters

France pledges to back UN resolution on Iraq

PARIS, 10 June — France pledged on Tuesday to back a United Nations resolution on the transfer of power in Iraq after the United States and Britain made changes that addressed its concerns.

The decision by France, which has the power of veto on the UN Security Council and opposed the war in Iraq, cleared the way for Security Council approval later on Tuesday.

Foreign Minister Michel Barnier said France was still not fully satisfied with the resolution but added: "This will not prevent us giving a positive vote in New York to constructively find a political way out of this tragedy."

"For the first time in this matter there has been a real dialogue," he told France Inter-radio. "Our demands were listened to. A lot of our ideas are in the text."

Most diplomats expect a unanimous 15-0 vote when the Council meets later on Tuesday. Germany has also had reservations but its ambassador to the UN said on Monday 90 per cent of Ber-

lin's concerns had been met "and I think we can live with that".

US President George W. Bush and French President Jacques Chirac discussed the resolution at talks in Paris on Saturday. They said they expected the resolution to be passed soon, although Russia said it was still not entirely happy.

China, another veto-wielding member of the Security Council, has welcomed

changes made to the proposed text.

The resolution would give international legitimacy to a new Iraqi interim government and authorizes a US-led multinational force, now at 160,000 troops.

At issue was how much control Baghdad's new leaders would have over major US-run military operations after the June 30 transfer of power to Iraq's new government. — MNA/Reuters

China becoming bazaar for multinational buyers

BELING, 10 June — China is turning into an attractive fair for multinational buyers, Roland Berger Strategy Consultants said in its latest report.

The Roland Berger report, claimed to be based on a survey of 32 multinationals, quoted US auto giant Ford as saying that its buying in China will top 10 billion US dollars in a few years.

GE expects five billion US dollars of buying in China in 2005 and also a sale of five billion US dollars, said Jeffrey

R Immelt, chairman of the board and CEO of GE, cited by the report.

Low cost in such resources as labour and logistics makes China one of the world's most appealing suppliers and OEM bases, said the Roland Berger report.

The country has produced the world's most printers, PC

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Two US soldiers sit atop their armoured vehicle as black smoke billows behind from a damaged pipeline in Iraq.

INTERNET

Yunnan evolving into bridgehead between PPRD, ASEAN

KUNMING, 10 June — Southwest China's Yunnan Province is evolving into an important bridgehead between the Pan-Pearl River Delta (PPRD), or "9+2", region, and the Association of South-East Asian Nations, or ASEAN.

The mounting geographic and economic significance of Yunnan was highlighted by an inspection of the province made last weekend by a group of overseas Chinese business people from ASEAN member nations.

The inspection was conducted almost immediately after the first PPRD forum had concluded with the initial creation of a framework for regional co-

operation.

The PPRD, the largest regional combination in China, is China's new attempt at regional cooperation and development and also a breakthrough for co-ordinated development between the eastern regions, the central area and the west. The PPRD region, also known as "9+2", involves Fujian, Jiangxi, Hunan, Guangdong, Guangxi, Hainan, Sichuan, Guizhou, Yunnan as well as the Hong Kong and Macao special administrative regions.

Upon the conclusion of the first PPRD forum, an investment promotion fair was kicked off late last week in Kunming, capital

city of Yunnan Province. Provincial Governor Xu Rongkai said at the fair that Yunnan hoped to serve as a land nexus to connect the "9+2" regions with ASEAN members, so as to facilitate economic cooperation between the two regimes.

The remaining eight provinces (including a provincial-level autonomous region) of the PPRD region, together with Hong Kong and Macao, have shown strong interest in cooperation with Yunnan, which is growing rapidly, blessed with both abundant natural resources and geographic advantages, Governor Xu said.

MNA/Xinhua

ASEAN adopts plan of action for energy cooperation

MANILA, 10 June — ASEAN energy ministers ended their 22nd meeting here Wednesday with the adoption of a plan of action for stronger cooperation in light of growing concerns on energy security and sustainable development amid highly volatile world oil prices.

The plan calls for sustainable energy development, enhancing the integration of the regional energy infrastructure, promoting energy security, creating progressive policies for market reforms and liberalization, as well as addressing the environment concerns.

The ministers from the 10-member Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN) adopted the Plan of Action for Energy Cooperation 2004-2009 "to ensure policy and technical continuity and sustainable cooperation in the ASEAN energy sector towards closer regional economic integration," said a statement is-

sued at the end of the meeting.

The plan of action will explore new initiative such as promoting bioenergy, use of marine compressed natural gas as an alternative mode for transporting gas. The ministers agreed to promote the greater utilization of bio-diesel and ethanol in the region.

Recognizing the greater use of renewable energy to address rapidly rising oil prices, the ministers also agreed to increase the share of renewable energy in power generation in the ASEAN region to at least 10 percent over the next six years, the statement said. — MNA/Xinhua

Iraqi bankers receive training in Jordan

AMMAN, 10 June — Over 50 Iraqi bankers started here on Tuesday a training course organized by the International Financial Organization (IFO), the official Petra news agency reported.

The training programme includes crisis management skills, marketing, checking bank accounts, crediting and other banking services.

The programme is the first of its kind in the region and aimed at developing banking organizations in the region, said IFO Director of Investment Basel Hamawi.

The programme also aims to improve performance of the Iraqi banking sector, he added. — MNA/Xinhua



Naomi Watts, left, and Kate Hudson greet one another at the Premiere magazine ceremony honouring this year's New Power Award winners, on 3 June, 2004. The magazine's event honours Hollywood's new power players. — INTERNET

New and fast developments throughout Myanmar



The opening of Village-to-village road linking Twintaw and Laymyay Villages in Buthalin Township, Sagaing Division. — PBNRDA



Basic Education High School, Myinggying region, Kayah State. — PBNRDA



*For convenience of local people, Wantapin bridge was built in Shan State (East).
PBNRDA*



The photo shows a library built in Kwanmoe Dain Model Village, Kayah Township, Yangon Division, to disseminate knowledge to rural people. — MNA



The panoramic view of developing Mongla in Shan State (East). — MNA

Border and rural area developments



Var bridge built across Manipur river on Kalay-Haka road in Falam Township, Chin State is 340 feet long. — KYEMON

Forests, teak and the future

Aung Si Hein

Since entering the 21st Century, we have been hearing more about adverse climate changes such as extreme coldness or rains, long droughts, silting up of lakes, creeks and streams, water shortages and unprecedented degree of floods in some places of the world.

According to the world review presented in a special issue on the Earth Day appeared in Time magazine published for the months, April and May 2000, 50 per cent of the world's wetlands vanished during the past 100 years, 80 per cent of prairies were facing soil erosion, and 20 per cent of the dry regions were becoming semi-deserts. There may be some other reasons behind those adverse changes, but the root cause can be said the depletion of forests.

Throughout history, man used timber for various purposes from building of palaces to towns and villages, religious edifices and homes and manglers. Moreover, timber was used as fuel for running steam-powered boats and trains and in smelting various kinds of minerals; and as the main raw material in furniture enterprises and construction works. Moreover, in the olden days, all the sleepers, bridges and jetties, military and civilian ships, carriages, bullock-carts and cars were built with wood. It also played an important role in the religions of the peoples all over the world. And till now, lumber has been used as fuel in making charcoal, bricks, sugar and pots.

In 1950, there left only about 7,500 million acres of forests covering the land surface of the planet, down from over 9,015 million acres in 1939. The causes of the loss of forests varied from natural disasters including thunder strikes, storms, adverse weather changes and fires, to animals, pests and fungus and weak management. In this regard, the developed countries are using various means covering dissemination of forest conservation and plantation methods, creation of new forests in virgin and fallow lands, regeneration of trees in the former reserve areas, conservation and upgrading of the existing forest reserves, and application of the most advanced methods to extract the most valuable forest products.

Some developed countries have been encouraging private forest owners since early 20th Century. But the implementation of the task takes time — a hundred years or more. Thus, the governments concerned usually provide land and seeds, and in addition, financial assistance to the private forest owners. The government departments are also laying down and implementing plans to conserve and protect State-owned forest reserves, wildlife and biodiversity and watershed areas and soil; and built public recreation parks.

Furthermore, they are using the following methods in setting up a forest of tree species like pine: First, they raise daughter cells of an ideal parent tree of the species. Germinated seeds are moved to growth chambers. When the saplings reach the age of one and a half years, they are planted at the rate of 650,000 trees per square mile in a plantation. Weeding and nursing are done till the saplings reach the height of over two metres. The task during the period of first ten to twenty years is to root out the trees whose growth rates are much slower than the normal ones. There will be only about 390,000 trees left per square mile in the plantation after rooting out the diminutive ones. Aerial spraying of fertilizers or pesticides is being carried out as and when necessary. At the age of 30, some trees are cut down and some are extracted for producing pulps. And when the age of a plantation reaches 60, only 78,000 trees left per square mile. The trees are being nursed for 40 more years till their age reaches 100. Only at that age, they are being extracted for large saw mills.

In accord with the 2001 record, there were 25,388,226 acres of reserve forests and 59,266,363 acres of non-reserve forests totalling 84,654,589 acres in Myanmar; natural teak forests covered about 40,771,500 acres of land; and the area of State-owned teak plantations had reached 543,620 acres.

Teak is planted in India, Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, Indonesia, Malaysia, the Philippines, Thailand, Laos and China. But quality of the teak in those countries are no match for Myanmar teak. Myanmar teak is famous all over the world for its quality: durability, lightness, golden hue, fragrance, resistance to shrinkage and fungus and

termites, easiness to float in the water after girdling, resistance to salt-water and wear and tear, provision of protection for nails from rusting, capacity to bear heavy loads.

According to the records, Arab traders were buying Myanmar teak since the 16th Century. France built ships with Myanmar teak in the 18th Century. When the British annexed Taninthayi Division of Myanmar in 1826, there was indiscriminate felling of trees in the area by the colonialists. After the British occupied the lower Myanmar it sold Myanmar teak to Japan, India, Sri Lanka, Mauritius, Southeast Asia peninsular and European countries. Eighty per cent of teak sales from Myanmar were to India in 1939-40, and since that time, the colonialist had been exporting teak to other countries including South Africa, America, Sweden and Norway.

When the colonialists found forest depletion in southern India and lower Myanmar, due to discriminate felling of trees, they hired a German expert, Dr Brandeist, for long-term exploitation of teak and expansion of their Naval fleet. They made arrangements for him to study the forests in Myanmar during the period from 1852 to 1855. The German expert presented a programme to the British to girdle teak trees only when their gird reaches seven feet, and if possible, at 7.5 feet, and girdling must be done at a place four feet above the ground.

Official records revealed that the British sold 16.8 million tons of Myanmar teak and 14.6 million tons of timber abroad during the period from 1856-57 to 1947-48. Myanmar regained independence in 1948, and from that time to 1990-91, it exported 10.7 million tons of teak and 15.8 million tons of hardwood.

As global timber and forest products trade is also interesting, I have presented the value of exports and imports in the whole world and of some countries. The volume of global forest product trade in 1998 was over US \$ 140 billion. During the same year, China's exports and imports of forest products amounted to US \$ 1,177 million and over US \$ 8,422 million respectively; India's exports and imports, over US \$ 37 million and over US \$ 770 million respectively; Malaysia's exports and imports, over US \$ 2,515 million and over US \$ 745 million respectively; Thailand's exports and imports, over US \$ 727 million and over US \$ 863 million respectively; the Philippines' exports and imports, over US \$ 65 million and over US \$ 498 million respectively; and Japan's exports and imports, over US \$ 1,453 million and over US \$ 11,173 million respectively. During the year, Myanmar exported US \$ 225 million worth of forest products, and imported over US \$ 11 million worth of forest products.

Myanmar set up the Dry Zone Greening Department in 1997, and is conserving and restoring the ecological system in Magway, Sagaing and Mandalay divisions, while making arrangements to green the three divisions, balance the climate, and develop agriculture and social lives of the regional people. Using its 55 years of experience and receiving advanced technologies, the Forest Department, which was set up in 1948, is striving to develop the forestry sector.

Forests help the earth to store more water, and conserve natural springs and soil. Moreover, they yield timber, rattan, food including honey, fruits, roots etc., and other products including resin, dyeing material for cloths, wood oil, bird nest etc., and also contribute to increasing the nation's financial riches. Thus, they are worthy of honouring as the source of riches for the nation.

All in all, it is the inborn duty of all the national people to conserve and protect forests to enable them to serve as income sources for the nation till the future, to develop forestry science and tree plantation in all village, township, and state/division levels, to take part with duty consciousness in implementing the nation's forest plans, and to collectively prevent depletion of forests.

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Efficient use of electricity

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

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

Efficient use of fuel

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

All this needs to be known

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

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ပတ်သက်သည့် ရောဂါများ၊ အသည့်ရောင်အသားဝါရောဂါနှင့်
သံကောင် တုပ်ကောင်ရောဂါများ

(ခ) သွေးလွန်တုပ်ကွေးနှင့် ငှက်ဖျားရောဂါ

(ဂ) တုပ်ကွေး၊ နှာစေ့ချောင်းဆိုးနှင့် အဆုတ်အဆေးမိရောဂါ

၂။ ဖြစ်ပွားရသည့်အကြောင်းရင်းမှာ—

(က) မိုးဦးကျလာပြီးဖြစ်၍ လှိုင်းလှိုင်းပေါ်လာသည့် အချိန်တစ်ပါးသော
သရက်သီး၊ ပိစ့်သီး၊ ဖရဲသီး၊ ကြက်ဇောက်သီး၊ မင်းရွတ်သီး
စသည့်သစ်သီးဝလံများ၏ အခွံအစေ့ စသည်များကို စည်ကမ်းမဲ့
မဆင်မခြင် စွန့်ပစ်ခြင်းကြောင့် ယင်းပစ်ချွတ်ခြင်း

(ခ) ရာသီစာအမှန်ညွှန်အသီးများကို စားသုံးခြင်း

(ဂ) မိုးရွာပြီးရေတင်ရေဝပ်သဖြင့် ရေအိုင်၊ ရေကန်၊ ရေကန်ခြံ၊ ရေမြောင်း၊
ပိတ်ခြင်းနှင့် ချွန်ပိတ်ပေါင်းထူထပ်၍ ဖြစ်ပေါက်ပွားခြင်း

(ဃ) ရာသီဥတု အပြောင်းအလဲဖြစ်၍ အပူပိုခြင်း၊ အအေးပတ်ခြင်း

(င) ပတ်ဝန်းကျင်သန့်ရှင်းမှုနှင့် တစ်ကိုယ်ရည်သန့်ရှင်းမှု နည်းပါးခြင်း

(စ) ကျန်းမာရေးနှင့်ညီညွတ်သည့်အလေ့အကျင့် အားနည်းခြင်း

၃။ အောက်ဖော်ပြပါတို့ကို လိုက်နာကျင့်သုံးခြင်းဖြင့် ဖော်ပြပါ ရောဂါများ
ကူးစက်ပျံ့နှံ့ခြင်းမှ ကာကွယ်တားဆီးနိုင်မည် ဖြစ်ပါသည်။

(က) အမှန်ညွှန်အသီးများကို စားသုံးခြင်းမှ ရှောင်ပါ။

(ခ) ယင်းနားစာများကို မဆင်မခြင် စားသုံးခြင်းမှ ရှောင်ပါ။

(ဂ) စားကြွင်းစားကျန် အမှိုက်သရိုက်များနှင့် အညစ်အကြေးများကို
စည်ကမ်းမဲ့ စွန့်ပစ်ခြင်းမှရှောင်ကြဉ်ပါ။

(ဃ) မိသားစုအတွင်းကျန်းမာရေးအသိပညာဖြန့်ဝေပါ၊လိုက်နာကျင့်သုံးပါ။

(င) တစ်ကိုယ်ရည် သန့်ရှင်းရေးကို ဂရုပြုလိုက်နာဆောင်ရွက်ပါ။

(စ) ရေကိုကျိုချက်၍ သောက်ပါ။

(ဆ) လတ်ဆတ်သန့်ရှင်းသည့် အသီးအနှံနှင့် အစားအစာများကို
ပူပူနွေးနွေး ချက်ပြုတ်စားသုံးပါ။

(ဇ) ရာသီဥတု အပူအအေး အပြောင်းအလဲကို သတိရှိပါ။

(ဈ) ပတ်ဝန်းကျင်သန့်ရှင်းရေးလုပ်ငန်းနှင့် ဖြစ်နိုင်ခြင်းရှိသမျှ လုပ်ငန်းများ
ကို အမျိုးသား၊ ရှေးအမြင်ဖြင့် ဝိုင်းဝန်းစုပေါင်းဆောင်ရွက်ပါ။

(ည) ရောဂါတစ်မျိုးဖြစ်ပွားပျံ့နှံ့ပါက ကျန်းမာရေးဌာနသို့ အမြန်သတင်း
ပို့ပါ။

(ဋ) လိုအပ်ပါက နီးစပ်ရာဆေးပေးခန်းဆေးရုံများသို့ အချိန်မီသွားရောက်
ပြသစစ်ဆေးကုသမှုခံယူပါ။

ကျန်းမာရေးဝန်ကြီးဌာန

Lt-Gen Aung Htwe inspects...

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Later, U Than Swe of Tapar bridge construction special group-9 presented reports on progress in building of the bridge. Regarding the reports, Lt-Gen Aung Htwe fulfilled the requirements. Next, he gave a speech, saying that the government is making efforts to ensure smooth and secure transportation for promotion of living standard of nationals and equitable development of all regions across the nation. Closer relations among the national brethren depend upon smooth and secure transportation between the regions. Only this will bring about national consolidation and friendship. Entire national people upholding Our Three Main National Causes must make harmonious efforts for emergence of a peaceful, modern and developed

discipline-flourishing democratic nation. Under the guidance of the Head of State, officials are making efforts for construction of village-to-village roads to link among the regions for development of Tamoeyne region. The remaining sections of Tamoeyne-Lonhtan-Shoukhaw road are to be upgraded to a gravel road.

Later, Lt-Gen Aung Htwe inspected various kinds of processed tea and Eastern gooseberry wine produced by local people.

Lt-Gen Aung Htwe handed over the documents related to the six tractors to national race leader (Tamoeyne Region) U Myint Lwin, Chairman of Kachin State Special Region-2 U Lwan Daung and Chairman of Shan State (North) Special Region-5 U Zaw Yun.

Next, U Myint Lwin expressed his gratitude, expressing his belief that thanks to the assistance and encourage-

ment of the State and efforts of local people, the economy of the locals will rise remarkably in future.

The Ministry of Construction is building 45-mile Kutkai-Tamoeyne-Monsi Road, 28-mile Tamoeyne-Panphat Road and 21-mile Monsi-Tapar Road and implementing Thanlwin Bridge (Tapar) Project in Tamoeyne Region. On completion of the project, the facility will contribute towards speedy implementation of regional development measures.

Lt-Gen Aung Htwe and party looked into tea processing factory being built of local national group. National race leader (Tamoeyne Region) U Myint Lwin conducted them round the factory.

Lt-Gen Aung Htwe and party arrived at Kutkai in Muse District in the evening.

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Cash and kind donated to storm victims in Rakhine State

YANGON, 10 June—President of the Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation and the Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association Dr Daw Khin Win Shwe, accompanied by MWAF Vice-President Daw Than Nwe, MMCWA Vice-Chairman Dr Kyi Soe and members, flew to Sittway in Rakhine State yesterday morning.

On arrival at the airport, they were welcomed by Rakhine State Peace and Development Council Chairman Western Command Commander Maj-Gen Maung Oo, military and civilian officers, officials of Rakhine State WAF and MCWA Supervisory Committee and the federation and committees at different levels and social organizations.

The cash and kind donation to storm-hit townships was held at U Ottama Hall in Sittway in the afternoon, with an address by Dr Daw Khin Win Shwe. In her address, she said that the purpose of her tour was to provide assistance for the victims in the townships in Rakhine State which were hit by the storm recently.

With the knowledge that the storm left some locals dead and property lost in the four townships, they were there to provide humanitarian assistance to an extent and to give encouragement to the national people.

On behalf of the MWAF and the MMCWA and the woman mass of the Union, she made a tour of Rakhine State for the relief and comfort of the victims.

Nowadays, it can be noticed that in spite of advances and changes, natural disasters could not be prevented effectively up to now.

She was struck greatly by the grief when she got the information about the natural disaster.

She said she honours the entrepreneurs, social organizations, UN agencies who made donations in cooperation with the State and wellwishers from States and Divisions. She also expressed her special appreciation for their gen-

erosity.

Members of the MWAF and the MMCWA are being involved in community welfare services in the interest of the people. In conclusion, she called on WAFs and MCWAs at all levels in Rakhine State to continue to provide assistance as far as they can to the disaster-hit households.

Dr Daw Khin Win Shwe presented K 1 million each donated by the MWAF and the MMCWA; Daw Than Nwe, clothes, books and stationery donated by the MWAF; Dr Kyi Soe, medicines and clothes donated by the MMCWA to the victims through the commander, who then expressed thanks for the donation.

Next, Dr Daw Khin Shwe cordially greeted those present.

Later in the afternoon, Dr Daw Khin Win Shwe and party visited the Rakhine State Cultural Museum, where Director of the National Museum Daw Nu Mra Zan conducted them round the museum.

Afterwards, the visitors enjoyed Rakhine traditional dances of schoolgirls from No 15 Basic Education Primary School in Pyidawtha.

Dr Daw Khin Win Shwe and party inspected the delivery room of Sittway Township MCWA and the office of Rakhine State WAF and gave instructions.

They also made a visit to the Lawka Nanda Pagoda and offered cash donations to it through the pagoda board of trustees.

They proceeded to Parami village (previously known as Padaleik village) and looked into the Youth Centre being built under the Improving Adolescent Reproductive Health Project implemented by the MMCWA in collaboration with the UNFPA.

At the meeting with members of the village WAF and MCWA, villagers and teenagers, Dr Daw Khin Win Shwe



President of MWAF and MMCWA Dr Daw Khin Win Shwe presents K 2 million for relief of natural disaster victims to Commander Maj-Gen Maung Oo on 9 June.— MNA



MWAF Vice-President Daw Than Than Nwe presents donations of MWAF for relief of natural disaster victims to Commander Maj-Gen Maung Oo on 9 June.— MNA

called for further carrying out of community welfare services and rural development tasks, effective use of the centre, and efforts to be made for establishment of Parami model village.

Dr Daw Khin Win Shwe and party arrived back here in the evening. — MNA



President Dr Daw Khin Win Shwe meets members of WAF and MCWA in Parami Village in Sittway Township on 10 June.— MNA

Drug traffickers ...

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Kyawzwa Street-3, Ward 7, South Okkalapa Township, on 27 January 2003. The personnel concerned found there 489.8799 grams of marijuana. South Okkalapa Police Station filed a lawsuit against Maung Myint (a) Aung Myint, son of U Win, under Sections 15/19 (A) of Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.

Later, the case was handed over to Subdistrict Court, which sentenced 20 years' imprisonment on him under Section 19 (A) on 23 February 2004.

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Commerce Minister Brig-Gen Pyi Sone leaves for Brazil

YANGON, 10 June— The Myanmar delegation led by Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Pyi Sone left here by air yesterday evening to attend the 11th UN Trade and Development Conference to be held in Sao Paulo of Brazil.

The Minister and party were seen off at Yangon International Airport by Minister for Finance and Revenue Maj-Gen Hla Tun, Minister for Cooperatives Maj-Gen Htay Oo, Deputy Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Aung Tun, departmental heads and their family members.

Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Pyi Sone was accompanied by Director-General U Nyunt Aye of the Directorate of Trade.— MNA



Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Pyi Sone being seen off at the airport.— COMMERCE

Don't smoke



Myawady Anyeint Troupe entertains National Convention delegates

YANGON, 10 June — The Entertainment and Welfare Subcommittee of the National Convention Convening Management Committee is organizing entertainment programmes for delegates to the National Convention every day starting from 7 pm at the gymnasium of Nyaungnabin Camp.

Yesterday evening, the delegates were entertained by Myawady Anyeint Troupe. It was enjoyed by Chairman of the National Convention Convening Committee Secretary-2 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein, Vice-Chairman Minister for Electric Power Maj-Gen Tin Htut, Chairman of the Work Committee Chief Justice U Aung Toe, Chairman of the Management Committee Auditor-General Maj-Gen Lun Maung, members, officials and delegates.

First, Pianist U Chit Swe and vocalist Ko Min Naung entertained the delegates with classical songs. Next, Vocalists Thiri Ko Ko, Kawt Mine, Nan Myat Thandar Ko and Ringo also sang songs to entertain the delegates.

Afterwards, the delegates were entertained by "Myawady Anyeint Troupe" comprising dancers Wine Chit Chit Aung and Aye Aye Oo; comedians Nay Kya, Hnget Yoe, Sin Kye and Pyaung Pyaung. Minister Maj-Gen Tin Htut and Auditor-General Maj-Gen Lun Maung presented cash awards to the performers.—MNA



Chairman of the Management Committee Auditor-General Maj-Gen Lun Maung presents cash awards to the performers. — MNA

Asia-Europe SOMTI to be held in east China

QINGDAO, 10 June — The 10th Asia-Europe Senior Officials' Meeting on Trade and Investment (SOMTI) has been scheduled on June 29-30 in the coastal city of Qingdao in east China's Shandong Province. The meeting is to help put into effect the decisions made last July at the 5th Asia-Europe Meeting (ASEM) Economic Ministers' Meeting in Dalian, northeast China's Liaoning Province.

It will also put forward suggestions for the promotion of Asia-Europe economic and trade cooperation to make preparations for the 6th ASEM Economic Ministers' Meeting, which is to be held in Holland in September. A forum on Asia-Europe trade and investment and Asia-Europe trade fairs will also be staged in Qingdao. ASEM SOMTI is held annually in Europe and Asia in turn. — MNA/Xinhua

Indian minister says Indo-Bhutanese cooperation to continue

NEW DELHI, 10 June — Indian Finance Minister P. Chidambaram said Tuesday that India will assist Bhutan in its economic development. "India will continue to assist Bhutan in its planned economic and social development," *Indo-Asian News Service* quoted Chidambaram as saying.

He was speaking at a meeting with Foreign Minister of Bhutan Lyonpo Khandu Wangchuk, who is here on a three-day visit. Wangchuk said that India's prosperity has an impact on the economies of the countries of the region and expressed his gratitude for India's support to Bhutan's socio-economic growth.

While India and Bhutan have already developed synergy in the power sector, the Finance Minister assured Bhutan's Foreign Minister of India's continued support to augment hydro-power generation in Bhutan.

With cooperation in the hydro-power sector between the two nations, the 1,020 megawatt Tala Hydroelectric Plant will come on stream in March 2006. — MNA/Xinhua

Five people killed in building collapse in Dhaka

DHAKA, 10 June — At least five people were killed and several others injured as an age old six-storey building collapsed at about 4:00 am Wednesday in the Bangladesh capital. Fire service spokesman said the rescuers recovered five bodies so far. The rescuers also recovered 10 more people alive, he added. More people might be trapped inside the rubble of the collapsed building.

MNA/Xinhua



NCCC Chairman State Peace and Development Council Secretary-2 Lt-Gen Thein Sein and National Convention delegates enjoy a dance number.—MNA

Chinese netizens recommend red-crowned crane to be national bird

BEIJING, 10 June — About 1.6 million Chinese netizens recommended the red-crowned crane to be the national bird through an Internet survey which was wound up by Tuesday. The survey, launched by the Chinese Wildlife Animals Protection Association, *China News Service* and 20 other news organizations, received 2.5 million votes from Chinese netizens at home and abroad from May 16 to June 7. About 1.6 million votes recommended the red-crowned crane to be national bird. A source from the China Birds Association said there are more than 9,200 kinds of birds in the world and China is home to 1,300 different birds. In 1960, the International Birds Protection Convention proposed countries around the world to choose their own national bird, an attempt to call on the whole world to protect birds.

So far, more than 50 countries have their own national birds. Some netizens left remarks on the Internet, saying that having a national bird will help arouse people's awareness of protecting birds. — MNA/Xinhua

Anti-drug deal signed between Thai, Cambodian provinces

BANGKOK, 10 June — Two neighbouring provinces of Thailand and Cambodia have recently signed a memorandum of understanding on joint

suppression of cross-border drug trafficking, the *Bangkok Post* reported on Tuesday.

Governors of the eastern Thai province of

Trat and Cambodia's southwestern Koh Kong Province signed the deal on behalf of the two sides.

The document outlined a six-point agreement to improve bilateral cooperation against drug trafficking, which include intelligence-sharing at district and provincial levels, a common anti-drug policy director, formation of a joint border patrol unit, enhancement of drug-fighting capabilities, tackling of language barriers to prevent misunderstanding among intelligence officials, and joint support of equipment needed to fight drugs. The MoU is expected to give a boost to efforts to suppress drug trafficking, Thai governor Somboon Ngamluck was quoted as saying. — MNA/Xinhua

Vietnam Air bans woman for air rage over phone

HANOI, 10 June — Vietnam Airlines has banned a woman from flying on its planes after she attacked an attendant who tried to stop her from repeatedly using a mobile phone during a domestic flight last month.

"This is a very peculiar violation that has happened to the airline," Nguyen Van Ba, head of the security and safety department of the carrier, was quoted by state media on Wednesday as saying. Air rage is rare in the Communist country.

"We have ordered all of our agents to deny a seat

for this passenger on all of our flights," he added.

The 19-year-old passenger, identified as Vo Thi Thu Ngoc, is accused of slapping a female flight attendant and throwing water in her face after being told repeatedly to stop using a mobile phone during takeoff and landing.

Vietnam's flag carrier reported the incident to police but no charges have been filed, state media said. Two other small airlines operate in Vietnam but have fewer routes.

MNA/Reuters

Hu's visit to Poland achieves objectives

WARSAW, 10 June — Chinese President Hu Jintao said here on Wednesday his state visit to Poland has achieved desired objectives, promoted understanding and reinforced friendship between the two countries. The visit has "increased mutual understanding and friendship, enhanced trust and reached wide-ranging consensus," Hu said at a meeting with local Chinese. Hu's visit to Poland from Tuesday is the first made by a Chinese Head of State since the two countries established full diplomatic ties 55 years ago. During the visit the President met separately with his Polish counterpart Aleksander Kwasniewski, Prime Minister Marek Belka and the speakers of the House and Senate. "The visit to Poland, Hungary and Romania fully demonstrated the importance that the Chinese Government has attached to its relations with central and eastern Europe," Hu said. China and Poland signed a joint statement on Tuesday pledging to build "friendly and cooperative partnership" relations. They also signed a number of agreements on economic cooperation and trade.

At the meeting with Prime Minister Belka, Hu also proposed that the two countries work together to explore potentials in economic cooperation and trade. "China welcomes Polish entrepreneurs to participate into the development of its vast western areas and the rejuvenation of the old industrial belt," Hu said. The trade volume between China and Poland reached a record level of 1.98 billion US dollars last year, up 43.1 per cent from the previous year. Poland is China's second largest trading partner in central and eastern Europe after Hungary. Poland is the first leg of Hu's four-nation tour. He will also visit Hungary, Romania and Uzbekistan before attending a summit of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization in Tashkent, expected to begin on June 17. — MNA/Xinhua

G-8 adopts Action Plan on Nonproliferation

SAVANNAH (United States), 10 June— The Group of Eight (G-8) leaders adopted an Action Plan on Non-proliferation on Wednesday to advance an ambitious global agenda to prevent the spread of weapons of mass destruction.

Under the plan, the G-8 leaders are committed to expanding the work of the Proliferation Security Initiative, which now includes all G-8 members, to disrupt and dismantle proliferation networks; refraining for one year from initiating new transfers of enrichment and reprocessing equipment and technology to additional countries while working to implement permanent controls before the 2005 G-8 summit.

The leaders are also committed to supporting full implementation of UN Security Council Resolution 1540 to criminalize proliferation activities, establish effective export controls, and protect proliferation-sensitive materials; strengthening the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA); and expanding the Global Partnership Against the Spread of Weapons and Materials of Mass Destruction.

On the nuclear issue on the Korean Peninsula, the leaders called for “the complete, verifiable, and irreversible dismantlement” of the North Korea’s nuclear programmes, and expressed support for the six-party process on the issue.

They urged Iran to comply fully with its Nuclear Nonproliferation Treaty obligations and all IAEA Board requirements, and expressed welcome to Libya’s decision to eliminate its programmes of weapons of mass destruction and longer-range missiles.

Leaders of the eight countries also pledged to take action against bioterrorism and radiological weapons by expanding and improving national and international capabilities to detect, prevent, and respond to biological attacks; and strengthening export and import controls on radioactive sources that could be used to make a “dirty bomb”.

The action plan was adopted during the three-day 2004 G-8 summit that started on Tuesday in Sea Island, in the southeastern US state of Georgia.

MNA/Xinhua

G-8 considers inviting China and India

SEA ISLAND (Georgia), 10 June— Faced with the growing importance of developing countries, the rich club of G-8 nations mulled different ideas on Wednesday for holding regular talks with countries like China and India.

Canadian Prime Minister Paul Martin said he had floated the idea of holding summits of the Group of 20 — which includes the Group of Eight leading industrial nations but adds other important countries — in addition to G-8 summits.

Italian Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi said the leaders were thinking of inviting China and India into the G-8 itself.

“It doesn’t make much sense for us to talk about the economy of the future without two countries that are protagonists on the world stage,” Berlusconi told reporters during a break in talks at the annual G-8 summit.

The G-8 comprises the United States, Japan, Germany, France, Britain, Italy, Canada and Russia.

Berlusconi said the leaders discussed the strength of the Chinese economy and the fact that it was not constrained by the sort of labour laws that exist in the West. “But we said that we shouldn’t be afraid of China because it is a huge consumer market and the idea was put forward to call China and India to join the G-8, making it the G-9 or G-10,” Berlusconi said.

A Canadian official said: “The G-8 needs to acknowledge that global power and influence are not uniquely in the hands of the G-8.”

The issue of whether the G-8 is inclusive enough comes up virtually every year, and another Canadian official said talks were only in a preliminary stage.

But Martin held out the possibility of a G-20 summit next year.

“Canada’s idea is gaining a lot of support. Is it for today? No. Could it be done at the beginning of next year? I think so. The possibility is improving,” he said in French. —MNA/Reuters

Multi-drug treatment effective in HIV babies

BOSTON, 10 June — Combinations of anti-AIDS drugs given to adults infected with HIV can also be effective in newborns, in whom the virus tends to be more aggressive, according to a new report on Wednesday.

The finding may help guide HIV treatment in the youngest children as more than 2,000 babies are born each day with the virus, 90 per cent of them in developing countries.

Current US guidelines only suggest multi-drug treatment for children under one who have been infected with the AIDS virus but have no signs or symptoms of the disease.

The new study in Thursday’s *New England Journal of Medicine*, and other research, “provide increasing evidence that several regimens of antiretroviral therapy are safe, effective, and well tolerated during years of administration when started in infancy,” said Katherine Luzuriaga of the University of Massachusetts Medical School in Worcester. The report used data from 25 medical centres in the United States and Puerto Rico.

It found that babies who started the multi-drug treatment before they were three months old were twice as likely to have low levels of the AIDS virus in their blood after nearly four years compared with babies who began later. Three different combinations of drugs were tested on the children.

There have been suggestions that intensive treatment during the first year of life could make HIV easier to treat later on. The Luzuriaga group found no evidence to support that and reported the virus seemed able to fight back aggressively at any time. —MNA/Reuters

Large quantity of diamonds smuggled into Vietnam

HANOI, 10 June — Vietnam faces a large volume of smuggled diamonds due to high taxes levied on the imported product.

An amount of diamonds worth some 200 million US dollars is smuggled into the country every year, causing losses of two million dollars to the state budget, according to local newspaper *Youth* on Wednesday.

Now, diamonds imported in the country is subject to two main taxes, namely the import tariff of 1 per cent and the value added tax of 10 per cent.

Local jewellery traders have proposed the Ministry of Finance and the General Department Tax adjust the taxes to minimize the smuggling and stabilize their business activities.

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ခရီးသည်တင်စက်တော်ယာဉ်များအား ဖြိုခွင်းသို့ နေ့/ည ခရီးသည်ပို့ဆောင်နိုင်ရေးအတွက် သတိပေးချက်အရ အညီ စက်သုံးဆီတင်ပေးထားပြီး ဖြစ်ပါသည်။ ယာဉ်စီးခများအားလည်း သတိမှတ်နှုန်းထားများအတိုင်းတောင်းခံရန် ညွှန်ကြားထားရှိပါသည်။ သို့ရာတွင် အချို့ယာဉ်လိုင်းများမှ ယာဉ်မောင်းနှင့် ယာဉ်နောက်လိုက်တို့သည် ယာဉ်စီးခများကို ညပိုင်းတွင် ပိုမိုတောင်းယူနေကြောင်း သိရပါသည်။ ထိုသို့ပိုမိုတောင်းခံပါက ထိရောက်စွာ အရေးယူနိုင်ရန် အောက်ပါနည်းများကို တိုင်ကြားနိုင်ပါသည်။
(၁) မြန်မာနိုင်ငံရဲတပ်ဖွဲ့၊ ရန်ကုန်တိုင်း (ဖုန်း ၁၉၉)
(၂) ဩစတြေးလျနိုင်ငံသို့သွားရန်ကုန်တိုင်း (ဖုန်း ၂၅၁၂၅၁၂/၂၅၁၂၅၁၂)
(၃) မော်တော်ယာဉ်လုပ်ငန်းပေါင်းစုံထိန်းသိမ်းရေးကော်မတီ (ဖုန်း ၅၄၁၉၀၅/၅၄၁၉၀၄)

ယာဉ်စည်းကမ်းထိန်းသိမ်းရေးကြီးကြပ်မှုကော်မတီ

အရက်ကြောင့်ဖြစ်သည့်ရောဂါများ

အရက်ကိုလွန်ကျွံစွာနှင့် စွဲလမ်းစွာသောက်သုံးခြင်းကြောင့် ဖြစ်ပွားတတ်သောရောဂါများမှာ အသွေးရောင်ခြင်း၊ အသွေးခြောက်ခြင်း၊ သွေးအနံ့ခြင်း၊ အစာအိမ်ရောဂါဖြစ်ခြင်း၊ နှလုံးရောဂါဖြစ်ခြင်း၊ ဦးနှောက်နှင့်အာရုံကြောထိခိုက်ခြင်း၊ စိတ်ရောဂါများဖြစ်ခြင်း စသည်တို့ဖြစ်ပါသည်။

အရက်ကြောင့်ဖြစ်တတ်သော စိတ်ရောဂါများမှာ —
၁။ ကယောင့်ကတမ်းဖြစ်ခြင်း (Delirium Tremors)၊ ကြောက်လန့်ခြင်း၊ အချိန် နာရီ နေရာ၊ လူ ခန့်မှန်းနိုင်စွမ်း မရှိခြင်း၊ ကြောက်စရာလန့်စရာများမြင်ရခြင်း၊ အသံမလဲများ ကြားရခြင်း၊ ပိုများများနွှာကွဲယိုယွင်း ချစ်ခင်သွားသလိုခံစားရခြင်း၊ လက်တုန်ရောဂါဖြစ်တတ်ခြင်း။

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

၃။ အတက်ကြီးရောဂါဖြစ်တတ်ခြင်း (Rum Fits) (ဝက်ရု ပြန်ရောဂါကဲ့သို့တတ်ခြင်း)။

၄။ စိတ်ဓာတ်ကျရောဂါဖြစ်တတ်ခြင်း (Depressive Illness)။

၅။ စိတ်ဖောက်ပြန်ခြင်း (Alcoholic Psychosis)။

၆။ ဦးနှောက်ချို့ယွင်းခြင်း။

၇။ အရက်နှင့်မတည့်သောသူများသည် အရက်အနည်းငယ်သောက်ရခြင်း ရုတ်တရက် စိတ်ဖောက်ပြန်တတ်ခြင်း (Pathological Drunkenness)။

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

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

ကျန်းမာရေးဝန်ကြီးဌာန

23,000 Vietnamese want to undergo liver transplant

HANOI, 10 June — Some 23,000 people in Vietnam want to undergo liver transplant, local newspaper *Pioneer* on Wednesday quoted the country’s Army Medical Institute as saying.

However, huge expenses before and after operation make it difficult for many of local liver patients to undergo transplant.

To deal with the situation, the institute and the National Committee on Population, Family and Children, on Tuesday established a fund to assist liver patients who are in financial difficulties, the newspaper report said.

According to local experts, total cost for an operation is some one billion dong (VND) (63,700 US dollars), and the patient has to spend around three million dong a month on medicines over a period of several years after the operation.

Vietnam’s first liver transplant was conducted successfully on 31 January after an 18-hour surgery which involved five other Japanese experts and 116 local doctors and medical workers. The liver donor, a 31-year-old man and the recipient, his 10-year-old daughter, are both doing well. The girl, Nguyen Thi Diep, is about to be discharged from hospital, said the report.

The country is preparing to conduct the second liver transplant in the near future. — MNA/Xinhua

တိဘီရောဂါ ကာကွယ်နိုင်နည်းရေး

(က) ရောဂါဖြစ်ပွားကူးစက်ပုံ

ဤရောဂါသည်တိဘီရောဂါဖြစ်သော ကူးစက်ရောဂါဖြစ်သည်။ ဝေဒနာရှင် ချောင်းဆိုးခြင်း၊ နှာချေခြင်း၊ သလိပ်ကွေးမှတစ်ဆင့် ရောဂါပိုးများ လေထဲတွင် ပျံ့နှံ့၍ ကူးစက်သည်။

- အသက်အရွယ်မရွေး လူတိုင်းတွင် ဖြစ်ပွားနိုင်သည်။
- အဆုတ်တွင်အများဆုံးဖြစ်ပွားပြီး ကိုယ်ခန္ဓာအနှံ့အပြားတွင်လည်း ဖြစ်နိုင်သည်။
- ဆီချိုရောဂါ၊ နှုတ်အားကျဆင်းမှုကူးစက်ရောဂါနှင့် အာဟာရ ချို့တဲ့မှုရှိသူများတွင် အဖြစ်များသည်။

(ခ) ရောဂါလက္ခဏာများ

- ရက်ရှည်ချောင်းဆိုးခြင်း (ရက်သတ္တပတ် (၃) ပတ်နှင့်အထက်)။
- ချောင်းဆိုးသွေးပါခြင်း။
- သလိပ်ကွေး သွေးပါခြင်း။
- အဖျားတက်ရခြင်း။
- ခံတွင်းပျက်ခြင်း၊ မောပန်းလွယ်ခြင်း။
- ကိုယ်အလေးချိန်လျော့နည်း ပိန်ချိုးခြင်း။
- ကျောရင်အောင်ခြင်း။

(ဂ) ကြိုတင်ကာကွယ်ခြင်း

- ရင်သွေးငယ်များအား ကာကွယ်ဆေး(ဘီစီဂျီ) ကို မပျက်မကွက်ထိုးပေးပါ။
- အာဟာရပြည့်ဝသော အစားအစာများကို စားသုံးပါ။
- သင့်တင့်လျောက်ပတ်သောကိုယ်လက်လှုပ်ရှားမှုပြုလုပ်ပါ။
- ချောင်းဆိုးခြင်း၊ နှာချေလျှင် လက်ကိုင်ဝတ်စုံကို အသုံးပြုပါ။
- သလိပ်နှင့်ကွေးတို့စည်းကမ်းမဲ့ထွက်ခြင်းမှရှောင်ကြဉ်ပါ။
- ဆေးလိပ်သောက်ခြင်းမှ ရှောင်ကြဉ်ပါ။

(ဃ) ကုသမှုခံယူခြင်း

- တိုက်ရိုက်ကြည့်ရှုအချိန်တိုနှင့်ကုသခြင်းဖြင့် ရောဂါကင်းသည့်အထိ ကုသမှု ခံယူပါ။
- ကုသမှုခံယူခြင်းသည်အခြားသူများသို့ ကူးစက်စေခြင်းမှ အကောင်အထည်ကွယ်ခြင်း ဖြစ်သည်။

တီဘီ ချောဂါ သံသယ ရှိသူများကို စစ်ဆေး၍ တိဘီရောဂါရှိပါက အစွမ်းထက်သော တီဘီဆေးဝါးများဖြင့် အခမဲ့ကုသမှုခံယူပါ။

ကျန်းမာရေးဝန်ကြီးဌာန

ဆိုက်ဘာတစ်ခုခေါ်ယူခြင်း

၁။ အမှတ်(၁) စက်မှုဝန်ကြီးဌာန၊ မြန်မာစက်မှုနှင့် စာတုဗေဒလုပ်ငန်းကြီးကြပ်မှုအောက်ရှိ စက်ရုံများအတွက် အောက်ပါပစ္စည်းများအား မြန်မာကျပ်ငွေဖြင့် ဝယ်ယူလိုကြောင်း ကြော်ငြာအပ်ပါသည်။

စဉ် ပစ္စည်းအမျိုးအမည် အရေ တင်ဒါပတ်မည့်ရက်/အတွက်

အချိန်		
1. Machine Clothings	2 items	(16-6-2004)
နေ့လည် ၁၂:၀၀ နာရီ		
2. စက်ပစ္စည်း	(၅) မျိုး	
(21-6-2004)		
နေ့လည် ၁၂:၀၀ နာရီ		
3. Suction Pick up Roll	1 set	။
4. Pump	4 items	။
5. Packing Materials	9 items	။

၂။ သိရှိလိုသည့် အချက်များရှိပါက ရောင်းဝယ်ရေးဌာန၊ နယ်လုပ်ငန်းဌာနမှ ဆက်သွယ်နိုင်ပါသည်။

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

MV YANGON STAR VOY NO (354)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV YANGON STAR Voy No (354) are hereby notified that the vessel arrives on 11-6-04 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of M.I.T.T where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

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

SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT

MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY

AGENT FOR : EAGLE CORPORATION

Phone : 256908/378316/376797

CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

MV HIBISCUS VOY NO (080)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV HIBISCUS Voy No (080) are hereby notified that the vessel arrives on 11-6-04 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of M.I.P where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

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

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

SHIPPING AGENCY DEPARTMENT

MYANMA PORT AUTHORITY

AGENT FOR : PREMIER SPECTRUM

Phone : 256908/378316/376797

ARRIVAL/CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

MV "MANDALAY" VOY NO 128/N

Consignees of cargo carried on MV "MANDALAY" Voy: No 128/N are hereby notified that the vessel will arrive at Yangon port on 14-6-2004 and will be berthing on about 15-6-2004 and cargoes will be discharged into the premises of Myanma Port Authority where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11.30 am and 12 noon to 4 pm up to Claims Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from vessel.

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

CONTAINER FEEDER SERVICE

MYANMA FIVE STAR LINE

Phone : 293147, 296507, 295754

နိုင်ငံတော်အရေးယူသောရေနှင့်ပုံနှိပ်ရေးကောင်စီ နယ်စပ်ဒေသနှင့်တိုင်းရင်းသားလူမျိုးများ၏ ပုံနှိပ်တိုက်ကမ္ဘာ အကောင်အထည်ဖော်ရေးလုပ်ငန်းကော်မတီအစီအစဉ်ဖြင့် နယ်စပ်ဒေသများတွင် တပ်ဆင်အသုံးပြုရန်အတွက် လိုအပ်သော ရုပ်နှိပ်သံကြားထပ်ဆင့်လွှင့်စက်ပစ္စည်းများ ဝယ်ယူရန်တင်ဒါခေါ်ယူခြင်း

၁။ နယ်စပ်ဒေသများတွင် တပ်ဆင်အသုံးပြုရန်အတွက် အောက်ဖော်ပြပါ ရုပ်နှိပ်သံကြားထပ်ဆင့်လွှင့်စက် စက်ပစ္စည်းများကို မြန်မာကျပ်ငွေဖြင့် ဝယ်ယူလိုပါသည်။

- (က) 10 W TV TRANSMITTER COMPRISING
- (ခ) 50 W TV TRANSMITTER COMPRISING
- (ဂ) 100 W TV TRANSMITTER COMPRISING
- (ဃ) 10 W TV TRANSMITTER WITHOUT TOWER

၂။ တင်ဒါပေးသွင်းမှုကို (၁၄-၆-၂၀၀၄)ရက်မှ (၂၅-၆-၂၀၀၄)ရက်နေ့ ညနေ(၄:၃၀)နာရီအတွင်း ပေးသွင်းရန်နှင့် တင်ဒါပုံစံနှင့် လိုအပ်သောအချက် အလက်များကို အောက်ဖော်ပြပါလိပ်စာတွင် လာရောက်ဝယ်ယူနိုင်ပါသည်။

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Quake jolts north-eastern Japan

Tokyo, 9 June — An earthquake registering an estimated magnitude of 5.0 on the Richter Scale hit north Japan's Hokkaido and Tohoku regions Monday afternoon, the Japan Meteorological Agency said.

There were no immediate reports of casualties or damage from the 1.14 pm (0414 GMT) quake. No tsunami warning was issued.

MNA/Xinhua

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(၁) Radio Studio Digitalization (1)

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e-Government ထူထောင်ရန်လိုအပ်သော Computer စက်ပစ္စည်းများ

(1) Web Authoring & Publishing PC c/w Software

(2) Nos

(2) A4 Scanner

(1) No

(3) A4 Laser Printer

(1) No

(4) Networking Equipment

No

(Network Switch, Work cable, Connectors & Accessories)

(5) Un-Interruptible Power Supply (2 KVA)

(2) Nos

(6) Virus Protection Software

(1) No

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၁။ ကြေးစက္ကူ (အပါး)

၅-တန်

၂။ ကြေးစက္ကူ (အထူ)

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၃။ ကရိုင်းကုတ်ကတ်

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၄။ Agfa Film (22"x32") (အနည်းဆုံး) ၂၀-ထပ်

၅။ Rubber Blanket

၁၀၀-ချပ်

၆။ Damping Roller Hose

၆၀-လိပ်

Master Roll

၁၀၀-လိပ်

၇။ Riso Ink

၁၀၀-ခု

၈။ Stitching Wire

၁၀။ Binding Cloth

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New Zealand provides aid to Solomon Islands

WELLINGTON, 9 June — New Zealand has signed up to its single largest international aid programme to ensure young children in the Solomon Islands receive a basic education, the *New Zealand Press Association* reported Tuesday.

The three-way project between New Zealand, the European Union and the Solomon Islands will see New Zealand provide 33 million NZ dollars (about 20.8 million US dollars) over three years for books, teachers and training.

New Zealand aid to the Solomon Islands increased by 8 million NZ dollars in this year's budget to over 16 million NZ dollars (about 10 million US dollars). The education sector will receive 12 million NZ dollars (about 7.5 million US dollars), with the rest going toward improving governance and supporting economic reform.

New Zealand is the second largest aid donor to the Solomons and the troubled islands receive more of New Zealand's aid than any other single country. "New Zealand assistance has been vital in keeping schools open for young children during the crisis in the Solomon Islands. It will continue to be critical for children to get a quality education if the Solomons is to progress as a nation and stand on its own feet," New Zealand Foreign Affairs Minister Phil Goff, who is currently visiting the country, said in Honiara Monday as he announced the aid.

MNA/Xinhua



An assistant fixes the gown made of fresh green cabbage leaves worn by Filipina model Isabel Rocas as she poses for an ad commissioned by an animal rights group PETA (People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals) to promote vegetarianism on Tuesday 8 June, 2004 in Manila.

The new PETA ad, to be launched this autumn, is to encourage Filipinos to embrace vegetarianism which they claim to be increasing in popularity around the world.

INTERNET

World car mogul to start sales in China next year

BEIJING, 9 June — Aston Martin, one of the world's most renowned sports car manufacturers, announced Monday that it plans to set up dealerships in China next year.

At a ceremony to introduce Aston Martin's sports cars, the company's CEO Ulrich Benz said Aston Martin will start sales by setting up dealerships in Beijing, Shanghai and southern Guangdong Province next year.

DB9 Coupe, acclaimed by the *Financial Times* in London as "the coolest car on the planet", and V12 Vanquish,

Aston Martin's flagship car, presented themselves before China's anticipating audience for the first time at Monday's ceremony.

According to David McIntyre, Aston Martin's marketing manager, the DB9 has a top speed of 300 kilometres per hour and it can accelerate from 0-100 km/h in 4.9 seconds.

MNA/Xinhua

Japan to give visa exemptions to Chinese school trip participants

TOKYO, 9 June — The Japanese Government plans to give participants in Chinese school trips to Japan visa exemptions possibly from July as a means to boost foreign visitors to the country, the Foreign Ministry said Tuesday. The trips will help promote youth exchanges and participating students are unlikely to abscond to work illegally in Japan as they are children, the ministry said in a preliminary report.

Japan hopes to double the number of foreign visitors to Japan from some 5 million in 2002 to 10 million in 2010.

Although a ban on Chinese group trips to Japan was lifted in September 2000, the government has issued visas only to group trip participants living in Beijing and Shanghai as well as Guangdong Province.

The Foreign Ministry is now working out conditions for the visa exemption.

China's school trips are limited to summer holiday tours and students join on a voluntary basis. Japanese schools usually organize trips as part of regular education programmes, the ministry said.

Visa issuance fees were eliminated in April for high school and younger students taking part in Chinese school trips. In March this year, Japan gave visa exemptions to school trip participants from South Korea, whose school trip system is similar to Japan's. — MNA/Xinhua

Springer launches Russian edition of "Newsweek"

MOSCOW, 9 June — *Newsweek* magazine launched a Russian edition on Monday.

German publishing group Axel Springer has ordered an initial print-run of 50,000 copies, to go on sale in Moscow, St Petersburg, Samara and Yekaterinburg.

"Our target audience is middle class and when we write our stories we imagine someone about 30 years old," Leonid Bershidsky, editorial director of Axel Springer Russia, told a news conference.

The magazine's launch comes as independent media are under growing pressure in Russia. It will be the only Russian edition of a major international news magazine on the market and comes after *Newsweek* pulled out of an earlier venture three years ago. — MNA/Reuters

Russia removes EU meat ban until October

ST PETERSBURG (Russia), 9 June — Russia has lifted a ban on meat imports from the European Union until October 1, setting a new deadline for the 25-nation bloc to reach agreement with Moscow on food safety certificates.

"A decision was taken that a (new) single veterinary certificate will be signed to become effective from October 1," an Agriculture Ministry statement said on Monday.

Earlier on Monday a veterinary official said imports, suspended from 1 June, had been restored from 5 June.

"We have started accepting (EU meat) shipments from 5 June, following an order from the Agriculture Ministry," the official, who declined to be named, told *Reuters*.

A European Commission spokesman said Brussels expected to get written confirmation that the ban had effectively been lifted from Russian authorities later in the day.

"Informally, we've heard that Russian inspectors in EU member states have started counter-signing exports. The ban will be reintroduced from 1 October if there is no new (EU-Russia veterinary) agreement," he added. — MNA/Reuters

Chinese scientists, reporters to explore Amazon heartland

BEIJING, 10 June — A group of Chinese scientists plan to probe the heartland of the Amazon River Basin next month, in what will be the country's first large-scale multi-purpose exploration in the area, China's leading research institution said Wednesday.

Chen Siliang, director of the Centre for International Scientific Exchange of the Chinese Academy of Sciences (CAS), said the exploration team is scheduled to leave for Brazil in mid-July and their exploration will last about one month.

The team includes seven Chinese experts, a Brazilian counterpart, and three correspondents from China Central Television (CCTV).

In a telephone interview with *Xinhua*, Chen said they would conduct geological

and biological exploration of the tropical area while the CCTV correspondents would tape major moments of their trip and film the rich tourism resources for domestic viewers.

Chen said Chinese viewers may have the opportunity to tour the area soon as Brazil and China would reportedly expand cooperation in tourism.

The scientists would study geographical and biological resources and have a close look at indigenous cul-

ture and environmental protection. The inspection would focus on areas with Manaus City in the middle reaches of the Amazon River as the centre and would anchor at selected areas in the upper and lower reaches of the river for field inspection of water resources, types of vegetation and animals.

Home to up to 900,000 Indians, the Amazon River Basin is rich in biodiversity and 60 per cent of the basin is covered with low-lying tropical forests. — MNA/Xinhua

Study finds chimps could be extinct in 50 years

JOHANNESBURG, 10 June — Humanity's closest relative the chimpanzee could be extinct in around 50 years because it is hunted for meat and threatened by deforestation and disease, researchers said on Tuesday.

Only 8,000 remain of the most vulnerable chimpanzee subspecies, the Pan troglodytes vellerosus, which is found predominantly in Nigeria, and it could be extinct in two decades, according to a study.

The study was presented at a conference of The Pan

African Sanctuaries Alliance (PASA) in Johannesburg. PASA sanctuaries care for orphaned or injured great apes.

"It is believed that the illegal hunting and eating of apes — known as the bushmeat crisis — has had the greatest impact on the rate of decline, along with deforestation, hu-

man encroachment and disease," PASA said in a statement.

"The situation is much more critical than we thought," said Norm Rosen, an anthropologist at California State University-Fullerton who co-ordinated the study.

MNA/Reuters



The artistic dog Tillamook Cheddar, or Tillie for short, creates a piece of art during the grand opening of Tillie Ltd., in New York, on 2 June, 2004. The 5-year-old Jack Russell is an artist with a recently opened gallery and store in the Williamsburg section of Brooklyn, the borough's epicenter of all things artsy and hip. — INTERNET

SPORTS

Italy lift under-21 crown again

BERLIN, 9 June—Italy maintained their dominance of the European under-21 championship on Tuesday, defeating Serbia & Montenegro 3-0 in the final in Bochum to win the title for a fifth time in the past seven tournaments.

Defender Daniele de Rossi headed in from a corner after 32 minutes to give the Italians the lead before two goals in two minutes from Cesare Bovo and Parma striker Alberto Gilardino sealed victory late in the game. Serbia & Montenegro finished the match with nine men after defender Nikola Mijailovic committed a second bookable offence in the 34th minute and Branislav Ivanovic was given a straight red card in injury time.

In the third-place playoff in Oberhausen earlier on Tuesday, Portugal also won a place at the Athens Olympics, defeating Sweden 3-2 after extra time.

Sweden looked to be heading for defeat in normal time but with seconds remaining substitute Markus Rosenberg scored to level at 2-2. Carlitos scored the winning goal in the second period of extra time. — MNA/Reuters



Italian players celebrate with the trophy after winning the Under 21 European Championship against Serbia and Montenegro in Bochum on 8 June, 2004. Italy won the match 3-0. — INTERNET

Get some sleep, Neville tells England's youngsters

LONDON, 9 June—England defender Gary Neville remembers the excitement of reaching the 1996 European Championship semifinals and has warned his young team mates to get as much rest as possible before Euro 2004.

"We have to make sure we get to our hotel rooms and sleep because we'll need every bit of energy we can muster in this championship if we're going to go far in it," Neville said.

"I remember in Euro 96, I was suspended for the semi-final but I played in the quarter-final and I was absolutely shattered.

"You were on such a high and such an adrenaline rush, you are a young player who can't believe what's happening to you.

Everybody in the country is going mad.

"So let's have a quiet build-up, let's prepare ourselves mentally and physically for what, hopefully, is going to be a great three or four weeks because we're going to need every ounce of energy that we can muster."

England open their campaign against

champions France, the tournament favourites, on Sunday and Neville is not overawed.

"There is a great spirit in the camp. All we ever asked for after the World Cup in 2002 is that we went into a championship with everybody fit.

"And this squad, touch wood, at this moment is free of injury," the 29-year-old Manchester United player said. England were knocked out by eventual champions Brazil in the 2002 quarterfinals.

"I think they (England fans) have seen progression for the past three years, certainly with the young players.

"With the system we now play and the young players we've now got, we are better off now than we have been for a number of years." — MNA/Reuters

Maradona to continue treatment in Argentina

BUENOS AIRES, 9 June — The former Argentine football star Diego Armando Maradona will continue with his treatment at the Argentine psychiatric Parque Private Clinic, where he has been hospitalized for 30 days, his personal doctor, Alfredo Cahe, confirmed on Tuesday.

Cahe's declarations, posted Tuesday by the Press, have revealed Maradona's immediate future even though an attorney of the former player had anticipated that he would be taken to a rehabilitation centre in Brazil.

However, the doctor said that the former member of the Argentine national team will for the time being remain in the country because "there is no other place in the world that has the psychiatric level found here". — MNA/Xinhua



Maradona

Owen says England not scared of France

LISBON, 9 June — Striker Michael Owen believes France are the best team in the world but says England have no fears about playing the champions in their opening Euro 2004 Group B match on Sunday.

"We'll show them plenty of respect but we're not in awe of them and we're not scared of them," Owen told a news conference on Tuesday.

"They may have some fantastic individuals but we're not going to build them up higher than they should be.

"You can score a goal against any team, especially with the quality we've got in this squad. They've not conceded for hours and hours, but we've got people up front and in midfield who can hurt them.

"I think they have one of, if not the best defence in the world... but we're not going to sit back. We're going to get after them.

"When you're an international player you've reached a standard where you'd fall by the wayside if you were lining up at the national anthem, looking over your shoulder at them and thinking 'I'd love to be like them'.

"It just doesn't happen. We're happy with our lot."

Owen backed England's central defenders to deal with the threat from Thierry Henry, the Premier League's top scorer last season when he fired Arsenal to the title.

"I've got the utmost respect for Thierry

Henry," Owen said. "He's probably taken striking to a new level... I don't think there's anyone like him in the world in last season's form.

"But I'm conscious not to over-hype them up more than they deserve. In my opinion, they're better than (world champions) Brazil, I think they're the best team in the world at the moment.

"But I'm so confident in our players and the likes of Sol Campbell, John Terry and whoever may come in if anyone is injured.

"I think they're more than good enough to hold their own and do more than just stop Henry or David Trezeguet scoring."

Behind the scenes, coach Sven-Goran Eriksson also appears to be trying to take the mystique out of the 1998 world champions by stressing the familiarity of those facing England.

"The manager was suggesting today that 10 of their players could be present or past team mates of our players," Owen said. "We know them very well and I've played against a lot of them."

The top three Premier League clubs are well-represented in Santini's squad.

MNA/Reuters

Figo misses Portugal training

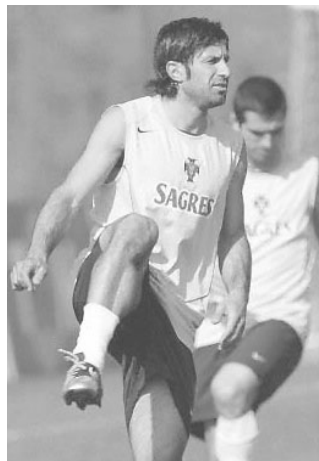
ALCOCHETE (Portugal), 9 June—Luis Figo was forced to train apart from his Portugal team mates on Monday because of a slight leg muscle strain.

Figo was confined to the gym for the morning session but a Portuguese spokesman said the forward was expected to return for the afternoon work-out at Alcochete on the outskirts of Lisbon.

Portugal were training for the first time since their 4-1 win over Lithuania in their final Euro 2004 warm-up game on Saturday.

The hosts get the tournament underway with a Group A match against Greece on June 12 in Porto before playing Russia and Spain.

MNA/Reuters



Luis Figo

Personalized balls to be used at Euro 2004

LISBON, 9 June — Balls used at Euro 2004 will be personalized for each match with the names of the teams and the stadium, plus the date.

Organizers said on Monday that 20 personalized Roteiro balls would be provided for each match, with another 20 "blank" balls supplied as back-up. Adidas have supplied a total of 2,370 balls for use in matches and training sessions for the 16-team championship which runs from June 12 to July 4.

MNA/Reuters

Frustrated Gattuso breaks Italian silence

LISBON, 9 June — Italy midfielder Gennaro Gattuso has vented his frustration at being left on the fringes of the Azzurri team, shattering the peace that had surrounded Giovanni Trapattoni's squad.

Gattuso is not expected to start his team's opening Group C game against Denmark on Monday, with Trapattoni preferring Cristiano Zanetti and Simone Perrotta.

"I hope that the possibility of playing from the start will be given to me as well," Gattuso told reporters on Tuesday at Italy's training camp.

"I've been part of the squad for five years yet it still seems like it is my first year. I've made 31 appearances which makes me the 10th (most capped player) in the squad," he added. — MNA/Reuters

Rome investors to help bail out Lazio

ROME, 9 June — A group of Roman investors will plough money into debt-strapped Serie A side Lazio, the club said on Monday as it tries to pull itself out of a deep financial crisis.

Lazio said in a statement that Federlazio, a regional group of small and medium businesses, would take the first step and set up a vehicle for Rome's entrepreneurs to invest money in the club that finished sixth in Serie A last season.

"It is a significant step forward, the creation of a public company model that sees strong participation from fans but also from the world of Rome's entrepreneurs," Rome mayor Walter Veltroni said.

"It is a sign of the pride and confidence the city has in Lazio."

Lazio, one of three Italian clubs listed on the stock exchange, has battled with financial troubles after its former majority owner, food group Cirio, was put into liquidation.

It launched a capital increase last month of 188.6 million euros worth of new shares which is due to close on June 14 and is vital for it to keep running.

The club has also said it will halve the costs of paying its team by 2007.

Lazio did not name the entrepreneurs who would be buying into the club. Property developer Stefano Ricucci recently raised his stake to 3.2 per cent.

MNA/Reuters

MRTV-3



11-6-2004 (Friday)
(Programme Schedule)
Morning Transmission
(9:00 - 10:00)
9:00 Signature Tune
Greeting
9:02 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Mingalabar"
9:06 Alms-Food (Soon)
9:10 **Headline News**
9:12 Export Products of
Fish & Prawn
9:15 **National News**
9:20 Mandalay and its
popular Snack
9:25 Htan Ywet Padi
9:30 **National News**
9:35 Current Affairs
"Checklist of
Myanmar's Rich Bio-
diversity"
9:40 Song
"Moonlight Flower"
9:45 **National News**
9:50 Biological Expedition
to Hponkan Razi
Region (V) (Wang
Mung Camps 2 to 4)
9:58 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Come and See
Myanmar"

11-6-2004 (Friday)
Evening Transmission
(15:30 - 17:30)
15:30 Signature Tune
Greeting
15:32 Song of Myanmar
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Sights "Myanma Pano-
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15:36 Alms-Food (Soon)
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16:40 Myanmar Tradi-
tional Gold Leaf
Works
16:45 **National News**
16:50 Let us preserve the
Watershed Areas
16:55 The Unforgettable
Bonfire Dance
17:00 **National News**
17:05 Marine Undertakings
of Myeik Archipelago
Song "To Golden
Mandalay"
17:12 The Unique Pindaya
Shan Paper
17:15 **National News**
17:20 Native of Pa-O Na-
tionals (Kyauktalone)
17:25 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Come and See
Myanmar"

Evening Transmission
(19:30 - 23:30)
19:30 Signature Tune
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20:55 Wararya Dance
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21:15 **National News**
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tional Gold Leaf
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22:45 **National News**
22:50 Let us preserve the
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Bonfire Dance
23:00 **National News**
23:05 Marine Undertakings
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23:12 The Unique Pindaya
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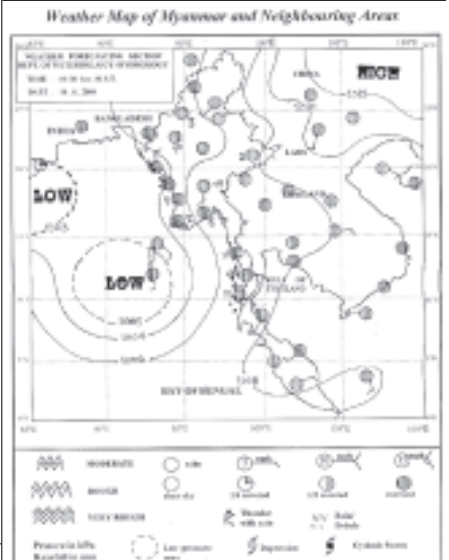
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Morning Transmission**
(23:30 - 1:30)
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Morning Transmission
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WEATHER

Thursday, 10 June, 2004
Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours
MST: During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Kachin State, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Rakhine and Mon States, scattered in Kayah State, lower Sagaing, Mandalay, Bago and Ayeyawady Divisions and widespread in the remaining areas with isolated heavyfalls in lower Sagaing and Magway Divisions. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Aunglan (2.05) inches, Mindat (1.85) inches, Taunggo and Myeik (1.77) inches each and Monywa (1.65) inches.
Maximum temperature on 9-6-2004 was 30.5°C (87°F). Minimum temperature on 10-6-2004 was 20.5°C (69°F). Relative humidity at 9:30 hrs MST on 10-6-2004 was 96%. Total sunshine hours on 9-6-2004 was (0.9) hour approx. Rainfall on 10-6-2004 was 4mm (0.16 inch) at Yangon Airport, 5mm (0.20 inch) at Kaba-Aye and 6mm (0.24 inch) at central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2004 was 589 mm (23.19 inches) at Yangon Airport and 483 mm (19.02 inches) at Kaba-Aye and 636 mm (25.04 inches) at central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was 7 mph from Southeast at (12:20) hours MST on 9-6-2004.
Bay inference: Monsoon is generally strong in the Bay of Bengal. **Forecast valid until evening of 11-6-2004:** Rain or thundershowers will be widespread in Mon, Kayin, Rakhine, Shan States, upper Sagaing, Ayeyawady, Yangon and Taninthayi Divisions and scattered in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (80%).
State of the sea: Squalls with moderate to rough seas are likely at times off and along Myanmar Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (35) to (40) mph.
Outlook for subsequent two days: Strong Monsoon.
Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 11-6-2004: One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%). **Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 11-6-2004:** Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).



Friday, June 11
View today:

7:00 am
1. Recitation of Parittas by
Missionary Sayadaw
U Ottamathara
7:25 am
2. To be healthy exercise
7:30 am
3. Morning news
7:40 am
4. Nice and sweet song
7:50 am
5. လွတ်လပ်ခြင်းစိတ်ဓမ္မာပို့ချ
8:00 am
6. အတိတ်မြင်
8:10 am
7. The mirror images of the
musical oldies
8:20 am
8. ဓမ္မာပို့ချတော်လှန်ရေးတပ်

8:30 am
9. International news
8:45 am
10. English for Everyday Use
4:00 pm
1. Martial song
4:15 pm
2. Songs to uphold
National Spirit
4:30 pm
3. Practice in Reading
4:45 pm
4. Musical programme
5:00 pm
5. အဆင်သင့်တရားရှိစေ
ရန်ပြင်ဆင်ကြားသင့်သော
-တတိယပုဒ် (တတိယအပိုင်း)
(ရတနာပေ)
5:15 pm
6. Song of national races
5:30 pm
7. ရှည်လျားစွာခရီးသွားကစားအဖြစ်
5:40 pm
8. "ဓမ္မာပို့ချတော်လှန်ရေး"တွင်
အကယ်ဒမီ-ဆုရရှိသူ
အကယ်ဒမီ-ဆုရရှိသူ
အကယ်ဒမီ-နို.မြင့်အောင်
ဒါရိုက်တာ-ဝင်းထွန်းထင်
5:45 pm
9. ရန်ပုံငွေအားလုံးပေါင်း

5:55 pm
10. မိုးရာသီရာဇာဓိပတိ ခြေထိုးပုံ
သစ်ပုံစံ
6:10 pm
11. Discovery
6:20 pm
12. Songs of yesteryears
6:30 pm
13. Evening news
7:00 pm
14. Weather report
7:05 pm
15. မိုးခြင်းဓာတ်လမ်းဆွဲ
"မိုးရေ" (အပိုင်း-၃)
7:30 pm
16. ရန်ပုံငွေအားလုံးပေါင်း
(အပိုင်း-၂)
7:40 pm
17. ကျေးသက်သေတရားရုံးအထူး
8:00 pm
18. News
19. International news
20. Weather report
21. ချီတင်းပတ်ပြုစုမှု
(အပိုင်း-၂) အစောင့်
စနစ်နဲ့ ဆက်သွယ်ကြိုက်
တင်ပို့မှုအစီအစဉ် (အပိုင်း-၂)
22. The next day's
programme



Friday, June 11
Tune in today:

8:30 am Brief news
8:35 am Music: Love is a fire
(Human Nature)
8:40 am Perspectives
8:45 am Music: Here we go
(N'sync)
8:50 am National news/
Slogan
9:00 am Music: Daddy DJ
(Daddy DJ)
9:05 am International news
9:10 am Music: She's been
good to me (Marc
Anthony)
- Come into my life
(Emilia)
1:30 pm News/Slogan
1:40 pm Lunch time music
-Room in your heart
(Living in a box)
-Miss you like crazy
(Natalie Cole)
-Forever (Stan Bush)
9:00 pm World of music
9:15 pm Article Music
9:25 pm Music at your request
-Think with your
heart (Debbie
Gibson)
-Last time lover
(Spice Girls)
-Unchained Melody
(Nail Diamond)
9:45 pm News/Slogan
10:00 pm PEL

Lt-Gen Aung Htwe inspects development in Laukkai, Muse Districts

YANGON, 10 June— Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Aung Htwe of the Ministry of Defence, accompanied by Chairman of Shan State (North) Peace and Development Council Commander of North-East Command Maj-Gen Myint Hlaing, Brig-Gen Than Win of the local station, officials of the State Peace and Development Council Office and officials, met departmental personnel, social organization members and local people at the hall of Laukkai District Peace and Development Council on 8 June morning.

Chairman of Laukkai District PDC Lt-Col Khin Zaw reported on location and area, population, departments, economic, education, social and regional development matters. Commander Maj-Gen Myint Hlaing and Brig-Gen Than Win of the local station gave supplementary reports.

After fulfilling the requirements, Lt-Gen Aung Htwe gave a speech, saying that departmental officials together with local people are to make concerted efforts for implementation of the guidance on development of the region given by the Head of State. Thus, regional development can contribute toward uplift of living standard of the local people. In so doing, departmental officials upholding Our Three Main National Causes are to take assistance of the local national race leaders and local people in carrying out regional development tasks.

The government has designated 24 development regions and is implementing equitable development tasks in these regions, departmental officials should participate in the tasks with goodwill. And, they are to organize local farmers and local national race leaders for food sufficiency of the respective regions with a view to ensuring economic development of the local people.

The government lays emphasis on agriculture sector to enable itself to become an agro-based industrialized nation. Therefore, State service personnel are urged to strive for achieving more progress in agriculture and industries with sufficiency of food in the region.

After the ceremony, Lt-Gen Aung Htwe cordially met those present.

On arrival at the construction site of 50-bed hospital in ward 3 of Laukkai, Lt-Gen Aung Htwe and party heard reports on location of the hospital and its area and design, formation of rooms, purpose of the construction of the



Lt-Gen Aung Htwe inspects tea processing factory in Tamoenye, Kutkai Township.— MNA

hospital, progress of work and requirements presented by District Medical Officer Dr Zaw Myo Tint. Next, Shan State Medical Officer Dr Nyunt Win Myint gave a supplementary report. In response to the reports, Lt-Gen Aung Htwe attended to the needs and inspected progress of the tasks. Lt-Gen Aung Htwe and party then viewed development tasks in Laukkai by car.

Next, they arrived Local Battalion in Laukkai and met with officers, other ranks and families. He gave instructions on cultivation and livestock breeding on a manageable scale, cultivation of seasonal crops and perennial crops and health and education matters and measures to be taken for four tasks of building of regiment and unit.

After giving instructions, Lt-Gen Aung Htwe cordially greeted Tatmadawmen and their families. Lt-Gen Aung Htwe and party proceeded to Tamoenye, Kutkai via Kunlong, where they were welcomed by departmental officials, local national race leaders and members, cul-

tural troupe and local people. Afterwards, Lt-Gen Aung Htwe met with departmental officials, members of Union Solidarity and Development Association, social organizations and local people at the cultural hall of Tamoenye.

During the meeting, Lt-Gen Aung Htwe heard reports on location of the town, its area, population, formation of departments and regional development carried out by social organizations presented by Township Executive Officer U Htin Kyaw of General Administration Department and regional development and communication sector by Col San Shwe Tha of Kutkai Station. Commander Maj-Gen Myint Hlaing then gave a supplementary report.

Next, Kutkai Township Public Works Assistant Engineer Daw Hla Hla Htay presented reports on construction of Kutkai-Tamoenye-Monesi-Tapa road. Superintending Engineer U Kyaw Min Thein gave supplementary reports.

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Lt-Gen Maung Bo inspects township hospital, Taninthayi-Myeik Road in Bokpyin

YANGON, 10 June — Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Maung Bo of the Ministry of Defence, together with Chairman of Taninthayi Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Coastal Region Command Brig-Gen Ohn Myint, Deputy Minister for Construction Brig-Gen Myint Thein and senior military officers and officials, on 7 June paid obeisance and presented of-

fertories to Sayadaw Indacakka, Presiding Sayadaw of Dhammazaya Monastery in Bokpyin, Kawthoung District.

Lt-Gen Maung Bo and party met with departmental officials and social organizations at the office of Bokpyin Township PDC. At the meeting, Township PDC Chairman U Thein Win reported on agriculture, land utilization and reclamation and livestock breeding tasks



Lt-Gen Maung Bo meets local authorities, departmental officials and social organization members in Bokpyin. MNA

as well as production of fish and prawns. Later, Lt-Gen Maung Bo and party arrived township hospital and inspected patient wards, operation theatre, delivery room and medical store.

After hearing the re-

ports, Lt-Gen Maung Bo attended to the needs and presented K 300,000 to an official to renovate the operation theatre and delivery room. Afterwards, Lt-Gen Maung Bo inspected the construction of Bokpyin-

Taninthayi-Myeik Road. In the briefing hall, an official reported on progress of Myeik-Taninthayi Road construction and future plans. Next, Lt-Gen Maung Bo fulfilled the requirements. — MNA



Minister for Foreign Affairs U Win Aung and wife being welcomed by Philippines Ambassador Mme Phoebe A Gomez at the reception to mark Independence Day of the Philippines.— MNA

Drug traffickers receive prison terms

YANGON, 10 June — A combined team comprising members of the local intelligence unit, the local battalion and Mongpan Police Station stopped a trawler jeep on suspicion in front of Mongpan Police Station on 28 April 2003 and seized 10.369 kilos of opium from a passenger.

In connection with the

case, Mongpan Police Station filed a lawsuit against Ma Ohn Yi, daughter of U Ohn Kyaw of Mongpan town, under Sections 15/19 (A) of Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law. Later, the case was handed over to Loilem District Court, which passed a sentence of 30 years' imprisonment on her under

Section 19 (A) on 3 February 2004.

Likewise, a combined team comprising members of the local intelligence unit, Yangon Special Anti-drug Squad and South Okkalapa Police Station, acting on information, searched the house of Maung Myint (a) Aung Myint in Minye

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With hands linked firm around the National Convention.