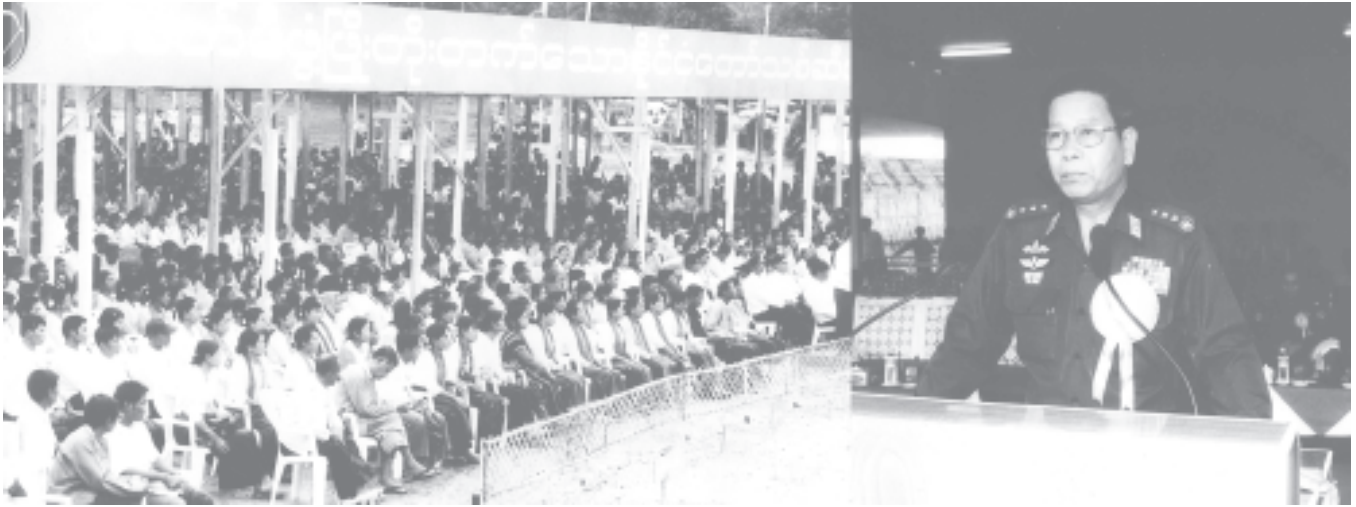


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Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt addresses inauguration ceremony of Myittha Bridge (Kalewa).— MNA

Thanks to transport network, all the regions of the Union have got closer

Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt attends inauguration of Myittha Bridge (Kalewa)

YANGON, 12 June — A ceremony to open Myittha Bridge (Kalewa), built by Public Works on Kalay-Monywa Road at the entrance to Kalewa in Kalewa Township, Sagaing Division, was held at the pandal near the bridge this morning, attended by Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt and Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Soe Win.

Also present at the ceremony were member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Ye Myint, Chairman of

Sagaing Division Peace and Development Council Commander of North-West Command Maj-Gen Tha Aye, the ministers, the Chief of Staff (Navy), the deputy ministers, officials of the SPDC Office, departmental heads, members of division, district and township PDCs, departmental officials, officials of PT Waagner Biro Co (Indonesia), employees of Public Works, members of social organizations, teachers and students, drum troupe, band troupe, pom-pom dance troupe and local people.

In his address, Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Soe Win said that Myittha Bridge opened today is the facility built across Myittha River and it is on Monywa-Yagyi-Kalewa motor road. Upon completion, one will be able to travel directly from Monywa to Kalewa in a short period of time. Accordingly, it is sure that there will be frequent contacts and swift trading between Kalay and Monywa region as well as Monywa region and Chin State. Meanwhile, Kalewa which has been on the top of the

bridge will see further development.

Kalay region is a strategic region between Sagaing Division and Chin State when it comes to economic and transport sectors. But Mawlaik, Kalewa, Mingin and Kani which are on the west bank of Chindwin river including Kalay region lagged behind in development due to poor transport in successive eras.

Being a strategic region, Kalay has been designated as a development zone of the State and universities and colleges were opened to en-

able the youths in the region including Chin State to pursue higher education and a specialist hospital (200-bed) was also upgraded.

Regarding the transport sector, Kalay airfield has been upgraded into the one that passenger jets could touch down and new Kalay-Gangaw railway and Kalay-Gangaw motor road constructed. Moreover, arrangements are being made for upgrading Tamu-Kalay-Kalewa motor road into a modern one. That is why Kalay region is not only a door that Chin State (North)

relies mostly on but also a region in which progress has been made in various sectors including border trade with neighbouring India.

For development of the regions west of Chindwin river, new strategic Monywa-Ywagyi-Kalewa motor road is being built by the Defence Services Military Engineering Unit. The length of the road is 115 miles with 174 big and small bridges on it. Of the bridges, Pahtolon bridge, Myoma bridge, Tein bridge and Lapin bridge are the facilities with a length of over 180 feet.

Myittha bridge opened today and Chindwin bridge opened in 2003 are exclusive of the list of 174 the bridges that were built by the Defence Services engineering Unit. The 1,320 feet long Myittha bridge which was on top of the main road on Kalewa side and the 4,700 feet long Chindwin bridge which was on top of the main road on Monywa side were constructed by Public Works.

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Myittha Bridge (Kalewa) built by Public Works seen at the opening ceremony.— MNA

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PERSPECTIVES

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Try utmost to build a new nation through stability and peace

The national goal of the Union of Myanmar is emergence of a peaceful, modern and developed nation. The government is implementing the policies in conformity with current situations, while laying infrastructures for building up a new nation.

After its assumption of the State's responsibilities, the government gave the top priority to prevalence of law and order and restoration of peace and tranquillity. Progress could be made through peace talks with armed groups in a bid to cease armed conflicts that troubled the nation for over 40 years. Seventeen armed groups had built trust and understanding with the government, resulting in prevalence of stability and peace in border areas.

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 addressed the opening of Myanmar and International Studies Course No 6 and Special Refresher Course No 7 held at the USDA Training Centre in Hmawby Township on 9 June. The Senior General in his address said that the work programmes ranging from peace and stability of the nation to fulfilling the fundamental needs of the people have been carried out with the internal strength. The government's basic policy for national development is to ensure equitable progress in all parts of the nation, he noted. Thus, 24 development zones have been set up in the country to launch development undertakings as necessary. The basic requirements of the rural areas, home to the majority, are being fulfilled, he said.

Prevalence of law and order, national economic growth and development of human resources play the most fundamental role in transforming the nation to a modern and developed one.

Now, peace and stability have been restored across the nation. And firmly joining hands, the entire people have been making concerted and combined endeavours for development of the nation in all spheres. Implementation of the development projects is in full swing in the whole nation, and the entire national people on their part are to make attempts with added momentum for translating the national goal into reality. Therefore, the entire people are urged to always value and appreciate the essence of stability and peace and to try their utmost to build a new nation in accord with the State's future policy programmes in the interest of the nation and the people.

နိုင်ငံတော်အစိုးရဌာနပိုင်မော်တော်ယာဉ်များမသုံးစွဲရနေ

လစဉ်လ၏ ဒုတိယပတ် တနင်္ဂနွေနေ့နှင့်နောက်ဆုံးပတ် တနင်္ဂနွေနေ့တို့သည် ရုံးလုပ်ငန်းအတွက် မဖြစ်မနေသွားလာရန် လိုအပ်သည်ကိုစွဲရပ်များမှအပ မော်တော်ယာဉ်များ မသုံးစွဲရနေခြင်းဖြစ်သည်။

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

Film entertainments to NC delegates

YANGON, 12 June — The Entertainment and Welfare Subcommittee of the National Convention Convening Management Committee is organizing entertainment programmes for delegates to the National Convention daily at the gymnasium of Nyaungnabin Camp.

Yesterday evening, the delegates were entertained with a film entitled "Mawha Myinpyaing Myar" (Delusions in parallel) directed by Maung Maung Oo (Snow White) and starred by Kyaw Hein, Yan Aung, Nine Nine and Htet Htet Moe Oo. — MNA

People's Desire

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

Deputy Minister for Energy arrives back from Philippines

YANGON, 12 June — Deputy Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Than Htay arrived back here by air yesterday evening after attending the 22nd ASEAN Energy Ministers Meeting, the ASEAN+3 Energy Ministers Meeting and the energy conference of ASEAN held in Manila, the Republic of Philippines.

At the 22nd ASEAN Energy Ministers Meeting, implementation of Trans ASEAN Gas Pipeline Project and ASEAN Power Grid Project, use of purified coal in energy sector, the programme of APAEC 2004-2009 were discussed.

Future work programmes for energy cooperation was discussed at the ASEAN+3 Energy Ministers Meeting and exploration of oil and gas and investments at the energy conference of ASEAN.

During his stay in the Philippines, Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Than Htay met Thai Energy Min-



Deputy Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Than Htay being welcomed back at the airport. MNA

ister Dr Prommin Lertsuridej and Minister of Industry, Economy and Energy of the Republic of Korea Lee Hee Beom and discussed bilateral cooperation in energy sector. MNA

School enrolment of entire Hsisheng

YANGON, 12 June — A ceremony to mark the school enrolment in the entire Hsisheng Township in southern Shan State was held at the Hsisheng Township Basic Education High School on 29 May morning.

Present on the occasion were Director (Academic) U Aye Thein of the No 2 Basic Education Department, Shan State Education Officer Daw Hla Htay, Township Education Committee Chairman Township Peace and Development Council Chairman U Yin Htwe, school heads and teachers.

U Aye Thein, U Yin Htwe and Township Education Officer Daw Nan Ngwe spoke on the occasion. MNA



Myanma Motion Picture Asiayon Chairman U Sein Tin presents gifts of honour to the film stars who entertained the National Convention delegates. — MNA

Film stars honoured

YANGON, 12 June —

Film stars who entertained the National Convention delegates were honoured by Myanma Motion Pictures Asiayon at a ceremony held at MMPA on Wingabar Street in Bahan, here, this morning. Present on the occasion were Chairman U Sein Tin of the Asiayon, Executives and members. The chairman extended greetings and presented gifts to the film stars. Academy Tun Tun Win spoke words of thanks on behalf of the stars. — MNA

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ပညာပေးနှိုးဆော်ချက် (၁/၉၇)

ငါးရစ်၊ ငါးသန် ဘေးမှချန်

ပုံမှန်စားသုံး မျိုးမတူနန်း

မိုးမြိုင်မြိုင်ရွာသော မေလနောင်၊ မိုးနှင့် ဇွန်၊ ဇူလိုင်လများတွင် ဖြစ်၊ ချောင်း၊ အင်းအိုင် အနုအပြာ၌ ဥများဖြင့် ပြည့်နေသော ငါးမကြီးများနှင့် မျိုးရည်ပြည့်ဝသော ငါးထီးကြီးများသည် ဥချရန် နေရာရှာနေစဉ် ငါးရစ်တက်ကြပါသည်။ ထိုငါးရစ်ငါးများကို ဖမ်းဆီးလိုက်ပါက ပေါက်ပွားလာမည့် သန်းပေါင်းများစွာသော နမူနာလှည့်သားပေါက်ငါးသန်များသည်လည်း သေကျေပျက်စီးကာ တစ်နိုင်ငံလုံး ဇူလိုင် စာသုံးမှုနှင့် အမျိုးသား စီးပွားရေးဖွံ့ဖြိုးမှုကို အထောက်အကူ မပြုနိုင်တော့ဘဲ ငါးမျိုး ပြုန်းတီးသွားစေနိုင်ပါသည်။

မြေမြူရေနှင့် ရေလုပ်ငန်းဝန်ကြီးဌာန၊ ငါးလုပ်ငန်းဦးစီးဌာနက အမိန့်ကြော်ငြာစာအမှတ် (၂/၉၂)ဖြင့် ငါးရစ် ငါးသန် ရာသီချိန်များတွင် ငါးလုပ်ငန်း ဦးစီးဌာန၏ ခွင့်ပြုချက်မတစ်ပါး ငါးများ ဖမ်းဆီးခြင်းမပြုရန် တားမြစ်ထားပါသည်။ အဆိုပါ တားမြစ်ချက်ကို ဖောက်ဖျက် ကျူးလွန်ပါက ရေချိုငါးလုပ်ငန်း ပဉ္စပဒုဒ်(မငှေ)အရ ဖမ်းဆီးတရားရုံးသို့ အပြစ်ပေးနိုင်ရန် ပြဌာန်းထားပါသည်။

သို့ပါ၍ ငါးရစ်တက်ချိန်နှင့် ငါးသန်သားပေါက်သော မိုးရာသီအချိန်များတွင် လွတ်လပ်စွာ ဥချသားပေါက်နိုင်ရန် ဖမ်းဆီးခြင်းမပြုဘဲ ဘေးမပေးကြပါရန် နှိုးဆော်အပ်ပါသည်။

ငါးလုပ်ငန်းဦးစီးဌာန၊ မြေမြူရေနှင့်ရေလုပ်ငန်းဝန်ကြီးဌာန

ဥကင်နေသောရေချိုပုစွန်ထုပ်ကြီးများဖမ်းရန်

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တန်ခူး၊ ကဆုန်၊ နယုန်လများတွင် ဥကင်နေသော (သို့) ဥနှင့်ပြည့်ဝနေသော ရေချိုပုစွန်ထုပ်ကြီးများသည် မြန်မာနိုင်ငံတစ်ဝန်းလုံးရှိ မြစ်၊ ချောင်း၊ အင်းအိုင်များတွင် ဥချရန် ပြင်ဆင်လျက်ရှိပါသည်။ ၎င်းတို့မှ မကြာမီ ထောင်ပေါင်းများစွာသော ပုစွန်များလည်း ပေါက်ပွားလာတော့မည် ဖြစ်ပါသည်။ အကယ်၍ အဆိုပါဥကင်နေသော (သို့) ဥနှင့်ပြည့်ဝနေသော ပုစွန်ထုပ်ကြီးများအား ဖမ်းဆီး သတ်ဖြတ်ခဲ့ပါက ၎င်းတို့မှ ပုစွန်သားလောင်းများ မပေါက်ပွားနိုင်တော့ဘဲ မျိုးပြုန်းတီးရာလည်း ရေကန်စေပါသည်။ ရေချိုပုစွန်များ ပေါက်ပွားလာစေရန် ယခုကဲ့သို့ ဥကင်နေသော ရာသီချိန်များတွင် ဖမ်းဆီးခြင်းမပြုဘဲ ဘေးမပေးမှသာ ထုတ်လုပ်မှုအား မြှင့်မားလာကြွယ် အမျိုးသားစီးပွားရဲ့ ဖွံ့ဖြိုးလာမည် ဖြစ်သည်။ ဥကင်နေသော (သို့) ဥနှင့်ပြည့်ဝနေသော ရေချိုပုစွန်ထုပ်ကြီးများအား ဖမ်းဆီးခြင်း၊ သတ်ဖြတ်ခြင်း၊ သယ်ယူခြင်း၊ သိုလှောင်ခြင်း၊ လက်ဝယ်ထားရှိခြင်း၊ အရောင်းအဝယ် ပြုလုပ်ခြင်းများ မပြုလုပ်ရန် မြေမြူရေနှင့် ရေလုပ်ငန်းဝန်ကြီးဌာန၊ ငါးလုပ်ငန်းဦးစီးဌာနက အမိန့်ကြော်ငြာစာ အမှတ် (၁/၉၂)ဖြင့် တားမြစ်ထားပါသည်။ အဆိုပါ တားမြစ်ချက်ကို လိုက်နာခြင်းမရှိပါက ရေချိုငါးလုပ်ငန်း ပဉ္စပဒုဒ်(မငှေ၊ ငှက်၊ ငှက်)ပါ ပြဌာန်းချက်များအရ တရားရုံးသို့ အရေးယူခြင်းခံရမည် ဖြစ်ပါသည်။

သို့ဖြစ်ပါ၍ ရေချိုပုစွန်ထုပ်ကြီးများ ရေရည်တည်တံ့စေရန် ယခုကဲ့သို့သော ဥကင်သော ရာသီချိန်တွင် ဖမ်းဆီးခြင်းမပြုဘဲ နေရာတိုင်းတွင် ဘေးမပေးကြရန် အသိပေး နှိုးဆော် အပ်ပါသည်။

ငါးလုပ်ငန်းဦးစီးဌာန၊

Multinational force patrol attacked in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 11 June 2004 — The Polish-led multinational security force in central Iraq says one of its patrols came under attack today south of Baghdad.

A spokesman said the troops were patrolling near the city of Al-Hillah when they were attacked with rocket-propelled grenades shortly after midnight. The attackers fled after the patrol returned fire.

There were reports of clashes between supporters of radical Shiite Muslim cleric Muqtada al-Sadr and US forces today in Baghdad. One fighter was reported killed and several wounded in sporadic fighting in Al-Sadr City, a Shi'a neighbourhood.

Also today, the US military said US soldiers have foiled a new sabotage attempt against a pipeline in northern Iraq.

Iraqi Interim Prime Minister Iyad Allawi yesterday said that Iraq lost more than \$200 million over the past seven months due to separate attacks on its pipeline network.

Internet



US Army troops pull one of four comrades away from a Humvee vehicle after an attack in Baghdad, on 4 June, 2004. A majority of US voters, 53 per cent, now say it was not worth going to war in Iraq and feel the United States is getting bogged down there, according to a Los Angeles Times poll published on 11 June.—INTERNET

China, Hungary sign six cooperation documents

BUDAPEST, 11 June— China and Hungary signed six cooperation documents here Wednesday to strengthen their economic ties and to boost bilateral trade.

Chinese President Hu Jintao, who arrived here Thursday morning, and his Hungarian counterpart Madl Frenc witnessed the signing of the documents on education, culture, the opening of new air routes between Beijing and Budapest and on the sales of bus parts produced in Hungary.

China and Hungary will jointly open a bilingual school in Budapest, teaching both Chinese and Hungarian, according to an agreement signed by ministries of education of both countries.

Another agreement, signed by the China Hainan Airlines and the Hungary airlines, has set that from August 2, the China Hainan Airlines will fly three flights each week between Beijing and Budapest.

Hu and Madl signed a joint statement themselves

after they held an hour-long talks, saying both nations will establish a relationship of "friendly and cooperative partnership".

President Madl described Hu's state visit to Hungary, the first in 10 years, as an "important event" in bilateral relations.

Despite their differences, both countries have the common wish to develop "a new type of cooperative ties", he said.

The Chinese President said the relationship between China and Hungary, which established full diplomatic relations 55 years ago, has entered a new stage.

Hu proposed that the two countries increase top-level exchanges, explore new ways of economic cooperation and step up cooperation in culture, education, environmental protection, trans-

portation, science and technology.

"China welcomes Hungarian firms to participate in China's development of its western areas and the rejuvenation of the old industrial belts," Hu told Madl. "Hungarian companies are also welcome in the construction of projects for the Beijing 2008 Olympiad and the World Expo 2010 in Shanghai."

On international issues, the Hungarian President said China has been an active force in maintaining world peace and stability as a permanent member of the UN Security Council. And Hu responded that China and Hungary can have better coordination on many international arenas like the UN and other international bodies.

MNA/Xinhua

US study says kids often overuse headache medicine

VANCOUVER (British Columbia), 11 June— Children who suffer frequent headaches may be using far more over-the-counter pain relief medicine than parents realize and risking their health, according to a study released on Thursday.

Researchers who studied 680 children between the ages of six and 18, found more than 20 per cent were overusing pain relief medicines, according to the report released at the American Headache Society annual meeting in Vancouver.

"I've been astounded by the large numbers of kids

using over-the-counter medications five or six times a week, some times 15 to 20 times per week," David Rothner, the study's lead researcher said in a statement.

One in five children in the study overused medications, which is defined as taking more than three doses of pain relievers per-week

for more than six weeks, according to the study by the Cleveland Clinic in Ohio.

The researchers found about one in seven of the children and adolescents did not tell their parents about the heavy medication use, often because they did not realize they should be consulted.—MNA/Reuters

ထုတ်တုန်းက ဝိုးမင်း

Britons punish Blair over Iraq in election

LONDON, 11 June— Britons angry over the Iraq war handed Prime Minister Tony Blair a humiliating electoral reverse, with local poll results on Friday showing his ruling Labour Party coming third behind the main opposition parties.

Senior government figures and analysts agreed the Iraq war and ensuing instability during the US-led occupation had taken its toll, with election returns amounting to a drubbing for Blair in his seventh year in power.

"There is clearly a very strong protest vote," Cabinet Minister Tessa Jowell told BBC television. "Iraq is

certainly a factor but it is only a factor."

The results from Thursday's local council polls — to be followed by London Mayor results on Friday night and European Parliament results on Sunday — will inevitably renew speculation about Blair's leadership.

But most analysts still expect him to take Labour to a third general election

victory in 2005 despite the damage from Iraq and Blair's alliance with President Bush.

With 82 of 166 councils up for grabs having reported by early Friday, Labour had lost a net 211 seats, closing in on the overall net loss of 400 or more, which analysts had said would be a serious blow for Blair.

Internet

Schroeder doubts UN resolution will bring Iraq stability

SAINT SIMONS (Georgia), 11 June—German Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder expressed doubts Thursday over whether a new UN Security Council resolution on Iraq's sovereignty would bring stability to the war-torn country.

"The resolution is a political basis, is an attempt, to improve the chances of stabilising" Iraq, Schroeder said on the sidelines of the Group of Eight summit in the US state of Georgia.

"Whether that attempt can succeed is an open question. I am not optimistic about this," he said, after travelling to Saint Simons from nearby Sea Island, where the summit is being held, by helicopter to speak to reporters.

The UN Security Council unanimously adopted Tuesday a US-British proposed resolution on Iraq's legal and political framework after the occupation administration under Paul Bremer hands over power on 30 June.

On the chances of bridging Iraq's

various religious and ethnic differences, Schroeder said: "this will be a very tough road".

He said that while much optimism had been expressed about Iraq during the G8 summit, not even the United States and Britain were saying "everything is wonderful" there.

He said his meeting with King Abdullah II of Jordan had shown that even leaders in the region "also have fears that things could become even more difficult than one or the other might have imagined."

Schroeder said talks on what further role NATO could play in Iraq did not include the idea of sending Alliance troops to replace the US-led forces there.

Internet

British man finds body in fridge while making tea

LONDON, 11 June — British police have launched a murder inquiry after a man found his daughter-in-law's dismembered body in his son's fridge while looking for milk, police and newspapers said on Thursday.

London police said a body had been discovered in the southwestern suburb of Kingston-upon-Thames late on Tuesday, and police sources confirmed it was

crammed into a fridge.

The Sun newspaper said the man had let himself into his son's detached house when he found nobody at home, and was making a cup of tea when he discovered the Korean-born victim wrapped up in plastic bags.

"They seemed like such a nice couple," neighbours were quoted as saying.

MNA/Reuters



Demonstrators march through the streets at the end of the G-8 Summit in Savannah, Georgia. A Group of Eight summit meant to enshrine a new era of trans-Atlantic unity ended with fresh cracks over Iraq, but new on-paper pledges to fight poverty, terrorism and revive global trade talks.—INTERNET

Car bomb explodes near US convoy in Baghdad

BAGHDAD, 11 June— A car bomb exploded near a US convoy on a Baghdad highway Friday, but it was not clear if there were any American casualties, Iraqi police said.

"A man got out of his car and left in another one. Then the car exploded when an American convoy passed by," policeman Amjad Mohammed told *Reuters* at the scene.

"There were no Iraqi civilian casualties, but we don't know if any Americans were hurt."

US military vehicles sealed off the six-lane highway cutting through the Saydiya residential district in western Baghdad. The US military had no immediate comment.

Iraqi witness Abu Ahmed said he had noticed a man spending a long time appar-

ently trying to repair a gray Mercedes at the roadside before being picked up by another man in an Opel saloon. "A few minutes later, there was an explosion," he said.

Insurgents frequently target US convoys with roadside bombs, car bombs, land mines or rocket-propelled grenades.

The US military said Friday an American soldier had died of wounds sustained in an attack in eastern Baghdad on Wednesday. That raised the US combat death toll in Iraq to 606 since the start of last year's invasion.

Internet

Congress says India has no proposal to send troops to Iraq

NEW DELHI, 11 June— The ruling Congress today said there was no proposal before the government to send Indian troops to Iraq.

Seeking to set the record straight in the context of confusion created by a statement of External Affairs Minister Natwar Singh on Iraq in Washington, Congress spokesman Anand Sharma said India was only committed to reconstruction and rehabilitation of the war-ravaged Iraq.

India had endorsed the resolutions of the Security Council for ending the occupation of Iraq on 30 June with the hope that UN would play a central role in tackling the situation there. "The resolutions are the vindication of India's stand that the

UN has a central role to play." To repeated questions if India would by any chance send its troops to Iraq, Mr Sharma said "there is no pro-

posal nor any consideration for the same," adding that "rehabilitation does not mean sending troops."

Internet

Japan provides Zambia with \$8.5m for water projects

LUSAKA, 11 June— The Japanese Government will provide Zambia with 8.5 million US dollars to improve the living environments of some unplanned urban settlements in capital city Lusaka and finance water and sanitation projects in the northern province.

Under an agreement signed here Wednesday, four million US dollars of the grant will be for the development and provision of water supply, health and hygiene education as well as community capacity building in four unplanned settlements in Lusaka. The remaining 4.5 million US dollars will finance ground water development and sanitation in six districts in the Northern Province.—MNA/Xinhua



Supporters and relatives hold up a poster reading 'Bush Killer' demanding the freedom of Florida National Guardsmen Staff Sgt Camilo Mejia in front of US Embassy in Managua, Nicaragua, on 19 June, 2004. Mejia, who is of Nicaraguan origin, is charged with desertion after failing to return to his unit in Iraq after a two-week furlough in October.—INTERNET

Survey shows most British women want to change their lives

LONDON, 11 June — Most British women wanted to change their lives, showed a survey published on Thursday.

The Female Lifestyle Survey, carried out by health magazine *Top Sante*, suggested that 81 per cent of the surveyed women wanted to change their lives, 67 per cent felt like they were on a treadmill and were worn out, and 60 per cent believed life was easier for men. Juggling punishing work and household roles with spiralling debts, and social lives and the pressures of having a perfect body were blamed for triggering the lifestyle crisis in many

women across Britain, the survey showed.

Nearly nine out of 10 women who work full-time (86 per cent) said they still did most of the household chores, and 77 per cent said they took the lion's share of responsibility for looking after the children. One of the top causes of the female blues, according to the poll, was the quest for a perfect body.

Three-quarters of women thought their life would be

better if they were happy with their body and 26 per cent said they were prepared to go under the knife to improve their looks — 5 per cent of women under 38 already have.

The magazine's editor Marina Gask said: "The 'have it all' dream has turned into a 'do it all' nightmare. Women are bombarded with lifestyle images of perfectly proportioned celebrities who seem to have everything, without much effort."—MNA/Xinhua

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US soldiers sit on top of an armoured vehicle as a gas tanker blazes after a roadside attack on the southern edge of Baghdad, Iraq on 11 June, 2004.

INTERNET

National poll gives Kerry solid lead

WASHINGTON, 11 June — Democrat John Kerry has a solid lead over US President George W Bush among voters nationwide, according to a *Los Angeles Times* poll on Thursday that cited widespread unease over the country's direction, Iraq policies and the economy.

Kerry, the US senator from Massachusetts, led Bush by 51 per cent to 44 per cent nationally in a two-way matchup, according to the poll of 1,230 registered voters taken from Saturday to Tuesday.

The figures dropped with independent Ralph Nader in the mix: Kerry drew 48 per cent in a three-way race and Bush 42 per cent, the poll showed.

Bush campaign strategist Matthew Dowd challenged the poll results as tilted in favour of the Democrats. "It is a mess," he told ABC News. "Bush is leading independents by three, ahead among Republicans by a larger margin than Kerry is ahead among Dems, and we are down by seven? Outrageous."

In the *Los Angeles Times* poll, majorities disapproved of Bush's handling of the economy and of Iraq, despite encouraging news on both recently. Fifty-six per cent of respondents said America "needs to move in a new direction" because Bush's policies have not improved the country.

However, in an indication of the race's volatility, the newspaper's polling in three fiercely contested states shows the Republi-

cans president with a double-digit advantage over Kerry in Missouri, with Nader included, and running even with the presumed Democratic rival in Ohio and Wisconsin.

However, majorities in each state say the country should change direction, the survey said.

Nationally, 55 per cent of respondents disapproved of how Bush was handling Iraq, while 44 per cent approved his performance. On the economy, 54 per cent did not approve of the job Bush was doing while 43 per cent did, the survey showed.

The newspaper poll said Bush was stronger on his overall job approval rating — with 51 per cent approving to 47 per cent disapproving — because of high marks for the president on the war against terrorism and virtually unanimous support from Republicans and others who consider themselves conservative.

The *Times*' nationwide poll has a margin of error of plus or minus 3 percentage points, while that of the state polls is 4 percentage points.

MNA/Reuters

WHO highlights grave shortage of safe blood supply

GENEVA, 11 June — Eighty-two per cent of the world's population does not have access to a regular and safe supply of blood, the World Health Organization (WHO) said Thursday, ahead of World Blood Donor Day next week.

A recent WHO survey found that out of 178 countries, only 39 have access to 100 per cent voluntary, regular and unpaid blood donors which WHO considers the safest source of blood.

"In our work to increase access to treatment for people living with AIDS around the world, safe blood is a crucial part of our prevention and care strategy," said Lee Jong-wook, WHO's director-general.

In countries which rely on paid-for blood and family replacement donations, prevalence of transfusion-transmissible infections such as HIV, Hepatitis B and C

and syphilis is much higher than in countries with full voluntary, unpaid donations, said WHO.

Although little progress has been made in low- and middle-income countries on the whole, some have been very successful in addressing the issue, it said.

South Africa and Zimbabwe, at the onset of the AIDS epidemic, sought new strategies in the 1980s to ensure that their blood supply was safe, it said.

One such strategy is Zimbabwe's Pledge 25 initiative in which school leavers pledge to give blood 25 times by the age of 25. They also

vow to lead healthy lives to ensure safe blood supply for patients.

Zimbabwe's HIV infection rates among blood donors fell from 4.45 per cent in 1989 to 0.61 per cent in 2001, demonstrating the success of the Pledge 25 concept.

This year's World Blood Donor Day will be commemorated on Monday in Johannesburg, South Africa, with the theme "Blood, a Gift for Life".

The public, particularly young people, should make responsible choices, maintain a healthy lifestyle, and give blood regularly, said WHO. — MNA/Xinhua

Coalition's Iraqi staff live in fear

BAGHDAD, 11 June—Iraqis employed by US-led coalition forces say they fear for their lives as guerillas turn their deadly aim away from the occupying troops and towards the locals working for them. Death threats are common for Iraqis working at this US military base where a suicide car bomb killed two people and injured more than 30 as staff lined up for work on Tuesday.

"I received two letters. The first one said you should leave your job because you are spying," a worker said.

"The second one said you should leave your job and, if you don't, we will kill you." The dilemma is a terrifying one for the impoverished population of Diyala province northeast of Baghdad where unemployment is estimated at about 50 per cent.

"It's very, very difficult,"

the worker added. "I'm a teacher but there are no jobs for us. If I get a chance, I will leave directly." One translator, a former university teacher said she was afraid to mingle with her own people.

"It's very difficult to hire local translators because they're scared," said the woman, 'Hanan'.

"I feel scared to go out. I bought a dress with a veil

which covers my hair and everything but still they could recognise my features because I have been on Diyala television." Public affairs officer Lieutenant Marshall Jackson said US forces found it very hard to recruit translators for the base, which has only seven interpreters for 1,700 personnel.

"Translators are a problem. They get threatened a

lot by insurgents who don't want to help the Americans," he said.

"A lot of translators live here on base — it's a lot safer." Other military sources said life was growing more dangerous for Iraqis with insurgents shifting the focus of their attacks towards the local population, most notably against dignitaries promoted by the coalition.

Ezzedine Salim, then head of Iraq's interim leadership, was killed by a suicide blast outside the coalition's Baghdad headquarters on 17 May. —Internet



A police station which was destroyed in an explosion in Yusufiyah, on 11 June, 2004. Gunmen stormed the police station south of Baghdad, drove off the poorly armed police and blasted the station in the fourth such attack against Iraqi security installations over the last week, officials and witnesses said. — INTERNET

Chinese auto company to set up plant in East Java

JAKARTA, 11 June—China's automotive company Great Wall Motors (GWM) plans to set up a car manufacturing plant in East Java in a joint venture with Indonesia's state-owned heavy equipment maker PT Bharata, according to a senior official at the Ministry of Industry and Trade.

Director-General of Metal, Machinery, Electronics and Miscellaneous Industry Subagyo said on Wednesday that the venture would initially focus on manufacturing cheaper multipurpose vehicles (MPVs) with a price tag of below 100 million rupiah (around 10,793 US dollars) per unit.

Subagyo said the value of the investment involved "trillions of rupiah" (hundreds of millions of US dollars), and that GWM expected to start the project at the end of this year.

"After entering the market with MPVs, they might launch pick-ups," he was quoted Thursday by *The Ja-*

karta Post as saying.

He said that a memorandum of understanding between the two companies was expected to be signed in August during a visit to China by Minister of Industry and Trade Rini MS Soewandi.

Subagyo said GWM might use Indonesia as its base for expansion to other Southeast Asian countries.

GWM is a holding company specializing in the manufacture of pick-up trucks in China, with an annual production of 100,000 units, and claiming to hold a more than 50 per cent domestic market share. GWM exports 3,000 units annually to the Middle East, West Asia, North Af-

rica and South America according to its web site.

Industry analyst Suhari Sargo said that there was still ample room for new players to enter the domestic car market considering the relatively low ratio of car ownership in the country.

Suhari said the car ownership ratio in Indonesia was about one car for 35 people. In Malaysia, the ratio is 1:8, while in Thailand it is 1:15.

According to data from the Association of Indonesian Automotive Manufacturers (Gaikindo), new car sales reached 354,482 units last year, a 12-per-cent increase from the previous year's 217,763. —MNA/Xinhua

Import, Export Commodity Fair ends with big deals in Kunming

KUNMING, 11 June—Foreign trade and economic cooperation agreements involving more than 2.06 billion US dollars were signed at the five-day Kunming Import/Export Commodity Fair, that concluded here Thursday.

The total included 939 million dollars' worth of import/export orders signed between the province with nearly 20 countries and regions.

Local exports, mainly phosphorus chemicals, non-ferrous metals, farm and sideline products, bio-pharmaceuticals, and tobacco,

reached 547 million dollars.

And the main local imports, valued at 392 million dollars, are machinery, equipment, ore and steel.

The province signed 431 million dollars of import/export contracts with the 10 ASEAN nations, a big rise compared with the 2003 fair.

The province also introduced 1.07 billion dollars of contractual overseas investment for 52 local projects, which are mainly involved in energy, transportation, road construction, mineral resource development and urban infrastructure improvement. —MNA/Xinhua

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Russia not to send troops to Iraq

Moscow, 11 June—Russia "does not plan sending its servicemen to Iraq", Foreign Ministry spokesman Alexander Yakovenko said.

"The situation with security in the country remains complex, and the Russian Foreign Ministry believes inexpedient the return of specialists of Russian companies there. They can return only when necessary conditions will be created," Yakovenko said.

As for Iraq's debts, he said the "problem must be solved in the Paris Club". Yakovenko said the last resolution of the UN Security Council, contained a "point about the conduction of an international conference on Iraq, but preparation of it is not going so far".

"Russia considers such forum useful for maintaining relations of Iraq's new government with neighbours and hopes that it will take place," he said. —Internet

Iraqi health workers complete training programme in Jordan

AMMAN, 12 June—Twenty-five Iraqi health workers concluded their first training programme here as part of a World Health Organization (WHO) scheme to develop the Iraqi nursing sector, local newspaper *Jordan Times* reported on its web site Thursday.

The health workers were trained in the Jordan University of Science and Technology (JUST) under an agreement between the university and the WHO, according to Linda Haddad, dean of the nursing faculty at JUST.

Under the agreement participants would be trained on updated academic capabilities and reforming the nursing and midwifery education system in Iraq, She said, adding the initial phase of the training included evaluating the nursing education programmes.

Participants discussed their needs for improving the quality of nursing education

in their country and took an active part in designing an effective curriculum, according to the report.

The trainees were members of the Iraqi ministries of health and higher education, state universities and institutions. The dean said the four-month period needed to be extended because the development process in the nursing system still requires more time and effort. The JUST has designated a centre to collaborate with the WHO, which conducts activities and training in the field of nursing, the report said. —MNA/Xinhua

International Travel Expo HK 2004 opens

HONG KONG, 11 June—The 18th International Travel Expo (ITE HK 2004) opened here Thursday.

Stanley Chu, chairman of Adsale Exhibition Services Ltd. and the organizer of ITE HK, said, "Tourism is now one of the most important economy drivers in Hong Kong. I believe that the success of ITE HK will further contribute to the blossoming of the travel industry and related sectors."

Around 500 exhibitors from China's Mainland, Taiwan and Hong Kong and foreign countries participate in

the Expo. They include 70 tourism offices, and others from airlines, hotels and travel agents. Peru, Zimbabwe and Bhutan are newcomers.

It also gathers 500 hosted buyers and other individual buyers from more than 30 countries and regions.

Apart from the usual "New Travel Destination/Product Presentation", a "Trade Forum on MICE (meetings, incentive, con-

vention and exhibition) Market" was held at the first day. Tour operators from Hong Kong and the Mainland exchanged information in the forum and explored joint working opportunities in the MICE market.

ITE HK 2004 lasts till June 13. The first two days of the show are tailored for trade visitors while the latter two days, Saturday and Sunday, are open to public.

MNA/Xinhua



Dutch soldiers on patrol in the southern Iraqi city of Samawa on 11 June. Dutch troops will leave Iraq in March 2005 as the Dutch government will not renew their mandate after an eight month extension, Prime Minister Jan Peter Balkenende said.—INTERNET

Report says use of dogs at Iraq prison was authorized

WASHINGTON, 12 June — US intelligence personnel ordered military dog handlers to use unmuzzled dogs to intimidate detainees at Iraq's Abu Ghraib Prison, *The Washington Post* reported on Friday, citing sworn statements from handlers provided to military investigators.

A military intelligence interrogator also told investigators that two dog handlers at the prison were "having a contest" to see how many detainees they could make involuntarily urinate out of fear of the dogs, the *Post* said, citing statements obtained by newspaper.

Six US soldiers face possible courts martial and one has already been jailed for a year because of the abuses at Abu Ghraib, where photographs have shown detainees being sexually humiliated, physically tormented and threatened with dogs.

Two Army dog handlers assigned to Abu Ghraib, Sergeant Michael Smith and Ser-

geant Santos Cardona, told investigators that military intelligence personnel asked them to bring their dogs to prison interrogation sites numerous times to help question detainees in December and January, the *Post* reported.

According to the report, Smith and Cardona said they complied with the requests because they believed the tactics had been approved by Colonel Thomas Pappas, the military intelligence officer in charge of the prison.

At the cell blocks, they allowed their dogs to menace detainees, the *Post* said they told investigators.

At the behest of interro-

gators, Smith said, in some cases he would bring the barking dog to within six inches of terrified prisoners, the *Post* reported. The officer in charge of the military intelligence-run interrogation centre at the prison had to approve the use of dogs in interrogations, according to a military intelligence memo obtained by *The Washington Post*.

There is no explanation in the memo of what parameters would have to be in place or what the dogs would be allowed to do, the report said.

Neither Smith nor Cardona have been charged in connection with the abuse at Abu Ghraib.

MNA/Reuters

Ministers of 23 Asia Pacific countries to meet in Jakarta

JAKARTA, 12 June — Jakarta will host the annual gathering of foreign ministers from the ten-member Association of South-east Asian Nations (ASEAN), followed by a series of meeting with their counterparts from 13 dialogue partners scheduled for 29 June through 2 July.

The ASEAN Ministerial Meeting (AMM) will take place on 29-30 June to finalize the plans of action for the attainment of the ASEAN Community in 2020 agreed during the ASEAN Summit in Bali last October, Foreign Affairs Ministry spokesman Marty Natalegawa told a news briefing Friday.

ASEAN groups Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, Singapore, Thailand, the Philippines and Vietnam. The meeting will seek ways to enhance ASEAN's role in international community, including how to win the observer status in the United Nations as an entity, Marty said. The AMM will bring the theme of "Striving for Full Integration of ASEAN: a Prosperous, Caring and Peaceful Community."

During the Bali Summit, ASEAN leaders agreed that the integration would lean on three main pillars, namely the ASEAN Economic Community, the ASEAN Security Community and the ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community.

Marty said the AMM has been mandated to approve the plans of action for the security community and the socio-cultural community before being endorsed by the next ASEAN Summit in Vientiane in November. On July 1, ASEAN foreign ministers will meet their counterparts of China, Japan and South Korea, which have been increasingly cooperating with the regional grouping in recent years, primarily on the economic fronts.

On the following day, ASEAN foreign ministers will meet ministers or their representatives from Australia, Canada, China, North Korea, India, Japan, Mongolia, New Zealand, Papua New Guinea, Russia, South Korea, the European Union and the United States.

The 22 countries and the European Union will hold the 11th meeting of the ASEAN Regional Forum (ARF), which was established in 1994 as a forum of dialogues to seek peaceful means in settling political and security problems in the region. — MNA/Xinhua



Pakistani Shi'ite protesters burn the US and British flags during an anti-US demonstration in Rawalpindi, on 11 June, 2004. Shi'ite Muslims staged demonstrations across Pakistan after Friday prayers to condemn US military operations in Iraq. INTERNET



US soldiers investigate the remains of a car bomb which exploded on a highway in the Sayediya district of Baghdad, as a US patrol passed nearby on 11 June, 2004. Two US Humvees were slightly damaged. — INTERNET

Arab men posing as TV crew arrested in Baghdad

BAGHDAD, 11 June — Four Arab men posing as journalists were arrested this week when explosives residue was detected on them as they tried to enter the Baghdad headquarters of the US-led administration, a senior US Army officer said.

The officer, a top security official in the compound which hosts news conferences given by senior US and Iraqi officials and houses the US Consulate, said explosives were found in the men's hotel room after the arrests on Sunday.

They were posing as employees of an international television company and carried fake identification cards and were trying to drive a van into the compound when they were arrested, he said.

MNA/Reuters

Tehran rejects G-8 statement on Iran's nuclear programme

TEHRAN, 11 June — Iran on Thursday dismissed a statement by the Group of Eight (G8) on its nuclear activity as "irrational and unrealistic," the official IRNA news agency reported.

"The Islamic Republic has practically demonstrated its full commitment with regard to the non-proliferation of nuclear weapons and safeguards," Hamid-Reza Asefi, spokesman of Foreign Ministry, was quoted as saying.

Iran's broad and transparent cooperation with the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) confirms

this, added Asefi.

The G-8 issued a statement on Iran's nuclear programme on Wednesday, saying that the group "deplore" Iran's alleged delays, inadequate disclosures and lack of cooperation with the IAEA inspectors.

Asefi said, "These stances are irrational and contradict the realities."

MNA/Xinhua

Two dead, 18 missing as tornado hits Philippines

MANILA, 11 June — A tornado ripped through a town in the central Philippines, destroying hundreds of flimsy houses and killing at least two people, the national disaster agency and the Coast Guard said on Thursday.

A dozen residents from the coastal town of Dulag on Leyte Island were reported missing.

The tornado, which lasted 35 minutes on Wednesday morning, destroyed about 900 houses, leaving one elderly man dead and four people wounded, agency officials said.

"We are still assessing the damage on the ground," said Edna Rola of the National Disaster Coordinating Council.

She said 30 fishing boats were reported missing.

One fisherman died and six were missing on the nearby island of Samar when waves and wind whipped up by the tornado overturned two boats, the Coast Guard said on Thursday.

Lieutenant Armand Balilo, a Coast Guard spokesman, said 26 fishermen had been rescued.

"We are now searching for the missing fishermen because the seas are calmer now," he said. — MNA/Reuters

Syria attaches importance to relations with China

DAMACUS, 12 June — Syrian Prime Minister Mohammad Naji Otri stressed here Thursday that Syria attached importance to relations with China.

Otri made the remarks while meeting with visiting Li Meng, Vice-President of the National Committee of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference (CPPCC).

Otri told the Chinese guests that Syria was giving the first priority to relations with China while seeking to develop all-round relations with various countries.

For his part, Li said China and Syria, both are developing countries, have shared many similarities in various fields and always supported each other on the international arena.

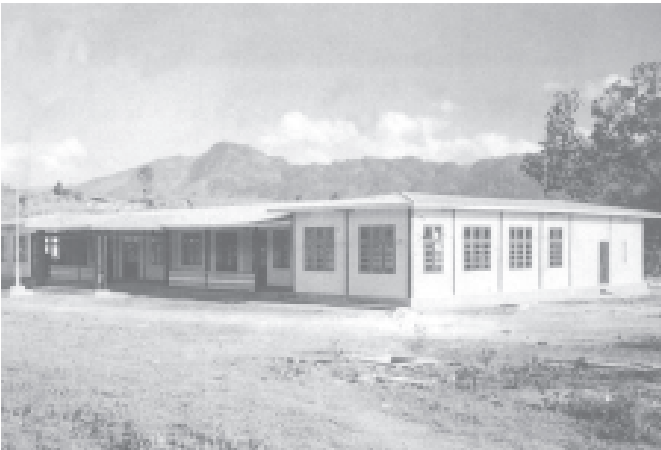
He hoped that the Sino-Syrian traditional relations would be put forward through mutual communications.

The two sides also exchanged views on the regional and international issues of common concerns.

Li Meng leading the CPPCC delegation arrived here Tuesday evening for a two-day good-will visit at the invitation of the Progressive National Front of Syria.

MNA/Xinhua

New and fast developments throughout Myanmar



Chinshwehaw Hospital in Kokang region, Shan State (North) built for providing health care services for people living in the region.— PBANRDA



A school building constructed in Kawhtin village, Kyaikto Township, Mon State.— MNA



Rail-cum-road Kabani Bridge built across Manipur River between Kalay and Gangaw Townships.— MNA

Border and rural area developments



The opening ceremony of a rural tube-well in Zawgyi village, Singaing Township, in progress. — PBANRDA



The Kyonhtaw Sluice Gate in Paung Township, Mon State. — MNA

Those who daren't show their face — 54

Pauk Sa

The big and ugly task of some foreign radio stations including the BBC and the VOA at present is to broadcast special slanders in an inferior way to obstruct of the National Convention, that is in progress to draw a constitution for the future nation.

I will now explain in brief a news report the BBC had broadcast under the title "An interview with U Kyaw Zan Tha on the National Convention and the situation of Myanmar" on 22 May 2004 at 8.15 pm.

In the interview, the BBC said that Myanmar was experiencing economic hardships and the fall in the education standard; that the schools were built in the former paddy fields outside the towns; that there was the inadequate number of teachers; that some military officers were seeking means to send their children abroad for studies; that it seemed that the people found the National Convention boring; and that it was believed that if an outbreak of any unrest was impossible in Myanmar, it might happen only under the effective leadership and organization of a certain party. These were the lies aired by the notorious BBC with its ill intent for Myanmar and her people to face destruction.

The persons asking foolish questions and giving crazy answers in the interview acting hand in glove were U Kyaw Zan Tha and Daw Tin Hta Swe, who were Myanmar, born, brought up and educated in Myanmar.

The interviewee, U Kyaw Zan Tha, a haughty gentleman, entered Myanmar as a visitor, but not as a BBC correspondent.

A liar will be a saint till his fabrication is unexposed. And when his true identity was revealed, he sneaked out of the country at once like a thief. The BBC staff have never entered Myanmar in an honest way. They come to Myanmar under the guise of a teacher, a tourist or a company representative. And that is the usual practice they are following and handing down to newcomers.

As the radio stations like the BBC and the VOA are always launching slanderous attacks against Myanmar without any sincerity, they dare not enter the country honestly. They come to Myanmar without the sense of adhering to journalism codes of conduct to study her objective conditions and make fair international criticism and reports on her. How can they dare come to Myanmar honestly, as they have the evil spirit to make unjust slanders against the country and have the belief that if they report false news as a so-called witness, their fabrications will be accepted as true information?

The haughty Myanmar staff of the BBC are worse than their masters in making slanders against the country as they are afraid of losing their dollar-earning jobs. As they are criticizing Myanmar and her Government with heart and soul, I would like to ask them whether they have forgotten the gratitude they owe to the nation.

The truth is that there is no starvation and no homeless person in Myanmar. But there are homeless persons in the big countries the Myanmar BBC staff are relying on. Those homeless persons are sleeping in large card boxes on roadside platforms and parks.

The BBC also said that the schools were built in the former paddy fields outside the towns; and that the education standard was falling due to the inadequate number of teachers.

As the staff of the BBC, an internationally renowned media station, is indiscriminately spreading baseless rumours and gossips as news reports, I pity them, for, he is no more than a scoundrel.

Now, I will explain Myanmar's developing education sector. At present, there are over 40,000 basic education schools in Myanmar, up from over 30,000 in 1988. The number of students has reached over 7.5 million from 5.2 million in 1988. The strength of teachers in 1988 was over 170,000, and at present it is over 220,000.

In the higher education sector, there are now 154 institutions of higher learning including four new technological universities, two new computer science universities, 26 new technological colleges, 24 new

computer colleges, the Myanmar Maritime University and the Myanmar Aerospace Engineering University, in the nation, up from 32 in 1988.

As there is increase in the number of institutions of higher learning, the number of students has risen to over 890,000 at present from over 130,000 in 1988. And the number of faculty members at present is 16,600, up from 5,600 in 1988. In 1988 there were 59 degree courses and post-graduate courses. At present there are 316 such courses — 159 degree, post-graduate, pre-graduate, and diploma courses run by Human Resources Development Department, and 157 degree, post-graduate, diploma and doctorate courses conducted by institutions of higher learning.

The education sector of Myanmar is achieving progress to that degree, and yet there are slanderous criticisms against it. So, am I going too far to say that their slanderous criticisms show the status of the persons who are creating them? What kind of masters have taught those persons to say that the standard of education is falling as the schools are built in the paddy fields outside the towns?

The growing population of Myanmar has reached over 52 million at present, up from round about 40 million in 1988. Thus, new towns have been built, and the institutions of higher learning have to be built at spacious places far away from crowded areas. Shame on you, BBC staff of the Myanmar programme, if your intellectual level is not high enough to understand the fact.

In the interview, U Kyaw Zan Tha said that he felt that the people would be disappointed with the National Convention. Such a statement is so aberrant that it will be ridiculed by every quarter in the country. But the BBC staff dared to say so. I felt confused to hear it. The people are not disappointed with the National Convention. Only the BBC staff and the destructive elements from inside and outside the nation including Myanmar expatriates and fugitives, who want to disturb and stop the National Convention, are disappointed.

They are evil-minded persons as they wish to make things worse. Unlike the situation in 1988, Myanmar people at present are enjoying peace, stability, security and economic development. Thus, they oppose any act to cause unrest in the nation, and have already made a firm determination to crush such an act in accord with the People's Desire — To crush all internal and external enemies as common enemy. But without understanding the objective situation, the BBC staff are wickedly trying to act as big organizers, searching the best means to create unrest in Myanmar. Their acts under the guise of democracy will bring great sufferings to Myanmar people.

Another ridiculous lie he said was that his friends in Myanmar asked him the way to send their children abroad for educational purposes. In reality, the case was so simple: all parents wish to see their children educated, brilliantly qualified and securing high positions: in this regard, they asked him the means to send their children abroad. But he lied that the parents wished to send their children abroad as the education level was low in Myanmar. In reality, he has become so abnormal that he even fails to consider the gratitude he owes to the nation.

As I have said a lot, I am going to conclude my article. The over-bearing men and women staff of the BBC Myanmar programme are seeing the political, economic and education developments of Myanmar through their raging eyes or from the negative point of view, and creating fabrications to disturb and destroy Myanmar and her people. Although they are Myanmar, they are shamelessly betraying the national cause, acting as stooges to please their masters. So, I would like to say that they are like the persons who daren't show their face in public.

(Myanma Alin+Kyemon: 10-6-2004)
(Translation: TMT)

သစ်တောသစ်ပင် ချစ်ခင်တဲ့လူမျိုး
သစ်ပင်ကိုနှစ်စဉ်စိုက် ရွှေတိုက်ကိုစိုး။

Efficient use of electricity

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

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

Efficient use of fuel

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

All this needs to be known

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

မိုးညိုကျွန်း မိုးရာသီတွင်ဖြစ်တတ်သော
ရောဂါများအတွက်နူးဆော်ချက်

၁။ မိုးညိုကျွန်းရာသီတွင် အောက်ဖော်ပြပါ ကူးစက်တတ်သောရောဂါများ ပုံမှန်ဖြစ်ပွားလေ့ရှိပါသည်။

(က) ဝမ်းဖျက်ဝမ်းလျှောနှင့် ကာလဝမ်းရောဂါများအပါအဝင် ဝမ်းနှင့် ပတ်သက်သည့် ရောဂါများ၊ အသည်းရောင်အသားဝါရောဂါနှင့် သံကောင် တုပ်ကောင်ရောဂါများ၊

(ခ) သွေးလွန်တုပ်ကွေးနှင့် ငှက်ဖျားရောဂါ

(ဂ) တုပ်ကွေး၊ နှာစေးချောင်းဆိုးနှင့် အဆုတ်အဆေးမိရောဂါ

၂။ ဖြစ်ပွားရသည့်အကြောင်းရင်းမှာ—

(က) မိုးညိုကျွန်းမြို့တွင် လှိုင်လှိုင်ပေါလာသည့် အချို့စာတိပါသော သရက်သီး၊ ပိန္နဲသီး၊ ဖရဲသီး၊ ကြက်ဗောက်သီး၊ မင်းဂွတ်သီး စသည့်သစ်သီးဝလံများ၏ အခွံအရေ စသည်များကို စဉ်းကမ်းမဲ မဆင်မခြင် စွန့်ပစ်ခြင်းကြောင့် ယင်းပေါများခြင်း၊

(ခ) ရာသီဥတုအပြောင်းလဲမှုနှင့်အညီ ရာသီဥတု ပြောင်းလဲခြင်း၊

(ဂ) မိုးရွာခြင်းကြောင့်ရေလွှဲသဖြင့် ရေအိုင်၊ ရေကန်၊ ရေအိုင်၊ ရေအိုင်၊

(ဃ) ရာသီဥတု အပြောင်းလဲခြင်းကြောင့် အပူရုံခြင်း၊ အအေးပတ်ခြင်း၊

(င) ပတ်ဝန်းကျင်သန့်ရှင်းမှုနှင့် တစ်ကိုယ်ရေသန့်ရှင်းမှု နည်းပါးခြင်း၊

(စ) ကျန်းမာရေးနှင့်ညီညွတ်သည့်အသိပညာနှင့် အလေ့အကျင့်အားနည်းခြင်း၊

၃။ အောက်ဖော်ပြပါတို့ကို လိုက်နာကျင့်သုံးခြင်းဖြင့် ဖော်ပြပါ ရောဂါများ ကူးစက်ပျံ့နှံ့ခြင်းမှ ကာကွယ်တားဆီးနိုင်မည် ဖြစ်ပါသည်။

(က) အမှည့်လွန်အသီးများကို စားသုံးခြင်းမှ ရှောင်ပါ။

(ခ) ယင်းနားစာများကို မဆင်မခြင် စားသုံးခြင်းမှ ရှောင်ပါ။

(ဂ) စားကြွင်းစားကျန် အမှိုက်သရိုက်များနှင့် အညစ်အကြေးများကို စဉ်းကမ်းမဲ စွန့်ပစ်ခြင်းမှရှောင်ကြဉ်ပါ။

(ဃ) မိသားစုအတွင်းကျန်းမာရေးအသိပညာဖြန့်ဝေပါ၊လိုက်နာကျင့်သုံးပါ။

(င) တစ်ကိုယ်ရေ သန့်ရှင်းရေးကို ဂရုပြုလိုက်နာဆောင်ရွက်ပါ။

(စ) ရေကိုကျိုချက်၍ သောက်ပါ။

(ဆ) လတ်ဆတ်သန့်ရှင်းသည့် အသီးအနှံနှင့် အစားအစာများကို ပူပူနွေးနွေး ချက်ပြုတ်စားသုံးပါ။

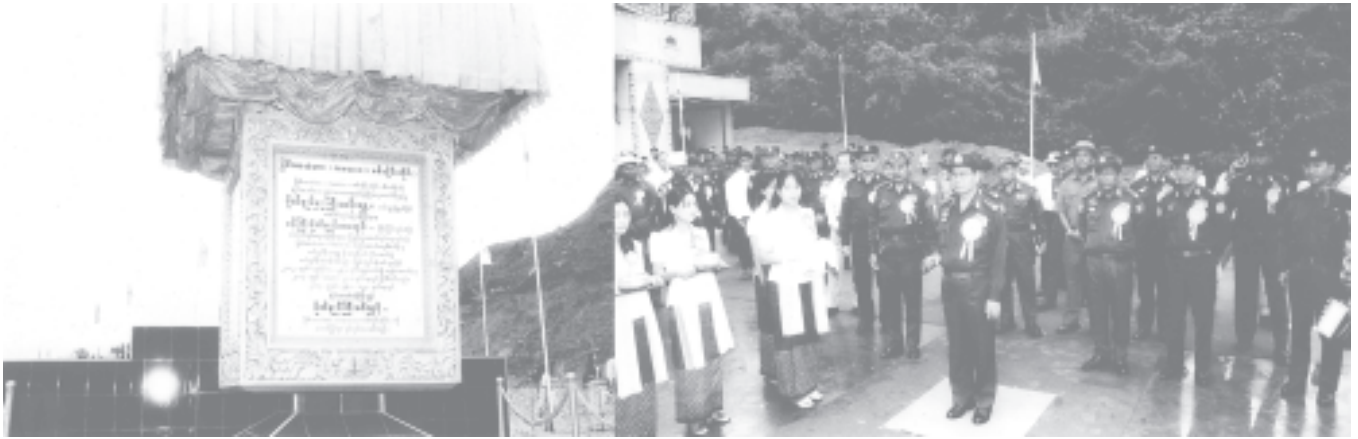
(ဇ) ရာသီဥတု အပူအအေး အပြောင်းလဲမှုကို သတိရှိပါ။

(ဈ) ပတ်ဝန်းကျင်သန့်ရှင်းရေးလုပ်ငန်းနှင့် ဖြစ်နိုင်သမျှ လုပ်ငန်းများကို အမျိုးသား၊ ရှေးအမြင်ဖြင့် ဝိုင်းဝန်းစုပေါင်းဆောင်ရွက်ပါ။

(ည) ရောဂါတစ်မျိုးဖြစ်ပွားပျံ့နှံ့ပါက ကျန်းမာရေးဌာနသို့ အမြန်သတင်းပို့ပါ။

(ဋ) လိုအပ်ပါက နီးစပ်ရာဆေးပေးခန်းဆေးရုံများသို့ အချိန်မီသွားရောက်

ပြသစစ်ဆေး ကုသမှုခံယူပါ။ ကျန်းမာရေးဝန်ကြီးဌာန



Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt unveils stone inscription of Myittha Bridge (Kalewa). — MNA

Thanks to transport ...

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Monywa-Yagyi-Kalewa motor road and bridges which are of paramount importance for the regions on the west bank of Chindwin river are the results of combined efforts of the Tatmadaw and departmental personnel. In other words, they are the fruitful results of concerted efforts of the State, the people and the Tatmadaw.

Nowadays, it has been a four-hour drive from Monywa to Kalewa. As a result, one can travel comfortably from Kalay to Mandalay. This will contribute to socio-economic



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Soe Win addresses opening ceremony of Myittha Bridge (Kalewa) in Kalewa Township. — MNA

development of the peoples of 55 villages in Kani and Mingin Townships. Therefore, the main roads and bridges are the good heritage of the future generations. The countless benefits will contribute much to regional development and development of border areas.

The people of Kani and Mingin regions who had to rely only on waterways of Chindwin in the past can now be able to travel from one place to another using motor roads. With better transport, urban and rural regions that are adjacent to the main road will see further development.

In addition, 36-mile long Mawlaik-Kalewa road is being built and people from Mawlaik region will be able to travel to Monywa region through Myittha bridge conveniently. Indeed, the Myittha Bridge, the Mawlaik-Kalewa road and big and small bridges along it are important transport infrastructures as regards development of Chin State, Monywa and western bank of River Chindwin, Kalay and Kalaywa regions as well as rural development. In addition, these facilities are beneficial to India-Myanmar border trade and they surely contribute towards further strengthening the national unity. Such transport facilities are important for strengthening national unity, ensuring rural and border developments and developing trade and business undertakings. In accordance with the guidance of Head of State Senior General Than Shwe, roads and bridges are built here and there to narrow down the development gap between one region and another throughout the nation. More roads and bridges are under construction too. He said Public Works built 172 bridges including Myittha Bridge, Defence Services Engineering Unit seven, Myanmar Railways six totaling 185 bridges. There were 21,483 miles of motor roads in 1988 and now there are 56,695 miles of roads including tarred, gravel and earth roads and the ones built by Development Affairs Committee and other organizations.

He said 12 major bridges including Myittha Bridge,

Monywa and Hsinbyushin Bridges across Chindwin River and Mu River bridge were built in Sagaing Division. Due to these bridges west bank regions of Chindwin River will develop sooner. With the development of State economy, infrastructures for transport were built one after another on self-reliance basis spending a large sum of money. Roads and bridges can be built because of better economic conditions and better transport brings about better economy.

At the same time, he said, investments on agricultural sector were made without delay for economic progress. Dams and river water pumping stations were built and underground water tapping projects were implemented to become Sagaing Division as a granary of upper Myanmar. Efforts are being made for extension of cultivation acreage and boosting per acre yield through new methods, he said.

Net cultivation acreage in Sagaing Division increased from 2.8 million acres to 3.9 million acres and cultivation acreage of various crops also increased up to 6.4 million acres. Cultivation acreage of paddy rose from over 1.2 million to 1.8 million acres. There are now surplus of 40 million baskets of paddy in the division. He said concerted efforts are to be made to produce surplus of 80 million baskets of paddy for the regions in upper Myanmar and Chin State.

He said it is important for Sagaing Division to boost production of agriculture, livestock breeding and industry year after year, making use of better foundations on economic, social and transport sectors created by the State. There are good prospects for development in the division. Water resources that can generate hydro-electric power exist along Chindwin River. On completion of Chindwin Valley development projects, production and living standard of the people in Sagaing Division will rise again, he said.

The government on its part is making endeavours for equal development of states and divisions and this means handing down better results of political, economic, social and transport sectors to posterity of Myanmar, he said.

He stressed the fact that the government is making



Commander Maj-Gen Tha Aye thanks for building Myittha Bridge (Kalewa). — MNA

efforts for the good of citizens with genuine goodwill. He pointed out that at a time when the State is building a modern and developed nation some big nations are putting pressure on the country politically and imposing economic sanctions. At such time, all the citizens have to work hard in unity for regional and national development based on its own strength and they are to safeguard the perpetuation of the State based on patriotism and the Union Spirit for perpetuity of the Union, he said.

He urged them to be well aware of the instigations to break up national solidarity among the national people resorting to various means and to remove such danger.

In conclusion, he said it is very convenient to travel easily to all the regions in the Union including Sagaing Division and Chin State with the help of new roads and

bridges. He urged all national races to strive to become a modern developed nation, to make efforts for enabling the Union to stand tall as long as the world exists and to maintain the roads and bridges for durability.

Next, Minister for Construction Maj-Gen Saw Tun made a speech. He said that Myittha Bridge (Kalewa) is the 12th bridge. It is a suspension bridge built of iron frames. The bridge was built of reinforced concrete approach bridges and of main suspension bridge installed with iron frames based on reinforced concrete foundation. The 1,320 feet long bridge has 28 feet wide motor road and four feet wide pedestrian ways. Its clearance is 500 feet wide and 14 feet high. It can withstand 60-ton loads.

The bridge has two unusual parts different from other bridges. The first is that the towers were built as A shape by connecting tops of them installed with cables of the main bridge. The second is that the concrete road was built on concrete tiles laid on the bridge.

In the past, vehicles including bicycles and motorbikes had to pass through the bridge with great care. Now, all big and small vehicles can drive on the bridge safely.

Local people residing on Myoma, Kyabin, Meime, Htongyi and other villages along Monywa-Ahlon-Yargyi-Myoma-Kalewa Road can easily travel from one place to another. Similarly, local people in Paluzawa and Nansalein villages can enjoy better transport of Mawlaik-Kalewa Road to go to Monywa or Chin State from Kalewa. Transport of local products can be made to all States and Divisions through Myittha Bridge (Kalewa). Local-made vehicles assembled at Kalay Industrial Zone can easily be transported to the main land as well as products from Pakokku and Monywa Industrial Zones to Kalay Zone through the bridge.

In addition, Kalay-Tamu Bridge can benefit development of border trade between Myanmar and India. Therefore, the bridge is important for building Asia-ASEAN Highway. Thanks to opening of the bridge, over 760,000 people residing in Kalay District of Sagaing Division and Falam District in Chin State will promote better relationship among them. The commander expressed gratitude on the occasion. A local from Kalewa Township expressed gratitude to the government for building of Myittha Bridge (Kalewa). Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt delivered a speech on the occasion. In his speech, the Prime Minister said that in spite of heavy rain, locals attended the ceremony and it indicated enthusiasm and unity of the people.

Thanks to the facility, the river-crossing one, local people in Chin State and its environs can keep in touch with those in other regions in convenience in a short time.

Now the government has built a transport network which covers the entire nation. So, it can be said that all the regions of the Union have got closer. Thanks to these transport facilities, the people will definitely enjoy higher living standard with strong economy in the near future.

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Minister for Construction Maj-Gen Saw Tun speaking at opening ceremony of Myittha Bridge (Kalewa). — MNA

Thanks to transport ...

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In addition to transport facilities which can raise socio-economy of the people and fortify national solidarity, the government is building universities and colleges essential for human resource development, hospitals for higher health standard of the people and dams, reservoirs and water pumping stations for the economic sector where necessary the length and breadth of the nation, aiming at ensuring equitable progress of all parts of the nation, narrowing down the development gap between urban and rural regions, elevating the living standard of the people and enabling the Union home to the national races to stand tall in perpetuity.

The government exerted construction experiences and modern technology in implementing the bridge project to ensure a strong and fine one. It reflects the State's consideration and care to the region.

United and collaborative endeavours of the people under the leadership of Head of State Senior General Than Shwe are yielding new roads and bridges one after another along with restoration of peace and stability and prevalence of law and order and greater economy of the people.

Employing these good infrastructures, the government is putting the State's seven-point policy programme motion for better future of the Union and emergence of a peaceful, modern and developed nation. The first of the seven steps — reconvening of National Convention — is now in progress. In conclusion, the General urged the entire people in all regions including border areas of the nation to heartily participate with Union Spirit in the tasks for accomplishment of these seven stages.

The opening of the bridge took place at the top of the facility. Lt-Gen Ye Myint, Maj-Gen Tha Aye and Maj-Gen Saw Tun formally opened the bridge.

The General and party posed for a documentary photo together with local residents. The General pressed the button to unveil the stone inscription of the bridge.

The General and party and guests took a walk along the bridge. — MNA



Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt, Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Soe Win and party pose for documentary photo with local people at archway of Myiththa Bridge (Kalewa). — MNA

Lt-Gen Maung Bo inspects agriculture, construction, education tasks in Myeik

YANGON, 12 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 Minis-

ter for Construction Brig-Gen Myint Thein, senior military officers, officials of the State Peace and Development Council Office and departmental officials, attended the demonstration to directly sow paddy seeds on five acres of farmlands in Taungpale Village, Pathoung Village-tract, Myeik Township, on 8 June morning.

Officials reported on direct sowing of paddy seeds for boosting per-acre yield. Lt-Gen Maung Bo gave necessary instructions. Next, the direct sowing of paddy seeds competition was held. Afterwards, Lt-Gen Maung Bo and officials of Myanmar Agriculture Service presented prizes to winners in the competition.

Next, Lt-Gen Maung Bo inspected progress in

building No 2 Myeik Circular Road. In the briefing hall, Staff Officer U Khin Maung Oo of Myeik Township Development Affairs Committee reported on construction of Shanchaung-Shwedu section of the No 2 circular road.

At the office of Myeik University construction site, Pro-Rector U Khin Maung Cho and engineers reported on facts about the university, construction of the main building, lecture halls and staff quarters.

On arrival at Myeik General Hospital, Medical Superintendent U Tun Lwin, specialists, doctors and nurses welcomed them. Lt-Gen Maung Bo inspected the patient ward.

They proceeded to Myeik Midwifery Training School of Medical Science

Department. In-charge of the school Daw San San Seint reported on matters related to the training school. Next, Lt-Gen Maung Bo presented K 400,000 to the funds of the training school to in-charge Daw San San Seint and K 100,000 for purchase of a generator to Division Health Officer Dr Swe Win.

They toured Myeik Basic Education High School Nos 3, 2 and 1 and inspected multimedia classrooms at the schools. At the hall of BEHS No 1, Lt-Gen Maung Bo met school heads and teachers of the schools in Myeik. After hearing reports by Myeik District Education Officer U San Lwin, Lt-Gen Maung Bo gave necessary instructions.

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Lt-Gen Maung Bo presents trophy to first-prize winning team in direct paddy seeds sowing competition in Myeik Township. — MNA

Rail Transportation Minister inspects Parami overpass

YANGON, 12 June — Minister for Rail Transportation Maj-Gen Aung Min, accompanied by Deputy Minister U Pe Than, Managing Director of Myanmar Railways U Min Swe and officials, this morning inspected the site of Parami overpass being carried out by Myanmar Railways under the Ministry of Rail Transportation and viewed the initial installation of 57-foot truss beam between piles 9 and 10. The minister gave instructions on project safety and quality control according to schedule. — MNA



National Convention delegates visit Hlawga Wildlife Park. (News on page 16) MNA



Lt-Gen Maung Bo inspects multimedia classroom at BEHS-3 in Myeik. — MNA

Work Committee for Myanmar Industrial Development, sub-committees meet

YANGON, 12 June—A coordinating meeting between the Work Committee for Myanmar Industrial Development and sub-committees was held at the hall of Ministry of Industry-2 yesterday afternoon. Present on the occasion were Chairman of Work Committee for Myanmar Industrial Development Minister for Industry-2 Maj-Gen Saw Lwin, Deputy Minister for Industry-1 Brig-Gen Kyaw Win, Deputy Minister for Industry-2 Lt-Col Khin Maung Kyaw, Deputy Minister for Labour Brig-Gen Win Sein, Deputy Minister for Science and Technology Dr Chan Nyein and chairmen of sub-committees and guests. First, the minister made an address. After hearing reports on measures taken by the chairmen of the sub-committees, he fulfilled the requirements. Next, the meeting came to an end with concluding remarks of the minister. —MNA

World Bank urges Indonesia to revive investment climate

JAKARTA, 12 June — Investment in Indonesia will remain in the doldrums unless clear signs are given to investors that various problems detrimental to the business climate here are being addressed, the World Bank has warned.

Andrew Steer, World Bank country director in Indonesia, said on Thursday investors have already realized that the complexity of the problems was too deep to be resolved overnight, but what they wanted to see was signs of a clear path towards improvement.

"Investors don't yet have confidence that this country is moving clearly in a certain direction," Steer was quoted Friday by *The Jakarta Post* as saying.

"They (investors) are not expecting solutions to these problems overnight, but they do not have confidence that the problems are being addressed."

The country's business climate has become worse

with investors shying away from the country and picking instead other nations in the region as their investment destination.

As investment, particularly much-needed foreign direct investment (FDI), remains in the doldrums, it is depriving the country of its economic engine.

The economy consequently, has been forced to rely largely on domestic consumption and exports which has resulted in only modest economic growth — 3 per cent to 4 per cent in the past several years.

The unfavourable investment atmosphere, due in large part to the weak legal system and corruption, has made Indonesia less competitive in terms of investment compared to other countries.

Steer said Vietnam has emerged lately as a favoured investment destination in the region, as it pertains to the legal system.

MNA/Xinhua

Air Asia leads low fare fillip in Macao

MACAO, 12 June — Malaysia's Air Asia brought the low fare war to Macao on Thursday by offering 10,000 seats at 149 patacas (about 19 US dollars) one way in a fillip to commemorate its new service from Macao to Bangkok.

Ticket booking of the two-hour flight became available Thursday as the company announced here that the launch of the new route is set on July 5. "Air Asia sees Macao as a tourists' attraction. It is unique as it is positioned as the gateway to Hong Kong and South China," said Tony Fernandes, group chief executive officer of Air Asia.

He said that Air Asia chose Macao over Hong Kong and other cities as its regional hub close to the projected market of China's Mainland because the Macao International Airport provides facilities and services more suitable for the

operation of low-cost airlines.

Upon the first launch of business in Macao, Air Asia set the normal two-way fare at 436 patacas (54.5 US dollars) on its Macao-Bangkok route to become the first low-cost airline in Macao.

Fernandes said that the company hoped to unveil the service between Macao and Kuala Lumpur in August. With an aim to gradually increase flight frequency, Air Asia plans to record over 10 million passengers via the Macao airport in the next 10 years.

The exposure of the low-cost airline forced the local carrier Air Macao to respond in a sharp price-reduction, cutting the price of two-way fare on the Macao-Bangkok line from 3,640 patacas (455 US dollars) to 435 patacas (54.4 US dollars) on a summer promotion. — MNA/Xinhua

Hong Kong bags elusive croc after seven-month hunt

HONG KONG, 12 June — Hong Kong conservation workers finally bagged an elusive crocodile on Thursday after it evaded and embarrassed some of the world's top croc hunters for months.

The reptile, thought to have been brought in illegally as a pet and later released in a river in the city's rural New Territories area, swam into a trap after a seven-month hunt involving everything from chicken heads to bamboo poles.

"Yes, we've got it," a spokesman for the Agriculture and Fisheries Department said on Thursday.

The 5-foot animal, named "Croc Croc Chan" after the family that first spotted it in October, became a media star in a city

better known for its gleaming skyscrapers and nightlife than its wildlife.

Its fame soared when it managed to give hunters from Australia and Mainland China the slip, and it attracted hundreds of tourists a day after newspapers splashed its picture on their front pages.

Experts said Croc Croc Chan, a salt-water crocodile, could grow to a length of 26 feet. Its species has the worst record for attacks on people.

The reptile will be kept in an animal shelter for a few weeks and will be moved eventually to a wetland park, an official at the Agriculture and Fisheries Department told a news conference.

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Home Depot to "decorate" China

BEIJING, 12 June — The US do-it-yourself retailer Home Depot, the leading home decoration merchandise provider in the world, is setting its sights on China's estimated 50-billion-US-dollar home-decoration market by opening a development office in the country, according to information released here Thursday.

Bill Patterson, the newly-appointed head of the Home Depot Asia division, says about 70 per cent of home-improvement spending in China is on decorating new homes, and that gives Home Depot a solid growth opportunity in its strength in merchandise and services geared toward home interior decoration.

China's annual GDP stands at about 1.5 trillion US dollars and its popula-

tion and personal property are increasing gradually. It is estimated that China's home-decoration market is rising by 20 per cent annually.

Previously, Home Depot had set up purchasing centres in Shenzhen, a booming city in south China's Guangdong Province, and Shanghai, a leading industrial and commercial centre of China.

Bill Patterson said Home Depot sees China as a largely untapped market because there are so few large-format home-improvement stores and a relatively limited competitive landscape. Established in 1978, Home Depot, the second largest retailer in the United States, registered a net profit of 1.1 billion US dollars in the first quarter of this year. — MNA/Xinhua

သတိပေးနူးဆော်ချက်

ခရီးသည်တင်မော်တော်ယာဉ်များအား ဖြိုခွင်းသို့ နေ့/ည ခရီးသည်ပို့ဆောင်နိုင်ရေးအတွက် သတ်မှတ်ခေါက်ရေနင်အညီ စက်သုံးဆီထုတ်ပေးထားပြီး ဖြစ်ပါသည်။ ယာဉ်စီးခများအားလည်း သတ်မှတ်နှုန်းထားများအတိုင်းတောင်းခံရန် ညွှန်ကြားထားရှိပါသည်။ သို့ရာတွင် အချို့ယာဉ်လိုင်းများမှ ယာဉ်မောင်းနှင့် ယာဉ်နောက်လိုက်တို့သည် ယာဉ်စီးခများကို ညပိုင်းတွင် ပို့မိတောင်းယူနေကြောင်း သိရှိပါသည်။ ထိုသို့ပို့မိတောင်းခံပါက ထိရောက်စွာ အရေးယူနိုင်ရန် အောက်ပါနံပါတ်များသို့ တိုင်ကြားနိုင်ပါသည်။

(၁) မြန်မာနိုင်ငံရဲတပ်ဖွဲ့၊ ရန်ကုန်တိုင်း (ဖုန်း ၁၉၉)

(၂) ကြီးကြပ်ရေးနှင့်ဆောင်ရွက်မှုဦးစီးဌာန (ဖုန်း ၂၅၁၂၅၁/၂၅၁၂၅၁)

(၃) မော်တော်ယာဉ်လုပ်ငန်းပေါင်းစုံထိန်းသိမ်းရေးကော်မတီ (ဖုန်း ၅၄၁၉၀၅/၅၄၁၉၀၅)

ယာဉ်စည်းကမ်းထိန်းသိမ်းရေးကြပ်မူကော်မတီ

အရက်ကြောင့်ဖြစ်သည့်ရောဂါများ

အရက်ကိုလွန်ကျွံစွာနှင့် စွဲလမ်းစွာသောက်သုံးခြင်းကြောင့် ဖြစ်ပွားတတ်သောရောဂါများမှာ အသည်းရောင်ခြင်း၊ အသည်းခြောက်ခြင်း၊ သွေးအန်ခြင်း၊ အစာအိမ်ရောဂါဖြစ်ခြင်း၊ နှလုံးရောဂါဖြစ်ခြင်း၊ ဦးနှောက်နှင့်အာရုံကြောထိခိုက်ခြင်း၊ စိတ်ရောဂါများဖြစ်ခြင်း စသည်တို့ဖြစ်ပါသည်။

အရက်ကြောင့်ဖြစ်တတ်သော စိတ်ရောဂါများမှာ -

၁။ ကယောင်ကတမ်းဖြစ်ခြင်း (Delirium Tremors)၊ ကြောက်လန့်ခြင်း၊ အချိန်၊ နာရီ၊ နေရာ၊ လူ၊ ခန့်မှန်းနိုင်စွမ်း မရှိခြင်း၊ ကြောက်စရာလန့်စရာများမြင်ရခြင်း၊ အသံလဲများ၊ ကြားရခြင်း၊ ပိုများများနွှားကိုယ်ပေါ် ရုတ်တရက်သလိုခံစားရခြင်း၊ လက်တုန့်ရောဂါဖြစ်တတ်ခြင်း။

၂။ အရက်အလွန်အကျွံသောက်သုံးခြင်းကြောင့် လူမရှိတဲ့ နားထဲတွင် ခေါ်သံများ၊ ခြိမ်းခြောက်သံများ၊ ဖော်ကားဖော်ကားသံများ ကြားနေရတတ်ခြင်း (Alcoholic Hallucinations)။

၃။ အတက်ကြီးရောဂါဖြစ်တတ်ခြင်း (Rum Fits)

(ဝက်ရုပ်မြန်ရောဂါကဲ့သို့တတ်ခြင်း)။

၄။ စိတ်ဓာတ်ကျရောဂါဖြစ်တတ်ခြင်း

(Depressive Illness)။

၅။ စိတ်ဖောက်ပြန်ခြင်း (Alcoholic Psychosis)။

၆။ ဦးနှောက်ချိုယွင်းခြင်း။

၇။ အရက်နှင့်မတည့်သောသူများသည် အရက်အနည်းငယ်သောက်ရုံဖြင့် ရုတ်တရက် စိတ်ဖောက်ပြန်တတ်ခြင်း (Pathological Drunkenness)။

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

၉။ အရက်ကြောင့် ရာဇဝတ်မှုကျူးလွန်သည်အထိ ဖြစ်နိုင်ခြင်း။

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

ကျန်းမာရေးဝန်ကြီးဌာန

Philippine rubber exports rise in first 4 months this year

MANILA, 12 June — The Philippine rubber exports rose 43 per cent year-on-year to 11 million US dollars in the January-April period from 7.8 million dollars due to higher demand, the National Statistics Office said Friday.

The Philippines took advantage of the high world price of rubber at around 1,000 dollars per metric ton, said Basilisa Ho, chairperson of Philippine Rubber Industries Association.

"Malaysia buys our rubber to process them," Ho said. "We also sell semi-processed rubber to China but only in very limited volumes."

The association has asked the government to increase tariffs on imported rubber products to protect the local rubber industry.

The Philippine authorities impose a 3-per-cent to 5-per-cent duty on such rubber products as plates, sheets and strips, hoses, conveyor or transmission belts, inner tubes (for tyres of cars and buses), nipples of feeding bottles, surgical gloves, floor coverings and mats, and vehicle parts.

A duty of 10 per cent applies to such rubber products as pneumatic tyres and footwear.

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တိဘီရောဂါ ကာကွယ်နိုင်နင်းရေး

(က) ရောဂါဖြစ်ပွားကူးစက်ပုံ

ဤရောဂါသည်တိဘီရောဂါဖြစ်သော ကူးစက်ရောဂါဖြစ်သည်။ ဝေဒနာရှင် ရှောင်ဆိုခြင်း၊ နှာချေခြင်း၊ သလိပ်တော့မှတစ်ဆင့် ရောဂါပိုးများ လေထဲတွင် ပျံ့နှံ့၍ ကူးစက်သည်။

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

(ခ) ရောဂါလက္ခဏာများ

- ရက်ရှည်ရှောင်ဆိုခြင်း (ရက်သတ္တပတ် (၃) ပတ်နှင့်အထက်)။
- ရှောင်ဆိုသွေးပါခြင်း။
- သလိပ်တွင် သွေးပါခြင်း။
- အဖျားတာရှည်ခြင်း။
- ခံတွင်းပျက်ခြင်း၊ မောပန်းလွယ်ခြင်း။
- ကိုယ်အလေးချိန်လျော့နည်း ပိန်ချိုခြင်း။
- ကျောရင်အောင်ခြင်း။

(ဂ) ကြိုတင်ကာကွယ်ခြင်း

- ရင်သွေးငယ်များအား ကာကွယ်ဆေး(ဘီစီဂျီ) ကို မပျက်မကွက်တိုးပေးပါ။
- အာဟာရပြည့်ဝသော အစားအစာများကို စားသုံးပါ။
- သင့်တင့်လျောက်ပတ်သောကိုယ်လက်လုပ်ရှားမှုပြုလုပ်ပါ။
- ရှောင်ဆိုခြင်း၊ နှာချေလျှင် လက်ကိုင်ပုလိကို အသုံးပြုပါ။
- သလိပ်နှင့်တော့ကိုစည်းကမ်းမဲ့ထွေးခြင်းမှရှောင်ကြဉ်ပါ။
- ဆေးလိပ်သောက်ခြင်းမှ ရှောင်ကြဉ်ပါ။

(ဃ) ကုသမှုခံယူခြင်း

- တိုက်ရိုက်ကြည့်ရှုအချိန်တိုနှင့်ကုန်သဖြင့် ရောဂါကင်းသည်အထိ ကုသမှု ခံယူပါ။
- ကုသမှုခံယူခြင်းသည်အခြားသူများသို့ ကူးစက်စေခြင်းမှ အကောင်အထူးကာကွယ်ခြင်း ဖြစ်သည်။

တိဘီရောဂါသဘာဝရှိလျှင် နှိပ်စပ်ကျန်းမာရေးဌာနတွင် စစ်ဆေး၍ တိဘီရောဂါရှိပါက အစွမ်းထက်သော တိဘီဆေးပါးများဖြင့် အခမဲ့ကုသမှုခံယူပါ။

ကျန်းမာရေးဝန်ကြီးဌာန

ပြည်ထောင်စုမြန်မာနိုင်ငံတော်
ဝန်ထမ်းရွေးချယ်လေ့ကျင့်ရေးအဖွဲ့
ကြော်ငြာစာအမှတ်၊ ၂၅/၂၀၀၄
(၂၀၀၄ခုနှစ်၊ ဇွန်လ ၃ ရက်)

လျှောက်လွှာခေါ်ယူခြင်း

၁။ စွမ်းအင်ဝန်ကြီးဌာန၊ မြန်မာ့ရေနံထွက်ပစ္စည်းရောင်းဝယ်ရေးလုပ်ငန်းတွင် လစ်လပ်လျက်ရှိသော အောက်ဖော်ပြပါ ရာထူးများအတွက် လျှောက်လွှာများအလိုရှိပါသည်-

စဉ်	ရာထူး	ယဉ်အရည်အချင်း	လစ်လပ်
(က)	ဌာနခွဲမှူး (စီမံရေး)	မြို့ပြအင်ဂျင်နီယာဘွဲ့	၂ နေရာ
(ခ)	ဌာနခွဲမှူး (စီမံရေး)	စက်မှုအင်ဂျင်နီယာဘွဲ့	၁ နေရာ
(ဂ)	ဌာနခွဲမှူး (စီမံရေး)	လျှပ်စစ်စွမ်းအား အင်ဂျင်နီယာဘွဲ့	၁ နေရာ

၂။ လျှောက်ထားသူသည်-

- (က) ပြည်ထောင်စုမြန်မာနိုင်ငံသားဖြစ်ရမည်။
- (ခ) ၆-၃-၂၀၀၄ နေ့တွင် အသက် ၃၅ နှစ် (ဝန်ထမ်းဖြစ်ပါက အသက် ၄၀နှစ်)ထက် မကျော်လွန်သူဖြစ်ရမည်။

၃။ လျှောက်လွှာကို ဝန်ထမ်းရွေးချယ်လေ့ကျင့်ရေးအဖွဲ့ရုံးသို့ ၆-၃-၂၀၀၄နေ့အရောက် ပေးပို့ရမည်။

၄။ လျှောက်လွှာတွင် ဖော်ပြရမည့်အချက်များ၊ ပူးတွဲပါရှိရမည့်စာရွက်စာတမ်းများ၊ ဝင်ကြေးခွင့် ၅၆/-ပေးသွင်းရမည့်နည်းလမ်း၊ ရေးမြေနှုတ်ငြေစစ်ဆေးမှုအတွက် လေ့လာရန်လိုအပ်ချက်များနှင့် စစ်လျဉ်း၍ ဤအဖွဲ့က ကြေညာချက်အမှတ် ၁/၉၁ဖြင့် ထုတ်ပြန်ထားသော **ဝန်ထမ်းရွေးချယ်လေ့ကျင့်ရေးအဖွဲ့က ကြော်ငြာခေါ်ယူသော ရာထူးများသို့ လျှောက်လွှာတင်သွင်းသူများအတွက် လမ်းညွှန်စာစောင်ပါ** သတ်မှတ်ချက်များနှင့်အညီ လိုက်နာဆောင်ရွက်ရန် ဖြစ်သည်။

၅။ **ရန်ကုန်မြို့နှင့်မန္တလေးမြို့** များတွင်ရေးမြေစာမေးပွဲစာစစ်ဌာနများထားရှိမည်။ မိမိဖြေဆိုလိုသော စာစစ်ဌာနကို လျှောက်လွှာတွင် ရှင်းလင်းတိကျစွာဖော်ပြရမည်။

၆။ ဝန်ထမ်းများသည် မူရင်းလျှောက်လွှာတစ်စောင်ကို မိမိတာဝန်ဆောင်သည့် **ဌာနအကြီးအကဲမှတစ်ဆင့် ဝန်ကြီးဌာန၏ ခွင့်ပြုချက်ရယူပြီး ဝန်ထမ်းရွေးချယ်လေ့ကျင့်ရေးအဖွဲ့ရုံးသို့ ၆-၃-၂၀၀၄နေ့အရောက် ပေးပို့ရမည်။** လျှောက်လွှာတစ်စောင်ကို ဝါတ်ပုံနှင့်အတူဤအဖွဲ့ရုံးသို့ တိုက်ရိုက်ပေးပို့ရမည်။

၇။ ၂၄-၃-၂၀၀၄နေ့နှင့် ၂၅-၃-၂၀၀၄နေ့များတွင် အရည်အချင်းစစ် ရေးမြေစာမေးပွဲကျင်းပမည်။ ၂၂-၃-၂၀၀၄နေ့မှစ၍ မန္တလေးတိုင်းအထွေထွေအုပ်ချုပ်ရေးဦးစီးဌာနရုံးနှင့် ဤအဖွဲ့ရုံးတို့တွင် ဖြေဆိုခွင့်ကတ်ပြားများကို ထုတ်ပေးမည်။

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ဝန်ထမ်းရွေးချယ်လေ့ကျင့်ရေးအဖွဲ့
ကြော်ငြာစာအမှတ်၊ ၂၄/၂၀၀၄
(၂၀၀၄ခုနှစ်၊ ဇွန်လ ၃ ရက်)

လျှောက်လွှာခေါ်ယူခြင်း

၁။ ကျန်းမာရေးဝန်ကြီးဌာန၊ ကျန်းမာရေးဦးစီးဌာန (ရန်ကုန်) မန္တလေးနှင့် တောင်ကြီးပြည်သူ့ဆေးရုံကြီးတွင် လစ်လပ်လျက်ရှိသော အောက်ဖော်ပြပါ ရာထူးများအတွက် လျှောက်လွှာများအလိုရှိပါသည်-

ရာထူး	ယဉ်အရည်အချင်း	လစ်လပ်
မဟာသိပ္ပံဘွဲ့ (၂ နေရာ)	မဟာသိပ္ပံဘွဲ့ (သို့မဟုတ်) ၂ နေရာ (ရူပဗေဒ) မဟာသိပ္ပံ(အင်ဂျင်နီယာ ရူပဗေဒ)	၂ နေရာ

၂။ လျှောက်ထားသူသည်-

- (က) ပြည်ထောင်စုမြန်မာနိုင်ငံသားဖြစ်ရမည်။
- (ခ) ၆-၃-၂၀၀၄ နေ့တွင် အသက် ၃၅ နှစ် (ဝန်ထမ်းဖြစ်ပါက အသက် ၄၀နှစ်)ထက် မကျော်လွန်သူဖြစ်ရမည်။
- (ဂ) လုပ်ငန်းသဘာဝအရ အမျိုးသားဖြစ်ရမည်။

၃။ လျှောက်လွှာကို ဝန်ထမ်းရွေးချယ်လေ့ကျင့်ရေးအဖွဲ့ရုံးသို့ ၆-၃-၂၀၀၄နေ့အရောက် ပေးပို့ရမည်။

၄။ လျှောက်လွှာတွင် ဖော်ပြရမည့်အချက်များ၊ ပူးတွဲပါရှိရမည့် စာရွက်စာတမ်းများ၊ ဝင်ကြေးခွင့် ၅၆/- ပေးသွင်းရမည့်နည်းလမ်း၊ ရေးမြေနှုတ်ငြေစစ်ဆေးမှုအတွက် လေ့လာရန် လိုအပ်ချက်များနှင့် စစ်လျဉ်း၍ ဤအဖွဲ့က ကြေညာချက်အမှတ် ၁/၉၁ဖြင့် ထုတ်ပြန် ထားသော **ဝန်ထမ်းရွေးချယ်လေ့ကျင့်ရေးအဖွဲ့က ကြော်ငြာခေါ်ယူသော ရာထူးများသို့ လျှောက်လွှာတင်သွင်းသူများအတွက် လမ်းညွှန်စာစောင်ပါ** သတ်မှတ်ချက်များနှင့်အညီ လိုက်နာဆောင်ရွက်ရန် ဖြစ်သည်။

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၆။ ဝန်ထမ်းများသည် မူရင်းလျှောက်လွှာတစ်စောင်ကို မိမိတာဝန် ထမ်းဆောင်သည့် **ဌာနအကြီးအကဲမှတစ်ဆင့် ဝန်ကြီးဌာန၏ ခွင့်ပြုချက်ရယူပြီး ဝန်ထမ်းရွေးချယ်လေ့ကျင့်ရေးအဖွဲ့ရုံးသို့ ၆-၃-၂၀၀၄နေ့အရောက် ပေးပို့ရမည်။** လျှောက်လွှာတစ်စောင်ကို ဝါတ်ပုံနှင့်အတူဤအဖွဲ့ရုံးသို့ တိုက်ရိုက်ပေးပို့ရမည်။

၇။ ၂၄-၃-၂၀၀၄နေ့နှင့် ၂၅-၃-၂၀၀၄နေ့များတွင် အရည်အချင်းစစ် ရေးမြေ စာမေးပွဲကျင်းပမည်။ ၂၂-၃-၂၀၀၄နေ့မှစ၍ မန္တလေးတိုင်း အထွေထွေအုပ်ချုပ်ရေးဦးစီးဌာနရုံးနှင့် ဤအဖွဲ့ရုံးတို့တွင် ဖြေဆိုခွင့် ကတ်ပြားများကို ထုတ်ပေးမည်။

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Mount Awu volcano erupts again

JAKARTA, 11 June — Mount Awu volcano on Indonesia's Sangehi island of North Sulawesi province erupted again and ash up 3,000-metres into the sky on Thursday, performing another major eruption this week.

"Around 5.29 am this morning, the Awu volcano hurled stones, rocks and other volcanic materials from its crater," Agus Solihin, a volcanologist at the nearby monitoring post in Tahuna of the region, was quoted by local internet media as saying.

Tahuna is the main town on Sangehi, a small island of 22,000 people off the North Sulawesi Province, 2,610 kilometers northeast of the Indonesian capital Jakarta. It is located just south of the Philippines' Mindanao Island.

A number of smaller eruptions and aftershocks followed the major eruption Thursday.

Solihin said Thursday's eruption caused no injuries because the majority of the villagers living in the zones of Awu's slopes had already been evacuated.

MNA/Xinhua

Donate blood

ပြည်တွင်းဖြစ်တိုးမှုအားပေးပါ

နိုင်ငံတော်အေးချမ်းသာယာရေးနှင့်ဖွံ့ဖြိုးရေးကောင်စီ
နယ်စပ်ဒေသနှင့်တိုင်းရင်းသားလူမျိုးများ၏ ဖွံ့ဖြိုးတိုးတက်မှု
အကောင်အထည်ဖော်ရေးလုပ်ငန်းကော်မတီအစီအစဉ်ဖြင့်
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လိုအပ်သော ရုပ်ပြင်သင်ကြားထပ်ဆင့်လွှင့်စက်ပစ္စည်းများ
ဝယ်ယူရန်တင်ဒါခေါ်ယူခြင်း

၁။ နယ်စပ်ဒေသများတွင် တပ်ဆင်အသုံးပြုရန်အတွက် အောက်ဖော်ပြပါ ရုပ်ပြင်သင်ကြားထပ်ဆင့်လွှင့်စက် စက်ပစ္စည်းများကို မြန်မာ့ကျပ်ငွေဖြင့် 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။

ရုပ်ပြင်သင်ကြားထပ်ဆင့်လွှင့်စက်များဝယ်ယူရေးကော်မတီ
နယ်စပ်ဒေသနှင့်တိုင်းရင်းသားလူမျိုးများဖွံ့ဖြိုးတိုးတက်ရေးဦးစီးဌာန
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Cambodia to publish first provincial newspaper

PHNOM PENH, 11 June — Regional newspaper, *Somme Thmey* (New Writing), for Cambodia's four main provinces will be launched on June 21.

"It is the first time and very important that Cambodia has the regional newspaper," Pen Bona, Editor-in-Chief of *Somme Thmey*, told *Xinhua* on Thursday.

"Local people in four provinces will be able to read the news about their own provinces. This is good," Bona said. He said the circulation will be 1,000 copies for each province of Siem Reap, Sihanoukville, Kampong Cham and Battambang.

"We start up with these provinces because they are big and have many potential readers. We will do more in other provinces when the project is successful," he said.

Somme Thmey, which is sponsored by

Asia Foundation's Fund, will be published in Khmer language weekly, covering politics, business, finance, economy, entertainment and tourism.

But it will come out only in every two weeks for June 2004. The 16-page newspaper will be sold for 1,000 riel (about 0.25 US dollar) per copy.

According to Bona, 200,000 millions US dollars have been spent on this project. He said that he hoped the project would be success and could be continued.

Cambodia has about 200 newspapers, which are based in Phnom Penh, according to Bona. — MNA/Xinhua

UAE among countries with lowest "AIDS" cases

ABU DHABI, 11 June — The United Arab Emirates (UAE) is among countries with the lowest number of HIV/AIDS cases, the *Khaleej Times* reported on Thursday.

A report by the World Health Organization (WHO) showed that the spread of HIV/AIDS in the Arab region has been relatively low, which stood at some 600,000 cases, said the report.

55,000 HIV/AIDS cases were infected in 2003 and about 45,000 reported deaths, it added.

However, the UAE should break its silence on the issue of AIDS and chalk out constructive awareness campaigns to curb the spread of the killer virus, Taghreed Haider, an information official of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) in Abu Dhabi office, told the newspaper.

The multiethnic social fabric of UAE characterized by high rates of people mobility, increasing unemployment and drug use makes it quite vulnerable to the killer disease with all possible risk of an accelerated spread of the epidemic, said Haider.

The scope to halt the HIV/AIDS still exists in UAE, and the issue requires our immediate response as building awareness is the only means to prevent the epidemic, the UN official added.

As part of its commitment to fight the disease, the UNDP, UNICEF, UNAIDS and WHO in collaboration with the Executive Board of the Health Ministers' Council of the Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) will hold a multi-sectoral workshop on leadership for an early response to HIV/AIDS in the Gulf Countries on June 26-27 in Manama, Bahrain. —MNA/Xinhua

Thailand auctions 3,000 crocodiles seized in drug bust

BANGKOK, 11 June — More than 3,000 crocodiles seized from a suspected drug kingpin went under the hammer on Thursday in the first auction of reptiles confiscated in Thailand's war on drugs.

"It's quite a strange auction because they are crocodiles," Justice Minister Pongthep Thepkanjana said at a farm north of Bangkok where buyers checked out the snapping beasts held in nearly 30 fenced ponds. "We auctioned them because they are property related to the narcotics trade," Pongthep told Reuters Television.

Some 9,200 crocodiles and 100,000 catfish were among the more exotic items seized by authorities in a crackdown on the country's notorious drugs trade last year.

Drug dealers often laundered their illicit wealth through legitimate businesses such as crocodile, ostrich and fish farms, and jewelry shops.

There were only three bidders and they paid 5.8 million baht (143,000 US dollars), well below the 10 million baht authorities had hoped to earn to defray the cost of keeping the crocs. — MNA/Reuters

မညာရေးဖြင့် ခေတ်မီပို့ပြီးတိုးတက်သော နိုင်ငံတော်ကြီး တည်ဆောက်အံ့

S Korean military demands much increased budget for 2005

SEOUL, 12 June — The South Korean Defence Ministry said Friday it has requested 21.4 trillion won (18.3 billion US dollars) for next year's budget, up 13.4 per cent from this year.

The request came several days after the United States said it would slash about one-third of its 37,500 troops stationed in South Korea by the end of next year, sparking security concerns in its major Asian ally.

The ministry said in a statement on Friday it requested the Ministry of Budget and Planning to approve its budget proposal, which includes a set of arms buildup projects such as the deployment of an airborne reconnaissance system and an advanced version of Patriot missiles.

Other force improvement projects include introduction of F-15K fighter jets, KF-16 jets, K1A1 armoured vehicles, Aegis-equipped destroyers and C4I, or joint Command, Control, Communication, Computer and Intelligence system, it said.

The expanded budget represents 2.9 per cent of the nation's gross domestic product, the ministry said.

South Korea and the United States are on the final stage on negotiating details of US troops relocation in the Asian country.

They had earlier agreed to move Yongsan Base which has some 8,000 US military personnel out of Seoul and redeploy the 12,000 US 2nd Infantry Division based near the inter-Korea border to Pyeongtaek, some 70 kilometres south to Seoul in the coming years.

With the realignment of the US Forces Korea (USFK), South Korean military should shoulder more defence responsibility. — MNA/Xinhua

"Doggie, speak" has new meaning in language study

WASHINGTON, 12 June — A clever border collie that can fetch at least 200 objects by name may be living proof that dogs truly understand human language, German scientists reported on Thursday.

The dog, named Rico, can fetch a newly introduced object when asked, even if he has never heard the name of the object before, the researchers say.

The findings, reported in the journal *Science*, may not surprise many dog owners. But they are certain to re-ignite a debate over what language is and whether it is unique to humans.

"We wonder what prevents animals from speaking. The limitations are not their capacity to hear or understand," Julia Fischer of the Max-Planck Institute for Evolutionary Anthropology in Leipzig told a news conference in Berlin.

Rico's abilities seem to follow a process called fast mapping, seen when young children start to learn to speak and understand language, they report. Fast-mapping allows children to form quick and rough hypotheses about the meaning of a new word the first time they hear or see it.

The 10-year-old dog, which beat human competitors to win a popular German TV talent show five years ago, lives as a pet with his owners Witold Krzeslowski and Susanne Baus of Dortmund, western Germany. — MNA/Reuters



A Sotheby's expert holds 'Titanic' mementoes, including a menu, in 2000. A menu from the final first class dinner aboard the Titanic has sold at an auction for 88,500 dollars. — INTERNET

UNCTAD warns of failure to reduce poverty in LDCs

SAO PAULO (Brazil), 12 June — Least developed countries (LDCs) are likely to become "the major locus of extreme poverty in the world economy by 2015" if without a strong link between trade and poverty reduction, the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD) has warned.

"International trade can play a major positive role in reducing poverty in LDCs. However, in practice this is not happening in many of them," UNCTAD said in its LDCs 2004 report released ahead of its 11th session, scheduled for June 13-18.

China improves management over on-line information

BEIJING, 11 June — China started a special web site Thursday for people to report illegal and unhealthy on-line information in a bid to create a better cultural environment for juveniles.

According to the guide on the web site, any Chinese citizen who found illegal or unhealthy information on line can report the web site, which must be in China, to the web site of net.China.cn.

The reporters' rights would be well protected and the Work Committee of Internet News Information Service would deal with the report, said Cai Mingzhao, vice director of the Information Office of the State Council, at Thursday's opening ceremony.

The web site was started as part of the efforts to build Internet into an important medium of advanced culture and also an important step to clear the environment around juveniles, said Cai.

The tenet of the web site is to "report illegal information, protect public interest".

Internet has been developing very fast since it came into China ten years ago. By the end of this year, China is expected to have nearly 100 million netizens, said Cai.

MNA/Xinhua

Most LDCs undertook deep trade liberalization in the 1990s and received some degree of preferential market access from developed and developing countries, "but trade liberalization plus enhanced market access does not necessarily equal poverty reduction", the report said.

UNCTAD attributed the failure to weaker linkages between trade and economic growth than in the more advanced developing countries. Civil conflicts in some of the LDCs have also been associated with immiserizing trade, it said.

The Geneva-based UN

body said a more effective link between international trade and poverty reduction could help prevent LDCs from being further marginalized in a globalized world.

It suggested in the report that actions be taken on three fronts:

- a two-way mainstreaming of both trade and development within national poverty reduction strategies;
- increased and effective international financial and technical assistance for developing domestic production and trade capacities;
- and an enabling international trade regime.

UNCTAD also called for

phasing out of agricultural support measures by developed countries, endorsing of new international policies to reduce vulnerability to negative commodity price shocks, opening market to LDCs complemented by new supply-side preferences, and enhancing South-South co-operation in the field of trade and investment.

Fifty countries in the world are currently listed by the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) as LDCs, of them 10 are in Asia, 34 in Africa, five in Oceania and one in Latin America. ECOSOC reviewed the LDCs list every three years.

MNA/Xinhua



A hi-tech car at a technology fair in Hanover, Germany. Scientists are seeking to protect drivers from their own mistakes. — INTERNET

China to clean up illegal web sites

BEIJING, 11 June — China will start soon a nationwide crackdown on illegal or unauthorized web sites, in a bid to create a clean information environment for the healthy growth of youngsters, according to the Ministry of Information Industry Thursday.

The ministry will cut off the connection of illegal web sites to servers, strengthen management on information at on-line BBS and chatting rooms, and set up a database for IP addresses in the clean-up campaign, said Minister Wang Xudong.

"In order to block charging channels of illegal web sites, the ministry will also check and standardize fee collection of some telecommunication companies, who take in payment of unhealthy information for these web sites," Wang said.

Telecommunication companies are also encouraged to support family users with technologies to filter out harmful information and with services to guarantee clean online environment.

Wang acknowledged that the Internet, as an outcome of the modern information and technological development, has played an active role in promoting China's economic growth, social progress and enhancement of people's living standards.

"But slack management has led to rampant spread of violent and pornographic information in the Internet, which can easily poison minors' mental health," he said.

He noted that the ministry is developing related software to direct the online game industry to a sound and positive growth, hoping to provide youngsters a colourful and healthy online environment for amusement and relax.

MNA/Xinhua

Tom Cruise, Sylvester Stallone to carry Olympic torch

LOS ANGELES, 12 June — Hollywood stars Tom Cruise and Sylvester Stallone will carry the Olympic torch when it arrives in Los Angeles next week on a 78,000-kilometre global relay, officials said here.

The pair will be joined by US comedian Ellen DeGeneres as celebrity torchbearers for the Los Angeles leg of the 2004 Olympic Torch Relay on Wednesday.

The Torch relay's commercial sponsor in the United States, South Korea's Samsung Electronics America, said the stars were picked because of the example they set to people.

Stallone said he hoped that "one of my greatest contributions is helping others learn about the importance of fitness and a healthy lifestyle."

MNA/Xinhua

SPORTS

Greece hit by new wave of injuries

PORTO, 11 June — Greek chances of causing an upset in the opening Euro 2004 Group A match against Portugal on Saturday have been hit by a new spate of injuries.

With expectations high after qualifying for the tournament top of their group, the Greeks have been plagued by injuries since leaving Athens two weeks ago.

Leading striker Demis Nikolaidis returned to training on Wednesday after a nagging calf problem but goalkeeper Antonis Nikopolidis, central defender Traianos Dellas and midfielder Vassilis Lakis are the latest additions to the injury list.

Nikopolidis, who kept a clean sheet in six successive qualifying matches, has a shoulder problem, while the towering Dellas has a back injury.

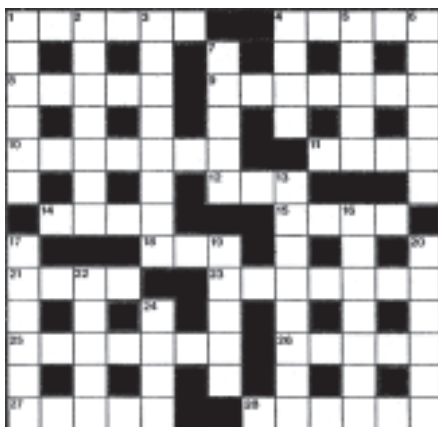
"We expect him to play on Saturday and that is why we are all over him to get him fit," team doctor Charis Christopoulos told reporters.

MNA/Reuters



French soccer players Thierry Henry (L) and Benoit Pedretti (R) stretch during a training session in Santo Tirso near Porto, on 11 June, 2004. France, who are drawn in Group B with England, Switzerland and Croatia will play their opening match against England on 13 June, in Lisbon. — INTERNET

CROSSWORD PUZZLE



ACROSS

- 1 Small metallic missile
- 4 Gemstone
- 8 Monetary unit
- 9 Poster
- 10 Told
- 11 Betting term
- 12 Pixie
- 14 Heavenly body
- 15 Leave out
- 18 Snake
- 21 Italian capital
- 23 Orator
- 25 Hide
- 26 Tempest
- 27 Panache
- 28 Receive

DOWN

- 1 Preceding in time
- 2 Circular
- 3 And so on (2,6)
- 4 Not at home
- 5 Prize
- 6 Firstborn
- 7 Digger
- 13 Conifers (anag.)
- 16 Annoying
- 17 Spring flower
- 19 Sacred song
- 20 On time
- 22 Cash
- 24 Lake

Totti keen to spread responsibility

LISBON, 11 June — Playmaker Francesco Totti, singled out by coach Giovanni Trapattoni as Italy's key player, has played down the significance of his own role at Euro 2004.

"I will take on my responsibility that's for sure but all the others have to do it as well. That is the only way we can do well," Totti told a news conference on Thursday.

Totti, Italy's main creative force in a role just behind lone striker Christian Vieri, said that while he enjoyed getting praise he did not want attention to be focused solely on his position.

"No-one should feel inferior to anyone," he said. "Everyone has their role to play. Of course it is nice to hear the praise but we are all good players here in this squad. That is why we are here."

"In the end there are many other players in this team who can make the difference on the field," Totti added. "The reality is that we have a lot of players on the same, high level and it is not the case that there are some players better than others."

"No-one can win a game on their own and everyone has their own precise role to play. In a team when everyone does exactly what they have to do then you can win," he added.

Totti said Vieri was one of the main assets available to Trapattoni and was convinced the partnership could make a big impact in Group C games against Denmark, Sweden and Bulgaria.

"With Bobo (Vieri) we have a perfect understanding and we are looking to get the very best out of each other," Totti said.

While there is no doubt that Italy expects the very best from Totti, who failed to live up to expectations at the 2002 World Cup and at Euro 2000, the player's situation at Roma has altered radically in recent weeks.

MNA/Reuters

Van Nistelrooy relishes chance to show true colours

LISBON, 11 June — Ruud van Nistelrooy will finally get the chance to show his true colours in a major tournament when he leads the Dutch attack at Euro 2004.

The Manchester United striker has survived a spat with Netherlands coach Dick Advocaat, various tactical experiments and a long-running rivalry with Patrick Kluivert to earn his belated opportunity on the big stage.

At the age of 27, van Nistelrooy is in his prime and having finally usurped Kluivert he will hope to repeat his prolific club form in his country's orange jersey.

Van Nistelrooy missed Euro 2000 through injury and the Netherlands failed to qualify for the last World Cup, so no player at the tournament in Portugal is more anxious to make up for lost time.

"I am very excited and I am looking forward to this," he told UEFA's website. "For me it is a fantastic feeling to

be now preparing myself and the team for this first big tournament." The lanky forward has scored more than 100 goals in three seasons with Manchester United but only 14 in 33 internationals, a modest record compared to Kluivert's 40 strikes in 79 games.

The pair share a birthday but never gelled as an attacking partnership and with Kluivert enduring a mediocre season at Barcelona, Advocaat decided the time was right to give van Nistelrooy his big chance.

Van Nistelrooy's failure to translate his club form to the international arena frequently frustrated him, most notably when he was substituted in a Euro 2004 qualifying defeat by the Czech Republic. As he left the field the striker kicked over a water bottle and expressed his displeasure to Advocaat in

no uncertain terms.

Advocaat dropped van Nistelrooy for disciplinary reasons but could not afford to ignore his claims long-term, and he returned to score a hat-trick in a 6-0 playoff victory over Scotland.

"I believe that van Nistelrooy is the best choice for the team," Advocaat said. "He has proved in the past that he can score at the top level. Ruud is a real match player."

Van Nistelrooy will get an opportunity to take revenge on the Czechs in a Group D match on June 19 but before that the Dutch face a heavyweight opening game against Germany.

Van Nistelrooy is itching to get started and is undaunted by the responsibility he carries after ending Kluivert's eight-year reign as the number one Netherlands striker. — MNA/Reuters

Referees named for first 12 Euro 2004 group matches

LISBON, 11 June — Following are the referees for the first 12 Euro 2004 group matches:

GROUP A

Portugal v Greece - Pierluigi Collina, Italy
Spain v Russia - Urs Meier, Switzerland
Greece v Spain - Lubos Michel, Slovakia
Russia v Portugal - Terje Hauge, Norway

GROUP B

Switzerland v Croatia - Lucillo Batista, Portugal
France v England - Markus Merk, Germany
England v Switzerland - Valentin Ivanov, Russia
Croatia v France - Kim Milton Nielsen, Denmark

GROUP C

Denmark v Italy - Manuel Enrique Mejuto, Spain
Sweden v Bulgaria - Mike Riley, England

GROUP D

Czech Republic v Latvia - Gilles Veissiere, France
Germany v Netherlands - Anders Frisk, Sweden.

MNA/Reuters



England's Steven Gerrard (L) is watched by Joe Cole (R) as he takes to the air during a practice session at the National Stadium in Lisbon, on 11 June, 2004. England will play their first match of the Euro 2004 Soccer Championships against France on 13 June.

INTERNET

MNA/Reuters

9:00	(9:00 - 10:00) Signature Greeting
9:02	Song of Myanmar Beauty & Myanmar Sights "Mingalabar"
9:06	Estasy of Life
9:10	Headline News
9:12	Pickled Fish from Shwe Kyin
9:15	National News
9:20	Aveyawady Second Defile
9:25	Sein-Kyaung-Nilar Royal Group Dance
9:30	National News
9:35	Paintings decorated by art of goldsmith
9:40	Song "Moonlight Flower (KTU)"
9:45	National News
9:50	Survey of Hu Koung Valley Tiger (Part-II)
9:58	Song of Myanmar Beauty & Scenic Sights "Come and See Myanmar"

15:30 **National News**
Signature
Greeting

15:32 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Myanma Pano-
rama & Myanma Sen-
timent"

15:36 Ecstasy of Life

15:40 **Headline News**

15:42 Pickled Fish from
Shwe Kyin

15:45 **National News**

15:50 Ayeeyawady Second
Defile

15:55 Sein-Kyaung-Nilar
Royal Group Dance

16:00 **National News**

16:05 Paintings decorated by
art of goldsmith

16:10 Song "Moonlight
Flower (KTU)"

16:15 **National News**

16:20 Survey of Hu Koung
Valley Tiger (Part-II)

16:30 **National News**



7:00 am

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- 7:25 am
2. To be healthy exercise
- 7:30 am
3. Morning news
- 7:40 am
4. Nice and sweet song
- 7:55 am
5. ယဉ်ကျေးလိမ္မာ (၃၀)ဖြာမင်္ဂလာ
- 8:15 am
6. ကွိုင်ကျရေညီနိုးထမ်း
- 8:30 am
7. International news
- 8:45 am
8. Say it in English
- 11:00 am
1. Martial song
- 11:10 am

16:35 Breeding and Production of Fresh water & Sea water Shrimp
16:40 Discussion Points on Lacquerware College
16:45 National News
16:50 The Fascinating Oceanography of Myanmar
17:00 National News
17:05 Myanmar Performing Arts Showroom
17:10 Song "Truth and Beauty"
17:15 National News
17:20 Myanmar Traditional Flower Arrangements (Iarp)
17:25 Songs of Myanmar Beauty & Scenic Sights "Come and See Myanmar"

19:30	Signature Tune
	Greeting
19:32	Song of Myanmar
	Beauty & Scenic
	Sights "Mingalabar"
19:36	A Visit to Lwe National
19:40	Headline News
19:42	Ayeyawady First De-
	file
19:45	National News
19:50	Travelling on the Chin
	Mountain Ranges
19:55	Lon Yuu Festival
	Dance
20:00	National News
20:05	Beauty of the Woman
	of Myanmar
20:10	Song "From the Golden
	National Convention
	Towards..."
20:15	National News
20:20	Survey of Hu Koung
	Valley Tiger (Part-I)
20:25	Myanmar Modern
	Song "Let go of me"
20:30	National News
20:35	Myanma Beauty &
	Myanma Nature Photo
	Contest
20:40	How to make Chinlone
20:45	National News
20:50	Myanmar Movies Impact
	"Believing in
	Love's Heart Beat"
21:00	National News
21:05	Song "Peace Be With
	You"
21:10	Illustrious handiwork
	in Kyeethe
21:15	National News
21:20	A Thousand Bo-trees
	from Greening Tropic
	Zone

21:25	Song of Myanmar Beauty & Scenic Sights 'Myanma Pano- rama' & Myanma Sen- timent"
21:35	Ecstasy of Life
21:40	Headline News
21:42	Pickled Fish from Shwe Kyin
21:45	National News
21:50	Ayeyawady Second Defile
21:55	Sein-Kyaung-Nilar Royal Group Dance
22:00	National News
22:05	Paintings decorated by art of goldsmith
22:10	Song "Moonlight Flower (KTU)"
22:12	Myanmar Traditional Pickled Tea
22:15	National News
22:20	Survey of Hu Koung Valley Tiger (Part-II)
22:30	National News
22:35	Breeding and Production of Fresh water & Sea water Shrimp
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23:05	Myanmar Performing Arts Showroom
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00:55	Khame Traditional Cultural Dance
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01:10	Song "Truth and Beauty"
01:15	National News
01:20	Myanmar Traditional Flower Arrangements (Harp)
01:25	Song of Myanmar Beauty & Scenic Sights "Come and See Myanmar"

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06:10	Song "Moonlight"

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	Song "Lover's Life"
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	Sights "Come and See
	Myanmar"

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Map showing the distribution of rainfall in the Bay of Bengal region, including India, Bangladesh, and Sri Lanka. The map displays various weather patterns, including high and low pressure systems, and indicates the direction and speed of winds. The Bay of Bengal is labeled, and the surrounding landmasses are also labeled. The map includes a legend for rainfall intensity (Moderate, Heavy, Very Heavy) and wind direction/speed (Wind, Wind with rain, Wind with hail, Wind with snow, Wind with ice).

Saturday, 12 June, 2004

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, rain or thunder-showers have been scattered in Kachin, Rakhine, Kayah and Mon States, Mandalay, Magway and Yangon Divisions and widespread in the remaining areas with locally heavyfall in Mandalay Division and isolated heavyfall in Magway Division. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Loikaw (2.64) inches, Meiktila (2.48) inches, Mawlaik (2.34) inches, Kalewa (2.09) inches, Myitkyina (2.05) inches, Mindat (1.97) inches, Pakokku (1.77) inches, Mandalay (1.65) inches and Maubin (1.61) inches.

Maximum temperature on 11-6-2004 was 31.0°C (88°F). Minimum temperature on 12-6-2004 was 20.7°C (69°F). Relative humidity at 9:30 hrs MST on 12-6-2004 was 88%. Total sunshine hours on 11-6-2004 was (3.7) hours approx. Rainfall on 12-6-2004 was 31mm (1.22 inches) at Yangan Airport, 31mm (1.22 inches) at Kaba-Aye and 24mm (0.95 inch) at central Yangan. Total rainfall since 1-1-2004 was 663mm (26.10 inches) at Yangan Airport and 545mm (21.46 inches) at Kaba-Aye and 686 mm (27.01 inches) at central Yangan. Maximum wind speed at Yangan (Kaba-Aye) was 15 mph from Southeast at (12:38) hours MST on 11-6-2004.

Bay of Bengal: Yesterday's low pressure area over Bay of Bengal has further intensified into a depression and moved Northwest wards. According to the observations at (12:30) hrs MST today, it is crossing Andra Coast (India), Southwest of Kolkatta. Monsoon is generally strong in the Bay of Bengal. **Forecast valid until evening of the 13-6-2004:** Rain or thundershowers will be widespread in Kachin, Chin, Mon and Kayin States, Sagaing, Ayeawady, Yangon, Bago and Taninthayi Division, and scattered in the remaining areas with likelihood of isolated heavyfalls in Taninthayi Division, Mon and Kayin States. 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:** Likelihood of increase of rain in the Southern Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 13-6-2004: Some rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%). **Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 13-6-2004:** Isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).



8.30 am Brief news

8.35 am	Music: Show me love (Robyn)
8.40 am	Perspectives
8.45 am	Music: Don't close your eyes (Kox)
8.55 am	National news/Slogan
9.05 am	Music: I feel love (Venessa)
9.10am	International news
9.15 am	Music: Wild at heart (Moffatts)
1.30 pm	News/Slogan
1.40 pm	Story for children - The wood cutter and elephant make Keeper
1.50 pm	Song for children
9.00 pm	Weekly news review
9.10 pm	Music
9.15 pm	Article
9.25 pm	Let's Improve English through Songs' Latest Hits/ Adapted originals
9.45 pm	News/Slogan
10.00 pm	PEL

2. Musical programme
11:30 am
 3. Round-up of the week's International news
11:40 am
 4. နိုင်ငံခြားစာတလမ်းထဲ
 “နက်ရှိုင်းမေတ္တာ” (အရိုင်း-၅၀)
12:10 pm
 5. ရုပ်မြင်သံကြားတေးဂီတ
 လင်းခေးတံတား
1:20 pm
 6. Teleplay:
 “အထွေ့လေးရသံမှ ခိုအကြူ”
 ကော်ဟိန်း၊ မင်းဦး၊ မျိုးသန့်ဝထွန်း၊
 ခါနီတံတား-မောင်ဝထွန်း
2:45 pm
 7. International news
4:00 pm
 1. Martial song
4:15 pm
 2. Songs to uphold
 National Spirit
4:30 pm
 3. English for Everyday Use
4:45 pm
 4. အခေါ်သင်ကြားထုတ်ပို့ ပညာရေး
 ရုပ်မြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ
 -ဒုတိယနှစ် (သတ္တဗေဒ၊ ရုက္ခဗေဒ၊
 အထူးပြုများ) (သတ္တဗေဒ)
5:00 pm
 5. Song of national races
5:15 pm
 6. Agricultural Source
 Country's Development
5:25 pm
 7. Musical programme

5:40 pm
8. သားဖျင်းတိုဆုံးရည်ရာ
ပြည်ထောင်စု တိုင်းရင်းသားစကားပြော

5:55 pm
9. Sing and Enjoy

6:30 pm
10. Evening news

7:00 pm
11. Weather report

7:05 pm
12. နိုင်ငံခြားစာတိုလမ်းကွေ့ “နင်းပွင့်”
(အရိုင်း-၂၀)

7:35 pm
13. ဆေးဖျင်းဝေစဉ် ရှမ်းတို့ဥပဒေ
(ဘောင်းရိုင်း)

7:45 pm
14. ကော့လက်ဒေသတစ်စွပ်အလှဆင်

8:00 pm
15. News

16. International news

17. Weather report

18. Myanmar video feature:
“သဒ္ဒါ” (အရိုင်း-၂)
လွင်ဖိုး၊ အိန္ဒြာကျော်စင်
ဒါရိုက်တာ-ဒေါ်နု

10:30 pm
19. Euro 2004 ဘောလုံးပြိုင်ပွဲ
တိုက်ရိုက်ထုတ်လွှင့်မှုအစီအစဉ်
(ချစ်စရာနဲ့ နှင့် ခရီးအားရှား)

1:15 am
20. Euro 2004 ဘောလုံးပြိုင်ပွဲ
တိုက်ရိုက်ထုတ်လွှင့်မှုအစီအစဉ်
(ပြိုင်သစ် နှင့် အင်္ဂလန်)

23. The next day's
programme

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



Lt-Gen Maung Bo delivers an address at coordination meeting to build Myeik-Taninthayi-Bokpyin Road.— MNA

Lt-Gen Maung Bo attends coord meeting to build Myeik-Taninthayi-Bokpyin Road

YANGON, 12 June— Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Maung Bo of the Ministry of Defence attended the coordination meeting on construction of building Myeik-Taninthayi-Bokpyin Road held at the hall of Coastal Region Command Headquarters on 9 June.

Present were 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, senior military officers, officials of the State Peace and Development Council Office and departments concerned.

Taninthayi Division Superintending Engineer U Ba Wan reported on progress in building Myeik-Taninthayi-Bokpyin Road and completion of Myeik bypass, Chief Engineer (Road) U Kyaw Tint on upgrading of the roads, construction of conduits and availability of gravel and Chief Engineer (Mechanical) U Aung Min on distribution

of heavy machinery on respective road sections. The deputy minister gave a supplementary report. The commander reported on use of heavy machinery, fuel and gravel.

Lt-Gen Maung Bo gave instruction on Myeik-Taninthayi-Bokpyin Road to be completed in December to emerge a 14 feet wide gravel one for public use all the year round, fuel matters, production of gravel and supervision for construction of the road to meet set standard.

Next, he met local authorities and departmental officials at the same venue. The commander reported on progress of the division. Officials also submitted their respective reports. After hearing the reports, Lt-Gen Maung Bo gave necessary instructions.— MNA



Coord meeting on calculation of urban and rural GDP

YANGON, 12 June — The Planning Department under the Ministry of National Planning and Economic Development held the coordination meeting for calculating Rural and Urban GDP at the meeting hall of the department on Theinbyu Road this afternoon. Present on the occasion were the Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha, the Director-General and the Deputy Director-General of Planning Department, directors and deputy directors and officials.

Next, the minister gave instructions upon tasks to be carried out in calculating GDP by the value of the horticultural crops of the regions and to take help of local authorities if necessary. The meeting was attended by 120 employees from States and Divisions and will be continued to 15 June. — MNA

NC delegates tour Yangon

YANGON, 12 June— Members of the panel of chairmen of delegate groups and delegates to the National Convention paid homage to Botahtaung Pagoda and visited the Defence Services Museum and Hlawga Wildlife Park this morning.

Accompanied by officials of the Invitation and Accommodation Sub-committee, members of the panel of chairmen and delegates to the National Convention went to Botahtaung Pagoda where they were welcomed by Chairman of Port Township Peace and Development Council U Maung Maung Kyi and members of the pagoda board of trustees.

In the NanU Buddha Image Tazaung, members of

the pagoda board of trustees U Khin Swe extended greetings and U Khin Maung Win and U Aung Hsu explained history of the hair relic of the Lord Buddha and the pagoda and all-round renovation tasks and history of the NanU Buddha Image. Next, members of the excursion group presented K 122,720 to members of the pagoda board of trustees who gave away books about the history of Botahtaung Pagoda written by Bonpyan Sayadaw U Paññasami to the panel of chairmen and the delegates. The delegates paid homage to the hair relic and visited the pagoda.

Next, they proceeded to the Defence Services Museum on Shwedagon Pagoda

Road. Staff Officer (Grade-II) Maj Kyaw Kyaw Myint extended greetings and explained facts about the museum. The panel of chairmen and delegates viewed booths at the museum. Officials conducted them round the museum. On arrival at Hlawga Wildlife Park in Yangon North District, Director U Myint Sein of Forest Department, Administrator Dr Myint Sein of the park and officials welcomed the excursion group. Director U Myint Sein extended greetings to them. Next, the delegates visited the booth of environmental conservation and places of animals. They visited the park by car and left there at 11.15 am.

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Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha attends meeting to calculate urban and rural GDP of Planning Department.— NPED



Delegates of National Convention visit Defence Services Museum.— MNA

With hands linked firm around the National Convention.