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Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt and party inspect Orchid Garden and Finger Lake housing estates of FMI City in Hlinethaya Township.—MNA

Prime Minister attends opening of school buildings in Hlinethaya Township

YANGON, 19 June—The new buildings of No 20 Basic Education Primary School, Shwelinban Industrial City Pre-primary School, No 6 Post-Primary School and No 47 Primary School in Hlinethaya Township were launched at the respective schools this morning, attended by Chairman of Myanmar Education Committee Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt.

These facilities were built with the contributions of the Department of Human Settlement and Housing Development under the Ministry of Construction.

Also present on the occasion were the ministers, the Yangon mayor, the deputy ministers, officials of the State Peace and Development Council Office, departmental heads, local authorities, social organiza-

tions, townsenders, wellwishers, members of the school boards of trustees and parent-teacher associations, principals, teachers and students.

The opening of the building of the No 20 BEPS in Hlinethaya Township took place starting at 9.30 am at the school. Minister for Construction Maj-Gen Saw Tun and Minister for Education U Than Aung formally opened it.

The General and party inspected the building and classrooms.

Next, the General and party attended the opening of Shwelinban Industrial City Pre-primary School. Minister Maj-Gen Saw Tun and Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Maj-Gen Sein Htwa formally opened it.

The General and party

inspected skill demonstration of the students and gave necessary instructions.

The General and party also attended the opening of the building of No 6 Post-primary school in Hlinethaya Township. Minister Maj-Gen Saw Tun and Minister U Than Aung formally opened the building by cutting the ribbon.

The opening ceremony of these buildings was held at the school. Director-General of the DHSHD U Arnt Kyaw explained the purpose of the donation and called on students, parents and teachers to maintain these facilities for durability.

Next, Deputy Director General of Department of Human Settlement and Housing Development Col Aung Win handed over the documents related to the buildings to Director-Gen-

eral of No 3 Basic Education Department U Aye Kyu.

Wellwishers donated cash for basic education primary schools, post-primary schools and pre-primary schools in Hlinethaya Township to the ministers.

Headmaster U Win Hla of No 6 Basic Education Post-primary School thanked the donors.

Next, Minister for Education U Than Aung said he was very pleased to see the emergence of new magnificent schools with the assistance of the wellwishers under the supervision of DHSHD. Hlinethaya Industrial Zone is developing rapidly. In the education sector, pre-primary schools and university were opened there and it can be called Education City. Students in the town-

Four political objectives

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

Four economic objectives

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

Four social objectives

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

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ship can now get full opportunity to pursue education.

He said the government is making efforts to boost human resources and uplift of education and building a modern developed nation.

He also thanked entrepreneurs and wellwishers for their cooperation.

Chairman of Myanmar Education Committee Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt and party inspected multimedia teaching centres.

The Prime Minister and party attended the opening ceremony of No 47 Basic Education Primary School.
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The housing estate built by FMI Garden Development Ltd seen in FMI City in Hlinethaya Township.—MNA

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

PERSPECTIVES

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Towards national development

For the equitable development of the Union, the Government is implementing the border areas and national races development project, the project for 24 Special Development Regions and the five rural development tasks harmoniously.

While the Government is providing necessary assistance to each and every region to have a strong economy and for regional development, local people, service personnel and members of social organizations, on their part, are to make concerted efforts for development of the respective regions.

On his tour of Sagaing Division, Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt met members of Pale and Budalin Township Peace and Development Councils, departmental personnel, members of social organizations and townsenders on 12 June. According to their reports, the Prime Minister fulfilled the requirements in agriculture, livestock breeding, education, health and transportation.

In meeting members of Township Peace and Development Council, departmental personnel, members of social organizations and townsenders at the Myawady Hall in Budalin, the Prime Minister said that although the country is not rich, the magnitude of investment poured into the development of Sagaing Division is not small, that infrastructures for agriculture, industry, education, health, transport and human resources have been built and that such infrastructures have also been established in other states and divisions.

Local people, in cooperation with departments, are to implement projects for regional development.

There is some weakness in paddy cultivation in Pale and Budalin Townships to meet local food sufficiency fully. Therefore, all-out efforts are to be made for boosting paddy cultivation.

The committees formed are to implement the tasks for local rice sufficiency, rural development, human resource development and greening of environs through collective efforts.

Development of townships and districts means development of the states and divisions. Making effective use of better foundations in Sagaing Division created by the State, officials are to strive for higher development in the region raising whatever role they are in.

The harmonious and equitable development between one region and another, between urban and rural areas and between border areas and the interior will help raise economic and social standards of national races, thereby strengthening national solidarity.

The entire national people, realizing the goodwill of the State, are to strive for boosting regional development thereby ensuring national development.

National Convention delegates entertained with films at Nyaungnapin Camp

YANGON, 19 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 Nyaungnapin Camp.

Yesterday evening, the delegates were entertained with a film entitled "Myit Toe Ei Maya" (Trickiness of River) directed by Mee Pwa and starring Yan Aung, Ye Aung, May Than Nu and Soe Moe Kyi.

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

Sitagu Sayadaw arrives back from England

YANGON, 19 June— Honorary Professor of International Theravada Buddhist Missionary University Chancellor of Sitagu International Buddhist Academy of Sagaing Agga Maha Pandita Agga Maha Saddhamma Jotikadhaja Maha Dhammakahitika Hitadhara Sitagu Sayadaw Dr Bhaddanta Nanissara arrived back here by air this morning after attending the final rites of Buddha Vihara Monastery Presiding Nayaka foreign missionary Sayadaw Agga Maha Pandita Dr Bhaddanta Revatadhamma Mahathera held in Birmingham, England, on 4 June.

The Sitagu Sayadaw was welcomed back at Yangon International Airport by Deputy Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Aung Ko, Director-



Sitagu Sayadaw Dr Bhaddanta Nanissara being welcomed back at the Yangon International Airport. — MNA

General of Religious Affairs Department Dr Myo Myint and departmental officials, Secretary of Lower Myanmar Sitagu Kappiya Karaka Group U Han and disciples.—MNA

Sharp Sale Centre opened

YANGON, 19 June— Sharp Roxy Sale (S) Pte Ltd and Ambur Electronic opened the Sharp sale centre at 122, Maha Bandoola Park Street, this morning.

Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung, Mr Hiroyuki Nuizato of Sharp Roxy Sales S'pore, Ambur Electronic Resident Representative Mr Steven Sng, CEO Mr M Fujiki of Sharp Asian Operation and MG Mr S Marusue of Sharp Roxy S'pore formally opened the centre and inspected it.

Also present on the occasion were deputy directors-general of the Ministry of Religious Affairs, Managing Director Mr Hiroyuki Nuizato of Sharp Roxy Sale S'pore, employees and journalists.

Hailing the Fourth World Buddhist Summit to be hosted by Myanmar, CEO Mr M Fujiki of Sharp Asian Operation donated K 1.5 million for installation of water purifier at Maha Pasana Cave at Kaba Aye. Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung accepted the donation.

LCD TV, Plasmacluster, Solar Cell, DVD, VCD, Theatre Projector, Digital Video Camera, Hi-Fi cassette, refrigerator, washing machine, air-conditioner, micro-wave oven, vacuum cleaner, air cleaner and others are available at the centre. — MNA

POEM:

Media tree that will ever keep bearing fruit

- * In Shan State (North) Southeastern region Today there emerges A media tree for the people.
- * The huge media tree The fruit sweet and luscious Full of nutrition For people of the region To share and to enjoy With new strength and plentiful Will be fruitful forever.

(Dedicated to the opening today of the Sub-printing House of News & Periodicals Enterprise in Lashio.)

Po Wa (Trs)



CEO Mr M Fujiki of Sharp Asian Operation hands over donation of K 1.5 million for 4th Buddhist Summit to Minister Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung. — MNA

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သို့ပါ၍ ငါးရစ်တက်ချိန်နှင့် ငါးသန်သားပေါက်သော မိုးရာသီအချိန်များတွင် လွတ်လပ်စွာ ဥချသားပေါက်နိုင်ရန် ဖမ်းဆီးခြင်းမပြုဘဲ ဘေးမလေးကြပါရန် နှိုးဆော်အပ်ပါသည်။

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ဥကုပ်နေသောရေချိုပုစွန်ထုပ်ကြီးများဖမ်းရန် ပညာရေးနှင့်ဆက်သွယ် (၂/၉၇)

တန်ခူး၊ ကဆုန်၊ နယုန်လများတွင် ဥကုပ်နေသော (သို့) ဥနှင်ပြည့်ဝနေသော ရေချိုပုစွန်ထုပ်ကြီးများသည် မြန်မာနိုင်ငံတစ်ဝန်းလုံးရှိ မြစ်၊ ချောင်း၊ အင်းအိုင်များတွင် ဥချရန် ပြင်ဆင်လျက်ရှိပါသည်။ ၎င်းတို့မှ မကြာမီ ထောင်ပေါင်းများစွာသော ပုစွန်များလည်း ပေါက်ပွားလာတော့မည် ဖြစ်ပါသည်။ အကယ်၍ အဆိုပါဥကုပ်နေသော (သို့) ဥနှင်ပြည့်ဝ နေသော ပုစွန်ထုပ်ကြီးများအား ဖမ်းဆီး သတ်ဖြတ်ခဲ့ပါက ၎င်းတို့မှ ပုစွန်သားလောင်းများ ပေါက်ပွားနိုင်တော့ဘဲ မျိုးပြန့်တီးရာလည်း ရောက်စေပါသည်။ ရေချိုပုစွန်များ ပေါက်ပြည့်ဝနေသော ရေချိုပုစွန်ထုပ်ကြီးများအား ဖမ်းဆီးခြင်း၊ သတ်ဖြတ်ခြင်း၊ သယ်ယူခြင်း၊ သိုလှောင်ခြင်း၊ လက်ဝယ်ထားခြင်း၊ အရောင်းအဝယ် ပြုလုပ်ခြင်းများ မပြုလုပ်ရန် မွေးမြူရေးနှင့် ရေလုပ်ငန်း ဝန်ကြီးဌာန၊ ငါးလုပ်ငန်းဦးစီးဌာနက အမိန့်ကြော်ငြာစာ အမှတ် (၁/၉၂)ဖြင့် တားမြစ်ထားပါသည်။ အဆိုပါ တားမြစ်ချက်ကို လိုက်နာခြင်းမရှိပါက ရေချိုငါးလုပ်ငန်း ပဉ္စပဒေသာ(၄၅)၊ (၄၄၊ ၄၅)ပါ ပြဋ္ဌာန်းချက်များအရ တရားစွဲဆို အရေးယူခြင်းခံရမည် ဖြစ်ပါသည်။

သို့ဖြစ်ပါ၍ ရေချိုပုစွန်ထုပ်ကြီးများ ရေရှည်တည်တံ့စေရန် ယခုကဲ့သို့သော ဥကုပ်သော ရာသီချိန်တွင် ဖမ်းဆီးခြင်းမပြုဘဲ နေရာတိုင်းတွင် ဘေးမလေးကြရန် အသိပေး နှိုးဆော် အပ်ပါသည်။

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Report says US officer faced pressure from high up over Iraq prisoners

WASHINGTON, 18 June— The top US military intelligence officer at Iraq's notorious Abu Ghraib prison testified he was under pressure from the White House, Pentagon and the CIA to glean more information from prisoners, a US newspaper reported.

Steven Jordan said in sworn statements to army investigators obtained by *USA Today* that in November an aide to National Security Adviser Condoleezza Rice visited the prison to discuss "detainee operations and reporting."

Jordan, a lieutenant colonel, told investigators that during his time at Abu Ghraib—from 17 September to 22 December—he was reminded "many, many, many times" of the need to improve the intelligence output of the prison.

Abu Ghraib, a dreaded jail

under the former regime of Saddam Hussein, shot to notoriety again when graphic images were broadcast around the world of US soldiers physically and sexually humiliating naked Iraqi inmates, in violation of the Geneva conventions.

Jordan's statements do not shed light on how high up the chain of command was the approval to abuse prisoners to get information, said the daily, but they give new insights into the intensity of the demands on commanders to get information that could

reduce the violence against US occupation troops.

Seven prison guards have been charged with abuse at Abu Ghraib. None of their superiors have been held responsible despite statements from the guards that they had received instructions to soften the detainees for interrogation.

Fran Townsend, Rice's aide who visited Abu Ghraib, told *USA Today* that Jordan's statement that she pressured him to extract more information from prisoners was "ridiculous."

Townsend, who is deputy

national security adviser for combating terrorism, said she visited the prison for two hours in November but did not discuss with Jordan interrogation techniques or the need to obtain more information.

Jordan also told investigators that his immediate superior, Army Colonel Thomas Pappas, told him at least twice "that some of the (intelligence) reporting was getting read by (Secretary of Defence Donald) Rumsfeld, folks out at Langley (Central Intelligence Agency headquarters in Virginia), some very senior folks."

He said Pappas told him the pressure to get more intelligence began well before October 2003, when the documented abuses at Abu Ghraib took place.

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India won't send troops to Iraq

LONDON, 17 June—Foreign Secretary Jack Straw said he has accepted India's decision not to send troops to the multinational force in Iraq following a meeting with his Indian counterpart, says AP.

"I didn't make any request at all to the foreign minister about the ... issue of troops because we know and respect the position of the government of India," Straw said Wednesday after meeting Indian Foreign Minister K Natwar Singh for 45 minutes in London.

Singh, on his first visit to Britain since the surprise election victory of his Congress party last month, said the question of sending Indian troops to Iraq did not arise during his talks with Straw.

The Indian government's "position on the issue is based on the national consensus which was reflected in the unanimous resolution just last year in both houses of the Indian Parliament," Singh said.

Britain and the United States hope to persuade other nations to share the burden of peacekeeping in Iraq following the handover of sovereignty to the interim government in Baghdad at the end of this month.

Singh welcomed the recent UN Security Council resolution regarding the turnover in Iraq, calling it "a first step in restoring sovereignty to the Iraqi people and leading to stability and peace and reconstruction."—Internet



Iraqis wave the Iraqi flag of the Saddam era regime and a poster of cleric Muqtada al-Sadr as they rally in support of the cleric in Kufa, Iraq, on 18 June, 2004. —INTERNET

China will not back US on immunity from new court

UNITED NATIONS, 19 June— China said on Friday it would abstain on a resolution giving the United States immunity from the new International Criminal Court, a decision that may leave Washington short of votes to pass the resolution.

"I said to my colleagues we will abstain," Beijing's UN ambassador, Wang Guangya, told *Reuters* after a luncheon among the 15 Security Council members and UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan. Wang said earlier the resolution would send a wrong signal in light of the Iraqi prisoner abuse scandal.

China's abstention could deprive the Bush Administration of the nine "yes" votes required to adopt a resolution. So far only Britain, Russia, Angola and the Philippines are considered sure votes in favour. All other members are contemplating an abstention or are undecided, following a rebuke by UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan, who said on Thursday the resolution was "wrong", would "discredit the Council" and was of "dubious judicial value".

He said that resolution "would be a very unfortunate signal to send at any time —

but particularly at this time".

On Friday Annan distributed a memorandum to council members, "strongly" urging them not to renew the measure.

"The Secretary-General believes that extending the exemption once more would contradict the efforts of the United Nations — including the Council itself — to promote the rule of law in international affairs," the memorandum said.— MNA/Reuters

Bangladesh to expand medicine export market

DHAKA, 19 June— Bangladesh is making an effort to expand its medicine market as the trade and individual property regulations allowing it to imitate world famous pharmaceutical products at a cheaper price will end in 2016.

This competitive advantage should be utilized to the maximum by supporting the pharmaceutical companies and diversifying the export basket, *The Financial Express* said Friday.

A delegation of Bangladesh Association of Pharmaceutical Industries left Dhaka Wednesday to explore market for Bangladeshi products in four African countries—Kenya, Uganda, Tanzania and Mali.

The pharmaceutical in-

dustry in Bangladesh now meets about 95 percent of the demand of the domestic medicine market worth 30 billion taka (5,172 million US dollars).

MNA/Xinhua

are life-threatening," the spokesman told AFP.

One British soldier and a Filipino security guard were taken to a nearby British-run hospital for treatment, while a second Filipino guard was treated at the scene, said the spokesman.

Later that night and again on Thursday night more mortar rounds were fired at the base without causing casualties.

"It happens quite a bit," said the spokesman for the British army, which is in charge of southern Iraq and has between 100 and 150 troops in Amara.

A local police official said Shiite Muslim militiamen loyal to radical cleric Moqtada Sadr were behind

the attacks.

"At 11:00 pm (1900 GMT), four mortars hit the Coalition Provisional Authority (CPA) in Amara" late Thursday, police colonel Ali Hussein told AFP.

"After that there was shooting between British forces and the Mehdi Army (Sadr's militia force). There were no injuries."

The latest mortar rounds fired hit a security wall outside the coalition base but failed to damage the actual building, said the British military spokesman, adding that British forces were investigating the attacks.

Sadr commands some support in Amara, which has been dogged by frequent anti-coalition attacks.—Internet



US soldiers and Iraqi policeman at a jointly-controlled checkpoint on the highway outside of Najaf, Iraq, on 18 June, 2004. —INTERNET

Vietnam spends more money to curb HIV/AIDS

HANOI, 18 June — To curb the HIV/AIDS epidemic, Vietnam is spending more money on buying and producing HIV/AIDS drugs, and raising public awareness about preventive measures, according to local media on Thursday.

HIV carriers are found in almost all districts of Vietnam, with 81,206 victims, mainly in the age of 20-29, reported by late May. Of the sufferers, 12,684 developed into AIDS and 7,208 people died of the disease.

Vietnam has allocated 80 billion Vietnamese dong (VND) (5.1 million US dollars) for HIV/AIDS prevention programmes this year, of which 10 billion VND (637,000 dollars) is to be spent on buying medicines.— MNA/Xinhua

Crews struggle to fix Iraq oil pipelines

BAGHDAD, 18 June—Crews struggled Friday to repair sabotaged oil pipelines in southern Iraq, hoping to resume vital exports by the end of next week. A senior US officer said Iraqis themselves must provide information on insurgents if attacks by militants are to be stopped.

US soldiers clashed with guerillas for a second straight day in a town outside Baqouba, 35 miles northeast of Baghdad.

Guerillas also attacked US troops at a police station in Samarra, firing rocket-propelled grenades and rifles after warning shopkeepers to close, witnesses said. US troops returned fire, wounding two attackers, residents said. There was no report on U.S. casualties.

In the south, British

soldiers traded small arms fire overnight with Shiite fighters loyal to radical cleric Muqtada al-Sadr in Amarah, witnesses said. There were no British casualties; two insurgents were killed.

A coalition spokesman said the smaller of two oil pipelines blasted by insurgents this week had nearly been repaired but engineers were still examining the larger one.

Spokesman Dominic d'Angelo said tests could

begin on the smaller pipeline Saturday but full exports probably won't resume before 16 June. Iraqi exports were suspended Wednesday because of the attacks on the pipelines, which carry crude oil from the southern fields to tankers in the Persian Gulf.

Exports from Iraq's other field near Kirkuk were halted last month due to sabotage on the pipeline to the Mediterranean port of Ceyhan, Turkey.

The attacks against the

pipeline were part of a stepped-up campaign of violence before the June 30 transfer of sovereignty to the new interim Iraqi government. The attacks appear aimed at undermining public confidence as the handover approaches.

In the boldest attack in months, a car bomber smashed into a crowd seeking jobs at a military recruitment centre Thursday in Baghdad, killing at least 35 Iraqis and wounding 145. Another car bombing the same day killed six Iraqi civil defense fighters and injured four others in Balad, north of Baghdad.—*Internet*

ဝက်သ္မာဒ်အား ခေတ်ကျော်သွား

US soldier killed, contractor wounded in Iraq mortar attack

BAGHDAD, 18 June—A US soldier has been killed and a contractor for a US firm wounded in a mortar attack on a US-led coalition base on Friday, the US military said.

"One Task Force Baghdad Soldier died and a Kellogg Brown and Root contractor was wounded when six mortars hit a coalition base at about 2:30pm," a statement said.

KBR is a subsidiary of US construction giant Halliburton.

The statement did not reveal the nationality of the contractor, who only received minor injuries.

The death raises to 614 the number of US soldiers killed in action since the US-led invasion of Iraq in March 2003, according to numbers from the Pentagon.

Internet



US soldiers detain an Iraqi man as they search homes along a highway looking for suspects responsible for a roadside attack which destroyed a flatbed truck carrying wheat nearby in Baghdad, Iraq, on 18 June, 2004. —INTERNET

Iraqi experts warn against blockage of Tigris River

BAGHDAD, 18 June — Iraqi experts warned against the possibility of blockage of the Tigris River in the next 10 years due to the rise in the rate of sedimentation in the bottom of the river at the turn of Jadiriya Bridge in central Baghdad, *Al Itihad* newspaper reported Wednesday.

"The flow of the river is very slow at the turning of Jadiriya, in addition to the widening banks of the river. This led to the accumulation of clay sedimentation that might lead to the blockage of the river in the future, if it is to be neglected," the local newspaper quoted the experts.

Specialists at the Iraqi Ministry of Water Resources admitted that they are facing many obstacles to remove the accumulating clay because the turn is inside the city and the machines are needed for handling this sedimentation.

After the US-led war on Iraq in April 2003, water

resources has not been paid proper attention in a country containing two rivers, most of the attention was directed to other institutions, which resulted in a number of problems that would develop into serious one in the future, experts warned.

MNA/Xinhua

Lebanese hostage freed in Iraq

BEIRUT, 18 June — Lebanese hostage Habib Samour has been freed in Iraq after almost a month in captivity, a Lebanese Government source said on Wednesday.

The source said the Lebanese diplomatic mission in Baghdad confirmed Samour was in good health and had left Baghdad for the Jordanian capital Amman.

On Tuesday, Al Arabiya television station showed footage of Samour appealing for his release and said it had a statement from a group called the Islamic Anger Brigades which accused him of spying for the United States.

The Lebanese news agency said he was released without a ransom being paid.

Kidnappers took two other Lebanese men hostage in Iraq at the weekend, according to Foreign Ministry officials in Beirut. Another Lebanese hostage, Hussein Ali Alyan, was killed and dumped by a road along with two of his Iraqi colleagues.

MNA/Reuters

Vietnam sentences drug gang members to death

HANOI, 18 June — A Vietnam appeals court has sentenced a US citizen and four other members of an international drug ring to death, rejecting their requests for clemency.

The five were among 11 members of the gang who were convicted and bring to nine the total number in the case who will face the firing squad.

Four of the 11 had been sentenced to death in an earlier court hearing.

The gang was charged with trafficking 39.45 kilos (87 pounds) of heroin, 50 kilos of marijuana and 6,000 ecstasy pills between Cambodia, Vietnam, Japan and the Netherlands from 1993 to 2002.

Among the five sentenced on Wednesday were US passport holder John Nguyen, or Nguyen Nhu Hung, who had originally been ordered to serve a life prison term, an official at the appeal court in southern Ho Chi Minh City told *Reuters* on Thursday.

MNA/Reuters

Martial law being considered in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 18 June—In the wake of two car bombs that killed 41, Iraq's new government is considering temporary martial law in the country's most dangerous areas.

"A decision to impose martial law could be taken if the attacks continue," Defense Minister Hazem Shaalan said.

National security adviser Muwaffaq Rubaie told the Financial Times martial law had not yet been discussed substantively with US forces.

A new law would have to be passed because the temporary constitution, which is the basis of the new Iraqi government, does not have provisions for emergency rule.

"(It (the new law) should not have sweeping powers. It should be limited in time and space," Rubaie said. "(But) the terrorists are shooting people on sight. You need to be a little bit more proactive, a little bit more robust."

The car bombs were the latest in a series of increasingly well-organized attacks, including suicide attacks against foreign civilians tied to the US-led coalition, an assassination of an Iraqi official and the sabotage of military and oil targets.—*Internet*

Saudi oil firm boosts security for staff

ABU DHABI, 18 June—Saudi state oil giant Aramco Company was strengthening security for workers and families unnerved by a wave of deadly militant attacks on expatriate workers in the country, the *Arab News* reported Thursday.

The paper quoted Aramco officials as saying that the protection was part of ongoing security measures and not a knee-jerk reaction to the recent spate of violence which had rocked the kingdom.

Saudi Aramco was doing everything within its power to ensure the safety and security of its employees and their dependents, the company facilities and communities in which they work and live.

The company was continuously upgrading the equipment and infrastructure available to its industrial security personnel and was also

stocking up on bullet-proof vests, according to the officials.

Fears about security at oil facilities have been sparked by the recent killing of Westerners in the oil hubs of Yanbu on the Red Sea coast and Khobar, near Dhahran on the east coast.

Aramco officials say they have no plans to hire outside security forces to strengthen protection, but its own guards might get additional and specialized training.

Some 5,000 Aramco guards, as well as physical barriers, cameras and government security forces have

already been deployed to protect its facilities and employees.

The new measures could help calm the nerves of some of the 8,500 workers and families living on the heavily fortified Aramco compound in Dhahran who have been shaken by the recent bloodshed.

So far there has been no sign of foreign oil workers fleeing the kingdom. But it was impossible to predict the impact of a mass exodus of Aramco expatriates, who make up about 14 per cent of the oil giant's 54,000 workforce. — *MNA/Xinhua*



US soldiers cross a highway in front of a burned truck that was filled with wheat as they arrive on the scene to check a roadside attack on the vehicle on the edge of Baghdad, Iraq, on 18 June, 2004. —INTERNET

UNSC should not give US troops exemption from ICC prosecution

UNITED NATIONS, 18 June — United Nations Secretary-General Kofi Annan urged the Security Council on Thursday not to grant US soldiers serving with peacekeeping missions, either authorized or established by the UN, exemption from prosecution and investigation by the International Criminal Court (ICC).

"For the past two years, I have spoken quite strongly against the exemption, and I think it would be unfortunate for one to press for such an exemption, given the prisoner abuse in Iraq," Annan told reporters upon his arrival at the UN Headquarters in New York.

He was referring to the horrible abuses of detainees in Abu Ghraib Prison, near Baghdad, controlled by US troops. The US military has launched investigations into the scandal, which was revealed last month by the US media.

"In this circumstance it would be unwise to press for an exemption, and it would be even more unwise on the part of the Security Council to grant it," said Annan.

"It would discredit the Council and the United Nations that stands for rule of law and the primacy of rule of law," he warned.

The United States had pushed the 15-nation Council to pass a resolution before July 1, which would renew the impunity given to US peacekeepers. But the draft resolution was withdrawn earlier this month in face of stiff opposition from many Council members amid the prisoner abuse scandal.

The Council first gave US peacekeepers such impunity in July 2002 by adopting Resolution 1422, after the United States threatened to veto UN peacekeeping operations one by one. The impunity was renewed as one year later.

The ICC, which currently has 94 state parties, started to function in March 2003. It is the first permanent world court capable of trying individuals accused of genocide, crimes against humanity and war crimes when national courts are unwilling or unable to do so. — MNA/Xinhua

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US soldier dies of wounds

BAGHDAD, 18 June — A US soldier died of wounds sustained during a rocket attack on a military base north of Baghdad on Wednesday, bringing the number of American troops killed in the strike to three, the US military said.

One soldier was killed at the scene of the attack while the other two died of their wounds at a field hospital, according to a military statement issued on Thursday.

The attack, which targeted the Anaconda Base near Balad, wounded 23 other people at the base, including at least 12 soldiers, the statement said.

Since last year's invasion to oust Saddam Hussein, at least 610 US troops have been killed in action in Iraq.

MNA/Reuters



A protester holds an anti-war placard outside the Cabinet Ministers Office in Tokyo on 18 June, 2004. —INTERNET

Turkish, Egyptian hostages released in Iraq

ISTANBUL, 18 June — Suspected Iraqi guerillas on Thursday released a Turkish truck driver and an Egyptian man taken hostage earlier this month, Turkey's state-run Anatolian news agency said.

Bulent Yanik from Turkey was bringing supplies from Kuwait to the US forces in Iraq when he was taken hostage in the Iraqi city of Fallujah at the beginning of June.

Kadaffi rejects foreign interference in African affairs

CAIRO, 18 June — Libyan leader Moammar Kadaffi said Thursday that he rejected any foreign interference in African affairs, according to a report by Libyan official news agency JANA.

"We in Africa are willing to deal with UN forces, but we reject any external forces that harm our independence, our sovereignty and our dignity. We will never allow any nation or alliance to interfere in African affairs, unless they are under the UN leadership," the report quoted Kadaffi as saying. Meanwhile, Kadaffi said he would not attend the African Union (AU) summit to be held in Ethiopia's capital Addis Ababa on 6-8 July.

Kadaffi said that collective security would be placed high on the summit's agenda, and he did not rule out the possibility of discussion on forming an African Army. — MNA/Xinhua

The released Egyptian was named Victor Tawfiq, according to the Egyptian news agency Mena.

Turkish diplomats had earlier said that Yanik was released last weekend. A Foreign Ministry spokesman on Thursday could not confirm Yanik had been let go on Thursday.

Private Turkish television station CNN Turk said on its web site Yanik and Tawfiq were turned over to jour-

nals from Turkey's *Ihlas* news agency in Falluja.

"Whoever is thinking of coming here, don't work in Iraq," Yanik was quoted as saying by CNN Turk. He said his captors had treated him well.

After his release, Yanik, a 35-year-old father of three, was brought from Fallujah to Baghdad and was now with Turkish diplomats, CNN Turk said.

MNA/Reuters

Iraq to launch new traffic law

BAGHDAD, 18 June — An official at the Traffic General Department said that a new traffic law would be applied in Iraq starting Saturday, local newspaper *Al Taakhi* reported Wednesday.

"The new law would include new fine rates, and would be applicable starting Saturday," the official was quoted as saying.

"The fine would at least be 20,000 Iraqi dinars (15 US dollars) for the vehicles with no registration plates and the vehicles with the steering wheel on the right side," added the official.

He also pointed out that the drivers who do not abide by the traffic rules and regulations would also be fined and that this would be considered the first traffic law to be applied for more than a year.

"The department has many plans to eliminate all kinds of breach of traffic laws, rules and regulations," emphasized the official.

Since the US-led war on Iraq ended in 2003, absence of law and order and deteriorating security conditions caused the streets to be crowded and unsafe.

MNA/Xinhua

Syrian MPs propose sanctions against US interests

DAMASCUS, 19 June — More than half of the members of Syria's legislature have signed a bill that seeks curbs against US interests, a month after Washington imposed sanctions against Damascus, Syrian sources said on Friday.

The measure comes in response to economic sanctions imposed by Washington against Damascus mainly for supporting anti-Israel militant groups, the sources said.

It also is a reaction to "US policies in the region and its unlimited support and bias toward Israeli policies and practices", one source said. The measure signed by about 130 of Parliament's 250 members seeks the imposition of unspecified "strict restrictions on US interests in Syria", said a source familiar with the bill. The proposed law that is expected to be debated by the House on June 27 would authorize the government to decide appropriate measures against US

interests, the sources said without giving further details. The volume of trade between non-OPEC oil exporter Syria and the United States is modest with transactions between the two sides amounting to around 300 million US dollars last year.

Syria has said a deal with a Petro-Canada-lead consortium, including US Occidental Petroleum, on developing the 600-700 million US dollars Palmyra gas project could be closed within months. The biggest current US investment in Syria is ConocoPhillips Deir Ez Zor gas project, in which it has a 50-per-cent share of a service contract with France's Total. — MNA/Reuters

Chinese, Russian presidents meet in Tashkent

TASHKENT, 18 June — Chinese President Hu Jintao made a three-point proposal to Russian President Vladimir Putin here Thursday when they met after the summit meeting of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization (SCO).

Hu proposed that the two countries make an outline on implementing the China-Russian Friendly Treaty on Good-Neighbourly Cooperation as soon as possible with the aim to strengthen cooperation on major projects.

The two sides should increase investment in the other side and expand local cooperation, Hu said.

The two sides should also handle any trade problems with the spirit of mutual benefit, mutual concession and

friendly consultation, Hu added.

"China views its relations with Russia as one of its most important foreign relations," he said. "China treasures its traditional friendship with Russia and the strategic partnership relations with Russia." The Chinese President said China and Russia should enhance their strategic partnership relations under current world situation.

Putin said Russia and China have increased mutual political trust and their

cooperation in trade, military technology and culture has also grown rapidly.

The Russian President said he agreed with Hu's three-point proposal, and that Russia will work with China to lift the level of trade and economics between them.

Putin pledged that Russia will give "full consideration" of China's interest when making decisions on any projects related to China as China is the biggest neighbour and a strategic partner of Russia. — MNA/Xinhua



An Iraqi militia member mans a window position in a war damaged building in the village of Buhriz, Iraq, near Baqouba, 50 kilometres (35 miles) northeast of Baghdad, on 18 June, 2004. —INTERNET



Iraqis, who had gathered to check the scene of a bomb blast, run for cover as a mortar explodes at the scene outside of Balad, Iraq, on 17 June, 2004.



A boy walks on the debris of a damaged vehicle following clashes between US troops and militiamen in Sadr City, a northern district of Baghdad on 18 June, 2004.



An Iraqi man lies wounded in hospital after a car bomb explosion outside a recruiting centre in Baghdad, on 17 June, 2004.



An Iraqi woman is calmed at a hospital after a car bomb explosion outside a recruiting centre in the capital Baghdad wounded her son on 17 June, 2004.



A victim of a car bomb explosion outside a recruiting centre is carried home by his father after being treated in Baghdad's Yarmouk Hospital, on 17 June, 2004.

Images of Iraq



Iraqis sort through the wreckage from the scene of an explosion in central Baghdad, Iraq, on 17 June, 2004.

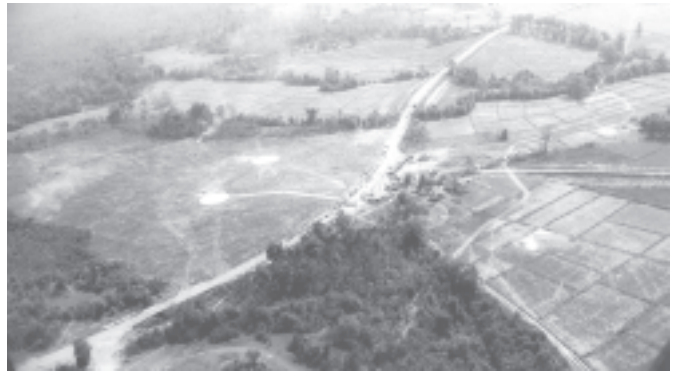


Iraqi oil workers repair a pipeline near Faw, Iraq, on 17 June, 2004, after saboteurs blasted the oil lines halting Iraq's oil exports.

New and fast developments throughout Myanmar



Thazi-Minhla-Kokkozu-Mayway road construction project in Thazi Township, Mandalay Division, is being implemented for better transportation in rural area. — (425, THAZI)



The scenic view of 34-mile long Thitsar Road linking Sonmathamyang Swe Myodaw (Myainggying Region) and Hpa-an in Kayin State. — MNA



Rural housing built for development of rural area in Okkan village, Gyobingyauk Township, Bago Division (West). — PBANRDA



Minywa river water pumping station benefits 3,000 acres of farmland in Yezagyo Township, Magway Division. — MNA



Telephone exchange built in Swa, Yedashe Township, Bago Division. — IPRD

Border and rural area developments



Lapin Bridge in Kalaywa Township, Sagaing Division. — MNA

Prime Minister attends opening of school buildings ...

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Minister for Construction Maj-Gen Saw Tun and Minister for Education U Than Aung formally opened the new building.

The Prime Minister and party inspected Dabinshehti Road extended into four-lane concrete one and construction of 138-foot Hlinethaya Creek Bridge and 208-foot Shwelinban Creek Bridge.

They also inspected Orchid Garden and Finger Lake housing units built by FMI Garden Development Ltd in FMI City.

The Prime Minister and party left there later in the morning.

MNA

CB Bank officials meet journalists

YANGON, 19 June—The meeting between officials of the CB Bank (public bank) and journalists was held at Traders Hotel on Sule Pagoda Road this morning.

Present were officials of News and Periodicals Enterprise and private periodicals, Chief Executive Officer U Khin Maung Aye of CB Bank, members of the board of directors and officials.

Vice-Chairman-1 of CEO U Khin Maung Aye and Director U Kyaw Lin explained matters related to the bank and answered queries raised by journalists.

The CB Bank (public bank) was been jointly formed with Cooperative Promotion Bank Ltd and Peasants Bank Ltd based on the CB Bank Ltd for giving full monetary service to the public. — MNA

CB Bank Ltd CEO U Khin Maung Aye speaks in meeting with pressmen.

MNA



Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt at a classroom at pre-primary school in Shwelinban industrial city. — MNA



Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt inspects a classroom at Hlinethaya BEPS-47. MNA



The No 6 Basic Education Post-Primary School in Hlinethaya Township. — MNA



The No 6 Basic Education Post-Primary School in Hlinethaya Township. — MNA

Nursery Market Festival continues

YANGON, 19 June —

The Nursery Market Festival continued at Myay Padetha Park in Bahan Township here today with the aim of providing necessary assistance to growers and attracting the public to be interested in agriculture, horticulture, livestock breeding and vegetable farming. Kitchen crops, fruits and saplings of herbal plants are being shown at the festival. — MNA



Efficient use of electricity

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

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

Efficient use of fuel

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

All this needs to be known

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

မိုးညိုကျွန်း မိုးရာသီတွင်ဖြစ်တတ်သော

ရောဂါများအတွက်နူးဆော်ချက်

၁။ မိုးညိုကျွန်းတွင် အောက်ဖော်ပြပါ ကူးစက်တတ်သောရောဂါများ ပုံမှန်ဖြစ်ပွားလေ့ရှိပါသည်။

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၂။ ဖြစ်ပွားရသည့်အကြောင်းရင်းမှာ—

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(င) ပတ်ဝန်းကျင်သန့်ရှင်းမှုနှင့် တစ်ကိုယ်ရေသန့်ရှင်းမှု နည်းပါးခြင်း

(စ) ကျန်းမာရေးနှင့်ညီညွတ်သည့်အသိပညာနှင့် အလေ့အကျင့်အားနည်းခြင်း

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(စ) ရေကိုကျိုချက်၍ သောက်ပါ။

(ဆ) လတ်ဆတ်သန့်ရှင်းသည့် အသီးအနှံနှင့် အစားအစာများကို ဝယ်ယူစားသုံးပါ။

(ဇ) ရာသီဥတု အပူအအေး အပြောင်းအလဲကို သတိရှိပါ။

(ဈ) ပတ်ဝန်းကျင်သန့်ရှင်းရေးလုပ်ငန်းနှင့် ခြင်နီမိနှင့်ရေ လုပ်ငန်းများကို အမျိုးသားရေးအမြင်ဖြင့် ဝိုင်းဝန်းစုပေါင်းဆောင်ရွက်ပါ။

(ည) ရောဂါတစ်မျိုးဖြစ်ပွားပျံ့နှံ့ပါက ကျန်းမာရေးဌာနသို့ အမြန်သတင်းပို့ပါ။

(ဋ) လိုအပ်ပါက နီးစပ်ရာဆေးပေးခန်းဆေးရုံများသို့ အချိန်မီသွားရောက် ပြသစစ်ဆေး ကုသမှုခံယူပါ။ ကျန်းမာရေးဝန်ကြီးဌာန

Culture Minister inspects archaeological tasks in Mandalay Division

YANGON, 19 June—Minister for Culture Maj-Gen Kyi Aung, accompanied by officials concerned, on 16 June, inspected carving work of Archaeological Department (Upper Myanmar) in Mandalay to be included in rebuilding of the palace King Anawrahta in Bagan.

Next, the minister proceeded to the National Theatre in Mandalay where he met departmental personnel of Fine Arts Department. He told them that arrangements are being made for upholding and promoting Myanmar traditional cultural heritage by opening cultural universities, state schools of music and drama and state schools of fine arts in Yangon and Mandalay.

Those institutions are producing a wide array of artistes yearly. Departmental personnel of the Ministry of Culture who are responsible for upholding the two objectives—uplift of dynamism of patriotic spirit and uplift of national prestige and integrity and preservation and safeguarding of cultural heritage and national character—are to strive for realization of the national duty, he stressed.

Next, the minister inspected greening tasks in the environs of Mya Nan San Kyaw Golden Palace being undertaken by Diamond Palace Co Ltd.

On 15 June afternoon, the minister inspected Man-U gate, the north gate of the palace which had fallen into ruin and gave necessary instructions to the officials.

On 17 June morning, the minister inspected the site chosen for construction of Archaeological Museum and Mound No 29 and Mound No 30 excavated by the Archaeological Department (Upper Myanmar) and gave instructions. In the evening, the minister attended the cash donation ceremony and accepted over K 1.3 million, and briefed the wellwishers on renovation tasks to be carried out in old Tagaung.—MNA

Implementation of industrial zone upgrading projects discussed

YANGON, 19 June—Chairman of Myanmar Industrial Development Committee Mandalay Industrial Zone in-charge Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thaung yesterday morning met chairmen and secretaries of industrial development committees of Monywa, Mandalay and Ayethaya Industrial Zones, members of industrial zone supervisory committees and industrialists at Kanaung Hall in Mandalay Industrial Zone in connection with the implementation of the industrial zones upgrading project.

In his discussions, Minister U Aung Thaung said the government is making endeavours for development of agriculture as the base and all-round development of other sectors of the economy as well.

He spoke of the need to transform manual farming into mechanized farming and stressed the importance of manufacturing of farm equipment. He called for active cooperation in implementation of the three industrial zones upgrading project.

Next, chairmen of industrial development committees of Monywa, Mandalay and Ayethaya Industrial Zones reported on implementation of the project.

The minister fulfilled the requirements and called on industrialists to participate in the projects. The industrialists reported on assembling of passenger buses and trucks and supply of high quality iron.

The minister and party inspected the factories and their products. Officials concerned reported on foundry plant, press shop, the foundry, heat treatment shop and machine shop. The minister and party inspected factories that produce car parts and others.

In the afternoon, the minister inspected the soap factory (Mandalay) and the match factory (Mandalay). He presented cash awards to ten service personnel with long service. He also met factory managers in upper Myanmar at Mandalay Brewery.—MNA



Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thaung inspects industrial production in Mandalay Industrial Zone. — INDUSTRY-1

Myanmar delegation arrives back from Brazil

YANGON, 19 June — The Myanmar delegation led by Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Pyi Sone arrived back here by air this afternoon after attending the 11th UN Trade and Development Conference held in Sao Paulo, Brazil.

The delegation was welcomed back at Yangon International Airport by Minister for Industry-2 Maj-Gen Saw Lwin, Minister for Cooperatives Maj-Gen Htay Oo, Deputy Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Aung Tun, departmental heads of the Ministry of Commerce and families of the delegation. — MNA

Indonesia hopes FTA will boost export to China

JAKARTA, 19 June—The Indonesian Government said its exports to China could double in three years following the gradual implementation of a free trade agreement (FTA), official said.

The director general of international cooperation at the Ministry of Industry and Trade, Pos M. Hutabarat, said Thursday that Presidential Decree No. 48/2004 was issued on Tuesday, ratifying the FTA between the Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN) and China.

"After the ratification, we target to double our export value to China from 2.9 billion US dollars last

year to 5.8 billion dollars in 2007," he was quoted Friday by *The Jakarta Post* as saying.

China, with its fast growing economy and huge population, is increasingly becoming an important market for Indonesian exports.

ASEAN agreed to set up an FTA with China in 2002, and during the 2003 ASEAN Summit on Bali, the grouping further agreed to accelerate the realization of the FTA through an early harvest programme.

Pos said that since January 1, Indonesia had reduced import tariffs on some 600 of 11,000 products listed in the ASEAN-China FTA as part of the early harvest programme.

He said by 2010, when the FTA with China is fully established, ASEAN

expected to have cut down or removed import tariffs on up to 95 per cent of listed products.

The remaining 5 per cent are classified as sensitive products, including electronics and automobiles.

ASEAN groups together Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, Singapore, Thailand, the Philippines and Vietnam. China, India and Japan are ASEAN dialogue partners. Meanwhile, Pos played down fears over the possible impact of an economic slowdown in China on bilateral trade. He stressed that none of Indonesia's export products would be affected by China's tightening measures, and added that China was likely to enjoy a soft landing.

MNA/Xinhua

Mel Gibson named most powerful celebrity

NEW YORK, 19 June — Mel Gibson, whose controversial film "The Passion of the Christ" paid off big at the box office, is the year's most powerful celebrity, according to *Forbes* magazine's Celebrity 100 power rankings. Gibson, who directed, produced and co-wrote the violent movie about the last hours of Jesus, earned 210 million US dollars and tremendous media buzz from the project, according to *Forbes* magazine, which factors in media attention to compare the biggest money-makers from various fields of entertainment. Magazine covers, Press clippings, TV and radio coverage and Internet hits are all factored into the rankings formula. Money earned in the last 12 months was used to identify the finalists in each category. Golf star Tiger Woods, the leading money-maker among athletes with 80 million US dollars, was second on the list, followed by talk-show host Oprah Winfrey, who matched Gibson in earnings.

Actor Tom Cruise (45 million US dollars) was fourth, followed by venerable rock group Rolling Stones (51 million US dollars). *Harry Potter* author J.K. Rowling was sixth on the list, boosted by her earnings of 147 million US dollars. "Verily, it's a combination of money and fame," said Peter Kafka, who wrote the *Forbes* story on the rankings in the issue on newsstands on Friday. "We divide the celebrity world into categories and we find the top earners in each category. The power list compares them." Actress Jennifer Aniston, who topped the rankings last year, slipped to 17th place on the 2004 list. Casualties from the previous list included singer/actress Jennifer Lopez, who ranked fifth last year, and her former fiancée and movie bomb "Gigli" co-star Ben Affleck, rated seventh in 2003. Both failed to make the 2004 list. Other power-list dropouts were Eminem and Dr. Dre, the performer and record producer who shared last year's No. 2 spot, and former reality show darlings The Osbournes (12th). Former President Bill Clinton ranked 51st this year with an income of 6.3 million US dollars that qualified him in the "speakers" category. Despite his relatively low income, Clinton ranked first of all 100 contenders in TV/radio attention, Press clippings and Internet hits. "There is intense interest in him still," said Kafka. — MNA/Reuters

Philippine import rises 8.3% in April

MANILA, 19 June — Philippine imports recorded 3.45 billion US dollars in April, or 8.3 per cent higher than the same period in last year, the National Statistics Office (NSO) said Friday. The NSO said in a statement that this was a sharp improvement compare to the 4.4-per-cent import growth posted in March, raising the total imports from January to April to 13.202 billion dollars or 6.9 per cent higher than the same period last year. The country's trade deficit reached 482 million dollars in that month to 482 million dollars in April, compared to 459 million dollars in the same period last year, the statement said. On the other hand, exports rose by 8.9 per cent to 2.969 billion dollars in April, leaving the trade deficit in the first four months of this year to 1.04 billion dollars from 971 million dollars in the same period in 2003, the statement added.

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Inner Mongolia, N-E China hit by rare severe drought

BEIJING, 19 June — The Inner Mongolia Autonomous Region in north China and neighbouring northeastern provinces are sustaining the severest drought since New China was founded in 1949, according to China Meteorological Administration.

The drought has been lingering over Inner Mongolia, Liaoning, Jilin and Heilongjiang since this spring, and is intensifying and spreading, according to the latest report by the National Climate Centre under the administration.

This was an extreme weather smaller in scale but severer in intensity to one that hit north China in 1965, and was one of the severest droughts in the past 100 years, said Zhang Qiang,

director of the centre's Climate Evaluation Office.

The 1965 drought stroke most parts of north China including Inner Mongolia, Hebei, Shanxi, Beijing and the three northeastern provinces, said Zhang.

The centre forecast that in the next 10 days, most northern regions may have showers or thundershowers, which would help relieve the drought. However, the situation in Inner Mongolia and northeastern provinces would not improve much as the rainfall quantity will be less than 20 millimetres.

The forecast also warned that the coastal areas in Guangdong, Fujian and Zhejiang provinces in the southern part of the country would be hit by possible drought in the next 10 days due to lack of rain.

MNA/Xinhua

20th Meeting of ASEAN National Tourism Organizations 5th Meeting of ASEAN, China, Japan and Korea National Tourism Organizations 3rd ASEAN-India Tourism Consultations



Taunggyi, Union of Myanmar
30 June — 1 July, 2004

23rd Meeting of the Task Force on ASEAN Tourism Marketing 11th Meeting of the Task Force on Tourism Investment 11th Meeting of the Task Force on Tourism Manpower Development



Taunggyi, Union of Myanmar
28 — 29 June, 2004

ကျန်းမာပျော်ရွှင် ဘဝတစ်ခွင်

ကျန်းမာခြင်းဆိုသည်မှာ - ရောဂါဘယကင်းရှင်းစွာ သာမက၊ ကိုယ်၏ကျန်းမာကြံ့ခိုင်ခြင်း၊ စိတ်ချမ်းသာခြင်းနှင့် လူမှုရေးသုခ ဖြည့်ဝခြင်း ကိုဆိုသည်။

ဘဝတစ်ခွင် ကျန်းမာပျော်ရွှင်စေရန် အောက်ပါအတိုင်း လိုက်နာဆောင်ရွက်ပါ။

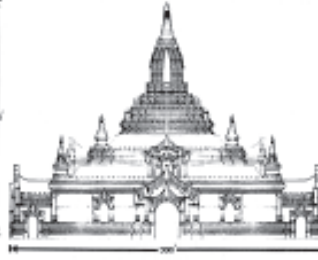
- (၁) တစ်ကိုယ်ရည်သန့်ရှင်းမှုကိုဆောင်ရွက်ပါ။
- (၂) အန္တရာယ်ကင်း၍ အာဟာရပြည့်ဝသော အစားအသောက်များ ကိုစားသုံးပါ။
- (၃) ပိုးမွှားကင်းစင်၍ သန့်ရှင်းသောရေကို သောက်သုံးပါ။
- (၄) ရာသီဥတုနှင့် လိုက်လျောညီထွေစွာဝတ်ဆင်ယင်နေထိုင်ပါ။
- (၅) အသက်အရွယ်နှင့်လိုက်လျောညီထွေရှိသည့် သင့်တော်သော ကိုယ်လက်လှုပ်ရှားမှုကို မှန်မှန်ဆောင်ရွက်ပါ။
- (၆) နေ့စဉ်လုပ်ငန်းဆောင်တာများ ဆောင်ရွက်ခြင်းကြောင့် ပင်ပန်း နှစ်နပ်မှုကိုပြောပျောက်စေရန် အနားယူပါ။
- (၇) ခြင်္သေ့ရယ်မှကာကွယ်ရန် ခြင်္သေ့ထောင်မြင်အိပ်ပါ။
- (၈) ကျန်းမာရေးနှင့်ညီညွတ်သော ယင်လုံအိမ်သာကိုသုံးစွဲပါ။
- (၉) အရက်သောက်ခြင်း၊ ဆေးလိပ်ဆေးရွက် သောက်သုံးခြင်း၊ ကျွမ်းစားခြင်းတို့ကိုရှောင်ကြဉ်ပါ။
- (၁၀) မူးယစ်ဆေးဝါးနှင့် စိတ်ကိုမြှောင်လဲစေသည့် ဆေးဝါးများ သုံးစွဲခြင်းကို ရှောင်ကြဉ်ပါ။
- (၁၁) အပျော်အပါးလိုက်စားခြင်းကို ရှောင်ကြဉ်ပါ။
- (၁၂) ရေ၊ မြေ၊ လေ သဘာဝပတ်ဝန်းကျင်နှင့် နေထိုင်မှု၊ အသက် မွေးဖွားပတ်ဝန်းကျင်အား ညစ်ညမ်းစေသည့် အပြုအမူများကို ရှောင်ကြဉ်ပါ။

ကျန်းမာရေးဝန်ကြီးဌာန

တကောင်းမြို့ ရှေးဟောင်း လေးမျက်နှာတုရားကြီး ပြန်လည်ပြုပြင် တည်ဆောက်ရာတွင် ကုသိုလ်ယူ ဝါဝင်လှူဒါန်းနိုင်



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China Southern Airlines opens new route to Dubai

ABU DHABI, 19 June — China's largest air carrier, China Southern Airlines, announced that it launched new Guangzhou-Beijing-Dubai service, starting from Thursday, the regional manager of the company in the United Arab Emirates (UAE) said Friday.

The new Boeing 777B service, flight numbers CZ331/332, depart each Tuesday and Thursday from Guangzhou at 18:20, arriving at Beijing at 21:05, then departing from Beijing at 22:20 and reaching Dubai next day at 3:40 a.m. local time, Guan Bing said.

On the new route, the airline uses luxurious Boeing aircraft with powerful transportation capability and greatly shortens the time for passengers to fly from China to the Middle East and Africa, he added.

China Southern Airlines launched twice weekly flights on the Beijing-Urumqi-Sharjah route in 1996 and one weekly service on Beijing-Urumqi-Dubai in 2003. The brand-new Guangzhou-Beijing-Dubai service is the airline's third route to the Middle East, further enhancing the carrier's market share in the region.

With increasing trading exchanges between China, the Middle East and Africa, there is an increasing number of businessmen travelling on the route, Guan said.

MNA/Xinhua

Pakistan denies making any offer to send troops to Iraq

ISLAMABAD, 19 June — Pakistani Foreign Minister Khurshid Mahmud Kasuri Thursday denied having made any offer about sending Pakistani troops to Iraq, the official *Associated Press of Pakistan* reported.

Addressing a Press conference in southern Pakistani city Karachi, Kasuri referred to a report published in a section of the *Press* quoting him about making an offer of sending Pakistani troops to Iraq.

An Arab minister Tuesday told media on condition of anonymity that Pakistan, along with Tunisia and Morocco, is ready to send troops to Iraq to protect the UN personnel.

Expressing surprise over the report, Kasuri made it clear that sending troops to Iraq is an important issue and a decision in this regard can only be taken after endorsement from the Parliament and keeping the public opinion in view.

He pointed out that about a year or one and a half year back Pakistan was asked for sending troops. "But we had an objection and at that time we were opposed to attack on Iraq," he said.

"Now we have received a request to send troops for protection of the UN personnel, but we have not taken a decision as yet," Kasuri said. — MNA/Xinhua

Saudi Arabia ranks 45th in e-readiness among world's economies

ABU DHABI, 19 June — Saudi Arabia ranks 45th in terms of e-readiness among the world's 60 largest economies, according to a study conducted jointly by the Economist Intelligence Unit (EIU) and IBM, the *Arab News* daily reported Friday.

The study, on parameters of connectivity, business practices and legal environment, estimated that it is only a matter of time before Saudi Arabia figures among developed countries in terms of e-readiness because of its rapid growth in the field of information technology.

E-readiness will also ensure the growth of e-commerce in the kingdom, which is one of the three Arab countries on the EIU list along with Egypt in 51st and Algeria on the 58th position.

The EIU's e-readiness rankings used quantitative and qualitative criteria organized into six categories, including connectivity infrastructure, business environment, consumer and business adoption of e-business practices, legal and policy environment, social and cultural infrastructure and supporting services.

The EIU ranking applied only to the world's largest economies and did not take into consideration the status of some Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) countries such as the United Arab Emirates, Bahrain and Kuwait, which already boast much higher e-readiness rankings.

MNA/Xinhua

Singapore, Jordanian leaders discuss ways to boost bilateral ties

SINGAPORE, 19 June — Singapore's Prime Minister Goh Chok Tong and visiting Jordanian Prime Minister Faisal El-Fayez on Thursday discussed ways to expand bilateral ties between the two countries.

According to a statement by the Prime Minister's Office, the two leaders' discussions focused on strengthening bilateral cooperation, in particular in the fields of tourism, trade and investments.

Jordan, the first country in the Middle East to sign a free trade agreement with Singapore last month, voiced its interest in learning from Singapore's experience in public administration and recycling waste water for industrial use.

Both leaders also exchanged views on developments in the Middle East, including in Iraq.

During the Jordanian leader's three-day visit here, he will also meet with Singapore President S R Nathan and visit several government agencies. — MNA/Xinhua

Two NZ Special Forces soldiers injured in Afghanistan

WELLINGTON, 19 June — Two New Zealand Special Forces soldiers were injured Friday in an operation in Afghanistan, the New Zealand Defence Force said in a brief statement.

The New Zealand soldiers were injured about midday (New Zealand Time) in central Afghanistan and were evacuated by helicopter to a medical facility, the statement said.

Their condition was "satisfactory" and their families had been informed, it added.

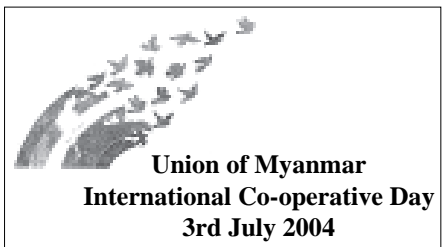
However, New Zealand Defence Force spokeswoman Commander Sandy McKie refused to make any further comment.

The injuries were a result of an exchange of fire with local people, a New Zealand TV report said Friday night.

Prime Minister Helen Clark and Defence Minister Mark Burton announced the deployment of about 50 Special Air Service (NZSAS) personnel to Afghanistan in March, for a term of up to 180 days.

Leaked defence documents reported in the *New Zealand Herald* in May revealed NZSAS troops would engage in combat missions with the US forces in Afghanistan.

MNA/Xinhua



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တိဘက်ရောဂါကာကွယ်နှိမ်နင်းရေး

(က) ရောဂါဖြစ်ပွားကူးစက်ပုံ

ဤရောဂါသည်တိဘက်ရောဂါဖြစ်ပွားမှု ကူးစက်ရောဂါဖြစ်သည်။ ဝေဒနာရှင် ရောဂါဆိုခြင်း၊ နာရောင်ခြင်း၊ သလိပ်တော့မှတစ်ဆင့် ရောဂါပိုးများ လေထဲတွင် ပျံ့နှံ့၍ ကူးစက်သည်။

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

(ခ) ရောဂါလက္ခဏာများ

- ရုတ်တရက်ရောင်ဆိုးခြင်း (ရုတ်သတ္တပတ် (၃) ပတ်နှင့်အထက်)။
- ရောင်ဆိုးသွေးပါခြင်း။
- သလိပ်တွင် သွေးပါခြင်း။
- အဖျားတာရှည်ခြင်း။
- ခံတွင်းပျက်ခြင်း၊ မောပန်းလွယ်ခြင်း။
- ကိုယ်အလေးချိန်လျော့နည်း ပိန်ချခြင်း။
- ကျောရင်အောင်ခြင်း။

(ဂ) ကြိုတင်ကာကွယ်ခြင်း

- ရင်သွေးငယ်များအား ကာကွယ်ဆေး(ဘီစီဂျီ) ကို မပျက်မကွက်တိုးပေးပါ။
- အာဟာရပြည့်ဝသော အစားအစာများကို စားသုံးပါ။
- သင့်တင့်လျောက်ပတ်သောကိုယ်လက်လှုပ်ရှားမှုပြုလုပ်ပါ။
- ရောင်ဆိုးခြင်း၊ နာရောင်ခြင်း လက်ကိုင်ပုလဲကို အသုံးပြုပါ။
- သလိပ်နှင့်တော့ကိုစည်းကမ်းမဲ့ထွေခြင်းမှရှောင်ကြဉ်ပါ။
- ဆေးလိပ်သောက်ခြင်းမှ ရှောင်ကြဉ်ပါ။

(ဃ) ကုသမှုနည်းလမ်း

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

တိဘက်ရောဂါသံသယရှိလျှင် နီးစပ်ရာကျန်းမာရေးဌာနတွင် စစ်ဆေး၍ တိဘက်ရောဂါရှိပါက အစွမ်းထက်သော တီဘီဆေးဝါးများဖြင့် အခမဲ့ကုသမှုခံယူပါ။

ကျန်းမာရေးဝန်ကြီးဌာန

"China Daily" says US needs to face truth over Iraqi war

BEIJING, 19 June — The United States should face the truth instead of playing around with the reality over the issue of Iraqi war, said China's English-language newspaper *China Daily* in a signed article Friday.

"The United States would do itself and the world a huge favour by establishing a closer relationship with reality rather than wrestling with its own version of the truth, as the international credibility of American military intelligence is simply of zero value," said the article.

"The truth is the United States used the threat of Iraqi WMD (weapons of mass destruction) and a connection to al-Qaeda as justification for launching the war against the regime of Saddam Hussein," it stressed.

According to a report Wednesday by a US commission investigating the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks, no credible evidence has been found that former Iraqi president Saddam Hussein aided al-Qaeda attempts to target the United States.

"We have no credible evidence that Iraq and al-Qaeda cooperated on attacks against the United States," said the report, issued by the bipartisan commission after two days of public hearings into the September 11 attacks.

Meanwhile, the Bush Administration so far still could not collect enough evidence that Saddam Hussein would give whatever WMD he possessed to terrorists, although it treated as a proven fact, said the article.

As the US Government did not get support from the report for waging war in Iraq, "it is likely the Bush team will face more backlash both at home and abroad", the article added.—MNA/Xinhua

Longest tunnel project at Qinghai-Tibet Railway completed

LHASA, 19 June — Construction of the longest tunnel on the Qinghai-Tibet Railway Line has been completed.

The 3,345-metre-long tunnel, located about 80 kilometres from Lhasa, capital of southwest China's Tibet Autonomous Region, was built at a place at an altitude of 4,264 metres above the sea level.

The work of construction on the project started on November 1, 2001, and its longest tunnel was completed last Wednesday. The whole tunnel linked up last October, and workers then dug ditches and cable troughs in the tunnel. It is a hard job to build the tunnel as it is situated on the "roof of the world" with complex geological structures, plenty of water and frigid climate, noted Wang Shunping, an official-in-charge of the railway construction.

To tackle these knotty problems, workers have added water-proof planks, installed ventilation fans and erect oxygen machines at the entrance of the tunnel to protect workers' health.

The Qinghai-Tibet railway, the highest rail route on earth, runs from the city of Golmud in western Qinghai Province to Lhasa in Tibet with a total length of 1,142 kilometres. About half of the railway tracks were laid on permanent frozen earth. The project is scheduled to be completed in six years at a total investment of 26.2 billion yuan (about 3.1 billion US dollars).

The track-laying project will commence in Tibet this month, enabling the region to end the history of no railways. — MNA/Xinhua

Chinese Minister calls for wider Sino-US cooperation in telecom sector

CHICAGO, 19 June — Chinese Minister of Information Industry, Wang Xudong, called for wider and high-level Sino-US cooperation in telecom sector while urging the United States to ease its export control.

Addressing the two-day 2004 China-US Telecom Summit, which opened here Thursday, Wang said that China and the United States should have a strategic vision, which goes beyond the information industry to the economic and trade relations between the two countries.

Wang said the information and communication industry is a high-tech industry. In the migration to the next generation network, the two countries shall cooperate in wider areas and at higher levels.

"In particular, we wish to see the ease of export control at the US side to support the wider scope of cooperation," the minister said. — MNA/Xinhua

သတိပေးနှိုးဆော်ချက်

ခရီးသည်တင်စက်တော်ယာဉ်များအား ဖြိုခွင်းသို့ နေ့/ည ခရီးသည်တို့ဆောင်နိုင်ရေးအတွက် သတ်မှတ်ခေါ်ရေနှင့်အညီ စက်သုံးဆီတင်ပေးထားပြီး ဖြစ်ပါသည်။ ယာဉ်စီမံများအားလည်း သတ်မှတ်နှုန်းထားများအတိုင်းတောင်းခံရန် ညွှန်ကြားထားရှိပါသည်။ သို့ရာတွင် အချို့ယာဉ်လိုင်းများမှ ယာဉ်မောင်းနှင့် ယာဉ်နောက်လိုက်တို့သည် ယာဉ်စီမံများကို ညပိုင်းတွင် ပိုမိုတောင်းယူနေကြောင်း သိရပါသည်။ ထိုသို့ပိုမိုတောင်းခံပါက ထိရောက်စွာ အရေးယူနိုင်ရန် အောက်ပါနံပါတ်များသို့ တိုင်ကြားနိုင်ပါသည်။

(၁) မြန်မာနိုင်ငံရဲတပ်ဖွဲ့၊ ရန်ကုန်တိုင်း (ဖုန်း ၁၉၉)

(၂) ကြို့မဲ့ကြေးနန်းနှင့်ယာဉ်ထိန်းတပ်ဖွဲ့ချုပ် (ဖုန်း ၂၅၁၂၈၅/၂၅၁၂၈၄)

(၃) မော်တော်ယာဉ်လုပ်ငန်းပေါင်းစုံထိန်းသိမ်းရေးကော်မတီ (ဖုန်း ၅၄၁၉၀၅/၅၄၁၉၀၄)

ယာဉ်စည်းကမ်းထိန်းသိမ်းရေးကြီးကြပ်မှုကော်မတီ

အရက်ကြောင့်ဖြစ်သည့်ရောဂါများ

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

အရက်ကြောင့်ဖြစ်တတ်သော စိတ်ရောဂါများမှာ -

၁။ ကယောင်ကတမ်းဖြစ်ခြင်း (Delirium Tremors) ကြောက်လန့်ခြင်း၊ အချိန်နာရီ၊ နေရာ၊ လူ ခန့်မှန်းနိုင်စွမ်း မရှိခြင်း၊ ကြောက်စရာလန့်စရာများမြင်ရခြင်း၊ အသံဗလများ ကြားရခြင်း၊ ပိုမိုများများခန္ဓာကိုယ်ပေါ် စွဲစွဲစွဲစွဲသွားသလိုခံစားရခြင်း၊ လက်တုန်ရောဂါဖြစ်တတ်ခြင်း။

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

၃။ အတက်ကြီးရောဂါဖြစ်တတ်ခြင်း (Rum Fits)

(ဝက်ရုမြန်ရောဂါကဲ့သို့တတ်ခြင်း)။

၄။ စိတ်ဓာတ်ကျရောဂါဖြစ်တတ်ခြင်း

(Depressive Illness)၊

၅။ စိတ်ဖောက်ပြန်ခြင်း (Alcoholic Psychosis)၊

၆။ ဦးနှောက်ချို့ယွင်းခြင်း။

၇။ အရက်နှင့်မတည့်သောသူများသည် အရက်အနည်းငယ်သောက်ရုံဖြင့် ရုတ်တရက် စိတ်ဖောက်ပြန်တတ်ခြင်း (Pathological Drunkenness)၊

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

၉။ အရက်ကြောင့် ရာဇဝတ်မှုကျူးလွန်သည့်အထိ ဖြစ်နိုင်ခြင်း။

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

ကျန်းမာရေးဝန်ကြီးဌာန

Wellwishers invited for sinking tube-wells

YANGON, 19 June— The Development Affairs Committees under the Ministry for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs are making concerted efforts in sinking tube-wells in order to get sufficient fresh water in rural areas in states and divisions where water is scarce.

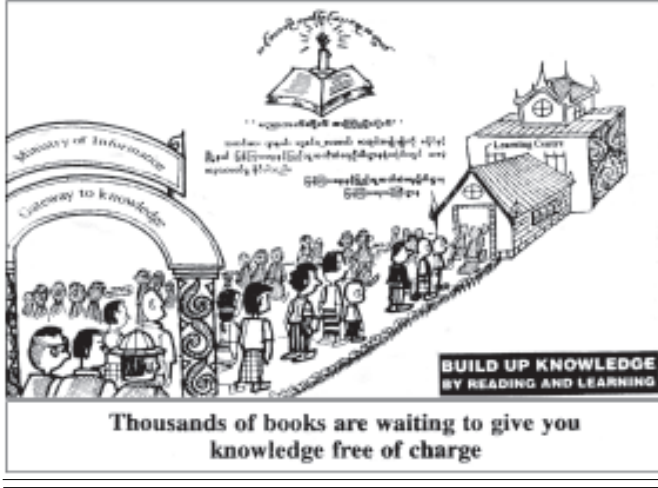
One 200 feet deep two-inch diameter tube-well costs K 250,000; one 400 feet deep two-inch diameter tube-well costs K 500,000; and one 200 feet deep four-inch diameter tube-well costs K 500,000.

Those wishing to donate cash for the tube-well

sinking projects for rural areas may contact the Director-General (Tel: 01-245420 & 253088), the Deputy Director-General (Tel: 01-240118), the Director (Engineering) (Tel: 01-291967), the Directors (Sagaing Division Development Affairs Committee) (Tel: 071-21012), the Director (Magway Division Development Affairs Committee) (Tel: 063-23164) and the Director (Mandalay Division Development Affairs Committee) (Tel: 02-54657).

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နယူးလိုက်အောင်မြင်မြန်မာသတင်းစာ စာတည်းအဖွဲ့က သင်ရိုးညွှန်းတမ်းများနှင့်အညီ ပြုစုထားသည့် အခြေခံပညာ အလယ်တန်းနှင့် အထက်တန်း ကျောင်းသူ/သားများ အတွက် အင်္ဂလိပ်စာအထောက်အကူပြု Student's Companion စာစဉ်များကို ၂၀၀၄ ခုနှစ်၊ ဇူလိုင်လဆန်းမူ စတင်၍ ပြန်လည်ထုတ်ဝေပါမည်။

ယခင်နှစ်များနည်းတူ ဇူလိုင်လမှ ဒီဇင်ဘာလအထိ ၆ လတာ ကာလအတွင်း အလယ်တန်း ၅၊ ၆၊ ၇၊ ၈-တန်း၊ အတွက် တစ်စောင်၊ အထက်တန်း ၉၊ ၁၀-တန်းအတွက် တစ်စောင်၊ တစ်လလျှင်တစ်ကြိမ် နှုန်းဖြင့် ၆ ကြိမ် ပုံနှိပ်ထုတ်ဝေပါမည်။ စောင်ရေအကန့်အသတ်ဖြင့် ရိုက်နှိပ်ဖြန့်ချိမည်ဖြစ်ပါ၍ တစ်စောင်လျှင် လက်ကားဈေး ကျပ် ၅၀ နှုန်းဖြင့် နယူးလိုက်အောင်မြင်မြန်မာ သတင်းစာတိုက်၊ ဖြန့်ချိရေးဌာန၊ အမှတ်၂၂/၃၀၊ ကမ်းနားလမ်း၊ ရန်ကုန်မြို့၊ ဖုန်း ၂၉၇၀၉၃ သို့ ဆက်သွယ်မှာယူနိုင်ပါပြီ။

ပြန်ကြားရေးဝန်ကြီးဌာနတွင် အသုံးပြုရန်လိုအပ်သော ပစ္စည်းများဝယ်ယူရန် တင်ဒါခေါ်ယူခြင်း

၁။ ပြန်ကြားရေးဝန်ကြီးဌာန၊ ပုံနှိပ်ရေးနှင့် စာအုပ်ထုတ်ဝေရေးလုပ်ငန်းနှင့် သတင်းနှင့် စာနယ်ဇင်းလုပ်ငန်းတို့တွင် အသုံးပြုရန်လိုအပ်သော အောက်ဖော်ပြပါ သတင်းစာစက္ကူများကို ဝယ်ယူလိုပါသည်။

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Bush seeks to depict Kerry as economic pessimist

WASHINGTON, 18 June — President George W Bush basked in a series of upbeat economic statistics and sought on Thursday to paint his rival, John Kerry, as an "economic pessimist" bent on building up the federal bureaucracy.

Under fire for his rationale for going to war in Iraq, Bush worked to shift the focus of the debate to the economy as his campaign grew more confident that that issue will work to the president's favour in the November election.

"The economy has shifted into a higher gear," Bush told a small business summit. He said companies were churning out new jobs at a fast clip, factories were busy and households were earning more money.

But, in a clear reference to Kerry, a Massachusetts senator who is certain to be his Democratic opponent in the November election, Bush said there were some in Washington who are ignoring the good news and who would offer "familiar" solutions of increasing the size

of government.

"There are modern day economic pessimists around who are quick to offer dire predictions and complaints," Bush told the gathering of the National Federation of Independent Business.

"But you know what they do not offer is pro-growth economic policies. They can find the dark cloud but they can't see the sunshine. They don't know where to take the country and they don't know how to lead."

Although Bush did not mention Kerry by name, his speech hit on a theme central to one of Bush's recent ad campaigns: the depiction of Kerry as having a doom-and-gloom view of the economy.

The suggestion in Bush's speech that Kerry would increase the size of the federal government was a reference

to the senator's plan to invest federal money into broadening health care coverage.

In a speech on Tuesday to the New Jersey branch of the AFL-CIO labour federation, Kerry said families were working harder and earning less while paying more for things like healthcare and college tuition.

While Bush gave credit to his massive tax cuts for jump-starting economic growth, Kerry has charged the cuts are skewed toward the wealthy and should be rolled back on those making more than 200,000 US dollars a year. Bush has touted the creation of 1.4 million new jobs since August but even with those job gains, a net 1.2 million jobs have been lost since he took office.

MNA/Reuters

Drug cultivation sharply lower in Andean region

WASHINGTON, 18 June—An aggressive eradication campaign in Colombia helped cut the combined coca cultivation in the Andean region to a 14-year low, allaying fears that output may be shifting from Colombia to neighbouring nations, a UN survey released on Thursday showed.

Coca cultivation dropped 11 percent in Colombia, Peru and Bolivia to 153,800 hectares (380,000 acres), according to Vienna-based United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime. "The importance of a steady decline of coca cultivation in the Andean region cannot be overestimated," said Antonio Maria Costa, the executive director for UNODC.

"The three countries combined produce virtually all of the world's supply of cocaine," he added.

But his upbeat assessment was tempered by what he called "worrisome trends", like an increased consumer preference for synthetic instead of planted drugs, a rise in cocaine consumption in Europe and new planting techniques by coca farmers to avoid aerial spraying.

Colombia, which in 2002 supplied 75 per cent of the world's cocaine, saw its crop cultivation area in 2003 fall 16 per cent, to 86,000 hectares (212,000 acres), its lowest levels since 1997.

MNA/Reuters

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Indonesian police seize smuggled logs

JAKARTA, 18 June — The Indonesian police have seized logs being illegally smuggled to Singapore and Malaysia, a senior police officer said Wednesday.

The official said that the police had seized more than 5,000 cubic metres of wood from East Java Province, and more than 19,000 from Central Kalimantan Province.

The police had captured two Indonesian suspects and been pursuing others including one Malaysian citizen named Wong Tong Sing, he said.—MNA/Xinhua

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CIA contractor charged for beating Afghan prisoner to death

WASHINGTON, 18 June — A US federal grand jury charged on Thursday a contractor employed by the CIA for the death of a prisoner in Afghanistan, the first case against a civilian related to the prisoner abuse scandal, Attorney General John Ashcroft announced.

David Passaro, 38, a former Army Ranger engaged in paramilitary activities in support of US military personnel, was charged in a four-count indictment by the grand jury in North Carolina, where he lives.

Passaro was accused of beating the inmate, identified as Abdul Wali, with his fists and a flashlight in June 2003 at a detention centre near the Pakistan border, according to the indictment.

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Japanese auto manufacturer Honda vehicles on display at AutoChina, the country's flagship motor show in Beijing. The giants of the car world reaffirmed their confidence in the Chinese auto market, forecasting strong sales and brushing off concerns that supply will soon start to outpace demand as car sales in China rose 80 per cent to 2.04 million last year.—INTERNET

Australia provides humanitarian assistance to Sri Lanka

COLOMBO, 19 June — The Australian Government is providing an additional 10 million Australian dollars (about 6.37 million US dollars) to support peace building and rehabilitation efforts in war-torn Sri Lanka, the Australian High Commission here said in a statement on Friday.

The new fund which is being channelled through international organizations including the United Nations is intended to assist war-displaced Sri Lankans to reintegrate into their communities.

Among the total funding, the International Organization for Migration will receive three million Australian dollars (about 1.91 million US dollars) to assist with the return and resettlement of Sri Lankan refugees from neighbouring India.

The United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) will receive one million Australian dollars (about 637,300 US dollars) to help support the economic livelihoods of fishing communities in three districts in the country through improved access to micro-credit and infrastructure development.

UNICEF (United Nations Children's Fund) will receive six million Australian dollars (about 3.82 million US dollars) for a range of projects that promote the rights of children, encourage conflict prevention and resolution and provide education about the dangers of landmines and unexploded ordnance.

MNA/Xinhua

India invited to join civil aircraft project

NEW DELHI, 18 June — India has got an invitation from an aircraft consortium, led by America's Boeing Corporation and Russia's Sukhoi Design Bureau, to join its project to build a family of regional jet transport aircraft for civilian use.

"They are very keen that we (India) become a risk-sharing partner," the *Press Trust of India* quoted NR Mohanty, chairman of Hindustan Aeronautics Limited (HAL) as saying on Thursday. He said the Russian Government has committed to buying about 60 civil aircraft and added that the manufacturers will also explore the global market for these airplanes.

Seattle-based Boeing and Sukhoi Design Bureau will produce the air-frame and the engine will be jointly built by the European aero engine manufacturer Snecma and Russia's Lyulka Saturn for the family of 60, 75 and 95-seater aircraft, with the first plane expected to take off by 2007-08.

India has not finalized

plans to join the consortium, but Mohanty said that HAL could provide crucial parts of engines and aircraft structure for the venture.

"It is a good opportunity to go global. If we become part of this type of consortium, our image will go up, capability and infrastructure will increase," he said.

"The profit would be shared between the companies based on the size of investment they make," Mohanty said. HAL has got 16 production units and nine research and design centres spread out in seven distinct locations in India.

It has so far produced over 3,300 aircraft, 3,400 aero engines and overhauled over 7,700 aircraft and 26,000 engines. — MNA/Xinhua

Early floods feared as heavy rains lash Bangladesh

DHAKA, 19 June — A sharp rise in water levels of major Bangladesh rivers due to torrential rains could cause flash floods and inundate many parts of the country, meteorologists said on Friday.

The three-month monsoon period officially began on Tuesday and flood-prone Bangladesh has since experienced virtually ceaseless rain.

"The current spell of rain, accompanied by winds, could last for a week more and might inundate vast areas across the country," Asadur Rahman of Bangladesh Meteorological Department told *Reuters*.

The levels of all major rivers — Jamuna, Padma, Meghna and Brahmaputra

that flow from the Himalayas to the Bay of Bengal via India and Bangladesh have risen alarmingly.

The meteorologists said the rivers could burst their banks, cut road links in many areas and even wash away homes.

"In the event of more rain, we fear severe flash floods, especially in the country's northeastern and southeastern hill belts, affecting over 22 million people," said another meteorologist.

MNA/Reuters

Asian Coast Guards agree to coordinate terror fight

Tokyo, 19 June — Coast Guards from 16 Asian countries and Hong Kong will work closely to combat possible terror attacks at sea in the region, including information sharing, Japanese officials said Friday after two days of talks.

The meeting of about 90 senior Coast Guard officials in Tokyo, the first of its kind involving such a large number of Asian countries, was held amid growing fears that ships sailing in the region could be targets of attacks. "In light of the situation we have been faced with in recent months, we all share the view that all countries involved should coordinate closely to combat terrorism at sea," one of the officials said.

They also agreed to conduct joint drills in the foreseeable future, the official said.

The 16 Asian countries are Bangladesh, Brunei, Cambodia, China and Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Japan, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore, South Korea, Sri Lanka, Thailand and Vietnam.

"We cannot tackle terrorism alone," *Kyodo* news agency quoted Taizo Sato, Japan's Senior Vice-Transport Minister, as saying in a speech to the meeting on Thursday.

"This meeting is important for maintaining peace and security in the sea in and

around Asia."

Asia's main marine safety body said in March that it would issue warnings to ships trading in its waters that fail to comply with new stringent security measures, due to come into force globally on 1 July and designed to protect the industry against terror attacks.

The Tokyo MoU, a ship and port inspection body in the Asia-Pacific Region, began issuing warning letters in April to ship owners whose vessels have not been certified to trade under new anti-terror measures hammered out in the aftermath of the September 11 attacks.

The International Maritime Organization's (IMO) International Ship and Port Facility Security Code (ISPS) is mandatory across the world and ships face being turned away from ports, effectively barring them from trading.

The Tokyo MoU consists of 18 maritime authorities charged with policing ports and ships in countries that include China, South Korea, Singapore, Australia and Chile.

MNA/Reuters

Anthrax found in dead elephant in Bangladesh

DHAKA, 19 June — Anthrax, a killer virus was found in the carcass of an elephant in Bangladesh's southeastern Bandarban hill district.

This is the first time that anthrax was detected in animal in Bangladesh, an expert in Chittagong said by phone Friday.

The existence of anthrax in the body of the dead elephant, which was found in deep forest of Lama sub-district, was detected by veterinary experts in southeastern Chittagong.

MNA/Xinhua

China offers \$900m loans for Russia, Central Asia

BEIJING, 18 June — Chinese President Hu Jintao has offered 900 million US dollars in loans with preferential treatment for Russia and four Central Asian neighbours to boost economic cooperation and trade, state media said on Friday.

Hu made the offer at the annual summit of the Shanghai Cooperation Organization in Tashkent on Thursday. The SCO, established in 2001 to fight terrorism, groups China, Russia, Kazakhstan, Kyrgyzstan, Tajikistan and Uzbekistan.

"We should fully take advantage of the high complementary economy among members and the rich natural resources and start cooperation in various forms," the official *Xinhua* news agency quoted Hu as saying.

Economic cooperation

and the fight against terrorism, separatism and extremism are key areas the organization should work on, Hu said.

Russian President Vladimir Putin said peaceful reconstruction of Afghanistan is vital to Central Asia's stability and proposed the establishment of a liaison mechanism between the SCO and Afghanistan, it said.

Uzbek leader Islam Karimov proposed establishing a Central Asia Common Market, the agency said.

MNA/Reuters



Bangladeshi farmers cropping vegetables. A new pest control device that employs the female sex hormone to attract and trap male insects is saving Bangladeshi farmers money and reducing pesticide use.—INTERNET

SPORTS

Totti will not appeal against three-match ban

LISBON, 19 June — Italy will not appeal against the three-match ban imposed on forward Francesco Totti for spitting at Denmark's Christian Poulsen, Italian news agency ANSA reported on Friday.

European soccer's governing body (UEFA) ruled on Thursday that Totti had been guilty of "gross unsporting conduct" after viewing video evidence from the Group C 0-0 draw on Monday.

Lawyers defending Totti said they were partially satisfied by the ruling which left open the door for an appeal. On Friday ANSA quoted one lawyer as saying the player would not appeal.

The Italian soccer federation had no immediate comment.

The ban means Totti will miss the remaining Group C games against Sweden and Bulgaria, and the quarterfinals if Italy get that far. Italy play Sweden later on Friday.

The Danish Football Association (DBU) made an official complaint to UEFA following the release of images showing the Italy forward clearly spitting in the face of Poulsen.

"Prosecutors" at the hearing had asked for a four-match suspension. Totti's lawyers wanted a one- or two-match ban.

MNA/Reuters

Hero Gronkjaer as Denmark send Bulgaria out

BRAGA (Portugal), 19 June — Denmark saw off Bulgaria 2-0 in a rugged Euro 2004 Group C match on Friday, sending the Bulgarians out of the tournament.

After Jon Dahl Tomasson had put the Danes ahead just before halftime, substitute Jesper Gronkjaer added a late second to mark his return to the team following the death of his mother.

Gronkjaer's teammates rushed to embrace the winger after the goal, which he celebrated with a clenched fist and scream into a camera lens. He wiped tears from his eyes with his red jersey when he walked back for the restart.

"Jesper wasn't fit to play a whole match," Denmark coach Morten Olsen said. "When he went on it was too early for him really but he showed fantastic character."

"That speaks for him, and speaks for the team."

Victory left Denmark top of Group C with four points from two games. Bulgaria, thrashed 5-0 by Sweden in their opening match, never threatened to score and fol-

lowing a succession of bookings their frustration was complete when captain Stilian Petrov was sent off seven minutes from time.

The Danes dominated the first half but had to wait until the 44th minute to break the deadlock. Tomasson tapping into an empty net after good approach work from Thomas Gravesen and Martin Joergensen. The goal ensured Denmark did not notch up a record five successive matches at European Championships without scoring.

Gronkjaer, who joined the squad late because of his mother's sudden death from cancer last week and missed the 0-0 draw with Italy, started on the bench but came on for the injured Dennis Rommedahl in the 23rd minute. He also learned earlier on Friday that his club Chelsea had agreed to sell him to Premier League ri-

vals Birmingham City.

The Danes created a string of chances which all went begging with Gronkjaer's low shot to the near post from the left the best. Goalkeeper Zdravko Zdravkov had to go down sharply to save it.

Gravesen, who missed the Italy game through suspension, had in the 39th minute put another good through ball to Tomasson but the striker, having rounded Zdravkov, shot into the side netting.

Bulgaria's best chance, at the end of the first half, ended with a Martin Petrov mishit straight to keeper Thomas Sorensen after a good one-two with Dimitar Berbatov.

Bulgaria coach Plamen Markov had said he wanted his team to show a different face although he probably did not mean their rather violent image at the end when they reacted after the referee dismissed their penalty appeals.

Bulgarian frustrations mounted throughout the second half and Denmark finally got their deserved second goal two minutes into injury time.—MNA/Reuters

Italian fans apologize for Totti's spit

PORTO, June 19 — Italy fans at Friday's Euro 2004 match with Sweden offered up an apology on behalf of Francesco Totti who was suspended for three matches for spitting.

A group of fans held aloft a homemade banner declaring "We Apologize" while another read "Baggio doesn't spit" — a reference to former European Player of the Year Roberto Baggio who has recently retired from the game.

Totti took his seat in the stand at the Dragao Stadium around 20 minutes before kickoff accompanied by his girlfriend, Italian television presenter Ilary Blasi.

The Italian Football Federation decided on Friday not to appeal against the three-match ban imposed on Totti for spitting at Denmark's Christian Poulsen during Monday's 0-0 Group C draw.

MNA/Reuters

Sweden battle for draw with Italy

PORTO, 19 June — Zlatan Ibrahimovic struck a late goal to give Sweden a battling 1-1 draw with a vastly-improved Italy side playing without suspended playmaker Francesco Totti in a storming Group C clash on Friday.



The points seemed to be heading Italy's way when Ibrahimovic hooked the ball into the top corner with his back to goal from close-range after a scramble in the area in the 85th minute.

Italy had taken the lead after 37 minutes with a header from 21-year-old Antonio Cassano and outplayed a determined Sweden team for long periods of an absorbing match.

Sweden next meet Scandinavian rivals Denmark in their final match with both teams on four points with Italy, who have two points, facing an easier match against eliminated Bulgaria.

Only some inspired goalkeeping from former Juventus youngster Andreas Isaksson in the Swedish goal had prevented Italy from extending their lead.

Totti, banned by UEFA for three matches for spitting and booed by the Swedish fans when his image was flashed on the stadium TV screen, could only watch from the stands.

He can return if they reach the semifinals, although Italy played well enough without him compared to their lacklustre display against Denmark in their goalless opening match.

Italy attacked for most of a pulsating first half and had five-goal attempts from Alessandro Piero and Christian Vieri before breaking the deadlock eight minutes before the break.

Christian Panucci, who

had an excellent match marauding down the left flank, created the goal with a left-footed inswinging cross for Cassano who stooped low to glance the ball past Isaksson for his second goal in his fifth international.

The only downside for Italy were bookings for midfielder Gennaro Gattuso and defender Fabio Cannavaro, and both will miss their final group match

Buffon unbeatable in goal, Italy had looked impregnable.

The tireless running of Gattuso and Simone Perrotta in midfield limited Sweden's options — so much so that their leading striker Henrik Larsson was limited to watching and waiting — and he did not have a goal attempt until midway through the second half when he blasted high and wide.



Sweden's Zlatan Ibrahimovic, centre, scores with a back-heel against Italy's goalie Gianluigi Buffon, right, during their Group C Euro 2004 first round match at the Drago Stadium, in Porto, Portugal, on 18 June, 2004. At left is Italy's Giuseppe Favalli. Bulgaria and Denmark also play in Group C.—INTERNET

against Bulgaria, along with Totti.

Bulgaria, already eliminated after their 2-0 defeat to Denmark earlier, will probably not pose too much of a threat to Italy if they show this kind of form again next Tuesday.

With Alessandro Nesta and Cannavaro outstanding at the back and Gianluigi

Sweden, needing a win to ensure a quarterfinal place, looked lively on the break at times and both Fredrik Ljungberg and Ibrahimovic went close in the first half but failed to find the target until his late goal saved a point.

MNA/Reuters

Sweden delighted by gritty draw

PORTO, 19 June — Sweden striker Henrik Larsson said his side were very pleased after battling back to earn a 1-1 draw with Italy in Euro 2004 Group C on Friday.

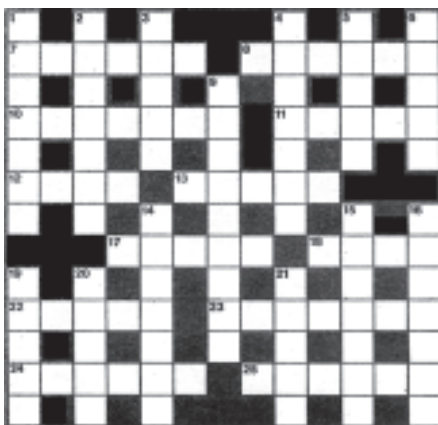
Larsson's attacking partner Zlatan Ibrahimovic scored a brilliant late equalizer to earn the Swedes a point.

"It was a great goal he scored and we were very pleased with the draw," Larsson said.

"We are happy we got this point and it was a beautiful goal. Zlatan deserved it, he is a great player."

"They are a very skilful Italian side but we were able to put them under pressure in the second half and were able to get the equalizer."

MNA/Reuters

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**20-6-2004 (Sunday)
(Programme Schedule)
Morning Transmission
(9:00 - 10:00)**

- 9:00 Signature Tune
Greeting
9:02 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Myanmar
Panorama & Myanma
Sentiment"
9:06 The Rakhine Traditional Wrestling
9:10 **Headline News**
9:12 Myanmar Traditional Fan
9:15 **National News**
9:20 I love you with my eyes closed
9:30 **National News**
9:35 Myanmar Traditional Flower Arrangements (Decoration with Glaze)
9:40 Song "Auspicious Day, May 17th (II)"
9:45 **National News**
9:50 Leisurely Cruise Along The Coast (Mawlamyaing to Myeik)
9:58 Song of Myanmar Beauty & Scenic Sights "Come and See Myanmar"

**20-6-2004 (Sunday)
Evening Transmission
(15:30 - 17:30)**

- 15:30 Signature Tune
Greeting
15:02 Song of Myanmar Beauty & Scenic Sights "Mingalabar"
15:36 The Rakhine Traditional Wrestling
15:40 **Headline News**
15:42 Myanmar Traditional Fan
15:45 **National News**
15:50 I love you with my eyes closed
16:00 **National News**
16:05 Myanmar Traditional Flower Arrangements (Decoration with

- Glaze)
16:10 Song "Auspicious Day, May 17th (II)"
16:15 **National News**
16:20 Leisurely Cruise Along The Coast (Mawlamyaing to Myeik)
16:25 Song of Myanmar Beauty & Scenic Sights "Myanmar Panorama & Myanma Sentiment"
16:30 **National News**
16:35 Myanmar Musical Instruments (Brass gong) (Maung Saing)
16:40 The Royal Animal Weights of the Myanmar Empires
16:45 **National News**
16:50 National Kandawgyi Gardens
16:55 The Htaung Yang Nay (Classical Male Dance)
16:58 Tour in Myanmar "Yangon"
17:00 **National News**
17:05 Taninthayi, Land of Oil Palm
17:10 Song "The Beauty of the Ayeyawady River (Sagaing)"
17:15 **National News**
17:20 Myanmar Lacquerware
17:25 Song of Myanmar Beauty & Scenic Sights "Come and See Myanmar"

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

- 19:30 Signature Tune
Greeting
19:32 Song of Myanmar Beauty & Scenic Sights "Myanmar Panorama & Myanma Sentiment"
19:36 Myanmar Elephants from Myanma Forest
19:40 **Headline News**
19:42 Fishery Industry in Thandwe Township
19:45 **National News**
19:50 Myanmar Movie Impact "Style"
20:00 **National News**
20:05 The Beautiful Green Ice
20:10 Song "Moonlight Flower"
20:12 Myanmar Marionette "The Ogre Dance"
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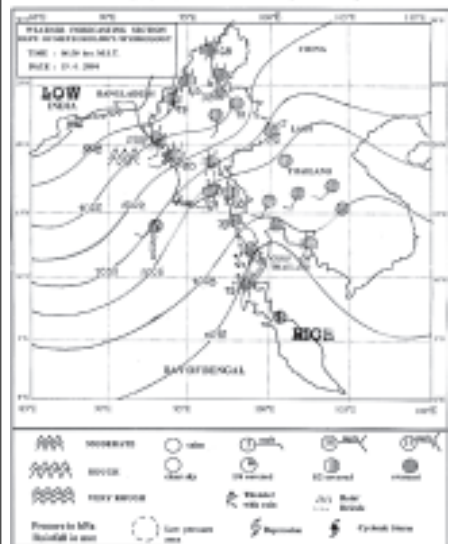
- Mawlamyaing)
20:25 Songs On Screen "Truth and Beauty"
20:30 **National News**
20:35 Myanmar Profile "Supermarkets"
20:40 Myanmar Footware "Ponedaw" Famed in Successive Eras
20:45 **National News**
20:50 A Village of Pa O
20:55 Rakhine Traditional Cultural Dance
20:58 Kengtaung Waterfall
21:00 **National News**
21:05 Thihathana Throne
21:10 Song "Sagawa Flowers Land"
21:15 **National News**
21:20 Beauty of the Woman of Myanmar (Pre-War Period)
21:25 Song of Myanmar Beauty & Scenic Sights "Mingalabar"
21:35 The Rakhine Traditional Wrestling
21:40 **Headline News**
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22:10 Song "Auspicious Day, May 17th (II)"
22:15 **National News**
22:20 Leisurely Cruise Along The Coast (Mawlamyaing to Myeik)
22:25 Myanmar Modern Song "Welcome to Treasure Land"
22:30 **National News**
22:35 Myanmar Musical Instruments (Brass gong) (Maung Saing)
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**20-6-2004 (Sunday) &
21-6-2004 (Monday)
Evening Transmission &
Morning Transmission
(23:30-1:30)**

- 23:30 Signature Tune
Greeting
23:32 Song of Myanmar Beauty & Scenic Sights "Mingalabar"
23:36 The Rakhine Traditional Wrestling
23:40 **Headline News**
23:42 Myanmar Traditional Fan
23:45 **National News**
23:50 I love you with my eyes closed
24:00 **National News**
00:05 Myanmar Traditional Flower Arrangements (Decoration with Glaze)
00:10 Song "Auspicious Day, May 17th (II)"
00:15 **National News**
00:20 Leisurely Cruise Along The Coast (Mawlamyaing to Myeik)
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Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas

WEATHER
Saturday, 19 June, 2004

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Kayah State and Magway Division, rain have been scattered in Yangon Division and widespread in the remaining areas with locally heavyfalls in Rakhine State, Taninthayi and Bago Divisions, isolated heavyfalls in Mon and Kayin States, Bago, upper Sagaing and Ayeyawady Divisions. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Sittwe (9.21) inches, Maungdaw (6.81) inches, Thaton (6.50) inches, Ann (5.59) inches, Hpa-an (5.51) inches. Thandwe (4.88) inches, Kyaukpadaung (4.68) inches, Myeik (4.61) inches, Shwegyin (4.25) inches, Zaungtu (3.86) inches, Dawei (3.50) inches, Hkamti (3.42) inches, Kyauktaw (3.31) inches, Gwa (3.23) inches and Henthada (3.03) inches.

Maximum temperature on 18-6-2004 was 29.2°C (85°F). Minimum temperature on 19-6-2004 was 19.4°C (67°F). Relative humidity at 9:30 hrs MST on 19-6-2004 was 92%. Total sunshine hours on 18-6-2004 was nil. Rainfall on 19-6-2004 was 41mm (1.62 inches) at Yangon Airport, 69mm (2.72 inches) at Kaba-Aye and 76mm (2.99 inches) at central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2004 was 966mm (38.03 inches) at Yangon Airport and 876mm (34.49 inches) at Kaba-Aye and 1012mm (39.84 inches) at central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was 25 mph from Southwest at (22:15) hours MST on 18-6-2004.

Bay inference: According to the observations at (06:30) hours MST today, the low pressure area over North Bay and adjoining Central Bay becomes unimportant. Monsoon is vigorous in the Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of the 20-6-2004: Rain will be isolated in Kayah State and Magway Division, scattered rain in Shan State, Mandalay and lower Sagaing Divisions and widespread in the remaining areas with likelihood of locally heavyfalls in Rakhine State and isolated heavyfalls in Mon, Kayin States and Ayeyawady, Yangon and Taninthayi Divisions. Degree of certainty is (100%).

State of the sea: Occasional squalls with rough seas will be experienced off and along Myanmar Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (40) to (45) mph.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Strong Monsoon.
Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 20-6-2004: Some rain. Degree of certainty is (100%).
Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 20-6-2004: Isolated rain. Degree of certainty is (80%).


Sunday, June 20
View today:
7:00 am

1. Recitation of Parittas by Missionary Sayadaw U Ottamathara

7:25 am

2. To be healthy exercise

7:30 am

3. Morning news

7:40 am

4. Nice and sweet song

7:55 am

5. ယဉ်ကျေးလိမ္မော်(ရဲရဲ)မြတ်မတ်လာ

8:10 am

6. အစိုးပြိုင်ပွဲ

8:15 am

7. ဆရာတော်တော်တော်

8:30 am

8. International news

8:45 am

9. Say it in English

11:00 am

1. Martial song

11:10 am

2. Musical programme

11:25 am

3. Round-up of the week's International news

11:40 am

4. နိုင်ငံခြားစာတတ်လမ်းတွဲ "သုန္ဒရီမုန့်" (အပိုင်း-၂)

12:15 pm

5. သစ်သီးဝလံပေါ်ပြည့်စေသာ ဥယျာဉ်မြို့နယ်

12:30 pm

6. Myanmar Movie: "အမြဲတော့အတူ"

မင်းမောင်မိုးနီ၊ အိမ်ကော့ကော့

လှအောင်လှအောင်

အိမ်ကော့ကော့-အိမ်ကော့

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. သာယာဝတီအေး(ရဲရဲ)မြတ် မတ်လာစော

5:00 pm

5. အခင်းသင်တန်းတိုက် ပညာရေး

ရုပ်ရှင်သင်တန်းတိုက်-တတိယပန်း

(သတ္တဗောဓာသုတ္တံ) (သတ္တဗောဓာ)

5:15 pm

6. Dance of national races

5:30 pm

7. Musical programme

5:45 pm

8. ရှမ်းတို့မေ့လျော့ တိုင်းရင်းသား

ကျေးဇူး

5:50 pm

9. Sing and enjoy

6:30 pm

10. Evening news

7:00 pm

11. Weather report

7:05 pm

12. နိုင်ငံခြားစာတတ်လမ်းတွဲ

"နင်းမင်း" (အပိုင်း-၂၂)

7:30 pm

13. Agricultural Source

Country's Development

7:45 pm

14. ဖွံ့ဖြိုးရေး စာအုပ်ပြပွဲ (အပိုင်း-၂)

8:00 pm

15. News

8:15 pm

16. International news

8:30 pm

17. Weather report

18. Myanmar video feature:

"နင်းမင်း" (အပိုင်း-၂၂)

လှမင်း၊ နီ-မြတ်မတ်၊ နီ-မြတ်

အိမ်ကော့ကော့-အိမ်ကော့

1:15 pm

19. Euro 2004 ဘောလုံးပြိုင်ပွဲ

တိုက်ရိုက်ထုတ်လွှင့်မှုအစီအစဉ်

(ခရီးစဉ်၊ နေရာ၊ ပေါ့တိုက်)

20. The next day's programme


Sunday, June 20
Tune in today:

- 8.30 am** Brief news
8.35 am Music: Babe
8.40 am Perspectives
8.45 am Music: Say you'll be there
8.55 am National news/Slogan
9.05 am Music: Sara
9.10 am International news
9.15 am Music A message for your mind
1.30 pm News/Slogan
1.40 pm Story for children -Shwe Ni, the deer
1.50 pm Songs 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 Just one last dance
9.45 pm News/Slogan
10.00 pm PEL

Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt attends third certificate presentation ceremony of Dhammaçariya and Abhidhamma Courses

YANGON, 19 June— The ceremony for the third presentation of certificates for Summer Dhammaçariya and Abhidhamma Shwe Night Teachership Course of Thadu Pariyatti Monastery in Kyimyindine Township was held at the monastery this afternoon, attended by Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt.

Also present on the occasion were Joint-Secretary of the State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Agga Maha Pandita Bhaddanta Çarindabhivamsa, member Sayadaw Agga Maha Pandita Bhaddanta Sirinda (Thaton Sayadaw), Nyaungdon Shwehintha Tawya Pali Tekkatho Monastery Administrator Sayadaw Agga Maha Pandita Bhaddanta Visabhivamsa and members of the Sangha, student monks, ministers, the Yangon Mayor, deputy ministers, officials of the State Peace and Development Council Office, departmental heads, local authorities and wellwishers.

The Joint-Secretary Sayadaw administered the Five Precepts. The Prime Minister and party and wellwishers donated offertories to the Sayadaws.

Course in-charge Sayadaw Bhaddanta Paññasiha presented certificates of Sasanapala Dhammaçariya of Shwe Night Teachership Course to U Vilasa of Seinban Dhamma Yeiktha Monastery of Bago and U Nandasami of Sasana Mandaing Pali Tekkatho Monastery of Bago. The Sayadaw also presented prizes to outstanding members of the Sangha and nuns in Dhammaçariya Course, Pahtamagyi Course and Pahtamalal Course.

Next, the ministers and the Yangon Mayor accepted K 2 million for the course donated by U Ar Wah-Daw San San Maw; K 1.2 million by Kwnywedan Street (East) 'Soon' Offering Family; K 1 million by shopkeepers of Kyimyindine Central Sanpya Fish Market; K 1 million by Shwe Than Lwin Co Ltd; K 850,000 by Aungthukha Street Dhammayon (East) 'Soon' Offering Family of Ward 5, Kamayut Township; K 800,000 by Yongyi Street, Tazaunggyi Street, Theingyi Street and Kyaunggyi Street Dhammayon (East) 'Soon' Offering Family; K 800,000 by U Mya Maung-Daw Sein Sein Myint; K 510,000 by U Win Tin-Daw Pu; K 500,000 each by U Than Win-Daw



Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt offers provisions at ceremony for presentation of certificates for Summer Dhammaçariya and Abhidhamma Courses.— MNA

Hantha Aye; Ko Aung Naing-Ma Aye Sanda; families of Sagawabin Street (Lower); Oo-yin Street (Lower); and Kwamywedan Street (West) 'Soon' Offering Family; K 400,000 by Thiha Thudhamma Theingi Daw Than Than Yi; K 350,000 each by U Naing Oo-Daw Aye Aye San; Bo Ottama Street 'Soon' Offering Family of Bawga Ward, Kyimyindine Township; U Nay Win Aung-Daw Aye Aye Aung; U Kyaw Myo Win-Ma Htet Htet Maw; and Neikban Street (Upper) 'Soon' Offering Family; K 300,000 each by Ko Nay Win-Ma Sanda; Yadanabon Street (Lower) 'Soon' Offering Family of Kyimyindine Township; U Shwe Hla-Daw Aye Myint; U Po Htoo Street 'Soon' Offering Family of Kyimyindine Township; and U Kyi Lay-Daw Yi Yi Nyunt; K 250,000 by U Myo Nyunt-Daw Ngwe Yi; K 210,000 by U Aung Than Sein-Daw Aye Myint Than and K 205,000 by U

Tin Sein-Daw Chaw Su. Certificates of honour were presented to the wellwishers.

The Prime Minister paid homage to student monks attending the teachership course.

Course-in-charge Sayadaw Bhaddanta Paññasiha spoke on the occasion. Next, member of the State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Thaton Sayadaw delivered a sermon, followed by sharing of merits.

Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt had donated 1,590 dozen exercise books and 800 dozen pencils for the trainees of the course.

The teachership course was opened from 22 April 2004 to 19 June. A total of 1,500 members of the Sangha, novices, nuns and lay persons attended the three courses.

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Lt-Gen Kyaw Win inspects Kyaikkhami Station Hospital.— MNA

National Convention delegates go to pagodas, Kanbawzathadi Palace in Bago

YANGON, 19 June— Delegates to the National Convention paid homage to pagodas in Bago and visited Kanbawzathadi Palace of King Bayintnaung this morning.

Accompanied by officials of the National Convention Convening Invitation and Accommodation Sub-committee, the delegates left here by car and arrived at Shwehmawdaw Pagoda in Bago at 7.30 am. They were welcomed there by Chairman of Bago District Peace and Development Council Lt-Col Aung Min, township officials and members of the pagoda board of trustees. The delegates paid homage to the pagoda.

At Myingyar Dhammayon, member of the pagoda board of trustees U Tun Nyunt explained the history of the pagoda. The delegates donated K 123,015 toward the pagoda fund. On arrival at Seinthalayung Reclining Buddha Image, officials and members of the pagoda board of trustees welcomed them. The delegates offered flowers and lights to the image and presented K 92,460 toward the fund.

They then proceeded to Kanbawzathadi Palace of King Bayintnaung. They were welcomed there by Assistant Director U Myat Swe of Archaeology Department and officials. U Myat Swe explained the history of the palace. The delegates visited the royal audience hall, Bamayathana Throne and the Archaeological Museum.

They then went to Shwehthalyaung Reclining Buddha Image, and paid obeisance and donated K 84,090. Certificates of honour were given to them. The delegates left there at 10.30 am. — MNA

Lt-Gen Kyaw Win inspects development of Thanbyuzayat Township

YANGON, 19 June— Member of the State Peace and Development Council Chief of Armed Forces Training Lt-Gen Kyaw Win, accompanied by member of Mon State Peace and Development Council Commander of Mon State Police Force Police Col Thein Lin, Chairman of Mawlamyine District Peace and Development Council Lt-Col Tin Aung and officials, arrived at the office of Thanbyuzayat Township Peace and Development Council on 16 June afternoon.

They were welcomed there by Chairman of Township Peace and Development Council U Thein Win and officials.

Lt-Gen Kyaw Win met departmental officials and social organization members at the office and gave instructions on co-operation of departmental officials and local farmers in extension of summer and

monsoon paddy cultivation for ensuring food sufficiency in the region, boosting production of rubber, regional development and Seven-Step Future Policy programme of the State. He then fulfilled the requirements.

At 2 pm, he went to Kyaikkhami Basic Education High School and inspected students at the multi-media classrooms. He instructed officials to attend to academic matters and looked into the needs.

On arrival at Kyaikkhami Station Hospital, Lt-Gen Kyaw Win visited the wards and inspected medical stores and operation theatre. Next, he met the doctor and health staff and instructed them to keep the hospital clean and hygienic, provide adequate health care and maintain building of the hospital. Later, Lt-Gen Kyaw Win fulfilled the requirements. — MNA



Delegates to National Convention on excursion Bago.—MNA

With hands linked firm around the National Convention.