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Four political objectives

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

Four economic objectives

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

Four social objectives

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



MEC Chairman Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt gives instructions to faculty members at Magway University on 22-6-2004.—MNA

Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt tours townships in Magway Division

YANGON, 22 June— Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt together with Chairman of Mandalay Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Central Command Maj-Gen Ye Myint and Chairman of Magway Division Peace and Development Council Col Zaw Min, left Magway on 21 June morning and arrived Minbu District Hospital at 8 am.

The Prime Minister and party were welcomed there by Medical Superintendent Dr Kyaw Lin, specialists and nurses. The Prime Minister and party inspected the lecture hall, wards, the extension of the hospital, the

operation theatre, the medical stores and the lab. The Prime Minister heard reports on treatment, academic, construction and staff matters presented by the medical superintendent.

Next, the Prime Minister and party proceeded to Minbu Basic Education High School where they were welcomed by members of the school board of trustees, the school head, teachers and students.

The General met district and township level authorities, departmental officials, social organizations and local people.

Chairman of Minbu District Peace and Development

Council Lt-Col Myo Aung reported on location and area of the district, population, land resources, rainfall, water for irrigation, target for cultivation of monsoon and summer paddy in 2003-2004, production, cultivation of 10 main crops, extended cultivation, boosting per-acre yield, food sufficiency of the district, livestock breeding, education, health and supply of potable water. Next, officials submitted reports on agriculture, rural development and establishment of forests. The Prime Minister attended to the needs.

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Government laying emphasis on building economic, social and transport infrastructures and human resource development Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Soe Win meets officials in Loikaw

YANGON, 22 June — Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Soe Win met departmental officials at the city hall in Loikaw on 20 June.

Present at the meeting were member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Aung Htwe, Chairman of Shan State Peace and Development Council Commander of Eastern Command Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint, the ministers, the deputy ministers, the Chairman of Kayah State Peace and Development Council, officials of the State Peace and Development Council Office, departmental heads, members of Kayah State Peace and Development Council, local authorities, members of the Union Solidarity and Development Association and social organizations, townsmen and guests.

Kayah State Manager of Myanmar Agriculture Service U Khin Maung Latt reported on climate of the region, cultivable land, cultivation of paddy oil and kitchen crops and arrangements for cultivation of paddy of high per acre yield for 2004-2005.

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Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Soe Win cordially greets departmental officials in Loilem.—MNA

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Lawyer wants Bush on witness stand over Iraq abuse

BAGHDAD, 22 June—President Bush and Secretary of Defence Donald Rumsfeld should take the witness stand at the trial of a US soldier charged with abusing prisoners in Iraq, the soldier's lawyer said on Monday.

Policies adopted in Bush's "war on terror" created a climate encouraging cruelty, said lawyers for US soldiers accused of subjecting detainees to sexual humiliation and physical abuse at Iraq's Abu Ghraib prison.

"No one can suggest with a straight face that the MPs (military police) acted alone," said defence lawyer Guy Womack, representing Specialist Charles Graner, who faces the most serious charges of the soldiers to be court martialled.

"They were directly under the supervision of military intelligence officers," he told reporters after a pretrial hearing.

Pretrial hearings were held on Monday for Specialist Charles Graner — who faces the most serious charges of all the Abu Ghraib accused — and Sergeant Javal Davis.

Davis's defence counsel Paul Bergrin said Bush and Rumsfeld sidestepped the Geneva Convention, encourag-

ing abuse that stretched down the chain of command to the soldiers at Abu Ghraib, notorious as a torture centre under Saddam Hussein.

He said his client — accused of jumping on a pile of prisoners and stomping on their feet — was instructed on a daily basis to soften up Iraqi prisoners to obtain intelligence.

"Bush gave a speech declaring his war on terror and said the Geneva Convention no longer applied," he told reporters after an impassioned address in the court room.

Bergrin said he would seek to put both Bush and Rumsfeld on the stand as witnesses.

A scheduled hearing for Staff Sergeant Ivan Frederick was postponed to July 23 after his civilian defence counsel, Gary Myers, failed to turn up in court, despite the judge's earlier rejection of his request to represent his client by telephone to avoid the violent chaos gripping Iraq.

Internet

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837 US service members killed since beginning of military operations in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 22 June—As of Monday, 21 June, 837 US service members have died since the beginning of military operations in Iraq last year, according to the Defence Department. Of those, 617 died as a result of hostile action and 220 died of non-hostile causes.

The British military has reported 58 deaths; Italy, 18; Spain, eight; Bulgaria and Poland, six each; Ukraine, four; Slovakia three; Thailand, two; Denmark, El Salvador, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia and the Netherlands have reported one each. Since 1 May, 2003, when President Bush declared that major combat operations in Iraq had ended, 699 US soldiers have died — 508 as a result of hostile action and 191 of non-hostile causes, according to the military as of Monday.—Internet



A crowd of Iraqis gather to watch as a US armoured vehicle stuck in sewage after it slipped into a ditch during a patrol in Baghdad on 21 June, 2004.—INTERNET

Afro-Asian legal consultative session opens in Indonesia

JAKARTA, 22 June—The 43rd annual session of the Afro-Asian Legal Consultative Organization opened here Monday, aiming to tackle international legal issues.

"There are many Afro-Asian countries who are trapped in internal conflicts after gaining their independence, which leads to poverty and backwardness," Indonesian President Megawati Soekarnoputri said in her opening remarks, as quoted by *The Jakarta Post* online news service.

"Most of the internal conflicts appeared when the countries failed to realize the importance of welfare for their people," she said. Such conditions, Megawati said, had created injustice that in turn could become the roots of terrorism.

"I expect the session can come up with legal recommendations to be used by Afro-Asian countries in their negotiations with developed countries," she said.

The annual session, which ends on Fri-

day, will discuss various topics such as Marine Law, extraterritorial applications of national legislation, deportation of Palestinians and other Israeli practices and the International Criminal Court.

Meanwhile, Saudi Arabia proposed discussing human rights in Islam. Other proposed agenda items are a code of conduct for world trade and the World Trade Organization's (WTO's) legal framework.

This is the second time Indonesia has hosted the annual session after the 21st session in 1980.

Indonesian Minister of Justice and Human Rights Yusril Ihza Mahendra said the session would focus on Marine Law, pressing for an international convention.

MNA/Xinhua

Zimbabwe to hold international travel expo

HARARE, 21 June—Zimbabwe will host an international travel expo in October at the Harare International Conference Centre with the theme being "Bringing business and people together," according to the *Sunday Mail* on Sunday.

The expo is an annual event hosted by the Zimbabwe Tourism Authority (ZTA) and its emphasis is on stimulating tourist arrivals, showcasing Zimbabwe as a leading tourist destination, a platform to launch new products and services and an forum to network with other operators and open new business opportunities.—MNA/Xinhua

SIA, ANA reach agreement on code-sharing operations

SINGAPORE, 22 June—Singapore Airlines (SIA) and All Nippon Airways (ANA) have reached a code-sharing agreement on flights between Singapore and Japan from August 1 this year.

According to a joint statement by the SIA and ANA on Monday, SIA's two-letter code will be applied to ANA's seven weekly flights between Singapore and Tokyo Narita, and SIA's 42 weekly flights between Singapore and Tokyo Narita, Osaka Kansai, Nagoya and Fukuoka will carry the ANA code.—MNA/Xinhua

Iraq war 'not worth fighting'

WASHINGTON, 22 June—Fifty-two per cent of Americans believe the Iraq war was not worth fighting, according to an opinion poll released today.

The joint survey by America's ABC News and *The Washington Post* found seven in 10 Americans thought US casualties were "unacceptable".

And the number of those confident the war had enhanced long-term US security was down 11 points since the beginning of the year, to 51 per cent.

The poll results follow a report by a bipartisan commission investigating the September 11, 2001 attacks on the United States that found no co-operative ties between the former Iraqi government of Saddam Hussein and al-Qaeda.

That was contrary to the Bush administration's claims on going to war.

President George W Bush also insisted Baghdad had a massive arsenal of weapons of mass destruction, but no such weapons have ever been found.

The poll found that approval for the President's handling of the US campaign

against terrorism had fallen to 50 per cent.

Democratic presidential candidate John Kerry was slightly ahead of him in terms of who was trusted to handle terrorism—48 per cent to 47 per cent.

Mr Bush had a 13-point lead over Mr Kerry on the same issue a month ago and a 21-point lead in April.

Evaluating Mr Bush's overall job performance, 47 per cent of Americans polled approved and 51 per cent disapproved.

If the election was held today, Mr Kerry would have a four-point lead over Mr Bush in the three-way race including independent candidate Ralph Nader, according to the survey.

The poll found 76 per cent of Americans believed the Iraq war had damaged the US image in the rest of the world—13 points up from last year. Sixty-three per cent said it had caused long-term harm to US relations with countries that opposed the war.—Internet

S Koreans against troop dispatch to Iraq

SEOUL, 21 June—Responding to footage of a South Korean hostage in Iraq pleading for his life on Monday, many South Koreans are turning against the government's plan to send more troops to the Middle Eastern country, Internet surveys showed.

An online survey of 1,612 people by Naver.com, one of the most popular portal sites here, showed 63.2 per cent of respondents opposed the troop dispatch plan, nearly double the 33.2 per cent who gave their approval, according to *Yonhap*.

The result was a significant reverse from a poll in October, which showed approval by 48.6 per cent of respondents and opposition by 47.4 per cent.

The switch of the public attitude was also shown in a survey by Yahoo.co.kr. It found 63 per cent were opposed and 32 per cent agreed.

The South Korean government has reaffirmed its plan to send 3,660 troops to Iraq, with the first batch leaving in July. Their operations will mainly involve rehabilitation work rather than combat, it said.—Internet



Masked men stand around a South Korean hostage in a videotape aired on Arabic television station Al Jazeera on 20 June, 2004.—INTERNET

Heinous charges made against UK military in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 22 June—Iraqis were “tortured” by British troops who killed some 20 in fighting at Al-Majar al-Kebir in the south of the country on 14 May, the *Guardian* reported yesterday, citing death certificates drawn up by the town’s hospital.

Of 22 certificates issued by hospital director Dr Adel Salid Majid, copies of which were obtained by the newspaper, seven reported signs of “mutilation” and “torture.”

The daily gave details of the cases:

Ahmad al Helifi, a 19-year-old casual labourer, is described as having “several bullet injuries to the body, with blueness of the left eye and a cut-wound by a sharp tool on the right arm. In addition, there are signs of beating and torturing all over the body.”

Haider al Lami, 21, also a casual labourer, had “several bullet injuries to the body, with mutilation of genitalia.” His penis had been “severed.”

Hamed al Suadi, 19, is recorded as having “bullet wounds to the neck and the foot. There are signs of torture: The right arm is fractured and there is full distortion of the face.” Another, Ali al Jemindari, 37, had “several bullet injuries in head, face and the body, with slash marks on the neck. The right arm has been severed at the shoulder. There is a large opening in the right cheek and the removal by gouging of the right eye.”

Majid told the *Guardian*: “On May 15, the police came and asked us to send ambulances to the British base to collect some bodies. When they brought the 22 bodies, it

was a surprise to us to see some of these bodies mutilated and tortured.

“There was an angry crowd of relatives outside the hospital gates, so we examined the bodies at once and organized the death certificates. We don’t have a big refrigerator here so everyone took the death certificate and the body and buried their family members.”

A doctor at nearby Amara hospital who was the first to see the bodies cast doubt on the claims. The doctor, who spoke on condition of anonymity, examined the corpse of Jemindari.

He said: “What we saw on examination is multiple bullet entries and exits. Also I can say his arm wasn’t severed like what was written on the form by Dr Adel [Majid]. His right shoulder was severely destroyed yet still the right arm was connected by some tissue.

“Also, you couldn’t say whether the right eye was removed after death or before.

“But such an injury might happen in war, perhaps a bullet came into his right eye and pressed it inside the skull. And as for the signs of slashing around his neck it could be another bullet passing very near to his neck caused that wound.” —*Internet*

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Iraqi guerillas gun down four US Marines

BAGHDAD, 22 June—Guerillas gunned down four US Marines west of Baghdad on Monday, and South Korea said it would go ahead with plans to send thousands more troops to Iraq despite a threat by Iraqi kidnappers to kill a South Korean seen pleading for his life on a videotape.

A US Army soldier was killed Monday and seven others were wounded in a mortar attack in north-central Baghdad, the US command said. The casualties indicated no let-up in attacks against Americans as the June 30 transfer of sovereignty draws near.

A videotape delivered to *Associated Press* Television News showed four Marines in uniform lying dead in what appeared to be a walled compound in Ramadi, an insurgent stronghold 60 miles west of Baghdad. One of the Americans was slumped in the corner of a wall.

The bodies had no flak vests — mandatory for US troops in contested areas — and at least one was missing a boot. One fieldpack was left open next to a body as if the attackers had looted the dead before fleeing.

Internet



South Koreans lie down on a street during a rally opposing the government’s decision to send South Korean troops to Iraq in front of the ruling Uri Party office in Gwangju, south of Seoul, on 21 June, 2004. —*INTERNET*

Mubarak leaves for operation in Germany

CAIRO, 21 June—Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak left Cairo on Sunday to have an operation in Germany for a slipped disc, with no official announcement of a deputy to run the country in his absence.

The state news agency *MENA* cited an official source at the presidency for Mubarak’s departure. Officials declined to say where in Germany he was headed.

In the operation on Monday, surgeons will insert a microscopic endoscope in Mubarak’s lower back to remove displaced cartilage, doctors said on Saturday.

It is normally a simple procedure but it follows persistent rumours about the health of the Egyptian President, 76, who has ruled the Arab world’s most populous country since 1981.

The Arabic satellite TV channel Al Jazeera said on Saturday Mubarak would appoint someone to take his place in his absence but Egyptian state media did not report any such decision.

During previous trips abroad, it has been normal practice for him to delegate some of his powers tempo-

rarily to a senior official, usually the prime minister, officials said. But Mubarak has never appointed anyone as a long-term vice-president — the route to the presidency in the last two transfers of power in Egypt, in 1970 and 1981.

If he died, the speaker of Parliament would take over as interim head of state while

power brokers decide on a successor to be endorsed by popular referendum. Rumours about Mubarak’s health arose after he postponed meetings this month with Israeli Foreign Minister Silvan Shalom and then with Palestinian Prime Minister Ahmed Qurie.

MNA/Reuters

Air Zimbabwe to acquire aircraft for China flights

HARARE, 22 June—Air Zimbabwe, national carrier of the cash-strapped Zimbabwe, said on Sunday it was in the process of acquiring a long haul aircraft to fly Asian routes it plans to introduce shortly.

The airline head of legal and corporate affairs Arthur Manase said funding for the aircraft was being finalized, and “the acquisition was expected soon.”

“This will be a bigger and more modern aircraft in our fleet, and it would be dedicated mainly to the Asian routes,” he said. The aircraft would be the third long haul plane in Air Zimbabwe’s fleet, and the first acquisition in decades by the cash-strapped country’s national carrier.

Its only long haul aircraft, at the moment, are two 767-400s acquired in the 1980s, and operated mainly on the Harare-London route. —*MNA/Xinhua*

South Korean held in Iraq pleads for life

BAGHDAD, 22 June—The Arab satellite TV network Al-Jazeera aired a videotape Sunday purportedly from al-Qaida-linked militants showing a South Korean hostage begging for his life and pleading with his government to withdraw troops from Iraq.

The kidnappers, who identified themselves as belonging to a group led by Jordanian-born militant Abu Musab al-Zarqawi, gave South Korea 24 hours to meet its demand that Korean forces stay out of Iraq or “we will send you the head of this Korean.”

“Korean soldiers, please get out of here,” the man screamed in English, flailing his arms. “I don’t want to die. I don’t want to die. I know that your life is important, but my life is important.”

South Korean media identified the hostage as Kim Sun-il, 33, an employee of South Korea’s Gana General Trading, Co., a supplier for the US military.

South Korean government officials held an emergency meeting in Seoul on Monday, and the deputy foreign minister said the nation will not change its plan to deploy 3,000 soldiers beginning in August to assist the US-led coalition.

“There is no change in the government’s spirit and position that it will send troops to Iraq to help establish peace and rebuild Iraq,” Choi Young-jin said at a news conference.

Kim was abducted June 17 while making a delivery in the city of Fallujah, Choi said. South Korean television station YTN said Kim had been in Iraq for about eight months. His distraught sister, Kim Jung-sook, told the station his family last spoke to him in April.

South Korean Foreign Minister Ban Ki-moon said the government will campaign for the hostage’s release. “The government will closely work with the US

military command in Iraq and international religious and human rights organizations to get the Korean hostage released as soon as possible,” Ban said in Qingdao, China, where he was attending a summit of Asian foreign ministers. He was quoted by *Yonhap*, South Korea’s national news agency.

The video came two days after news of the beheading of American engineer Paul M Johnson Jr by al-Qaida-linked militants in Saudi Arabia, and South Korea’s announcement of its deployment. Once the deployment is complete, South Korea will be the largest US partner in Iraq after Britain.

After showing the hostage’s plea, the tape showed him kneeling in front of three masked men, two of them armed with Kalashnikov rifles. The man standing in the middle read a statement in Arabic. “Our message to the South Korean government and the Korean people: We first demand you withdraw your forces from our lands and not send more of your forces to this land. Otherwise, we will send to you the head of this Korean, and we will follow it by the heads of your other soldiers.”

The statement gave Seoul 24 hours from sunset Sunday to meet its demand.

Internet



Iraqi militants shoulder their rocket propelled grenades in front of a billboard of Mohammad Sadiq Sadr, the late Shiite cleric and father of Muqtada al-Sadr, in the Sadr City district of Baghdad, Iraq, on 20 June, 2004.

INTERNET

Spy chief says CIA had few Iraqi sources before war

NEW YORK, 21 June—The CIA had “less than a handful” of sources in prewar Iraq and could not get access to suspected weapons programmes, the departing head of the agency’s spy service said Monday.

“As some critics have claimed, during the prewar period, we did not have many Iraq sources. We certainly did not have enough,” James Pavitt, CIA deputy director for operations, said in a speech to the Foreign Policy Association.

“Until we put people on the ground in northern Iraq, we had less than a handful,” said Pavitt, who has announced plans to retire in

August.

He said the CIA was unable to gain access to the “heart of Saddam’s weapons programmes.” But in the months before the war the agency got closer to the political and military inner circles and collected intelligence the US military found vital when it entered Iraq, he said.

The CIA’s presence in Iraq is now the largest any-

where since the Vietnam War, Pavitt said.

The Bush administration and US intelligence agencies have been criticized for pre-war allegations that Iraq had weapons of mass destruction. Although CIA Director George Tenet, who will resign next month, had assured President Bush there was a convincing case, no stockpiles of unconventional weapons have been found. —Internet



Attackers lying in wait for Iraqi troops detonated a bomb on the dangerous road leading to Baghdad’s airport on 21 June, 2004. — INTERNET

Arroyo calls for unity, solidarity after victory in election

MANILA, 22 June — Philippine President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo Monday called for unity and solidarity to heal the Philippines after winning a fresh six-year term in the 10 May elections.

“We will combine the rule of law and reconciliation process to consolidate our nation and prepare to meet tough times ahead,” Arroyo said in a Presidential Palace statement.

“The Filipino people have spoken and let us give room for unity and solidarity,” she said, noting that both opposition legislators and her supporters in the Congress fought a “valiant fight”.

The 22-member joint congressional committee fi-

nally finished the canvassing of votes Sunday night, which showed Arroyo winning by a margin of 1,123,576 votes over opposition candidate Fernando Poe Jr. in the elections.

Out of the total 176 certificates of canvass, Arroyo received 12,905,808 votes as against 11,782,232 votes for Poe. The disputed counting of votes from the May 10 polls finally concluded Sunday.

Arroyo is expected to

be formally proclaimed the winner by the Congress on Thursday or Friday.

Earlier, weeks of political tension and uncertainty haunted Manila as the authorities warned against a possible plot to take advantage of the slow counting and destabilize the country.

On Sunday, powerful bombs were found and defused near the offices of the Department of Interior and Local Government and the Department of National De-

fence while the final votes were being tallied.

The Philippine military and police are gearing up for possible violence in the run-up to the proclamation and inauguration of a new president by June 30. Both the Armed Forces of the Philippines and the Philippine National Police will remain on red alert at least until Wednesday next week in anticipation of last-ditch attempts to prevent a proclamation.

MNA/Xinhua

Doctors find SARS virus in tears of patients

LONDON, 21 June—Tears could be a means of spreading SARS but analyzing samples taken from tear ducts could also help with detecting the virus early, doctors in Singapore said on Monday.

Dr Seng Chee Loon of the National University Hospital in Singapore and his colleagues found the virus in samples taken from tear ducts they analyzed from 36 patients suspected of being infected last year.

The highly infectious respiratory illness, severe acute respiratory syndrome (SARS), has infected more than 8,000 people in nearly 30 countries and killed nearly 800, according to the World Health Organization.

The outbreak, which first emerged in southern China in 2002, was brought under control, but public health experts fear it could re-emerge. In the Singapore study three of the eight patients who had probable SARS had the virus in their tears. All of them were newly infected. In one patient the virus was only found in the tears. — MNA/Reuters

Dhaka plans to attract \$2b private investment yearly

DHAKA, 21 June—Bangladesh has set the target of attracting 120 billion taka (2 billion US dollars) private investment yearly to achieve its millennium development goals.

The *Financial Express* Sunday quoted an official as saying that the share of private investment in the country’s gross domestic product has to be enhanced from the existing 17.5 per cent to 20 per cent by the Year 2007 for achieving the millennium development goals.

Executive Chairman of the Board of Investment Mahmudur Rahman said that of the average investment growth, 80 billion taka (1.33 billion dollars) of private investment is to be available in 2004-2005 fiscal, 120 billion taka (1.96 billion dollars) in 2005-2006 fiscal and 160 billion taka (2.66 billion dollars) in 2006-2007 fiscal. The actual foreign direct investment was calculated at 440 million dollars in the 2003 calendar year, reflecting an increase of 31.70 per cent over the previous year’s amount of 328 million dollars, he said. — MNA/Xinhua

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Syrian President says Iraq situation hurting neighbours

DAMASCUS, 21 June—The “anarchy” in Iraq is promoting terrorism and having a negative affect on neighbouring countries, Syrian President Bashar al-Assad said in an interview.

“There is a lot of anarchy in this country and what is happening is affecting its neighbouring countries, especially Syria,” Assad said in the interview given to the Chinese press and reproduced in Syrian papers before beginning a five-day visit to China.

He said the US-led war in Iraq had created a more favourable “climate for terrorism in the region.

“What is happening in Iraq is negatively affecting peace processes, development and the economy and is worrying to Middle Eastern countries,” he said Monday.

Asked about sanctions that the United States placed on Syria last month, Assad said they were “part of a new form of international relations, where hegemony and intervention” predominate.

On 11 May, US President George W. Bush imposed sanctions on Syria for its alleged support of terrorism and weapons of mass destruction programme.

Adding to existing US terrorism penalties, they include a near-blanket ban on US exports to Syria and the power to freeze Syrian assets in the United States.

Assad said Syria was still working to establish a stable relationship with the United States, and that negotiations were still underway.

He also said peace negotiations between Syria and Israel had been on hold since 2000 because Israel rejected “every proposition in favour of peace as well as the return of (occupied) land.”

Internet

Turkish driver shot dead by US troops in Iraq

ANKARA, 21 June—A Turkish truck driver was shot dead and two other men were wounded by US troops after failing to stop at a checkpoint near Baghdad, Turkish television reported on Sunday.

A US embassy spokesman in Ankara said he could not confirm the shootings, which CNN Turk said happened on Thursday evening,

and was seeking more information. Turkish officials were not immediately available for comment.

NTV television said the truck had been driving from Fallujah to Baghdad carrying prefabricated housing units destined for US troops and had failed to stop in time at a checkpoint.

It gave the dead driver’s name as Faysal Demir and said his colleague, another Turk named Ali Musluoglu, and an Iraqi interpreter were wounded in the incident. The two Turks worked for the Tepe Construction Company, NTV said.

NTV quoted Musluoglu as saying the US soldiers had fired at the truck without warning and that he and the interpreter had been saved by Iraqi police.

A number of Turkish companies are involved in reconstruction projects in Iraq.

A Turkish truck driver bringing supplies from Kuwait to the US forces was taken prisoner by Iraqi guerrillas in Fallujah in early June but released on Thursday.

Seven other Turks working for a Turkish contracting firm in Iraq were released by kidnappers last weekend.

MNA/Reuters



Iraqi workers repair the old oil pipeline leading from the Basrah refinery to the al-Muftah oil terminal south of the city of Basra on 21 June, 2004. — INTERNET

Iraqi officials challenge US airstrike claims

FALLUJAH (Iraq), 21 June — Top Iraqi security officials in the flashpoint town of Fallujah on Sunday challenged US assertions that a house destroyed by a deadly American airstrike was used by al-Qaeda fighters.

The US military said the attack on Saturday which killed 22 Iraqis was launched against a safe house for Muslim militants commanded by Abu Musab al-Zarqawi, described by the Americans as the top al-Qaeda operative in Iraq.

But Brigadier Nouri Aboud, a member of the Fallujah Brigade entrusted by the US military with imposing security in the city, said there was no evidence to suggest the site was any-

thing but the home of an extended Iraqi family.

"We inspected the damage, we looked through the bodies of the women and children and elderly. This was a family," he told Reuters.

"There is no sign of foreigners having lived in the house. Zarqawi and his men have no presence in Fallujah."

Brigadier-General Mark Kimmitt said in Baghdad on Saturday a "precision strike"

hit the house used by fighters loyal to Zarqawi, accused by Washington of leading a bloody campaign of suicide bombings and of decapitating a US hostage last month.

"We have significant evidence that there were members of the Zarqawi network in the house," Kimmitt said.

Security in Fallujah is crucial to efforts to stabilize Iraq as an interim government takes over when the US occupation formally ends

on 30 June.

Fallujah, 30 miles west of Baghdad, has been relatively quiet since the Fallujah Brigade set out to pacify the town at the heart of guerilla resistance to US troops and their Iraqi allies.

In April, hundreds of Iraqis were killed in fierce fighting between US Marines and guerillas in Fallujah. A truce was later agreed, under which the Fallujah Brigade was put in charge of security.

Fallujah residents say the American military uses hardline tactics that kill innocent civilians and create new enemies in Iraq's most rebellious city.

Fallujah police chief Colonel Sadar al-Janabi criticized the US military for the strike on the house in Fallujah's Martyr's District, saying it was a "destabilizing" move.

MNA/Reuters



An Iraqi detainee holds a photo of his son following an hour of family visitation inside the Abu Ghraib prison on the outskirts of Baghdad, Iraq, on June, 2004. — INTERNET

Britain to investigate claims its troops mutilated Iraqi bodies

LONDON, 22 June — The British Government is to investigate media allegations that British soldiers mutilated the bodies of Iraqis killed in a firefight last month near the southern Iraqi town of Majar al Kabir, the Ministry of Defence said on Monday.

But a ministry spokesman told reporters that it was too early to speculate on the outcome of the investigation, stressing that military police are examining relevant evidence.

Britain's *Guardian* newspaper reported Monday that the allegations against British troops were contained in the official death certificates signed by Doctor Adel Salid Majid, the director of a hospital in Majar al Kabir, on 15 May, the day after the battle.

Seven of the certificates state that corpses handed over to hospital authorities by British troops showed signs of "mutilation" and "torture".

"On 15 May, the police came and asked us to send ambulances to the British base to collect some bodies. When they brought the 22 bodies, it was a surprise to us to see some of these bodies mutilated and tortured," the paper quoted Majid as saying.

But Majid's judgment has been questioned by a senior doctor at the Amara General Hospital, where the bodies were first taken, the paper said.

The senior doctor, who spoke on condition of anonymity, even hinted that Majid had been under enormous pressure from angry relatives of the killed Iraqis.

MNA/Xinhua

Chinese Vice-President arrives in Tunis for official visit

TUNIS, 21 June — Chinese Vice-President Zeng Qinghong arrived in Tunis Sunday afternoon to start his first official visit to the Republic of Tunisia.

Zeng was met at the Carthage International Airport by Tunisian Prime Minister Mohamed Ghannouchi, who gave Zeng a warm welcome reception at the airport.

In a written statement issued upon his arrival, Zeng said Sino-Tunisian friendship is deeply rooted in the hearts of the two peoples although the two countries are far away in distance.

The two nations have expanded cooperation in different fields with remarkable achievements since the establishment of diplomatic relations 40 years ago, he said, adding that deepening Sino-Tunisian friendly cooperative ties is conducive to the fundamental interests of the two peo-

ples.

"My visit to Tunisia is to strengthen understanding, to deepen friendship and to promote cooperation," the Chinese Vice-President said.

He expressed his belief that his visit would further strengthen the friendship between the two countries and push forward the development of bilateral cooperation.

Zeng is scheduled to hold talks with the Tunisian Prime Minister, focusing on bilateral relations and international and regional issues of common concern.

Zeng will meet Tunisian President Zine Al-Abidine Ben Ali and National Assembly President Fouad Mebazza. —MNA/Xinhua

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Militants killed in failed Nigeria jailbreak

BAUCHI (Nigeria), 21 June — Three imprisoned Islamic militants were killed and four wardens injured in a gunfight after a jailbreak attempt in northeastern Nigeria, officials said on Sunday.

The dead inmates were members of a small Muslim militant group modelled on Afghanistan's Taleban which staged a failed uprising in northeastern Nigeria late last year.

Deputy police commissioner Edwin Tonknor said nine militants had attempted to escape on Saturday from the medium security Potiskum Jail. Three were killed and six arrested, while four wardens were injured, two seriously.

"They overpowered the warden, seized the key to the prison, opened the gates and confiscated a gun from one of the wardens," said Audu Badayo, a member of the House of Representatives from the Potiskum area of Yobe State.

"There was a shootout and as a result three were killed and the rest were captured."

The men staged an uprising at the end of last year in five towns in Yobe State, where they torched police and government buildings. The government sent hundreds of troops to quell the fighting, and at least 20 people died. A detained member of the group said they were fighting to overthrow the government and turn Nigeria into an Islamic state because it had sold out to the West.

MNA/Reuters

Britain confirms lost communications with "seized" navy vessels

LONDON, 22 June — The British Ministry of Defence (MoD) confirmed on Monday that it had lost contact with three small patrol boats on the Shatt al-Arab River between Iran and Iraq, following reports that Iran has seized three British Navy vessels in the area.

"We can confirm we did lose contact with a patrol earlier this morning and it does involve three small vessels and eight personnel," a spokesman for the ministry told reporters. According to a report on Monday by the state-run Iranian al-Alam satellite TV news channel, Iran has seized the three British Navy vessels inside its territorial waters near the Iraqi border.

However, the MoD here said it could not confirm whether the British vessels and sailors had been seized by the Iranian military.

The ministry said earlier that it was checking the report and no British warships were currently operating in the area mentioned in the Iranian TV report.

If any British vessels are involved in the alleged seizure, they are likely to be patrol boats, not warships, it said.

The British Royal Navy has been training Iraqi personnel in coastal defence for several weeks on the waterway and it is possible the vessel now out of radio contact was taking part in such an exercise, the

ministry said.

Earlier reports quoted the Iranian military as saying that the boats were being escorted to shore, where an investigation would be conducted.

MNA/Xinhua

Cambodia to spend \$30m to build stock market

PHNOM PENH, 22 June — Cambodia's Economy and Finance Minister Keat Chhon said Monday that Cambodia will spend 30 million US dollars to reform financial and other related sectors for the building of stock market in 2007.

"The money will be used for the preparation of banking, accounting and bankruptcy laws, selecting human resources and strengthening the insurance sector," Keat Chhon told reporters after the opening ceremony of a seminar. But he added that those laws need to be ratified by the Cambodia's National Assembly.

MNA/Xinhua



Iraqi men check the damage to a liquor store in Baghdad, Iraq, on 21 June, 2004 after an explosion in front of the store. — INTERNET

New and fast developments throughout Myanmar

Border
and
rural area
developments



To promote the education standard of the nation, new school buildings are being built across the country. Photo shows new school building of Indaing Basic Education High School, Hlegu Township, Yangon Division. — MNA



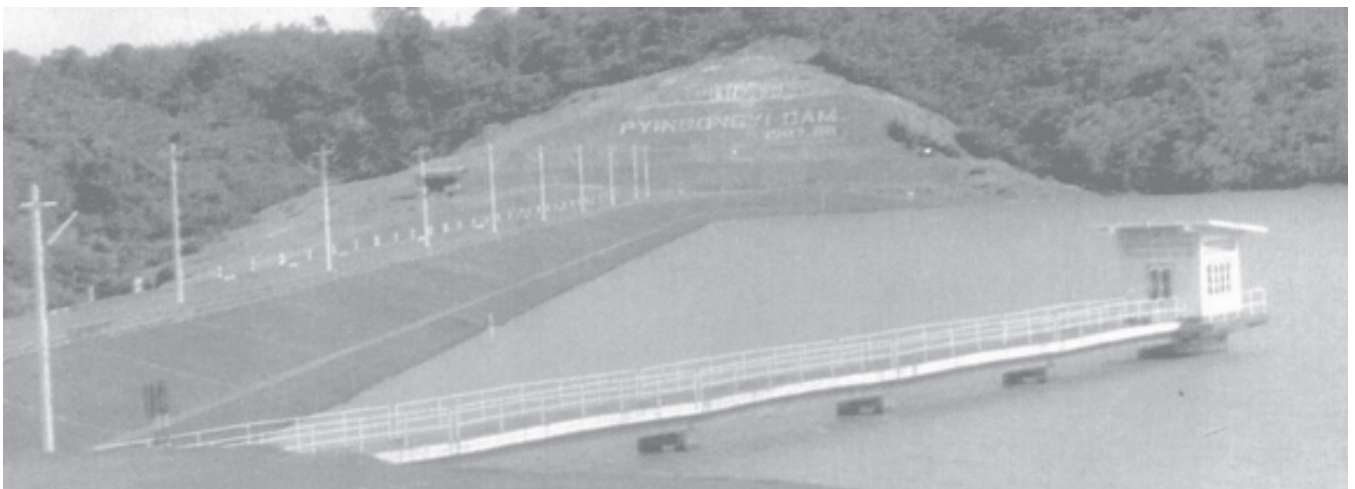
Earth road linking Pyu and Banglaung village is being upgraded, gravelled in Pyu Township. — PBANRDA



A rural house built by Development Affairs Department in Nyaungwaing village in Kyauktan Township, Yangon Division. — PBANRDA



Wankaung bridge built in Kengtung Township, Shan State (East). — PBANRDA



Pyinbongyi dam built in Bago Township is supplying water to farmland. — IPRD



MWAF President Dr Daw Khin Win Shwe delivers an address at the coordination meeting. — MNA

Measures for observing Myanmar Women's Day coordinated

YANGON, 22 June — The work coordination meeting to hold Myanmar Women's Day, which will fall on 3 July, 2004, was held at the meeting hall of Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation on Thanlwin Road, this afternoon. Present on the occasion were President of Myanmar Women's Day Organizing Work Committee President of Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation Dr Daw Khin Win Shwe, Vice-Presidents, the Secretary General, members of work groups, advisors and invited guests.

President of MWAF Dr Daw Khin Win Shwe delivered an opening address. Next, the heads of the groups of tree planting, for publishing women's affairs anniversary magazine 2004, for organizing mode of dress show and educating through media reported on implementation of tasks. Presidents, vice-presidents and members of the work committees gave supplementary reports. Then, leaders of Myanmar Women's Day Organizing supporting groups reported on the preparatory work. Next, those attending the meeting discussed related matters and made decisions. The meeting ended after concluding remarks of MWAF President Dr Daw Khin Win Shwe. — MNA

Cash and kind donated to hail Myanmar Women's Day

YANGON, 22 June — To hail Myanmar Women's Day which falls on 3 July, a ceremony to donate cash and kind by wellwishers was held in the meeting hall of Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation this morning, attended by MWAF President Dr Daw Khin Win Shwe.

Also present on the occasion were MWAF Vice-Presidents Prof Dr Daw May May Yi, Daw Khin Lay Thet, Daw Than Than Nwe and Daw Khin Khin Win, General Secretary Prof Dr Daw Khin Aye Win and Central Executive Committee members.

Dr Daw Khin Win Shwe presented Dr Daw May May Yi K 100,000 donated by MWAF Patron Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt and wife and K 100,000 donated by Myanmar Ambassador to Japan U Saw Hla Min and wife.

Dr Daw Khin Win Shwe accepted K 300,000 donated by members of the State Peace and Development Council. Then, Dr Daw Khin Win Shwe accepted K 2 million donated by YCDC; K 1.5 million by U Tun Myint and Daw Aye Aye Nyunt of Kyetshasoon Biriani; K 1 million each by U Zaw Win of AryonU Construction, U Tin San of ACE Construction and U Maung Wait and family; two Olympia typewriters worth K 876,000 by Gandama Office Equipment Co; K 500,000 each by U Sa Than Oo of MSC Construction, U Maung Muang of Shwegaba Construction, U Yan Win of AI Construction, U Naw Aung of Aung Chantha Construction and Service Co and U Shein Win of Tatlan Construction; K 300,000 each by U Than Lwin and Daw Myint Myint Zaw and U Sein Thit of Tostaco Co; and 600 longyis worth K 480,000 by Agga Maha Thiri Thudama Thiengi Daw Hse and certificates of honour were presented to the wellwishers.

Daw Khin Lay Thet accepted K 300,000 donated by U Soe Myint of FMI and K 200,000 each by Dr Khin Shwe of Zaygaba Co, U Nyan Thit Hlaing of New Generation Construction, U Tun Win of TW Construction and U Maung Maung Gyi of Maung Maung Gyi Construction.

Daw Than Than Nwe also accepted K 380,000 donated by other wellwishers. Later, Dr Daw Khin Win Shwe thanked the donors. Today's donations totalled K 13,336,000. — MNA



MWAF President Dr Daw Khin Win Shwe accepts K 300,000 donated by wives of State Peace and Development Council members through Vice-President Daw Khin Khin Win. — MNA



MWAF Vice-President Daw Khin Lay Thet accepts cash and kind from wellwishers. — MNA



MWAF Vice-President Daw Than Than Nwe accepts cash and kind from wellwishers. — MNA

5.8058 kilos heroin seized in Lashio

YANGON, 22 June — A combined team including members of local intelligence unit, Special Anti-Drug Squad, Myanmar Police Force and local nationals, acting on a tip-off, searched the house of Daw Nan Nyein of No 1, Tharaphi Street, Region-2, Ward-8, Lashio, on 10 June and arrested her sons Chein Yeik and Laja together with 5.8058 kilos of heroin.

Action is being taken against the accused by the police station concerned under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.

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Efficient use of electricity

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

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

Efficient use of fuel

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

All this needs to be known

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

မိုးညိုကျွန်း မိုးရာသီတွင်ဖြစ်တတ်သော

ရောဂါများအတွက်နူးအော်ချက်

၁။ မိုးညိုကျွန်းရာသီတွင် အောက်ဖော်ပြပါ ကူးစက်တတ်သောရောဂါများ ပုံမှန်ဖြစ်ပွားလေ့ရှိပါသည်။

(က) ဝမ်းမျက်ဝမ်းလျှော့နှင့် ကာလဝမ်းရောဂါများအပါအဝင် ဝမ်းနှင့် ပတ်သက်သည့် ရောဂါများ၊ အသည်းရောင်အသားဝါရောဂါနှင့် သံကောင် တွင်ကောင်ရောဂါများ

(ခ) သွေးလွန်တုပ်ကွေးနှင့် ငှက်ဖျားရောဂါ

(ဂ) တုပ်ကွေး၊ နှာစေးရောင်ဆိုးနှင့် အဆုတ်အဆေးမိရောဂါ

၂။ ဖြစ်ပွားရသည့်အကြောင်းရင်းမှာ—

(က) မိုးညိုကျွန်းရာသီတွင် လျှင်လျင်ပေါလာသည့် အမျိုးကွဲတစ်မျိုးသော သရက်သီး၊ ပိန္နဲသီး၊ ဖရဲသီး၊ ကြက်မောက်သီး၊ မင်းဂွတ်သီး စသည့်သစ်သီးဝလံများ၏ အခွံအစေ့ စသည့်များကို စည်ကမ်းမဲ့ မဆင်မခြင် စွန့်ပစ်ခြင်းကြောင့် ယင်ပေါများခြင်း

(ခ) ရာသီဥတုအမှန်အတိုင်းမဟုတ်ဘဲ စားသုံးခြင်း

(ဂ) မိုးရွာပြီးရေတင်ရေဝပ်သဖြင့် ရေအိုင်၊ ရေကန်၊ ရေမြောင်း၊ မိတ်ခြင်းနှင့် ချွန်နယ်မိတ်ပေါင်းထူထပ်၍ ဖြစ်ပေါက်ပွားခြင်း

(ဃ) ရာသီဥတု အပြောင်းအလဲဖြစ်၍ အပူရှိန်မြင့်၊ အအေးပတ်ခြင်း

(င) ပတ်ဝန်းကျင်သန့်ရှင်းမှုနှင့် တစ်ကိုယ်ရေသန့်ရှင်းမှု နည်းပါးခြင်း

(စ) ကျန်းမာရေးနှင့်ညီသည့်အသိပညာနှင့် အလေ့အကျင့်အားနည်းခြင်း

၃။ အောက်ဖော်ပြပါတို့ကို လိုက်နာကျင့်သုံးခြင်းဖြင့် ဖော်ပြပါ ရောဂါများ ကူးစက်ပျံ့နှံ့ခြင်းမှ ကာကွယ်တားဆီးနိုင်မည် ဖြစ်ပါသည်။

(က) အမှည့်လွန်အသီးများကို စားသုံးခြင်းမှ ရှောင်ပါ။

(ခ) ယင်နှာစာများကို မဆင်မခြင် စားသုံးခြင်းမှ ရှောင်ပါ။

(ဂ) စားကြွင်းစားကျန် အမှိုက်သရိုက်များနှင့် အညစ်အကြေးများကို စည်ကမ်းမဲ့ စွန့်ပစ်ခြင်းမှရှောင်ကြဉ်ပါ။

(ဃ) မိသားစုအတွင်းကျန်းမာရေးအသိပညာဖြန့်ဝေပါ။လိုက်နာကျင့်သုံးပါ။

(င) တစ်ကိုယ်ရေ သန့်ရှင်းရေးကို ဂရုပြုလိုက်နာဆောင်ရွက်ပါ။

(စ) ရေကိုကျိုချက်၍ သောက်ပါ။

(ဆ) လတ်ဆတ်သန့်ရှင်းသည့် အသီးအနှံနှင့် အစားအစာများကို ဝယ်ယူစားသုံးပါ။

(ဇ) ရာသီဥတု အပြောင်းအလဲကို သတိရှိပါ။

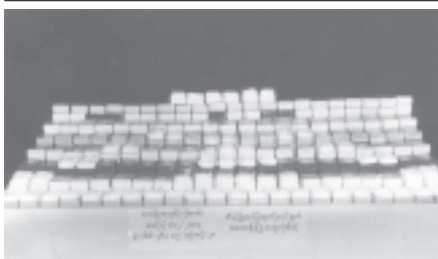
(ဈ) ပတ်ဝန်းကျင်သန့်ရှင်းရေးလုပ်ငန်းနှင့် ဖြစ်နိုင်သမျှ လုပ်ငန်းများကို အမျိုးသားရေးအမြင်ဖြင့် ဝိုင်းဝန်းစုပေါင်းဆောင်ရွက်ပါ။

(ည) ရောဂါတစ်မျိုးဖြစ်ပွားပျံ့နှံ့ပါက ကျန်းမာရေးဌာနသို့ အမြန်သတင်းပို့ပါ။

(ဋ) လိုအပ်ပါက နီးစပ်ရာဆေးပေးခန်းဆေးရုံများသို့ အချိန်မီသွားရောက် ပြသစစ်ဆေး ကုသမှုခံယူပါ။

ကျန်းမာရေးဝန်ကြီးဌာန

အိမ်တိုင်းမှာသစ်ပင် ရွာစဉ်မှာတောတန်း တစ်တောင်တစ်တောင်တက် ဖြန့်တက်မယ့်လမ်း။



Seized 5.8058 kilos of heroin. — MNA

Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt tours...

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Afterwards, the General presented TVs, VCRs and computers to heads of Minbu BEHS No 1 and No 2. Next, the Prime Minister delivered an address, saying that though they could not visit Ngaphe and Sedoktara that morning because of lack of favourable weather though they had made arrangements for inspection tour. Hence, they came to Minbu (Sagu) Township to fulfil its requirements. He said that emphasis will be placed on fulfilling requirements of education and health sectors for regional development.

are to make field trips to grassroots level and to lay emphasis on fulfilment of requirements in health, education, transport, social sectors of the local people for achieving success of rural development. He said that according to the reports, Minbu District has surplus edible oil in addition to food sufficiency but some townships in Magway Division do not have sufficient of food. That is why the aim should be set out for gaining more and more food surplus to meet food requirements of these townships. The Prime Minister said that Minbu (Sagu) re-



Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt meets local authorities, officials and local people at Minbu BEHS-1.—MNA

Project and the Five Rural Development for ensuring equitable progress of all parts of the nation. And, it has placed emphasis on economic, education, health, transport and human resources develop-

ment sectors. strength of households and population of the division, land utilization, rainfall, water pumping stations, cultivation of paddy with water from these stations, arrangements of Magway Division for production of crops in 2004-2005, progress in cultivating the 10 major crops, growing acreage of various crops in the division, sufficiency of food and edible oil in the region, efforts being made for meeting output targets of ten major crops, livestock breeding tasks, GDP of the division, education and health sectors. The Prime Minister attended to the needs of education, health and transport sectors.

The Prime Minister presented a TV, a VCD and a computer each to Nos 1, 2 and 3 basic education schools through the principals. The Prime Minister said that it is needed to flourish the spirit of national solidarity and Union Spirit for national brethren who live in States and Divisions of the Union. The government has given top priority to progress of border areas and development of rural areas in which the majority of the population live. Simultaneously, development regions have been designated with the guidance of the Head of State for ensure equitable progress of all regions of the nation. The government has been striving for narrowing the development gap between border areas and interior regions, equitable progress of all regions, and development of the Union. It has placed greater emphasis on education and health sectors, which directly contribute towards development of human resources. The other sectors also play an important role. The government has implemented economic, social, transport, and community peace and tranquility sectors through plans and projects since 1988 and success has been achieved to a certain degree.

Development of human resources plays the main role in emergence of a modern developed nation, so the government has been taking measures for human resource development all

parts of the nation. In this regard, it has been opening universities and colleges where necessary.

Being located in the middle of Myanmar, Magway Division can be called Central Capital of the nation. That is why the government is making strenuous endeavours in implementing regional development projects especially related to education, health and transport sectors in the division with the aim of enabling the division to possess the characteristics of a city. As to the economic sector, measures are being taken for building more and more irrigation and transport facilities to lay good economic foundations in the division.

Overall, Magway Division has no food security yet. Only when each state, division or district can enjoy food sufficiency, will they not have to rely on other regions. The division's crop output contributes 71 per cent of food sufficiency. Therefore, efforts are to be made for extended cultivation of crops and boosting per acre yield through effective use of irrigation facilities. If Magway Division is able to produce sufficient food,

Southeast Asian region. Thus, production of paddy and edible oil crops is to be boosted by means of extended cultivation, mixed cropping, and better per acre yield.

Magway Division's edible oil output is in surplus. However, greater efforts are to be exerted for ensuring better output. In this way, Magway and Sagaing Divisions will be able to contribute to edible oil requirement. Only then, will the expense on imported edible oil go to nation-building tasks. With oil and gas fields, Magway Division is a reliable region. The government is implementing plans to boost fuel production and to explore new oil and gas deposits. In this regard, officials responsible are to make attempts with added momentum. Yenangyaung and Pakokku Industrial Zones in Magway Division are to be upgraded gradually. To be able to industrialize the agro-based nation, local authorities and departmental officials are to provide necessary assistance and encouragement for ensuring cumulative progress of these zones. The State's seven-point policy programme has been adopted to shape brighter future of the



Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt and party inspect Minbu District Hospital on 21-6-2004.—MNA

In the past, rural regions in remote areas lagged behind in development of education and health. For example, it was seen that local children pursued education at self-reliant Affiliated BEPSs and Affiliated BEMSs in some rural regions in the past. At the time of the State Peace and Development Council, plans were laid down for enabling the affiliated schools in the rural areas to become BEPSs and BEMSs controlled by the Ministry of Education with a view to avoiding educational burden on the rural areas. He then said that in the health sector in the past, branch rural health centres and station hospitals could not open in remote areas due to lack of transport facilities. At present, arrangements are being made for opening and upgrading branch rural health and station hospitals in the rural areas if necessary so as to provide health care for local people.

The Prime Minister pointed out that development of rural regions play a key role in improvement of the State. Rural development reflects improvement of townships, districts, states and divisions. Therefore, the government pays attention to carrying out the five rural development tasks. So, district and township departmental officials

gion is an important oil field of the government. Oil and natural gas production plays a vital role not only for Minbu District but also for the nation. So, district and township level departmental officials are to co-operate in boosting production of oil and natural gas. Next, Chairman of Myanmar Education Committee Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt and party inspected the computer application and e-mail room, the computer aided instruction room, the audio visual room, the language lab and the domestic science room at Minbu BEHS No 1.

On arrival at Magway-in-charge University, Rector U Tin Maung Oo and faculty members welcomed the Prime Minister and party. The rector-in-charge reported on the history of the university, academic matters, number of students, IT classrooms installed with 152 computers, organizational set up and construction. Next, professors, heads of departments and officials reported on academic and management matters. Minister for Education U Than Aung gave a supplementary report.

The General fulfilled the requirements, saying that the Government adopted the Border Areas and National Races Development Project, the 24 Special Development Zones

ment sectors.

Being aware that intellectuals and intelligentsia are essential for development of human resources in a bid to build a peaceful, modern and developed nation, the government has been opening more and more educational institutions in respective regions. In this regard, universities and colleges are to produce intellectuals, and intelligentsia. Teachers play an indispensable role.

The Government on its part will provide adequate study aids and teachers for educational institutions through plans in accord with the passage of time. In conclusion, the General called on faculty members who produce human resources to make greater efforts. The Prime Minister and party proceeded to Magway University Convocation Hall Project, where officials reported on salient points on the project, location, size and type of the building, and work progress. The Prime Minister gave instructions.

The Prime Minister held a meeting with local authorities, departmental officials, members of social organizations and local senior citizens at the City Hall of Magway. Magway Division Peace and Development Council Col Zaw Min reported on location, area, organizational set-up,



Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt presents a TV to the Principal of Magway BEHS No 2 on 21-6-2004.—MNA

paddy output will be in surplus and the nation can earn more foreign exchange by mean of export. Thus, the States and Divisions that have not met food sufficiency are to make endeavours with added momentum through various ways and means. Myanmar's paddy output just covers local consumption. So, for Myanmar, paddy is out of the list of export crops. Moreover, Myanmar's per capita paddy consumption rate is more than any other nation in

nation, to enable the nation to stand tall and perpetuate, and to practise genuine discipline-flourishing democracy. The National Convention is the first stage of the programme as well as the most important step.

All the national people are to contribute active participation towards step-by-step implementation of the seven-point road map including the National Convention. The Prime Minister and party arrived back here in the evening.

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Coord meeting for organizing Fourth World Buddhist Summit held

YANGON, 22 June — A coordination meeting of the Work Committee, Decoration Subcommittee and Information Subcommittee for organizing the Fourth World Buddhist Summit took place in Maha Pasana Cave at Kaba Aye Hill here this morning with an address by Work Committee Chairman Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung.

Preparatory tasks for holding the summit to be held here in December up to international standard were carried out by organizing subcommittee and 70 per cent has been completed, Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung said.

Secretary of the Work Committee Deputy Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-



Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung delivers an address at the meeting of the work committee and subcommittees. MNA

Gen Thura Aung Ko briefed them on tasks being carried out and future plans.

Decoration Subcommittee Chairman Deputy Minister for Construction U Tint Swe, Information Subcommittee Chairman Deputy Minister for

Information Brig-Gen Aung Thein also reported on sectoral tasks undertaken and needs.

The meeting came to an end with concluding remarks by the work committee chairman.

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Work Committee for Organizing Fourth World Buddhist Summit, Secretariat meet

YANGON, 22 June — The Work Committee for Organizing the Fourth World Buddhist Summit and the Secretariat held a coordination meeting at the

Ministry of Religious Affairs on Kaba Aye Pagoda Road here this afternoon, attended by Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung, Secretary Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Thura Aung Ko and members and departmental officials who will discharge duties of the Secretariat.

In his address, Minister Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung said that the Fourth World Buddhist Summit will be held in Yangon coming December.

The first summit was held in Japan, the second in Thailand and the third in Cambodia.

Today, the government is making preparations for

holding the fourth summit on a grand scale different from previous summits.

The Prime Minister is supervising preparatory tasks for the summit.

Therefore, all the ministries are to harmoniously participate in the preparatory tasks. It is necessary to set the secretariat up for fulfilling requirements of all-round preparations.

Next, the deputy minister reported on setting up of the secretariat. Director-General Dr Myo Myint of Religious Affairs Department and officials presented reports on respective sectors. Later, the minister gave concluding remarks.

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Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung addresses coordination meeting to hold Fourth World Buddhist Summit. —MNA

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Next, Kayah State Education Officer U Win Tint reported on number of schools and strength of teachers, ratio of students and teachers, opening of multimedia teaching centres, pass rate of the matriculation examination and arrangements for enrollment of school-age children. Next, Head of Kayah State Health Department Dr Khin Maung Win reported on hospitals, station hospitals and health care services provided for rural people. Chairman of Kayah State Peace and Development Council Col Myint Oo reported on education, health and transport sectors of the region, measures undertaken for development of border areas and national races, use of telephone, construction of TV relay stations for Myawady TV and regional development. In his discussions, the Secretary-1 said he and his party made trips to townships in Kayah State to promote regional development with greater momentum. There is sparse population in Kayah State and there are rich land resources left to boost agricultural production. People in the region engaged in agriculture as their main livelihood, he said. Economic progress and development of Kayah State mainly relies on agricultural sector because of the local people's skill, rich land resources and fair climate, he added. The Union is rich in land and water resources and the majority of the people depend on agriculture. That is why economic progress is based on agricultural sector, he said. He said the government has been promoting agriculture after making investments in the sector adding that net cultivation acreage of the country and acres for double and mixed cropping increased considerably. With the increase in cultivation acreage, rural and other economic sectors developed. Per capita income of the people living in states and divisions is on the increase.

He said the government is implementing border areas development special project, rural development tasks and projects on major regions for equitable development of the states and divisions. By doing so, universities and colleges have emerged in Kayah State, he added.

He said universities and colleges were opened for producing educated persons and basic education schools were also opened. Sufficient number of intellectuals and

intelligentsia are needed for development of the State. Therefore, the government is laying emphasis on building not only economic, social and transport infrastructures but also human resource development. He said basic infrastructures needed for national and regional development had been established to the most possible degree and concerted efforts are to be made for the emergence of a new modern and developed nation in combination with prevalence of peace and tranquillity and momentum of national consolidation in the nation. Under such circumstances, it is incumbent upon the national people living in Kayah State to make relentless efforts together with the government for the region to be on a par with other states and divisions in terms of development.

Only when there prevail peace and tranquillity in Kayah State will there be progress in the region based on knowledge and education. It is imperative for the Union including Kayah State to see rapid progress to keep pace with changes and developments in the world. Development and prevalence of peace and tranquillity in the region are interrelated and the government, on its part, is making efforts day in and day out with goodwill for ensuring development and prevalence of peace and tranquillity in the region. The seven-point road map of the State has been laid down for the emergence of a modern developed and discipline-flourishing democratic nation. Accordingly, the National Convention is being held in accord with the future political programmes. The entire national people are to actively participate in successful realization of the seven-point political road map of the State by doing their bit with Union Spirit. With integrated and well-coordinated efforts, the entire national people will be able to properly and rapidly establish a democratic society in conformity with Myanma environment.

Next, Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Soe Win presented TVs, VCRs and computers to the respective school heads of Nos 1, 2, 3 and 4 and Lawpita state high schools and 500 dozen of exercise books for Loikaw state high schools to the township educational officer. The Secretary-1 and party cordially greeted those present at the meeting. The Secretary-1 and party left for Mongpong by helicopter. They proceeded to Loilem where they were welcomed by Col Thauang Aye of Loilem Station and officials of Loilem district and township. The Secretary-1 and party arrived

at Mongnawng on 21 June. They were welcomed there by Col Han Myint of Mongnawng Station, Shan State Commissioner U Sein Thin, Police Col Thura Tin Hla of Shan State Police Force, departmental officials and Tatmadawmen.

Next, the Secretary-1 and party went to Mongnawng basic education high school and met officials, teachers and townselders there. Township Officer U Mg Mg Lwin of Mongnawng General Administration Department and officials reported on the tasks and requirements of the township and the commander gave a supplementary report.

Secretary-1 then fulfilled the requirements for education, health, transport, hydro-electric power and others. He gave instructions on working energetically for regional development and cooperation with local people. Then, the Secretary-1 greeted those present. The Secretary-1 and party inspected the site chosen for new school building, people's hospital and toured Mongnawng.

Minister for Forestry Brig-Gen Thura Aung Ko and Minister for Livestock and Fisheries Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein, accompanied by officials, inspected nurseries of Forest Department in Mongnawng. Deputy Minister for Construction Brig-Gen Myint Thein and Deputy Minister for Education Col Aung Myo Min met officials concerned and teachers. Departmental heads also inspected respective departments and fulfilled the requirements. The Secretary-1 and party left Mongnawng for Heho and arrived back here in the afternoon. — MNA



The prize presentation ceremony for 2004 Olympic Day Commemorative Badminton Tournament was held at YMCA on 22-6-2004. President of Myanmar Badminton Federation U Maung Maung Swe, Executive U Mya Thauang and officials seen together with winners. — NLM

New disease appears in northern Iraqi farms

BAGHDAD, 21 June—Subhi Al Jumaily, undersecretary of the Iraqi Ministry of Agriculture, has announced that a new disease has appeared in some farms of the northern area of Iraq that was never seen before, *Al Mashriq* newspaper reported on Saturday.

The disease caused serious damage to such plants as eggplants, potatoes, tomatoes and pepper.

Bringing crops from neighbouring countries without conducting proper tests in border centres is the reason behind the spread of such a disease, Al Jumaily was quoted as saying. The ministry had issued an order to consider the regions of Al Shikhan in Mosul, 400 kilometres north of Baghdad, and Qaarock in Dihook, 460 kilo-

metres north of Baghdad, as diseased regions, he said.

The ministry forbade crops coming from these two areas from entering into the rest of Iraqi cities until effective means were found to fight and eliminate this insect, which is called Colorado and feeds on green plants, he added. Al Jumaily pointed out that this insect appeared for the first time in 1998 within exported crops that were denied permission to enter at the Rabaea border point in northern Iraq.

The disease infected eight million square metres in America and 6 million square metres in Europe, and the ministry is keen to fight the disease in northern Iraq, Al Jumaily said.

MNA/Xinhua

Saudi Arabia licenses 2,247 projects in first quarter of 2004

ABU DHABI, 21 June—The Saudi Arabian General Investment Authority (SAGIA) has licensed a total of 2,247 projects worth 15.33 billion US dollars in the first quarter of this year, an Arabian web site MENAFN.com reported on Saturday. According to SAGIA's licensing figures, there were 919 industrial projects, 1,323 non-industrial ventures and five agricultural projects.

Among the projects, two are an Anglo-American joint venture, the Envirotreat Chemicals and Systems, and Tata Power

Company of India which has entered into a joint venture with the Al-Zamil Group.

The kingdom's water sector had attracted a British investor with Envirotreat Chemicals and Systems turning AES Arabia into a 100-per-cent foreign investment company.

The deal coincided with the construction of a new manufacturing plant with an investment of 2.66 million US dollars, bringing the total investment of the company to around 5.33 million dollars.

MNA/Xinhua

US, Ancom agree on customs reduction

LIMA, 21 June — Three members of the Andean Community (Ancom) and the United States agreed on the term of customs reduction on industrial and agricultural products, the Peruvian media reported on Saturday.

The agreement was reached during the second round of negotiations on a free trade agreement (FTA) held in the United States between the country and three Ancom members of Peru, Colombia and Ecuador, a spokesman for the Peruvian delegation was quoted as saying.

The term of customs reduction ranged from five to 10 years on different products.

The Peruvian delegation, after returning from the United States, said it will defend the scheme of the free zones and the topic's inclusion in the negotiation.

On the intellectual property, the delegation put forward the protection of biological diversity, the genetic resources and the traditional knowledge.

It also voiced concerns over the interests of those small- and medium-sized companies.

The Ancom groups Bolivia, Colombia, Ecuador, Peru and Venezuela. — MNA/Xinhua

Spain demanding withdrawal of forces from Iraq, Palestine

MADRID, 21 June—About 3,500 demonstrators on Saturday gathered in the centre of the Spanish city of Barcelona, demanding the withdrawal of the occupation forces from Iraq and Palestine.

The protest, called by the organization Aturem La Guerra, demanded an immediate return of political and economic sovereignty to the people of Iraq and Palestine, the Urban Guard said.

During the protest, demonstrators shouted slogans against the govern-

ments of US President George W Bush, British Prime Minister Tony Blair and Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon.

A spokesman for Aturem La Guerra, Francesc Tubau, read a statement denouncing the United Nations (UN) resolution passed on June 8, for it "legitimizes the political and military power of the United States in Iraq."

The protest was held ahead of the planned June 30 handover of power by the United States to the Iraqi Government.

MNA/Xinhua

Portugal confirms death of national in Iraq

LISBON, 21 June—The Portuguese Foreign Ministry confirmed Saturday the death of the Portuguese civilian Antonio Jose Montero Abeha, born in Elvas, in the explosion of a bomb in south Iraq.

The ministry's Consular Affairs and Portuguese Communities Deputy Director General Simaoes Bento said that the death of the Portuguese citizen was communicated by the British

Embassy in Baghdad, Iraq's capital.

The blast took place near the city of Barrora, where the British troops were deployed.

Monteroi, who was working as a security guard for the Petroleum Products Corporation, was not registered in the local Portuguese Embassy, and thus it will be hard to contact his family, the Portuguese official said.—MNA/Xinhua

သတိပေးနိုးဆော်ချက်

ခရီးသည်တင်မော်တော်ယာဉ်များအား မြို့တွင်းသို့ နေ့/ည ခရီးသည်ပို့ဆောင်နိုင်ရေးအတွက် သတ်မှတ်ခေါက်ရေနံအညီ စက်သုံးဆီထုတ်လုပ်ထားပြီး ဖြစ်ပါသည်။ ယာဉ်စီးခများအားလည်း သတ်မှတ်နှုန်းထားများအတိုင်းတောင်းခံရန် ညွှန်ကြားထားရှိပါသည်။ သို့ရာတွင် အချို့ယာဉ်လိုင်းများမှ ယာဉ်မောင်းနှင့် ယာဉ်နောက်လိုက်တို့သည် ယာဉ်စီးခများကို ညှပ်ပိုင်းတွင် ပိုမိုတောင်းယူနေကြောင်း သိရပါသည်။ ထိုသို့ပိုမိုတောင်းခံပါက ထိရောက်စွာ အရေးယူနိုင်ရန် အောက်ပါနိပါတ်များသို့ တိုင်ကြားနိုင်ပါသည်။
(၁) မြန်မာနိုင်ငံရဲတပ်ဖွဲ့၊ ရန်ကုန်တိုင်း (ဖုန်း ၁၉၉)
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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

Wellwishers invited for sinking tube-wells

YANGON, 22 June—The Development Affairs Committees under the depend on agriculture 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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တီဘီရောဂါကာကွယ်နိုင်နင်းရေး

(က) ရောဂါဖြစ်ပွားကူးစက်ပုံ

ဤရောဂါသည်တီဘီရောဂါဖြစ်ပွားမှု ကူးစက်ရောဂါဖြစ်သည်။ ဝေဒနာရှင် ရောဂါဆိုခြင်း၊ နာရောခြင်း၊ သလိပ်တော့မှတစ်ဆင့် ရောဂါပိုးများ လေထဲတွင် ပျံ့နှံ့၍ ကူးစက်သည်။

- အသက်အရွယ်မရွေး လူတိုင်းတွင် ဖြစ်ပွားနိုင်သည်။
- အဆုတ်တွင်အများဆုံးဖြစ်ပွားပြီး ကိုယ်ခန္ဓာအနံ့အပြားတွင်လည်း ဖြစ်နိုင်သည်။
- ဆီချိုရောဂါ၊ ခုခံအားကျဆင်းမှုကူးစက်ရောဂါနှင့် အာဟာရ ချို့တဲ့မှုရှိသူများတွင် အဖြစ်များသည်။

(ခ) ရောဂါလက္ခဏာများ

- ရုတ်တရက်ရောင်ဆိုးခြင်း (ရုတ်တရက်ပတ် (၃) ပတ်နှင့်အထက်)။
- ရောင်ဆိုးသွေးပါခြင်း။
- သလိပ်တွင် သွေးပါခြင်း။
- အဖျားတာရှည်ခြင်း။
- ခံတွင်းပျက်ခြင်း၊ မောပန်းလွယ်ခြင်း။
- ကိုယ်အလေးချိန်လျော့နည်း ပိန်ချိုခြင်း။
- ကျောရင်အောင့်ခြင်း။

(ဂ) ကြိုတင်ကာကွယ်ခြင်း

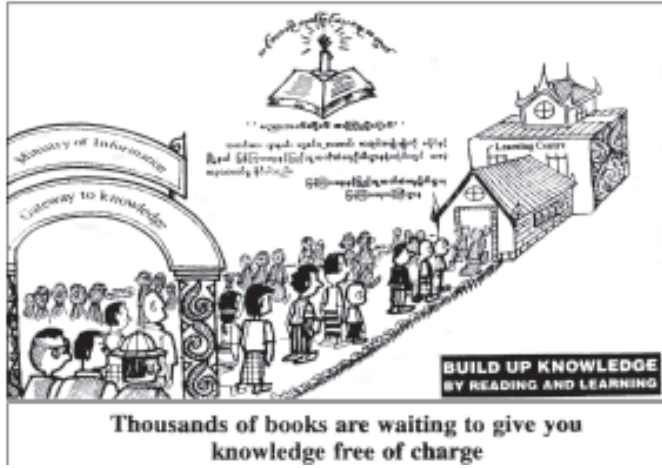
- ရင်သွေးငယ်များအား ကာကွယ်ဆေး(ဘီစီဂျီ) ကို မပျက်မကွက်ထိုးပေးပါ။
- အာဟာရပြည့်ဝသော အစားအစာများကို စားသုံးပါ။
- သင့်တင့်လျောက်ပတ်သောကိုယ်လက်လုပ်ကိုင်မှုပြုလုပ်ပါ။
- ရောင်ဆိုးခြင်း၊ နာရောခြင်း လက်ကိုင်ပုလိကို အသုံးပြုပါ။
- သလိပ်နှင့်တော့ကိုစည်းကမ်းမဲ့ထွေးခြင်းမှရှောင်ကြဉ်ပါ။
- ဆေးလိပ်သောက်ခြင်းမှ ရှောင်ကြဉ်ပါ။

(ဃ) ကုသမှုခံယူခြင်း

- တီဘီရောဂါကြည့်ရှုအချိန်တိုနှင့်ကုသခြင်းဖြင့် ရောဂါကင်းသည့်အထိ ကုသမှု ခံယူပါ။
- ကုသမှုခံယူခြင်းသည်အခြားသူများသို့ ကူးစက်စေခြင်းမှ အကောင်အထည်ကာကွယ်ခြင်း ဖြစ်သည်။

တီဘီရောဂါသံသယရှိလျှင် နီးစပ်ရာကျန်းမာရေးဌာနတွင် စစ်ဆေး၍ တီဘီရောဂါရှိပါက အစွမ်းထက်သော တီဘီဆေးဝါးများဖြင့် အခမဲ့ကုသမှုခံယူပါ။

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ယခင်နှစ်များနည်းတူ ဇူလိုင်လမှ ဒီဇင်ဘာလအထိ ၆ လတာ ကာလအတွင်း အလယ်တန်း ၅၊ ၆၊ ၇၊ ၈-တန်း၊ အထက် တစ်စောင်၊ အထက်တန်း ၉၊ ၁၀-တန်းအတွက် တစ်စောင်၊ တစ်လလျှင်တစ်ကြိမ် နှုန်းဖြင့် ၆ ကြိမ် ပုံနှိပ်ထုတ်ဝေပါမည်။ စောင်ရေအကန့်အသတ်ဖြင့် ရိုက်နှိပ်ဖြန့်ချိမည်ဖြစ်၍ တစ်စောင်လျှင် လက်ကားစျေး ကျပ် ၅၀ နှုန်းဖြင့် နယူးလိုက်အောင်မြင်မှုမဟာ သတင်းစာတိုက်၊ ဖြန့်ချိရေးဌာန၊ အမှတ်၂၂/၃၀၊ ကမ်းနားလမ်း၊ ရန်ကုန်မြို့၊ ဖုန်း ၂၉၀၉၃ သို့ ဆက်သွယ်မှာယူနိုင်ပါပြီ။

UNION OF MYANMAR MINISTRY OF RAIL TRANSPORTATION MYANMA RAILWAYS INVITATION TO SEALED TENDER

1. Sealed Tender is invited by Myanma Railways, for supply of the following Major Operation Theatre Equipments, Orthopaedic Instrument Implantation Sets, Dental Maxillo Facial Instruments, Auto Clave (Dental) and Suction Machine (Dental) which will be purchased in Myanmar Kyats:-

Sr. No	Tender No.	Description	Quantity
1.	10(T)1/MR (CMO) 2004-2005	1. Major Operation Theatre Equipment 2. Orthopaedic Instrument Implantation Sets 3. Dental Maxillo- Facial Instruments 4. Auto Clave (Dental) 5. Suction Machine (Dental)	1- Lot 1- Lot 1- Lot 1- No 1- No

Closing Date - 22.7.2004 (Thursday) (12:00) Hours.

Opening Date- 22.7.2004 (Thursday) (14:00) Hours.

2. Tender documents are available at the office of the Deputy General Manager (Supply), Myanma Railways, Corner of 51st Street and Merchant Street, Botataung, Yangon starting from 22.6.2004 during the office hours.

3. For further details please call: 291982, 201555 Ext-602,605, 612

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Qinghai-Tibet railway will help improve ecology

LHASA, 21 June — The construction of the Qinghai-Tibet railway will not only change the economic and social landscapes in the Tibet Autonomous Region, western China, but will also bring an improvement in the ecological picture there, some experts hold.

The ecological improvement, or in some ways, reduction in ecological deterioration, will hinge upon a better consumption structure of the local people, said Wang Taifu, economist with the Tibetan Academy of Social Sciences, after doing research on how the railroad will impact social progress in the region.

"The railway builders are paying special attention to the ecological conservation requirements along the road," said Wang.

"Meanwhile, completion of the railway will upgrade the transportation conditions

in Tibet significantly and change profoundly the current consumption structure of both urban and rural dwellers in the region, thus conserving the fragile local ecological environment," Wang argued.

It is reported that habitants of the rural areas, which account for about 85 per cent of Tibet's total area, usually burn dried cow dung, firewood, straw, pine branches and thorns as domestic fuels.

"No matter if it is cow dung, or bush or mountainous naked plants that are burned as fuels, it will im-

pose threats to the ecological environment," Wang said.

When the railway starts operation, the regional transport cost will be reduced by a big margin. Areas within a 400-kilometre reach from any station of the railroad may use coal and natural gas instead of animal manure and firewood. This will improve the living standards of the plateau dwellers, and at the same time, reduce their reliance on eco-fuels and subsequently mitigate damages to the local ecological environment, according to Wang.

MNA/Xinhua

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Vietnamese herbalist in "Guinness Book" with longest hair

HANOI, 22 June — A 67-year-old Vietnamese has his name written in the *Vietnam Guinness Book*, and is expected to have it in the world's *Guinness* record soon, because his hair is over 6.2 metres long, the longest in the country.

Tran Van Hay from Chau Thanh District of southern Kien Giang Province has not had his hair cut for 31 years, local newspaper *Young People* reported Monday.

MNA/Xinhua

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UAE denies reports on ExxonMobil's deal

ABU DHABI, 22 June — The Abu Dhabi Supreme Petroleum Council (SPC) in the United Arab Emirates (UAE) has denied reports that oil giant ExxonMobil had won the contract to develop the offshore oil field of Upper Zakum, the official WAM news agency reported Monday.

"The report is unfounded and baseless. The issue is still subject to competition between three firms, namely Shell, BP and ExxonMobil," the SPC was quoted as saying on Sunday. —MNA/Xinhua

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Scientists develop antidote for burping sheep

BERLIN, 22 June — Scientists have developed a serum to reduce methane gas in burping sheep, cows and other ruminants to combat global warming, a German magazine reported on Monday.

The Hanover-based monthly *Technology Review* will report in its July issue that Andre-Denis Wright, a molecular biologist at Australia's CSIRO Institute, has found a vaccine that reduced the methane emissions of sheep by 8 per cent.

The magazine said that scientists believe the amounts can be reduced even further and more testing is planned.

Sheep produce 20 grams of methane each day, or seven kilos per year, the magazine with 80,000 subscribers reported. Cows produce about 114 kilos per year of methane (CH₄) — a gas 21 times more powerful as a greenhouse gas than carbon dioxide, the main gas blamed for driving up temperatures.

Much of the methane gas comes from agriculture, such as livestock emissions from cows and sheep, and waste dumps. — MNA/Reuters

Five bodies found from burst dam in Brazil

RIO DE JANEIRO, 22 June — Five people were believed to be dead from a dam break in northeastern Brazil as the authorities found another drowning victim close to a flooded town, police said Sunday.

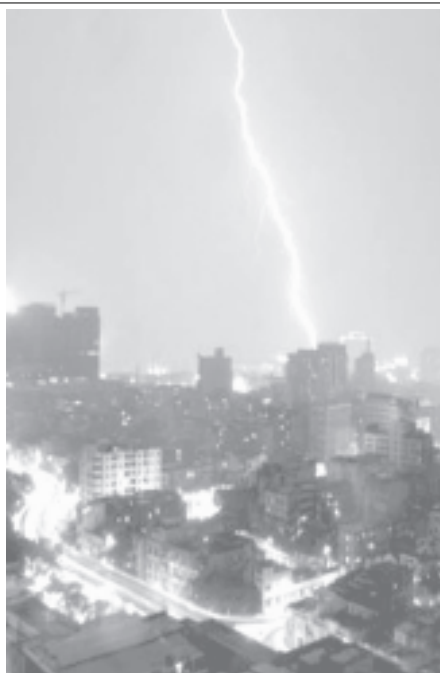
The local authorities early Sunday found the body of a man three miles upstream from the town of Alagoa Grande that was flooded after a dam ruptured.

The Camara Dam on the Mamanguate River burst Thursday night sending 17 million cubic metres of water from its reservoir into the river that overflowed and flooded the towns of Alagoa Grande and Mulungu.

Both towns lie in the impoverished state of Paraíba, about 1,340 miles northeast of Sao Paulo.

Before Sunday, rescue workers had recovered three bodies in Alagoa Grande and one in Mulungu. The authorities were still searching for dozens of missing people, but had no exact number.

MNA/Xinhua



A lightning flash is seen over Guangzhou, Guangdong Province, on 20 June, 2004. The southern city experienced a heavy thunderstorm on Sunday night. — INTERNET

Chinese medicine to reduce coronary disease threat

BEIJING, 22 June — China's national cardiovascular diseases control and treatment office announced here Sunday that a new, special Chinese herbal medicine could cut the general toll rate of coronary heart disease by about 33 per cent.

According to statistics by a research team under the Ministry of Health, the Chinese medicine, popularly renowned among people as "Xuezhikang", could readjust human blood-fat level and a longtime taking of it could drop the incidence rate of the disease by over 45 per cent and the recurrence rate of non-fatal myocardial infarctions by some 60 per cent.

The effect was determined on the basis of a four-year survey carried among 4,870 coronary disease sufferers from 65 hospitals in

19 provinces, municipalities and autonomous regions, according to the office.

Hong Zhaoguang, a prestigious cardiovascular professor and the head of a special experts team under the Ministry of Health responsible of reviewing health outcome, acknowledged that the medicine has also provided a world of difference on the prevention and control of blood-fat's effect on coronary disease patients in the east who have already contracted on a massive scale from the affliction of such a disease. — MNA/Xinhua

Drug-resistant TB found in NZ

WELLINGTON, 22 June — A deadly infectious disease sweeping Eastern Europe and Central Asia has been identified in New Zealand and statistics suggest conditions here could help it spread, *The Dominion Post* reported Monday.

The World Health Organization issued a public health warning after a report found a worrying increase in cases of tuberculosis resistant to the two medicines most commonly used to treat it, Isoniazid and Rifampicin.

It is estimated that there are 300,000 new cases of multidrug-resistant tuberculosis worldwide each year. Without the right drugs, MDR-TB is untreatable and, in most cases, fatal.

New Zealand Health Ministry figures show this country has had 16 cases of MDR-TB since 1995, when monitoring began.

TB cases in New Zealand have increased by 20 per cent in the past four years. Last year, about one in 10 cases were resistant to Isoniazid, raising concerns that the number of MDR cases could rise in the future.

Health Ministry spokeswoman Andrea Forde was quoted as saying MDR-TB was

an issue for all health authorities but was mostly preventable. Most cases occurred because patients did not take their medicines properly, or did not complete the course of medicines.

Environmental Science and Research microbiologist Tim Blackmore, however, said that MDR-TB rates were "extraordinarily low" in New Zealand and most cases were imported — brought in by immigrants infected overseas.

Though most resistant TB was brought in from overseas, Blackmore did not believe more effective screening was needed. TB could be dormant for years and might not show up till activated.

Under existing rules, anyone coming to New Zealand for more than two years must have a medical and chest X-ray.

MNA/Xinhua

Powerful typhoon hits western Japan

TOKYO, 22 June — A powerful typhoon is landing on western Japan Monday morning, disrupting air, land and sea travel on and near the main Japanese islands of Kyushu and Shikoku.

At 6.50 am (2150 GMT), winds of 180 kilometres per hour were reported in eastern Kochi Prefecture on Shikoku Island, the Japan Meteorological Agency said. Typhoon Dianmu, the season's sixth, hit the prefecture's western region with winds gusting over 90 kilometres per hour at around 6 am.

Many flights to and from southern, southwestern and western Japan have been cancelled, according to the agency.

The typhoon was located about 90 kilometres south of Cape Ashizuri, moving north-northeast at around 30 kilometres per hour. — MNA/Xinhua

Meteorite to be displayed around New Zealand

WELLINGTON, 22 June — The meteorite that crashed last weekend through a house in Auckland, New Zealand, is likely to be made into a travelling showpiece, the National Radio reported Monday.

The Auckland couple Phil and Brenda Archer have rejected offers of up to 20,000 US dollars for the 1.3-kilo grapefruit-sized rock that crashed through the roof of their Ellerslie home last Saturday morning.

They will meet two representatives from Wellington's Te Papa Museum next week on how to make a professional display with the meteorite.

Phil Archer said the display was likely to include the couch and ceiling which were damaged by the rock's entry into their home.

The walls and carpet in the lounge where the rock hit or came near would also be cut up and included in the

display so that people could see exactly what the couple saw when the rock hit. "We are looking at getting experts to design it (the display) so it can be collapsed and moved around," he said.

The Archers have been paid by their insurance company for the damage.

He said they rejected bids for the 4.5-billion-year-old rock.

The Archers, who are retired and own real estate, said they might sell the rock once it had been shown around New Zealand.

The couple have received calls from potential buyers in New Zealand, Australia, the United States, Britain and Israel. — MNA/Xinhua

More health care funding sources under study in HK

HONG KONG, June 22 — Funding other than tax is necessary to sustain Hong Kong's high standard of public health care, a spokesman for Hong Kong Health, Welfare and Food Bureau said Sunday.

Research into a medical savings scheme has found heavy reliance on general taxation to finance the healthcare system could render it vulnerable in times of economic and fiscal difficulty, the spokesman noted. General taxation accounts for more than 53 per cent of the total funding sources available to Hong Kong's healthcare system.

Although it is committed to supporting a public healthcare system with funds mainly from taxation, noted the bureau, to have a sustainable system, other

sources of funding, such as a medical savings scheme, should be explored as supplementary components.

The study found that there is no single best combination of funding sources which can meet the needs of every economy, as each must take into account its own situation, such as the level of healthcare subsidies, rate of taxation, economic development and demographic trends, in drawing up an action plan.

The bureau said it hopes to garner more public opinion on the issue by releasing the findings. — MNA/Xinhua



Two divers swim into a 33 metre deep pool at Nemo 33 diving centre in Brussels. The pool, specially built to train professional divers, is the world's deepest.

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SPORTS

Hellenic chief wanted in match-fixing scandal

JOHANNESBURG, 22 June—South African police are searching for the head of the country's premier soccer league club Hellenic after nine referees were arrested following match-fixing allegations, police said on Sunday.

Hellenic team chief Dumisani Ndlovu and other officials were being sought as part of the investigation dubbed "Operation Dribble", police spokeswoman Sally de Beer said.

"There is a charge of intimidation. We have got a warrant of arrest for him and we are looking for him," she said.

De Beer said more arrests were expected later on Sunday.

"We are still busy in two provinces at the moment, so we're hoping to make more arrests," she said.

The referees in custody have been charged with bribery and are to appear in a Johannesburg court on Monday and Tuesday.

A task team headed by provincial police commissioner, Africa Khumalo, and consisting of several detectives, began the investigation two months ago at the request of the South African Football Association President Molefi Oliphant.—MNA/Xinhua



England's Frank Lampard (R) scores against Croatia in their Euro 2004 Group B soccer match at the Luz Stadium in Lisbon, on 21 June, 2004. — INTERNET

New footage shows Frei spitting

LISBON, 22 June—Just hours after Switzerland's Alexander Frei was cleared by UEFA, new television footage showed the striker spitting at England midfielder Steven Gerrard during a Euro 2004 match last week.

Frei, who had strongly denied any wrongdoing, was let off by a UEFA disciplinary commission for lack of evidence on Sunday. However, footage shown by SF DRS television in Switzerland later in the day showed Frei brushing past Gerrard and spitting at the back of his neck.

Gerrard wipes the back of his neck while turning to glare at Frei who walks away trying to look innocent.

"We are looking at it and will consider whether we should reopen the investigation," UEFA spokesman William Gaillard said.

Italy forward Francesco Totti was banned for three matches last week for spitting at a Denmark player during a Group C match.

Switzerland play their final Group B game against France on Monday. Earlier Gaillard said Frei had been accused of spitting at two England players — captain David Beckham and Gerrard.

"UEFA decided to drop

the procedures and stop the process due to a lack of evidence," Gaillard said.

In the earlier footage Frei was captured making a spitting motion at Gerrard behind his back but it was not clear what had happened.

"There was no evidence," said Peter Gillieron, general secretary of the Swiss Football Association, after the hearing.

"He (Frei) was suffering a little bit from the situation.

It's a very heavy thing to be accused like that.

"I can say for sure he (Frei) will be very happy."

The English FA had declined comment on the disciplinary commission's decision. Frei said on Saturday he had never spat. "I'm an emotional player — I'm no angel — but this is not in my character.

"Maybe I said some bad words but that's normal on the pitch." —MNA/Reuters

Olic cleared after failing drugs test

LISBON, 22 June—Croatia striker Ivica Olic tested positive for a banned substance during the European Championship but will be allowed to continue playing, UEFA said on Sunday. Olic tested positive for methylprenisolone after his team's Group B match against France on Thursday in which he came on as a 73rd-minute substitute.

UEFA's control and disciplinary committee decided, however, that Olic had not done anything wrong and cleared him to continue playing.

Olic suffered a rib injury during a warm-up game against Denmark on June 5 and was given a pain-killing drug which contained methylprenisolone.

The Croatian Football Federation (HNS) was fined 6,600 euros for failing to comply with the correct doping procedures. The HNS has three days to appeal against the fine.

MNA/Reuters

Everton chief says Rooney worth 50 million pounds

LONDON, 22 June—Everton chairman Bill Kenwright says Wayne Rooney is now worth 50 million pounds in the transfer market after the 18-year-old striker's sparkling Euro 2004 performances for England.

"(Manager) David Moyes and I agreed Wayne has to be a 50-million-pound player now," Kenwright was quoted as saying in Sunday's *News of the World* newspaper.

"We do smile about what Wayne is worth but, then again, we also talk about who's going to be alongside him with us next season.

"I would turn down any bid for him and say: 'Thank you very much, what else do you want to talk about?'"

Rooney gave the France rearguard a torrid time despite England's 2-1 defeat at the hands of the defending champions in their opening Group B match at Euro 2004 in Portugal.

The teenager then became the youngest scorer at a European Championship when he hit two goals in England's second match, a 3-0 victory over Switzerland. England played their final Group B tie against Croatia in Lisbon on Monday.—MNA/Reuters

Super Rooney fires England through

LISBON, 22 June—Teenager Wayne Rooney fired England to a 4-2 comeback win over Croatia and a place in the Euro 2004 quarterfinals against hosts Portugal after an another astonishing two-goal performance on Monday.



With England struggling after Niko Kovac gave Croatia a fifth minute lead, Rooney set up Paul Scholes to score his first goal for his country in three years and then fired home a piledriver himself in first-half stoppage time.

The 18-year-old followed up with a superb run on the break to score his second on 68 minutes before Igor Tudor pulled one back for Croatia and Frank Lampard rounded off a fine victory.

Rooney's virtuoso performance came four days after he scored twice in a 3-0 win over Switzerland to transform England's Group B campaign after a 2-1 stoppage time defeat by France.

Rooney won a standing ovation at a Luz stadium dominated by England fans who chanted the youngster's name when he came off with 20 minutes to go.

England finished on a high after a calamitous start.

Defender Ashley Cole tried to clear Milan Rapaic's floated cross, keeper David

James parried but the ball ran for Kovac to fire home from close range in a packed area.

England were quick to recover, with Rooney putting Scholes through to shoot tamely at Tomislav Butina as the midfielder drove forward, while James needed to make two smart saves to deny Kovac and Dado Prso as Croatia threatened on the break.

England were inspired by Rooney's running and deft lay-offs and it was only fitting the teenager provided the assist for Scholes' equalizer, nodding the ball on after a Michael Owen effort had been blocked.

Rooney had not finished with the Croats yet, though.

The same trio did the damage with Owen feeding the ball wide for Scholes who touched it on for Rooney to crash an unstoppable 22-metre shot past Butina and put England ahead.

Owen had a glorious chance to end his four-match goal drought just after the restart, put clean through by Rooney only for his lob over the keeper to sail over the bar. Rooney made no mistake though when Owen put him through for a solo run and a cool finish to make it 3-1, while Tudor headed home a free kick on 73 minutes to fire up the Croats.

But Lampard, whose first England goal came in a friendly win over Croatia last August, put the result beyond doubt. —MNA/Reuters



France's Zinedine Zidane (R) controls the ball as Switzerland's Ricardo Cabanas watches during their Euro 2004 Group B soccer match at the Cidade de Coimbra Stadium in Coimbra, on 21 June, 2004. — INTERNET

Late Henry double sends France through

COIMBRA (Portugal), 22 June—Holders France secured a safe passage to the Euro 2004 quarterfinals when they overcame stubborn Swiss resistance to win their last Group B match 3-1 on Monday.

Thierry Henry's late double carried the French to victory after Switzerland had levelled Zinedine Zidane's early goal through 18-year-old striker Johann Vonlanthen, who became the youngest scorer in the tournament's history.

France topped the group and will play Greece in the quarterfinals in Lisbon on Friday.

The French took the lead after 20 min-

utes when captain Zidane rose virtually unchallenged at the near post to head in a right flank corner from Robert Pires. It was the playmaker's third goal of the tournament.

For a spell France threatened to add a second. Bixente Lizarazu's half-volley was deflected wide and Henry missed a decent chance from a Willy Sagnol cross by heading past the post.

Switzerland, fielding five in midfield in a reshaped team, equalized in the 26th minute, Vonlanthen latching on to a shrewdly-angled through pass from Ricardo Cabanas and sliding a low diagonal shot beyond Fabien Barthez inside the far post.

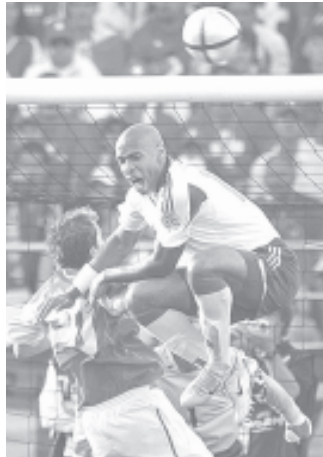
Vonlanthen, at 18 years and four months, was three months younger than England's Wayne Rooney when he scored against Switzerland last Thursday.

It was deserved reward for the Swiss for spells of good, controlled possession football, but they collected the first half's only yellow card when Hakan Yakin was cautioned for shirt-tugging on Pires.

Raphael Wicky followed him into the referee's notebook in the second half for a foul on substitute William Gallas as the Swiss defended their position resolutely. Henry was also cautioned for diving.

France, pressing forward, lacked guile and style and gave the Swiss defence a relatively easy evening. Pires ran through once but was crowded out and Swiss goalkeeper Joerg Stiel barely had a shot to save before Henry struck the French second.

MNA/Reuters



French forward Thierry Henry (R) jumps to head off the ball next to Swiss defender Patrick Muller during their Euro 2004 group B football match at the European Nations championship in Portugal. — INTERNET

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**23-6-2004 (Wednesday)
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Morning Transmission
(9:00 - 10:00)**

- 9:00 Signature Tune
Greeting
- 9:02 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Myanma
Panorama & Myanma
Sentiment"
- 9:06 The Reh Lake (The
Greatest attraction in
Chin State)
- 9:10
9:12** **Headline News**
Easily Cooked Tasty
Dishes "Sea-weed
Salad"
- 9:15
9:20** **National News**
Mandalay, The Golden
City
- 9:25 Kachin Dance
- 9:30
9:35** **National News**
The City of Kalay to
Tamu, border Town
- 9:40 Song "Moonlight
Flower"
- 9:45
9:50** **National News**
Extravagant Evidences
of Myanmar Culture
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- 9:58 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Come and See
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**23-6-2004 (Wednesday)
Evening Transmission
(15:30 - 17:30)**

- 15:30 Signature Tune
Greeting
- 15:32 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Mingalabar"
- 15:36 The Reh Lake (The
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Chin State)
- 15:40
15:42** **Headline News**
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- 19:40
19:42** **Headline News**
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- 19:45
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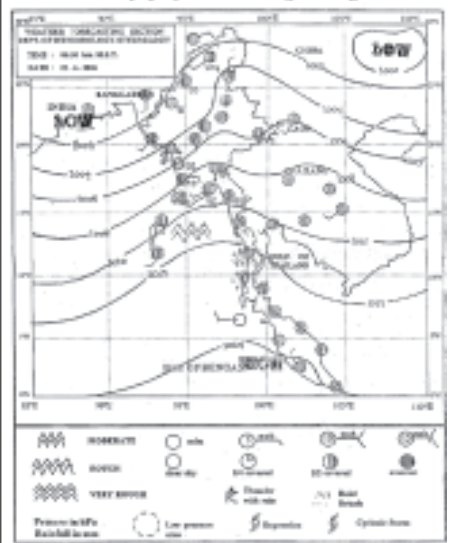
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Tamu, border Town
- 00:10 Song "Moonlight
Flower"
- 00:15
00:20** **National News**
Extravagant Evidences
of Myanmar Culture
(Part-I)
- 00:25 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Myanma
Panorama & Myanma
Sentiment"
- 00:30
00:35** **National News**
Agricultural Marketing
in Myanmar
- 00:40 Paintings Point out
Myanmar Genuine
Spirit and Splendid
Scenery
- 00:45
00:50** **National News**
Marine Products in
Myeik
- 00:55 Dance of the Couple
- 01:00
01:05** **National News**
Thameehla Island
Home to Fascinating
Turtles
- 01:10 Song "You can take me
but not my love"
- 01:15
01:20** **National News**
Song "The Folk Art of
Making ornaments with
leaves"
- 01:25 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Come and See
Myanmar"

Rainfall on 22-6-2004

— **0.35 inch at Yangon Airport**
— **0.79 inch at Kaba-Aye and**
— **0.20 inch at central Yangon. Total rain-
fall since 1-1-2004 was 41.26 inches at
Yangon Airport and 39.33 inches at Kaba-
Aye and 44.06 inches at central Yangon.**

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas

WEATHER
Tuesday, 22 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 lower Sagaing Division, rain have been scattered in Kachin, Shan, Rakhine, Mon States, upper Sagaing, Mandalay, Magway, Yangon, Ayeyawady, Taninthayi Divisions and widespread in the remaining areas with isolated heavyfalls in Kachin, Rakhine and Kayin States, upper Sagaing, Yangon and Bago Divisions. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Hmawbi (4.92) inches, Hkamti (4.21) inches, Hpa-an (4.02) inches, Machanbaw (3.90) inches, Zaungtu (3.39) inches, Hinthada (2.80) inches and Tharawady (2.56) inches.

Maximum temperature on 21-6-2004 was 26.5°C (80°F). Minimum temperature on 22-6-2004 was 19.5°C (67°F). Relative humidity at 9:30 hrs MST on 22-6-2004 was 88%. Total sunshine hours on 21-6-2004 was nil. Rainfall on 22-6-2004 was 10mm (0.35 inch) at Yangon Airport, 20mm (0.79 inch) at Kaba-Aye and 5mm (0.20 inch) at central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2004 was 1048mm (41.26 inches) at Yangon Airport and 999mm (39.33 inches) at Kaba-Aye and 1119mm (44.06 inches) at central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was 12 mph from Southwest at (09:25) hours MST on 22-6-2004.

Bay inference: Monsoon is strong in the Bay of Bengal. **Forecast valid until evening of the 23-6-2004:** Rain or thundershowers will be widespread in Kachin, Chin, Rakhine States, upper Sagaing and Yangon Divisions, scattered in Shan, Mon, Kayin States, Ayeyawady, Mandalay and Bago Divisions and isolated in the remaining areas with likelihood of isolated heavyfalls in Kachin, Rakhine States and upper Sagaing Division.

State of the sea: Occasional squalls with rough seas are likely off and along Gulf of Mottama, Deltaic and Rakhine Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (35) to (40) mph. Seas will be moderate elsewhere in Myanmar waters.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Likelihood of general decrease of rain in southern Myanmar areas. **Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 23-6-2004:** Some rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%). **Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 23-6-2004:** Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

Flood warning

(Issued at 12:30 hrs MST on 22.6.04)

According to the 06:30 hrs MST observations today, the water level of Chindwin River at Hkamti is (1130)cm. It may reach its danger level of (1360) cm during the next 48 hrs commencing noon today.


Wednesday, June 23
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. မြေမြေကြွ ယဉ်ကျေးမှုအက

8:10 am

6. အဆိုပြိုင်ပွဲ

8:20 am

7. ကချင်ပြည်နယ် မိုးကောင်းတံတား

8:30 am

8. Learning English the
Easy and Happy Way
for Children and
Beginners

4:00 pm

1. Martial song

4:05 pm

2. Euro 2004 ဘောလုံးပွဲ

ထုတ်လွှင့်မှုအစီအစဉ်
(ဒီဂျစ်တယ် နှင့် ခရိုင်)

5:30 pm

3. Song to uphold national
spirit

5:45 pm

4. အဝေးသင်တန်းသို့လီလညာရေး
ရုပ်မြင်သံကြား သင်ခန်းစာ
-တတိယနံပါတ် (ရက္ခစာအထူးပြု)
(ရက္ခစာ)

6:00 pm

5. အိမ်ထောင်ရေးသိပ္ပံ တိုင်းရင်းသားရိုးရာ
အစားအဝတ် (ကယား)

6:05 pm

6. ရွှေတိဂုံစေတီ အာသီယံအစီအစဉ်

6:15 pm

7. Discovery

6:30 pm

8. Evening news

7:00 pm

9. Weather report

7:05 pm

10. Strong and healthy
Myanmar

7:15 pm

11. Musical programme

7:30 pm

12. သစ်သီးဝလံပေါ်ပြည့်စေစာ
ဥထုတ် ခြံမှာ (ဒုရင်း၊
ကြွယ်ဝမှု)

7:40 pm

13. ရွှေတိဂုံစေတီအသံအလှဆင်

8:00 pm

14. News

15. International news

16. Weather report

17. နိုင်ငံခြားစာတတ်လမ်းတွဲ
"အချစ်ဆိုသည်မှာ" (အပိုင်း-၅၂)

18. Euro 2004 ဘောလုံးပြိုင်ပွဲ

- တိုက်ရိုက်ထုတ်လွှင့်မှုအစီအစဉ်

- (ဂျာနယ် နှင့် ရုပ်မြင်)

19. The next day's

- programme


**Wednesday, June 23
Tune in today:**

- 8.30 am** Brief news
- 8.35 am** Music: Jump for my love
- 8.40 am** Perspectives
- 8.45 am** Music: Wanna get to know you that good
- 8.50 am** National news/Slogan
- 9.00 am** Music: That's OK
- 9.05 am** International news
- 9.10 am** Music: The light
- 1.30 pm** News/Slogan
- 1.40 pm** Lunch time music
-Love me for a reason
-Big big world
-I breathe again
-Moments
- 9.00 pm** Variations on a tune:
"From a distance"
- 9.15 pm** Article/Music
- 9.25 pm** Music at your request
-Stuck in my heart
-Promises
-For you I will
-You drive me crazy
- 9.45 pm** News/Slogan
- 10.00 pm** PEL



Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt receives Iranian Ambassador Mr Rasoul Eslami at Zeyathiri Beikman.— MNA

Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt receives Iranian Ambassador

YANGON, 22 June — On behalf of the Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council, Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt received Ambassador of the Islamic Republic of Iran to Myanmar Mr Rasoul Eslami, who had completed his tour of duty, at Zeyathiri Beikman on Konmyinthar this evening.

Also present were Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Khin Maung Win, Director-General of the Government Office U Soe Tint and Director-General of the Protocol Department Thura U Aung Htet. — MNA

National Convention delegates group of State service personnel meets

YANGON, 22 June—The coordination meeting of the panel of chairmen of delegates group of State service personnel was held in Meeting Hall 7 of Nyaungnapin Camp in Hmawby Township, Yangon Division, at 9 am today.

The meeting was presided over by U Ko Ko Kyaw of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs together with U Myat Ko of the Ministry of Home Affairs and U Hla Tin of the Ministry of Commerce as members of the panel of chairmen.

Deputy Director U Htay Win of working group-9 of National Convention Convening Work Committee acted as master of ceremonies with Assistant Director U Htain Min as joint-master of ceremonies.

The master of ceremonies declared the start of the meeting with the permission of the meeting chairman as the number of delegates attending the meeting stood at 107 out of 109 accounting for 98.87 per cent.

Next, proposals of delegates group of State service personnel to be submitted to the National Convention plenary session concerning basic detailed principles to be laid down for the sharing of power in legislative, executive and judicial sectors to be included in drafting of the State Constitution were read.

U Thauung Htaik of the Ministry of Sports read proposals related to defence, security and foreign affairs and U Than Nyunt of the Ministry of Finance and Revenue, proposals related to finance and planning.

The meeting went into recess at 10 am.

At 10.15 am, U Yan Naing of the Ministry of Hotels and Tourism and U Hla Thein of the Ministry of Mines read the proposals concerning economic, agriculture, livestock breeding and energy, electricity, mine, forestry and industrial sectors.

The meeting ended at 11.15 am with the concluding remarks by the chairman.

MNA

Preventive measures for Dengue Haemorrhagic Fever inspected in Yangon City

YANGON, 22 June—Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe, Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint and Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin inspected preventive measures for dengue haemorrhagic fever being taken by departmental officials, social organizations and local people in South Okkalapa Township this morning.

On arrival at South Okkalapa Township Development Affairs Committee Office, they were welcomed by Deputy Minister for Health Dr Mya Oo, departmental heads, No 2

Military Region Commander Lt-Col Nay Win and authorities.

Officials reported on participation of local people in preventing dengue hemorrhagic fever at basic education schools.

The commander, the minister and the mayor inspected spraying of mosquito repellent, broadcasting of lime powder and sanitation by employees of YCDC and health staff on Inwa Street, Minkhaung Street and Minkhaung lane-1 in Ward 6, South Okkalapa Township.

This raining season, Yangon Division Health Committee in cooperation with YCDC and Malaria Control Group carried out such preventive measures

for dengue haemorrhagic fever as health educative talks and sanitation tasks at schools, wards and nurseries in Yangon Division.

They proceeded to Thakayta Township. Head of Engineering Department (Roads/Bridges) U Bo Htay of YCDC reported on arrangements for dredging drains on both sides of Manaung Road for proper drainage and repair of culverts.

They inspected dredging of the drains using heavy machinery on both sides of Manaung Road.

Afterwards, they inspected sanitation in drains in Mingala Taungnyunt Township and gave necessary instructions to officials.

MNA

Minister inspects construction of Ponnyataung Hill tunnel

YANGON, 22 June — Minister for Rail Transportation Maj-Gen Aung Min, together with officials concerned, inspected the construction site of Ponnyataung Hill tunnel of the Pakokku-Gangaw-Kalay railroad on 19 June. he fulfilled requirements and urged the personnel concerned to make efforts for completing the works as scheduled.

On 20 June, the minister and party arrived Monywa railway station of the Ponnyataung Hill tunnel construction project. Together with Deputy Commander of North-West Command Col Tin Maung Ohn, the minister inspected the construction of the tunnel from Monywa bypass and bridges along the route. — MNA



Alternate Chairman U Ko Ko Kyaw speaks at group discussions of Delegates Group of State Service Personnel.— MNA



With hands linked firm around the National Convention.