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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

Senior General Than Shwe sends felicitations to re-elected President of the Philippines

YANGON, 23 June — Senior General Than Shwe, Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of congratulations to Her Excellency Mrs Gloria Macapagal Arroyo, who has been re-elected as President of the Republic of the Philippines. —MNA

Vice-Senior General Maung Aye sends felicitations to Vice-President of the Philippines

YANGON, 23 June — Vice-Senior General Maung Aye, Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of congratulations to His Excellency Mr Noli de Castro, who has been elected as Vice-President of the Republic of the Philippines. —MNA

Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt sends felicitations to re-elected President of the Philippines

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Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt greets President of Nam Fatt Corporation Berhad Tan Sri Dato' Ajit Singh of Malaysia. — MNA

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Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt receives Malaysian guests

YANGON, 23 June — Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar General Khin Nyunt received President of Nam Fatt Corporation Berhad Tan Sri Dato' Ajit Singh and party of Malaysia at Zeyathiri Beikman at 8.30 am today. Present at the call were Minister for Commerce Brig-

Gen Pyi Sone, Minister for Forestry Brig-Gen Thein Aung, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Khin Maung Win, Director-General U Soe Tint of the Government Office and Director-General Thura U Aung Htet of the Protocol Department. — MNA



Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt receives President of Nam Fatt Corporation Berhad Tan Sri Dato' Ajit Singh of Malaysia. — MNA

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

PERSPECTIVES

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To strive for boosting production of paddy and oil crops

National unity and Union Spirit are of utmost importance to the Union of Myanmar, home to various national races. The Government, in accordance with the guidance by the Head of State on harmonious development of states and divisions, is hard at work on the 24-region development and at the same time is implementing the development plan for border areas and national races and the five rural development tasks.

All these plans and tasks are aimed at bridging the development gap between remote and interior regions and between rural and urban areas, especially in health and education. And these two sectors are being given special emphasis as they directly contribute to human resource development. Human resource development projects are being carried out all over the nation as it is the name of the game for the emergence of a modern and developed nation.

Magway Division is situated in the central part of Myanmar. Hence, emphasis is laid on developing education, health and transport sectors of the division by the Government. Efforts are made for ensuring Magway to possess characteristics of a city. Regional development is being carried out with zest and zeal in the division. As necessary infrastructures for economic development of the region, dams and reservoirs, transport facilities and river water pumping stations are being built in the division.

During his tour of Magway Division, Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt met Division/ District/ Township Peace and Development Council members, personnel of social organizations and townsenders at the City Hall of Magway on 21 June. In his address to the meeting, the Prime Minister said that there is no food sufficiency in Magway Division yet. Each region should extend cultivation of crops to be self-sufficient in food without relying on other regions, he pointed out. Magway Division has only 71 per cent of self-sufficiency of food and thus water from irrigation facilities is to be utilized effectively and double and multiple cropping are to be carried out.

Local authorities, departmental personnel and local populace are urged to strive for boosting cultivation of paddy and oil crops.



Mr Joseph Rickman of IRRI calls on UMFCCI officials. — UMFCCI

UMFCCI officials meet guest

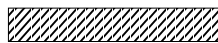
YANGON, 22 June — Head of Agriculture Engineering Unit of International Rice Research Institute (IRRI) Mr Joseph Rickman called on Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry Secretary General U Sein Win Hlaing and CEC member U Tun Aung (Tawwin Tun) at the UMFCCI head office here at 11 am today. They discussed matters on post-harvest technology, IRRI courses and collection of data on paddy production. — MNA

People's Desire

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



Shan State (North) Peace and Development Council Chairman North-East Command Commander Maj-Gen Myint Hlaing and Deputy Minister for Information Brig-Gen Aung Thein inspect research plantation of Hsin Yadana high-yield hybrid paddy in Lashio on 20 June. (News reported) — MNA



Shan State (North) Peace and Development Council Chairman Commander Maj-Gen Myint Hlaing and Deputy Minister for Information Brig-Gen Aung Thein inspect research plantation of Hsin Yadana high-yield hybrid paddy in Lashio on 20 June. A seed of Hsin Yadana hybrid provides 135 saplings each bearing over 100 ears. (News reported) — MNA



27 persons exchanged arms for peace in April, May

YANGON, 23 June — The State Peace and Development Council, upholding Our Three Main National Causes, had made concerted efforts for realization of national reconsolidation and is striving with zest and zeal for development of all parts of the country. After realizing the correct endeavours and genuine goodwill of the government and understanding their destructive acts, armed group members exchanged arms for peace individually and in groups at respective military camps in April and May 2004.

Company Commander U Ya Khaung, Sgt Sai Than, Pvt Aik Sai and Sai Nwam of SURA armed group, with three M-22s, three magazines and 32 rounds of ammunition and Pvt Aik Dee, Nwe Ywet, Nan Hong and Aik Noon exchanged arms for peace in Triangle Region Command area; Pvt Thiha Tun of Kayinni armed group with one M-16 and 40 rounds of ammunition in Eastern Command area; Pvt Phong Lyan Kat of CNA armed group in North-West Command area; Pvt Tin Moe of No 2 Company, No 7 Battalion of No 3 Brigade of KNU armed group with one M-16, two magazines, 27 rounds of ammunition and one grenade in Southern Command area; Sgt Kyaw Dah of No 16 Battalion of No 6 Brigade of KNU armed group, Pvt Kyaw Lin of No 106 Battalion with one AK-47, one magazine and 22 rounds of ammunition and Sgt Kwam Deik of Mon splinter armed group with one pistol, one M-16, three magazines, 30 rounds of ammunition and one grenade in South-Eastern Command area; Pvt Kyaw Thein of No 11 Battalion of No 4 Brigade of KNU armed group with one grenade, Pvt De De (a)

Kyauk Lone of No 3 Company of No 11 Battalion with one grenade, Pvt Aung Than of Mon splinter armed group with one M-79 launcher and one grenade-shell, Lt Khaing Tha Zan, wife Daw Mya Sein, son Maung Pyi Son, daughter Ma Wa Wa Khaing and son Aung Kyaw Moe, Sgt Khaing Asoe, L/Cpl Kyaw Than, Pvt Khaing Nyunt Aye and wife Ma Kyu Kyu Soe, daughter Ma Thet Thet Aye of ALP armed group bringing together with one carbine and eight rounds of ammunition in Coastal Region Command area.

Officials of the respective camps warmly welcomed the 27 persons who exchanged arms for peace and fulfilled their needs. And, more persons in armed groups are willing to exchange arms for peace. — MNA

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NC delegates entertained with films

YANGON, 23 June — The Entertainment and Welfare Subcommittee of the National Convention Convening Management Committee is organizing entertainment programmes for delegates to the National Convention daily at the gymnasium of Nyaungnabin Camp.

Yesterday evening, the delegates were entertained with a film entitled "Thar Thamee Zane Kyinyar" (Son, daughter and wife) directed by Kyi Soe Tun and starring Kyaw Ye Aung, May Than Nu, Zaw Zaw Aung and Khin Moh Moh Aye. — MNA

Thousands call for Ukrainian withdrawal from Iraq

KIEV, 22 June—Thousands of Ukrainian protesters on Tuesday demanded the government bring troops home from Iraq, saying politicians had no right to spill the blood of others for their own gain.

About 2,000 Communists holding red flags and 5,000 Orthodox believers, who carried icons, swarmed the central independence square in Ukraine's capital Kiev and then marched to parliament, where speaker after speaker called for the troops' return.

"We have come to this square to say again and again — there is not one politician for whom war solves conflict, for whom the blood of our children pays our debts or increases our riches," Communist Party leader Petro Symonenko told protesters.

Retired general Mykhailo Pukhno said soldiers should never do politicians' bidding. "The government...sent them there for their own interests. People should die for something their country needs, not for someone else's interests," he said.

President Leonid Kuchma's motives for sending about 1,600 peacekeepers to Iraq has come under fire, with many opposition politicians saying it was a crude attempt to repair ties with the United States which were strained by reports of

illegal arms sales to Baghdad before the overthrow of Saddam Hussein.

Calls for a withdrawal mounted earlier this year after two Ukrainian soldiers were killed in ambush, bringing the total number of dead in Iraq to six since deployment in August.

Kuchma has vowed to keep his troops in Iraq "until the end," but the issue is set to dominate Ukraine's political agenda ahead of presidential elections in October.

Symonenko criticized the government for failing to combat poverty in the country of 48 million which borders the European Union in what seemed to be an election speech.

Many of the protesters pointed their attack at Kuchma, calling on him to "don his military uniform and get to Iraq."

"I have come to express my outrage that our children have been sent to foreign lands to spill their blood for something no one needs," Anna Dorohova said. "If there were jobs here and if they were paid...our children would stay." —*Internet*

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

BAGHDAD, 22 June—As of Tuesday, 22 June, 840 US service members have died since the beginning of military operations in Iraq last year, according to the Defence Department. Of those, 620 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, 702 US soldiers have died — 511 as a result of hostile action and 191 of non-hostile causes, according to the military as of Tuesday. Since the March 2003 start of US military operations in Iraq, 5,271 US service members have been wounded in hostile action, according to the Defence Department's weekly tally. —*Internet*



Iraqis demonstrate in Fallujah, Iraq, on 21 June, 2004, against the recent airstrikes by US forces targeting a Jordanian-born militant suspected of masterminding car bomb attacks throughout Iraq. Chanting anti-US slogans, hundreds accused the Americans of falsely claiming that Abu Musab al-Zarqawi had sought refuge here in order to create an excuse to attack the city. — INTERNET

Iraq says four killed in Fallujah in US airstrike

BAGHDAD, 22 June—The United States forces in Iraq launched an airstrike Tuesday in Fallujah on a safe house used by followers of Jordanian terrorist Abu Musab al-Zarqawi, the second strike against the terror network in three days.

Eyewitnesses said that four people were killed in the attack and six others wounded.

Brig Gen Mark Kimmitt, the US-led coalition's deputy chief of operations, said the strike involved precision weapons to "target and destroy" the safe house and was based on "multiple confirmations of actionable intelligence."

"Wherever and whenever we find elements of the Zarqawi network, we will attack them," he said.

The Saturday attack levelled a building US officials said was a suspected al-Zarqawi safe house. Fallujah officials

claimed the house was owned by an Iraqi family and that no foreign terrorists were there.

Al-Zarqawi, who is thought to have ties to al-Qaida, has been blamed for a string of car bombs across Iraq, including a blast last week that killed 35 people and wounded 145 at an Iraqi military recruiting centre in Baghdad.

His Monotheism and Jihad movement carried through its threat to behead South Korean hostage Kim Sun-il after South Korea refused to withdraw its troops from Iraq. —*Internet*

Oil pipeline in northern Iraq blasted

BAGHDAD, 22 June—Saboteurs blasted a key oil pipeline transporting crude oil from the northern town of Beji to one of the country's largest oil refineries, another in a series of attacks targeting Iraq's infrastructure, authorities said on Tuesday.



An Iraqi mother waits to be searched at the entrance to Abu Ghraib prison before visiting her detained husband, west of the Iraqi capital Baghdad, on 21 June, 2004. — INTERNET

Large plumes of thick black smoke rose above the pipeline burning near the town of al-Mashahidah, 20 kilometres north of Baghdad. The explosion ripped through the pipe line late on Monday, said Salah Ali Hamid, an oil security guard.

"This is a sabotage," Hamid said.

The blast cut off supplies to the Dora refinery, which produces gasoline, kerosene and liquefied petroleum gas for the domestic market.

The attack comes a mid a series of attacks on infrastructure targets ahead of the 30 June handover of power. Insurgents are attacking such sites in hopes of undermining funds for the interim government.

Internet

Drive safely

Malaysia, US agree to more Malacca security steps

KUALA LUMPUR, 22 June—Malaysia will work with the United States to boost security in the Strait of Malacca sea lane through intelligence sharing, training and joint exercises, Defence Minister Najib Razak said on Monday.

However, Washington respected Malaysia's stand against the deployment of foreign forces to fight terror in its waters, Najib said after meeting visiting Admiral Thomas Fargo, the head of the US Pacific Command.

"I said very clearly, no joint patrols but (cooperate) in the areas of capacity building," he told reporters. "We could have some form of bilateral exercises which will increase our capacity to deal with problems of maritime security."

An attack on the Strait would strike at Asia's economic heart. More than 50,000 commercial vessels travel the narrow 500-mile channel each year, carrying about a third of the world's trade and 80 per cent of Japan's oil needs.

Malaysia's neighbour, Singapore, has spoken often of the possibility of terror attacks in the Strait. Security officials say a fuel tanker could be hijacked and used

as a huge floating bomb.

Singapore has also warned of the potential link between pirates and militant networks such as Jemaah Islamiyah, blamed for the deadly 2002 bomb blasts on the Indonesian island of Bali and widely linked to Osama bin Laden's al-Qaeda network. Najib said Fargo had stressed he would not make a

proposal that would undermine Malaysia's sovereignty.

Fargo had suggested both sides boost cooperation and enhance Malaysia's capacity and technical capability to tackle terrorism, Najib said.

"On these two counts, Malaysia agreed to cooperate with the United States," Najib said. —*MNA/Reuters*

Singapore destroys contaminated seafood

SINGAPORE, 22 June—Singapore has destroyed nine batches of seafood found to contain cancer-causing agents, fining nine seafood merchants each of 1,000 Singapore dollars (about 580 US dollars), according to local Press reports on Monday night.

The seafood of fresh fish, prawns and squid imported from Malaysia, Thailand and Indonesia were destroyed by the Agri-Food and Veterinary Authority of Singapore (AVA) in the past two weeks, and such a move also affected the supply of the seafood market, which saw an average price increase of more than 20 per cent. While assuring Singaporeans that seafood in the market is now safe to eat, the AVA also warned that anyone convicted of selling or supplying contaminated seafood can be fined up to 50,000 Singapore dollars (about 29,047 US dollars) and jailed up to two years. —*MNA/Xinhua*

S Korea to evacuate businessmen from Iraq

SEOUL, 22 June—South Korea said Tuesday it will evacuate all of its nationals doing business in Iraq as the country awaited word on a countryman held by militants there and threatened with beheading.

The Commerce, Industry and Energy Ministry said the evacuation affects the last 22 businessmen still in Iraq, and that it will be finished by early next month. Most of the men work for South Korean companies that supply the US military, Minister Lee Hee-beom said.

The abducted man, Kim Sun-il, worked for such a supplier. His captors, purportedly al-Qaida-linked militants, said they would kill him if the South Korean government did not decide by early Tuesday to cancel its deployment of troops to Iraq.

The deadline passed with the government sticking to its plan to dispatch 3,000 soldiers, beginning in August.

Later Tuesday, there was still no definitive word on whether Kim was still alive. The Dubai-based television network Al-Arabiya said the deadline had been extended, but provided no details or source for the

report.

"We have various intelligence and information on that matter, but we cannot give you a definite answer," Foreign Ministry spokesman Shin Bong-kil said at a briefing.

Shin said South Korea was trying to establish contact with as many countries and organizations as possible to help win the release of the 33-year-old Kim.

A South Korean security company later cited an Iraqi go-between in the hostage crisis as saying that Kim was still alive on Tuesday after the execution deadline had expired.

Fearing attacks in other countries, South Korean conglomerates such as Hyundai Corp and Daewoo International Corp have also stepped up security at overseas branches and ordered employees to avoid dangerous areas, *Yonhap* reported.—*Internet*

US soldier killed in Baghdad

BAGHDAD, 22 June — A mortar attack in Baghdad and two assaults on US forces northeast of the capital killed one soldier and wounded nine others, the military said Tuesday, as militants showed no sign of letting up in attacks against Americans ahead of the 30 June transfer of sovereignty.

Troops were attacked twice on Monday in the predominantly Sunni Muslim city of Baqouba, 35 miles northeast of Baghdad, said Maj Neal O'Brien of the 1st Infantry Division. In the first attack, one soldier was wounded by an improvised explosive device a homemade bomb. In the second attack, two soldiers were wounded by small arms fire and evacuated to the 31st Combat Support Hospital in Baghdad, O'Brien said. All three are in stable condition.

Also Monday, a mortar attack in north-central Baghdad killed a US soldier and wounded six other soldiers, the military

said. A contract worker was also wounded.

Iraqi guerillas also gunned down four US Marines on Monday west of Baghdad, apparently stripping the dead of their flak jackets before fleeing.

A videotape delivered to *Associated Press* Television News showed the bodies lying in what appeared to be a walled compound. They were in uniform and one was slumped in the corner of a wall.

The mortar attack happened in north-central Baghdad. Seven Army soldiers were wounded in addition to the one killed, the US command said.—*Internet*

Hearing postponed for US soldier in Iraq leash photo

FORT BRAGG (North Carolina), 22 June — A military hearing for a US soldier photographed holding a naked Iraqi prisoner on a leash in an abuse scandal that shook the Bush Administration was postponed on Monday.

The hearing, to determine whether Private First Class Lyndie England should stand trial, had been due to start at Fort Bragg in North Carolina on Tuesday but was put off until next month, a spokesman at the military base said. "We were notified that it was postponed late this afternoon, all the parties agreed to postpone to the week of 12 July," said the spokesman, Major Richard Patterson. He gave no reason for the delay.

One of England's lawyers, Rose Mary

Zapor, confirmed the delay and said it may have been caused by her resignation.

"Part of the reason is that I had to resign today from the (defence) team," she told *Reuters* from her Colorado home. "My husband has severe health issues." The photographs, which emerged in April, prompted worldwide protest against the US treatment of Iraqi prisoners and hurt US efforts to stabilize Iraq and "win the peace".

MNA/Reuters

Number of China's mobile phone users hits record high

BEIJING, 22 June—China had 300.559 million mobile phone subscribers by the end of May of this year, rising from over 100 million in March 2001 and 200 million in November of 2003, the Ministry of Information Industry said Monday.

The figure exceeded that of fixed-line subscribers, which stood at 290.401 million, and rural areas accounted for 30 per cent of the fixed-line phone subscribers.

China's mobile phone users outnumbered fixed-line phone subscribers in October 2003.

China imported its first mobile phone telecommunication facilities in 1987, and it took a decade for its number of subscribers to jump to 10 million by 1997.

MNA/Xinhua

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South Korean hostage killed in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 22 June—Militants, linked to alleged al-Qaeda operative Abu Mussab al-Zarqawi, beheaded a South Korean hostage, in another display of butchery ahead of the transfer of sovereignty to Iraq.

South Korean contractor Kim Sun-il's death was reported by the Arab satellite-channel Al-Jazeera, which said it received a videotape of his gruesome killing.

Internet



An Iraqi security officer guards the area around a crude oil pipeline fire at Al-Mishad, 50 kilometres (31 miles) north of Baghdad, Iraq, on 22 June, 2004, after an overnight explosion. No details were immediately available on the cause of the blast. — *INTERNET*

US twins separated and doing well

WASHINGTON, 22 June—Four-month-old twins born joined at the chest but separated over the weekend are doing well and may help write the textbook for the tricky operations, their surgeons said on Monday.

Jade and Erin Buckles are sedated and still breathing with the help of ventilators, but surgeons are celebrating an easier-than-expected operation to separate them on Saturday. "They are in intensive care and making good progress so we are encouraged," lead surgeon Dr Gary Hartman of Children's National Medical Centre in Washington said in a telephone interview.

The little girls were born fused at the chest, with intertwined hearts that beat in unison and a shared liver. Hartman, who has now separated four sets of conjoined twins, said he hopes to document his team's careful planning for the operation.

Conjoined twins occur once in every 200,000 live births and doctors say each case is unique. No one is quite sure how they become joined but the theory is that a single tiny embryo destined to split in two fails to do so completely.

Recent high-profile cases include Egyptians Ahmed and Mohamed Ibrahim, now 3, who were joined at the tops of their heads but separated in a 34-hour operation in Dallas last October and 29-year-old Laleh and Ladan Bijani from Iran, who died from blood loss in Singapore last July after a risky 52-hour operation.

In comparison, the case of the Buckles twins was much more straightforward. And

Hartman said their case was made much easier by the extensive planning of the team.

"Everyone that you have talked to that has done these say an incredible amount of planning is required but no one has really documented it," Hartman said.—*MNA/Reuters*

US governor resigns amid scandal probe

WASHINGTON, 22 June—John G Rolland, a three-term Republican Governor of Connecticut, announced his resignation on Monday amid a federal investigation of graft allegations and a drive to impeach him, media reports said.

Rolland's resignation will become effective on July 1, and Republican Lieutenant Governor M Jodi Reel will serve the rest of his term. The next gubernatorial election will be held in 2006. Rolland, 47, becomes the first US governor in seven years to resign under pressure. Rolland has been under attacks since December last year when he admitted accepting renovations at his lakeside cottage and lying about it. Although Rolland has insisted he never did anything in exchange for the gifts, the allegations have sent his approval ratings down and led to demands for his resignation.—*MNA/Xinhua*



South Korean protesters shout slogans at a rally near the Presidential Blue House in Seoul on 22 June, 2004. About 100 protesters demanded President Roh Moo-hyun cancel the government plan to send troops to Iraq. — *INTERNET*

Police says lecturer and her husband murdered in Iraq

MOSUL (Iraq), 23 June — Suspected assassins killed a university lecturer and her husband in the latest attacks on prominent Iraqis in the northern city of Mosul, police said on Tuesday.

Relatives said Layla Abdullah Saad, the dean of the college of law at Mosul University, had received threats but had refused to hire security guards to protect her house where she was shot and stabbed to death on her doorstep.

Residents said the murders — which followed the killing of a lecturer from the same university in January — appeared to fit a pattern of attacks designed to intimidate voices of moderate opinion in Iraq's third-largest city, scene of repeated car bombings and drive-by shootings.

A pool of blood stained a small flight of steps leading to one of the front entrances to the two-storey house, marking the spot where Saad was killed, police said.

"She received a couple of

threats. Some people advised her to hire guards to protect that house, but she wouldn't listen," said one of Saad's relatives, who declined to be named.

The body of her husband, Moneer al-Khero, lay in a bedroom in the house in the affluent Aldanadan neighbourhood in southern Mosul. Police said he had been shot three times during the attack, which bore the hallmarks of a professional killing.

Initial investigation showed the killers had left cash in the house untouched, while avoiding leaving obvious clues as to their possible identity.

"It is a big conspiracy, to kill all the qualified and highly educated people, in order to horrify others so they will not lead government in-

stitutions," said Jamal Ahmed, 30, a driver employed by the university.

He was among a small crowd of colleagues and neighbours gathered outside the house, waiting for police to bring out the bodies for burial, while patrol cars sealed off the street. Police offered no immediate explanation of the motive.

Guerillas fighting US forces have conducted numerous assassinations, including of academics, in their campaign to destabilize Iraq and undermine support for an interim government due to take over sovereignty on 30 June.

The dean of the political science department at Mosul University, Abdul Jabbar Mustafa, was killed in January. — MNA/Reuters

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Iran to prosecute eight British sailors

TEHERAN, 23 June — Iran will prosecute eight British sailors seized after apparently straying into Iranian waters on the Iraqi border, Iran's al-Alam television said on Tuesday.

The British Government immediately demanded an explanation from Tehran on the report. British officials have not been given access to the men, detained on Monday with their three boats, and have not been told where they are being held.

Quoting unnamed Iranian military sources, al-Alam said the eight men were to be prosecuted on charges of "illegally entering Iran's waters".

"The British military officials were arrested after they entered 1,000 metres into Iranian waters. The

British confessed that they were arrested when they were inside Iran's waters," it added.

The incident — the latest in a string of boat seizures in the Gulf area by Iran's Revolutionary Guards — is the most serious between Iran and foreign forces operating in Iraq and is likely to complicate already difficult relations between Tehran and London.

A Foreign Office spokesman in London said British officials were "trying to get the Iranians to explain" the report on prosecuting the men. "They have got to come up with some answers to our questions and we are pressing them for answers," he said.

Britain's Foreign

Secretary Jack Straw spoke by telephone with his Iranian counterpart Kamal Kharrazi on Tuesday morning.

The Foreign Office declined to give any details of the talks and could not say whether there had been any progress on getting the Britons released.

A spokeswoman for the British Embassy in Tehran said British diplomats had requested permission to visit the detained men.

"We have asked for full details on who is holding them, where they are and for access to them," she said. Al-Alam broadcast footage on Tuesday showing the eight British men dressed in military fatigues sitting in a room.

MNA/Reuters

China, ASEAN pledge to expand cooperation

QINGDAO, 22 June — Foreign ministers of China and the 10 member states of the Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN) pledged Monday to deepen and expand their cooperation, said a Press release issued after the China-ASEAN Foreign Ministers' Informal Meeting.

In the economic and scientific field, the ministers agreed that ASEAN and China should develop their cooperation in agriculture, information and communication technology, human resources development, Mekong Basin development, mutual investment, public health and science and technology.

The foreign ministers said they would push for the realization of the East Asian community through the existing ASEAN plus China, Japan and South Korea mechanism.

The ministers also vowed to push for establishment of ASEAN-China Free Trade Area and ASEAN economic, security and socio-culture communities to promote

common development.

The meeting was chaired by Chinese Foreign Minister Li Zhaoxing and Hor Nam Hong, Cambodian Minister of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation. Ong Keng Yong, Secretary-General of ASEAN, also attended the meeting.

At the meeting, the ministers agreed to regard the Treaty of Amity and Cooperation in South-East Asia as a code of conduct for state-to-state relations in this region.

The Chinese side reiterated its willingness to sign the Protocol to the Treaty of the Southeast Asia Nuclear Weapon-Free Zone (SEANWFZ), for which ASEAN would highly commend China, given China's

status as a permanent member of the UN Security Council.

On issues related to the Korean Peninsula, the ministers expressed their support for the ongoing efforts towards a nuclear-weapon-free Korean Peninsula and the ASEAN side commended China's active and important role in promoting the six-party talks about the nuclear issue on the Korean Peninsula.

According to the Press release, the ministers also agreed that the Declaration on the Conduct of Parties in the South China Sea should be incrementally implemented in an effective way so as to maintain regional stability and promote cooperation in the South China Sea.

MNA/Xinhua



A British Ministry of Defence photograph from 2003 issued on 21 June, 2004 shows members of 38 Battery Royal Artillery carrying out patrols on the Shatt al-Arab River in southern Iraq. Britain confirmed on Monday that eight of its military personnel were being held by Iran after they were captured in three small boats in the Shatt al-Arab waterway between Iran and Iraq. — INTERNET

Asian cooperation is requirement of China's development

QINGDAO, 23 June — To strengthen regional cooperation in Asia is not only an important component of China's foreign policy in the new era, but also the requirement of China's own development, said Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao here Tuesday.

Addressing the opening ceremony of the third foreign ministers' meeting of the Asia Cooperation Dialogue, Wen said China is a developing country with a population of 1.3 billion and handling things well in China goes further to contribute to peace and development in Asia.

Enhanced energy cooperation is necessary to safeguard Asian energy security and promote economic development in all countries. Therefore, the Chinese Government is actively pushing for the publication of the Qingdao Initiative, he said.

China's development cannot be separated from the support and help from all Asian countries, said Wen. The Chinese Government will play a more active part in various multilateral processes that are aimed at promoting Asian cooperation.

"We will honour our commitments and fulfil our responsibilities," he said, adding that while strengthening cooperation with

East Asian countries, China will further expand cooperation with South, Central and West Asian countries.

"China will never pursue hegemony," he stressed.

Wen promised to continue to value and support Asia Cooperation Dialogue, and said "the Chinese side highly appreciates the contributions made by Prime Minister Thaksin and the Thai Government in this regard, and will make concerted efforts with all parties to turn this dialogue into a bridge for enhancing communication and increasing mutual trust among Asian countries."

China will unswervingly uphold the policy of "building an amicable, tranquil and prosperous neighbourhood," he said.

"We hope to see our friends and neighbours better off. What China craves for is an Asia and a world full of the beauty of spring," Wen said. — MNA/Xinhua



South Korean protesters shout slogans while holding candles and placards during a rally in downtown Seoul on 21 June, 2004.

INTERNET



Staff at the Yarmouk hospital transport a victim from a car bomb explosion in the capital of Baghdad, on 17 June, 2004.



Iraqis gather around the scene of a roadside bomb explosion in Baghdad, Iraq, that injured three Iraqis and damaged nearby cars and buildings on 20 June, 2004.



A wounded Iraqi man sits inside his house which was damaged in an overnight air strike in the Shiite Baghdad suburb of Sadr city, on 20 June, 2004.

Images of Iraq



Villagers walk past a damaged building in the village of Buhriz, Iraq, near Baqouba, 50 kilometers (35 miles) northeast of Baghdad, Iraq, on 18 June, 2004.



A resident of Fallujah, Iraq, sifts through the wreckage of his home which was destroyed in a US airstrike on 19 June, 2004.



Iraqi men extinguish a car which caught fire when a mortar struck it in Baghdad, Iraq, on 19 June, 2004.



Employees clean the rubbish at a store that was hit by a bomb in Baghdad on 21 June 2004.

New and fast developments throughout Myanmar



Saddan Dam in Myothit Township, Magway Division, benefits over 10,000 acres of farmland and thanks to the dam, the farmers are now able to conduct tripple cropping.
MYANMA ALIN



Underground water tapping project is implemented in Thazi village, Gyobinkauk Township, Bago Division.
PBANRDA



New school building of No 2 BEHS in Monywa, Sagaing Division.
MNA

**Border
and
rural area
developments**



People are now able to use Bokpyin-Kawthoung road in Taninthayi Division in all seasons. — MYANMA ALIN



Pre-primary school built in Hsamalauk village, Nyaungdon Township, Ayeyawady Division.
MNA



Langkho Bridge with the length of 200 feet is on Namhsan-Mongnai-Tarsan road in Langkho Township, Shan State (South). — MYANMA ALIN



MWAF Vice-President Daw Khin Lay Thet gives talks on the MWAFF. — MNA

Talks on Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation held

YANGON, 23 June — Talks on Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation was held at 1 pm today at the management development training school of the Ministry of Home Affairs here.

Present on the occasion were MWAF Central Patrons Minister for Home Affairs Col Tin Hlaing, Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Phone Swe, MWAF Vice-Presidents Daw Khin Lay Thet, Daw Than Than Nwe and Daw Khin Khin Win, MWAF General Secretary Prof Dr Daw Khin Aye Win, wife of Minister for Home Affairs Daw Khin Hla Hla, wife of Yangon Command Commander Daw Khin Thet Htay and others numbering about 500.

MWAF Vice-President Daw Khin Lay Thet gave talks on the MWAFF. — MNA

Information work inspected in Shan State, Mandalay Division

YANGON, 23 June — Deputy Minister for Information Brig-Gen Aung Thein, accompanied by Director-General of Information and Public Relations Department U Chit Naing, Deputy Director of Myanmar Radio and Television U Myint Aung and officials, left Lashio, Shan State (North), for Hsipaw Township IPRD office, Kyaukme District, on 20 June afternoon.

During the meeting with service personnel there, the deputy minister gave instructions on reports presented.

He then proceeded to Kyaukme Township IPRD office. The deputy minister and party together with Col Aung Min of Kyaukme Station and Chairman of Kyaukme District Peace and Development Council Lt-Col Soe Win met departmental officials there. After giving instructions, they went to Nawngkhio Township IPRD office and then arrived PyinOoLwin



Deputy Minister for Information Brig-Gen Aung Thein inspects the Hsipaw Township Information and Public Relations Department. — MNA

District IPRD office and instructed service personnel.

During the meeting with service personnel of Hsipaw, Kyaukme, Nawngkhio and PyinOoLwin townships, the deputy minister said that they are to make efforts for successful implementation of the information measures for regional development.

They are to deal with locals on friendly basis and provide assistance among them. If they find difficulties, they will report them to local authorities and take assistance provided. If other departments need information, the service personnel should render their assistance, he added.

The deputy minister and party went to the construction site of the Branch Press (Upper Myanmar) in Mandalay Division on 21 June. They heard reports on building of the Branch Press in progress and future tasks presented

by Factory Manager U Toe Kyaw. Regarding the reports, the deputy minister instructed officials to supervise for timely completion of the Branch Press at set standard and inspected progress of work.

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Printer, copier presented to Ministry of Foreign Affairs

YANGON, 23 June —

A ceremony to hand over a copier and a laser printer presented by the Department of Technical and Economic Cooperation (DTEC) under the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Kingdom of Thailand to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs was held at the Satuyingabala Hall of the Ministry this morning.

Thai Ambassador Mr Suphot Dhirakaosal handed over the equipment to Director-General U Win Mra of International Organizations and Economic Department. Also present at the ceremony were Directors-General of the Ministry and officials of the Royal Thai Embassy.

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အိမ်တိုင်းမှာသစ်ပင် ရွာစဉ်မှာတောတန်း တစ်တောင်တစ်တောင်တက် မြို့တက်မယ့်လမ်း။



Thai Ambassador Mr Suphot Dhirakaosal hands over the equipment to Director-General U Win Mra of International Organizations and Economic Department. MNA

Efficient use of electricity

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

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

Efficient use of fuel

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

All this needs to be known

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

မိုးဦးကျနှင့် မိုးရာသီတွင်ဖြစ်တတ်သော ရောဂါများအတွက်နူးအော်ချက်

၁။ မိုးဦးကျရာသီတွင် အောက်ဖော်ပြပါ ကူးစက်တတ်သောရောဂါများ ပုံမှန်ဖြစ်ပွားလေ့ရှိပါသည်။

(က) ဝမ်းမျက်ခမ်းလျှော့နှင့် ကာလဝမ်းရောဂါများအပါအဝင် ဝမ်းနှင့် ပတ်သက်သည့် ရောဂါများ၊ အသည်းရောင်အသားဝါရောဂါနှင့် သံကောင် တွက်ကောင်ရောဂါများ

(ခ) သွေးလွန်တုပ်ကွေးနှင့် ငှက်ဖျားရောဂါ

(ဂ) တုပ်ကွေး၊ နာစေးရောင်ဆိုးနှင့် ယင်ပေါများခြင်း

၂။ ဖြစ်ပွားရသည့်အကြောင်းရင်းမှာ-

(က) မိုးဦးကျလာပြီးဖြစ်၍ လှိုင်းလှိုင်းပေါ်လာသည့် အချိန်တစ်ပါးသော သရက်သီး၊ ပိန္နဲသီး၊ ဖရဲသီး၊ ကြက်မောက်သီး၊ မင်းဂွတ်သီး စသည့်သစ်သီးဝလံများ၏ အခွံ အစေ့ စသည်များကို စည်ကမ်းမဲ့ မဆင်မခြင် စွန့်ပစ်ခြင်းကြောင့် ယင်ပေါများခြင်း

(ခ) ရာသီစာအမှည့်လွန်အသီးများကို စားသုံးခြင်း

(ဂ) မိုးရွာပြီးရေတင်ရေဝပ်သဖြင့် ရေအိုင်၊ ရေဗွတ်ဖြစ်၍ ရေမြောင်း၊ ပိတ်ခြင်းနှင့် ချွန်နယ်ပိတ်ပေါင်းထူထပ်၍ 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) ယင်နားစာများကို 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 အပူအအေး အပြောင်းအလဲကို သတိရှိပါ။

(ဈ) ပတ်ဝန်းကျင်သန့်ရှင်းရေးလုပ်ငန်းနှင့် ခြင်္သေ့နှစ်နှင့်ရေ လုပ်ငန်းများကို အမျိုးသားရေးအမြင်ဖြင့် ဝိုင်းဝန်းစုပေါင်းဆောင်ရွက်ပါ။

(ည) ရောဂါတစ်မျိုးဖြစ်ပွားပျံ့နှံ့ပါက ကျန်းမာရေးဌာနသို့ အမြန်သတင်းပို့ပါ။

(ဋ) လိုအပ်ပါက နီးစပ်ရာဆေးပေးခန်းဆေးရုံများသို့ အချိန်မီသွားရောက် ပြသစစ်ဆေး ကုသမှုခံယူပါ။

ကျန်းမာရေးဝန်ကြီးဌာန



Lt-Gen Maung Bo presents exercise books and cash to the headmistress of Palaw BEHS on 21 June. (News on page 16) — MNA

Work C'tee for Organizing 4th World Buddha Summit meets

YANGON, 23 June — Work Committee for Organizing Fourth World Buddha Summit held the meeting for opening ceremony, at the Ministry of Religious Affairs on Kaba Aye Pagoda Road this afternoon. Present were Secretary of the Work Committee Deputy Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Aung Ko, Deputy Minister for Information Brig-Gen Aung Thein, departmental heads and subcommittee members. Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Thura Aung Ko spoke. Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Aung Thein explained information sector of the summit. Director-General of Religious Affairs Department Dr Myo Myint reported on holding of the summit on a grand scale. Later, Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Thura Aung Ko gave concluding remarks. In the evening, Chairman of the Work Committee Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung and party inspected sound system in Maha Pasana Cave. — MNA



Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe and party offer 'soon' to Sayadaws. — MNA

Merit-sharing ceremony of Ordination Hall held

YANGON, 23 June — Merit sharing ceremony of the Sasanamala Visodani Ordination Hall of the Pathadikayon Monastery was held this morning at the monastery in Hline Township. The congregation received the Five Precepts from Vice-Chairman of the State Sangha Maha Nayaka Committee Sayadaw of Aungmyaybonsan Monastery Bhaddanta Paññindabhivamsa. Daw San San Yi, wife of Chief of Armed Forces Training Lt-Gen Kyaw Win, Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Chairman Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe, officials and wellwishers presented offertories to members of the Sangha. U Chit Khaing-Daw Khin Soe Wai of Edin Group Co Ltd handed over documents related to the new ordination hall to Sayadaw Bhaddanta Sirinda. Next, wellwishers made cash donation amounting to K 40,573,780 through Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe and Information Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Aung Thein. The congregation shared the merits gained and the ceremony came to an end. — MNA



NCC Commission Secretary Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan. (News on page 16) — MNA



NCC Work Committee Chairman Chief Justice U Aung Toe. (News on page 16) — MNA



NCC Management Committee Chairman Auditor-General Maj-Gen Lun Maung. (News on page 16) — MNA

Communications, hotel service inspected

YANGON, 23 June — Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs and for Hotels and Tourism Brig-Gen Thein Zaw together with officials arrived at Patheon yesterday morning.

Commander of South-West Command Maj-Gen Soe Naing and Minister Brig-Gen Thein Zaw arrived at Patheon auto-exchange and post office. Officials concerned reported on communication matters in the division. The commander and the minister inspected the auto-exchange, the microwave station and the carrier board and fulfilled the requirements. Next, they proceeded to Patheon Hotel and attended the coordination meeting for development phase 2 of Ngwe Hsaung Beach. — MNA

Meeting of NC Delegates Group of State Service Personnel continues

YANGON, 23 June — The coordination meeting of delegates group of State service personnel began in Meeting Hall-7 of Nyaungnapin Camp in Hmawby at 8 am today. Present on the occasion were panel of chairmen and delegates of State service personnel group.

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

Deputy Director U Htay Win of Work 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 chairman as the number of delegates present was 108 out of 109 accounting for 99.08 per cent.

Next, U Myat Ko of the Ministry of Home Affairs delivered the opening speech.

Afterwards, proposals of delegates group of State service personnel to be submitted to the National Convention plenary session regarding basic detailed principles to be laid down for sharing of power in

legislative, executive and judicial sectors to be included in drawing of the State Constitution were read.

U Hla Thuang Myint of the Ministry of Rail Transportation read proposals related to transport, communications and construction and Dr Daw Myat Myat Ohn Khin of the Ministry of Health, proposals related to the social sector.

Later, U Ba Myint of the Ministry of Home Affairs read proposals related to management sector and U Nyan Tun of the Supreme Court, proposals related to judicial and other remaining sectors. The meeting ended at 10 am with the concluding remarks of the chairman. — MNA



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





Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt presents a TV, a video player and a computer to the headmaster of Minbu BEHS-1 on 21 June. (News reported) — MNA



Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt presents a TV, a video player and a computer to the headmaster of Pwintbyu BEHS on 20 June. (News reported) — MNA

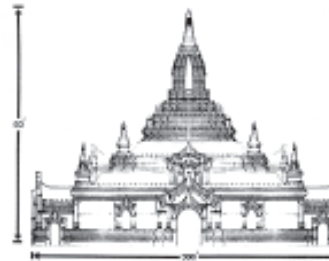


Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt formally unveils the signboard of multimedia classrooms of Pwintbyu BEHS on 20 June. (News reported) — MNA

တကောင်းမြို့ ရှေးဟောင်း လေးမျက်နှာတစ်ချောင်း ကြီး ပြန်လည်ပြုပြင် တည်ဆောက်ရာတွင် ကုသိုလ်ယူ ပါဝင်လှူဒါန်းနိုင်



အေဒီ (၁၁)ရာစု အစမှစ၍ တကောင်းမြို့ဟောင်းမြို့ဟောင်းမှတစ်ဆင့် မြန်မာ့လေးမျက်နှာတစ်ချောင်းကြီး သည် ဝဏ္ဏဝါ ဝန်းကျင် ရာသီဥတု ဝန်းကျင် ကြီးကြီး ကြီးကြီး ဖြစ်လာခဲ့ပြီး နှစ်ပေါင်းများစွာ တောရိုင်းတိရစ္ဆာန်များ ဖြစ်လာခဲ့ပြီး တကောင်းမြို့ဟောင်းမြို့ဟောင်းကြီး ပြန်လည်ပြုပြင် တည်ဆောက်ပါမည်။



အုတ်တစ်ချပ် (၁၂ x ၈ x ၄) - ၄၆/-
 တံတားတစ်ချပ် - ၄၀၀/-
 သံတံဆိပ် - ၆၀၀/-
 ပြင်ဆင်မှု (အခမဲ့) တစ်ခု - ၂၀၀၀/-
 နံရံ (တစ်ခု) - ၁၀၀၀/-
 သံတံဆိပ် (၁၂ x ၁၂) - ၅၀၀/-

ယဉ်ကျေးမှုဝန်ကြီးဌာန (ဝန်ကြီးရုံး) - ၅၄၃၂၃၇၊ ၅၄၃၂၃၈
 ရှေးဟောင်းသုတေသနဦးစီးဌာန (ရုံးချုပ်) - ၅၄၃၂၃၇၊ ၅၄၃၂၃၈
 ယဉ်ကျေးမှုအမွေအနှစ်ဝန်ကြီးဌာန (ဧည့်သည်) - ၅၄၃၂၃၇၊ ၅၄၃၂၃၈
 တကောင်းမြို့ ရှေးဟောင်းမြို့ဟောင်းမြို့ဟောင်းကြီး ပြန်လည်ပြုပြင် တည်ဆောက်ရာတွင် ကုသိုလ်ယူ ပါဝင်လှူဒါန်းနိုင်ပါသည်။

ကျန်းမာပျော်ရွှင် ဘဝတစ်ခွင်

ကျန်းမာခြင်းဆိုသည်မှာ - ရောဂါဘယကင်းရှင်းစွာ သာမန် ကိုယ်၏ကျန်းမာခြင်း ဖြစ်ပြီး စိတ်ချမ်းသာခြင်းနှင့် လူမှုရေးသမာ ဖြစ်ခြင်း ကိုဆိုသည်။

ဘဝတစ်ခွင် ကျန်းမာပျော်ရွှင်စေရန် အောက်ပါအတိုင်း လိုက်နာဆောင်ရွက်ပါ။

- (၁) တစ်ကိုယ်ရည်သန်ရှင်း မှုကိုဆောင်ရွက်ပါ။
- (၂) အန္တရာယ်ကင်းစွာ အာဟာရပြည့်ဝသော အစားအသောက်များ ကိုစားသုံးပါ။
- (၃) ပိုမိုကင်းစင်၍ သန့်ရှင်းသောရေကို သောက်သုံးပါ။
- (၄) ရာသီဥတုနှင့် လိုက်လျောညီထွေစွာ နားထောင်နေထိုင်ပါ။
- (၅) အသက်အရွယ်နှင့်လိုက်လျောညီထွေစွာ သင့်တော်သော ကိုယ်လက်လှုပ်ရှားမှုကို မှန်မှန်ဆောင်ရွက်ပါ။
- (၆) နေ့စဉ်လုပ်ငန်းဆောင်တာများ ဆောင်ရွက်ခြင်းကြောင့် ပင်ပန်း နှမ်းနယ်မှုကိုပြေပျောက်စေရန် အနားယူပါ။
- (၇) ခြင်္သေ့ရောဂါကွယ်ရန် ခြင်္သေ့ရောဂါဖြစ်အိပ်ပါ။
- (၈) ကျန်းမာရေးနှင့်ညီညွတ်သော ယဉ်ကျေးမှုကိုသုံးစွဲပါ။
- (၉) အရက်သောက်ခြင်း၊ ဆေးလိပ်ဆေးရွက် သောက်သုံးခြင်း၊ ကွမ်းစားခြင်းတို့ကိုရှောင်ကြဉ်ပါ။
- (၁၀) မူးယစ်ဆေးဝါးနှင့် စိတ်ကိုမြှောက်လှမ်းသော ဆေးဝါးများ သုံးစွဲခြင်းကို ရှောင်ကြဉ်ပါ။
- (၁၁) အပျော်အပါးလိုက်စားခြင်းကို ရှောင်ကြဉ်ပါ။
- (၁၂) ရေ၊ မြေ၊ လေ သဘာဝပတ်ဝန်းကျင်နှင့် နေထိုင်မှု အသက် မွေးမှုပတ်ဝန်းကျင်တို့အား ညစ်ညမ်းစေသည့် အပြုအမူများကို ရှောင်ကြဉ်ပါ။

ကျန်းမာရေးဝန်ကြီးဌာန

Nigeria to fund feasibility study on saving Lake Chad

ABUJA, 23 June — Nigeria is to release half of the five million US dollars it pledged for the feasibility study of water transfer project aimed at saving Lake Chad from drying up completely, President Olusegun Obasanjo said Monday.

“Over the last 30 years, Lake Chad has depleted by about 75 per cent ... the next generation might not find the lake if nothing was done to save it,” he said at the opening of the 51st Session of the Council of Ministers of the Lake Chad Basin Commission in Nigerian capital Abuja.

This size of Lake Chad, once one of Africa's largest sources of fresh water, has dropped from 25,000 square kilometres in 1963 to less than 1,500 square kilometres today due to a combination of a drier climate and growing human

demand for water.

The shrinkage threatens the livelihood of more than 20 million people in the region shared by Nigeria, Niger, Chad and Cameroon.

The four members of the Lake Chad Basin Commission are planning to divert water from the Congo River to replenish the waters of the lake.

MNA/Xinhua

Progress of Tanzanian primary education satisfactory

DAR-ES-SALAAM, 23 June — Tanzanian Prime Minister Frederick Sumaye said on Monday that the enrolment of primary education has been carried out at a satisfactory level.

Speaking at the Parliament in Dodoma in central Tanzania on Monday, the Prime Minister said that during this year, more than 1,300,000 students have been

registered to start standard one education.

He told Parliament members that the government has taken a number of steps to face the increase of students in budget year 2003/2004, including employing 15,521 teachers.

Sumaye said that the government has also increased schools to reach 12,984 this year from 11,846 last year.

He added that before the project, the number of children enrolled in standard one was 744,750 last year.

Tanzanian President Benjamin Mkapa said in 2002 that children at proper age must receive primary education. — MNA/Xinhua

Japan, EU in efforts to reach WTO accord

Tokyo, 23 June — Japanese Trade Minister Shoichi Nakagawa said Monday he agreed with visiting European Union Trade Commissioner Pascal Lamy that Japan and the EU should take the initiative in trying to reach an accord under the World Trade Organization by the end of July.

“We reaffirmed that Japan and the EU should lead other countries in efforts to reach a framework accord, even though we stand in different positions,” the Economy, Trade and Industry Minister told reporters after meeting with Lamy. On the contentious agricultural sector, Nakagawa said, “We agree that we can strike a deal by the end of July.” — MNA/Xinhua

Don't smoke

Lack of information contributes to Zimbabwean SMEs' failure

HARARE, 23 June — Most small and medium scale enterprises (SMEs) in Zimbabwe are failing to operate successfully because of lack of information on market trends, Minister of Small and Medium Enterprises Development Sithembiso Nyoni said here on Monday.

"Many SMEs in the country have failed to operate successfully because they do not have sufficient information and intelligence on market trends and opportunities," she said, addressing participants at a workshop on "How to Do Business in Asia".

"Access to markets, both local and foreign, remains a significant constraint

facing the small-scale entrepreneur," said the minister.

The minister said interactions with development partners and close linkages with all stakeholders would make the SME sector viable and realize economic growth and development.

Speaking at the same occasion, Standards Association of Zimbabwe (SAZ) Public Relations Manager George Makore challenged the SMEs to improve the quality and competitiveness of their products so as to contribute to economic growth.

He said the SAZ had developed programmes aimed at enhancing the quality and competitiveness of the SMEs. — *MNA/Xinhua*

Cigarettes rob smokers of 10 years of life

LONDON, 23 June — Cigarette smokers die on average 10 years earlier than non-smokers but kicking the habit, even at 50 years old, can halve the risk, according to half a century of research reported on Tuesday.

Findings from a 50-year study into the dangers of smoking showed that if people quit by the age of 30 they can avoid nearly all of the risk of dying prematurely.

"Cigarette smoking reduces the expectation of life by 10 years," said 91-year-old Oxford University Professor Richard Doll who discovered the link between cancer and smoking.

"It is clear that consistent cigarette smoking doubles mortality throughout adult life — middle and old age. It is also clear that giving up smoking can eliminate a very large part of the hazard," he told *Reuters*.

Doll and Bradford Hill confirmed the link between smoking and lung cancer in a landmark study published in the *British Medical Journal* on June 26, 1954.

Half a century later,

Doll and Oxford University Professor Richard Peto report the 50-year results from the same study of 34,439 British doctors in the journal.

"This study is a remarkable achievement. Studies that last 50 years are highly unusual in medicine, and it's even more unusual for one to have an author who was there at the beginning and after 50 years," the journal's editor Dr Richard Smith told a news conference.

"It has taught us a great deal," he added.

Doll, who had smoked for 19 years before giving up, had planned only a five-year project but the initial findings were so intriguing he carried on for five decades.

"I gave up smoking at age 37 when I saw the results of our first study. They were quite convincing to me," he said in an interview.

The early results from his second study confirmed that smoking causes lung cancer and suggested that it also causes heart disease.

MNA/Reuters

သတိပေးနိုးဆော်ချက်

ခရီးသည်တင်မော်တော်ယာဉ်များအား မြို့တွင်းသို့ နေ့/ည ခရီးသည်ပို့ဆောင်နိုင်ရေးအတွက် သတ်မှတ်ခေါက်ရေနံအညီ စက်သုံးဆီထုတ်ပေးထားပြီး ဖြစ်ပါသည်။ ယာဉ်စီးခများအားလည်း သတ်မှတ်နှုန်းထားများအတိုင်းတောင်းခံရန် ညွှန်ကြားထားရှိပါသည်။ သို့ရာတွင် အချို့ယာဉ်လိုင်းများမှ ယာဉ်မောင်းနှင့် ယာဉ်နောက်လိုက်တို့သည် ယာဉ်စီးခများကို ညှဉ်းတွင် ပိုမိုတောင်းယူနေကြောင်း သိရပါသည်။ ထိုသို့ပိုမိုတောင်းခံပါက ထိရောက်စွာ အရေးယူနိုင်ရန် အောက်ပါနိပါတ်များသို့ တိုင်ကြားနိုင်ပါသည်။

(၁) မြန်မာနိုင်ငံရဲတပ်ဖွဲ့၊ ရန်ကုန်တိုင်း (ဖုန်း ၁၉၉)

(၂) ကြို့မဲ့ကြေးနန်းနှင့်ယာဉ်ထိန်းတပ်ဖွဲ့ချုပ် (ဖုန်း ၂၅၁၂၅၅/၂၅၁၂၅၆)

(၃) မော်တော်ယာဉ်လုပ်ငန်းပေါင်းစုံထိန်းသိမ်းရေးကော်မတီ (ဖုန်း ၅၄၁၉၀၅/၅၄၁၉၀၆)

ယာဉ်စဉ်းကမ်းထိန်းသိမ်းရေးကြီးကြပ်မှုကော်မတီ

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

HK to hold first World Music Day

HONG KONG, 23 June — Hong Kong will hold on 21 June to 29 for the first time Fte de la Musique (The World Music Day) in line with the spirit of Music for Every One.

The event is co-organized by the Consulate-General of France, the Alliance Francaise and the Fringe Club. A total of musical events will be presented by Hong Kong partners during the event and most of them will be open to the public free. It is intended to promote cultural exchange through music by holding this international event in Hong Kong, according to the

organizers.

"Fte de la Musique is about active participation. It's about self-expression, about playing music for fun and the sheer of love of it, without fear and shame and national boundaries," said the director of the Fringe Club Benny Chia, who initiated Fte de la Musique in Hong Kong.

Launched by the French Ministry for Culture in 1982 to promote interactive through music, Fte de la Musique has spread to more than 250 cities in over 100 countries, holding the event on every 21 June.

MNA/Xinhua

HK to launch harbour area environment improvement project

HONG KONG, 23 June — The Hong Kong Special Administrative Region (HKSAR) government has planned to put nearly 2.57 billion US dollars into its harbour area environment improvement projects in the next 10 years.

The projects, or the Harbour Area Treatment Scheme (HATS) Stage 2, will include two phases construction, said Secretary for the Environment, Transport Works Sarah Liao Monday.

She said the Stage 2 project is necessary to improve water quality — and reopen Tsuen Wan beaches, adding a four-month public consultation exercise for

HATS Stage 2 will be launched.

She said the project will include the extension of the deep tunnel network, expansion of the existing chemical treatment capacity and provision of disinfection and the building of the biological treatment facilities at a site near Stonecutters Island Sewage Treatment Works.

The government hopes to complete the upgrading of the sewage treatment facilities by 2011/12. The more challenging tunnelling works are expected to be completed by 2013/14, Liao said

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တီဘီရောဂါကာကွယ်နိုင်နည်းရေး

(က) ရောဂါဖြစ်ပွားကူးစက်ပုံ

ဤရောဂါသည်တီဘီရောဂါဖြစ်ပွားမှု ကူးစက်ရောဂါဖြစ်သည်။ ဝေဒနာရှင် ရောဂါဆိုခြင်း၊ နှာချေခြင်း၊ 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။
- အဟာရပြည့်ဝသော အစားအစာများကို စားသုံးပါ။
- သင့်တင့်လျော့ကပ်သောကိုယ်လက်လုပ်ရှားမှုပြုလုပ်ပါ။
- ရောင်ဆိုးခြင်း၊ နှာချေလျှင် လက်ကိုင်းပုတီးကို အသုံးပြုပါ။
- သလိပ်နှင့်တော့ကိုစည်းကမ်းမဲ့ထွေးခြင်းမှရှောင်ကြဉ်ပါ။
- ဆေးလိပ်သောက်ခြင်းမှ ရှောင်ကြဉ်ပါ။

(ဃ) ကုသမှုခံယူခြင်း

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Wellwishers invited for sinking tube-wells

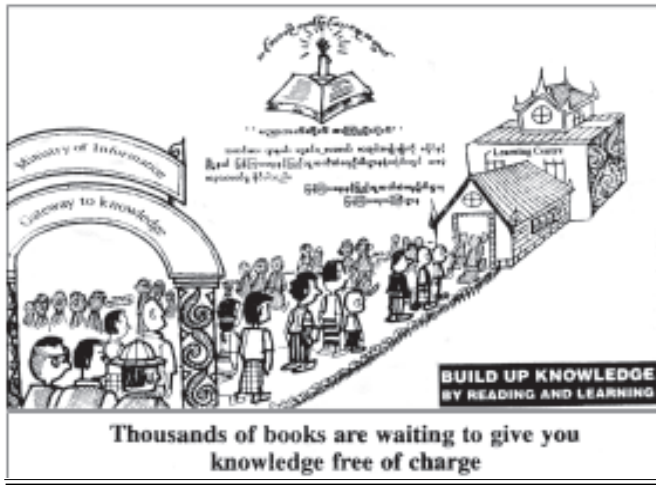
YANGON, 23 June — The Development Affairs Committees under the Ministry for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs are making concerted efforts in sinking tube-wells in order to get sufficient fresh water in rural areas in States and Divisions where water is scarce.

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

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

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Over 96% of China's refrigerators qualified

BEIJING, 22 June — Some 96.4 per cent of refrigerators made in China are qualified, according to the latest sample investigation by the State Administration of Quality Supervision, Inspection and Quarantine.

The investigation showed 27 out of 28 brands of refrigerators made in the cities of Beijing and Shanghai and the provinces of

Zhejiang, Guangdong, Anhui, Shandong, Jiangsu, Henan, and Shaanxi met the national quality requirements.

An official with the State Administration of Quality Supervision, Inspection and Quarantine said all the refrigerators surveyed operated quietly enough to meet the requirements. — MNA/Xinhua

Chinese scientists to explore Amazon heartland

BEIJING, 22 June — A group of six Chinese scientists plan to probe the heartland of the Amazon River Basin in mid-July this year, in what will be the country's first large-scale multi-purpose exploration in the area, according to China's leading research institution.

The Amazon River Basin, covering 7.05 million square kilometres, possesses over 30 per cent of the world's total rain forest, and thus plays an important part in adjusting the global climate, Tao Baoxiang, a senior engineer with the Chinese Academy of Sciences (CAS) and the group head, told Xinhua.

The exploration will focus on areas with Manous City in the middle reaches of the Amazon River as the centre and would anchor at se-

lected areas in the upper and lower reaches of the river for field inspection of water resources, types of vegetation, animals, custom, culture, economic development and environmental protection, Tao said.

Chinese scientists will pay close attention to the exploitation and protection of the Amazon rain forest, said Chen Guangwei, a team member from CAS, noting that 16 per cent of the rain forest in Brazil has been cut down.

The unrestrained felling has led to the dwindling of the Amazon rain forest and the imbalance of ecological environment, which aroused global concern, Chen said.

"The Amazon not only belongs to Brazilians, but to mankind as a whole," Chen said. — MNA/Xinhua

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\$300b investment boom to spur Mideast electricity sector

ABU DHABI, 22 June — Some 300 billion US dollars development boom in the Middle East, particularly in Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) countries, is presenting massive business opportunities for lighting and electricity sectors in the region, the *Khaleej Times* daily reported Sunday.

The huge investments in numerous residential, commercial, tourism, leisure and entertainment projects will trigger a drastic boom in demand in the lighting and electricity sectors, noted IIR Exhibitions, organizer of an exhibition of the Middle East Electricity 2005.

Sarah Woodbridge, director of IIR Exhibitions, was quoted as saying that the accelerating pace of development in the region gives good cause for manufacturers and suppliers to be at the 2005 exhibition, which sets to open in Dubai.

Up to now, over 75 per cent of regional companies have booked for the exhibition, with numerous requests for space at the event, added Woodbridge. IIR, the world's leading knowledge and skills transfer company, has a global network of 46 companies and 111 operating units.

As a part of the IIR, the IIR Exhibitions organizes events around the world and across several industries by its offices in Amsterdam, Dubai, Monaco, New York, Boston, Singapore and London. — MNA/Xinhua

Honda recalls some China Accords on potential flaw

SHANGHAI, 22 June — Japan's Honda Motor Co is recalling from Monday 70,240 of its popular Accord models in China over a possible fuel tank defect, the second auto recall in the country in a week.

On Friday, FAW Car Co said it was recalling 30,000 Mazda 6s made under licence from Mazda Motor Corp, also because of fuel tank problems.

The Honda recall affects three models made at its venture in Guangzhou with partner Denway Motors Ltd between January 15 and October 29, 2003, the venture said in a statement on its web site (www.guangzhouhonda.com.cn).

The venture — Guangzhou Honda Automotive Co Ltd — said it had observed cracks developing in the fuel tanks of Honda's 2003 Accords, and wanted to examine or fix Chinese-made models.

MNA/Reuters

China, Brazil to begin talks over soy trade dispute

SHANGHAI, 22 June — Chinese and Brazilian officials are due to begin talks in Beijing on Monday afternoon to try to iron out a dispute over soybeans trade worth more than one billion US dollars annually, a Brazilian Embassy official said.

"We believe we can solve this problem as soon as possible because everybody is taking an active and positive view about this," the embassy official told Reuters.

Brazilian farm officials are scheduled to meet Chinese quarantine officials at 3:00 p.m. (0700 GMT) in the hope of settling the spat, which has cost Brazil's soy producers about one billion US dollars in lost trade and other costs since China found fungicide-tainted seeds in April.

In a message to Brazilian President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva last week, Chinese President Hu Jintao said he expected the soy row to be resolved through friendly talks during the visit.

Brazil is the world's sec-

ond-largest soy producer, after the United States. China is its biggest customer.

China blacklisted 23 Brazilian soy suppliers, saying some cargoes were contaminated with a harmful fungicide known as Carboxin and bringing bilateral soy trade to a virtual halt.

But traders say charges of contamination obscure the real problem: devastating losses for crushing companies that bought large amounts of soybeans at sky-high prices, only to face falling prices for their products.

MNA/Reuters

Imported cars via Tianjin Port top 34,850 in first five months

TIANJIN, 22 June — The number of imported cars through Tianjin Port, north China, reached approximately 34,850 in the first five months of this year, an increase of 9.7 per cent over the same 2003 period, the latest statistics have shown.

According to the Tianjin Customs, these imported automobiles was valued at 950 million US dollars, up 37 per cent year-on-year.

Tianjin is one of China's seven ports authorized to import autos from other countries. Car import through the port made up about 40 per cent of the country's total.

Japan, South Korea and Germany are the three leading car import markets of

Tianjin Port. Japan was its leading auto import market in the first five months, with the number of cars imported from it reaching 13,183 in the five-month period, which accounted for 41 per cent of the total. The number of cars imported from South Korea and Germany was 10,195 and 4,725 in the five-month period, up 15 per cent and 39 per cent respectively from the 2003's same period.

Customs statistics indicated that Beijing, the national capital, imported 15,352 autos, or 48 per cent of the total imports through Tianjin Port. The remaining cars went to Tianjin municipality and east China's Shandong Province.

MNA/Xinhua

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UN says fake sharks could save turtles from fish hooks

OSLO, 22 June — Fibreglass sharks might help to scare endangered sea turtles away from long-line fish hooks as part of a drive to protect the world's migratory species, the UN Environment Programme (UNEP) said on Monday.

"Many sea turtle populations are declining precipitously," UNEP said in a booklet on how to protect the marine creatures, marking the 25th anniversary of the UN Convention on Migratory Species agreed in Bonn on 23 June, 1979.

Turtles are among about 10,000 species, ranging from butterflies to whales, that move regularly to new breeding or feeding grounds. Human activities threaten to wipe out many of them.

In the booklet, focused on turtles and long-line fishing, UNEP recommends the use of hooks shaped like a "G" rather than the more usual "J", saying they are harder for turtles to swallow. Hooks should be at depths of at least 40 metres.

Other deterrents being researched include placing fibreglass sharks near fishing lines to frighten turtles away, and the use of acoustic signals or blue dye to make bait less attractive, it said.

In long-line fishing, hundreds or thousands of hooks are strung from lines several

miles long to catch species like tuna or swordfish. But turtles are often caught accidentally.

"People tend to underestimate the vulnerability of migratory species," UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan said in a statement on the Convention's 25th anniversary.

"Yet if current trends continue, more and more of them will be driven to the edge of extinction," he said of migratory species ranging from monarch butterflies to bats, or pelicans to snow leopards.

UNEP said leatherback and loggerhead turtles may disappear from the Pacific Ocean in the next 20 years unless major changes occur soon. Loggerhead turtles, for instance, can swim from their birthplace in Japan to feeding grounds off Mexico.

The booklet also gives advice on how to get a hook out of the throat of a snagged turtle — first wedge a piece of wood in its beak to stop it from biting you and then use a de-hooker or bolt cutter.

MNA/Reuters

Official says progress made towards ASEAN community

QINGDAO, 22 June — ASEAN Secretary-General Ong Keng Yong said here Monday that progress has been made in various fields towards the Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN) community.

At the opening ceremony of the High Level Seminar on Asian Cooperation and Development of the Asia Cooperation Dialogue (ACD), held in this scenic city in east China's Shandong Province, Ong said progress is being made in developing plans to implement the Declaration of ASEAN Concord II (Bali Concord II) adopted at the 9th ASEAN Summit in October 2003 in Bali.

The concord aims at achieving the ASEAN Community based on the three pillars of economic integration, political and security cooperation and socio-cultural cooperation. The seminar was held before the third foreign ministers' meeting of the ACD, a

multilateral forum open to all Asian countries.

At present, Ong said, ASEAN is developing roadmaps for 11 priority integration sectors: agro-based products and fisheries, air travel and tourism, automotive and wood-based products, electronics, health care and rubber-based products and textiles and apparel. Efforts are being intensified to mobilize further resources to implement the Initiative for ASEAN Integration (IAI), he said. On May 25, there were 85 projects in the IAI Work Plan at various stages of implementation, he said.

He particularly mentioned the "rapid and comprehensive development" between ASEAN and China. "Both are now working on a

plan of action to implement the joint declaration the two sides signed in October 2003 to realize the strategic partnership," he said. He said ASEAN will continue to focus on consolidating its relations with Japan, India, the European Union and Australia and New Zealand. ASEAN will be 37 years old on August 8 this year.

"It pursues its leading role in maintaining peace and security in the region and addressing emerging issues and challenges through co-operation within ASEAN as well as with its dialogue partners, particularly China, Japan and South Korea and other regional and international organizations," he said. Such cooperation is "an integral part of the outward-looking ASEAN community", Ong said.

MNA/Xinhua

Australia says gangs drive illegal fossil trade

CANBERRA, 22 June — Organized crime gangs have moved into the growing blackmarket trade in rare Chinese fossils with many unwitting collectors now being sold illegal items over the Internet, the Australian Government said on Monday.

Taking possession of rare 140million-year-old fossilized fish, reptiles and dinosaur eggs recently seized by Australian Customs, Chinese officials said the task of protecting valuable fossils was proving arduous.

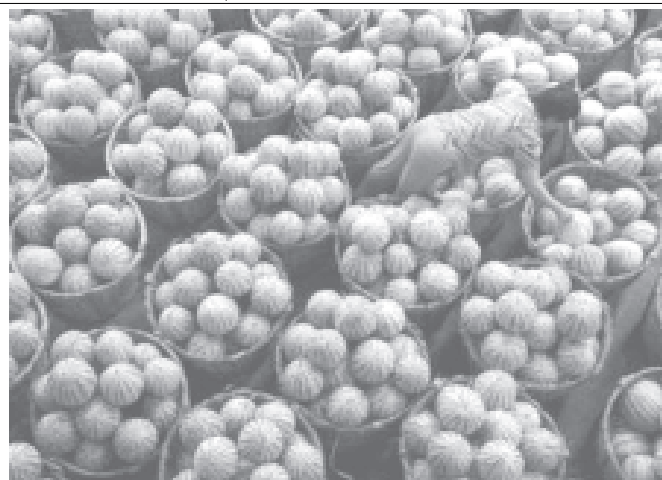
"Certainly there is a great deal of organized criminal activity in progressing and growing this trade," Australian Customs Minister Chris Ellison told a news conference.

"I think what we have are people who purchase these items over the Internet who are not aware as to the seriousness of what is involved." Last week, Australian police seized about 1,300 fossils and dinosaur eggs believed to be from China, following a year-long operation with Chinese authorities.

The huge 20-ton haul netted in raids on two shops and another property at Mandurah, 44 miles south of Perth, on Australia's west coast. It included hundreds of dinosaur eggs, nests and skulls, rare tortoise remains and fossilized fish. With a single dinosaur egg worth up to 15,000 Australian dollars (10,300 US dollars), the haul is believed to be worth millions of dollars on a lucrative international black market for such items.

Illegal fossils are often smuggled from China to transit countries before being sent to collectors in countries such as Australia in an attempt to disguise their origins.

MNA/Reuters



A Chinese vendor reaches for watermelons at a wholesale market in Shanghai on 22 June, 2004. Markets and shops are full of activities these days reflecting China's booming economy. Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao said on Tuesday he was confident of slowing the booming economy while engineering a soft economic landing. — INTERNET

Private rocket plane makes historic space flight

MOJAVE, 22 June — The privately funded rocket plane *SpaceShipOne* flew to outer space and into history books on Monday as the world's first commercial manned space flight.

The distinctive white rocket plane was released from a larger plane called the *White Knight* and ignited its rocket engine to enter space 62 miles above the Earth.

Against the backdrop of a clear blue sky, it landed safely back at a runway in the Mojave Desert in California, about 100 miles north of Los Angeles.

"The colours were pretty staggering from up there," said pilot Michael Melvill, who also earned his wings, officially, as an astronaut. "It was almost a religious experience."

Melvill said he could see the black expanse of outer space, the curvature of

the Earth and a broad swathe of the southern California coast during his three and half minutes just beyond Earth's atmosphere.

The unprecedented 20-million-US-dollar project was intended to demonstrate the viability of commercial space flight and open the door for space tourism.

The plane with its striking nose — a pointed cone covered with small portholes — was designed by legendary aerospace designer Burt Rutan and built with more than 20 million US dollars in funding by billionaire Paul Allen, who co-founded Microsoft Corp. — MNA/Reuters

Japanese computer tops list in fastest calculating machines

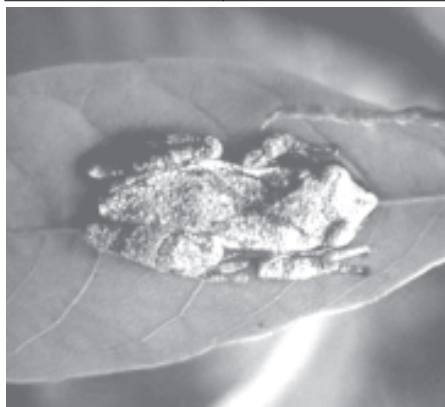
BERLIN, June 22 — "Earth Simulator", a Japanese-made supercomputer retained the title of the world's fastest calculating machine last year, according to a report published Monday in Heidelberg. The 23rd edition of the TOP500 list of the world's fastest supercomputers, which released on the eve of the International Supercomputer Conference in Heidelberg, said that the supercomputer built by NEC and installed in 2002 at the Earth Simulator Centre in Yokohama, Japan, has a performance of 35.86 teraflops.

One teraflop means one trillion of calculations per second, or 6,000 times than a modern personal computer.

The second fastest computer on the TOP500 list is "Thunder", an Intel Itanium2-based cluster system at Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory in California.

"ASCI Q" of Hewlett-Packard, which was number two in last year's list, has been edged to the third place in the new list.

MNA/Xinhua



A spring peeper frog found in West Virginia is shown on a leaf in this undated photo provided by the Division of Natural Resources. Throughout the spring, volunteers will be fanning across West Virginia's wetlands and woodlands to listen for the mating calls of frogs, trying to determine whether populations are on the rise or fall.

INTERNET

Mubarak surgery in Munich delayed for several days

MUNICH, 22 June — The German doctor treating Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak for a slipped disc said he had decided to postpone surgery on Monday to see if an alternative treatment would help.

The operation would be delayed for at least two or three days to see if Mubarak could be treated without resorting to surgery, Heinz-Michael Mayer, head of the spinal unit at Munich's Orthopaedic Centre said.

Mubarak, 76, who has ruled Egypt for more than two decades, flew to Munich on Sunday after his doctors decided he should have surgery on Monday morning for a slipped disc. — MNA/Reuters

SPORTS

Agent says Ballack to stay at Bayern Munich

BERLIN, 23 June—Germany midfielder Michael Ballack is staying with Bayern Munich after ending transfer talks with Barcelona, his agent Michael Becker was quoted saying on Tuesday.

"I've ending to all such negotiations for Ballack," Becker told *Bild* newspaper. "Michael has a contract (with Bayern Munich) that runs to 2006. If Bayern Munich want to keep him now, I naturally won't lift a finger anymore."

Becker said the Spanish club had put forward "a serious offer" for Ballack, 27, but had now started looking elsewhere. Bayern president Franz Beckenbauer had voiced strong opposition to the deal, saying any club that wanted Ballack would have to pay 100 million euros.

Ballack, who came under fire for several below-par performances last season, is at Euro 2004 preparing for Germany's final Group D match against the Czech Republic on Wednesday.

MNA/Reuters

Denmark, Sweden through after 2-2 draw

PORTO, 23 June—Mattias Jonson struck a minute from time to earn Sweden a 2-2 draw with Denmark that sent both Scandinavian sides through to the Euro 2004 quarter-finals on Tuesday.



Jon Dahl Tomasson's second goal of the game had looked like giving Denmark victory but Jonson's close-range shot saved the Swedes and sent out Italy, whose 2-1 victory over Bulgaria was not enough as all three sides finished on five points.

Sweden topped the group and will play the Group D runners-up, Germany, the Netherlands or Latvia, in the last eight, while Denmark face the Czech Republic.

Tomasson beat Swedish keeper Andreas Isaksson with a dipping 20-metre shot into the top right-hand corner to put the Danes ahead after 28 minutes.

Sweden striker Henrik Larsson won and converted a penalty at the start of the

second half to equalize with his third goal of the tournament but Tomasson matched the feat with a close-range finish after 66 minutes.

Italy had raised fears about the local rivals engineering a high-scoring to send both sides through but the way the tackles came flying in hardly pointed to a friendly fix.

With the ball skidding around on a pitch that had already been watered before kickoff, Denmark worried their opponents continually with sharp balls through the middle and the fizzing runs of wingers Jesper Gronkjaer and Martin Joergensen.

Gronkjaer popped up to take Tomasson's pass on 14 minutes and fire a shot into the side netting.

With Sweden sitting deep, Denmark continued to attack and Tomasson's spectacular strike gave them the opener just before the half-hour mark.

Sweden nearly equalized twice at the end of the first half, with defender Olof Mellberg and midfielder

Jonson both sending in dangerous headers from corners, and they were level within two minutes of the re-start through Larsson's successful raid.

Sweden enjoyed a period of dominance but outstanding goalkeeping by Thomas Sorensen kept Denmark in the game, and Tomasson's sharpness clinched victory after 66 minutes.

Substitute Kasper Bogelund had a shot half blocked by the defence and the ball fell straight to Tomasson who slipped a low shot past Isaksson from eight metres.—MNA/Reuters

Qatar player gets nine-month ban for doping

KUALA LUMPUR, 23 June — Qatar midfielder Jafal Rashid has been banned for nine months after failing a doping test, the Asian Football Confederation (AFC) said on Tuesday.

It had initially handed out an 18-month ban but it was cut following an appeal to the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS) in Lausanne.

Rashid tested positive for a stimulant after a match between Qatar and the United Arab Emirates at the Gulf Cup in January. The AFC did not disclose the name of the drug.

CAS upheld a fine of 10,000 US dollars imposed on Rashid by the AFC.

MNA/Reuters

Italy crash out despite 2-1 win vs Bulgaria

GUIMARAES (Portugal), 23 June—Italy crashed out of Euro 2004 despite beating already-eliminated Bulgaria 2-1 with a late goal on Tuesday.



Italy finished level with Denmark and Sweden on five points in Group C but a 2-2 draw between the Scandinavian neighbours in Porto in the other Group C match on Tuesday means the Italians go home by virtue of fewer goals scored.

Bulgaria, who lost their opening two games without scoring, had taken a shock 1-0 halftime lead with a Martin Petrov penalty just before the break, awarded after Marco Materazzi pulled back Dimitar Berbatov in the area.

Italy, runners up to France in Euro 2000, equal-

ized three minutes after the break when Simone Perrotta hooked the ball in with the outside of his right foot from close range after a shot from Antonio Cassano hit the underside of the bar.

Cassano then popped up with the winner deep into stoppage time but it was not enough to put the Italians through.

In an uninspired first half neither team settled on a slippery, rain-lashed surface and there were few chances.

Bulgaria, though, surprisingly broke the deadlock just before halftime with a penalty — their first goal of the tournament — leaving Italy coach Giovanni Trapattoni to decide his options during the halftime break.

After Italy equalized in the 48th minute, he decided to risk striker Christian Vieri, left out of the starting lineup with an injured knee, bring-

ing him on after 53 minutes for Bernardo Corradi.

Vieri immediately pepped up the Italian strike force, and they attacked for almost the entire second half in search of an all-important second goal.

Cassano wasted several chances, opting to shoot himself rather than play in better-positioned opponents and Italy's frustration grew as the match progressed.

Hardly a classic compared to some of the matches over the last few days, it was nevertheless a tense and keenly fought match with the Bulgarians trying to hang on to a point.

Italy were unlucky not to be awarded a penalty when substitute Kiril Kotev brought down Cassano after 76 minutes but Russian referee Valentin Ivanov waved play on.

MNA/Reuters



Italy's Antonio Cassano (C Rear) scores past Bulgaria's Zlatimir Zagorac (on ground) during their Euro 2004 Group C soccer match at the Alfonso Henriques Stadium in Guimaraes on 22 June, 2004. Italy won the match 2-1 but did not qualify for the next round. — INTERNET

FIFA reminds players to keep shirts on or be booked

LISBON, 23 June—Footballers removing their shirts in post-goal celebrations are guilty of "unsporting behaviour" and will automatically be booked under new rules to come into force on 1 July, FIFA said on Tuesday.

"Removing one's shirt after scoring is unnecessary and players should avoid such excessive displays of joy," world soccer's governing body said on its web site.

Although agreed at the annual meeting of the International Football Association

Board (IFAB) in February, FIFA repeated the law modification as a reminder to players, particularly those still involved in the European Championship in Portugal.

The change to the law relating to fouls and misconduct will mark the end of a

trend for pulling shirts over the head and running around blindly or removing the jersey entirely.

"A player will be deemed to have removed his jersey — and therefore become liable for a caution — if the jersey has been pulled over the player's head or if his head has been covered by the jersey," FIFA said.

To illustrate the change, FIFA produced a brochure of players in various states of undress.

Simply lifting the shirt and exposing the chest will not warrant a booking.

The law change will have an influence at Euro 2004, with the second semi-final, due to be played on July 1, and the July 4 final taking place after it comes into effect.

MNA/Reuters

England fan killed in Lisbon, Ukrainian held

LISBON, 23 June—An England soccer fan was killed in a possible robbery attempt early on Tuesday and a Ukrainian man has been arrested, Portuguese police said.

The 27-year-old British man was stabbed about 4 am near Lisbon's Rossio Square, a gathering place for fans attending the European soccer championship, police Commissioner Alexandre Coimbra told private TSF radio.

The attack was unrelated to Euro 2004 rivalries, he said.

"It may be an attempted robbery but we are still investigating the situation," Coimbra said. A Ukrainian man is in custody and will be brought before a judge on

Tuesday, he said.

England beat Croatia 4-2 on Monday night in Lisbon to reach the quarter-finals of the European tournament. England will play Portugal on Thursday in Lisbon.

The aftermath of the England-Croatia match was peaceful, with no violence reported, Coimbra said.

A spokesman for Britain's Foreign Office said the name of the victim was being withheld until relatives had been informed.

MNA/Reuters



Sweden's soccer players celebrate their 2-2 draw against Denmark in a Group C Euro 2004 first round match at the Bessa Stadium, in Porto, Portugal, on 22 June, 2004.

Both teams advanced to the quarterfinals.

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**24-6-2004 (Thursday)
(Programme Schedule)
Morning Transmission
(9:00 - 10:00)**

- 9:00 Signature Tune
Greeting
9:02 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Mingalabar"
Teak-Tissue Culture
9:10 **Headline News**
9:12 A Peaceful Place of
Mind
9:15 **National News**
9:20 Reminiscence in the
Glow of Sunset
9:25 Dancing Duo
9:28 A Gift to Mark a visit
to Myitkyina (Kachin-
Snack)
9:30 **National News**
9:35 Myanmar Toddy Palm:
A Source of Rural In-
come
9:40 Song "From the Golden
National Convention
Towards"
9:45 **National News**
9:50 Extravagant Evidences
of Myanmar Culture
(Part-II)
9:58 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Come and See
Myanmar"

**24-6-2004 (Thursday)
Evening Transmission
(15:30 - 17:30)**

- 15:30 Signature Tune
Greeting
15:32 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Myanmar
Panorama & Myanmar
Sentiment"
15:36 Teak-Tissue Culture
15:40 **Headline News**
15:42 A Peaceful Place of
Mind
15:45 **National News**
15:50 Reminiscence in the
Glow of Sunset

- 15:55 Dancing Duo
15:58 A Gift to Mark a visit
to Myitkyina (Kachin-
Snack)
16:00 **National News**
16:05 Myanmar Toddy Palm:
A Source of Rural In-
come
16:10 Song "From the Golden
National Convention
Towards"
16:15 **National News**
16:20 Extravagant Evidences
of Myanmar Culture
(Part-II)
16:25 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Mingalabar"
16:30 **National News**
16:35 Native home of the
Kham
16:40 Travel & Description
(Yangon to Thanlyin-
Kyaik Tan)
16:45 **National News**
16:50 A Short Introduction to
Myanmar Saing Waing
(or) Myanmar Orches-
tra
16:55 Naga Traditional Cos-
tumes and Dances
17:00 **National News**
17:05 Archaeological Mu-
seum, Pakhangyi (I)
17:10 Song "Flowers in Pro-
fusion"
17:15 **National News**
17:20 Myanmar Arts &
Handicrafts Centre
17:25 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Come and See
Myanmar"

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

- 19:30 Signature Tune
Greeting
19:32 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Mingalabar"
19:36 The Reh Lake (The
Greatest attraction in
Chin State)
19:40 **Headline News**
19:42 Easily Cooked Tasty
Dishes "Sea-weed
Salad"
19:45 **National News**
19:50 Mandalay, The Golden
City
19:55 Kachin Dance
20:00 **National News**

- 20:05 The City of Kalay to
Tamu, border Town
Song "Moonlight
Flower"
20:15 **National News**
20:20 Extravagant Evidences
of Myanmar Culture
(Part-I)
20:25 Myanmar Modern
Song "You From Next
Door"
20:30 **National News**
20:35 Agricultural Marketing
in Myanmar
20:40 Paintings Point out
Myanmar Genuine
Spirit and Splendid
Scenery
20:45 **National News**
20:50 Marine Products in
Myeik
20:55 Dance of the Couple
21:00 **National News**
21:05 Thameehla Island
Home to Fascinating
Turtles
21:10 Song "You can take me
but not my love"
21:15 **National News**
21:20 Song "The Folk Art of
Making ornaments with
leaves"
21:25 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Myanmar
Panorama & Myanmar
Sentiment"
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Sights "Come and See
Myanmar"

**24-6-2004 (Thursday) &
25-6-2004 (Friday)
Evening Transmission &
Morning Transmission
(23:30-1:30)**

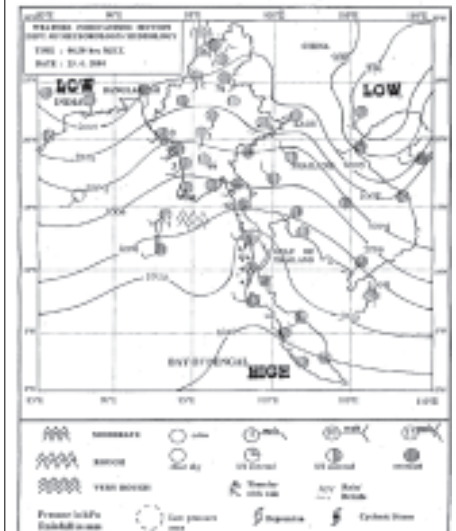
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Rainfall on 23-6-2004

- Nil at Yangon Airport, Kaba-Aye and
central Yangon.
— Total rainfall since 1-1-2004 was
— 41.26 inches at Yangon Airport,
— 39.33 inches at Kaba-Aye, and
— 44.06 inches at central Yangon.

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas

WEATHER
Wednesday, 23 June, 2004

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, rain have been isolated in Mon State, lower Sagaing and Ayeyawady Divisions, scattered in Shan, Rakhine States, upper Sagaing, Mandalay, Magway and Yangon Divisions and widespread in the remaining areas with isolated heavyfalls in Rakhine State. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Kyauktaw (9.84) inches, Toungoo (2.60) inches and Ann (2.44) inches.

Maximum temperature on 22-6-2004 was 31.5°C (89°F). Minimum temperature on 23-6-2004 was 22.6°C (73°F). Relative humidity at 9:30 hrs MST on 23-6-2004 was 82%. Total sunshine hours on 22-6-2004 was (6.0) hours approx. Rainfall on 23-6-2004 was nil at Yangon Airport, Kaba-Aye and 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 (13:10) hours MST on 22-6-2004.

Bay inference: Monsoon is generally strong in the Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of the 24-6-2004: Rain will be widespread in Rakhine State, scattered in Kachin, Chin States, Yangon, Bago, Ayeyawady and Tanintharyi Divisions and isolated in the remaining areas with likelihood of isolated heavyfalls in Kachin State and upper Sagaing Division. Degree of certainty is (80%).

State of the sea: Occasional squalls with rough seas are likely off and along Myanmar Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (35) to (40) mph.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Moderate monsoon.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 24-6-2004: One or two rain or thundershowers with sunny period. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 24-6-2004: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).


Thursday, June 24
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. Dance of national races

8:10 am

6. Dance variety

8:20 am

7. ကျေးပင်အင်္ဂါနေ့လှည့်ကဏ္ဍ

8:30 am

8. International news

8:45 am

9. Let's go

4:00 pm

1. Martial song

4:05 pm

2. Euro 2004 ဘောလုံးပွဲ
ထုတ်လွှင့်ခွင့်အစီအစဉ်
(ဟော်လန်ဒ် နှင့် လတ်ဗီးယား)
3. Song to uphold
National Spirit

5:30 pm

4. အစောင့်အရှောက် တက္ကသိုလ်ပညာရေး
ရန်ပုံငွေသုံးကြေးသင်ခန်းစာ
-တစ်နေ့ပွဲ
(တက္ကသိုလ်အသင်းအဖွဲ့အားလုံး)
(တက္ကသိုလ်အသင်းအဖွဲ့အားလုံး)

5:40 pm

5. အိမ်တွင်းမှည့်ပွဲ တိုင်းရင်းသားရိုးရာ
အစားအနပ် (ကရင်)
6. "အမွေရှိခြင်းဆိုင်ရာလမ်းညွှန်"
နေ့စဉ်သုံး နှစ်ခြင်း စာအုပ်
(ရှမ်းပြည်နယ်) တင်တင်လှ
ဒါရိုက်တာ-မောင်မောင်မြင့်

6:05 pm

7. နိုင်ငံအဝန်း သစ်တောစွမ်းမြင့်
စီမံကိန်းနေ့စဉ်

6:20 pm

8. The next day's
programme

6:30 pm

8. Evening news

7:00 pm

9. Weather report

7:05 pm

10. နိုင်ငံခြားစာတိုင်းလွှင့်
"မိုးရေဓာတ်" (အရိုင်း-ရဲဝဲ)
11. ဟောပြောသံစေ့ တရုတ်တို့ပြောနေ

7:40 pm

12. News

8:00 pm

13. International news

8:05 pm

14. Weather report

15. Myanmar video feature
"အမွေရှိခြင်းဆိုင်ရာလမ်းညွှန်"
(အရိုင်း-ရဲဝဲ)
နေ့စဉ်သုံး နှစ်ခြင်း စာအုပ်
(ရှမ်းပြည်နယ်) တင်တင်လှ
ဒါရိုက်တာ-မောင်မောင်မြင့်

8:15 am

16. Euro 2004 ဘောလုံးပွဲ
ထုတ်လွှင့်ခွင့်အစီအစဉ်
(ဟော်လန်ဒ် နှင့် လတ်ဗီးယား)
17. နိုင်ငံအဝန်း သစ်တောစွမ်းမြင့်
စီမံကိန်းနေ့စဉ်

8:20 pm

18. The next day's
programme


**Thursday, June 24
Tune in today:**

- 8.30 am Brief news
8.35 am Music: Power of two
8.40 am Perspectives
8.45 am Music: When I look
into your eyes
8.50 am National news/Slogan
9.00 am Music: Radio
9.05 am International news
9.10 am Music: Don't want
your love
1.30 pm News/Slogan
1.40 pm Lunch time music
-One second thought
-Making up for the
lost time
-The one I loved back
then
-It's just a moment
of time
9.00 pm Aspects of Myanmar
-Yangon Division
9.10 pm Article
9.25 pm Pourri
-Fees bar African
AIDS orphans from
school
-Teluk drug shrinks
ovarian lung tumours
in trials
9.30 pm Favourite songs
9.45 pm News/Slogan
10.00 pm PEL



NCCC Chairman Secretary-2 Lt-Gen Thein Sein addresses meeting of National Convention Convening Commission, Work Committee and Management Committee.—MNA

Lt-Gen Thein Sein attends coord meeting of National Convention Convening Commission, Work Committee, Management Committee

YANGON, 23 June— Coordination Meeting 14/2004 among the National Convention Convening Commission, the National Convention Convening Work Committee and the National Convention Convening Management Committee was held at Anawrahta Yeiktha of NCCC at Nyaungnapin Camp in Hmawby Township at 9.30 am today, attended by Chairman of the Commission Secretary-2 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein.

Also present were Secretary of the Commission Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan and commission members, Chairman of the Work Committee Chief Justice U Aung Toe and work committee members, Chairman of the Management Committee Auditor-General Maj-

Gen Lun Maung and management committee members.

Joint-Secretary-2 of the Commission Director-General of Pyithu Hluttaw Office U Myint Thein acted as master of ceremonies.

First, Chairman of the Commission Secretary-2 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein instructed those present to successfully hold the National Convention and to make preparations with full facilities at the Pyidaungsu Hall where the plenary session of the National Convention Convening Commission will be held.

Commission Secretary Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan reported in detail on arrangements for submitting proposals of delegate groups.

Next, Chairman of the Work Committee Chief Justice U Aung Toe briefed them on tasks being carried out by the work committee.

Chairman of the Management Committee Auditor-General Maj-Gen Lun Maung presented reports on health care for the delegates and physical exercises for their health.

Later, leaders of the supporting groups of the National Convention delegate groups and officials reported on completion of submitting group-wise proposals to the Work Committee. Then, those present gave suggestions for successful holding of the National Convention. After fulfilling requirements, Lt-Gen Thein Sein gave concluding remarks and the meeting ended at 10.30 am. — MNA

Lt-Gen Maung Bo inspects regional development in Myeik, Dawei Districts

YANGON, 23 June— Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Maung Bo of the Ministry of Defence, accompanied by Chairman of Taninthayi Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Coastal Region Command Brig-Gen Ohn Myint, officials of the State Peace and Development Council Office and departmental officials, inspected regional development in Myeik and Dawei districts and cultivation for local food sufficiency and fulfilled the requirements on 21 June.

Lt-Gen Maung Bo and party inspected maintenance of Myeik-Kyweku-Kyaukphyay-Thabut-PinO-Daw-Papyin-Bokchan Road. They arrived at Ywale Bailey Bridge in Alechaung and inspected it.

Lt-Gen Maung Bo gave instructions on durability of the bridge and maintenance. Lt-Gen Maung Bo and party attended the demonstration of direct seeding of paddy at Magyeegon Village in Palaw Township. He said efforts are to be made for extended cultivation of paddy through use of quality strains and correct cultivation methods as Taninthayi Division needs local rice sufficiency. Local people are to undertake the tasks for economic progress and local rice sufficiency as there are sufficient fertile lands in the division and it enjoys favourable climate.

Lt-Gen Maung Bo called on the farmers to use the method of direct seeding of paddy.

Next, teams from Magyeegon, Nantaung and Taungyakan Village-tracts participated in the direct seeding of paddy contest. Lt-Gen Maung Bo, the commander and General Manager of Myanmar Agriculture Service Dr Min Aung presented prizes to the winners.

Lt-Gen Maung Bo looked into Palaw People's Hospital and attended to the needs. He comforted the patients and instructed the officials.

In the afternoon, Lt-Gen Maung Bo and party looked into Palaw BEHS. He presented exercise books, and K 1 million donated by U Than Aung of Vintage Co for construction of a building to the principal.

Lt-Gen Maung Bo held a meeting with local authorities, departmental officials, members of social organizations, entrepreneurs and local senior citizens in Palaw. Officials reported on measures for regional development and food sufficiency and geographical points of the region. Lt-Gen Maung Bo said that the government is speeding up its efforts for perpetual existence and development of the nation, upholding the national policy — non-disintegration of the Union, non-disintegration of national solidarity and perpetuation of sovereignty. It is time the entire people made self-reliant endeavours with added momentum for national development to enable the motherland to be free from alien domination and to stand tall

among the world nations. He called on the entire people to be equipped with Union Spirit and nationalistic fervour and to maintain already-achieved development momentum through combined efforts for emergence of a modern and developed nation.

Next, Lt-Gen Maung Bo and party inspected 600-foot Palaw suspension bridge and flow of the creek, and left necessary instructions.

They attended the demonstration of direct seeding of paddy at Yange village in Thayetchaung Township, Dawei District. Lt-Gen Maung Bo cordially greeted local farmers. Later in the afternoon, they inspected Thayetchaung Hospital (16-bed) and attended to the requirements.

Lt-Gen Maung Bo inspected auto-exchange in Yange village and had a cordial conversation with service personnel and local people. They visited the monastery in the village. Lt-Gen Maung Bo, Brig-Gen Ohn Myint and Col Kyaw Aung offered alms to Presiding monk U Ottama.

In the evening, Lt-Gen Maung Bo arrived at Dawei in Taninthayi Division. During the inspection tour, Lt-Gen Maung Bo, U Hla Than of Pyei Phyto Tun Co, U Win Bo of Htoo Htoo Toe Co, U Soe Win of Hi Fi Express and U Than Aung of Vintage Co donated K 1 million each for establishment of a basic education primary school in Palauk Township. — MNA



Lt-Gen Maung Bo meets local people in Yange Village, Thayetchaung Township.—MNA

With hands linked firm around the National Convention.