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Senior General Than Shwe sends felicitations to President of Republic of Croatia

YANGON, 25 June — Senior General Than Shwe, Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr Stjepan Mesic, President of the Republic of Croatia, on the occasion of the National Day of the Republic of Croatia which falls on 25 June 2004. — MNA



National Convention Convening Commission Chairman Secretary-2 Lt-Gen Thein Sein signs in attendance register.— MNA

Four political objectives

- * Stability of the State, community peace and tranquility, 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

Delegates of political parties submit proposals to Plenary Session of National Convention

YANGON, 24 June— The Plenary Session of the National Convention was held at Pyidaungsu Hall of Nyaungnapin Camp in Hmawby Township at 9 am today.

Political parties from the Delegates Group of Political Parties which is one of the delegates groups to the National Convention read proposals concerning detailed basic principles to be laid down for sharing of power in legislative, executive and judicial sectors to be included in writing the State Constitution.

Also present at the Plenary Session of the National Convention were Chairman of the National Convention Convening Commission Secretary-2 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein and Commission members,

Chairman of the National Convention Convening Work Committee Chief Justice U Aung Toe and Work Committee members, Chairman of the National Convention Convening Management Committee Auditor-General Maj-Gen Lun

Maung and Management Committee members, chairmen and officials of the sub-committees, information and periodicals persons, observers, delegates of political parties of Kokang Democracy and Unity Party, National Unity Party,

Union Kayin League, Union Pa-O National Organization, Mro (or) Khami National Solidarity Organization, Lahu National Development Party and Wa National Development Party, representatives-elect of National Unity Party and

Mro (or) Khami National Solidarity Organization and independent delegates, delegates of national races from Kachin State, Kayah State, Kayin State, Chin State, Mon State, Rakhine State, Shan State (South), Shan State (North) and Shan

State (East), Sagaing Division, Taninthayi Division, Bago Division, Magway Division, Mandalay Division, Yangon Division and Ayeyawady Division, delegates of peasants from Kachin State, Kayah State, (See page 8)



The Plenary Session of National Convention in progress in Pyidaungsu Hall of Nyaungnapin Camp in Hmawby Township.— MNA

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

PERSPECTIVES

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Towards human resource development

The Government has been endeavouring for development of economy, education, health, transport and human resources in all regions across the nation by systematically implementing the plan for development of border areas and national races, the 24-region development plan and the five rural development tasks.

Human resource development is the sine qua non for the development of the nation. For the emergence of highly-qualified human resources, new universities and colleges are being opened and their total number now stands at 154. Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt, also Chairman of Myanmar Education Committee, visited Magway University on 21 June during his inspection tour of Magway Division.

Having heard the reports by responsible officials and fulfilled their requirements, the Prime Minister said that human resource development plays a very important role in building a peaceful, modern and developed nation, that new universities and colleges are being opened for human resource development and that the role of teachers who are to turn out highly-qualified intellectuals and intelligentsia hardly needs be emphasized.

The Government is taking all the necessary measures to fully staff and equip universities and colleges according to the demand of the time and circumstances. Teachers should seriously bear in mind that they, on their part, will have to try to the best of their ability to train their students in order that they become intellectually and spiritually developed.

For the development of each and every region, the requirements of education and health must be fully met. In the past, the people in rural and remote areas were not accessible to education and health facilities. Therefore, rural health centres, hospitals and basic education schools are being opened and the existing ones upgraded.

We would like to call on teachers in the basic and higher education sectors to work in concert with the Government for human resource development, the key to the national development.

ဆေးဝါးကုသ အောင်မြင်မှု မူးယစ်ကင်းစင်ဘဝ

International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking
26-6-2004



Myanmar Women's Day
3rd July 2004

NC delegates entertained with films

YANGON, 24 June — The Entertainment and Welfare Subcommittee of the National Convention Convening Management Committee is organizing entertainment programmes for delegates to the National Convention daily at the gymnasium of Nyaungnapin Camp. Yesterday evening, the delegates were entertained with a film entitled "Bagan Hmar Tha De La" (The Moon Over Bagan) directed by Myat Tin Aye and starring Yan Aung, May Than Nu, Tun Tun Naing and Min Oo. — MNA

People's Desire

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

Myanmar Gazette

YANGON, 24 June — The State Peace and Development Council has appointed the following persons as heads of service organizations shown against each on probation from the date they assume charge of their duties.

Names	Appointment
(a) U Kyi Win Deputy Director-General Agricultural Mechanization Department Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation	Managing Director Myanmar Perennial Crops Enterprise Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation
(b) Dr Aung Than Pro-Rector Institute of Veterinary Medicine Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries	Rector Institute of Veterinary Medicine Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries

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MNAF Vice-President Daw Khin Lay Thet plant a sapling at the tree planting ceremony organized by the Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation. — MNA

Tree-planting ceremony

YANGON, 24 June—With the assistance of the Ministry of Forestry and the Yangon City Development Committee, the Work Group for Environmental Conservation under the Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation organized a monsoon tree-planting ceremony at Tipitaka Maha Gandawin Monastery on Kyansittha Street, Ward 13, Dagon Myothit (East) Township, here, this morning.

MNAF Vice-President Daw Khin Lay Thet, Work Group advisers Daw Khin Saw Hnin, Daw Khin Htay Myint and leader Daw Yin Yin Lay and party, and staff of National Commission for Environmental Conservation, totalling around 100 collectively planted 60 different species of shade trees. Next, Daw Khin Lay Thet and party offered alms and cash donations toward the medical funds through Tipitaka Kovida Agga Maha Pandita Yesagyo Sayadaw Bhaddanta Vayamindabhibhamsa and members of the Sangha. The Sayadaw gave them certificate of honour. — MNA



Minister for Forestry Brig-Gen Thein Aung presents a gift of honour to U Sein Hwet who is in charge of swimming team of the ministry which won the best team award in swimming. — FORESTRY

Victorious athletes honoured

YANGON, 24 June — A ceremony to honour the victorious athletes of the Ministry of Forestry was held at the International Business Centre on Pyay Road here this evening. Present on the occasion were Minister for Forestry Brig-Gen Thein Aung, Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Tin Naing Thein, heads of department and the athletes.

The minister delivered an address and presented gifts of honour to the athletes. During the year 2003-2004, athletes of the Ministry of Forestry won 123 gold, 101 silver and 93 bronze in local events as well as 1 gold, 7 silver and 9 bronze in international tournaments. — MNA

**နိုင်ငံတော်အစိုးရဌာနပိုင်
မော်တော်ယာဉ်များမသုံးစွဲရနေ့**

လစဉ်လ၏ ဒုတိယပတ် တနင်္ဂနွေနေ့နှင့်နောက်ဆုံးပတ် တနင်္ဂနွေနေ့တို့သည် ရုံးလုပ်ငန်းအတွက် မဖြစ်မနေသွားလာရန် လိုအပ်သည့်ကိစ္စရပ်များမှအပ မော်တော်ယာဉ်များ မသုံးစွဲရနေ့ ဖြစ်သည်။

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**ငါးရစ်၊ ငါးသန် ရာသီချိန်တွင် ငါးမဖမ်းရန်
ပညာပေးနှိုးဆော်ချက် (၁/၆၇)**

**ငါးရစ်၊ ငါးသန် ဘေးဒဏ်ချိန်
ပုံမှန်စားသုံး မျိုးမတုံး**

မိုးမြိုင်မြိုင်ရွာသော မေလနောင်ရိုင်းနှင့် ဇွန်၊ ဇူလိုင်လများတွင် မြစ်၊ ချောင်း၊ အင်းအိုင် အနှံ့အပြား၌ ဥများဖြင့် ပြည့်နေသော ငါးမကြီးများနှင့် မျိုးရည်ပြည့်ဝသော ငါးမကြီးများသည် ဥချရန် နေရာရှာဖွေ၍ ငါးရစ်တက်ကြပါသည်။ ထိုငါးရစ်ငါးများကို ဖမ်းဆီးလိုက်ပါက ပေါက်ပွားလာမည့် သန်းပေါင်းများစွာသော နုနယ်လှသည့် သားပေါက်ငါးသန် များသည်လည်း သေကျေပျက်စီးကာ တစ်နိုင်ငံလုံး ဖုလုစွာ စားသုံးမှုနှင့် အမျိုးသား စီးပွားရေးဖွံ့ဖြိုးမှုကို အထောက်အကူ မပြုနိုင်တော့ဘဲ ငါးမျိုး ပြုန်းတီးသွားစေနိုင်ပါသည်။

မွေးမြူရေးနှင့် ရေလုပ်ငန်းဝန်ကြီးဌာန၊ ငါးလုပ်ငန်းဦးစီးဌာနက အမိန့်ကြော်ငြာစာအမှတ် (၂/၉၂)ဖြင့် ငါးရစ် ငါးသန် ရာသီချိန်များတွင် ငါးလုပ်ငန်း ဦးစီးဌာန၏ ခွင့်ပြုချက်မရှိဘဲ ငါးများ ဖမ်းဆီးခြင်းမပြုရန် တားမြစ်ထားပါသည်။ အဆိုပါ တားမြစ်ချက်ကို ဖောက်ဖျက် ကျူးလွန်ပါက ရေချိုငါးလုပ်ငန်းဥပဒေပုဒ်မ(၄၅)အရ ဖမ်းဆီးတရားစွဲဆို အပြစ်ပေးနိုင်ရန် ပြဌာန်းထားပါသည်။

သို့ပါ၍ ငါးရစ်တက်ချိန်နှင့် ငါးသန်သားပေါက်သော ရာသီအချိန်များတွင် လွတ်လပ်စွာ ဥချသားပေါက်နိုင်ရန် ဖမ်းဆီးခြင်းမပြုဘဲ ဘေးမပေးကြပါရန် နှိုးဆော်အပ်ပါသည်။

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**ဥကင်နေသောရေချိုပုစွန်ထုပ်ကြီးများဖမ်းရန်
ပညာပေးနှိုးဆော်ချက် (၂/၉၇)**

တန်ခူး၊ ကချင်၊ နယုန်လများတွင် ဥကင်နေသော (သို့) ဥနှင့်ပြည့်ဝနေသော ရေချိုပုစွန်ထုပ်ကြီးများသည် မြန်မာနိုင်ငံတစ်ဝန်းလုံးရှိ မြစ်၊ ချောင်း၊ အင်းအိုင်များတွင် ဥချရန် ပြင်ဆင်လျက်ရှိပါသည်။ ၎င်းတို့မှ မကြာမီ ထောင်ပေါင်းများစွာသော ပုစွန်များလည်း ပေါက်ပွားလာတော့မည် ဖြစ်ပါသည်။ အကယ်၍ အဆိုပါဥကင်နေသော (သို့) ဥနှင့်ပြည့်ဝ နေသော ပုစွန်ထုပ်ကြီးများအား ဖမ်းဆီး သတ်ဖြတ်ခဲ့ပါက ၎င်းတို့မှ ပုစွန်သားလောင်းများ မပေါက်ပွားနိုင်တော့ဘဲ မျိုးပြုန်းတီးရာလည်း ရောက်စေပါသည်။ ရေချိုပုစွန်များ ပေါက်ပွားလာစေရန် ယခုကဲ့သို့ ဥကင်နေသော ရာသီချိန် များတွင် ဖမ်းဆီးခြင်းမပြုဘဲ ဘေးမပေးသော ထုတ်လုပ်မှုအား မြင်မားလာပြီး အမျိုးသားစီးပွားရေး ဖွံ့ဖြိုးလာမည် ဖြစ်ပါသည်။ ဥကင်နေသော (သို့) ဥနှင့်ပြည့်ဝနေသော ရေချိုပုစွန်ထုပ်ကြီးများအား ဖမ်းဆီးခြင်း၊ သတ်ဖြတ်ခြင်း၊ သယ်ယူခြင်း၊ သိုလှောင်ခြင်း၊ လက်ဝယ်ထားခြင်း၊ အရောင်းအဝယ် ပြုလုပ်ခြင်းများ မပြုလုပ်ရန် မွေးမြူရေးနှင့် ရေလုပ်ငန်း ဝန်ကြီးဌာန၊ ငါးလုပ်ငန်းဦးစီးဌာနက အမိန့်ကြော်ငြာစာအမှတ် (၁/၉၂)ဖြင့် တားမြစ်ထားပါသည်။ အဆိုပါ တားမြစ်ချက်ကို လိုက်နာခြင်းမရှိပါက ရေချိုငါးလုပ်ငန်းဥပဒေပုဒ်မ (၄၅၊ ၄၄၊ ၄၅)ပါ ပြဋ္ဌာန်းချက်များအရ တရားစွဲဆို အရေးယူခြင်းခံရမည် ဖြစ်ပါသည်။

သို့ဖြစ်ပါ၍ ရေချိုပုစွန်ထုပ်ကြီးများ ရေရှည်တည်တံ့စေရန် ယခုကဲ့သို့သော ဥကင်နေသော ရာသီချိန်တွင် ဖမ်းဆီးခြင်းမပြုဘဲ နေရာတိုင်းတွင် ဘေးမပေးကြရန် အသိပေး နှိုးဆော် အပ်ပါသည်။

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Iraq prison scandal dooms US bid for war crimes immunity

UNITED NATIONS, 23 June—The United States failed in its bid to continue shielding US troops from prosecution for war crimes charges in the wake of the prisoner abuse scandal in Iraq.

In an embarrassing defeat on the UN Security Council, Washington withdrew its controversial attempt to get another one-year renewal of immunity at the International Criminal Court in The Hague.

"The United States has decided not to proceed further ... in order to avoid a prolonged and divisive debate," deputy US ambassador James Cunningham said after it became clear Washington could not get the nine council votes needed.

Last month, the United States put forward a draft resolution it was hoping would be an automatic one-year renewal of the immunity deal, which was first approved by the council in 2002.

Under that measure, im-

munity from ICC prosecution is granted to personnel in UN-authorized operations whose home nations have not ratified the court's founding treaty. Cunningham offered a compromise late Tuesday to save the deal, proposing that this would be the final such renewal granted, but that was not enough to convince sceptical nations.

With opposition bolstered by the scandal over the humiliation of Iraqi prisoners at the Abu Ghraib jail near Baghdad, and harsh criticism from UN Secretary General Kofi Annan, the United States could not muster a large enough majority on the 15-nation council.

"I think it's a wise decision because clearly the council is divided on this

important issue," said ambassador Wang Guangya of China. Echoing several other nations, he said the prison scandal in Iraq "certainly had an impact on council members." Ambassador Hernando Munoz of Chile said it was important to avoid a sharp split on the council so soon after it had reached a unanimous consensus on the resolution this month authorising the June 30 transfer of power in Baghdad.

"This is better than voting on such an important issue and (appearing) divided," Munoz said.

The United States has repeatedly objected to allowing the ICC prosecute its nationals, and has instead signed some 90 bilateral immunity deals with different

nations.

It was not immediately clear what impact the lack of immunity would have on US participation in future UN peacekeeping operations, although Cunningham said Washington would have to "take into account" the latest events.

Several council diplomats said their positions had been strengthened by the remarks of UN chief Annan last week, who said a renewal of the immunity in the wake of the Iraq prison abuse would be a "discredit" to the council. — *Internet*

ထိုက်တိုက်နှစ်ဆ တိုးမြှင့်ခြင်း

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

BAGHDAD, 23 June—As of Wednesday, 23 June 842 US service members have died since the beginning of military operations in Iraq last year, according to the Defence Department. Of those, 622 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 May 1, 2003, when President Bush declared that major combat operations in Iraq had ended, 704 US soldiers have died—513 as a result of hostile action and 191 of non-hostile causes, according to the military as of Wednesday. — *Internet*

Gov't studying pullout of RP soldiers from Iraq

MANILA, 24 June—Malacañang is studying whether to pull out the Philippine humanitarian contingent in Iraq or not in the wake of the scheduled transfer of sovereignty to an interim government on 30 June.

Deputy presidential spokesman Ricardo Saludo said the government is reviewing the "necessity" of keeping the peacekeepers in Iraq when the new government comes to power at the end of the month.

"There is a consideration of whether the humanitarian contingent would continue to be necessary in Iraq. That will be subject to review based on recommendations of Iraq team led by Ambassador Roy Cimatu," he said in a news briefing. Saludo expressed concern for thousands of Filipinos in Iraq, especially after the beheading of a South Korean hostage by militants in the war-torn

country.

"The government condemns this barbaric act, which just underlined the need for all nations to unite against terrorism and work together with leadership in Iraq to build democracy, development and security," he said.

South Korean translator Kim Sun-Il was beheaded by a group purportedly linked to the al-Qaeda terror network of Osama bin Laden. Saludo said the Iraq team is assessing the security of the Filipino workers in Iraq as well as the circumstances of the possible movement of troops to safer ground or back to the Philippines. — *Internet*

China, Brazil reach understanding in soybean trade dispute

BEIJING, 23 June—Sino-Brazilian soybean trade is expected to resume its smooth development momentum as the two sides have reached common understanding on solving a trade dispute, sources with the State Administration of Quality Supervision and Quarantine (SAQSQ) said Tuesday.

In the dispute, Brazilian soybeans exported to China were accused of being contaminated with a harmful fungicide known as carboxin.

At a meeting Monday with Brazilian farm officials, Chinese quarantine officials

praised Brazil's efforts in solving the soybean safety problem after receiving China's notification and said the issue is only a technical one instead of a political one claimed by some foreign media.

Since May, China has

banned Brazilian soy imports from 23 trading companies after finding fungicide-contaminated seeds mixed in with thousands of tons of soybeans grown for human and animal consumption.

MNA/Xinhua



A boy embraces his incarcerated father during an hour of family visitation to detainees inside the Abu Ghraib prison on the outskirts of Baghdad, Iraq, on 23 June, 2004.

INTERNET

China, Israel to strengthen economic, technological cooperation

BEIJING, 23 June—Some 200 representatives attending the "China-Israel Business Conference" said here Tuesday that the two countries will increase cooperation in economy and technology.

Bilateral economic relations developed rapidly since the two countries established their diplomatic relations 12 years ago. Israel has become the third biggest market for China in west Asia and north Africa, whereas China has become Asia's biggest and world's seventh market for Israel. The economy of two nations are highly complementary to each other, said Xu Guanhua, Minister of Science and Technology.

Xu acknowledged that the Chinese Government is now working hard to implement its strategies of developing both the western and northeast regions, and China is now in urgent need of introducing capital, ad-

vanced technology and science from overseas. The Beijing Olympic Games in 2008 and World Expo in Shanghai in 2010 will surely promote the wide usage of new material and technology in China, he said. The country's opening up and reform policy provided has more opportunities for the world, including Israel. China is ready to advance the long-term beneficial relations between the governments and enterprises of both countries.

Bilateral trade volume reached 1.6 billion US dollars in 2003, a rise of 40 per cent over the previous year and the Israeli Government valued China as one of the essential potential markets

which can keep fast growth, said Ehud Olmert, Israeli Deputy Prime Minister of Industry, Trade, Labour and Communication. Israel is willing to provide advanced technology in software, telecommunication, biotechnology, agriculture and medical equipment.

Israeli ambassador to China Yehoyada Haim said the two nations maintained healthy and rapid relations since 1992 due to China's fast economic growth and stable bilateral relations. The current agricultural and hi-tech cooperation will increase in the next few years and promote the co-operation in other areas, he noted.

MNA/Xinhua



Following the early morning announcement that Iraqi militants had killed a South Korean national outside of Baghdad, over 500 enraged protesters chant slogans denouncing the South Korean Government's involvement in Iraq during a candlelight vigil, on 23 June, 2004, near the US Embassy in downtown Seoul. — *INTERNET*

Two Iraqi sisters working with US firm shot dead

BASRA, 23 June—Two Iraqi sisters working for a big US firm were killed in a drive-by shooting on Tuesday near their home in the southern city of Basra, relatives said.

Their father, Sadah Audishow, said he had been waiting at the window for his daughters to return from work when he heard gunshots and saw a white pick-up truck speeding past.

"I had been waiting for my daughters to come home at five o'clock," said Audishow, an Assyrian Christian who works and lives in the church with his family.

"I picked one of them up and she was dead. I went to pick up the other but found her dead too," he said Wednesday, his shirt still stained with blood from the night before. Neighbours said men in the truck had opened fire on the girls' car.

Janet and Shatha, aged 38 and 25, worked for US company Bechtel, the father said. Bechtel has been awarded major infrastruc-

ture reconstruction contracts in Iraq.

The driver who had been taking the sisters to and from their jobs at Basra Airport, was wounded. Bechtel officials in Iraq were not immediately available for comment.

The family was taking the bodies of the women to the northern city of Mosul for burial, the father said. "We had received no threats," he said. "We are peaceful people, just making a living."

Attacks on Iraqi translators and others working with US companies in Iraq are common. There have been numerous reports of attacks on Christians and shopkeepers selling alcohol in largely Shiite Muslim Basra since the US-led war last year.

Internet



The daughter of an Iraqi detainee is overcome by emotion upon seeing her father during an hour of family visitation inside the Abu Ghraib prison on the outskirts of Baghdad on 23 June, 2004. —INTERNET

HK steps up efforts on anti-mosquito campaign

HONG KONG, 23 June—Hong Kong's Anti-mosquito Steering Committee (AMSC) Monday endorsed the setting up of District Anti-mosquito Task Forces in all 18 districts to further strengthen the coordination of government efforts in the anti-mosquito campaign.

The setting up of the task forces is also aimed at encouraging community involvement in anti-mosquito activities, in an effort to better prevent dengue fever and other mosquito-related diseases.

The task forces would coordinate inter-departmental efforts and solicit greater community participation in combating the mosquito problem as well as promote anti-mosquito message across the community, chairperson of the AMSC, Carrie Yau, said.

She said that in the light of the recent upsurge of the ovitrap indices, all government departments vowed to further enhance their anti-mosquito efforts at areas under their respective purview in the coming months. In a related development, The Food and Environmental Hygiene Department

(FEHD) Monday launched a territory-wide operation against mosquito breeding at construction sites following the recent upsurge of the ovitrap indices.

A spokesman for the department said the blitz operation, which runs until June 25, targets construction sites in all districts.

"Departmental staff will step up inspection to the sites and take out prosecution when mosquito breeding places are found," said the spokesman. "They will also request the site management to eliminate all mosquito breeding places and remove stagnant water at once to prevent mosquito infestation."

In Monday's operation, officers inspected a total of 127 construction sites, issued five written warnings and took out 10 prosecutions. —MNA/Xinhua

Australian PM wants all schools to fly national flag

CANBERRA, 23 June—Australian schools were told on Tuesday to fly the national flag if they wanted federal funding.

Prime Minister John Howard, who is expected to call an election within months, said a shift in cultural attitudes meant more Australians wanted to display the flag now than in the past.

"I don't think there is anything old fashioned about the display of patriotic symbols," Howard told a news conference.

"The young generation embrace those things far more, may I say with the greatest respect, than people aged between 35 and 50."

The requirement to have a functioning flag pole was one of a list of conditions the government wants all schools to meet to get a slice of 31 billion Australian dollars (21 billion US dollars) in federal funding

set aside for education over the next four years.

Under Australian laws, schools are the responsibility of the nation's six state and two territory governments, which provide about 88 per cent of funding, but the federal government tops this up and helps to fund non-government schools.

MNA/Reuters

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Defence Ministry says British troops could be court-martialed in Iraq

LONDON, 23 June—British soldiers accused of mistreating Iraqi prisoners could face court martial inside Iraq, Britain's Ministry of Defence said.

Four British soldiers have already been ordered to stand trial for allegedly beating and sexually abusing detainees in Iraq, while dozens more cases are being investigated.

The defence ministry's director-general of operational policy, Martin Howard, said Wednesday that there were arguments for holding the hearings — which would be under British jurisdiction — in Iraq.

"The court martial would ideally be held close to the scene of the crime," Howard told the House of Commons Defence Committee.

"That is obviously much easier, but it would depend on whether you have the

right sort of legal representation and have got qualified people on the spot. In the case of Iraq, you probably have got the right people," he said.

"In general, courts martial have the same sort of status as a crown court so, as I understand it, members of the public can attend. There may be stricter security in Iraq but, in principle, members of the public can attend."

Earlier this month the Ministry of Defence said that military police were investigating 75 reported incidents connected with British troops in Iraq.

This number had now risen to 79, Howard told the committee. —Internet

More US casualties in Iraq violence

BAGHDAD, 23 June—Two US soldiers were killed Wednesday and 20 Iraqis slain or wounded in separate incidents across Iraq.

A US army spokesman said suspected Iraqi guerillas attacked a US patrol in the city of Balad north of Baghdad killing two troops. There was no word on whether the assailants were caught. In Baghdad an explosive charge blew up as a child tampered with it killing him and his mother, police said.

Two Iraqi police were also slain Wednesday in an explosion in the city of Ramadi, 120 kilometres (75 miles) west of Baghdad

in the so-called Sunni Triangle where most resistance against coalition forces is concentrated. In the northern city of Mosul, a police officer was killed and two civilians wounded when a roadside bomb exploded in a central neighbourhood.

Also four people were killed in Fallujah in a raid by US planes on a suspected hideout of al-Qaida leader in Iraq, Abu Misaab al-Zarqawi. —Internet

China-ASEAN Expo highlights overseas investment

NANNING, 23 June—The upcoming first-ever China-ASEAN (Association of South-East Asian Nations) Expo aims to distinguish itself from other domestic fairs by underlining Chinese investment abroad.

"More domestic outsourcing enterprises are expected to attend the Expo," said Zheng Junjian, vice secretary-general of the secretariat of the China-ASEAN Expo, due to be held between November 3 and 6 in Nanning, capital of southwest China's Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region. The Expo, an annual event in Nanning, was proposed by Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao in October 2003 in Bali, Indonesia, during the Seventh China-ASEAN Summit. Zheng said the Expo gave equal importance to imports and exports, which would boost the construction process of the China-ASEAN Free Trade Area and promote two-way cooperation and win-win situation between the two sides. The Expo, with the China-ASEAN Free Trade Area as its first theme, would provide the ASEAN members and other enterprises in the world

with a good trade platform, said Zheng.

The organizing committee was now working hard to invite high-profile enterprises both at home and abroad in a bid to make the Expo a successful one, said Zheng. The Chinese Ministry of Commerce and Hong Kong had offered the Expo over one billion buyers' data to help overseas enterprises learn more information.

MNA/Xinhua



An unidentified Iraqi man looks at the damage to a vehicle in a parking lot that was hit in overnight airstrikes by the US military in Fallujah on 23 June, 2004. —INTERNET

Fugitive vows to assassinate Iraqi leader

CAIRO, 23 June—An audio recording purportedly made by al-Qaida-linked militant Abu Musab al-Zarqawi threatened to assassinate Iraq's interim prime minister and said the fight against "infidels" would continue "until Islamic rule is back on earth."

The recording, discovered online Wednesday, was believed to be al-Zarqawi's first reaction to the interim government, headed by Prime Minister Iyad Allawi, that was named in late May.

"As for you, Allawi ... you don't know that you have already survived traps we made for you. We promise you that we will continue the game with you until the end," the online recording said. "We will not get bored until we make you drink from the same glass that Izzadine Saleem tasted."

Saleem, a former Governing Council president also known as Abdel-Zahraa Othman, was killed May 18 in a car bombing in Baghdad.

"You (Allawi) are the symbol of evil and the infidel nation; you are the source of all traitors," the recording said.

Allawi heads an interim government that is to take over at the end of June.

There was no way to authenticate the recording, but the voice sounded like al-Zarqawi's.—Internet

Bomb kills three in Baghdad

BAGHDAD, 23 June—An Iraqi mother and her child are among three dead after a roadside bomb exploded near a Baghdad (search) hospital today.

Police say the woman and child were riding in a taxi when the explosion occurred in the eastern part of the city. There were no US patrols in the area at the time. Authorities quickly moved to sealed off the area.

Television news footage showed a burned-out Iraqi taxi in the middle of the street. The footage also shows remains of another man apparently killed while handling the bomb.

Another man is shown being led away from the scene in handcuffs.

Internet

Iraq roadside bomb kills an Iraqi soldier, wounds 4, US says

BAGHDAD, 23 June—One Iraqi soldier was killed and at least four others were wounded in a roadside bombing in the northern city of Mosul today, the US military said in an e-mailed statement.

The explosion occurred at about noon Baghdad time as the Iraqi National Guard soldiers patrolled the city, the US said. US and Iraqi officials have said they expect guerillas to step up violence in Iraq ahead of the planned handover of power by the US-led coalition to an Iraqi administration led by Prime Minister Ayad Allawi in one week. Numerous attacks in recent weeks have targeted the coalition and Iraqi forces.—Internet

ITU, South Korea build digital bridges

GENEVA, 23 June—The International Telecommunications Union (ITU) said Tuesday that it has formed a new partnership with South Korea on a project to measure the digital divide between developed and developing countries and to provide advice to bridge it.

Through an initial contribution of 432,000 US dollars from South Korea, the project "Digital Bridges Initiative" will provide tools to measure the gap in access to information and communications technologies that exists between developed and developing nations.

This vast inequality in access to information, also referred to as "digital divide", threatens to slow the formation of a truly global, inclusive information society, said the ITU.

The Digital Bridges Initiative will also provide policy and technical expertise to close the digital divide. The first activity under this new Initiative will be a workshop to be held in Busan, South Korea on September 10-11.

While most people in the developing world still have no access to even simple dial-

up Internet access, broadband is flourishing in many economies, especially in East Asia, said the ITU.

The current digital divide in high-speed Internet connectivity is a growing concern, and new tools such as national and international digital divide indices to identify digital gaps and policy insight to close them are required.

The Geneva-based organization noted that there has been substantial improvement in access to communication technology in the developing world during the past 15 years due to a combination of new mobile phone technologies and successful policy implementation. For example, the gap for fixed lines between developed and developing countries has shrunk from 14 times in 1992 to only five times 10 years later.—MNA/Xinhua



This image taken from a video posted on an Islamist web site purports to be the beheading of the South Korean hostage Kim Sun-il killed by militants in Iraq. Kim's body was found by the US military between Baghdad and Fallujah, 22 miles west of the capital, at 5:20 pm Iraq time, on 22 June, 2004.—INTERNET

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A Cobra helicopter gunship (L) and UH-1 Huey search for guerillas after a US Marine patrol from the 2nd Battalion of the 1st Marine Division was attacked near Fallujah on 24 June, 2004. — INTERNET

US sloppily managed Iraqi oil money

UNITED NATIONS, 23 June—The US-led civil administration in Iraq is sloppily managing billions of dollars of Iraqi oil money and moving at a glacial pace to guard against corruption, an international watchdog agency charged on Tuesday.

The Coalition Provisional Authority has left a door open to smuggling by failing to award contracts for equipment to metre Iraq's oil production despite having announced the contracts had been granted, the International Advisory and Monitoring Board said.

The authority has also put off for three months a request that it turn over US audits of sole-source contracts funded with Iraqi oil money and awarded to Halliburton last year without competitive bidding, the board said. Finally, the US-led authority has delayed completing audits of the State Oil Marketing Organization, the state-owned firm that markets Iraqi oil, the agency said.

Halliburton, the Texas oil services firm

once headed by US Vice-President Dick Cheney, has been accused by some Democrats of war profiteering after winning billions of dollars in contracts from the US military in Iraq.

The watchdog agency issued the statement after a two-day meeting in Paris, just days before the Coalition Provisional Authority was to shut down after handing power to an interim Iraqi government on June 30.

That timing makes it likely the civil administration that has governed Iraq since last year's US-led invasion would close its doors before having to answer to the watchdog agency.

MNA/Reuters

New electric-power system starts working in Los Angeles port

LOS ANGELES, 23 June—The world's first Alternative Maritime Power (AMP) container terminal, a new electric-power system that could significantly reduce air pollutants emitted by ships, started working at the port of Los Angeles.

"This (the Los Angeles) port makes Los Angeles wealthier by generating billions of dollars each year...This unprecedented technology will make Los Angeles' environment healthier by eliminating tons of pollutants each day," Los Angeles Mayor Jim

Hahn said at opening ceremony.

The ceremony was held in front of China Shipping Group's Xin Yang Zhou, which will be the first container ship in the world to make use of the port's new electric-power system.—MNA/Xinhua

China launches campaign against overloaded trucks

SHANGHAI, 23 June—China has launched a campaign to protect the country's creaky road network by banning overloaded trucks, held responsible for three-quarters of road accidents and damage to highways costing billions of dollars.

But analysts said on Tuesday the ban could backfire in the long run as it would put more vehicles on clogged roads and push up motor fuel prices—bad news for companies grappling with transport bottlenecks and shrinking margins.

Chinese Vice-Minister of Communications Feng Zhenglin said the year-long campaign began 20 June but would bear fruit in three years, the official Xinhua news agency reported.

Racing growth is in-

creasing demand for goods such as coal and raw materials, which analysts say an undeveloped and under-funded road and rail system is unable to cope with. "We will try to curb this phenomenon within three years," Feng was quoted as saying by Xinhua.

About 200,000 officials have been stationed throughout the country to ensure trucks meet weight requirements. First-time offenders would be warned but repeat transgressions

would trigger a maximum fine of 1,000 yuan (121 US dollars) and revocation of licences, Xinhua said.

State TV reported success on the first day of the campaign, with a 20-per-cent drop in road traffic on 20 June. But analysts say long-term effects could be negative.

Rising motor fuel prices could squeeze companies already dealing with narrowing margins as raw material costs escalate.

MNA/Reuters

US senators battle over Iraq abuse memos

WASHINGTON, 24 June— Republicans in the US Senate battled on Wednesday to block Democrats from demanding the Bush Administration release more documents on the treatment of enemy combatants after the prisoner abuse scandal in Iraq.

Republicans, pushing to pass a 447-billion-US-dollar bill for defence programmes, planned a procedural vote that could kill a Democratic amendment demanding Attorney General John Ashcroft turn over documents on the interrogation and treatment of prisoners.

But because some Republicans are also urging the White House to make a full disclosure of its policies on prisoners, party leader hoped to avoid putting senators on record as directly opposing the amendment, while still defeating the Democrats.

"The Senate Republicans are trying to stonewall the release of Justice Department memoranda on the torture of prisoners," said Senator Edward Kennedy, a Massachusetts Democrat.

Under pressure from lawmakers, the White House on Tuesday released a thick file of newly declassified papers to try to demonstrate that Bush and his top aides insisted that detainees at Guantanamo be treated humanely.

But Democrats said the documents were largely irrelevant,

and said the White House should make a full disclosure.

The Senate Judiciary Committee on a party line vote last week rejected a Democratic proposal to subpoena 23 documents from the Justice Department they said should be part of an open examination into the abuse of US-held prisoners in Iraq that has drawn worldwide condemnation.

Senator John Cornyn, a Texas Republican, accused Democrats of playing "Beltway games and political tricks" in demanding "an extraordinary amount" of documents in addition to those released by the White House.

But Senator Patrick Leahy, a Vermont Democrat, said a vote to block the Democrats' amendment in effect said: "We want to allow the administration to keep on hiding documents."

In other action on the bill, senators rejected 50-48 an amendment pushed by Kennedy calling for a prompt report from the White House on the number of US troops it expects to have in Iraq by the end of 2005, and its plans to get more international peacekeeping help. — MNA/Reuters



Roadside bomb kills Iraqi newlywed, small boy

BAGHDAD, 24 June — Qais Saad Abbas was driving his new bride to work in Baghdad on Wednesday when a roadside bomb blew their car across the road, killing her and a little boy nearby. "The car blew up on us. All I could see was blood and my wife. My wife was in danger," said Abbas, lying in hospital with his head and right arm bandaged. "Can you call to check she's all right. As long as she's all right."

Not knowing the woman he had married two weeks earlier was already in the Kindi Hospital morgue, Abbas reeled off the phone numbers of family members, beseeching hospital staff to call and check she had survived. — MNA/Reuters

Iraq militants warn Allawi over emergency laws

DUBAI, 24 June — Iraqi militants warned Prime Minister Iyad Allawi on Wednesday not to implement emergency laws in Iraq and said they would attack anyone involved in such measures, Arab satellite television Al Arabiya said.

"We warn you against this crime which you are carrying out on behalf of your occupation masters...we will strike with great power and with an iron fist against all those who bless it..." the group, claiming to represent Iraqi resistance and jihad factions, said in a video tape aired by Dubai-based Arabiya.

Allawi, who is interim Prime Minister, has said Iraq's national security committee was considering declaring emergency laws in "some areas" as part of measures to quell spiralling violence inside the country.

Earlier on Wednesday Islamist militants threatened to assassinate Allawi and step up their bloody campaign of beheadings and other killings, a week before a US handover to Iraqi rule.

MNA/Reuters

British servicemen held in Iran to be freed soon

TEHRAN, 24 June—Iran will soon free eight British military servicemen detained with three vessels, an Iranian Foreign Ministry source said on Wednesday.

The servicemen were spending a third day in detention in Iran despite remarks from officials they would soon be freed, a gesture that would have doused diplomatic tensions.

"The eight crewmen on British vessels will be released very soon," the Foreign Ministry source told Reuters.

The men appeared on state television on Tuesday wearing blindfolds. Iranian forces captured them on Monday, saying they had ventured into the Islamic Republic's waters on the wreck-infested Shatt al-Arab waterway along the Iraqi border.

Britain, whose diplomatic relations with Iran have soured over criticism of Teheran's cooperation with nuclear inspections, summoned Iran's ambassador to press for the release of the men.

MNA/Reuters



Iraqis look at the damage to vehicle in a parking lot that was hit in overnight airstrikes by the US military in Fallujah on 23 June, 2004. —INTERNET

ACD FMs agree to strengthen cooperation for a better Asia

QINGDAO, 23 June — The 22 foreign ministers or their representatives of the Asia Cooperation Dialogue (ACD) member states agreed here Tuesday on strengthening cooperation for a better Asia.

At the closure of the third foreign ministers' meeting of the ACD, they issued a document titled "Declaration on Asia Cooperation". In the declaration, the ministers reaffirmed their commitment to basic principles stipulated in the UN Charter, and other universally recognized international norms such as the Five Principles of Peaceful Coexistence.

They said they also will make efforts to expand and deepen Asia cooperation in all areas under the principles of equality, reciprocity, mutual

benefit and gradual progress and to build a new Asia where lasting peace and prosperity prevails.

To this end, the ministers agreed to do the following:

— To intensify political dialogue and enhance mutual trust.

— To enhance economic cooperation and promote the regional integration process.

— To promote sustainable development of agriculture and to ensure food security and food safety as well as to promote Asia's balanced development.

— To promote financial stability, particularly through the development of a sound and solid financial infrastructure.

— To boost cooperation in Information Technology (IT) and bridge the digital divide within Asia and between Asia and the world.

— To promote energy cooperation that will help sustain the region's economic and social development.

— To give full play to Asia's advantage as the cradle of ancient civilizations, facilitate inter-cultural exchanges and advance dialogues among different civilizations.

— To step up tourism cooperation.

— To work together to build a green Asia.

— To strengthen cooperation in public health and im-

prove disease control and prevention.

— To strengthen media cooperation.

— To enhance exchanges and cooperation among the public, private and academic sectors of Asia.

— To promote a sense of community among Asian people. The ministers said it is their conviction that Asia's peace, stability and prosperity depends on concerted endeavours among Asian nations. The 22 member states of ACD are Bahrain, Bangladesh, Brunei, Cambodia, China, India, Indonesia, Japan, Kazakhstan, the Republic of South Korea, Kuwait, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Sultanate of Oman, Pakistan, the Philippines, Qatar, Singapore, Sri Lanka, Thailand and Vietnam. — MNA/Xinhua

US withdraws UN measure on immunity for soldiers

UNITED NATIONS, 24 June — The United States on Wednesday withdrew its UN Security Council resolution seeking an exemption for US soldiers from international prosecution because it lacked votes for adoption.

"The United States has decided not to proceed further with consideration and action on the draft at this time in order to avoid a prolonged and divisive debate," US Ambassador James Cunningham told reporters. "We are dropping action on this resolution."

He did not specifically threaten to veto UN peacekeeping operations but said the United States needed to take "into account" the Council's position on the International Criminal Court "when determining contributions to UN-authorized or established operations".

The Bush Administration needed a minimum of nine "yes" votes in the 15-member Security Council for an exemption from the new International Criminal Court. But more than seven countries signalled they would abstain.

MNA/Reuters



Iraqis gather around a bomb crater in a parking lot in Fallujah on 23 June, 2004. — INTERNET

Hitachi to launch hard disk drive factory in S China

SHENZHEN, 23 June — Japanese Hitachi Global Storage Technologies will invest 500 million US dollars to build a hard disk drive factory in Shenzhen, south China's Guangdong Province.

A memorandum of understanding on the project was

signed between the Japanese company and the Shenzhen municipal government Monday.

The factory has a designed annual production capacity of 70 million hard disk drives and annual output value is predicted at 3 billion US dollars. — MNA/Xinhua

New and fast developments throughout Myanmar



Manchaung Dam built in Ngaphe Township, Magway Division, benefits 47500 acres of farmland. — MYANMA ALIN

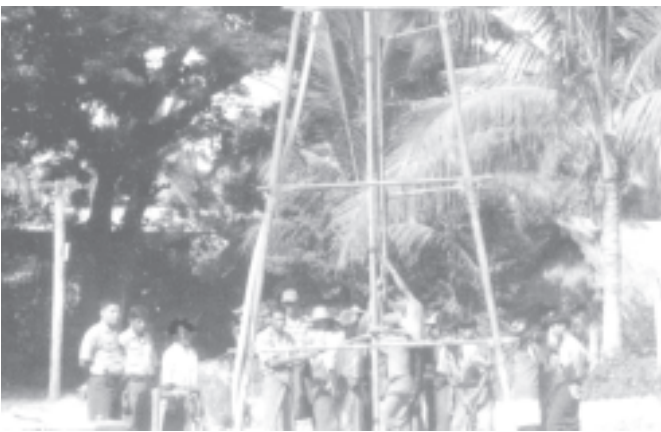


Basic Education Primary School in Asin Village, Ye Township, Mon State.
MYANMA ALIN



Hydel-power station in Mongla, Shan State (East)
for rural electrification. — IPRD

Border and rural area developments



Development Affairs Department is trying its best to supply potable water to villages.
Photo shows sinking of a tubewell in Ywama Village, Kantbalu Township, Sagaing
Division. — PBANRDA



An office of Infomation and Public Relations Department was opened to disseminate
knowledge to locals in Kokokyun Township, Yangon Division. — IPRD



Namtain bridge with the lenght of 432 feet was built across Nanttain Creek in Kunlong, Shan State (North). — PBANRDA

Delegates of political parties...

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Kayin State, Chin State, Mon State, Rakhine State, Shan State (South), Shan State (North) and Shan State (East), Sagaing Division, Taninthayi Division, Bago Division, Magway Division, Mandalay Division, Yangon Division and Ayeyawady Division, delegates of intellectual and intelligentsia, delegates of workers from Kachin State, Kayah State, Kayin State, Chin State, Mon State, Rakhine State, Shan State (South), Shan State (North) and Shan State (East), Sagaing Division, Taninthayi Division, Bago Division, Magway Division, Mandalay Division, Yangon Division and Ayeyawady Division, delegates of State service personnel from the State Peace and Development Council Office, the President's Office, the Pyithu Hluttaw Office, the Government Office, the Supreme Court, the Attorney-General's Office, the Auditor-General's Office, the Multimedia Party Democracy General Election Commission's Office, Civil Service Selection and Training Board, Yangon City Development Committee, Mandalay City Development Committee and ministries, other invited delegates, individual persons and representatives of Shan State (North) Special Region-1, Shan State (North) Special Region-2, Shan State (North) Special Region-3, Shan State (East) Special Region-4, Shan State (North) Special Region-5 (KDA), Shan State (South) Special Region-6, Shan State (North) Special Region-7, Kachin State Special Region-1, Kachin State Special Region-2, Kayah State Special Region-1, Kayah State Special Region-2, Kayah State Special Region-3, Kayinni National Development Party (KNDP) Dragon Group, Kayinni National Progressive Party (KNPP) (Splinter, Hoya), Kayinni National Unity and Solidarity Organization (Ka

Ma Sa Nya), Shan State Nationalities People's Liberation Organization (Ya La La Pha), New Mon State Party, Democratic Kayin Buddhist Association (DKBA), Haungthayaw Special Region Group, Phayagun Special Region Group, Shan State National Army, Burma Communist Party (Rakhine Group), Homein Region Welfare and Development Group, Shwepyiaye (MTA) Group, Manpan Regional Militia Group, Mon Armed Peace Group (Chaungchi Region), Mon (Splinter) Nai Saik Chan Group and Arakanese Army (AA) who exchanged arms for peace.

Before the Plenary Session, Chairman of the Commission Secretary-2 Lt-Gen Thein Sein and Commission members, Chairman of the National Convention Convening Work Committee Chief Justice U Aung Toe and Work Committee members, Chairman of the National Convention Convening Management Committee Auditor-General Maj-Gen Lun Maung and Management Committee members, delegates of political parties, representatives-elect, delegates of national races, peasants, intellectual and intelligentsia, workers, State service personnel and other invited persons signed in the attendance registers of the National Convention at Pyidaungsu Hall and the Recreation Hall where the National Convention will be held.

Furthermore, delegate U Mahn Tin Aung Than of Union Kayin League, delegates Chairman of Myanmar Motion Pictures Asiayon U Sein Tin and film director U Khin Zaw of the delegates group of intellectual and intelligentsia and delegate U Khin Zaw of the delegates group of national races who are attending the National Convention eagerly despite their ill health attended the Plenary Session of the National Convention.

Member of the Work Committee Daw Khin Nu presided over the Plenary Session together with U Tun Yin Law of the delegates group of political parties, U Yaw

Aye Hla of the delegates group of representatives-elect, U Maung Hla (a) U Hla Myint of the delegates group of national races, U Mya Aye of the delegates group of peasants, Dr Myo Thant Tin of the delegates group of workers, Dr U Thein Oo Po Saw of the delegates group of intellectual and intelligentsia, Maj-Gen Aung Thein of the delegates group of State service personnel and U Aung Kham Hti of the delegates group of other invited persons. Director (Meeting) U Than Aung of the Office of National Convention Convening Work Committee acted as master of ceremonies and Deputy Director U Aung Kyi as joint-master of ceremonies.

The master of ceremonies announced the start of the meeting with the permission of the chairman as attendance were 1,074 delegates out of 1,088 listed, accounting for 98.71 per cent. Next, Chairperson Daw Khin Nu delivered an address. She said that the National Convention is being held so as to lay down principles for writing the State Constitution suitable for the Union of Myanmar. The delegates held frank and thorough discussions delegate group-wise regarding detailed basic principles for sharing of legislative, executive and judicial powers and submitted proposal papers. She called on the delegates to pay careful attention to the papers.

U Khin Maung Gyi of the National Unity Party read the proposal paper of the party. Afterwards, U Khun Sein Win of the Union Pa-O National Organization read the proposal paper of the party.

The Plenary Meeting went into recess at 10.10 am.

The meeting resumed at 10.40 am. U Tha Ban Aung of Mro or Khami National Solidarity Organization and U Kya Shee of Lahu National Development Party read proposal papers of respective party. The plenary meeting ended at 11.20 am. It continues tomorrow. — MNA



National Convention delegates sign in attendance registers.— MNA



Delegates at Plenary Session of National Convention.— MNA



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NC delegates arriving at the meeting.— MNA



NC delegates arriving at the meeting.— MNA



NCC Commission Chairman State Peace and Development Council Secretary-2 Lt-Gen Thein Sein and delegates attending the Plenary Session. — MNA



Meeting Chairperson Daw Khin Nu delivers an opening address at the Plenary Session. — MNA

Delegates of political parties submit proposals to Plenary Session of National Convention



Members of the Panel of Chairmen seen at the Plenary Session of the National Convention at Nyaungnnapin Camp. — MNA



National Convention Convening Work Committee Office Director U Than Aung acts as master of ceremonies at the Plenary Session. — MNA



U Khin Maung Gyi of National Unity Party reads the proposal paper. — MNA



U Kya Shee of Lahu National Development Party reads the proposal paper. — MNA



U Khun Sein Win of Union Pa-O National Organization reads the proposal paper. — MNA



U Tha Ban Aung of Mro or Khami National Solidarity Organization reads proposal paper. — MNA

Agreements on Communications Project Phase-2 signed

YANGON, 24 June— A ceremony to sign the Subsidiary Loan Agreement between Myanmar Posts and Telecommunications and Myanmar Foreign Trade Bank for the implementation of Communications Project Phase-2 at low interest rate of the People's Republic of China and the contract for Communications Project Phase-2 between MPT and Alcatel Shanghai Bell Co Ltd of China was held at Sedona Hotel this evening.

Present were ministers, the Yangon mayor, deputy ministers, officials of Myanmar Posts and Telecommunications, Directorate of Telecommunications, the Attorney-General's Office, Foreign Economic Relations Department, Myanmar Foreign Trade Bank, Customs Department and Myanmar Insurance, the Chinese Embassy and Alcatel Shanghai Bell Co Ltd. General Manager U Soe Min of MFTB and General Manager U Tha Oo of MPT signed the Subsidiary Loan Agreement.

Managing Director U Maung Maung Tin of MPT and Senior Vice President Mr Joe Tao Hzhou of Alcatel Shanghai Bell Co Ltd signed and exchanged documents related to the agreement. According to the agreements, yuan 250 million of loan from China at low interest rate will be used for installation of auto-telephones in Yangon and districts and establishment of GSM mobile telephone system and communication links. — MNA



General Manager U Soe Min of MFTB and General Manager U Tha Oo of MPT sign the Subsidiary Loan Agreement. — MNA

Jade & Gems Special Sale 26 June—3 July

YANGON, 24 June — Central committee meeting for organizing the (2004) Jade & Gems Special Sales was held at Myanmar Gems Mart on Kaba Aye Pagoda Road this evening attended by Patron of Central Committee Minister for Mines Brig-Gen Ohn Myint. Also present on the occasion were Chairman of Central Committee Deputy Minister U Myint Thein, Secretary Managing Director of Myanmar Gems Enterprise U Khin Oo and members of central committee.

First, Patron of Central Committee Minister for Mines Brig-Gen Ohn Myint delivered a speech. The special sale of jade and gems was designated to be held from 26 June to 3 July. Respective subcommittees presented reports on invitations sent to gem merchants, permission of attendance for local and foreign gem merchants and arrangements to be made for



Delegates seen on arrival at the meeting — MNA

settlement in cash. Next, Deputy Minister U Myint Thein, Managing Director U Khin Oo and central committee members offered suggestions on successful holding for the special sale of jade and gems and

earning considerable foreign currency. In response to the reports, Minister for Mines Brig-Gen Ohn Myint attended to the needs and urged officials to make efforts to successfully hold the special sale. — MNA

Lt-Gen Maung Bo inspects Dawei-Myeik Road in Dawei District

YANGON, 24 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, Col Kyaw Aung of Dawei Station, officials of the State Peace and Development Council Office and departmental officials, left Dawei for Thayetchaung on 22 June morning. They inspected road, bridges, regional development, paddy cultivation, education and health matters along Dawei-Myeik Road and attended to the needs.

Lt-Gen Maung Bo and party inspected repair of the concrete bridge between mile posts 17/2 and 17/3 near Peindaw Village, Thayetchaung Township. Taninthayi Division Superintendent Engineer U Ba Wan of Public Works and officials conducted them round the construction site. Lt-Gen Maung Bo instructed them to maintain road sections and bridges along Dawei-Myeik Road. They also inspected repair of the concrete bridge near Mawshayon Village.

On arrival at Thayetchaung Hospital (16-bed), Lt-Gen Maung Bo inspected wards of the hospital and gave instructions on health care, sanitation and health educative talks. Next, he met members of the Union Solidarity and Development Association, Township Organization for Women's Affairs, Maternal and Child Welfare Association and local people. Speaking on the occasion, Lt-Gen Maung Bo said that with cooperation of the people, social organizations and State service personnel, the government had laid down plans for all-round development to enable the nation to keep abreast of other nations. At present, all are known that progress have been made in the nation as a result of unity of the entire people. Therefore, all are to realize national unity and Union Spirit. He added that staff of Thayetchaung Hospital are to carry out sanitation at the hospital and its environs and to organize local people and social organizations for progress of the trust-fund set up at the hospital. And, emphasis is to be placed on improvement of health sector in the region. Next, he presented K 400,000 for Thayetchaung Hospital to Township Health Department Head Dr Tin Maung Myint.



Lt-Gen Maung Bo delivers an address at the demonstration of direct seeding of paddy in Kanaingda village of Dawei District. — MNA

At Thayetchaung BEHS, Lt-Gen Maung Bo inspected multimedia classrooms with the use of electronic apparatuses. Next, he met education staff, members of the school board of trustees and social organization members.

Headmaster U Tun Lin reported on brief history of the school, academic matters, construction of new two-storey school building and requirements. Next, Township Education Officer U Tin Oo and Chairman of Township Peace and Development Council U Soe Naing gave supplementary reports.

In response to the reports, Lt-Gen Maung Bo gave instructions. He said that the State Peace and Development Council has been making relentless efforts for ensuring prevalence of law and order as well as prevalence of peace and tranquillity across the nation. Therefore, peace and tranquillity has now prevailed and so had law and order in the nation. The government has also laid down necessary plans and is implementing them for the emergence of a modern and developed nation. In the process, priority is being given to development of human resources. More schools, colleges and universities were opened for ensuring development of human resources. Meanwhile, arrangements are being made for technological development by opening of multimedia classrooms in the education sector to be able to face the challenges of Knowledge Age. Accordingly, remarkable progress has been made in the education sector owing to concerted efforts of education staff, parents of students, members of social organizations and members of the school board of trustees.

Teachers, parents of students and members of the school board of trustees are to strive to equip their

pupils, offspring and new generations with knowledge capable of facing the challenges of education.

In conclusion, he called on officials, members of school boards of trustees, parents and local people to collectively strive for enabling the students to pursue their education peacefully and fulfilling the needs of education sector. Only then will human resources of State's new generation develop. After the ceremony, Lt-Gen Maung Bo greeted those present. Next, he inspected construction progress of the two-storey building of Thayetchaung BEHS and gave necessary instructions to officials.

Lt-Gen Maung Bo and party drove to Kanaingda Village in Dawei District and attended the demonstration of direct seeding of paddy at the farm of farmer U Than. Lt-Gen Maung Bo inspected paddy strain of high yield, pesticides, fertilizers, power tillers and threshers displayed at the booth of Myanmar Agriculture Service and gave necessary instructions to officials. Dawei Township Peace and Development Council Chairman U Aung Kyaw Oo reported on purpose of the demonstration, cultivation of monsoon and summer paddy for self-sufficiency and progress of cultivation of monsoon paddy.

The General Manager of Myanmar Agriculture Service reported on salient points of direct cultivation method, land preparation and use of fertilizer and others.

Next, Lt-Gen Maung Bo spoke. He said that the demonstration was launched to change the current cultivation system into the direct seeding of paddy system for ensuring self-sufficiency in Taninthayi Division. Serious attention is to be paid to the new cultivation system as it is to be practically applied.

If the new method is properly applied it is sure that Taninthayi Division will be able to enjoy economic progress in addition to self-sufficiency in rice. Moreover, fertilizer and power tillers are to be used systematically for boosting the per acre yield. Only then will the nation become an agricultural nation based on industry or an industrialized nation.

Next, the demonstration of direct seeding of paddy method was launched at the seven villages-tracts in Dawei District. Lt-Gen Maung Bo attended the demonstration and gave encouragement. Next, he had discussions with local authorities, departmental personnel and wellwishers at the temporary pandal on matters relating to supply of potable water to Nyaungzin village by damming the stream. Businessman U Aung Win donated K 2 million and villagers of Nyaungzin village K 1 million. In addition, entrepreneurs U Kyar, U Soe Win, U Hla Than, U Than Aung and U Win Bo donated K 200,000 each. With those K 4 million, the Nyaungzin village water supply project will be implemented.

Next, Lt-Gen Maung Bo met local authorities of village-tracts in Dawei District and discussed matters on local food sufficiency, expanding cultivated acreage, applying modern cultivation techniques and boosting paddy productions.

After that, Lt-Gen Maung Bo and party left for Dawei. In the afternoon, Lt-Gen Maung Bo met officers, other ranks and their families of Dawei Station at the hall of the Coastal Region Command and discussed matters on security affairs and undertaking agricultural and livestock breeding works on manageable scale.

Then, he greeted them cordially.

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Efficient use of electricity

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

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

Efficient use of fuel

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

All this needs to be known

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

မိုးဦးကျနှင့် မိုးရာသီတွင်ဖြစ်တတ်သော ရောဂါများအတွက်နူးအော်ချက်

မိုးဦးကျရာသီတွင် အောက်ဖော်ပြပါ ကူးစက်တတ်သောရောဂါများ ပုံမှန်ဖြစ်ပွားလေ့ရှိပါသည်။

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

(ခ) သွေးလွန်တုပ်ကွေးနှင့် ငှက်ဖျားရောဂါ

(ဂ) တုပ်ကွေး၊ နှာစေးရောင်ဆိုးနှင့် အဆုတ်အဆေးမိရောဂါ

၂။ ဖြစ်ပွားရသည့်အကြောင်းရင်းမှာ—

(က) မိုးဦးကျလာပြီးဖြစ်၍ လှိုင်းလိုပေါ်လာသည့် အချိန်တစ်ပါးသော သရက်သီး၊ ပိန္နဲသီး၊ ဖရဲသီး၊ ကြက်မောက်သီး၊ မင်းဂွတ်သီး စသည့်သစ်သီးဝလံများ၏ အရွဲအစေ့ စသည်များကို စည်ကမ်းမဲ့ မဆင်မခြင် စွန့်ပစ်ခြင်းကြောင့် ယင်းပေါများခြင်း

(ခ) ရာသီစာအမှည့်လွန်အသီးများကို စားသုံးခြင်း

(ဂ) မိုးရွာပြီးရေတင်ရေဝပ်သဖြင့် ရေအိုင်၊ ရေကန်ဖြစ်၍ ရေမြောင်း၊ မိတ်ခြင်းနှင့် ချွန်နယ်မိတ်ပေါင်းထူထပ်၍ ခြင်ပေါက်ဖွားခြင်း

(ဃ) ရာသီဥတု အပြောင်းအလဲဖြစ်၍ အပူရပ်ခြင်း၊ အအေးပတ်ခြင်း

(င) ပတ်ဝန်းကျင်သန့်ရှင်းမှုနှင့် တစ်ကိုယ်ရေသန့်ရှင်းမှု နည်းပါးခြင်း

(စ) ကျွန်ုပ်တို့နေထိုင်သည့်အသိပညာနှင့် အလေ့အကျင့်အားနည်းခြင်း

၃။ အောက်ဖော်ပြပါတို့ကို လိုက်နာကျင့်သုံးခြင်းဖြင့် ဖော်ပြပါ ရောဂါများ ကူးစက်ပျံ့နှံ့ခြင်းမှ ကာကွယ်တားဆီးနိုင်မည် ဖြစ်ပါသည်။

(က) အမှည့်လွန်အသီးများကို စားသုံးခြင်းမှ ရှောင်ပါ။

(ခ) ယင်းနားစာများကို 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 အပြောင်းအလဲကြောင့် အလတ်ကို သတိရှိပါ။

(ဈ) ပတ်ဝန်းကျင်သန့်ရှင်းရေးလုပ်ငန်းနှင့် ခြင်နှိမ်ခြင်းရေး လုပ်ငန်းများကို အချို့သားရေးအမြင်ဖြင့် ဝိုင်းဝန်းစုပေါင်းဆောင်ရွက်ပါ။

(ည) ရောဂါတစ်မျိုးဖြစ်ပွားပျံ့နှံ့ပါက ကျန်းမာရေးဌာနသို့ အမြန်သတင်းပို့ပါ။

(ဋ) လိုအပ်ပါက နီးစပ်ရာဆေးပေးခန်းဆေးရုံများသို့ အချိန်မီသွားရောက်


ပြသစစ်ဆေး ကုသမှုခံယူပါ။ ကျန်းမာရေးဝန်ကြီးဌာန

Bulgaria fears nuclear scientists may go freelance

VIENNA, 24 June — Bulgaria is worried its nuclear scientists may work for terrorists or rogue states when the country shuts down two nuclear power plants over the next few years, its Foreign Minister said on Wednesday. Bulgaria has agreed to scrap the plants when it joins the European Union, which Sofia hopes will happen in 2007, leaving thousands of nuclear scientists without a job, Bulgarian Foreign Minister Solomo Passy said. The international community must make sure these scientists do not turn freelance and help develop weapons in secret, Passy told reporters at a security conference of the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe (OSCE) in Vienna.

"We shall have to release several thousand excellent nuclear specialists... from active duty," Passy said. "They are private citizens and they might easily be attracted by countries or governments or forces which are not under the control of the international community. This is a serious threat that all of us will have to address," he added. Nuclear scientists have sold their expertise secretly before. The father of Pakistan's atom bomb, Abdul Qadeer Khan, admitted in February that he and scientists from his Khan Research Laboratory leaked nuclear secrets to other countries..

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တိဘီရောဂါကာကွယ်နိုင်နည်းရေး

(က) ရောဂါဖြစ်ပွားကူးစက်ပုံ

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

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

(ခ) ရောဂါလက္ခဏာများ

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

(ဂ) ကြိုတင်ကာကွယ်ခြင်း

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

(ဃ) ကုသမှုခံယူခြင်း

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

တိဘီရောဂါသံသယရှိလျှင် နီးစပ်ရာကျန်းမာရေးဌာနတွင် စစ်ဆေး၍ တိဘီရောဂါရှိပါက အစွမ်းထက်သော တိဘီဆေးဝါးများဖြင့် အခမဲ့ကုသမှုခံယူပါ။

ကျန်းမာရေးဝန်ကြီးဌာန

Singapore holds first ASEAN-China Forum

SINGAPORE, 24 June — The first ASEAN-China Forum opened here on Wednesday with the participation of more than 30 reputable experts and scholars from China and the countries of the Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN).

Addressing the opening of the forum, ASEAN Secretary-General Ong Keng Yong said that ASEAN and China have established a more fruitful partnership, ensuring the peace and stability as well as prosperity of the region. "ASEAN and China are tapping the opportunities and complementarities offered by each other and acting as catalyst for one another to achieve higher development goals while maintaining peace, security and stability crucial for economic growth and prosperity." It means forging substantive cooperation based on the principles of mutual trust, respect, equality and mutual gains to create conditions that will benefit the people of both regions," he said. The Secretary-General said that China is weighing more and more on the world economy, and ASEAN has recognized that it would have to work with China to address the issues and challenges in the region.

While voicing his satisfaction with the cooperation between ASEAN and China in the fields of politics, security, economy, trade and healthcare, he believed that an agreement between ASEAN and China for a free trade area (FTA) will be concluded by 2010. The forum, organized by Singapore's Institute of Southeast Asian Studies (ISEAS), will last two days. Cai Bingkui, a famous Chinese scholar and vice-chairman of China Institute for International Strategic Studies, is to deliver a speech on China's peaceful rise and its relations with East Asian neighbours.

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Study shows cream made from breast milk reduces warts

BOSTON, 24 June — A cream made from human breast milk and nicknamed Hamlet can dramatically reduce, and often eliminate, stubborn common warts, Swedish doctors reported.

Human Alpha-lactalbumin Made Lethal to Tumour cells, which the researchers refer to by the whimsical acronym HAMLET, is the active ingredient that forces the wart cell to self-destruct by accumulating in each cell's nucleus and interfering with its control process.

The results, published in Thursday's *New England Journal of Medicine*, may extend well beyond wart treatment because the same class of viruses that cause those growths are also responsible for cervical cancer, genital warts, and some types of skin cancer.

Since doctors can cheaply eliminate warts by freezing, the new cream "will probably never be able to compete with existing inexpensive therapies for cutaneous viral warts," said Jan Bouwes Bavinck and Mariet Feltkamp of Leiden University Medical Centre, in a *Journal* commentary. "The real challenge, therefore, will be to prove it is also effective in the treatment or prevention of other conditions related to human papillomavirus," or HPV, they said.

Common warts, which usually appear on the hands and feet, can be resistant to treatment with creams.

The Swedish team, led by Lotta Gustafsson of the University of Lund, found that three weeks of daily treatments with alpha-lactalbumin and oleic acid reduced the size of the warts by 75 per cent or more in all 20 volunteers. A similar reduction was seen in only 15 per cent of another 20 patients who got a placebo cream.

The placebo patients were then treated with the test cream as well.

After two years, all the warts disappeared in 83 per cent of the 40 volunteers.

The patients were chosen because their growths had not responded to conventional treatments. "Such nuclear accumulation does not occur in healthy cells, which remain viable in the presence of alpha-lactalbumin-oleic acid," the Gustafsson team said. — MNA/Reuters

Nursery Market Festival continues

YANGON, 24 June — The Nursery Market Festival continued at Myay Padetha Park in Bahan Township here today with the aim of providing necessary assistance to growers and attracting public interest in agriculture, horticulture, livestock breeding and vegetable farming.

Kitchen crops, fruits and saplings of herbal plants are being shown at the festival. Poultry farming and fish breeding are also exhibited there.

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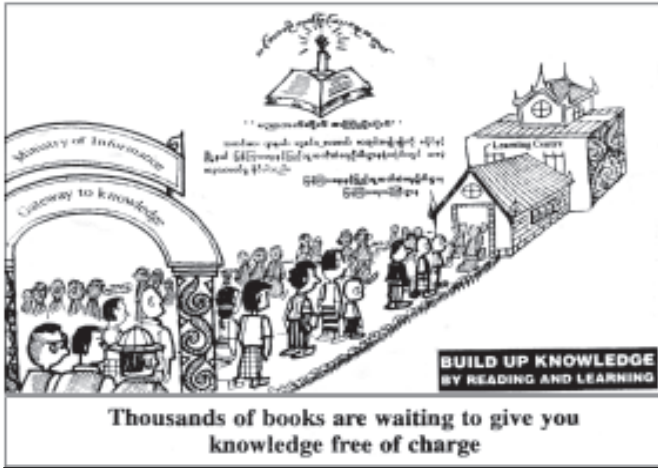
YANGON, 24 June— The Development Affairs Committees under the Ministry for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs are making concerted efforts in sinking tube-wells in order to get sufficient fresh water in rural areas in States and Divisions where water is scarce.

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Denmark, Germany sign declaration to build Baltic Sea bridge

COPENHAGEN, 24 June — Denmark and Germany signed a non-binding agreement on Wednesday to build a four-billion-euro (4.85-billion-US-dollar) link across the Baltic Sea between the two countries, the Danish Transport Ministry said.

The proposed 11.8-mile link between the German island of Fehmarn and the Danish island of Lolland was proposed as early as the 1930s but plans have been scrapped several times because of lack of financing.

"Of course, quite a lot

of work remains before we can reach a final agreement on the link," Danish Transport Minister Flemming Hansen said in a statement.

Hansen said the signing of the declaration had put the realization of a fixed link over the Fehmarn Strait

a large step closer.

"If all goes well the link can open in 2015," he said.

The fixed road and rail link, comprised of a tunnel, a bridge, or both, is a priority project for the European Commission.

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WHO warns of polio epidemic in west, central Africa

GENEVA, 23 June — Experts of the World Health Organization (WHO) issued a stark warning on Tuesday that west and central Africa is on the brink of the largest polio epidemic in recent years.

The warning made by epidemiologists of the Global Polio Eradication Initiative follows confirmation on Tuesday that a child was paralyzed on May 20 by polio in the Darfur region of Sudan, a country which has not seen the disease in more than three years.

In addition to the re-infection of Sudan, five times as many children in west and

central Africa have been paralyzed by polio so far in 2004 compared with the same period in 2003.

"There is no question that the virus is spreading at an alarming pace," said communicable disease expert David Heymann, WHO's representative for polio eradication.

Heymann stressed the re-infection of Sudan is the latest setback to the progress Africa

has achieved in eradicating the virus.

"The fact that Sudan is now re-infected is concrete evidence of the need to support a massive immunization response right across west and central Africa," he said.

"At the beginning of 2003, only two countries in sub-Saharan Africa were polio-endemic. Today, however, Africa accounts for nearly 90 per cent of the global polio burden, with children now paralyzed in 10 previously polio-free countries across the continent," he said.

Polio, which mainly affects children under five, is caused by a virus that infects the nervous system and can lead to total paralysis or death.

Children are particularly vulnerable in west and central African countries surrounding Nigeria, as less than half of children in the region are routinely immunized against a series of diseases, including polio. — MNA/Xinhua

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US study says cool head may mean calm heart

WASHINGTON, 23 June—Young adults who keep a cool head under stress may be less likely to develop high blood pressure as they age, US researchers said on Monday.

A study of 4,000 young adults showed that those who stressed out the least while playing a difficult video game and taking other tests were less likely to develop high blood pressure in their 40s.

"In general, the individuals who had larger blood-pressure responses to stress had a greater risk for developing high blood pressure," Karen Matthews, a professor of psychiatry at the University of Pittsburgh who led the study, said in a statement.

"This risk was independent of other known risk factors such as race, gender, education, age, and body-mass index (a measure of obesity)."

Matthews and colleagues used information from a continuing study tracking the natural history of cardiovascular disease.

In 1985 researchers began studying 5,115 men and women, ages 18 to 30, and re-examined them at regular intervals.

At the second-year examination, 4,202 of the volunteers who had normal blood pressure of 140/90 or below took stress tests.

In one, they plunged a hand in ice-cold water and kept it submerged for 45 seconds. Another involved tracing an image. And one involved a video game — which at the time was fairly novel and still stressful for many to play.

"In general, participants who had the greatest blood-pressure increases during all three tasks had the highest risk for later high-blood pressure," said Dr Mary Whooley of the University of California San Francisco,

who worked on the study. The study was published in the journal *Circulation*.

"The greater the blood-pressure changes in all three tasks, the earlier the onset of hypertension," she said.

After 13 years of follow-up, 353 of the participants developed high blood pressure, they found.

"This study confirms previous work demonstrating an association between blood-pressure response to various stressors and the future development of hypertension," said American Heart Association spokesman Dr Daniel Jones.

"It is still unclear whether exposure to stress is a part of the cause of hypertension in some people or whether these tests measuring response to stress are simply good markers for the future develop-

ment of hypertension."

High blood pressure eventually affects up to 90 per cent of Americans as they become elderly and is a leading cause of heart attack, stroke and heart failure. — MNA/Reuters

Cambodia's education budget increased

PHNOM PENH, 24 June — Cambodia increased its annual budget in education during the last four years, an official said Tuesday. "It is very important that the Ministry of Education, Youth and Sport (MOEYS) has got the highest budget if compared with other ministries," Pok Than, acting Minister of MOEYS, told *Xinhua* Tuesday.

"This budget is very important in developing human resources in Cambodia," Pok Than said.

The Ministry of Economy and Finance has increased its education budget in 2000 and in 2003/04 again, Keat Chhon, Economy and Finance Minister said during the International Seminar on Public Expenditure Tracking Systems Monday.

With an illiteracy rate of 30 per cent, Cambodia can reduce the number by 10,000 illiterate people every year, according to Pok Than. However, Pok Than said, "Although the number of illiteracy will surely go down in the coming years, it is still a slow process."

MNA/Xinhua

Dengue-related deaths in Vietnam soar

HANOI, 24 June — As of June 21, dengue fever has killed 33 people in Vietnam, a year-on-year increase of 50 per cent.

Up to 92 per cent of dengue fever sufferers and over 90 per cent of deaths caused by the disease are from the country's southern region, where the weather is the most favourable for the development of mosquitoes, local newspaper *Labour* reported on Tuesday.

The Ministry of Health is calling for local health agencies to promote information campaigns among residents, and supplying localities with more mosquito-killing chemicals, medicines and equipment. It is also urging eligible enterprises to quickly import drugs to treat the disease.

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A Boeing Delta II rocket, carrying a replacement satellite for the US Air Force's Global Positioning System (GPS), lifts off from the Cape Canaveral Air Force Station in Florida, on 23 June, 2004. — INTERNET

Scientists urge shift to non-food crops

LONDON, 23 June—Farmers of the world must shift quickly to growing plants for industrial uses such as oils and plastics to replace petrochemicals as the climate warms and crude supplies run out, British scientists said on Monday.

"In the next 20 to 50 years we have to reverse our dependency on fossil fuels," said Alison Smith of Britain's John Innes plant research centre. "We must breed for sustainability."

At a news conference, she complained that in the past there had been a lack of coherent thinking, but that was now changing in the face of the looming crisis.

Ian Crute, director of the Rothamsted plant-breeding centre in Hertfordshire, said it was not a matter of switching wholesale out of growing crops for food but of correcting the balance.

"We have an opportunity here... to substitute our dependency on fossil fuels," he added at the introduction of a report by private

scientists on non-food crops entitled "Growing the Future."

Not only was oil running out, but the world's population was predicted to grow sharply over the next half century and had to be fed. This would put huge strains on the world's economy.

"We have to get more productivity out of less land," he said.

The report noted that plants could produce plastics, fuels, oils, medicinal drugs, insulators, fibres and fabrics, many of which are currently made from crude oil.

Smith said it was not just a matter of genetic manipulation of existing crops—although that too had a place—but of mak-

ing better use of plants currently grown for food.

Plants could also be bred for specific uses such as special types of oils or fibres.

They could in effect be used as "green factories" to produce whatever mankind needed in the future, she said.

Farmer and businessman Clifford Spencer — who grows crops for industrial uses — said some research suggested that between one quarter and one third of the farmland in Britain could switch to such uses.

He said that while their arguments were not new, the science to make it happen was, and businesses around the world were waking up to the urgency and the possibilities.

MNA/Reuters



Construction workers walk through the site of the world's longest rail tunnel some 2400 feet beneath the Swiss Alps, on 18 May, 2004. — INTERNET

New Zealand provides more aid for Sudan

WELLINGTON, 23 June — New Zealand is contributing a further one million New Zealand dollars (about 620,000 US dollars) to Sudan to help deal with what United Nations officials are calling one of the worst humanitarian crises in the world. Aid Minister Marian Hobbs announced Tuesday.

The New Zealand Red Cross and Doctors Without Borders, an international medical humanitarian organization, will each receive 500,000 New Zealand dollars for their work in the Sudan, Hobbs said.

Three weeks ago New Zealand contributed 2 million New Zealand dollars (about 1.24 million US dollars) to the World Food Programme and the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) operations in Sudan and neighbouring countries.

Several New Zealand Red Cross delegates including medical and logistics personnel are in Sudan right now. The funds will directly support their work, meeting the most urgent needs of conflict victims and ensuring sick and wounded people have access to medical and surgical treatment.

Sudan is a country in a state of chronic crisis and over 4 million people have been displaced. The Sudanese population affected by the conflict in Darfur in the western part of the country urgently need shelter, access to water and sanitation and health-care, in addition food shortages are looming. — MNA/Xinhua

Thailand delays HIV/AIDS vaccine trial

BANGKOK, 24 June — An HIV/AIDS vaccine trial project based in eastern Thailand has been delayed for one year for the lack of enough volunteers, the local Press reported on Wednesday.

The project, scheduled to start in September, has so far recruited some 5,224 people for the trial of vaccine, less than one third of the originally planned number of 16,000.

Therefore, the project needs to extend the volunteer recruitment by another year, the project's principal investigator Supachai Rerks-ngarm was quoted by newspaper *The Nation* as saying. Started in last September, the HIV-vaccine Phase III project aimed to give vaccine or placebo to volunteers over a one-year period and monitor their progress in three years time. The volunteers will be recruited after screenings from the two eastern provinces of Chon Buri and Rayong.

They will then receive an injection of the so-called prime-boost test, which is a combination of two vaccines — Alvac of France-based Aventis Pasteur and AidVAX B/E made by the California-based VaxGen Inc.

MNA/Xinhua

SPORTS

Cocu thanks Czechs for quarterfinal spot

BRAGA (Portugal), 24 June — Dutch midfielder Philip Cocu paid tribute to the Czech Republic after a Czech win over Germany sent the Netherlands into the last eight of Euro 2004 on Wednesday.

"We have to thank the Czechs for beating the Germans," Cocu said. "We heard from the crowd reaction in the second half that there had been another (Czech) goal and that of course gives you an extra push to keep going."

The Czechs beat Germany 2-1 to allow the Dutch to claim second spot following their 3-0 win over Latvia. The Czechs won all three group D games. Latvia coach Aleksandrs Starkovs said he was satisfied with his side's debut at a major tournament.

"I want to congratulate the Netherlands, they proved they are one of the best teams in the tournament. It was very difficult for us — when you look at their reserves they are all big stars.

"Our team showed potential. We put in a great effort but the result today was not so good. We were too afraid of making mistakes and they had more experience.

"We showed off our country in a good way and I hope we will be back and do better next time." — MNA/Reuters

Van Nistelrooy double sends Dutch through

BRAGA (Portugal), 24 June — Ruud van Nistelrooy struck twice to lead the Netherlands to an emphatic 3-0 win over Latvia that sent them into the Euro 2004 quarterfinals on Wednesday.



Van Nistelrooy enabled the Dutch to take complete control of the match with two first-half goals, and substitute Roy Makaay added a third six minutes from time to leave the Netherlands as Group D runners-up behind the Czech Republic. Germany lost 2-1 to the Czechs to finish third.

The Dutch, who took only one point from their opening two games against Germany and the Czechs, play Sweden in the last eight on Saturday.

Van Nistelrooy broke the deadlock after 27 minutes when he sent goalkeeper Aleksandrs Kolinko the wrong way on the penalty spot after referee Kim Milton Nielsen decided Latvian skipper Vitalijs Astafjevs had tripped Edgar Davids in the box.

Van Nistelrooy made it 2-0 after 35 minutes when a Clarence Seedorf free kick eluded the keeper and was headed back from beyond

the far post by Philip Cocu for the forward to nod down over the line from close range. He joined England's Wayne Rooney at the top of the tournament's scoring chart with four goals.

Van Nistelrooy should have completed his hat-trick after 41 minutes when he blasted a fierce volley straight at Kolinko when it seemed a goal was certain.

The Dutch, needing a win to retain any hope of progressing to the last eight, were forced to make two changes.

Michael Reiziger came in for the suspended Johnny Heitinga, sent off against the Czechs, in defence, while Frank de Boer took the place of the injured Wilfred Bouma to extend his record appearance tally for his country to 111.

But the Latvians rarely troubled the Dutch back line apart from sporadic, but largely ineffective raids during the early part of the second half.

Instead the Dutch spent most of the time in the Latvian half of the field and only inspired goalkeeping from Kolinko and desperate tackling from Latvia's over-worked defenders kept the score down.

Winger Arjen Robben was again an inspiration on the right for Netherlands, while Davids and Clarence Seedorf in midfield quickly established control which they never relinquished.

MNA/Reuters



Germany's Bastian Schweinsteiger (7) in white, is pressed by Czech Republic players during the Euro 2004 Group D soccer match between Germany and the Czech Republic at the Jose Alvalade Stadium in Lisbon, Portugal, on 23 June, 2004. — INTERNET

Germany exit Euro 2004 after 2-1 defeat

LISBON, 24 June — Germany slipped out of Euro 2004 after a 2-1 defeat by a second-string Czech Republic, who had already qualified, saw them miss out on the quarterfinals for the second successive European Championship.



The three times champions had to win to guarantee their progress having earlier drawn with the Netherlands and Latvia but the Dutch took the runners-up spot in Group D after a 3-0 win over Latvia and will play Sweden in the quarterfinals.

Despite a fierce second-half onslaught Germany could not subdue a Czech side showing nine changes from the team who secured their place in the last eight as group winners with a 3-2 victory over the Netherlands last weekend.

Germany did briefly lead through a stunning Michael Ballack goal in the 21st minute but the advantage lasted for only nine minutes as Marek Heinz equalized with an equally-superb strike.

With the Germans pushing for the winner, Czech substitute Milan Baros scored on the break 12 minutes from time to make it three wins out of three — the only unblemished record. It was a disappointing display by the 2002 World Cup runners-up, who failed to show the necessary urgency against a Czech team who were able to relax and enjoy the occasion.

Germany follow Italy and Spain as big name casualties of a tournament that has already lived up to its billing as one of the most open for years.

The Czechs, who had already won the group, can

turn their attentions to a quarterfinal meeting with Denmark in Porto.

Germany coach Rudi Voeller had reacted to the lame goalless draw with Latvia by giving a first start to midfielder Bastian Schweinsteiger and, after a cagey opening, the 19-year-old played a major part in the first goal.

Bernd Schneider whipped in a cross from the left, Schweinsteiger knocked it down into the path of Ballack and the midfielder struck a fierce 20-metre shot past the helpless Jaromir Blazek.

The Czechs, each man playing for a place in the quarterfinal team, deservedly equalized on the half-hour mark when Heinz left Oliver Kahn flailing with a perfectly-placed 25-metre free kick into the top corner.

Voeller sent on Lukas Podolski to bolster his attack at halftime and Germany soon took control with an inspired Ballack driving them on. Around the hour mark he fizzed a low shot just wide then sent another against the post, Blazek saving Schneider's follow-up.

Germany continued to exert pressure, Schneider heading wide, Christian Woerns having an effort cleared off the line and Blazek again defying Kevin Kuranyi.

But just as the equalizer looked inevitable, the Czechs broke and Baros tucked the ball past Kahn at the second attempt in the 78th minute.

MNA/Reuters

Scandinavian media cheer Denmark against Sweden draw

STOCKHOLM, 24 June — Newspapers in Scandinavia on Wednesday cheered — some even gloated — Denmark's European championship 2-2 draw with Sweden which saw both teams through to the quarterfinals.

"Nordic triumph!" cried the main headline on the front page of the sports section of Sweden's leading daily newspaper, Dagens Nyheter.

Most dismissed any notion of a Scandinavian conspiracy to rig the result, which ensured both teams qualified at the expense of Italy.

"The Italian nightmare came true and turned into Nordic European championship bliss," Dagens Nyheter said. The Swedish daily Svenska Dagbladet called it a "magic result on a night of magic".

"The time of miracles isn't over. The seconds were ticking away, Sweden were trailing 2-1... (but then) Mattias Jonson's magical 2-2 shot sent Sweden to Saturday's quarterfinal," Svenska Dagbladet said.

The Swedish regional daily Goteborgs-Posten de-

scribed the encounter as a "thriller" and Sydsvenska Dagbladet, another regional newspaper, said: "The Nordic dream came true".

Tuesday June 22 "was a crazy, crazy night which we'll have to live with forever," wrote the Swedish tabloid Aftonbladet's soccer columnist Simon Bank.

"Even if eternity brings an ice age, and a new world arises from that ice age, and that world burns down, even then a Luigi or a Pietro will sneak up behind (us Scandinavians) and scream: 'Due a due?! (2-2),' he wrote, referring to the Italian conspiracy theory that Denmark and Sweden would contrive a 2-2 draw.

The Swedish tabloid Expressen said Jonson's 89th-minute equalizer had brought about "the improbable finish" and that Sweden

and Denmark had qualified for the quarterfinals after "an incredible result".

Denmark's leading daily newspaper Berlingske Tidende celebrated their goalscorer. "With his two goals against the arch rivals from Sweden, Jon Dahl Tomasson took Denmark further in the European championship tournament," Berlingske Tidende said.

The Danish daily Jyllands-Posten dubbed the match an "intense and dramatic battle".

The Danish tabloid EkstraBladet quoted Denmark central defender Martin Laursen, who is moving to England and Aston Villa from AC Milan, as saying: "I can't help but say: 'Ha'... The Italians are out, having talked before the tournament about whom they would meet in the final." — MNA/Reuters



Netherlands' Pierre van Hooijdonk (2nd L) and Ruud van Nistelrooy (C) celebrate with team-mates their victory over Latvia after a Euro 2004 Group D soccer match at the Braga Municipal Stadium, on 23 June, 2004. Netherlands won the match 3-0 and qualified for the next round. — INTERNET

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**25-6-2004 (Friday)
(Programme Schedule)
Morning Transmission
(9:00 - 10:00)**

- 9:00 Signature Tune
Greeting
9:02 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Myanma
Panorama & Myanma
Sentiment"
9:06 Hill Resort Town
(Thandaung)
9:10 National News
9:12 Easily Cooked Tasty
Dishes "Brown
Mollusc Soup"
9:15 National News
9:20 Myanmar Traditional
Musical Instrument
(Donmin)
9:25 Kayin Dance
(Ton Pana)
9:30 National News
9:35 Preservation and Repro-
duction of Sea Turtle
Song "Moonlight
Flower"
9:40 **National News**
9:50 The Ancient City of
Myanmar (Bagan)
9:58 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Come and See
Myanmar"

**25-6-2004 (Friday)
Evening Transmission
(15:30 - 17:30)**

- 15:30 Signature Tune
Greeting
15:32 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Mingalabar"
15:36 Hill Resort Town
(Thandaung)
15:40 National News
15:42 Easily Cooked Tasty
Dishes "Brown
Mollusc Soup"
15:45 National News
15:50 Myanmar Traditional
Musical Instrument
(Donmin)
15:55 Kayin Dance

- (Ton Pana)
16:00 National News
16:05 Preservation and Repro-
duction of Sea Turtle
Song "Moonlight
Flower"
16:15 National News
16:20 The Ancient City of
Myanmar (Bagan)
16:25 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Myanma
Panorama & Myanma
Sentiment"
16:30 National News
16:35 Thin Straw Pulp Paper
16:40 Traditional Folk Weav-
ing Works
16:45 National News
16:50 Traditional Chin
Cuisine
16:55 Sagaing Hill
17:00 National News
17:05 Archaeological
Museum, Pakhangyi (II)
17:10 Song "Rice Flowing
Like a Canal"
17:12 An Umbrella for Style
17:15 National News
17:20 Myanma Rubber
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 "Myanma
Panorama & Myanma
Sentiment"
19:35 Teak-Tissue Culture
19:40 National News
19:42 A Peaceful Place of
Mind
19:45 National News
19:50 Reminiscence in the
Glow of Sunset
19:55 Dancing Duo
19:58 A Gift to Mark a visit
to Myitkyina (Kachin-
Snack)
20:00 National News
20:05 Myanma Toddy Palm:
A Source of Rural In-
come
20:10 Song "From the Golden
Towers"
20:15 National News
20:20 Extravagant Evidences
of Myanmar Culture

- (Part-II)
20:25 Songs on Screen
"Creating of a love-like
song"
20:30 National News
20:35 Native home of the
Khame
20:40 Travel & Description
(Yanlong to Thanlyin-
Kyaik Tan)
20:45 National News
20:50 A Short Introduction to
Myanma Saing Waing
(or) Myanmar Orchestra
20:55 Naga Traditional Cos-
tumes and Dances
21:00 National News
21:05 Archaeological Mu-
seum, Pakhangyi (I)
21:10 Song "Flowers in Pro-
fusion"
21:15 National News
21:20 Myanmar Arts &
Handicrafts Centre
21:25 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Mingalabar"
21:35 Hill Resort Town
(Thandaung)
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Song "Moonlight
Flower"
22:15 National News
22:20 The Ancient City of
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22:25 Myanmar Modern Song
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22:30 National News
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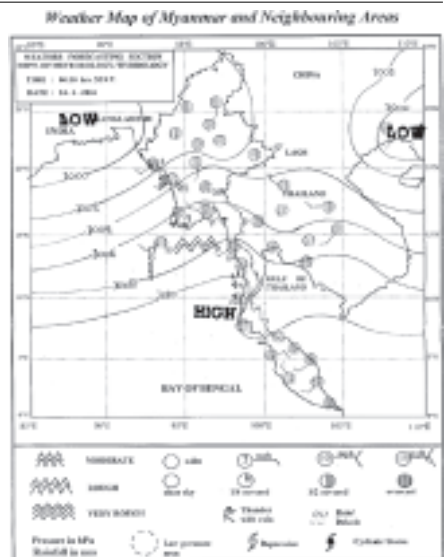
- 23:25 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Come and See
Myanmar"

**25-6-2004 (Friday) &
26-6-2004 (Saturday)
Evening Transmission &
Morning Transmission
(23:30-1:30)**

- 23:30 Signature Tune
Greeting
23:32 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Myanma
Panorama & Myanma
Sentiment"
23:36 Hill Resort Town
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Rainfall on 24-6-2004

- 4.53 inches at Yabgon Airport,
 - 2.76 inches at Kaba-Aye and
 - 0.86 inch at central Yangon.
- Total rainfall since 1-1-2004 was
- 45.79 inches at Yabgon Airport,
 - 42.09 inches at Kaba-Aye, and
 - 44.92 inches at central Yangon.





Lt-Gen Maung Bo unveils the signboard of multimedia classrooms at Dawei BEHS No 2.— MNA

BEHS No 2 in Dawei, Taninthayi Division, gets multimedia classrooms

YANGON, 24 June—The opening of multimedia classrooms of Basic Education High School No 2 in Dawei, Taninthayi Division, took place at the school yesterday, attended by Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Maung Bo of the Ministry of Defence.

Also present on the occasion were Taninthayi Division Peace and Development Council Chairman Coastal Region Command Commander Brig-Gen Ohn Myint, senior military officers of Dawei Station, officials of the State Peace and Development Council Office, departmental heads, officials, local authorities, the principal and teachers, members of social organizations and school board of trustees, wellwishers and others.

Principal Daw Kyin Swee and member of school board of trustees U Than Sein formally opened the classrooms. Lt-Gen Maung Bo pressed the button to unveil the signboard of the classrooms.

Lt-Gen Maung Bo and party inspected computer aided

instruction room, e-Media language lab, e-Media video system, printed media reading corner and display media rooms — domestic science room and arts room.

Next, the second session of the opening ceremony followed. The principal reported on opening of multimedia classrooms and installation of electronic study aids and an official on efforts made for opening of multimedia rooms.

Entrepreneur U Kya Maung of Myeik presented K 1.5 million donated by himself and other five entrepreneurs; Managing Director of Ever Green Co Ltd U Than Shwe, K 1 million; and U Kin Sein, U Maung Maung Toe, U Hla Myint, U Bar Bar and U Khin Maung Aung, K 100,000 each to the school through the principal. The commander thanked those who contributed towards the project for opening the classrooms and the wellwishers.

In his address Lt-Gen Maung Bo said at the end of 20th century, information age was transformed into knowledge age. Every nation can utilize information around the world for human development.

The government is promoting opportunities for students to acquire education in combination with mass media and modern technology. He spoke of the need for principals and teachers to be well-versed in the respective subjects. It is not enough for students to learn only the lessons in the prescribed text by heart. He said multimedia teaching methods have been used in the field of learning. The government is giving encouragement to opening of multimedia classrooms, he added.

He said a modern developed nation is to be built through education. This is why the government is implementing the 30-year education plan, he said.

Lt-Gen Maung Bo spoke at length on the main points of the education plan.

He called on officials concerned to realize the objective of the plan.

Next, Lt-Gen Maung Bo, the commander, heads of departments, headmistress, teachers, members of school board of trustees and students had photos taken.

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Coord meeting on monsoon paddy cultivation, irrigation for summer paddy held

YANGON, 24 June — Work coordination meeting on full cultivation of monsoon paddy and irrigation for summer paddy in Yangon Division was held this morning at Maso farming camp of the Yangon City Development Committee in Dagon Myothit (East).

Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe attended the meeting and delivered an address.

In his address, the commander said that as Myanmar is an agro-based country, its main economy is agriculture. Therefore, efforts are being made for irrigation, production of high yield paddy and sufficiency of oil, beans and other crops.

He also urged the members of the division/district/township supervisory committees to make field trips, to dig drains and to give educative talks on systematic cultivation of high yield crops.

Next, Chairman of Yangon East District Peace and Development Council Lt-Col Maung Maung Shein reported on cultivation of monsoon paddy in the district, arrangements for summer paddy cultivation and greening tasks in the district.

Similarly, chairmen of township Peace and Development Councils also reported on monsoon paddy cultivation and irrigation tasks for cultivation of summer paddy and beans and pulses.

Next, Yangon South District Peace and Development Council Chairman Lt-Col Aung Pyai and Yangon North District Peace and Development Council Chairman Lt-Col Myat Min also briefed on arrangements for monsoon paddy cultivation and irrigation in summer.

Next, some of those present took part in the discussions. After hearing reports, the commander fulfilled the requirements. The meeting ended with the concluding remarks by Maj-Gen Myint Swe.

Afterwards, the commander and party inspected the ringroad and Kayepin Road crossing Mingaladon Industrial City.

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Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe addresses meeting to cultivate monsoon paddy and supply water for summer paddy cultivation in Yangon Division.— YANGON COMMAND

Commander's Shield Sepak Takraw Tournament opens

YANGON, 24 June — A ceremony to open Commander's Shield Sepak Takraw Tournament 2004 was held in Hline Gymnasium, Hline Township, this morning.

It was attended by Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe, Deputy Commander Col Wai Lwin and wife, senior military officers, commanders of military region commands and their wives, station commanders of regiments and units under the Yangon Command and their wives, other ranks, athletes and fans.

First, the commander delivered a speech, saying that the tournament was held for the purpose of developing Sepak Takraw techniques in line with the current age and nurturing athletes who have brought honour to the nation. Taking up Sepak Takraw not only makes Tatmadawmen fit and healthy but also brings about combating capability in battle. The athletes are to take part in the tournament with full sporting spirit, he added.

Next, the commander and party enjoyed events of Sepak Takraw teams.

Altogether 21 teams are taking part in the tournament which lasts five days. — MNA

Educative talks on women's affairs held

YANGON, 24 June — Work Group for the Prevention of Violence Against Women of the Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation this morning held educative talks on women's affairs at No 1 Automobile Factory in Mayangon Township.

The present on the occasion were MWAFF General Secretary Prof Dr Daw Khin Aye Win, Advisor Daw Mar Lar Tint Work Group for Prevention of Violence Against Women, members of MWAFF, Patron of Yangon Division Women's Affairs Federation Daw Khin Thet Htay, MWAFF's Work Group members Daw Moe Moe Myint, wife of Minister for Industry-2 Maj-Gen Saw Lwin, Daw Mi Mi Wai, wife of Deputy Minister Lt-Col Khin Maung Kyaw, directors-general, managing directors, directors, the general manager of the factory and staff, totalling some 400.

Prof Dr Khin Aye Win extended greetings. Secretary of the Work Group Daw Htay Htay lectured on preventive measures on violence against women and President of the Work Group Director of the Attorney-General's Office Daw Kyin San, on women rights.

Next, Daw Moe Moe Myint, wife of Minister for Industry-2 Maj-Gen Saw Lwin, presented K 100,000 donated by the Ministry of Industry-2 to the Work Group through Advisor Daw Mar Lar Tint. — MNA

With hands linked firm around the National Convention.