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Prime Minister previews Jade and Gems Special Sales 2004

YANGON, 25 June — Prime Minister of the State General Khin Nyunt previewed the display of the Jade and Gems Special Sales 2004 this evening.

Accompanied by officials of the State Peace and Development Council Office, the Prime Minister arrived at the exhibition at Myanmar Gems Emporium on Kaba Aye Pagoda Road here at 3 pm today.

On arrival, the Prime Minister was welcomed there by member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Tin Aye, Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Chairman Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe, ministers, the Yangon mayor, deputy ministers, members of the central committee for organizing the exhibition and officials. First, the Prime Minister and party viewed round the jewel shops and mosaics paintings shops of Myanmar Gems Enterprise and private industries. Officials of the central committee conducted the Prime Minister and party round the shops.

Next, the Prime Minister and party looked into commercial, utility and imperial jade blocks displayed in the compound. The Prime Minister and party also inspected gem lots, jade Buddha image, fine quality commercial jade lots on the top floor. Officials conducted the Prime Minister round the floor. Patron of the Central Committee for Organizing the Exhibition Minister for Mines Brig-Gen Ohn Myint reported on work done for the exhibition.

The Prime Minister gave necessary instructions to officials concerned. — MNA



Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt previews display of Gems and Jade Special Sales 2004 at Myanmar Gems Emporium.— MNA

Political parties submit proposals to Plenary Session of National Convention

YANGON, 25 June— The Plenary Session of the National Convention continued at Pyidaungsu Hall of Nyaungnabin Camp in Hmawby Township at 9 am today.

Union Kayin League, Kokang Democracy and Unity Party and Wa National Development Party from the Delegates Group of Political Parties which is one of the delegate

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 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, media personnel, 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 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

intellectual and intelligentia, 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

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Plenary Session of National Convention continues at Pyidaungsu Hall of Nyaungnabin Camp in Hmawby Township.— MNA

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

PERSPECTIVES

Saturday, 26 June, 2004

Towards drug-free nation through public cooperation

As narcotic drugs endanger the entire mankind, every country and region around the world is paying serious attention to drug control.

The problem of narcotic drugs is an evil legacy of the colonialists in Myanmar.

During their reign in Myanmar, they made various fabrications to exploit Myanmar and its citizens, to sow seeds of discord among national brethren and to impair national unity.

At the same time, allowing poppy cultivation led this harmful practice to take root in Myanmar. The cultivation of poppy and abuse of opiate derivatives not only diminished nationalism and patriotism of the entire national race but also weakened the nation's human resources. The colonialists intentionally used narcotic drugs as a destructive weapon.

Therefore, the Government, hand in hand with the people, is trying its best to wipe out this evil legacy from the soil of Myanmar.

In accord with the guidance of Head of State Senior General Than Shwe, the 15-year drug elimination plan has been laid down and is being implemented phase by phase since 1999.

In an effort to eradicate narcotic drugs, not only drug control measures have been taken but also arrangements to eliminate poppy cultivation have been made. In the regions where poppy is being cultivated, local national races are organized and encouraged to grow poppy-substitute crops, to carry out livestock breeding tasks and to conduct other businesses.

The New Destiny Project has also been laid down and is being implemented in Myanmar. The significant feature of the project is that teams led by ministers and deputy ministers made field trips to six regions which are included in the project and met with local farmers enabling them to establish poppy-substitute business. Moreover, cash, food and other necessary assistance were provided for local farmers and thus they willingly abandoned poppy cultivation. The Government is trying to eliminate narcotic drugs based on the strength of the national people and through cooperation with international community and neighbouring countries.

Although Myanmar has always been trying to eradicate narcotic drugs, some western powers have accused her of lacking in cooperation in drug control tasks. But, it can be seen that their drug organizations have acknowledged Myanmar's endeavours to eradicate narcotic drugs. At a time when the Government is accelerating its efforts to root out the problem of narcotic drugs, the entire people are urged to actively take part in the Government's endeavours to realize the goal.



Myanmar Women's Day
3rd July 2004

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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

Banking course for assistant managers of MEB concludes

YANGON, 25 June — A ceremony to mark the conclusion of the banking course No 1/2004 for assistant managers of Myanmar Economic Bank under the Ministry of Finance & Revenue was held at the training school on Pansodan Street here at 1 pm today.

Deputy Minister for Finance & Revenue Col Hla Thein Swe attended the closing ceremony and delivered an address.

Also present on the occasion were Vice-Governor of the Central Bank of Myanmar Col Than Nyein,



MEB Managing Director Col Hsan Tun, directors-general of departments under the ministry, officials, course instructors and trainees. — MNA



Deputy Minister for Finance & Revenue Col Hla Thein Swe delivers an address at the closing ceremony. — F&R

China (Chongqing, Sichuan) Export Commodities Exhibition (2004) on 29 June

YANGON, 25 June — A press conference on China (Chongqing, Sichuan) Export Commodities Exhibition (2004) was held at the Traders Hotel on Sule Pagoda Road here yesterday morning.

Trade representatives of Chongqing City and Sichuan Province Mr Zhou Hong and Mr Diao Helin explained matters on the exhibition. Economic and Commercial Counsellor Mr Tang Hai also briefed those present on the exhibition. Among the exhibits at the Export Commodities Exhibition will be locomotive, motorcycle, light truck, electric equipment, machine facilities, farm machines and implements, household appliances, water pumps, telecommunication facilities, etc.

The exhibition will be held from 29 June to 1 July at Yangon Trade Centre on Upper Pazundaung Road in Mingala Taungnyunt Township, here from 9.30 am to 5 pm daily. — MNA



The press conference of the Export Commodities Exhibition (2004) of Chongqing and Sichuan of the PRC in progress. — MNA



ANTI-DRUG ESSAY COMPETITION: To mark the International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking, the inter-school essay, poem and wall magazine competitions on combating drug menace were held at Insein BEHS-1 on Friday. Yangon North District Peace and Development Council Chairman Lt-Col Myat Min presents a prize to Ma Yadana Myint of Ninth Standard (B), who stood first in the essay competition. — (H)

နိုင်ငံတော်အစိုးရဌာနပိုင် မော်တော်ယာဉ်များမသုံးစွဲရနေ့

လစဉ်လ၏ ဒုတိယပတ် တနင်္ဂနွေနေ့နှင့်နောက်ဆုံးပတ် တနင်္ဂနွေနေ့တို့သည် ရုံးလုပ်ငန်းအတွက် မဖြစ်မနေသော လာရန် လိုအပ်သည်ကိုစွဲရပ်များမှအပ မော်တော်ယာဉ်များ မသုံးစွဲရနေ့ ဖြစ်သည်။

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မိုးမြိုင်မြိုင်ရွာသော မေလနောင်ရိုးနှင့် ဇွန်၊ ဇူလိုင်လများတွင် မြစ်၊ ချောင်း၊ အင်းအိုင် အနှံ့အပြား၌ ဥများဖြင့် ပြည့်နေသော ငါးမကြီးများနှင့် မျိုးရည်ပြည့်ဝသော ငါးမကြီးများသည် ဥချရန် နေရာရှာနေ၍ ငါးရစ်တက်ကြပါသည်။ ထိုငါးရစ်ငါးများကို ဖမ်းဆီးလိုက်ပါက ပေါက်ပွားလာမည့် သန်ပေါင်းများစွာသော နုနယ်လှသည့် သားပေါက်ငါးသန်များသည်လည်း သေကျေပျက်စီးကာ တစ်နိုင်ငံလုံး ဖုလုစာ 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 မိုးရာသီအချိန်များတွင် လွတ်လပ်စွာ ဥချသားပေါက်နိုင်ရန် ဖမ်းဆီးခြင်းမပြုဘဲ ဘေးမပေးကြပါရန် နှိုးဆော်အပ်ပါသည်။

ငါးလုပ်ငန်းဦးစီးဌာန၊ မွေးမြူရေးနှင့်ရေလုပ်ငန်းဝန်ကြီးဌာန

ဥကုပ်နေသောရေချိုပုစွန်ထုပ်ကြီးများဖမ်းရန် ပညာပေးနှိုးဆော်ချက် (၂/၉၇)

တန်ခူး၊ ကချင်၊ နယူးလမ်း၊ တွင် ဥကုပ်နေသော (သို့) ဥနှင့်ပြည့်ဝနေသော ရေချိုပုစွန်ထုပ်ကြီးများသည် မြန်မာနိုင်ငံတစ်ဝန်းလုံးရှိ မြစ်၊ ချောင်း၊ အင်းအိုင်များတွင် ဥချရန် ပြင်ဆင်လျက်ရှိပါသည်။ ၎င်းတို့မှ မကြာမီ ထောင်ပေါင်းများစွာသော ပုစွန်များလည်း ပေါက်ပွားလာတော့မည် ဖြစ်ပါသည်။ အကယ်၍ အဆိုပါဥကုပ်နေသော (သို့) ဥနှင့်ပြည့်ဝ နေသော ပုစွန်ထုပ်ကြီးများအား ဖမ်းဆီး သတ်ဖြတ်ခဲ့ပါက ၎င်းတို့မှ ပုစွန်သားလောင်းများ မပေါက်ပွားနိုင်တော့ဘဲ မျိုးပြုန်းတီးရာလည်း ရောက်စေပါသည်။ ရေချိုပုစွန်များ ပေါက်ပွားလာစေရန် ယခုကဲ့သို့ ဥကုပ်နေသော ရာသီချိန် များတွင် ဖမ်းဆီးခြင်းမပြုဘဲ ဘေးမပေးမှသာ ထုတ်လုပ်မှုအား မြှင့်တင်လာပြီး အမျိုးသားစီးပွားရေး ဖွံ့ဖြိုးလာမည် ဖြစ်ပါသည်။ ဥကုပ်နေသော (သို့) ဥနှင့်ပြည့်ဝနေသော ရေချိုပုစွန်ထုပ်ကြီးများအား ဖမ်းဆီးခြင်း၊ သတ်ဖြတ်ခြင်း၊ သယ်ယူခြင်း၊ သိုလှောင်ခြင်း၊ လက်ဝယ်ထားရှိခြင်း၊ အရောင်းအဝယ် ပြုလုပ်ခြင်းများ မပြုလုပ်ရန် မွေးမြူရေးနှင့် ရေလုပ်ငန်း ဝန်ကြီးဌာန၊ ငါးလုပ်ငန်းဦးစီးဌာနက အမိန့်ကြော်ငြာစာအမှတ် (၁/၉၂)ဖြင့် တားမြစ်ထားပါသည်။ အဆိုပါ တားမြစ်ချက်ကို လိုက်နာခြင်းမရှိပါက ရေချိုငါးလုပ်ငန်းဥပဒေပုဒ်မ (၄၂၊ ၄၄၊ ၄၅)ပါ ပြဌာန်းချက်များအရ တရားစွဲဆို အရေးယူခြင်းခံရမည် ဖြစ်ပါသည်။

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

ငါးလုပ်ငန်းဦးစီးဌာန၊ မွေးမြူရေးနှင့်ရေလုပ်ငန်းဝန်ကြီးဌာန

Majority of Americans now call Iraq war a mistake

WASHINGTON, 25 June—For the first time since the start of the war in Iraq, a majority of Americans now say the US-led invasion was a mistake, according to a USA Today/CNN/Gallup Poll released on Thursday.

Amid continuing violence in Iraq and questions about the justification for the war, 54 percent of the 1,005 Americans polled said it was a mistake to send US troops into Iraq, compared with 41 percent who held that view three weeks ago. The findings mark the first time since Vietnam that a majority of Americans has called a major deployment of US forces a mistake, USA Today reported on its web site.

In addition, the poll found that for the first time a majority also said the war in Iraq has made the United States less safe from terrorism. Fifty-five percent said the war has increased US vulnerability, compared to a December poll in which 56 percent said the war made the United States safer.

The war's original justification was to stop Iraq deploying weapons of mass destruction. None have been found.

President Bush has also said the Iraq mission would make America safer by bringing democracy to a key country

in the Middle East.

In Iraq on Thursday, insurgents killed about 100 people in a wave of attacks across the country aimed at sabotaging next week's transfer of power to an interim Iraqi government. Despite Americans' changing attitudes toward the war, the poll found Bush in a statistical dead heat with presumptive Democratic presidential nominee John Kerry. Among likely voters, Bush edged out Kerry 48 percent to 47 percent. Three weeks ago, Kerry led 49 percent to 43 percent.

In the new poll, 60 percent of respondents said they believe the Massachusetts Democrat could handle the job of commander-in-chief, but most Americans indicated they trust Bush more in that role, 51 percent to 43 percent.

The survey, conducted Monday through Wednesday, has a margin of error of plus or minus three percentage points.—Internet

Ron Reagan says Bush misled US on Iraq

LOS ANGELES, 25 June—Ron Reagan, the younger son of the late President Reagan, criticized the Bush administration's foreign policy, saying he believed the President misled Americans to gain support for the Iraq war.

"We lied our way into the war," he said on CNN's "Larry King Live" on Wednesday, referring to allegations that Saddam Hussein had weapons of mass destruction and direct connections to al-Qaida. "It's a terrible mistake, a terrible foreign policy error."

Reagan, 44, a vocal opponent of his father's conservative politics, said he would vote for anyone who could beat the current President.

Internet



An Iraqi pulls a smouldering piece of clothing from a destroyed vehicle at the scene of a car bomb explosion in Mosul, Iraq, on 24 June, 2004. — INTERNET

Arroyo proclaimed president-elect by Philippine Congress

MANILA, 24 June — The Philippine Congress on Thursday proclaimed incumbent Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo as the president-elect in the May 10 elections.

Arroyo's runningmate Senator Noli de Castro, at the same time, was proclaimed as the vice-president-elect. Senate President Franklin Drilon and Speaker of the House of Representatives Jose de Venecia jointly made the proclamation at a joint session of Congress before dawn Thursday after more than 10 hours of debates on a report of the joint congressional canvassing committee.

Only Congress has the sole power to canvass the votes for presidential and vice-presidential candidates and proclaim the winners.

Arroyo, standard-bearer of the ruling coalition the

Koalisyon ng Katapatan at Karanasan Para sa Kinabukasan (Coalition of Honesty and Experience for the Future), won 12,905,808 votes out of the 32,269,100 votes cast for president, show the final official results released by the joint canvassing committee.

She led her nearest rival movie star Fernando Poe Jr by more than 1.12 million votes. Poe, standard-bearer of the opposition coalition of Koalisyon ng Nagkakaisang Pilipino (Coalition of United Filipinos), garnered 11,782,232 votes. De Castro had 15,100,431 votes in the vice-presidential race, as

against the 14,218,709 votes for his closest rival, Poe's runningmate Senator Loren Legarda. The candidate with the highest number of votes is proclaimed the winner of the presidential or the vice-presidential race, the country's Constitution stipulates.

There were five presidential candidates and four vice-presidential bets contending in the bitterly contested May 10 polls, when voters were also asked to elect 12 out of the 24 senators, as many as 265 members of the House of Representatives and over 17,000 local elective posts from provincial governor to town councillor.

MNA/Xinhua

India, Pakistan to reopen Karachi, Mumbai consulates

NEW DELHI, 24 June — India and Pakistan have agreed "in principle" to reopen their consulates in Karachi and Mumbai a decade after they were closed.

The two countries have also agreed to restore the strength of their respective high commissions to 110, the Indo-Asian News Service re-

ported.

The agreement was reached during talks between Indian External Affairs Minister K Natwar Singh and his Pakistani counterpart, Khurshid Mehmood Kasuri, on the sidelines of the Asia Cooperation Dialogue (ACD) meeting in the Chinese city of Qingdao, External Affairs Ministry spokes-

man Navtej Sarna said Wednesday.

The Indian Consulate in Karachi began to function in 1978, while the Pakistani Consulate in Mumbai was opened in the early 1990s.

Both were closed down in December 1994 following heightened tensions.

MNA/Xinhua

About 100 die in guerilla attacks in five Iraq cities

BAGHDAD, 24 June—About 100 people were killed and several hundred wounded in Iraq on Thursday when guerillas launched bloody assaults in five cities to disrupt next week's formal handover to Iraqi rule.

Three US soldiers were among those killed in bold assaults on Iraqi security forces in Baghdad and the mainly Sunni Muslim cities of Baquba, Fallujah and Ramadi.

Iraq's third largest city Mosul was the worst hit, with suicide bombings killing 62 people and wounding 220, said a senior military official with the US-led coalition.

At least seven large explosions shook Mosul, and local television stations ordered residents to stay at home. Police blocked all major roads and announced a dusk-to-dawn curfew. The US military said an American soldier had been killed and three wounded in the blasts. It said a security guard was killed in a separate attack on a private security firm.

Gunfire rattled across Mosul as guerillas fought running battles with US troops

and Iraqi police.

Fighting in Anbar province, which includes Fallujah and Ramadi in the Sunni heartlands of central Iraq, killed at least nine people and wounded 27, the Health Ministry said.

Four Iraqi national guardsmen were killed and two civilians wounded by a car bomb blast in southern Baghdad, an officer in the force said. Hospital staff put the death toll at five. The US Army said two soldiers had been killed and seven wounded in an ambush in Baquba. The Health Ministry said 13 people had been killed and 15 wounded in the town. In Ramadi, guerillas fired mortars at two police stations and the governor's house in Ramadi, 110 km (68 miles) west of Baghdad. Allawi said the governor was not there at the time. —Internet

Japan eyes universal postal services after privatizing reform

TOKYO, 24 June—The Japanese Government is considering retaining certain rates of equity stake in the country's postal services even after they are privatized, Kyodo News reported Tuesday.

The plan is meant to ensure universal service of the highly public postal serv-

ices remains in line with the Universal Postal Convention, of which Japan is a member.

According to Kyodo, Article 1 of the postal convention says postal services should be provided permanently and at reasonable costs in any postal territory the convention covers.

In addition, Japan Post, the public entity that runs the country's postal services, is legally required to provide universal service, which includes having post offices in all municipalities and charging uniform fees across the country.

MNA/Xinhua



US soldiers check out the scene along the main highway entrance into Baquba, Iraq during battles in the city between Iraqi armed militants and US troops and Iraqi police on 24 June, 2004. — INTERNET

US lacks standardized rules for Iraq contractors

WASHINGTON, 25 June—The Defence Department lacks standardized rules for most issues involving private contractors accompanying US forces in Iraq, including whether they may carry arms, the Pentagon's top weapons buyer told Congress on Thursday.

The Pentagon hopes to publish final standardized rules in October to remedy that, Michael Wynne, acting undersecretary of defence for acquisition, technology and logistics, told a panel of the House of Representatives Armed Services Committee.

More than 50 of the estimated 20,000 people working for US contractors have been killed in Iraq since the March 2003 US-led invasion, Wynne said, about two-thirds of them in "military-style" actions and the others in accidents unrelated to battle. Contractors are typically responsible for their own security in Iraq.

Hundreds of companies work for the United States and other governments in roles once carried out by uniformed troops. Some guard key installations and individuals, while others do laundry and serve meals. Some have more personnel on the ground in Iraq than do allied armies in the US-led coalition.

"Currently, the procurement regulations do not have a

standardized approach for addressing most issues that deal with contractors accompanying the forces engaged in contingency, humanitarian, peacekeeping or combat operations outside the United States," Wynne testified.

Instead, individual offices deal with such issues on a contract-by-contract basis, "negotiating unique terms and conditions for each contract," he said.

The question of whether contractors should be given blanket authority to carry arms in Iraq was a matter of "significant controversy," Wynne said, citing potential contractual and liability disputes.

Currently, the decision on whether contractors may bear arms is up to front-line US combatant commanders, a policy lawmakers derided.

"Evidently, our contractors are the only people in Iraq who aren't armed," said Representative Joel Hefley, a Colorado Republican who chairs the subcommittee on readiness that held the hearing. "It boggles my mind."—*Internet*

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Gore says Bush lied about Iraq to push for war

WASHINGTON, 25 June—Former US Vice President Al Gore on Thursday accused President Bush of telling "an artful and important lie" soon after the September 11 attacks to set the stage for war on Iraq.

"Beginning very soon after the attacks of 9/11, President Bush made a decision to start mentioning Osama bin Laden and Saddam Hussein in the same breath in a cynical mantra designed to fuse them together as one in the public's mind," Gore said in a speech at Georgetown University Law Centre.

Gore, a Democrat who lost to Bush in a White House race ultimately decided by the Supreme Court despite winning the popular vote in 2000, cited the recent report by the September 11 commission saying no credible evidence existed of a link between the Iraqi leader and bin Laden.—*Internet*



Conservative Iranians protest against the release of British sailors at Teheran's Mehrabad airport, on 24 June, 2004. Eight British servicemen were freed on Thursday after three nights in the hands of Iranian Revolutionary Guards, ending a diplomatic wrangle that had threatened to inflame tensions over Britain's presence in Iraq. — INTERNET

Ukraine seamen detail Iraq prison torture

UKRAINE, 24 June — Two Ukrainian merchant seamen, who ended up in Abu Ghraib prison after being arrested in August, were kept naked and hooded for hours during their 10 months imprisonment, a top human rights official said Thursday.

Nina Karpachova, Ukraine's ombudsman for human rights, refused to specify whether American troops were involved in the alleged torture, but said, "we know who was in charge of Abu Ghraib." The American-run prison is at the center of allegations that coalition forces in Iraq have abused prisoners.

Tanker M/V Navstar captain Mykola Mazurenko and first mate Ivan Soshchenko were arrested in August by the British navy in the port of Umm Qasr for alleged oil smuggling and sentenced to seven years in prison by an Iraqi court. The two were extradited recently on condition they serve the rest of their sentence at home.

Mazurenko and Soshchenko reportedly

claimed that while in Abu Ghraib they were frequently "subjected to sleep deprivation, kept naked for hours and hooded," Karpachova told a news conference.

Prisoners were often "gassed with tear gas" and forced to "lick food straight from the floor," Karpachova said, citing letters she recently received from the seamen. Karpachova said the two "are in serious health condition."

Markiyani Lubkivskiy, a Foreign Ministry spokesman, said the seamen's claims would be investigated and "if it is true ... we will raise the case to the international level and do everything to protect the rights of our citizens including financial compensation."—*Internet*

China, Kazakhstan vow to promote all-round cooperation

ASTANA, 24 June—Visiting Chinese senior party official Li Changchun on Wednesday exchanged views with Kazakh Prime Minister Daniyal Akhmetov on the all-round development and promotion of mutually beneficial cooperation.

Li, a member of the Standing Committee of the Political Bureau of the Communist Party of China (CPC) Central Committee, said China and Kazakhstan are mutually complementary in economy and trade and have broad prospects of further development.

As long as both sides sincerely implement the consensus reached between the two heads of state and relevant agreements signed and give full play to the mechanism of the cooperation committee of the two nations, the mutually beneficial cooperation would make new progress, Li said.

Noting that China is Kazakhstan's biggest trade partner, Akhmetov said the successful economic and trade cooperation between the two countries has contributed to Kazakhstan's economic and social development and laid a solid found-

ation for all-round development of bilateral ties.

He also expressed the hope that both sides could further promote bilateral cooperation in energy and hi-tech sectors and iron ore trade.

Li, who arrived in Alma-ata on Sunday for an official goodwill visit to the country, also had talks on Tuesday with Zharmakhan Tuyakbayev, speaker of the Lower House of the Kazakh Parliament and Vice-President of the Otan Party.

Speaking highly of the Sino-Kazakh relations, Li stressed that both sides are facing a historic opportunity to promote bilateral ties to a higher level, as some bilateral issues left over by history have been solved and created a precondition for improving bilateral ties.

The Sino-Kazakh good-neighbourly treaty of friendship and cooperation signed

in 2002 has established a legal basis for bilateral ties, while cooperation in various sectors have paved the way for all-round development of bilateral ties, Li added.

He expressed the hope that both sides could join hands to usher in a new era for the good-neighbourly bilateral ties and mutually beneficial cooperation.

Tuyakbayev said the Kazakh Government is satisfied with the rapid development of the bilateral ties and is willing to draw on China's precious experiences in economic reform, construction and social development and to expand mutually beneficial cooperation for common prosperity.

Both sides also positively evaluated the bilateral parliamentary and party exchanges.

MNA/Xinhua

Japan's Mazda, China's FAW to co-develop luxury sedan

TOKYO, 24 June — Major Japanese automaker Mazda Motor Corp will strengthen ties with China FAW Group Corp by jointly developing a remodelled compact luxury car and outsourcing production of a mainline minivan, a

Japanese business daily reported Wednesday. The company aims to sell 300,000 vehicles in China in 2010 by adding eight models to its product line-up in the Chinese market in three to four years, *Nihon Keizai Shimbun*

reported. China FAW, which develops its current compact luxury sedan with the help of Germany's Audi AG, plans to replace Audi with Mazda as its development partner for the remodelled version.

MNA/Xinhua



An injured Iraqi man walks down the street outside the hospital in Baqouba, Iraq after battles in the city between Iraqi armed militants and US troops and Iraqi police on 24 June, 2004. —INTERNET

At least 11 killed in attack on Iraq police station

BAQUBA (Iraq), 25 June — At least 11 Iraqis were killed on Thursday when guerillas attacked a police station in the town of Baquba with assault rifles and rocket-propelled grenades, witnesses said.

They said the black-clad gunmen continued to roam around Baquba, 40 miles northeast of the capital, and had taken control of the town's main intersection, attacking any Iraqi police or US troops they encountered.

Gunmen attacked a police patrol car carrying at least three policemen, witnesses said. The number of casualties could not immediately be confirmed but they were mainly police and civilians.

Residents said they did not know the gunmen, many of whom wore yellow headbands bearing the name of a Muslim militant group called "Saraya al-Tawhid and Jihad" (Battalions of Unification and Holy War).

MNA/Reuters

US war on Iraq worsens regional situation, said Mahathir

DAMASCUS, 24 June — Visiting former Malaysian Prime Minister Mahathir Mohammed criticized here Wednesday the US war on Iraq, saying it has made the regional situation even worse.

"It is a wrong step to wage the war against Iraq in the first place," Mahathir said in an interview to the official SANA news agency.

"We had wrote to US President (George W Bush) and ask him not to wage the war, because it will worsen the regional situation," he said, adding "we can see today what we had said has proven to be true."

"The war can overthrow the (former) Iraqi government, but it cannot control Iraq, because the Iraqi people will resist for the liberation of their country," Mahathir stressed.

Mahathir arrived here Monday for a three-day visit for talks on educational cooperations between the two countries.

MNA/Xinhua



An Iraqi youth carries a wounded boy away from the scene of one of the four car bomb explosions, targeting police force in Iraq's northern city of Mosul, on 24 June, 2004. — INTERNET

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Militants launch wide-scale attacks across Iraq

BAGHDAD, 25 June — Anti-US guerillas launched a series of coordinated attacks in Sunni-dominated region of Iraq on Thursday morning in what was seen as a bid aimed to destabilize the transfer of power on June 30.

The Health Ministry said that 85 people, including three American soldiers, were killed in the attacks from Mosul in the north to Baquba, Ramadi and Fallujah in central Iraq. At least 320 people, including 11 US soldiers, were wounded.

Nineteen Iraqi policemen and two US soldiers were killed in multiple assaults targeting governmental buildings and police stations in Baquba, 60 kilometres northeast of Baghdad.

At least six policemen and seven US soldiers were also wounded in the attacks, in which the attackers occupied a police station in the conflicting area, according to Qatar-based al-Jazeera news channel.

Coalition forces withdrew from the town after two US military vehicles caught fire,

and immediately sent war planes back to the scene, firing on ground targets.

Following the withdrawal, groups of armed men wearing civilian clothes and masks waved weapons and flags in the empty streets.

Pamphlets were distributed, claiming that Abu Mussab Zarqawi, a terror leader suspected of link to Osama bin Laden's al-Qaida group, waged the attacks to revenge for US airstrikes in Fallujah, which also witnessed fierce fighting on Thursday morning.

Almost simultaneously, five car bombings rocked the northern Iraqi city of Mosul, leaving at least 44 people dead and 216 others injured, a substantial part of whom were Iraqi policemen as police stations were the main targets.

The first of the bombings was said to be a suicide attack, which took place in front of a police station in the Kurdish-controlled city.

There were also reports saying a total of seven blasts took place in Mosul other than five.

In the meantime, The US army confirmed that one of their soldiers was killed in Mosul, but gave no further details.

In the insurgency hotbed of Fallujah, 50 km west of Baghdad, US marines moved to the urban area, from where they had kept away for seven weeks under a ceasefire with the fighters. Heavy fighting was reported inside the city, but the casualties were not immediately known.

MNA/Xinhua

Iran spends \$5b annually on drug fight

TEHERAN, 24 June — An Iranian official said Wednesday that the country spends some 43,000 billion rials (about 5 billion US dollars) on anti-drug programmes, the official IRNA news agency reported.

The figure includes the sums spent on combating trafficking as well as prevention and treatments of addicts, Ali Hashemi, head of Iran's Drug Control Headquarters, was quoted as saying.

The illicit drugs distributed in Iran are mostly smuggled from Afghanistan, whose annual drug production has skyrocketed from 250 tons to 5,500 tons in the past 22 years, Hashemi said.

Official statistics showed that in 1998 there were about two million addicts in Iran, among whom 800,000 were occasional users and the rest hardcore addicts. Anti-drug police seized over 221 tons of various illicit drugs throughout Iran last year and between 90,000 to 100,000 drug addicts were treated during the same period.

Iran sits in the crossroad linking drug producing Afghanistan and Pakistan and markets in the Persian Gulf states, Central Asia, western Europe and other regions. — MNA/Xinhua

Vice-Premier says China-EU ties see rapid growth

BEIJING, 25 June — The mutually beneficial ties between China and the European Union (EU) witnessed rapid growth, Chinese Vice-Premier Wu Yi said here Thursday.

In a meeting with Erkki Liikanen, a member of the EU Commission, Wu said, as comprehensive and strategic partners, China and the EU are highly complementary in economy and the bilateral trade has seen rapid growth.

Statistics from China showed that China-EU trade scored a year-on-year growth of 37.5 per cent to 48.74 billion US dollars in the first four months of this year.

China and the EU also enjoyed good cooperation in the fields of science and technology, education, culture, environment protection, energy and quality inspection, she said. In the meeting, Wu and Liikanen exchanged views on bilateral economic cooperation and pledged to further China-EU comprehensive cooperation for its better development in the future.

Liikanen was in China at the invitation of China's State Administration of Quality Supervision, Inspection and Quarantine (SAQSIQ). — MNA/Xinhua

Mubarak appears on state TV from hospital room

CAIRO, 25 June — Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak appeared on Egyptian state television from his hospital room in Germany on Thursday and said he was helping out the government when the need arose and did not expect to be away long.

Sitting up in a striped dressing gown, Mubarak said he would continue with physiotherapy for his slipped disc and would not have an operation unless doctors decided that the physiotherapy was not working. It was his first appearance since he arrived in the hospital in Munich on Sunday.

Looking relaxed and informal, Mubarak said: "I am still at work here to some extent, not all work. The government is working, and if there is any need I talk to them and so there's no problem from that point of view."

"It's as though I'm on a week's vacation. So I'm relaxing a little. In any case... as soon as I finish the treatment, straight away, whether by physiotherapy or anything else, God willing, I'll come back and carry on in Cairo," he added.

Mubarak flew to Germany on Sunday and expected to have an operation for a slipped disc on Monday morning. But doctors recommended that he continue with physiotherapy and said an operation might not be necessary.

MNA/Reuters

Firm of slain Korean set to suspend Iraq business

SEOUL, 25 June — The trading company employing a young South Korean killed by Islamic militants in Iraq will pull all of its Korean workers out of the country and suspend operations there, media reports said on Wednesday. Militants beheaded 33-year-old Kim Sun-il, an Arabic interpreter, on Tuesday after South Korea refused their demand to withdraw its troops from Iraq and scrap plans to send more.

"I feel sorry to have brought the deceased's family and the Korean people so much anxiety," Kim Chun-ho, the president of the firm employing Kim, Cana General Trading, was quoted by Yonhap News as saying from the Iraqi capital, Baghdad. Yonhap said the firm had 16 Korean workers, although the Korea Trade-Investment Promotion Agency put the figure at 12. The company, which shifted its workers this week to a hotel in Baghdad, could not immediately be contacted by Reuters.

Yonhap said the president was a devout Christian and the name of the company, which donated 10 per cent of its profit for missionary work, was a biblical reference. — MNA/Reuters



Iraqi police secure the scene after a car bomb explosions which targeted the local police force in Iraq's northern city of Mosul, on 24 June, 2004. Guerillas killed 75 people in a wave of attacks across Iraq aimed at sabotaging the handover to Iraqi rule in six days' time. — INTERNET



Iraqis gather around a destroyed vehicle at the scene of a car bomb which killed a three-year-old girl and a policeman in western Baghdad on 22 June, 2004.



Iraqi Jalal Hazem lies in a hospital bed with burns covering his body after he was injured in an explosion, which also killed his 3-year-old daughter, in Baghdad, Iraq, on 22 June, 2004.



An Iraqi woman holds her wounded son after a bomb attack in the capital of Baghdad, on 22 June, 2004.

Images of Iraq



An Iraqi girl looks out of a window in a wall covered with bullet holes, in the village of Buhriz, Iraq, near Baqouba, 50 kilometers (35 miles) northeast of Baghdad, on 20 June, 2004.



Iraqis look at a crater in a parking lot after an overnight precision strike by the US military in the restive city of Fallujah on 23 June, 2004.



An Iraqi boy checks the destruction on the roof of his house in Baghdad's Shiite neighborhood of Sadr City, following clashes between US army and militiamen on 20 June, 2004.



Workers seen repairing damaged Kirkuk-Turkey pipeline on 23 June, 2004.



An Iraqi man looks through the remains of his bedroom at his home in the village of Buhriz, Iraq, near Baqouba, 50 kilometers (35 miles) northeast of Baghdad, on 20 June, 2004.

New and fast developments throughout Myanmar



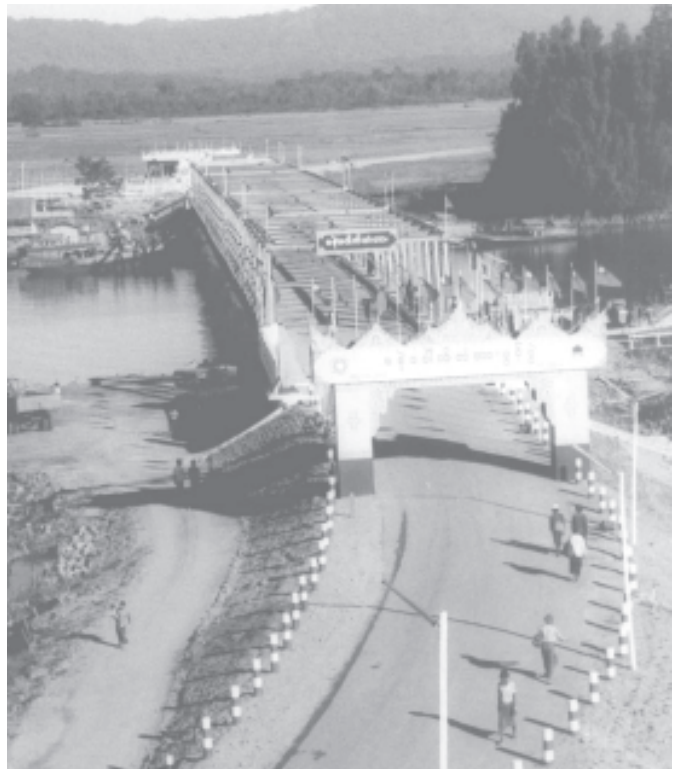
Developing Panwa in Kachin State. — PBANRDA



A new hospital built in Pauk, Magway Division. — IPRD



A rural house built by Development Affairs Committee in Daka village, Kangyidaunt Township, Ayeyawady Division. — PBANRDA



Sanepauk bridge across Sanepauk creek is 789 feet long and it lies on Yangon-Kyaukpyu road in An Township, Rakhine State. — MNA

Border and rural area developments



With water storage capacity of 228,000 acre feet, Swa Chaung Dam benefits people living in Yedashe Township, Toungoo District, Bago Division. — MYANMA ALIN

Message from UN Secretary-General Mr Kofi Annan on the occasion of International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking "Drugs: Treatment Works"

YANGON, 26 June — The following is the message of Secretary-General Mr Kofi Annan, in commemoration of the International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking.

One of the most damaging misconceptions about use abuse is that it is a permanent problem. The truth is that treatment for drug abuse can work, and can restore value and dignity to a person's life. The theme for this year's International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking, "Drugs: Treatment Works", aims to correct this misconception, and convey the facts about drug abuse treatment, based on the latest and most reliable evidence and research.

Millions of people worldwide have been directly affected by drug problems — those who are dependent, as well as their families. Their lives have been disrupted, their health undermined, their education interrupted, their jobs lost, their families broken. People with drug-related problems, and their families and friends, need to know that there is a way out, and that effective help is available in different forms, depending on the needs and situation of each individual.

Today we have a better understanding of the mechanism of dependence. We know that dependence is a chronic and, in many cases, relapsing disorder. We know that, like many other chronic disorders, there are effective interventions that can help those affected to adopt productive lifestyles, avoid and reduce physical and mental health problems, improve family relationships, regain and retain child custody, and find better housing and employment opportunities.

We also know that drug-abuse treatment helps communities, by reducing criminality and the risks of transmission of blood-borne infectious diseases, particularly HIV/AIDS, and by allowing them to benefit from the contributions of healthier, more productive and better-integrated individuals and families.

Policy makers need to bear in mind that treatment is a cost-effective way to tackle not only the health and social consequences of drug abuse, but also to reduce the associated costs of medical care, social welfare and criminal justice interventions. The United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime has a variety of tools available at www.unodc.org to help clarify the facts about drug-abuse treatment.

On this International Day against Drug Abuse, I call on everyone to examine and take into account the strong evidence about drug-abuse treatment and its effectiveness. When treatment works, it benefits us all.

MNA

Development of JV airlines discussed

YANGON, 25 June — A meeting was held for development of domestic airlines launching joint-venture services with the Myanmar Airways this morning at the Ministry of Transport. Minister for Transport Maj-Gen Hla Myint Swe, Officer on Special Duty Brig-Gen Myo Tin, Managing Director of MA U Tin Hlaing Hmee, chairmen of joint-venture airlines and officials were also present. Speaking on the occasion, the minister said that airlines will have to make necessary preparations for the convenience of the increasing number of passengers during the open season. U Tin Hlaing Hmee reported on flight programmes of the AM during the open season, and Brig-Gen Myo Tin gave a supplementary report.

Chairmen of the joint-venture airlines reported on accomplishments sector-wise. The minister looked into the requirements. — MNA

e-Government course concludes

YANGON, 25 June — The e-Government Workshop Training Course for Senior Officials, the Basic Electronics Course and the English Language Course, organized by the Myanmar Posts and Telecommunications of the Ministry of Communications, Posts and Telegraphs, concluded with ceremony at the Communications and Postal Training Centre at 9 am today. On behalf of the CPT Minister, Managing Director U Maung Maung Tin of Myanmar Posts and Telecommunications gave a speech and presented certificates and prizes to representatives of trainees and outstanding trainees.

Altogether 28 senior officers of 27 ministries attended the e-Government Workshop Training Course and 36 trainees attended other courses. — MNA

Message from CCDAC Chairman Minister for Home Affairs Col Tin Hlaing on occasion of International Day against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking

YANGON, 26 June — The following is a translation of the message from Chairman of the Central Committee for Drug Abuse Control Committee Minister for Home Affairs Col Tin Hlaing, in commemoration of the International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking.

The theme for this year's International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking is "Drugs: Treatment Works" and it has been chosen to highlight the responses by various nations of the world to the challenge of drugs and their efforts to deal with it.

The Central Committee for Drug Abuse Control has taken the responsibility of laying down the 15 years plan for the eradication of drugs in Myanmar and to accomplish it, it has laid down 2 strategies, 3 tactics and 3 techniques for the implementation of this plan. The 3 tactics are Supply Reduction, Demand Reduction and Law Enforcement. Thus the second tactic, Demand Reduction is in accordance with the United Nations' theme for this year, "Drugs: Treatment Works".

On this International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking which falls on 26 June, today, I would like to urge the people of Myanmar, together with the Committees for Drug Abuse Control in the various States and Divisions, Districts and Townships to assist in the Treatment and Rehabilitation activities for drug addicts in their respective regions with the aim of helping them regain a life free of drugs.

In accordance with the tactic for the elimination of drug abuse in Myanmar, two centers for the development of youth, Shwe Pyi Thar and Shwe Pyi Aye have been established and are providing medical treatment and rehabilitation for drug addicts under the direct supervision of the Central Committee for Drug Abuse Control. In addition, the Shwe Pyi Thit Youth Development Center is under construction in Teema Village, Muse Township in the Northern Shan State. This center will be ready in the near future to give medical treatment and provide rehabilitation for drug addicts.

Similarly, under the direct supervision of the Department of Social Welfare, 6 rehabilitation centers have been established in the States and Divisions where drug addicts are being rehabilitated after the completion of medical treatment. In addition, 26 major treatment centers and 40 minor treatment centers have been opened in the States and Divisions under the direct supervision of the Department of Health to give medical treatment to drug addicts. In the townships where there are no Drug Treatment Centers, the Township Hospitals of the Department of Health are authorized to provide drug abuse treatment.

In the World Drug Report issued by the United Nations Office for Drugs and Crime (UNODC), for this year, it is estimated that there are about 185 million drug users all over the world, which is about 3% of the world's population or 4.7% of the people between the ages of 15 to 64 years. In Myanmar, according to baseline statistics updated in January 2004, there are altogether 63,615 addicts while the Department of Health reports reveal a cumulative figure of 64,330 registered drug addicts. Therefore, it can be seen that it is necessary to provide drug abuse treatment and rehabilitation for drug users in Myanmar.

The wrong notion that "Once an addict, always an addict" should be dispelled. It is firmly believed that given enough time and effort, an addict will be able to become drug free and re-enter the mainstream society and will be able to contribute in a positive manner towards the betterment of the society in which he lives in.

Therefore, in conclusion, I would like to urge all the people of our country to act in accordance with the United Nations' theme for the year 2004, "Drugs: Treatment Works" and join hands with the Government to participate enthusiastically in the activities of providing drug abuse treatment and rehabilitation for drug users. — MNA

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International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking
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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

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၂။ ဖြစ်ပွားရသည့်အကြောင်းရင်းမှာ-

(က) မိုးညိုကျွန်းပြင်တွင် လှိုင်းလိုလိုလှာသည့် အချိန်တစ်ပါးသော သရက်သီး၊ ပိန္နဲသီး၊ ဖရဲသီး၊ ကြက်မောက်သီး၊ မင်းဂွတ်သီး စသည်သစ်သီးဝလံများ၏ အခွံ အစေ့ စသည်များကို စည်းကမ်းမဲ့ မဆင်မခြင် စွန့်ပစ်ခြင်းကြောင့် ယင်ပေါများခြင်း၊

(ခ) ရာသီဥတုအမူအရာပြောင်းလဲမှုများကို စားသုံးခြင်း၊

(ဂ) မိုးရွာပြီးရေတင်ရေဝပ်သဖြင့် ရေအိုင်၊ ရေကန်၊ ရေမြောင်း၊ ပိတ်ခြင်းနှင့် ချွေယိုပိတ်ပေါင်းထူထပ်၍ မြင်ပေါက်ဖွားခြင်း၊

(ဃ) ရာသီဥတု အပြောင်းအလဲဖြစ်၍ အပူရှိန်မြင့်၊ အအေးပတ်ခြင်း၊

(င) ပတ်ဝန်းကျင်သန့်ရှင်းမှုနှင့် တစ်ကိုယ်ရေသန့်ရှင်းမှု နည်းပါးခြင်း၊

(စ) ကျန်းမာရေးနှင့်ညီသည့်အသိပညာနှင့် အလေ့အကျင့်အားနည်းခြင်း၊

၃။ အောက်ဖော်ပြပါတို့ကို လိုက်နာကျင့်သုံးခြင်းဖြင့် ဖော်ပြပါ ရောဂါများ ကူးစက်ပျံ့နှံ့ခြင်းမှ ကာကွယ်တားဆီးနိုင်မည် ဖြစ်ပါသည်။

(က) အမူအရာပြောင်းလဲမှုများကို စားသုံးခြင်းမှ ရှောင်ပါ။

(ခ) ယင်နာစားများကို မဆင်မခြင် စားသုံးခြင်းမှ ရှောင်ပါ။

(ဂ) စားကြွင်းစားကျန် အမှိုက်သရိုက်များနှင့် အညစ်အကြေးများကို စည်းကမ်းမဲ့ စွန့်ပစ်ခြင်းမှရှောင်ကြဉ်ပါ။

(ဃ) မိသားစုအတွင်းကျန်းမာရေးအသိပညာဖြန့်ဝေပါ။ လိုက်နာကျင့်သုံးပါ။

(င) တစ်ကိုယ်ရေ သန့်ရှင်းရေးကို ဂရုပြုလိုက်နာဆောင်ရွက်ပါ။

(စ) ရေကိုကျိုချက်၍ သောက်ပါ။

(ဆ) လတ်ဆတ်သန့်ရှင်းသည့် အသီးအနှံနှင့် အစားအစာများကို ပူပူနွေးနွေး ချက်ပြုတ်စားသုံးပါ။

(ဇ) ရာသီဥတု အပူအအေး အပြောင်းအလဲကို သတိရှိပါ။

(ဈ) ပတ်ဝန်းကျင်သန့်ရှင်းရေးလုပ်ငန်းနှင့် မြင်နှိမ်နှင်းရေး လုပ်ငန်းများကို အမျိုးသားရေးအမြင်ဖြင့် ပိုင်ဝန်းစုပေါင်းဆောင်ရွက်ပါ။

(ည) ရောဂါတစ်မျိုးဖြစ်ပွားပျံ့နှံ့ပါက ကျန်းမာရေးဌာနသို့ အမြန်သတင်းပို့ပါ။

(ဋ) လိုအပ်ပါက နီးစပ်ရာဆေးပေးခန်းဆေးရုံများသို့ အချိန်မီသွားရောက် ပြသစစ်ဆေး ကုသမှုခံယူပါ။ ကျန်းမာရေးဝန်ကြီးဌာန

Political parties submit proposals...

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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, representatives of peace groups from Shan State (North) Special Region-1, Shan State (North) Special

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, Nyeinchanyay Myothit Group of Hpa-an Township of Kayin State which exchanged arms for peace, Shan State National Army, the group led by U Saw Tun

Committee Chief Justice U Aung Toe and Work Committee members, Chairman of the Management Committee Auditor-General Maj-Gen Lun Maung and Management Committee members and NC delegates signed the attendance registers at Pyidaungsu Hall where the National Convention is being held and the Recreation Centre.

U Tun Yin Law of the Delegate Group of Political Parties presided over the plenary session together with National Convention Convening Work Committee member Daw Khin Nu, U



NCCC Chairman Secretary-2 Lt-Gen Thein Sein signs the attendance register.— MNA



Members of the Panel of Chairmen and delegates seen at Plenary Session of National Convention.— MNA



Director (Meeting) U Than Aung of National Convention Convening Commission Office acts as master of ceremonies.— MNA



U Nyi Pa Loke of Wa National Development Organization.— MNA



U Mahn Tin Maung (a) U Mahn Myo Nyunt of Union Kayin League.— MNA



U Yan Kyint Kan of Kokang Democracy and Unity Party.— MNA



U Saw Than Aung of Union Kayin League.— MNA

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 Democratic Party (KNDP) Dragon Group,

Oo of Rakhine State, 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).

Before the plenary session, Chairman of the Commission Secretary-2 Lt-Gen Thein Sein and Commission members, Chairman of the Work

Yaw Aye Hla of the Delegate Group of Representatives-elect, U Maung Hla (a) U Hla Myint of the Delegate Group of National Races, U Mya Aye of the Delegate Group of Peasants, Dr Myo Thant Tin of the Delegate Group of Workers, Dr U Thein Oo Po Saw of the Delegate Group of Intellectual and Intelligia, Maj-Gen Aung Thein of the Delegate Group of State Service Personnel and U Tun Aung Chien of the Delegate Group of Other

Invited Persons.

Director (Meeting) U Than Aung of the National Convention Convening Work Committee acted as master of ceremonies and Deputy Director U Aung Kyi as co-master of ceremonies. The master of ceremonies announced the start of the meeting with the permission of the chairman as there were 1,074 delegates out of 1,088 listed, accounting for 98.71 per cent. Next, political parties of the Delegate Group

of Political Parties read out 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.

First, U Saw Than Aung and U Mahn Tin Maung (a) U Mahn Myo Nyunt of the Union Kayin League presented the proposal of their party in two parts.

Afterwards, U Yan Kyint Kan of Kokang Democracy

and Unity Party submitted the proposal of his party. The plenary session was recessed at 10 am. The Plenary Session continued at 10.30 am. U Nyi Pa Loke of Wa National Development Party read out the proposal of his party. Next, the Plenary Session was adjourned at 11.25 am.

The Plenary Session of the National Convention will continue at 9 am on 28 June (Monday).

MNA



NC delegates seen on arrival at National Convention.— MNA



NC delegates seen at Plenary Session of National Convention.— MNA



Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than formally unveils the stone inscription of Khawa Dam at the opening ceremony. — MNA

Khawa Dam opened in Padaung Township,...

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environmental greening and favourable weather condition.

Bago Division with abundant land and water resources contributes much to the State economy through agriculture. Thus, the government built 40 dams, diversion weirs and sluice gates with other eight projects under implementation in the division.

The dam is a part of the Ayeyawady west bank development project in Bago Division. It will irrigate 2,000 acres and supply potable water to the villages in the surrounding areas. The dam will help promote cultivation of the division. As 2,000 acres of land can be put under multiple cropping, the dam will help raise the income of the over 7,000 farmers in the 12 villages of the three village-tracts in the area. As the division is an important agricultural region, farmers will have to make efforts with zeal, effectively using the land and water resources, to develop cultivation for the interest of the nation and theirs.

Of the ten main crops, the division has targeted to extend monsoon paddy up to three million acres. Efforts should be made for exceeding the target, and to extend other seasonal and perennial crops including rubber, oil palm, thitsein, coffee, tea and pepper, depending on climate and soil conditions. Technical know-how has been disseminated continuously to farmers to enable them to produce and use high-yield crop strains. Moreover, the Government laid down and is implementing the five rural development tasks, with goodwill, for socio-economic development of the village people.

Understanding the Government's goodwill, farmers should strive together with the Government for national and regional development undertakings and successful materialization of seven-point future political programme of the State.

In conclusion, he urged local people to effectively use water from the dam, to strive for the success of the agricultural sector and to maintain the dam for its durability.

Minister Maj-Gen Nyunt Tin in his speech said that in an attempt to industrialize the agro-based country, Myanmar is laying basic foundations with the utilization of her natural resources for accomplishment of the plans to ensure agricultural produce sufficiency and to boost

export surplus.

A huge number of dams, reservoirs and water pumping stations have emerged across the nation in a short time, reflecting the goodwill of Head of State Senior General Than Shwe. Khawa Dam is the 161st of its kind. Irrigation facilities and water flood prevention projects benefit over 2.17 million acres of arable land.

The agricultural sector is the artery of national economy, he said. Myanmar stands at the top of the list of Asian rice-consuming nations. The government has placed great emphasis on extended cultivation of such crops as coffee, tea, pepper and macadamia in addition to paddy, edible crops and industrial raw material crops.

Bago Division contributes 12 per cent to the nation's GDP, he said. In conclusion, the minister called for more active participation of the local people in the agricultural sector.

Next, Commander Maj-Gen Ko Ko delivered an address, saying that the government had laid down and is implementing the objective — development of agriculture as the base and all-round development of other sectors of the economy as well. For boosting production of main crops of the State, lands of paddy cultivation are being extended year after year in accord with the guidance of the Head of State. In Bago Division (West), a total of 942,000 acres of land could put under monsoon paddy in 2003-2004 and the plan is under way to cultivate 1,050,000 acres of monsoon paddy and 150,000 acres of summer one in 2004-2005.

In the western branch of Bago Division, the government opened dams for increase of cultivable lands yearly. Khawa Dam opened today will irrigate 2,000 acres of farmland in Padaung Township. Khawa Dam is the 161st dam since 1988 and it is the 40th dam in Bago Division.

Afterwards, a person, on behalf of local people, expressed gratitude. Next, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than, Commander Maj-Gen Ko Ko, Minister Maj-Gen Nyunt Tin and guests took the designated places. At the auspicious time, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than formally unveiled the stone inscription. The commander and the minister formally opened the dam.

Next, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than, the commander, the minister and departmental heads posed for documentary

OTT MCWA branch opens pre-primary school

YANGON, 25 June — The Maternal and Child Welfare Association branch of the Officer Testing Team in Mingaladon Station, Yangon Division, opened a pre-primary school this morning, attended by Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe and wife Daw Khin Thet Htay, patron of Yangon Division Maternal and Child Welfare Association Supervisory Committee.

Applications for MCWA permanent membership were also presented at the ceremony. Also present at the ceremony were Commander of the Station Brig-Gen Min Thein, No 1 Military Region Commander and Commandant of the OTT Col Tun Kyi, members of the panel of patrons of the Division MCWASC and the branch chairman and others.

Daw Khin Thet Htay explained the functions of the Division MCWASC. Chairperson of OTT MCWA Daw Than Than Mya presented applications to the chairman of the Division MCWASC.

Col Tun Kyi and family presented K 50,000 to the OTT MCWA, officers of the testing divisions, K 100,000 and Capt Kyaw Htay Win and wife, K 100,000.

Daw Khin Thet Htay and Daw Than Than Mya formally opened the school. The commander and party inspected the school. — MNA

photos. They together with the local people inspected the dam. In the briefing hall, Director U Tin Maung Ohn of Construction-2 of Irrigation Department reported on facts about the dam project. Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than and the minister gave necessary instructions.

Khawa Dam was built on Khawa Creek near Chinywagyi Village, Padaung Township. The dam has 15.54 square miles of catchment area and 14,140 acre feet of water flows into the dam annually. The embankment is 73 feet high and 1,950 feet long and its water storage capacity is 21,300 acre-feet at highest level. The 211 feet long conduit and 30 feet wide spillway were built of reinforced concrete. The main canal is nine miles long and the branch canal is 12 miles and seven furlongs long. The dam can irrigate 2,000 acres of land. — MNA



The newly opened Khawa Dam in Padaung Township, Pyay District, Bago Division, will irrigate 2,000 acres of land. — MNA



Thabin artistes entertain NC delegates

YANGON, 25 June—The Entertainment and Welfare Subcommittee under the National Convention Convening Management Committee is organizing entertainment programmes for the delegates at the gymnasium of Nyaungnabin Camp in Hmawby Township starting at 7 am everyday. Under the arrangement of Myanmar Thabin Asiayon, a theatrical troupe “Thitsar Myittar Shweman Thabin” presented entertainment programmes to the delegates yesterday evening, attended by Chairman of the NCC Commission Secretary-2 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein.

Also present on the occasion were NCC Work Committee Chairman Chief Justice U Aung Toe, Vice-Chairman Attorney-General U Aye Maung, Management Committee Chairman Auditor-General Maj-Gen Lun Maung, Work Committee Secretary U Thaung Nyunt and members, members of subcommittees and delegates.

After the entertainment, Maj-Gen Lun Maung presented K 150,000 awarded by the NCC Commission chairman, and delegate of the national races delegates group President of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry U Win Myint K 150,000 to the anyeint troupe. The NCCC chairman had a cordial conversation with the artistes. — MNA

Theatrical troupe “Thitsar Myittar Shweman Thabin” presents entertainment programmes to the National Convention delegates. — MNA

Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than inspects development tasks in Thayawady District

YANGON, 25 June—Accompanied by Chairman of Bago Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Southern Command Maj-Gen Ko Ko, Chairman of Bago Division (West Branch) Peace and Development Council Col Hla Min and officials, Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than of the Ministry of Defence inspected Otthahmwe paddy nurseries at the field-1 of Yadanawin paddy plantations of Yadanawin Co Ltd west of Thonze, Thayawady District yesterday morning and gave necessary instructions to officials.

Next, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than, Commander Maj-Gen Ko Ko and party inspected land preparation with the use of agricultural equipment at the paddy plantations and gave instructions to officials.

Afterwards, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than, Commander Maj-Gen Ko Ko and party inspected paddy nurseries for cultivation of monsoon paddy along Thonze-Thayawady-Minhla road and condition of Minhla-Monyo road and wet land areas along the road and arrived in Monyo at 11 am. Next, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than met departmental personnel, members of social organizations and townsmen at the office of Monyo Township Peace and Development Council and made a speech.

Commander Maj-Gen Ko Ko and officials reported on possible emergence of 20,863 acres of farmland in the township by damming Myitmakha river and arrangements for damming the river to Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than who attended to the needs.

Next, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than, the commander and party arrived at Monyo Township People's Hospital where they were welcomed by Township Health Officer Dr Sein Win Oo and hospital staff. At the hall of the hospital, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than met doctors, hospital staff, nurses and health staff and fulfilled the requirements.

Next, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than, Commander Maj-Gen Ko Ko and party proceeded to Monyo Basic Education High School where they were welcomed by the Headmistress and teachers. Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than and party looked into computer application & e-mail room, computer aided instruction room, printed media (audio system and reading corner) room, projected media presenter and language lab of the school. Next, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than and party left Monyo and arrived at the land reclamation project of a private company Monyo-Minhla region along Monyo-Minhla road at 2.45 pm. At the briefing hall, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than and party heard a report presented by Managing Director U Khin Myint of the company on progress of land reclamation in Minhla and Okpo Townships and arrangements being made for reclamation of more land. Next, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than, Commander Maj-Gen Ko Ko and party arrived at the educative agricultural camp near Thayetpin Village, Minhla Township.

After that, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than and party inspected demonstrations on direct seeding of paddy, modern paddy cultivation, cultivation of quality strain paddy on manageable scale and others in the township. Manager of Bago Division (West) Agriculture Service U San Maung reported on matters related to the demonstrations to Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than and party. Afterwards, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than, the commander and party left there and arrived in Pyay in the evening.—MNA

As human trafficking can harm Myanmar's tradition of preserving race, endeavours to curb it has been launched as national task

YANGON, 25 June — Officials held discussion to host the six-nation Ministerial Meeting on Collective Prevention against Human Trafficking in Mekong Basin region in Myanmar. The meeting held at the Ministry of Home Affairs was attended by Minister for Foreign Affairs U Win Aung, Minister for Home Affairs Col Tin Hlaing, Minister for Labour U Tin Winn, Deputy Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Brig-Gen Kyaw Myint, Deputy Chief Justice U Thein Soe, Deputy Attorney-General Dr Tun Shin, General Secretary of Myanmar Women's affairs Federation Prof Dr Khin Aye Win, officials of the related ministries, Office of the Commander-in-Chief Defence Services, Military Intelligence Office and Yangon Command.

Speaking on the occasion, Minister Col Tin Hlaing said that Myanmar is a signatory to the Convention on Transnational Crime and the follow-up agreements, Protocol to Prevent, Suppress and Punish Trafficking in Persons, especially Women and Children and Protocol Against the Smuggling of Migrants by Land, Sea and Air. The first preliminary meeting will be in Thailand in July 2004, the second preliminary meeting will be held in Myanmar in October 2004. The hosting of the ministerial meeting will stand as a milestone showing Myanmar's international cooperation to curb human trafficking. Implementing of the MoU and Plan of Action laid down by the meeting will be monitored and anti-human trafficking endeavours of the other regions will be studied. Besides, Myanmar will have the opportunity to present her efforts and success in combating human trafficking. As human trafficking can harm Myanmar's tradition of preserving the race, the endeavour to curb it has been launched as a national task. Thus, MNCWA and Work Committee to Prevent Human Trafficking were formed to curb trafficking in persons. A total of 540 human trafficking agents were arrested in 294 cases during the period from 17 July 2003, on which the committee was formed, to 31 December 2003. Of them 314 have faced prison sentences. Two faced life imprisonment; 77, above-ten-year imprisonment; 158, above-five-year imprisonment; and 77 under-five-year imprisonment. Myanmar is curbing human trafficking in accord with the existing laws. It is now drawing a draft law that is in accord with the UN Convention on Human Trafficking. A camp was opened in Myawady on 18 February 2002 with the participation of six departments to welcome back Myanmar women working illegally in other countries. Up to 7 June 2004, 10,031 men, 3,506 women, 177 boys and 176 girls returned to Myanmar through the camp. Illegal immigrants prevention team was reformed on 25 January 1963. Moreover, three Myanmar women, who came back from Malaysia; six Myanmar women, who came back from Thailand, were reunited with their families in 2004. In 2003, 42 persons were reunited with their families in 2004, and seven in 2003. The minister elaborated on running of anti-human trafficking training under the agreement with Australia. A committee to prevent juveniles from enlisting in the Armed Forces was formed in 5 January 2004 under the leadership of the adjutant-general, and juveniles have been barred from entering the institution.

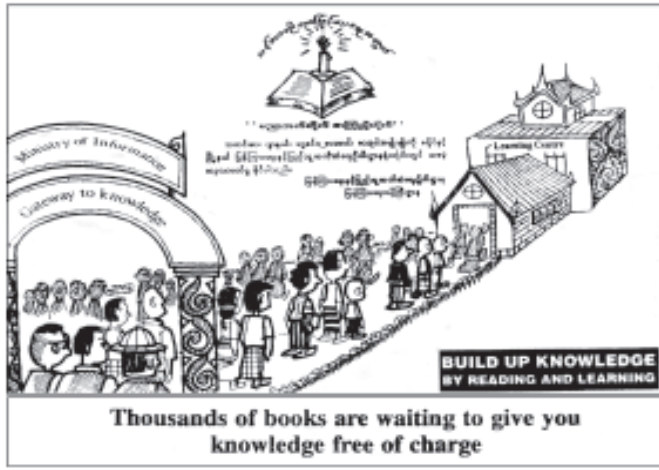
Although, Myanmar has been making greater efforts on all fronts to expose, suppress and punish human trafficking and persons involved in the crime, giving education to the general public and cooperating with regional countries, America is ignoring them. The State Department of the US unjustly included Myanmar in the Tires-3 of its report issued on 14 June 2004.

Minister U Win Aung said that Myanmar will not take into account the negative view of the US, and will prevent human trafficking to the best of her ability. Minister U Tin Win said that pressures were applied on Myanmar with the accusation that there was forced labour in Myanmar in 1996, despite her efforts to cooperate with the ILO. Myanmar enacted necessary laws and made cooperation with the ILO experts for many

times. The nation has agreed to appoint an ILO liaison officer and to open his office on 19 March 2002. A fact-finding team of the Labour Ministry made field tours to ascertain that there existed no force labour in the country. Myanmar is cooperating with the ILO, although her entry to the Joint Plan of Action on Elimination of Forced Labour was postponed. Participants also took part in the discussions. — MNA



Minister for Home Affairs Col Tin Hlaing delivers an address at the meeting. —MNA



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| 2. | Caustic Soda (Solid) | 6394 MT | ။ |
| 3. | Auto Voltage Regulator | 1 Set | ။ |
| 4. | Boiler Tubes | (၆) မျိုး | (7-7-2004) နေ့လည် ၁၂:၀၀ နာရီ |
| 5. | Machinery Spare Parts for Gases Factory | (၃၀) မျိုး | ။ |
| 6. | Flat Belt | (၂) မျိုး | ။ |

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Shanghai to streamline licensing to raise admin efficiency

SHANGHAI, 24 June — Any peddler at any food market in Shanghai, a business centre in east China, will, as of July 1, no longer have to apply for a permit with the local public health authority to sell edible chicken and duck blood products. Meanwhile, no probe and approval formalities will be necessary any longer for the Shanghai residents to hang things on trees along roads in the city.

These are among a batch of 36 items that used to need approval in line with 22 local rules but which go against the Administrative Licensing Law of China, according to a resolution made Wednesday at the latest session of the municipal lawmakers.

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Japan eyes biometrics to tighten immigration steps

TOKYO, 24 June — Japan will consider using unique biological data about individuals such as fingerprints and facial features to tighten immigration controls as part of its counter-terrorism policy, government officials said on Wednesday.

The move would be in line with measures in many other countries, including the United States, which has begun fingerprinting and photographing most visitors from abroad in the wake of the September 11, 2001 attacks.

Japan has decided to introduce passports with chips containing so-called biomet-

rics information next year, and would look into whether to make use of such data in screening foreign visitors, the officials said.

Calls for tighter immigration controls have gained momentum since revelations last month that al-Qaeda might have attempted to build a network in Japan.

Japanese police arrested several foreigners in May in an investigation into the activities of a French national with links to al-Qaeda who entered Japan on a false passport in 2002 and stayed for over a year.

But Tokyo has not made

any decisions yet, given concerns that stricter immigration controls might turn off tourists thinking about visiting Japan and due to criticism by some human rights groups that the use of biometrics was a violation of individual rights.

"Biometrics may lead to a strengthening of surveillance of society," said Makoto Teranaka, secretary-general of Amnesty International's Japan branch.

"There must be utmost caution in how such information is gathered and how it is used," he said.

MNA/Reuters

GM expands China centre, moves Asia HQs to Shanghai

SHANGHAI, 24 June — General Motors Corp, the world's top car maker, plans to spend 250 million US dollars with a local partner to expand a pivotal car design centre in China, and move its Asia-Pacific headquarters to Shanghai by January.

GM, a distant second to Volkswagen AG in the world's fastest-growing major car arena, said the expenditure was part of a planned 3-billion-US-dollar investment over three years in a country it expects to become its number two market in 2004.

It intends to raise its annual output to 1.3 million units by 2007 by expanding factories and building new plants, as it tries to catch up with Volkswagen.

GM's sales from its Chinese ventures rose 69.7 per cent in May from a year earlier to 41,965 vehicles, the company said in an e-mail to Reuters on Wednesday. January-to-May sales rose 58.6 per cent to 219,888 vehicles.

The US firm commands about a tenth of the country's car sales, versus Volkswagen's roughly 30 per cent.

Its planned 2.1-billion-yuan (253.7-million-US-dollar) investment in the design centre with Shanghai Automotive Industry Corp would be funded from income generated in China. The partners would build a top-notch test track and other facilities in two years' time.

GM is also moving decision-makers currently based in Singapore to Shanghai, closer to the north Asian markets — Japan, South Korea and China — that yield 85 per cent of its sales in the region.

It joins multinationals such as France's Alcatel SA that have declared China's financial hub their regional base. GM would maintain a sales and service centre in Singapore, but had offered to relocate 90 jobs. Cars sales in China nearly doubled in 2003 after breaking the million mark for the first time in 2002.

MNA/Reuters

Greenland, Indonesia sites set for UN protection

GENEVA, 24 June — A unique ice-stream glacier in Greenland and a rain forest home to endangered orangutan in Indonesia are set to join the United Nations' main heritage site protection list, a key agency said on Wednesday.

The Swiss-based IUCN said the two — the Ilulissat Icefjord inside the Arctic Circle and a complex of three national parks in Sumatra — are among five it has recommended for approval at a meeting of the World Heritage Committee in China, next week.

The IUCN, or World Conservation Union, which plays a major role in proposing sites to be added to 754 around the globe already on the list, said among the other three were the Cape Floral Region in South Africa, which includes Table Mountain.

The other two are the Wrangel Island Reserve in Russia's Far East, also inside the Arctic and home to the world's largest populations of Pacific walrus and polar bears, and the British-owned Gough Island Reserve in the South Atlantic.

"Inscription of these and other sites would recognize their outstanding value not only to the countries in which they are located, but to the whole international community," IUCN's Director-General Achim Steiner said.

The governments on whose territory world heritage sites — both cultural and natural — are located are obliged, under a 1972 UN convention, to ensure their long-term protection and prevent any development that could destroy or damage them. —MNA/Reuters

Scheduled to take effect on July 1, the Administrative Licensing Law will help put an end to China's reputation as a country of red tape and bureaucracy, some law experts believe. Promulgation of the law is one of the substantial steps China has taken to reform its administrative examination and approval system since it entered the World Trade Organization in late 2001.

The law, which is the first of its kind, will restrict governments' power, help increase the transparency of the administrative approval procedures, and reduce the cost of administration, the experts say. Besides the above men-

tioned 36 items, another 65 items that required licensing in accordance with the municipal stipulations and documents will be rescinded. The two groups sum up to nearly half of the existing 202 licence-demanding items that go against the administrative licensing law.

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Members of the Bangara Dance troupe perform during a photo call in Sydney's Opera House on 25 June, 2004. The internationally famous dancers are starting a season with performances celebrating the life of Aboriginal inventor, writer and philosopher David Unaipon. — INTERNET

Bulked-up boy teaches doctors about muscle protein

BOSTON, 24 June—Doctors are studying a five-year-old German boy whose upper arms and legs are almost twice the size of his peers to learn what happens when the body does not produce a protein that limits muscular development.

The boy, whose mother is a professional athlete in Germany, is far stronger than other boys his age and lacks the protein, known as myostatin, doctors reported in Thursday's *New England Journal of Medicine*.

He appears healthy now, but researchers are concerned the child may eventually develop abnormalities in the heart, which is a muscle.

The discovery could help doctors find a chemical to increase muscle mass as a treatment for several medical problems, such as muscular dystrophy, or the muscle deterioration seen in the elderly and among people in the advanced stages of cancer.

Products that claim to regulate myostatin, most of them untested, are al-

ready being used by athletes and bodybuilders looking for an easier way to bulk up, Elizabeth McNally, of the University of Chicago, said in a *Journal* commentary.

But for now, the discovery confirms in humans what doctors discovered in rodents years ago — that myostatin is an important regulator of muscle growth.

Deactivating the gene that makes myostatin creates "mighty mice" that are twice as muscular as their siblings.

"That gives us a great deal of hope that agents already known to block myostatin activity in mice may be able to increase muscle mass in humans too," said Dr. Se-Jin Lee of Johns Hopkins, a co-author of the study.

MNA/Reuters

China speeding up scientific data sharing

BEIJING, 24 June—China's Vice-Minister of Science and Technology Cheng Jinpei said here Tuesday that the ministry is speeding up a scientific data sharing project in an effort to reduce repeated research and money squandering.

Low efficiency in sharing scientific data is now a bottleneck for the country's innovation efforts in research, said Cheng, also academician of the Chinese Academy of Sciences, in a keynote speech at the International Workshop on Strategies for Preservation of and Open Access to Scientific Data.

The Chinese Government has already placed the scientific data sharing project as one important job for building the national scientific and technological research infrastructure, Cheng said, adding that his ministry will go all out to build up and improve the project.

Experts said that scientific data are not only strategic resources for research community, but also key information for governmental decision making.

Most of the scientific data in China are still not digitized and open access to those resources are limited, the experts said. In 2002, the ministry kicked off the scientific data sharing project, which is still underway. The whole project will include a three-level system, one portal web site, 40 scientific data centres and about 300 main databases.

MNA/Xinhua

Low-carbohydrate diets seen as unhealthy and a ripoff

WASHINGTON, 24 June—Popular low-carbohydrate diets are leading Americans to poor health and spawning a rip-off industry of "carb-friendly" products, health experts and consumer advocates said on Tuesday.

They announced a new group, called the Partnership for Essential Nutrition, to help educate Americans about the need for healthy carbohydrates such as vegetables, fruits, beans and whole grains.

"When unproven science becomes a sales pitch, some people get rich and the rest of us get ripped off," Jeffrey Prince of the American Institute for Cancer Research told a news conference.

"Eating vegetables, fruits, whole grains and beans, which are all predominantly carbohydrate, is linked to a reduced risk of cancer, heart disease, stroke, diabetes and a range of other chronic diseases."

Prince said low-carb diets that advocate piling on

the animal protein and fat are "increasing the risk of developing cancer, heart disease, stroke, Type-2 diabetes and other chronic diseases".

The new group includes such organizations as the Alliance for Aging Research, the American Association of Diabetes Educators, the AICR and the American Obesity Association.

Its web site is especially

critical of programmes, such as the Atkins diet, that advocate throwing the body into a condition called ketosis. During this phase the body sheds water as it tries to get rid of excess protein and fat-breakdown products.

"Losing weight on these extreme low-carb diets can lead to such serious health problems as kidney stress, liver disorders and gout," the group advises.

Dr Stuart Trager, Medical Director for Atkins Nutritionals, Inc., said the Atkins diet is healthy. "In fact, the Atkins Nutritional Approach includes spinach, eggplant, broccoli, asparagus and leafy greens, in addition to other high-fibre vegetables and fruits," Trager said in a statement. "Even during induction, Atkins requires five servings of vegetables and/or fruits a day." MNA/Reuters

Primates found hibernating in tropical heat

LONDON, 24 June— Bears and groundhogs escape the cold winter months by burrowing underground and hibernating but scientists said on Wednesday the trait is not limited to animals living in chilly climates.

Researchers in Germany have found that lemurs in Madagascar in the Indian Ocean, where winter daytime temperatures rise above 30 degrees Centigrade (86 Fahrenheit), hibernate in tree holes for seven months of the year.

"To our knowledge, our findings are the first physiological confirmation of prolonged hibernation by a tropical mammal as well as the first proof of hibernation in a primate," said Gerhard Heldmaier, of Philipps University in Marburg, Germany, in a report in the science journal *Nature*.

"This study shows hibernation has nothing to do with cold — it may happen even in a hot or warm environment," he added.

Rather than escaping chilly temperatures, Heldmaier and his colleagues said the Madagascar fat-tailed dwarf lemurs were bedding down and preserving energy because of less food during the dry season.

"It is an adaptation to get through periods when food

is scarce. it is a mechanism of energy saving," said Heldmaier.

Bears usually experience a drop in temperature when they snuggle down for the winter slumber.

Heldmaier and his team found that the lemur's body temperature fluctuates by as much as 20 degrees Centi-

grade and depends on how well the tree holes are insulated. If they are not well insulated, temperature varies widely.

"No other hibernators show such a bouncing of body temperature between 15 and 33 degrees Centigrade," said Heldmaier.

MNA/Reuters

Saturn's moon Phoebe "A frozen time capsule"

LOS ANGELES, 24 June—Images snapped by NASA's Cassini spacecraft show that Saturn's moon, Phoebe, is not an asteroid but a 4.5-billion-year-old primordial body from the solar system's outer reaches, scientists said on Wednesday.

The images of Phoebe's pitted surface gave scientists their first close look at a planetesimal, small bodies from an area at the fringe of the solar system known as the Kuiper Belt that may have provided the building blocks of the Milky Way. High-definition photographs as well as spectrographic and thermal images taken during Cassini's June 11 fly-by revealed that Phoebe likely is made up of ice, rock and carbon compounds similar to those seen in Pluto and Neptune's moon, Triton.

"We believe the solar system was full of Phobes," scientist Torrence Johnson said at a news briefing at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena,

California. "As the big planets formed, that material was either swept into those planets or swept out of solar system into the Kuiper Belt," Johnson said. "Phoebe apparently stayed behind, trapped in orbit around the young Saturn... a frozen time capsule waiting for Cassini to open it up."

Phoebe's core — too dense for pure ice and too light for pure rock — is a combination of the two whose ratio resembles that of comets and other Kuiper belt bodies, scientists said.

Cassini's spectrometer picked up signs of water-bearing minerals, carbon dioxide and organic material on Phoebe's heavily cratered surface, scientist Bonnie

Buratti said. The small moon also yielded spectral signatures of minerals that scientists so far have been unable to identify, she said.

The pass by Phoebe was part of Cassini's mission to take a four-year look at Saturn and the objects around it. The robotic spacecraft began its journey seven years ago and is scheduled to begin orbiting the ringed planet on June 30.

Cassini, a cooperative project of NASA, the European Space Agency and the Italian Space Agency, is expected to conduct 76 orbits around the Saturn system and undergo 52 close encounters with seven of Saturn's 31 known moons.

MNA/Reuters



A Roseate Tern stands on Eastern Egg Rock Island, Maine, in this May 31, 2004, file photo. Sea bird researchers use a robotic camera to study birdlife on the island which is 8 miles off the Maine coast. Images of the birds are broadcast on the Internet with the hope that bringing live footage to people's computers will help bolster the effort to preserve endangered sealife. — INTERNET

SPORTS

Van's the man for Sweden, says striker Larsson

CASCAIS (Portugal), June 25 — Henrik Larsson has scored three goals in three games at Euro 2004 but the modest Swede believes Ruud van Nistelrooy will be the best striker on the pitch in Saturday's quarterfinal against the Netherlands.

"I can sum him up in one word: He's great," Larsson said when asked for his opinion on the Dutchman, who is joint-top of the tournament scoring charts with four goals.

"He can score from many positions and it's very hard for defenders to follow him," Larsson added. "He's strong and he's quick and he's not scared of scoring."

The form of Larsson, who was persuaded to return to international football just before Euro 2004, has been crucial in Sweden's run to the quarterfinals but the 32-year-old is not interested in comparisons with van Nistelrooy.

"No, I don't see any similarities," Larsson said. "Van Nistelrooy is far too good." — MNA/Reuters

Woeful penalty caps season to forget for Beckham

LISBON, 25 June — The height that David Beckham's extraordinary penalty reached as it disappeared into the Luz Stadium stands on Thursday mirrored the depths the England captain has plumbed in a season he will want to forget.



Beckham was the first man into action in the penalty shoot-out after Portugal and England had drawn 2-2 after extra time in a tense Euro 2004 quarterfinal.

But as he made contact he seemed to take a huge divot and the ball ballooned high and wide of Ricardo's goal.

As the Portuguese crowd roared, Beckham turned and pointed accusingly at the spot, almost pleading with Swiss referee Urs Meier to allow him another go.

He did not, of course, and all the subsequent penalty takers took exaggerated care to pat down the cut-up turf on the all-important dab of whitewash 12 yards out.

England got back on level terms when Rui Costa sent his penalty high over the bar, also taking a moment to glare at the spot as he trudged back.

But after Ricardo saved from Darius Vassell the keeper became the double hero by striking the winner.

England manager Sven-Goran Eriksson said that he had complained twice about the state of the penalty spot after training in the stadium

but that will be little consolation to his captain.

"Beckham, I think he slipped with his foot once again, unfortunately," said the Swede. England fans had seen it all before but would not have believed they would see it again from a man with one of the deadliest right feet ever to wear his country's colours.

Last October, with England needing a draw with Turkey in Istanbul to secure their Euro 2004 berth, Beckham blazed a penalty wildly over the bar in the 37th minute.

On that occasion he slipped on contact and was virtually horizontal when he struck the ball.

MNA/Reuters



Portugal's Ricardo Carvalho sits on the shoulders of Jorge Andrade as he celebrates after scoring the winning goal in a penalty shootout during the Euro 2004 quarterfinal soccer match between England and Portugal at the Luz Stadium in Lisbon, Portugal, on 24 June, 2004. Portugal won the match, 6-5, on penalties after the match ended, 2-2, after extra time. — INTERNET

Dutch papers celebrate "Wunderbar" qualification

AMSTERDAM, 25 June — Dutch papers celebrated their team's progression to the Euro 2004 quarterfinals on Thursday with headlines declaring "We love Orange" and "Wunderbar!", a dig at the exit of arch-rivals Germany.

But critics were unwilling to let the Dutch team off the hook completely following their 3-2 defeat by the Czech Republic last week. The Dutch beat Latvia 3-0 on Wednesday, qualifying only because Germany lost 2-1 to the Czechs.

"We can raise our head again," said mass-circulation daily De Telegraaf. "Because the Dutch squad was saved by the bell. Thanks to the Czechs."

Screaming "Wunderbar", the German word for "wonderful" in a jibe at the misfortune of their traditional foes, the Algemeen Dagblad daily said the Dutch quarterfinal berth was largely down to a strong Czech reserve team.

"This brings the Dutch team into the quarterfinals of the tournament in a truly bizarre way," the paper said. "With just four points and thanks to two other countries Orange competes for the cup."

Under the headline "Thank you, Milan", the Algemeen Dagblad ran a full-page photo of Czech substitute Milan Baros, who scored the winning goal against Germany.

Dutch television showed fans singing "Schade Deutschland, alles ist vorbei" (It's a shame Germany, it's all over). — MNA/Reuters



Portugal's Ricardo Carvalho, left, and England's Darius Vassell battle for the ball during the Euro 2004 quarterfinal soccer match between England and Portugal at the Luz Stadium in Lisbon, Portugal, on 24 June, 2004. — INTERNET

Portugal wins 6-5 on penalties to reach semifinals

LISBON, 25 June — Portugal goalkeeper Ricardo brought a touch of the exotic to the European championship on Thursday when he saved an England penalty before converting the spot kick that propelled the hosts into the semifinals.



At 5-5 in the shoot-out Ricardo saved Darius Vassell's attempt for England.

Nuno Valente was already making the dreaded walk from the centre circle towards the penalty area when Ricardo picked up the ball

and waved him away.

He placed the ball and shot past David James to send the Portuguese half of the Luz Stadium wild with delight.

Goalscoring keepers are common in South America where Paraguay's Jose Luis Chilavert scored more than 50 goals from free kicks and penalties in his career and Rogerio Ceni is regularly knocking them in for Brazilian club Sao Paulo.

In the less eccentric world of European football, they are a rarity.

"We'd talked about it before and decided that if it

was necessary, I would take the kick," Ricardo told reporters.

Coach Luiz Felipe Scolari said he agreed with the idea.

"He takes penalties for Sporting Lisbon," said Scolari. "He had made the save and was confident so I gave him the chance to take the kick. 'I've seen him in training and his strike rate is very good.'"

Ricardo has been the regular goalkeeper for Portugal under Scolari while Porto's Vitor Baia has been surprisingly left out of the squad.

MNA/Reuters

Portugal takes to streets after victory

LISBON, 25 June — Hundreds of thousands of Portuguese flooded the streets on Thursday in wild celebrations of the hosts' quarterfinal defeat of England after a penalty shoot-out at Euro 2004.

Following more than two hours of tension, fans throughout the country screamed and leapt for joy after goalkeeper Ricardo saved an England penalty and then scored the match-winner.

"I always knew we could win this," said 15-year-old Diogo Godinho, sweat pouring down his face. "Go home English — go home and cry."

As midnight passed live television showed huge crowds of people of all generations waving flags and scarves as they swamped streets and squares in the major Portuguese cities.

There were no reports of violence involving England fans, about 30,000 of whom watched the game in Lisbon's Luz stadium, apart from brief scuffles in a Lisbon port district.

Supporters watching on a large screen television on the outskirts of the capital could barely watch as first David Beckham for England and then Portugal's Rui Costa sent their penalties over the bar.

"It was a bit of a lottery at the end," said student Alex Tome. "But this will give us confidence to go all the way."

Nearby England fans were bitterly disappointed.

"I'm completely gutted. I'm just beginning to wonder when we'll ever win a penalty shoot-out," said David Wheatley, an IT analyst from York.

"To be fair, I thought Portugal played better, but we battled on, we just didn't get the luck we needed."

When Portugal beat Spain on Sunday, all-night celebrations followed with fans joyriding up and down the main

Liberty Avenue, honking horns and waving scarves and flags.

The defeat of England guaranteed a repeat and thousands turned the central Lisbon landmark into a mass party as fans of all ages let off firecrackers, sang and cheered madly.

In the popular docks district, England and Portugal fans scuffled as they watched the game.

A Reuters photographer said the two groups of fans began taunting each other after a Portugal goal and chairs were thrown before police restored order.

MNA/Reuters

Eriksson says injured Rooney out for up to a month

LISBON, 24 June — England striker Wayne Rooney will be out of action for up to a month, coach Sven-Goran Eriksson said on Thursday after England's quarterfinal defeat on penalties by Portugal.

Eriksson indicated that Rooney, who limped off in the first half, had broken a bone in his foot.

"It's the same injury as Beckham before the World Cup, he will be out maybe a month," Eriksson said.

Captain David Beckham broke a bone in his foot before the World Cup in 2002 but played in the finals.

MNA/Reuters

Lt-Gen Maung Bo attends ceremony to lay cornerstone for main building of Dawei University

YANGON, 25 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, senior military officers of Dawei Station and departmental officials, arrived Dawei University in Dawei on 23 June to lay cornerstone for the main building of the university. Before laying the cornerstones, Director-General U Saw Lwin of Higher Education Department (Lower Myanmar) reported on brief history of the university, opening of courses, subjects, number of students, IT centre, organizational set up and buildings. Ever Green Co Ltd Managing Engineer U Than Shwe reported on the main building and Assistant Director U Khin Maung Than of Public Works on implementation of the construction project of the university. Next, Lt-Gen Maung Bo gave a speech. Ever Green Co Ltd Managing Director U Than Shwe presented K 18,696,000 of bonus to Pro-Rector U Kyaw Kyaw Htay. Entrepreneur U Kyar Maung of Myeik and party donated K 2.5 million towards the educational funds of the university to Pro-Rector U Kyaw Kyaw Htay.



Lt-Gen Maung Bo and party lay cornerstones for construction of main building of Dawei University. — MNA

Afterwards, Lt-Gen Maung Bo, the commander and party took designated places at the cornerstone-laying ceremony. Lt-Gen Maung Bo put the nine-gem casket in the centre of the foundation. Next, Lt-Gen Maung Bo, the commander and officials placed nine-gem bricks at designated places. Then, Lt-Gen Maung Bo sprinkled scented water on the stone plaque and performed rituals of golden and silver showers.

Lt-Gen Maung Bo and party met Dawei District and township PDC members and departmental officials at Dawei District PDC Office. He explained five rural development tasks and fulfilled the needs. Commander Brig-Gen Ohn

Myint gave a supplementary report. Later, Lt-Gen Maung Bo met members of Dawei District Agriculture Supervisory Committee and

rubber growers.

He gave instructions on 200,000-acre cultivation of rubber and production of high quality. — MNA

Minister receives Chinese guests

YANGON, 25 June— Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Pyi Sone received Deputy Director Mr Diao He Lin of International Trade Promotion Council and party of Sichuan Province, the People's Republic of China, at his office at 1 pm today. Present at the call were Deputy Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Aung Tun and officials of the ministry.—MNA

SWRR Minister receives Ambassador

YANGON, 25 June— Minister for Social Welfare, Relief and Resettlement Maj-Gen Sein Htwa received Ambassador of the Islamic Republic of Pakistan to Myanmar Mr Muhammad Nawaz Chaudhry at his office at 1 pm today. Present at the call were Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Kyaw Myint, Officer on Special Duty Brig-Gen Thura Sein Thung, Deputy Director-General of Fire Services Department U Aung Soe, the head of office and officials of the ministry.—MNA

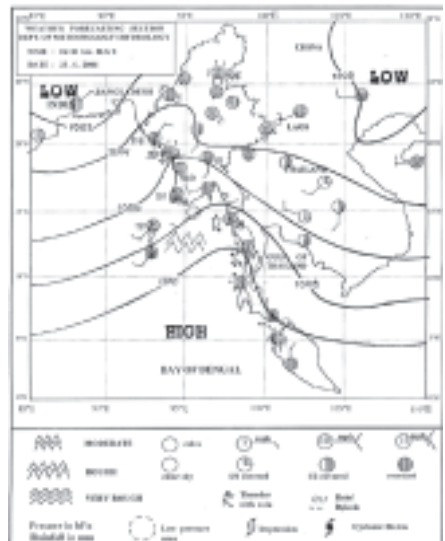
Rainfall on 25-6-2004

- 0.27 inch at Yangon Airport,
- 0.27 inch at Kaba-Aye and
- 0.20 inch at central Yangon

Total rainfall since 1-1-2004 was

- 46.06 inches at Yangon Airport,
- 42.36 inches at Kaba-Aye and
- 45.12 inches at central Yangon

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Friday, 25 June, 2004

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, weather has been cloudy in Kayah State and Magway Division, rain or thundershowers have been isolated in upper Sagaing Division, Shan and Chin States and scattered to widespread in the remaining areas with locally heavyfalls in Rakhine and Kayin States, isolated heavyfalls in Taninthayi Division. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Hpa-an (5.87) inches, Gwa (4.84) inches, Sittway (4.57) inches, Kaw Kareik (4.53) inches, Dawei and Thandwe (4.02) inches each and Kyaukpadaung (3.98) inches.

Maximum temperature on 24-6-2004 was 28.0°C (82°F). Minimum temperature on 25-6-2004 was 19.4°C (67°F). Relative humidity at 9:30 hrs MST on 25-6-2004 was 92%. Total sunshine hours on 24-6-2004 was nil. Rainfall on 25-6-2004 was 7mm (0.27 inch) at Yangon Airport, 7mm (0.27 inch) at Kaba-Aye and 5mm (0.20 inch) at central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2004 was 1170mm (46.06 inches) at Yangon Airport and 1076mm (42.36 inches) at Kaba-Aye and 1146mm (45.12 inches) at central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was 10 mph from Southwest at (12:15) hours MST on 24-6-2004.

Bay inference: Monsoon is generally strong in the Andaman Sea and moderate elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal. **Forecast valid until evening of 26-6-2004:** Rain or thundershowers will be widespread in Ayeyawady Division, Rakhine, Mon and Kayin States, scattered in Kachin State, upper Sagaing, Bago, Yangon and Taninthayi Divisions and isolated in the remaining areas with likelihood of isolated heavyfalls in Rakhine, Mon and Kayin States. Degree of certainty is (80%). **State of the sea:** Squalls with moderate to rough seas are likely at times in the Deltaic and Gulf of Mottama. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (35) mph. Seas will be moderate elsewhere in Myanmar waters. **Outlook for subsequent two days:** General decrease of rain are likely in Coastal areas. **Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 26-6-2004:** One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%). **Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 26-6-2004:** Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).

Weather outlook for last weekend of June: During the coming weekend, rain or thundershowers will be scattered in Yangon Division and isolated in Mandalay Division.

Flood Bulletin

(Issued at 11.00 hours MST on 25-6-2004)

According to the 06.30 hours MST observation today, the water level of Thanlwin River at Hpa-an is 784 cm. It may remain above its danger level of 750 cm during the next 48 hours commencing noon today.

According to the 06.30 hours MST observation today, the water level of Sittoung River at Madauk is 1075 cm. It may remain above its danger level of 1070cm during the next 48 hours commencing noon today.



Saturday, June 26

View today:

7:00 am

1. Recitation of Parittas by Missionary Sayadaw U Ottamathara

7:25 am

2. To be healthy exercise

7:30 am

3. Morning news

7:40 am

4. Nice and sweet song

7:55 am

5. အကပြိုင်ပွဲ

8:05 am

6. အပြည်ပြည်ဆိုင်ရာမှူးယစ်ဆေးဝါး: အလွန်သန့်ရှင်းစေရန်အတွက် ဝယ်ယူမှု တိုက်ရိုက်ရောင်းချရေးအဖွဲ့

8:20 am

7. ပရောင်းကိတ်တား

8:30 am

8. International news

8:45 am

9. Grammar Made Easy

11:00 am

1. Martial song

11:10 am

2. Musical programme

11:30 am

3. News

11:40 am

4. Games for children

12:05 pm

5. Round-up of the week's TV local news

1:35 pm

6. နိုင်ငံခြားစာတမ်းတွဲ "သမ္မတချစ်ပန်" (အပိုင်း-၃)

2:10 pm

7. မူးယစ်ဆေးဝါးပညာရှင်ရေး အထိမ်းအမှတ်ပြတိုက်

2:20 pm

8. "ရက်စက်တယ်လဲလား" ဖွဲ့စည်းပေးသည့် ဝယ်ယူမှု တိုက်ရိုက်ရောင်းချရေးအဖွဲ့ (ဒေါ်ရီကီတား-ရီ-ရီ)

2:35 pm

9. Dance of national races

2:45 pm

10. International news

4:00 pm

1. Martial song

4:15 pm

2. Songs to uphold National Spirit

4:30 pm

3. English For Everyday Use

4:45 pm

4. Musical programme

5:00 pm

5. အပေးဆင်တက္ကသိုလ် ပညာရေး ရှိရှိသည့်သတ္တဝါဆိုင်ရာ - ပထမအပိုင်း (သတ္တဝါဆင်တက္ကသိုလ်) (သတ္တဝါဆင်)

5:15 pm

6. အိမ်တွင်းမှုဆိုင်ရာ တိုင်းရင်းသားရိုးရာ အစားအစာ (စာပေ)

5:20 pm

7. Musical programme

5:35 pm

8. Games for children

6:00 pm

9. အပြည်ပြည်ဆိုင်ရာမှူးယစ်ဆေးဝါး: အလွန်သန့်ရှင်းစေရန်အတွက် ဝယ်ယူမှု တိုက်ရိုက်ရောင်းချရေးအဖွဲ့

6:10 pm

10. တားဆီးတားဆီးမှုယစ်ဆေးဝါး

6:20 pm

11. ဘောလုံးလမ်းပန်းပိုင်ဆိုင်မှုဆောင်ရွက်ရေးအဖွဲ့

6:30 pm

12. Evening news

7:00 pm

13. Weather report

7:05 pm

14. Discovery

7:10 pm

15. နိုင်ငံခြားစာတမ်းတွဲ "နုပွင့်" (အပိုင်း-၂၃)

7:40 pm

16. ဖွဲ့စည်းပေးသည့် ဝယ်ယူမှု တိုက်ရိုက်ရောင်းချရေးအဖွဲ့ (ဖွဲ့စည်းပေးသည့် ဝယ်ယူမှု တိုက်ရိုက်ရောင်းချရေးအဖွဲ့)

8:00 pm

17. News

8:18 pm

18. International news

8:19 pm

19. Weather report

8:20 pm

20. နိုင်ငံခြားစာတမ်းတွဲ "နုပွင့်" (အပိုင်း-၂၃)

8:45 pm

21. Euro 2004 ဘောလုံးပြိုင်ပွဲ တိုက်ရိုက်ရောင်းချမှုအစီအစဉ် (ကွာတာနိုင်ငံမှဆိုင်ရာ-၃) (ဆိုင်ရာ နိုင်ငံမှဆိုင်ရာ)

1:15 am

22. The next day's programme



Saturday, June 26

Tune in today:

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| 8.30 am | Brief news |
| 8.35 am | Music: You'll be in my heart |
| 8.40 am | Perspectives |
| 8.45 am | Music: I've got my eyes for you |
| 8.55 am | National news/Slogan |
| 9.05 am | Music: Last thing on my mind |
| 9.10 am | International news |
| 9.15 am | Music (Spotlight on a star) |
| 1.30 pm | News/Slogan |
| 1.40 pm | Request |
| | -Top of the world |
| | -I have a dream |
| | -Everyday I love you |
| 9.00 pm | ASEAN review |
| | - ASEAN economic cooperation |
| 9.10 pm | Article |
| 9.20 pm | Myanmar culture by Dr Khin Maung Nyunt |
| | -Kyeik-Kami Yae Le Pagoda |
| 9.35 pm | Souvenirs |
| | -Blue blue day |
| | -Clod clod heart |
| 9.45 pm | News/Slogan |
| 10.00 pm | PEL |

Four political objectives

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

Four economic objectives

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

Four social objectives

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

Prime Minister oversees renovation works at Maha Pasana Cave

YANGON, 25 June — Prime Minister of the State General Khin Nyunt, accompanied by Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Chairman Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe, ministers, the Yangon mayor, deputy ministers and responsible personnel of the State Peace and Development Council Office, arrived at Maha Pasana Cave on Thiri Mingala Kaba Aye Pagoda Hill here this afternoon. The Prime Minister inspected the renovation works being carried out inside the cave. Officials of Public Works conducted the Prime Minister and party round the work site. After hearing reports, the Prime Minister gave instructions.

On the occasion, architects also reported on nine thrones and nine stone Buddha images and their replicas, all of which will be kept for public obeisance in Maha Rahtabhi Samaggi Pagoda in Panglong, and matters on Myanmar arts and crafts. Deputy Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Aung Ko also reported on matters related to the replica of the Htidad to be hoisted atop the pagoda. After hearing the reports, the Prime Minister gave instructions on necessities to make the pagoda look splendid. The Prime Minister also looked into the tasks being carried out to keep the cave pleasant and gave instructions. The Prime Minister and party left the cave later in the afternoon. — MNA



Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt inspects decoration of the interior of Maha Pasana Cave.— MNA

Khawa Dam opened in Padaung Township, Bago Division, to irrigate 2,000 acres Altogether 161 dams and reservoirs have been built across the country

YANGON, 25 June — The opening ceremony of Khawa Dam across Khawa Creek near Chinywagyi Village in Padaung Township, Pyay District, Bago Division, constructed by Construction-2 of the Irrigation Department, the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation, was held at the pandal near the dam at 8.30 am today, with an address by member of the State Peace and Development

Council Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than of the Ministry of Defence.

Present on the occasion were Bago Division Peace and Development Council Chairman Southern Command Commander Maj-Gen Ko Ko, Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Nyunt Tin, Bago Division (West) PDC Chairman Col Hla Min, Col Khin Zaw Oo of Inma Station and senior military officers, depart-

mental heads of the ministry, staff of Construction-2 of Pyay Irrigation Department, Bago Division (West) PDC Secretary Lt-Col Ohn Myint, Pyay District PDC Chairman Lt-Col Tun Aye, district and township PDCs chairmen and members, service personnel, members of social organizations, band troupe of Pyay BEHS-1 and drum troupe and local people totalling over 5000.

Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than delivered a speech on the occasion. He said that the State Peace and Development Council has laid down the national objectives and is implementing them for building the Union of Myanmar into a modern and developed nation. In the process, one of the four economic objectives—development of agriculture as the base and all-round development of other

sectors of the economy as well—has been laid down and is being implemented.

Agriculture is not only the main basic economy of the State but also the lifeblood of the rural people. If the agricultural sector is promoted the wealth of the State will be stronger, thereby contributing to improvement of socio-economic life of the majority of the people. That is why priority is being given to de-

velopment of the agricultural sector.

In this connection, arrangements have been made to ensure water supply for agricultural purpose. Therefore, the government has been building dams and reservoirs large and small as well as sluice gates for agricultural purpose and for preventing flood and inflow of sea water. Meanwhile, river water pumping projects and underground water tapping projects are being implemented across the nation.

The government has been building dams and reservoirs for irrigation the length and breadth of the nation after 1988. The Government has opened altogether 161 dams including the newly opened Khawa Dam. In addition, 29 projects are under implementation in 10 states and divisions. Dams and reservoirs are being constructed for greening tasks, ensuring favourable weather condition, supplying potable water and electricity in addition to agricultural purpose.

With the emergence of a network of those irrigation facilities, farmers are now enjoying fruitful results of economic development,

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The newly opened Khawa Dam built in Padaung Township, Pyay District, Bago Division.— MNA

With hands linked firm around the National Convention.