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Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt greets Deputy Director General Mr Geoffrey Yu of World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO). — MNA

## Prime Minister receives guests from WIPO

YANGON, 28 June— Prime Minister of the Union of Myanmar General Khin Nyunt received Deputy Director General Mr Geoffrey Yu and party of World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO) at Zeyathiri Beikman here at 8.30 am today.

Also present at the call were Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Pyi Sone, Minister for Foreign Affairs U Win Aung, Director-General of Government Office U Soe Tint and Director-General of Protocol Department Thura U Aung Htet.—MNA

### 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

## Plenary Session of the National Convention continues

YANGON, 28 June — The Plenary Session of the National Convention continued today at Pyidaungsu Hall in Nyaungnnapin Camp, Hmawby Township at 9 am today. At the plenary session, proposal papers of the delegate group of representatives-elect regarding the detailed basic principles to be laid down for power sharing in legislative, executive and judicial sectors to be included in framing the National Convention were read out.

Present at the plenary session were Chairman of the National Convention Convening Commission Secretary-2 of the State

Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein and commission members, National Convention Convening Work Committee Chairman Chief Justice U Aung Toe and members, National Convention Convening Management Committee Chairman Auditor General Maj-Gen Lun Maung and members, chairmen of various subcommittees and officials, delegates of the 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 the National Unity Party and Mro or Khami National Solidarity Organization, independent delegates, national race delegates, peasant delegates and worker delegates of Kachin State, Kayah State, Kayin State, Chin State, Mon State, Rakhine State, Shan State (South), Shan State (North), Shan State (East), Sagaing Division, Taninthayi Division, Bago Division, Magway Division, Mandalay Division, Yangon Division and Ayeyawady Division, intellectuals and intelligentsia, delegates of State service personnel from the

State Peace and Development Council Office, the President's Office, the Pyithu Hluttaw Office, the Government Office, the Supreme Court, the Attorney-General's Office, the Auditor-General's Office, the Multiparty 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 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, 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 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).

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Delegates attend Plenary Session of the National Convention. — MNA

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

## PERSPECTIVES

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### Try to meet the needs and wishes of local people

The Government has been striving on all fronts for the Union of Myanmar to become as developed as other nations in the world and to be able to exist as long as the world is. Human resource development is the key to the national development and so the Government has given top priority to it.

Head of State Senior General Than Shwe, on one occasion, gave guidance on human resource development. He said that development of some border areas was faster than that of the regions in the inner part of the nation, that it was necessary to keep the momentum of development and that all the necessary measures should be taken to raise the living standard of the local people and to eradicate poverty. Special attention should be given to human resource development especially in the border areas, he added.

In accordance with the guidance of the Head of State, new basic education schools are being opened and the existing ones upgraded. Moreover, more and more colleges, degree colleges and universities are being opened and 3-R campaigns carried out in the remote areas.

Chairman of the Work Committee for Development of Border Areas and National Races Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt met the students who had obtained arts and science degrees from Yangon and Mandalay Nationalities Youth Resource Development Degree Colleges of the Ministry for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs and AGTI engineering diplomas in the Diamond Jubilee Hall on 27 June and gave words of advice to them.

In his address on the occasion, the Prime Minister said: this is the third of the ceremonies that have been held every year to celebrate the graduation and assignment of duties to students who have successfully completed the courses of the Nationalities Youth Resource Development Degree Colleges. This demonstrates clearly that the avowed goal of the State is to develop human resources and undertake capacity building in the border areas by opening up opportunities for pursuit of higher education for youths of the national races and nurturing them to become intellectuals, professionals and technicians.

In the 2003-2004 academic year, Yangon and Mandalay Degree Colleges produced 72 arts and science graduates and 43 who received engineering diplomas.

We would like to call on the youth graduates to try to the best of their ability for the development of their respective regions and to be able to meet the needs and wishes of the local people.



Owner U Thein Kyi and Vice-President of UMFCCI U Zaw Min Win formally open showroom and service centre of Nibban Electric & Electronics. — MNA



Vice-Chairman of NCCC Minister for Electric Power Maj-Gen Tin Htut, Secretary Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan, members and delegates enjoy entertainment presented by MRTV Modern Music Band. — MNA

### “MRTV Modern Music Band” entertains NC delegates

YANGON, 28 June — The Entertainment and Welfare Subcommittee of the National Convention Convening Management Committee is organizing entertainment programmes for delegates to the National Convention every day starting from 7 pm in the gymnasium of Nyaungnabin Camp, Hmawby Township. Yesterday evening, the delegates were entertained by “MRTV Modern Music Band”. Among the audience were Vice-Chairman of the National Convention Convening Commission Minister for Electric Power Maj-Gen Tin Htut, Secretary Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan, Chairman of the Management Committee Auditor-General Maj-Gen Lun Maung and members and officials.

MRTV Modern Music Band sang the song, “La-yaung-

sam-hma-lan-tho-pan” composed by Tekkatho Myat Thu in honour of the National Convention.

Next, vocalists Kyaw Kyaw Htoo, Nwe Dali Lin, Alex, May Kha La, Tu Tu, Mi Mi Win Phay, May Ywet Wa, Yadana Oo and Sone Thin Pa sang the songs to the accompaniment of MRTV Modern Music Band. The delegates also took part in the entertainment.

Vice-Chairman of the National Convention Convening Commission Minister for Electric Power Maj-Gen Tin Htut, Yangon Division Representative of National Races Delegates Group to National Convention Dr Khin Shwe (Zaykaba) and Auditor-General Maj-Gen Lun Maung presented cash awards to the music band and performers. — MNA



Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Pyi Sone makes a speech at the Workshop on Implementation of Agreement on Technical Copyright. — MNA

### Commerce Minister attends opening of workshop

YANGON, 28 June — An opening ceremony of Workshop on implementation of agreement on technical copy right regarding trade was held at Grand Plaza Parkroyal Hotel on Alanpya Pagoda road this morning. It was attended by Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Pyi Sone. Present on the occasion were Minister for Science and Technology U Thaung, Minister at Prime Minister's Office Maj-Gen Thein Swe, Deputy Director-General of World Intellectual Property Or-

ganization (WIPO) Mr Geoffrey Yu and officials, officials of the Ministry of Commerce and invited persons. First, Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Pyi Sone made an opening speech. Deputy Director-General of WIPO Mr Geoffrey Yu extended greetings which brought the ceremony to an end.

A total of 36 trainees of ministries and organizations are taking part in the workshop which will continue tomorrow. — MNA

### Showroom and service centre opens

YANGON, 28 June — A ceremony to open Showroom and Service Centre of Nibban Electric & Electronics was held at No 111 Boywe Street, Latha Township yesterday morning, where owner of Nibban Electric & Electronics U Thein Kyi and Dr Than Htike formally opened the signboard.

Next, Showroom and Service Centre was opened by owner U Thein Kyi and Vice-President U Zaw Min Win of Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry. Antennas, inverters, regulators, safeguards, chargers are available in the show room and service centre.

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### 833 gem merchants arrive

YANGON, 28 June — A total of 833 gem merchants—464 of 176 foreign companies and 369 of 125 local ones have already arrived the special sales of jade and gems 2004 being held at Myanma Gems Mart on Kaba Aye Pa-

goda Road. Present at the special sale were 372 Chinese jewellers of 150 companies from China, 72 of 18 Thai companies, 15 of 4 companies of Singapore, 2 of 2 American companies, 2 of 1 Indian company, 1 of Japa-

nese companies.

The arriving gems merchants inspected jade and gems shown in special sales from 9 am to 5 pm. Jade lots will be sold through tender and competitive systems.

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Local and foreign gem merchants view jade and gems at the special sales of jade and gems 2004. — MNA



# NATO chief says trans-Atlantic ties impossible to return to pre-Iraq war status

\*\*\*\*STANBUL, 27 June — Secretary-General of the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) Jaap de Hoop Scheffer said here Sunday that it is impossible for the trans-Atlantic ties to return to the pre-Iraq war status.

He made the remarks at the conference of the German Marshall Fund before the opening of NATO summit meeting scheduled for 28-29 June.

"Last year was, by any standards, a tough year for trans-Atlantic relations and for the Alliance. The controversy over Iraq pitted European countries against each other. It created major frictions across the Atlantic," he said.

However, he said that the situation is markedly different. "When I admit to a certain sense of relief, it is not because I am somehow hoping that we could safely return to the trans-Atlantic status quo ante, pre-Iraq. This is impossible,"

he stressed.

He said that both sides of the Atlantic Ocean should create a new trans-Atlantic security consensus by projecting stability, new military capabilities, recognition of the European Union as a genuine security actor and engagement in North Africa and the broader Middle East.

The summit meeting of NATO, first after the military alliance's latest round of enlargement, will mainly focus on NATO transformation, its relations with third parties and NATO's role in reconstruction of Iraq.

Internet



US Army soldiers set up a roadblock after a car bomb threat was reported in the Qadisiyah section of Baghdad, on 27 June 2004. The US Army expects an increase in guerilla attacks ahead of the handover of Iraqi sovereignty on 30 June.— INTERNET

## Foreign investment in Vietnam up in first half

HANOI, 27 June—As of June 20, Vietnam has attracted foreign direct investment (FDI) of nearly 1.47 billion US dollars in the first half of this year, a year-on-year rise of 11.4 per cent.

In the period, the country lured over 754.5 million US dollars of fresh investment from 259 newly-licensed projects, and 711.1 million US dollars of additional capital from 106 operational projects, said the Ministry of Planning and Investment on Friday.— MNA/Xinhua

## Syria debates imposing sanctions on US

BAGHDAD, 27 June—Syrian legislators have begun debating a draft law that would prohibit trade dealings with American companies in response to US sanctions imposed on the Arab country last month.

Inaam Abbas, a lawmaker who read out the draft law to Parliament on Sunday, said the initiative was "in response to the calls of the Arab people to boycott US products due to the unjust policies that the US espouses toward the Arab and Islamic nation."

The draft bill, introduced by independent lawmaker Muhammad Radwan al-Masri, holds the signatures of 127 members of the 250-seat Parliament. "Due to the actions of the United States that do not respect people and disregard their future ... this law has been introduced," said the bill, a copy of which was distributed to all legislators.

Following the debate, the draft bill was transferred to Parliament's Committee for Institutional and Legislative Affairs for further study. If the committee approves it, the bill will be sent to Syrian President Bashar al-Asad for approval. Otherwise, the law will be returned to Parliament, where it must win the approval of two-thirds of the members to pass. "Due to the actions of the United States that do not respect people and disregard their future ... this law has been introduced."

Draft bill Al-Masri said the law was also a result of America's "unlimited bias" toward Israel, the killing and destruction in Iraq and the Syria Accountability Act.

In May, US President George Bush banned all US exports to Syria except for food and medicine and barred Syrian flights to and from the US after long-standing complaints that Syria "was supporting terrorism and undermining US efforts in Iraq."

The sanctions were based on the Syria Accountability Act, a law passed last year that calls for sanctions against Syria for its alleged support of terrorism. Syria denies the US claims and says the sanctions are political.

Josef Swaid, an independent lawmaker from the National Syrian Party, told reporters that the law would not affect currently operating companies or already concluded business agreements.

Swaid said the door of dialogue with the US is not closed. "Even if the law is passed, dialogue will stay on and relations could be reassessed and put once again on the right course." —Internet

## Malaysian minister urges ASEAN private sector to be more proactive

KUALA LUMPUR, 27 June—A Malaysian minister Saturday urged the private sector in ASEAN to be more proactive in expanding their business activities in the region rather than depending solely on the government.

"It is clear from the trade missions to the three ASEAN nations that the private sector still very much expects the governments to carry out the works in order for them to get more benefits," Minister of International Trade and Industry Rafidah Aziz told reporters here. Rafidah just ended her three nation tour to Vietnam, Thailand and Indonesia, member states of the Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN).

ASEAN, now grouping 10 countries in the region, was set up in 1967 to boost regional cooperation.

Rafidah said while the ASEAN governments were there to set up the structure and platforms for cooperation between the private sectors in the region, what more important was that the ASEAN companies themselves took a proactive stance in their efforts to identify their trade and joint business part-

ners. She said there were many mechanisms through which the private sector could expand as well as obtain their market information of the region, such as through the Malaysia-Thailand Chambers of Commerce (MTCC), Indonesia-Malaysia Business Council (IMBC) and the ASEAN Business Council.

However, Rafidah said that there was a need for ASEAN governments to cut down on bureaucracy and

other problems faced by the private sector due to old or outdated regulations or laws that could no longer be applied. "The ASEAN governments also need to pay more attention to regulations that result in higher costs for the private sector," she said. The ASEAN leaders signed the Declaration of ASEAN Concord II last year, which lays down the pillars for the ASEAN single community by 2020.— MNA/Xinhua

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## France opposes US Iraq plan

BAGHDAD, 28 June—NATO struggled to overcome old divisions over Iraq yesterday, with France still blocking plans for the alliance to play a major role in training Iraq's new armed forces.

Despite public talk of agreement on the training mission, it was clear that the 36 members of the alliance had very different views on where the training would be carried out, whether it would be carried out under NATO auspices and how many personnel would be involved.

The dispute came as a new hostage crisis was emerging in Iraq apparently involving a US marine. Al-Jazeera broadcast a videotape showing what it said was a marine of Pakistani origin held hostage in Iraq.

The TV station said the group demanded the release of all Iraqis "in occupation jails" or the man would be killed.

In Istanbul, the 26 NATO heads of state attended a formal dinner in an Ottoman-era palace on the banks of the Bosphorus, keen to portray a united front.

NATO's secretary general, Jaap de Hoop Scheffer said there was a "new momentum in transatlantic security co-operation", and he suggested that the unilateralism of the Bush administration neo-conservatives who had derided NATO's usefulness was dead. "Those US unilateralists who thought that the United States didn't really need allies have come to realise that the US not only needs allies but also the alliance," he said.

US President, George Bush, was clearly reading from the same script. "We are going to work together to help make sure that NATO is configured militarily to meet the threats of the 21st century," Mr Bush said when he arrived in Istanbul. But behind the scenes, diplomats worked feverishly to thrash out a deal on the training of Iraq's armed forces, with the detail of the plan still in the air.

Mr de Hoop Scheffer, said yesterday: "I cannot give you details on numbers as yet. NATO is going to do training. Training is essential. It can be both inside and outside the country."

The differences centre on whether NATO should train Iraqi officers inside the country under an alliance flag, or limit its role to training outside Iraq and acting as a clearing house for national efforts.

French officials said it would be a job for allies, not the alliance as a whole, and there would "no NATO flag" in Iraq.

In another blow, NATO defence ministers postponed a decision yesterday to set new targets to ensure that their armed forces can deploy and sustain themselves on far-flung missions. —Internet



Demonstrators burn an effigy of US President George W Bush during anti-NATO and anti-Bush demonstrations in the Kadikoy District, on the Asian side of Istanbul, on 27 June, 2004. Tens of thousands of Turks chanted anti-Bush slogans and protested US President George W Bush's visit to their country as Turkish public opinion remains strongly against the US-led invasion of Iraq.— INTERNET

# Kidnapped US Marine faces Iraq beheading

**BAGHDAD, 28 June**—Iraq was thrown into a new hostage crisis last night after militants said they had kidnapped a United States Marine, whom they would behead unless the coalition released Iraqi prisoners.

A videotape broadcast on the al-Jazeera television network showed a blindfolded man in military fatigues, and a hand holding a sword above his head. A US Marine Corps identity card named him as Wassef Ali Hassoun. Al-Jazeera said he was of Pakistani origin.

The militants claimed they

had infiltrated a US marine outpost, lured the man outside and abducted him. Al-Jazeera said the group demanded the release of all Iraqis "in occupation jails".

The abductors identified themselves as "Islamic Response", the security wing of the "National Islamic Resistance - 1920

Revolution Brigades", referring to the uprising against the British after the First World War.

US military officials last night confirmed that a Marine was missing in Iraq. Earlier yesterday, another Pakistani hostage was shown on another TV station. Four masked gunmen threatened to decapitate the man, who was carrying an identity card for the US contractor Kellogg, Brown & Root, if US troops did not release prisoners in several areas of central Iraq within three days.

It was unclear if either set of kidnappers was linked to the Jordanian terror mastermind Abu Musab al-Zarqawi, who claimed responsibility for the decapitation deaths of the American Nicholas Berg and the South Korean Kim Sun-il last week.

The kidnappings are the latest to target foreigners in

Iraq in the run-up to Wednesday, when an interim Iraqi government is to take over from the US-led occupation authorities.

They came on the day NATO leaders met in the Turkish city of Istanbul to discuss a mission to train Iraq's armed forces, and amid further reports that Saddam Hussein is due to be handed over to the Iraqi government within a fortnight.

Turkey is facing its own Iraq kidnap crisis after a tape was aired on al-Jazeera on Saturday allegedly from Zarqawi's group in which it said it had kidnapped three Turks and threatened to decapitate them within 72 hours unless Turkish companies left Iraq.

Internet

## American killed in attack on Australia plane in Iraq

**CANBERRA, 27 June**—A US contractor was killed in an attack on an Australian military transport aircraft in Iraq, Australia's defence force said Monday.

The small arms fire on the plane after it took off on Sunday afternoon from Baghdad was the first direct hit on an Australian aircraft during the US-led coalition's operations in Iraq. A US Department of Defence civilian contractor was killed, the defence force said. No Australians were wounded and there was no significant damage to the aircraft.

Australia's conservative Prime Minister, John Howard, a close US ally who sent 2,000 military personnel to the war last year, said the attack highlighted the dangers present in Iraq. "This does illustrate yet again just how dangerous is the task being undertaken by the Australians and these pilots, in the C-130s, are in the line of fire," Howard told reporters.

Howard and his opposition Labour rival Mark Latham are at loggerheads over the future of the 850 Australian troops still on duty in and around Iraq and it is shaping up as a key issue before a close-run election expected within months. Howard wants the troops to remain until the job is done but Latham, who opposed the US-led war in Iraq, has vowed to bring them home by Christmas if he wins the election.—Internet



This image from a video broadcast by the Al-Jazeera network on Sunday, 27 June, 2004, shows a man identified on the video as Wassef Ali Hassoun, a US Marine who Iraqi militants claim to have captured. A Marine has been missing from his unit in Iraq for nearly a week but it is unclear whether he has been taken hostage, the US command said. — INTERNET

## IMF head, Singapore leaders hold talks

**SINGAPORE, 27 June**—The International Monetary Fund (IMF) Managing Director Rodrigo de Rato on Friday discussed with Singapore leaders global and regional issues.

"In my meetings, we had wide-ranging discussions on global and regional issues, including the possible risks to the strong global recovery now underway, and the growing role of Asia in the world economy," Rodrigo de Rato said in a statement after meeting with Singapore's Senior Minister Lee Kuan Yew and Deputy Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong, who is also the island state's Finance Minister.

They also agreed on the need to further strengthen the international financial sys-

tem, and the part that Asian regional financial initiatives can play in this respect.

Rodrigo de Rato hoped that the IMF can play a useful role as a partner in promoting regional financial cooperation.

The IMF will fully support the Singapore Government's reform efforts, and expects a close policy dialogue with the city state, the IMF head said.

Singapore will host the World Bank/IMF annual meetings in 2006.

MNA/Xinhua

## Vietnam's crude oil export rises

**HANOI, 27 June**—Vietnam is estimated to export over 9.7 million tons of crude oil worth 2.4 billion US dollars in the first six months of this year, up 12.6 per cent in volume and over 20 per cent in value against the same period last year.

The country's stronger exploitation of crude oil and the higher world prices of the local product, which is mainly exported to the United States, Singapore, Japan and Britain, contributed to the increase, according to the Ministry of Trade on Friday.

Vietnam plans to exploit nearly 23.4 million tons of crude oil, of which 17.5 mil-

lion tons valued at 4.5 billion dollars will be shipped abroad, it said. To realize the target, the country is calling for more foreign investment in exploring and exploiting oil and gas. Vietnam is estimated to import over 5.4 million tons of petroleum products worth 1.5 billion US dollars in the first half of this year, year-on-year rises of 5

per cent and 21 per cent, respectively. Vietnam pumped out roughly 21 million tons of crude oil in 2003, and exported nearly 17.2 million tons of the product worth 3.8 billion dollars, posting respective increases of 10.5 per cent and 1.7 per cent over the previous year, according to the General Statistics Office.—MNA/Xinhua

## Malaysia's tourist arrivals up in January-April

**KUALA LUMPUR, 27 June**—Malaysia recorded 5,245,100 foreign tourists between January and April this year, up 57.3 per cent over the same period last year, Malaysia National News Agency reported on Friday.

"Through various programmes, the ministry has aimed to achieve the arrival of 14 million tourists for 2004," the official news agency quoted Secretary-General of the Tourism Ministry Mohamed Azmi Razak as saying.

Mohamed Azmi said

since 2002 the ministry has focused on eight major events to boost Malaysia's tourism industry, including the Mega Sale Carnival, National Water Festival, Food and Fruits Festival, Merdeka (independence) Month, International Cultural Month.

Tourist arrivals reached

a new record of 13.3 million in 2002 with 6.8 billion US dollars in tourism receipts but tourist arrivals dropped to 10.6 million in 2003 due to external factors like the severe acute respiratory syndrome outbreak and the war in Iraq.

MNA/Xinhua

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## Iraq billions of cash unaccounted for

**BAGHDAD, 28 June**—Discrepancies are highlighted in the handling of \$20bn (£11bn) generated from Iraq's oil and other sources since war ended last year.

The Coalition Provisional Authority was given responsibility for the country's finances by the United Nations.

The UN stressed that money in the Development Fund for Iraq must be shown to be used in Iraq's best interests.

It was understood that all revenues would be paid into a central fund.

But both the charity Christian Aid and the Liberal Democrats are now criticising the CPA, saying no audit of how the money was used had been carried out until April of this year — two months before the handover of power.

Christian Aid described the information regarding the allocation of money as "woefully inadequate".

On 29 May, the CPA revealed \$19.4bn (£10.7bn) had been paid into the DFI and spent on a wheat purchase programme, electricity and oil infrastructure programmes and equipment for Iraqi security forces, among other purchases.

The Coalition said \$10bn (£5.5bn) of the total sum came from oil revenues.

But, according to the Lib Dems, there is a shortfall of up to \$3.7bn (£2.03bn) between the amount of oil revenue earned and the money paid into the DFI by the CPA.

Iraq's oil resources generate billions of dollars each year and both studies insist it is not known how that money has been spent.

Helen Collinson, from Christian Aid, said: "For the entire year that the CPA has been in power in Iraq it has been impossible to tell with any accuracy what the CPA has been doing with Iraq's money."

In a separate study, the Liberal Democrats said the CPA was obliged to pay all oil revenues into the DFI, but there appears to be a significant disparity.

According to CPA figures, the DFI had received \$10.8bn (£5.9bn) for oil revenue by 21 June this year.

But research by the Lib Dems suggests oil revenues stand between \$12.2bn (£6.7bn) and \$14.5bn (£7.96bn).

Christian Aid put the figure at \$13bn (£7.1bn). — Internet



US Army soldiers question Iraqi men while searching for weapons in the Yarmouk section of Baghdad on 27 June 2004. The US Army expects an increase in guerilla attacks ahead of the handover of Iraqi sovereignty on 30 June. — INTERNET



## Irish Prime Minister tells Bush Europe abhorred Abu Ghraib abuse

NEWMARKET-ON-FERGUS (Ireland), 27 June — Europeans were appalled by the abuse of Iraqi prisoners at the Abu Ghraib Prison, Irish Prime Minister Bertie Ahern told US President George W Bush on Saturday.

"President Bush is very much aware of the abhorrence that the people of Ireland and of Europe felt at the abuse of Iraqi prisoners by coalition forces," Ahern said in a statement after holding bilateral talks

with Bush.

Images of US soldiers humiliating and abusing Iraqi prisoners at Iraq's Abu Ghraib jail earlier this year dealt a severe blow to stated US aims of winning Iraqi hearts and minds af-

ter the war to oust former president Saddam Hussein.

Ahern, whose country holds the rotating presidency of the European Union, was hosting Bush at an EU-US summit, and he said Iraq was high on the

agenda.

"It is vital that we move forward together in the coming days as the transfer of sovereignty approaches," he said.

The United States is due to hand over sovereignty in Iraq to the Baghdad government on 30 June.

Ahern also raised the issue of treatment of prisoners in Guantanamo Bay, a US base in Cuba where hundreds of prisoners suspected of belonging to or having links with the former Taleban regime in Afghanistan are being held without charge.

MNA/Reuters



US Army soldiers raid a section of Abu Ghraib, on the outskirts of Baghdad, Iraq, while searching for weapons on 26 June, 2004. — INTERNET

## UN urges stronger policies to prevent spread of drugs

VIENNA, 27 June — The United Nations on Friday urged all the countries in the world to join hands and introduce stronger policies to prevent the spread of drugs.

"Stronger prevention and treatment policies are needed throughout societies," as the "current levels of illicit drug use, together with the health consequences and criminal activities associated with it, are clearly unacceptable", said Antonio Costa, executive director of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime (UNODC).

Costa made the remarks while presenting the World Drug Report 2004 at a Press conference in Moscow.

"Although the large majority of the world population remains untouched by illicit drug use, the youth in particular, are vulnerable. Governments need to do much more to prevent abuse, and to assist those who are already affected," he added.

"Especially worrisome is the spread of HIV/AIDS

among injecting drug users. The weight of law enforcement has to concentrate on drug traffickers, while our help and compassion must go to those who have been victimized by the evil merchants."

In his opinion, poverty and weak governments facilitated trafficking, and alienation and exclusion caused abuse, which has a negative impact both on individuals and the functioning of societies as a whole.

"Drug control priorities therefore need to be placed firmly into the mainstream of a country's socio-economic agenda," the UN official stressed.

According to the drug report, some 185 million people around the world — approximately 3 per cent of the global population —

have used drugs at least once during the previous 12 months.

The most widely abused drug substance is cannabis, with more than 150 million people using it at least once a year, followed by the amphetamine-type stimulants, said the report.

While calling for more attention to fight drugs, Costa admitted that there are some "encouraging results," such as a slowdown in the spread of drug abuse.

"After the significant growth of drug abuse in the past half century, the spread of drugs in the world has slowed down," he said.

Less than one adult out of 30, or 5 per cent of the world population aged 15 to 64, has used illicit drugs in the past 12 months, said Costa. — MNA/Xinhua

## 3.5 kilos of cocaine seized at Sydney Airport

CANBERRA, 27 June — Australian police have seized 3.5 kilos of cocaine at Sydney Airport and arrested a 25-year-old man on charges of drug trafficking.

Australian Federal Police said Friday that the man arriving Thursday on a flight from Los Angeles was se-

lected for a baggage examination. The drug was found in his bag.

He appeared in the Cen-

tral Local Court in Sydney on Friday and will appear at the court again on 18 August.

The maximum penalty for drug trafficking in Australia is a fine of \$25,000 US dollars and/or life imprisonment.

MNA/Xinhua

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## US military fired on in Najaf

NAJAF, 27 June — A US military convoy on Saturday came under fire from Shiite militiamen in the Iraqi city of Najaf where a truce was agreed earlier this month after weeks of fighting, residents said.

The convoy of Humvees and trucks was shot at as it travelled on the outskirts of the holy city, 100 miles south of Baghdad, where US forces spent weeks putting down a rebellion by Shiite militiamen.

There were no immediate reports of any casualties or damage in the exchange of fire. The US military said it had no information.

Militiamen loyal to rebel Shiite cleric Moqtada al-Sadr took over the centre of Najaf, home to Shiite Islam's holiest shrine, in April but relinquished control to Iraqi police as part of a ceasefire struck earlier this month.

However, some renegade militiamen are still hiding out in the city and have occasionally shot at US military convoys moving on the periphery of the town. —MNA/Reuters

## Iranian police blame US, Britain for flow of Afghan drugs

TEHRAN, 27 June — Iran's police blamed Britain and the United States for bumper poppy crops in Afghanistan that are enflaming social problems in the Islamic Republic where more than two million people are drug addicts.

Iranian forces marked the UN International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking in Teheran on Saturday by blowing up a huge mound of seized drugs topped with a picture of a bat-like monster with blood-red eyes.

They chanted "Death to America" as the contraband exploded.

"We hold America and Britain responsible for this situation... Americans are in charge of Afghanistan's security and Britons are responsible for fighting drugs there," said anti-narcotics commander Mehdi Abuee.

Iran is the main route for Afghan drugs heading West.

The police announced they reckoned almost 120,000 acres of Afghan farms were under poppy cultivation, adding this was unprecedented in the country's history.

Abuee said the fundamentalist Taleban were long blamed for producing the lion's share of world narcotics, but said the interim Afghan Government and US and British forces had done little to address the problem.

Iran has built chains of walls and forts across its porous eastern borders but smugglers have gone back to old ways, taking drugs through mountain passes by rucksack and camel.

"Only 10 per cent of poppy farms have been destroyed and of what remains, 4,100 tons of opium will be produced this season," Abuee added. Many Afghan farmers felled their citrus groves to turn to the more lucrative crop.

Iran, where 70 per cent of the population is under 30, is open about its drugs problem has shown drug awareness programmes on television through the week. —MNA/Reuters

## Schroeder says Germany will not budge on Iraq troops

BERLIN, 28 June — Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder said on Sunday Germany would not budge on its refusal to send troops to Iraq, but does not expect that to become a contentious issue at the NATO summit in Istanbul on Monday.

Speaking to journalists in Berlin before boarding a plane to Istanbul, Schroeder said the transatlantic row over the Iraq war

belonged in the history books and that all NATO states were interested in improving stability and democracy in Iraq.

"There's no change — there will be no German soldiers in Iraq," Schroeder said.

"I've said that from the start and that will be the position that we'll be taking in Istanbul."

MNA/Reuters



An Iraqi man waits while US Army soldiers search his home for weapons during a raid in Abu Ghraib, on the outskirts of Baghdad, Iraq, on 26 June, 2004. — INTERNET

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## Political parties attacked in Iraq's Baquba

**BAGHDAD, 28 June**—The offices of Iraq's two major political parties in the central northern city of Baquba were attacked on Saturday, leaving at least four people killed.

The third floor of a building housing the office of Iraqi National Accord, the party to which Iraqi Prime Minister Iyad Allawi belongs, was blown up by explosives, reports said.

A spokesman from Allawi's office in Baghdad had no word on the extent of damage or type of casualties caused in the incident.

Shortly before the explosion, around 20 armed men crashed into an office of the Supreme Council for the Islamic Revolution in Iraq, another major Shiite political party, killing four people including three security guards.

A suicide bomber was gunned down before he was able to detonate the explosives

tied to his body, sources said.

The pair of attacks took place two days after a group purportedly led by terror master Abu Mussab Zarqawi attacked a police station and a government office in the city, 60 kilometres northeast of Baghdad. More than 10 policemen and two US soldiers were killed in the fighting.

Saturday's assaults were mounted almost simultaneously with another car bombing attack at a Kurdish regional government building in Arbil, northern Iraq.

Mahmoud Mohammed, Culture Minister of the Kurdistan Democratic Party, was wounded, and one of his bodyguards was killed, said Qatar based al-Jazeera channel.—MNA/Xinhua

## Iraqi minister says Arab firms will have priority

**CAIRO, 28 June**—Iraq's new interim government will give priority to companies from Arab countries when awarding contracts for reconstruction work, Iraqi Housing and Construction Minister Omar al-Damluji said on Sunday.

Damluji arrived in Cairo from Lebanon on Sunday for talks with Egyptian Government and company officials about their possible participation in Iraq's reconstruction programme.

"We will give Egyptian and Arab companies priority to carry out reconstruction contracts in Iraq as part of our desire to cooperate with any state in this field," he told reporters.

Iraq's Interim Government will also place a priority on employing Iraqi workers to reduce unemployment, he added.

Egyptian companies, with the exception

of mobile phone operator Orascom Telecom, have been reluctant to participate in Iraq's reconstruction, citing uncertainty about the status of Iraq's Governing Council, which dissolved itself on June 1.

The Egyptian Government has not yet established full diplomatic relations with the interim government which took the council's place. Officials say Egypt is waiting to see what happens on and after 30 June, the date set by the United States for the planned handover to the interim government.

MNA/Reuters

## Chinese farmers' paintings to be exhibited in France

**CHONGQING, 28 June**—A total of 400 print works of Chinese farmers, or pictures printed from an engraved or etched plate, will be exhibited early July in Toulouse, France, a local official said on Sunday.

It is part of the ongoing "Chinese Culture Year in France", said Gui Huanyong, director of the Farmers Print Academy of Qijiang County, Chongqing Municipality in southwest China.

Gui has been busy these days in preparing the print

works. Print art by farmers in the county started to bloom in the 1980s, reflecting mainly life of local villagers with unique ruralism.

Since 1984, print works from Qijiang farmers have been sent for exhibitions in major Chinese cities and

more than 10 countries including Britain, Canada, Japan, Italy and the United States.

The county was honoured as home for modern Chinese folk painting by the Chinese Ministry of Culture.

MNA/Xinhua



Japanese and South Korean peace activists, one holding a portrait of Kim Sun-il, the South Korean hostage beheaded by militants in Iraq, hold a candlelight rally near Shinjuku railroad station in Tokyo simultaneously with a candlelight vigil held in Seoul, South Korea, as his body returned home on 26 June, 2004. — INTERNET

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## Thousands of Cubans protest US measures against island

**HAVANA, 27 June**—More than 10,000 Cubans gathered Saturday at Tribuna Abierta, in the central province of Sancti Spiritus' Jatibonico Municipality, to protest measures announced on 6 May by the United States against the island.

At the political rally, which usually takes place at weekends at a locality in Cuba, Participants rejected Washington's decision to harden the economic, financial and commercial blockade unilaterally adopted against the island more than 40 years ago.

US President George W

Bush decided to disburse 59 million US dollars in the next two years to launch measures aiming to reduce the money remitted by Cuban emigrants to their families in the island, and other actions seeking to drown the national economy and promote a rebellion.

Participants also expressed support for the posi-

tion voiced by Cuban President Fidel Castro last June 21, when he warned that a war against Cuba could never be won by the invading power. They urged for justice for five Cubans convicted in the United States for allegedly acting against the country's national security. — MNA/Xinhua



An Iraqi woman and her children leave their home as US troops from the First Infantry Division enter the building during search for weapons in Baqouba, Iraq, on 26 June, 2004. — INTERNET

## Attack on US plane in Iraq kills one

**BAGHDAD, 28 June**—A US C-130 transport plane was hit by gunfire after takeoff from Baghdad airport on Sunday and one person aboard was fatally wounded, the US Army said.

"While there was no significant damage to the aircraft, one person was wounded which caused the aircraft to divert back to Baghdad International Airport for medical treatment," US spokesman Brigadier General Mark Kimmitt said

in a statement. "The individual later died."

The attack marked the first time since the fall of Saddam Hussein that guerillas have mounted a deadly attack on a fixed wing plane taking off from or landing at Baghdad's Airport.

In January a US Air Force C-5 cargo jet carrying 63 passengers and crew was hit by ground fire and made a safe emergency landing.

Last year a DHL cargo plane also made an emergency landing after being hit by ground fire.—MNA/Reuters

## Vietnam's blood supply decreases

**HANOI, 27 June**—Vietnam's blood reserves is decreasing to dangerously low level, with daily blood donations down by nearly half this month, partly due to Euro 2004.

"Half a month ago, there was a long line of people waiting to sell blood, but once the soccer tournament began, only a few come in to donate each day," Vietnam News on Friday quoted Nguyen Anh Tri, director of the National Institute of Haematology and Blood Transfusion, as saying.

Euro 2004, which has lured lots of local soccer fans, and students who are busy studying for the upcoming university entrance exam or on summer vacations are

possible causes of the fall in blood donor numbers, he said.

Blood sellers account for some 60 per cent of the institute's blood supply, while student volunteers make up the rest.

The institute's blood reserve has dropped to 150 blood units or 37.5 litres, while it requires an average of 150 blood units every day to serve patients at the institute and 20 other hospitals. Major hospitals in the capital of Hanoi need around

1,000 units of blood in reserve for emergencies.

The shortage of blood will improve slightly after Euro 2004 finishes and when students return to university and charity programmes in August, Tri said, adding that the state should make blood donation compulsory for every citizen.

Vietnam needs around 380,000 litres of blood annually, but the institute has only 22-30 per cent of the figure, he concluded.

MNA/Xinhua



## New and fast developments throughout Myanmar



*A smooth village road constructed in Padagyi model village in Kyauktan Township, Yangon Division. — MYANMA ALIN*



*Heavy machinery were used to construct 8 miles 3 furlongs Aungheik-Seiktha road in Maubin Township, Ayeyawady Division. — PBANRDA*



*A drilling machine at work to sink a tubewell in Muse, Shan State (North).*

PBANRDA



*Maipan hydro-power station was built to the east of Monghsat, Shan State (East) to supply electricity to local people.*

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**Border and  
rural area  
developments**



*To promote the education standard of the rural areas, new schools have been opened throughout the nation. Photo shows new school building built in Linyin Village, Sagaing Township, Sagaing Division. — MYANMA ALIN*

## Plenary Session of the National Convention...

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Before the plenary session, Chairman of the Commission Secretary-2 Lt-Gen Thein Sein and Commission members, Chairman of the Work Committee Chief Justice U Aung Toe and Work Committee members, Chairman of the Management Committee Auditor-General Maj-Gen Lun Maung and Management Committee members and NC delegates signed the attendance registers in Pyidaungsu Hall where the National Convention is being held and at the Recreation Centre.

U Yaw Aye Hla of the Delegate Group of Representatives-elect presided over the plenary session together with National Convention Convening Work Committee member Daw Khin Nu, U Tun Yin Law of the Delegate Group of Political Parties, 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 Intellectuals and Intelligentsia, Maj-Gen Aung Thein of the Delegate Group of State Service Personnel and U Tun Aung Chin 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

1,067 delegates out of 1,088 listed, accounting for 98.07 per cent. Next, the Delegate Group of Representatives 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, Representatives-elect of the National Unity Party U Thet Wai of Constituency-2 of Wakema Township, Ayeyawady Division, submitted the proposal to the Chairman.

Next, Representatives-elect of Mro or Khami National Solidarity Organization U San Tha Aung of Constituency-2 of Kyauktaw Township, Rakhine State, presented the proposal of their party in two parts. U San Tha Aung and Independent Representatives-elect U Tin Tun Maung of Constituency-2 of Mingaladon Township, Yangon Division, read the proposal. The plenary session went into recess at 9.35 am.

At 10.5 am, the plenary session resumed. The Delegate Group of Representatives-elect read the 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. Independent representatives-elect delegate Dr Mu Htan of Thantlang Township Constituency of Chin State and Independent Representative-elect U Aung Thein of Ywangan Township Constituency of Shan State read out their proposal. Representatives-elect U Kyi Win and U Tin



Chairman of National Convention Convening Commission Secretary-2 of State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein signs the attendance register to attend the Plenary Session of National Convention. — MNA



Attendance seen at the Plenary Session of National Convention — MNA

Win also read out the proposals in two parts submitted by independent representatives-elect delegates U Tin Win of Constituency-2 of Kyaiklat Township, Ayeyawady Division, U Thein Kyi of Constituency-1 of Taunggyingyi Township, Magway Division, U Hla Soe of Constituency-2 of Minbu Township, Magway Division, U Mya Hlaing of

Constituency-2 of Twantay Township, Yangon Division, U Kyi Win of Constituency-1 of Mingaladon Township, Yangon Division, and U Tin Tun Maung of Constituency-2 of Mingaladon Township, Yangon Division.

Independent Representatives-elect U Tun Kyaw of Namhsam Township, Shan State, read out his proposal. Today's plenary session ended at 12.45 pm. The plenary session of the National Convention continues tomorrow at 9 am. — MNA



Delegate of national races group Dr Khin Shwe presents K 100,000 to vocalist Sone Thin Pa. — MNA



Independent representatives-elect delegate U Tun Kyaw of Namhsam, Shan State reads proposal paper collectively submitted. — MNA



Independent representatives-elect delegate U Tin Win reads proposal paper collectively submitted. — MNA



Representatives-elect of Mro or Khami National Solidarity Organization U San Tha Aung reads proposal paper. — MNA



Representatives-elect of National Unity Party U Thet Wai reads proposal. — MNA



Independent representatives-elect delegate U Aung Thein reads proposal. — MNA



Independent representatives-elect delegate Dr Mu Htan reads the proposal. — MNA

## Minister leaves to attend inauguration of Philippine President

YANGON, 28 June — Minister for Labour U Tin Winn left here by air this evening to attend the inauguration of the Philippine President to be held on 30 June in the Philippines on behalf of the Head of State.

The minister was seen off at Yangon International Airport by Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha, Minister for Cooperatives Maj-Gen Htay Oo, Deputy Minister for

Labour Brig-Gen Win Sein, officials of the Ministry of Labour and families.

Head of Office of the Ministry of Labour U Aung Ko also accompanied the minister. — MNA



Minister for Labour U Tin Winn being seen off at Yangon International Airport. — MNA





Minister U Aung Thaung inspects installation of machine parts at Pwintphyu Textile Factory project, Magway Division. — MNA



Minister for Culture Maj-Gen Kyi Aung lays gem casket at ceremony of laying three Kyahngan pillars of Arimadanapura Bagan golden palace. — NLM

## Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than inspects...

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ranks and their families. At the meeting, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than urged them to carry out agriculture and livestock breeding on manageable scale and to participate in regional development tasks.

Later, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than and party arrived at Padaung Township People's Hospital where doctors, nurses and departmental officials welcomed them. Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than and the commander attended to the needs for

health care services of the hospital. They then inspected the dental unit and comforted the patients at the women ward.

They also inspected the delivery room, operation theatre, storage of medicines and men's ward, and fulfilled the requirements. Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than and party inspected the condition of Padaung-Sinde-Pyay road.

On 26 June morning, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than and party went to Inma Station and met officers, other ranks and their families. Lt-Gen

Khin Maung Than urged them to carry out farming on manageable scale to increase per capital income and to work closely with local people in regional development tasks.

At 1.30 pm, they arrived at Hmomyodaw Straw Mushrooms Farm in Paungde and viewed round production process. Similarly, they also viewed round Linze mushroom production at the Mono Mushroom farm.

Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than and party arrived back here in the evening. — MNA

## Factories in South Dagon Industrial Zones inspected

YANGON, 28 June — Minister for Rail Transportations North Dagon Industrial Zones-2 and -3 in charge Maj-Gen Aung Min, accompanied by Deputy Minister Thura U Thaung Lwin, arrived at the office of No 2 Industrial Zone Management Committee (South Dagon) yesterday

afternoon.

The minister met the Chairman of the Yangon Eastern District Peace and Development Council Chairman of North Dagon Industrial Zone Management Committee Lt-Col Maung Maung Shein, the chairmen and members of the management com-

mittees of industrial zones-2 and -3 and industrialists.

The minister delivered a speech at the meeting and Lt-Col Maung Maung Shein reported on matters related to the zones.

The chairmen and the industrialists also reported on the requirements.

The minister explained the plans to fulfill the needs and inspected the factories in the industrial zones. — MNA

## International Trade Course concludes

YANGON, 28 June — International Trade Course (Program-2) organised by Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry concluded at UMFCCT Training Centre on Bo Sonpet Street

## Ceremony to convey Inlay PhaungdawU Buddha images and ancient Buddha images to be held

YANGON, 28 June — Arrangements to convey Inlay PhaungdawU Buddha images and ancient Buddha images to the Sankyaungdaw will be discussed in conjunction with the ceremony to honour 40 members of Sangha who passed Government Pathamabyan Exam at the Zabu Aye Monastery,

Dhamma Maydini Pariyatti Monastery and Monastic Education Monastery in North Okkalapa Township, Yangon Division on 4 July (3rd waning of first Waso). Waso robes and provisions will be offered to 200 members of Sangha residing at the Monasteries. Those wishing to make donations

are to contact the Kyaungtaik boards of trustees of the Zabu Aye Kyaungtaik, Dhamma Maydini Pariyatti Sarthintaik and Monastic Education Kyaungtaik in North Okkalapa Township, Yangon Division (Tel 699163 or 635976 or 09-50 11279)

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## Industry-1 Minister tours Pakokku, Seikphyu, Magway

YANGON, 28 June — Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thaung and officials inspected No 2 Cigarette Factory of the Myanmar Foodstuff Industries in Pakokku on 26 June. The minister and party inspected production process at the factory and gave instructions on measures for safety.

The minister inspected functions of No 2 cigarette

sub-factory, Winthaza shop (Pakokku) and sales.

The minister went to Thitseint (Bellaricmyrobolan) oil factory in Seikphyu Township, Magway Division. He inspected production of Thitseint oil, bottling and sorting.

In the long run, the factory can produce 50-60 tons a day.

The minister met officials at Poyinbyu Textile Mill

Project. He discussed civil and engineering works, fixing working hour and others. He then presented fruit basket to technicians of Jianjin Machinery Import and Export Corporation of the People's Republic of China.

The minister inspected installation of machines and cooling system in the main building of the factory.

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## Ceremony to lay three Kyahngan pillars for construction of Arimadanapura Bagan golden palace held

YANGON, 28 June — A ceremony to lay three Kyahngan pillars was held at the site for construction of Arimadanapura Bagan golden palace in ancient Bagan city on 27 June.

Present were Minister for Culture Maj-Gen Kyi Aung, Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Soe Win Maung, Director-General of Department of Archaeology U Nyunt Han, Chairman of NyaungU Dis-

trict Peace and Development Council Lt-Col Teza, Chairman of Township Peace and Development Council, officials and local people.

The ceremony was held in accord with the ancient customs under the supervision of Adviser to the State Peace and Development Council Office U Arnt Maung and Agga Maha Thirithudhamma Manijotadhara Taingya U Than Hla.

The minister, the deputy minister and officials conveyed the pillars to the site. The minister and officials put up the pillars at the designated places.

The minister and party sprinkled scented water on the site and laid the caskets.

They performed rituals of golden and silver showers to mark the success of the ceremony.

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Delegates sign attendance registers to attend Plenary Session of National Convention. — MNA

## Petroleum, gas, petro-chemicals production discussed

YANGON, 28 June — Deputy Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Than Htay met factory manager and officials of Mann oilfield in Minbu on 25 June and discussed production of petroleum, natural gas and petro-chemicals. The deputy minister inspected production of well No 655.

The deputy minister met officials of No 1 fertilizer plant (Sale). On 27 June, the deputy minister inspected drilling of

well No 167 and production of well No 166 in Myanaung oilfield.

On 25 June, the deputy minister attended handing over of new building for No 109 basic education primary

school in Chaungpaik Village in Yenangyoung Township to the Ministry of Education.

He also attended opening ceremony of multimedia teaching centre at BEHS in Minbu on 26 June. — MNA

## Graduates of NYRDDC (Yangon), (Mandalay) tour Yangon

YANGON, 28 June — The students who got the arts and science degrees from Yangon and Mandalay Nationalities Youth Resource Development Degree Colleges of the Ministry of the Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs and AGTI engineering diplomas, together with their parents, this morning paid obeisance to Lawka Chantha

Abhaya Labha Muni Buddha Image, viewed the White Elephants and visited Drug Museum here.

At noon, they arrived at the National Races Village in Thaketa Township where officials hosted a lunch. Afterwards, they visited Kyaikhmawun Yele Pagoda in Kyauktan Township.

Later, they also visited Shwedagon Pagoda. — MNA



Completion certificates of International Trade Course presented by members of Educational Work Committee. — MNA



The Plenary Meeting of the National Convention in progress. — MNA



Maj-Gen Tin Htut presents a cash award to Daw Tin Tin Mya. — MNA



Maj-Gen Lun Maung presents a cash award to an official. — MNA

## Ahlon Wharf Nos 1, 2 and 3 that will emerge as modern ports



Machinery at work seen at the Ahlon wharf of Asia World Port Management Co Ltd.

"Economic development through stability" and "Emergence of a modern developed nation" are the two national goals, with which, emphasis is placed on the efforts to boost the country's economy through the invitation of local and foreign technocrats. At the same time, incentive is being given to the involvement of national entrepreneurs in these measures.

The transport sector plays a crucial role in economic development of the country. So does the marine transport service, which includes the export and import tasks of the country almost cent per cent. Yangon Port is the biggest and most strategic port in the marine transport service.

Since the introduction of the market economic

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system after 1988, the construction of modern ports in the country became essential so as to handle export and import undertakings. The Ministry of Transport has since been taking measures for the development of ports in cooperation with local and foreign business organizations on a profit-sharing basis.

Newly-emerged wharves along Yangon river are Botahtaung No 1 Inland Container Terminal, jointly-constructed by Myanmar Port Authority and Allied Container Services Pte Ltd of Singapore; Myanmar Integrated Port Ltd (MIPL) operated on BOT system; Myanmar International Terminals Thilawa (MITT); Ahlon Wharf Nos 1 and 2 operated by Asia World Port Management Co Ltd owned by Myanmar national; and Myanmar Industrial Port operated by Myanmar Maritime Entrepreneurs Co Ltd. The scenery of Yangon Port has also changed for the better.

Myanmar Port Authority and Asia World Port Management Co Ltd entered an agreement on 25 April 1996 to construct No 2 Ahlon general cargo wharf with the cent per cent investment of Asia World.

According to the agreement, the company would have to build the port on BOT system and operate the port for 25 years. The amount of investment was nearly



Ahlon wharves Nos 1 and 2 being operated by Asia World Port Management Co Ltd.

### 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

### All this needs to be known

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

### 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



Containers being loaded onto and unloaded from a foreign vessel at No-2 Ahlon wharf.

US \$ 4 million and some K 273 million.

With three 9-m long approach bridges, the wharf measures 165 metres by 19.5 metres. Equipped with modern machinery, the wharf started providing port services on 20 December 1997.

Asia World Port Management Co Ltd also constructed No 1 Ahlon General Cargo Wharf on BOT system with its cent per cent investment of some US \$ 21 millions and some K 2,343.6 millions and opened it on 19 March 2000.

The wharf measures 198 metres by 55 metres and has a 12.10-acre container ground. The wharf is also equipped with modern machinery and can provide prompt services.

Myanmar Port Authority and Asia World Port Management Co Ltd reached an agreement on 1 September 2001 to construct No 3 wharf on BOT system at Yangon Port.

According to the agreement, the company will construct the wharf measuring 260 metres by 55.5 metres. The estimated cost for the project is some US \$ 18 million and some K 1,420 million. The project is to be completed in 54 month after the signing of the agreement.

Construction works are being carried out with might and main to finish the project in the agreed time.

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## 5th Han Golf Masters Junior Championship to be held

YANGON, 28 June — Organized by the Myanmar Golf Federation, the 5th Han Golf Masters Junior Championship for the emergence of new generation golfers will be held at Myanmar Golf Club (9th mile) on 1st July. The tournament will be divided into five categories — the 8-10 class, the 11-12 class, the 13-14 class, the 15-17 class and female U-18

class.

Those who wish to participate in the tournament can inquire or enlist at HGM Pro-shop, YGC (Tel-635563), YCDC (Tel-641341), MGC (Tel-661702) and Han Event Management Office, No 15/A, Kanbawza St, Bahan Tsp (Tel- 542989 or 723221) not later than 30 June, Wednesday.

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## More foreign-capital insurers to enter China

BEIJING, 28 June — With the speeding of China's opening to the outside world, more foreign capital insurers will enter the China market, which will deepen the cooperation between China's insurance industry and the world capital market, said a senior Chinese official.

"China's insurers can raise money from international market via listing and explore ways to invest in global markets with their own money," said Wu Dingfu, chairman of the China Insurance Regulatory Commission.

But the interactive development of China's insurance and the international capital market should be in a step-by-step way, said Wu.

"We can draw experiences from internationally popular practices and integrate them with China's reality."

At the same time, China should make more efforts in building an insurance agents army to meet international standards and to lift the commission's regulating ability, said Wu.

MNA/Xinhua

## Mubarak takes first steps after back operation

CAIRO, 28 June — Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak on Sunday took his first steps since a slipped disc operation in Germany and is in excellent health, said the German doctor in charge of his treatment.

Mubarak, 76, had the operation on Saturday after a six-day wait in Munich and then spent the night in the recovery room.

"The President had a good night last night and he is in excellent health," Heinz-

Michael Mayer of Munich's Orthopaedic Centre told Egyptian state television.

"This morning we were able to take President Mubarak back to his normal room. He got out of bed and took some steps in his room," said the doctor, speaking through an interpreter.

Mayer is the head of the spine unit at the centre, where Mubarak has spent the last week because of his back problem.

MNA/Reuters

## China stresses research, training in psychological warfare

BEIJING, 28 June — China's Armed Forces have stepped up research and training in psychological warfare as part of their efforts to increase the national defence capability, according to military sources.

The People's Liberation Army Daily, the mouthpiece of the Armed Forces, and newspapers published by headquarters of various military command areas, have published reports on ways to improve psychological warfare.

The regulation issued recently by the Central Military Commission on political work of the People's Liberation Army contains articles on publicity warfare, psychological warfare and legal means in wars against invasion.

China has set up psychological warfare units within various major mili-

tary command areas, and established institutes of psychological warfare in military schools.

The country's first group of officers trained in psychological warfare have joined the Army, Navy and Air Force. — MNA/Xinhua

## 5 Japanese firms to launch satellites in 2008

TOKYO, 28 June — Itochu Corp, Isat Corp and three other Japanese companies plan to jointly launch Japan's first commercial Earth observation satellites in 2008, the first in Asia, a Japanese business newspaper reported Saturday.

The group, which also includes NTT Data Corp, Imageone Co and NEC Toshiba Space Systems Ltd, hopes to gain a foothold in the commercial satellite imaging market, the *Nihon Keizai Shimbun* said, add-



## HK Housing Department steps up anti-mosquito measures

HONG KONG, 28 June — The Housing Department of Hong Kong Special Administrative Region Government announced here Saturday enhanced anti-mosquito measures.

Deputy Director of Housing Lau Kai-hung said that about 800 staff would be mobilized to carry out preventive and control measures in all public rental housing estates, commercial properties and construction sites with the approach of the wet summer season.

He said a four-member Anti-Mosquito Special Cleansing Squad has been set up in all public rental housing estates to carry out daily inspection of floor drains, roof gutters and surface channels to prevent accumulation of water.

"The squad will also conduct regular patrol of common areas to check out stagnant water collected at discarded tyres, tree holes, bamboo stumps, leaf axils, empty lunch boxes, bottles,

cans and buckets which can be turned into potential mosquito breeding grounds," Lau said.

"Refresher talks and seminars will be organized for front-line staff, contractors and property management companies to promote awareness of the danger of mosquitoes. Inspection guidelines and checklist will be given out to front-line staff," he added.

Through regular Estate Management Advisory Committee meetings and newsletters, tenants will be urged to stay vigilant. Newspaper supplements will be arranged appealing for concerted efforts in eliminating mosquito breeding places.

To further drive home the anti-mosquito message, educational programmes will be arranged with collaboration of estate primary schools aiming to inspect potential mosquito breeding black spots in public housing estates.

MNA/Xinhua

## China willing to improve int'l cooperation on heritage protection

SUZHOU, 28 June — China is willing to improve international cooperation on heritage conservation and make due contributions to the protection of world heritages, Chinese State Councillor Chen Zhili said here Monday.

In a speech at the opening ceremony of the 28th Session of the UNESCO's World Heritage Committee, Chen said China has established a broad and profound partnership on heritage conservation with many countries, international agencies, especially with the United Nations Educational, Science and Culture Organization (UNESCO).

Citing the protection of Cambodia's Angkor Wat as

an example, Chen said at the initiation of the UNESCO and invitation of the Cambodian Government, China has joined the renovation project of the Chau Say Thevoda of Angkor Wat. China's efforts have been highly praised by the Cambodian Government and international organizations.

She noted that the Chinese Government has always held that the diversity of the world's civilization and culture should be honoured, different historical and cultural traditions should be respected and the world heritage should be well preserved.

"The convocation of the 28th session proves once again that the mutual respect, dialogue and cooperation

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## 20th Meeting of ASEAN National Tourism Organizations

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among different culture and civilizations are of crucial importance to the peace and development of the world," she said.

In addition, she said throughout the years, UNESCO has made outstanding contribution to the protection of world heritages through extensive interna-

tional exchanges and cooperation.

"China wishes to join hands with all countries and relevant international agencies to make unremitting efforts to protect the cultural and natural heritages for the benefit of the future generations," she said.

MNA/Xinhua



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The newly weds and the parents of both sides would like to tender their heartfelt gratitude to State Peace and Development Council Chairman Senior General Than Shwe and wife Daw Kyaing Kyaing, daughter Daw Thanda Shwe and family; and State Peace and Development Council Vice-Chairman Vice-Senior General Maung Aye and wife Daw Mya Mya San, who presented wedding gifts; Prime Minister of the State General Khin Nyunt and wife Dr Daw Khin Win Shwe, who wore wedding jasmine garlands and wedding rings to the newly weds; widow of late Lt-Gen Tin Oo Daw Khin Than Nwe; State Peace and Development Council member General Thura Shwe Mann's wife Daw Khin Lay The; State Peace and Development Council Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Soe Win's wife Daw Than Than Nwe; Secretary-2 Lt-Gen Thein Sein's wife Daw Khin Khin Win; members of the State Peace and Development Council and their wives, Yangon Command Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe and wife Daw Khin The; Htay; ministers and their wives, deputy ministers and their wives, ambassadors, military and civilian departmental heads and wives, the president of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry and members of the Central Executive Committee; patrons, the president, the vice-presidents and CEC members and leaders of working groups of Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation; the patrons, the president and CEC members of Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association; the chairman and CEC members of Myanmar Industrialists Association; medical superintendents of general hospitals; the patrons, the president and executives of Myanmar Women Sports Federation; foreign business partners, honourable gentlemen, friends and relatives, and those who helped in the wedding ceremony. We also would like to express our heartfelt thanks to Minister for Livestock and Fisheries Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein and wife Daw Myint Myint Aye, who wore the wedding garlands to the newly weds at the wedding dinner at the Sedona Hotel at night the same day, and ministers and their wives.

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## UN agency says global tourism growing, confidence rises

MADRID, 27 June—Tourism has rebounded in most parts of the world after a disastrous 2003 and confidence is rising for further growth over the coming months, the World Tourism Organization said on Friday.

The United Nations agency said most countries had made up ground lost last year—when tourism was hit by an epidemic of the SARS respiratory virus, geopoliti-

cal uncertainty and global economic slowdown—with many surpassing 2002 levels. "With the relaxing of the major geopolitical tensions and in spite of uncertainty all over the world...the signs are that travel confidence is improving significantly," the agency said, attributing the rise to stronger economic growth in many key markets.

The body's World Tourism Barometer, which moni-

tors sentiment through a survey of 230 tourism professionals in more than 100 countries, has been steadily increasing and shows most experts expect the sector to improve in the May to August period.

"Of course there are uncertainties left, such as the threat of further terrorist attacks and the high energy prices, but this hardly seems to affect tourism for the moment," said Augusto Huescar, head of market intelligence at the agency.

The Madrid-based organization said there had been no lasting impact on European tourism from the suspected al-Qaeda bombings of commuter trains that killed 191 people on 11 March in the Spanish capital.

"In spite of initial fears, the tragic events of 11 March in Madrid seem not to have influenced the pace of growth in Europe and results are overall positive," the agency said.

Spain saw an increase of 3.8 per cent in foreign visitors in the first five months of the year compared with the previous year.

MNA/Reuters

## UAE successful in controlling drug-related crimes

ABU DHABI, 27 June—The United Arab Emirates (UAE) has successfully put in place a comprehensive strategy to enable the country to have full grip on the problem of drug-related crimes, a senior official was quoted by the official WAM news agency as saying on Saturday.

The government of the UAE has successfully controlled the drug-related crimes by facing squarely the crimes of drug peddling and smuggling, said UAE Interior Minister Lieutenant General Mohammed Saeed

Al Badi.

He said that it reflects the UAE's serious commitment to active participation in every regional and international efforts to combat the menace of drugs, which is now arguably one of the world's most dangerous challenges of modern time.

The country's strategy in facing the dangers of drugs was based on three major factors, including preventive measures, combating measures and curative measures, in which drug addicts are treated and rehabilitated, he explained. —MNA/Xinhua

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## Drought-hit Australia plans to save ailing rivers

CANBERRA, 27 June—Australia announced on Friday a national plan to save the country's rivers, hit by the worst drought in 100 years, which will see a reduction in water drawn for irrigation and a system of tradeable water rights.

Drought-gripped Australia is the world's highest user of water per person despite being the driest inhabited continent.

Environment experts warn more than a quarter of Australia's rivers are in danger of drying up and stringent restrictions on water use now extend nation-wide.

At the core of the 10-year water plan is a strategy to save the nation's longest river system, the Murray-Darling, which runs north-south through four states and is the lifeblood of Australia's most important farmlands.

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"This has been a tremendous day for the future security of water supply in this country," Prime Minister John Howard told reporters, after Australia's national and state governments agreed to the 500-million-Australian-dollar (350-million-US-dollar) plan.

Australia is one of the biggest global farm exporters, shipping 30 billion Australian dollars a year worth of produce to the world.

A reduction in the water flow in the Murray and Darling rivers, which stretch 2,175 miles, has in recent years seen sections of the river system dry up, leaving farmers struggling to survive the worst drought in 100 years.

MNA/Reuters

## Eight killed, in Cambodian car accident

PHNOM PENH, 27 June—Eight people were killed and five others injured in a traffic accident on National Road 4 in Cambodia's Kampong Speu Province, an official said Friday. Yim Sokhom, Kampong Speu Province Deputy Governor, told Xinhua Friday that the accident took place at around 9 am on Friday. "The two cars crashed into each other," he said. "The first report was three people had died but now we have five more," he said. "The injured are in hospital in Phnom Penh," he said.—MNA/Xinhua



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A computer image shows three satellites that will form part of the Galileo navigation system network. The United States and the EU signed a cooperation accord to ensure compatibility between their rival satellite positioning systems. — INTERNET

## EU, US sign agreement on satellite navigation systems

CO CLARE (Ireland), 28 June — The European Union and the United States Saturday agreed on a cooperation agreement between the European and US satellite-navigation systems following several years of negotiations.

The two sides were due to sign the agreement between Galileo and the Global Positioning System (GPS) during the EU-US summit that is to be held in Dromoland Castle, a luxurious hotel in mid-western Ireland.

US Secretary of State Colin Powell, Irish Foreign Minister Brian Cowen, whose country is currently holding the rotating EU presidency, and EU Commissioner Loyola de Palacio were expected to be present at the signing ceremony.

The Galileo programme, a joint European Commission and European Space Agency initiative, represents the first global satellite positioning and navigation system designed specifically for civilian use worldwide.

Based on a constellation of 30 satellites

orbiting at an altitude of 24,400 kilometres, Galileo will feature full interoperability with the US GPS and Russian Glonass systems, both of which are originally designed for military use.

While GPS is available to civil users since the 1990s, Galileo is intended to be operational by 2008.

It is estimated that Galileo will create more than 150,000 jobs in Europe alone. The first test satellite would be launched by the end of 2005 followed by the launch of four satellites for in-orbit validation purposes, according to a factsheet published by the European Union on the occasion of the EU-US Summit.

MNA/Xinhua

## 15 killed as lightning strikes Chinese gamblers

BEIJING, 28 June — Lightning strikes in eastern China killed at least 15 gamblers as they sat under trees playing mahjong and other games, newspapers said on Sunday.

About 30 residents of Duqiao, in the coastal province of Zhejiang, had gathered beneath the trees on Saturday when the lightning hit, the *City Express* newspaper reported.

"After the second lightning bolt struck, everyone fell to the ground," it quoted one witness as saying.

The dead and injured were taken to hospital, leaving the ground littered with mahjong tiles, newspapers said. State television showed footage of more than a dozen injured villagers in hospital.

MNA/Reuters

## Mystery hero dog captures Toronto's imagination

TORONTO, 28 June — It could be Elvis or it could be Dante but the search is on to find a dog that police say prevented a killing spree in the city this week.

The country's national newspapers ran front-page stories on Friday speculating on the identity of the mystery dog in coverage that ranged from cute to deadly serious.

Police say a Canadian man, whose car was packed with 6,000 rounds of ammunition, rifles and a machete, planned to kill as many people as possible in a tony east end Toronto neighbourhood on Wednesday. They say the man's intention was to make sure he was sent to prison and never let out.

But he changed his mind at the last minute, and later gave himself up to police after a friendly dog came up to play with him in a park and melted his heart. "I think it's wonderful, (the dog) was like an angel," said Barbara Wilson, manager of Three Dog Bakery which is located near the park.

"We're still trying to find the dog because our bakery would like to present the dog with a basket of goodies to say thank you and I think the dog deserves a lot more than that."

The betting is on Elvis Presley, a black border collie who was on the front page

of the *National Post* on Friday and featured prominently in other papers.

Elvis and his owner were in the east-end park at the right time and reports that he was carrying a Frisbee in his mouth fits his description.

"There's no other dog that runs around with a Frisbee in its mouth," a neighbourhood dog walker told the *Toronto Star*. "That dog plays with the Frisbee 24 hours a day." His owner is not so sure — Elvis usually runs up to women and not men, she told another newspaper — but is happy to collect accolades for her pet.

"I would like to think it's Elvis because it would make me feel prouder but I don't know," Dragana Brighton said.

Other names being cast about include Mattie, who never met a person she did not like according to park regulars, and the more discriminating but equally soft-hearted Dante.

Dante, a part husky, part Australian shepherd, was also seen in the park late Wednesday, playing with a man. — MNA/Reuters

## Scientists say Mars had lot more water than thought

LOS ANGELES, 28 June — Mars had a lot more water than NASA scientists originally envisaged but they have yet to work out how much, and why it dried up, Mars mission members said on Friday.

Explorations by the robotic rover *Opportunity* inside a stadium-sized crater on Mars have turned up more evidence of the salt-like mineral sulfate — and much farther down the crater than scientists had expected.

"There is a lot more salt down there than we originally thought. That means that there was a lot more water involved in doing this than we originally thought," principal science investigator Steven Squyres told a news conference at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, California.

"I don't think we've got compelling evidence for what

I would call an ocean in the sense of it being a very, very deep body of water.

Everything we see is compatible with very shallow water, wetting and drying, a small amount of water to wade around in and then maybe it evaporates away," he said.

*Opportunity* and its twin rover *Spirit*, in the fifth month of a scheduled three-month Mars mission, have already exceeded NASA hopes. In March, *Opportunity* uncovered geologic evidence near its landing site on the barren terrain that the area was once "drenched" in water.

JPL scientists controlling the robots have since sent *Opportunity* down another crater and are trying to find how far down the traces of sulfate extend.

MNA/Reuters

## Soaring thermal power worsens China's acid rain pollution

BEIJING, 28 June — China's environmental watchdog warned here Friday that booming thermal power plants may worsen China's acid rain pollution if their sulphur dioxide emission is not well controlled.

Pan Yue, vice-director of the State Environmental Protection Administration (SEPA), made the remark when reporting to the Press the crackdown against the Guiyang thermal power plant in the southwestern province of Guizhou, which had put the newly-built power set into use without the desulfurization equipment.

"Thermal power plants discharge a large proportion of the country's total sulphur dioxide emission. If their emissions are not well controlled, the acid rain pollution will probably worsen," Pan said.

Although China's power

production and generation capacity reached the second place of the world by the end of 2003, they still cannot satisfy the soaring economy's appetite for

energy.

Reportedly China will suffer from severe power shortage this summer. There are already 24 provinces and municipalities which set limits on industrial and civil use of electricity. Thermal power plants, accounting for 74 per cent of total power supply, spring up to fill the gap.

MNA/Xinhua

## Congressman says US imposes new limits on scientists

WASHINGTON, 28 June — The US Government is making it harder for scientists to speak to their global colleagues and restricting who can attend an upcoming major AIDS conference, a US congressman charged.

Representative, Henry Waxman said he has a letter showing that the Health and Human Services Department has imposed new limits on who may speak to the World Health Organization.

Under the new policy, WHO must ask HHS for permission to speak to scientists and must allow HHS to choose who will respond.

"This policy is unprecedented. For the first time political appointees will routinely be able to keep the top experts in their field from responding to WHO requests for guidance on international health issues," the California Democrat wrote in a letter to HHS Secretary Tommy Thompson.

"This is a raw attempt to exert political control over scientists and scientific evidence in the area of international health," Waxman wrote. — MNA/Reuters



A sculptor puts the finishing touches to his sand sculpture of two women in Kiev, on 26 June, 2004. A sand sculpture festival opened on Saturday in the Ukrainian capital and more than 20 sculptors participated in the event. — INTERNET

## SPORTS

## Two-goal Baros takes over as top scorer

PORTO (Portugal), 28 June— Czech striker Milan Baros became the leading goalscorer at Euro 2004 on Sunday with two superb second-half strikes in a 3-0 quarterfinal victory over Denmark.

Baros, with five goals, moved ahead of England's Wayne Rooney and Dutch forward Ruud van Nistelrooy, who have claimed four goals in the tournament.

"For me to have five goals after the quarterfinals — well, if you had told me that before I came here I wouldn't have believed you," he said.

"But the most important thing is that we are through to play Greece in four days' time and that is going to be a very big and very difficult game for us."

Rooney has no chance to add to his tally since England were eliminated in the quarterfinals by the hosts but van Nistelrooy has Wednesday's semifinal against Portugal to look forward to.

Baros' goals came inside two minutes midway through the second half against Denmark and he is the only player to have scored in each game his team have played at the tournament.

He is now one match away from equalling French playmaker Michel Platini's record of scoring in five consecutive European Championship matches set in 1984. Platini ended with nine goals.

Jan Koller put the Czechs ahead before Baros made it 2-0 in the 63rd minute, lifting the ball over the advancing Danish keeper Thomas Sorensen after Karel Poborsky had picked out his run with a perfectly delivered pass.

Another great through ball, this time from European Footballer of the Year Pavel Nedved, set up Baros' second goal which the striker blasted home with great confidence from inside the box.

"They were both beautiful goals but the first was more important because it made it 2-0 for us, and we knew that would probably do it," Baros said.

MNA/Reuters



Czech forward Milan Baros celebrates after scoring the third goal for his team during their 3-0 victory over Denmark in a Euro 2004 quarter-final match. Baros scored twice. — INTERNET

## Baros double fires Czechs into last four

PORTO, 28 June— The Czech Republic continued their determined Euro 2004 assault when two quick-fire goals by Milan Baros inspired a resounding 3-0 quarterfinal win over Denmark on Sunday.



After a goalless first half, Jan Koller's header put the Czechs on course for a fourth successive victory which set up a semifinal against Greece at the same Dragao Stadium on Thursday.

Greece, who upset France 1-0 in their quarterfinal, will have to find another level to halt the Czech juggernaut, which is threatening to take them all the way to their second European title following their success in 1976 as Czechoslovakia.

After a tight first half of few chances, the Czechs burst into life early in the second when Koller powered home a header from a Karel Poborsky corner in the 49th minute.

The goal was the result of poor defending, as the tallest man in the tournament was left unmarked and able to rise and choose his spot from 10 metres.

Baros, who had scored a goal in all three group games, then took centre stage. In the 63rd minute, the forward ran on to a perfect Poborsky through ball and chipped past the advancing Thomas Sorensen for an exquisite goal.

Two minutes later Pavel Nedved set him on his way and after driving forward to the edge of the box he lashed a fierce shot past the despairing keeper to take him to the top of the Euro 2004 scoring charts with five goals.

The double strike knocked the stuffing out of

the Danes, who had competed strongly in the first half without forcing Czech keeper Petr Cech to make a save and were similarly toothless in the second.

The Czech Republic's victory takes their European Championship winning run to a record-equalling five. The Euro 96 runners-up also beat Denmark in their last group game four years ago.

It also continued their dominance over the Danes, making it 12 wins, six draws and just one defeat in 19 meetings.

MNA/Reuters



Czech forward Jan Koller (L) heads the ball to score the opening goal despite Danish defender Martin Laursen (R) during the Euro 2004 quarter final match between Czech Republic and Denmark.

The Czech Republic won 3-0. — INTERNET

## Scolari orders chicken soup for Portugal

ALCOCHETE (Portugal), 28 June— Portugal coach Luiz Felipe Scolari has urged the jubilant Portuguese to keep their feet on the ground following their dramatic quarterfinal win over England at the European Championship on Thursday.

Scolari, who won the 2002 World Cup with his native Brazil, has reached the target he set before the tournament by taking the hosts to the last four and is now looking to go all the way.

"We mustn't think we're the best. We're among the four best," he said. "Now the recipe is, as we say in Brazil, feet on the ground, a little bit of chicken soup."

Portugal, who beat England 6-5 on penalties following their 2-2 draw after extra time, face the Netherlands on Wednesday.

MNA/Reuters

Coach Luiz Felipe Scolari



## Santini admits France not as good as thought

LISBON, 28 June— Having won the World Cup and European title in the past six years, France may have been too cocky about their chances of winning Euro 2004, coach Jacques Santini admitted on Saturday.

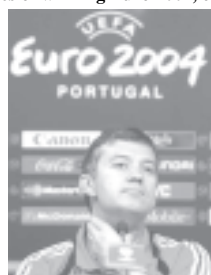
The champions' shock 1-0 defeat by Greece in Friday's quarterfinal followed a disastrous 2002 World Cup campaign when France were knocked out in the first round.

"Maybe we imagined we were better than we were," the French coach told a news conference.

"There was that 3-0 win over Germany last year and some of the players may have thought France were back to their best."

"They certainly needed to reassure themselves after what happened in South Korea, and they tried to convince themselves that 2002 was now behind them and 'here we are again'."

Santini said the 2004 side



France team coach Jacques Santini

were nothing like the standard of the brilliant team crowned champions four years ago.

Many of his players were exhausted at the end of a long season and the coach said he knew they were in

trouble even before arriving in Portugal.

The French were never convincing at this tournament. A 2-1 victory over England, snatched during stoppage time, was hailed as a great success but France relied more on luck than inherent skill to win.

The 2-2 draw against Croatia confirmed the champions' defence was too frail to have much hope of winning such a tough competition. With hindsight, the first 45 minutes against Switzerland were a clear warning that defeat could not be avoided forever, even though two late Thierry Henry goals earned a 3-1 victory.

"Technically, our foot-

ball was at its lowest level," said Santini. "We knew that we needed to be more competitive to achieve the goals we had set. 'You can't expect to beat your opponents when you play for only 45 minutes during a match. This is not enough to warrant the tag of favourites.'"

Santini confessed he was aware things were not right after the 1-0 victory over Ukraine in France's last warm-up match in Paris, achieved through a late Zinedine Zidane goal.

The coach said he had held meetings with key players but making changes became impossible as they run short of time after arriving in Portugal. — MNA/Reuters

## Portugal's Andrade, Nuno Gomes suffer ankle injuries

ALCOCHETE (Portugal), 28 June— Portugal defender Jorge Andrade and striker Nuno Gomes have ankle injuries but should be fit for Wednesday's Euro 2004 semifinal, team doctor Henrique Jones said on Saturday.

Both players twisted ankles in the quarterfinal against England on Thursday which the hosts won 6-5 on penalties following a 2-2 draw after extra time.

"Both were observed today and their situation requires some care," Jones told reporters. "They will not train today but it is perfectly possible they will recover for the next game."

Andrade has been ever present in the centre of defence. Nuno Gomes began the tournament as a substitute but won a place in the starting lineup against England after scoring the winner against Spain to put Portugal into the quarterfinals.

MNA/Reuters

## French papers lament end of golden generation

PARIS, 28 June— France's 1-0 defeat by Greece in the Euro 2004 quarterfinals was a "Greek tragedy" which sounded the death knell for a generation of players, French newspapers said on Saturday.

"Indefensible," was the one-word headline on the front page of sports daily L'Equipe. "Pitiful," was Liberation's assessment of the performance of the former world and European champions.

"Les Bleus are stark naked, they showed no desire, no ideas, no enthusiasm, no collective talent," L'Equipe wrote in its lead story.

"Apart from two or three players of genius, they don't have much to offer any more. Maybe, it's time to wipe the slate clean."

The popular daily Le Parisien agreed.

"France's failure means the end for a whole

generation of players, the golden generation which won the World Cup in 1998 and the European championship in 2000," it wrote.

L'Equipe soccer correspondent Vincent Duluc said Les Bleus gave the tournament "the mark of their disorganization and impotency."

"The defending champions lost their title. On their overall performance, they got what they deserved," he added.

Goalkeeper Fabien Barthez and central defender Lilian Thuram were the only players awarded above average marks by L'Equipe, 6.5 and 5.5 out of 10 respectively.

Playmaker Zinedine Zidane, for many years the leading light of French soccer, received a four, the lowest mark. — MNA/Reuters



## MRTV-3


**29-6-2004 (Tuesday)**  
**(Programme Schedule)**  
**Morning Transmission**  
**(9:00 - 10:00)**

- 9:00 Signature Tune  
Greeting  
9:02 Song of Myanmar  
Beauty & Scenic  
Sights "Myanma  
Panorama & Myanma  
Sentiment"  
9:06 Innwa Ancient Capital  
9:10 **Headline News**  
9:12 Myanmar Tigers  
9:15 **National News**  
9:20 Production of Dry-  
Prawn in Myeik  
9:25 Ayeyawady Dolphin  
Expedition (Part-II)  
9:30 **National News**  
9:35 Travelogue (Taunggyi)  
9:40 Song "Moonlight  
Flower"  
9:45 **National News**  
9:50 Wa Traditions & An  
Engagement Ceremony  
9:58 Song of Myanmar  
Beauty & Scenic  
Sights "Come and See  
Myanmar"

**29-6-2004 (Tuesday)**  
**Evening Transmission**  
**(15:30 - 17:30)**

- 15:30 Signature Tune  
Greeting  
15:32 Song of Myanmar  
Beauty & Scenic  
Sights "Mingalabar"  
15:36 Innwa Ancient Capital  
15:40 **Headline News**  
15:42 Myanmar Tigers  
15:45 **National News**  
15:50 Production of Dry-  
Prawn in Myeik  
15:55 Ayeyawady Dolphin  
Expedition (Part-II)  
16:00 **National News**  
16:05 Travelogue (Taunggyi)  
16:10 Song "Moonlight  
Flower"  
16:15 **National News**  
16:20 Wa Traditions & An  
Engagement Ceremony  
16:25 Song of Myanmar  
Beauty & Scenic  
Sights "Myanma  
Panorama & Myanma  
Sentiment"  
16:30 **National News**

- 16:35 Myanmar Bamboo Xy-  
lophone (or) Pattala  
16:40 Glazed Earthen Pot  
16:45 **National News**  
16:50 Nipa Palm Forest  
16:55 San-Thit-Hla-Pa  
17:00 **National News**  
17:05 Artist Maung Kyaw  
Nyunt (Oil Painting)  
17:10 Songs On Screen "If it  
Rains"  
17:15 **National News**  
17:20 Traditional Chin Li-  
queur (Khaung Yay)  
17:25 Song of Myanmar  
Beauty & Scenic  
Sights "Come and See  
Myanmar"

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

- 19:30 Signature Tune  
Greeting  
19:32 Song of Myanmar  
Beauty & Scenic  
Sights "Myanma  
Panorama & Myanma  
Sentiment"  
19:36 The Pindaya Natural  
Cave  
19:40 **Headline News**  
19:42 Off-shore Fishing Boat  
Construction  
19:45 **National News**  
19:50 Myanmar Traditional  
Food "Pone Ye Gyi"  
19:55 Theingar Shwe Yaung  
Royal Group Dance  
20:00 **National News**  
20:05 Ayeyawady Dolphin  
Expedition (Part-I)  
20:10 Song "Moonlight  
Flower"  
20:15 **National News**  
20:20 In All the Ananda's  
Glory  
20:25 Myanmar Modern Song  
"Flower Alike"  
20:30 **National News**  
20:35 Finished Products of  
Teak  
20:40 Myanma Ancient  
Ornaments Showroom  
20:45 **National News**  
20:50 How to Make Chinlone  
20:55 The Unforgettable Bon-  
fire Dance  
21:00 **National News**  
21:05 Breeding of Mythun  
21:10 Myanmar Modern Song  
"Heralding Cloud"  
21:12 Inlay Wild Bird Sanc-  
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21:15 **National News**  
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cal Piece)  
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22:00 **National News**  
22:05 Travelogue (Taunggyi)  
22:10 Song "Moonlight  
Flower"  
22:15 **National News**  
22:20 Wa Traditions & An  
Engagement Ceremony  
22:25 Song "Feel like an  
Earthquake"

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**29-6-2004 (Tuesday) &  
30-6-2004 (Wednesday)**  
**Evening & Morning  
Transmission**  
**(23:30-01:30)**

- 23:30 Signature Tune  
Greeting  
23:32 Song of Myanmar  
Beauty & Scenic  
Sights "Mingalabar"  
23:36 Innwa Ancient Capital  
23:40 **Headline News**  
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**30-6-2004 (Wednesday)**  
**Morning Transmission**  
**(03:30 - 07:30)**

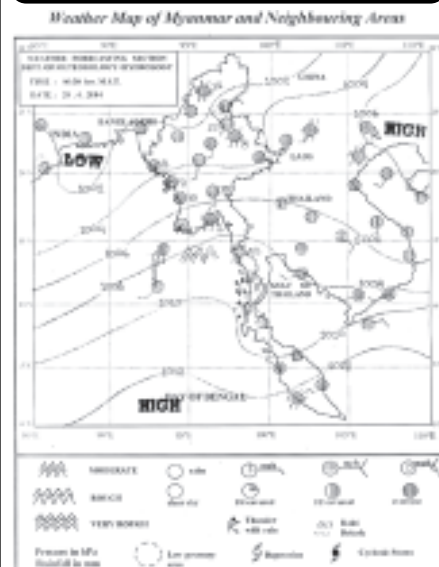
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Expedition (Part-II)  
06:00 **National News**  
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**Rainfall on 28-6-2004**

- nil at Yangon Airport,  
- 0.08 inch at Kaba-Aye and  
- 0.04 inch at central Yangon. Total rainfall since  
1-1-2004 was 1236mm (48.66 inches) at Yangon Air-  
port and 1140mm (44.88 inches) at Kaba-Aye and  
1187mm (46.73 inches) at central Yangon.


**WEATHER**
**Monday, 28 June, 2004**

**Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST:** During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Chin State, Mandalay and Magway Divisions and rain has been isolated in lower Sagaing Division and scattered to widespread in the remaining areas with isolated heavyfalls in Kachin and Mon States. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Machanbaw (7.32) inches, Mawlamyine (3.78) inches, Thaton (2.32) inches.

Maximum temperature on 27-6-2004 was 26.0°C (79°F). Minimum temperature on 28-6-2004 was 19.8°C (68°F). Relative humidity at 9:30 hrs MST on 28-6-2004 was 92%. Total sunshine hours on 27-6-2004 was nil. Rainfall on 28-6-2004 was nil at Yangon Airport, 0.08 inch at Kaba-Aye and 0.04 inch at central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2004 was 1236mm (48.66 inches) at Yangon Airport and 1140mm (44.88 inches) at Kaba-Aye and 1187mm (46.73 inches) at central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was 12 mph from Southwest at 14:50 hours MST on 27-6-2004.

**Bay inference:** Monsoon is generally strong in the Bay of Bengal. **Forecast valid until evening of the 29-6-2004:** Rain or thundershowers will be isolated in lower Sagaing, Mandalay and Magway Divisions, scattered in Shan, Chin, Kayah States, upper Sagaing Division and widespread in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (100%). **State of the sea:** Squalls with moderate to rough seas are likely at times off and along Myanmar Coasts. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (35) to (40) mph.

**Outlook for subsequent two days:** Strong monsoon. **Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 29-6-2004:** Some rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%). **Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 29-6-2004:** Possibility of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (40%).


**Tuesday, June 29**  
**View today:**
**7:00 am**

1. ကျေးဇူးရှင် မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော်  
ဘုရားကြီးနှိပ်တော်မူပေးမဟာသဒ္ဓမ္မ  
အရံအကျိုးတော်ဆောင်ရွက်အဘိဓမ္မ  
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ပရိတ်တရားတော်

**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. ကဗျာသီချင်းသံသရာ

**8:15 am**

6. Songs of yesteryears

**8:30 am**

7. International news

**8:45 am**

8. Grammar Made Easy

**4:00 pm**

1. Martial song

**4:15 am**

2. Songs to uphold  
National Spirit

**4:30 pm**

3. အဝေးသံတော်ဌာပင်လောက  
ရုပ်ပြင်သံကြားသံဓနီဓာ  
-တတိယဓနီ

**4:45 pm**

4. အိမ်တွင်းပွဲသီချင်း တိုင်းရင်းသားရိုးရာ  
အစားအဆောင် (ရိုးရာ)

**4:55 pm**

5. Dance of national races

**5:10 pm**

6. မြန်မာ့ပြန်လည်တော်လှန်ရေး (အပိုင်း-၆)

**5:25 pm**

7. Sing and Enjoy

**6:15 pm**

8. နိုင်ငံခြားတော်လှန်ရေး  
"ဆုတံဆိပ်ရောင်း" (အပိုင်း-၂)

**6:30 pm**

9. Evening news

**7:00 pm**

10. Weather report

**7:05 pm**

11. သားငါးဖွဲ့ ဖွဲ့ပြည့်အကျိုး

**7:20 pm**

12. The mirror images of  
the musical oldies

**7:35 pm**

13. ကျေးလက်ဒေသတစ်ခွင်အလှဆင်

**8:00 pm**

14. News

15. International news

16. Weather report

17. နိုင်ငံခြားတော်လှန်ရေး  
"အရပ်ရပ်သံသရာ" (အပိုင်း-၅၄)

**8:00 pm**

18. The next day's  
programme


**Tuesday, June 29**  
**Tune in today:**

- 8.30 am Brief news  
8.35 am Music: Exposed to love  
8.40 am Perspectives  
8.45 am Music: My heart will go on  
8.50 am National news/Slogan  
9.00 am Music: Hungry heart  
9.05 am International news  
9.10 am Music: Tell me how to make your smile  
1.30 pm News/Slogan  
1.40 pm Lunch time music  
9.00 pm English Speaking Course Level-1 Unit-19  
9.15 pm Article/Music  
9.25 pm Weekly sports reel  
9.35 pm Music for your listening pleasure -25 minutes  
-I just called to say I love you  
9.45 pm News/Slogan  
10.00 pm PEL



Chairman of the National Convention Convening Commission Secretary-2 Lt-Gen Thein Sein addresses the meeting. — MNA

## Work coordination meeting of National Convention Convening Commission, Work Committee and Management Committee held

YANGON, 28 June—Work coordination meeting ( 15/ 2004) of the National Convention Convening Commission Work Committee and Management Committee was held at the meeting hall of Anawrahta Yeiktha in Nyaungnabin Camp, Hmawby Township, this afternoon.

Present at the meeting were Chairman of the National Convention Convening Commission Secretary-2 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein, Vice-Chairman of the NCCC Minister for Electric Power Maj-Gen Tin Htut, Secretary of the NCCC Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan and members, Chairman of

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

Joint Secretary-2 of the commission Director-General of the Pyithu Hluttaw Office U Myint Thein acted as master of ceremonies. Chairman of the commission Secretary-2 Lt-Gen Thein Sein gave a speech saying that the proposals of the delegate group of representatives-elect had been submitted to the plenary meeting and the remaining proposals of other delegate groups will also be completed. Convening of the National Convention is the

first one of the 7-step future policy programme and is also the basic one. National Convention Convening Commission, Work Committee, Management Committee, members of the panel of chairmen and members who compile proposals are therefore to cooperate in efforts for the success of the National Convention.

Chairman of Work Committee Chief Justice U Aung Toe reported on preparations on matters relating to the group-wise proposals.

Next, those present at the meeting put suggestions and the meeting came to a close. — MNA

## Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than inspects direct seeding methods demonstration in Padaung

YANGON, 28 June — Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than of the Ministry of Defence, accompanied by Chairman of Bago Division Peace and Development Council Commander of the Southern Command Maj-Gen Ko Ko, Chairman of Bago Division (West) Peace and Development Council Col Hla Min, Col Khin Zaw Oo of Inma Station and departmental officials, on 25 June morning inspected preparations for monsoon paddy cultivation on either side of Pyay-Padaung Road.

At Taungbwe Village in Padaung Township, they inspected the demonstrations of cultivation methods including modern cultivation method and direct seeding method by the staff of the Myanmar Agriculture Service.

Afterwards, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than met local farmers and urged them to learn the modern cultivation methods for high yield.

Next, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than and party viewed the demonstration of paddy cultivation using direct seeding method. Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than and party went to local battalion in Padaung and met officers, other

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Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than meets with local people of Taungbwe Village in Padaung Township. — MNA

## Commander attends harvesting of summer paddy in Phekon Township

YANGON, 28 June—A ceremony to harvest summer paddy and to distribute seeds for cultivation of monsoon paddy was held in Moebye Village in Phekon Township in Shan State (South) on 25 June.

Present were Chairman of Shan State Peace and Development Council Commander of Eastern Command Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint, Deputy Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Brig-Gen Khin Maung, Brig-Gen Myo Lwin of Phekon Station, Col Myint Oo of Loikaw Station, local authorities and local people.

Director of Agricultural Research of the Ministry of

Agriculture and Irrigation Daw Khin Than Nwe reported on harvesting of Shweyinaye paddy. Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Khin Maung gave a supplementary report.

Commander Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint spoke on the occasion. Chairman of Ruby Dragon Co U Nay Win Tun reported on distribution of paddy seeds of Shweyinaye paddy.

The commander presented 2,000 baskets of paddy seeds to Chairman of Kayah State Peace and Development Council Col Myint Oo. Deputy Minister Brig Gen Khin Maung and officials presented paddy seeds to the respective man-

agers of Myanmar Agriculture Service.

The commander inspected the harvesting of paddy. Per acre yield from model farm is 147.53 baskets of paddy. The cultivation target in the southern Shan State is over 600,000 acres.—MNA



Commander Maj-Gen Khin Maung Myint presents Shweyinaye paddy seeds to a farmer. — MNA

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