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Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt inspects tube-well drilling machines, mobile workshop and machinery which were innovated by Development Affairs Department. — MNA

Development of townships including urban as well as rural areas most essential requirement for development of entire Union Prime Minister attends Annual Coordination Meeting of Development Affairs Committees

YANGON, 29 June—Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt attended the Annual Coordination Meeting of Development Affairs Committees under the Development Affairs Department of the Ministry for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs held at the National Theatre on Myomakyaung Street here this morning.

Also present were Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Chairman Yangon Command Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe, ministers, Minister for PBANRDA Col Thein Nyunt, the Yangon mayor, deputy ministers, the president of Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation, vice-presidents and members, officials of the State Peace and Development Council Office, departmental heads, deputy superintending engineers, executives of township DACs, and engineers in charge. The Prime Minister delivered a speech on the occasion. He said: May first I wish state officials, responsible departmental officials, executive members of State/Division Development Affairs Committees, and responsible engineers health and happiness. I would also like to express my sincere hope that your work for the development and progress of the rural and urban areas will benefit the country as a whole and that your role will expand to that of builders of a developed and modernized Union of Myanmar.

Today, the entire peoples of Myanmar, prompted by the strong desire for the emergence of a developed and modernized nation occupying her rightful place in the international arena, have joined hands towards the realization of this goal. So I wish to say at the outset, that the holding of such coordination meetings of development officials carrying out their assigned tasks in the rural and urban areas countrywide is indeed most fortunate. For I believe that only then can feasible programmes be drawn up which will bear fruitful results for the development of the nation as a whole.

Consequently I would like you to look upon your present development tasks at the grass roots level in the rural and urban areas, as being part of laying firm foundations for the restructuring of Myanmar as a developed and modern state in accordance with the fervent desire of the people.

On the international scene today, you will see that some developed nations are doing everything in their power to widen the gaps between prosperity and poverty, wealth and technology and in the momentum for development between the developed nations on the one hand and the developing and underdeveloped nations on the other. They exert pressure and practise discrimination in order to manipulate nations like Myanmar and bring them under the shadow of their influence and control.

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Four political objectives

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

Four economic objectives

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

Four social objectives

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



Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt addresses the Annual Coordination Meeting of Development Affairs Committees under the Development Affairs Department. — MNA



PERSPECTIVES

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Work hard with good intentions for economic development

Myanmar being an agro-based country, agriculture is given top priority and measures are being taken to build the nation into an industrialized one, based on favourable economic conditions.

Head of State Senior General Than Shwe has given guidance on the cultivation of oil palm on 500,000 acres of land in Taninthayi Division for domestic consumption as well as for export.

Member of the State Peace and Development Council General Thura Shwe Mann of the Ministry of Defence met entrepreneurs of oil palm and rubber at the meeting hall of Zeya Thiri Beikman in Yangon on 27 June and gave instructions on development of rubber and oil palm cultivation industry.

In his address on the occasion, General Thura Shwe Mann said that the coordination meeting was aimed at extending the cultivation of rubber and oil palm to meet domestic need and to export the surplus, developing the national economy and providing all the necessary assistance to the entrepreneurs.

For the entrepreneurs and the local people to be able to travel easily from one place to another, the Bokpyin airport has been opened and motor roads maintained so that they can be used in all weathers. And all the requirements are being fulfilled as to worksite safety and import of machinery and seeds. Therefore, entrepreneurs, on their part, are required to put their energies into the task of boosting the production of rubber, which is in good demand in the world market.

In building a peaceful, modern and developed nation, it is imperative that political and economic forces be strong. For strengthening the national economy, four economic objectives are systematically implemented. National entrepreneurs are major players in the field of national economy.

Entrepreneurs with such resources as wide knowledge and good management are to do everything in their power for the development of national economy in the interest of the nation as well as in their own.

We would like to call on entrepreneurs in all sectors to make every endeavour with good intentions for the development of national economy.

UMFCCI officials meet guests

YANGON, 28 June — Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce & Industry General Secretary U Sein Win Hlaing, CEC members and executives met with a 4-member delegation led by President of Federation of Design and Construction Services of Thailand Mr Viboon Sriprasert at the UMFCCI head office here at 11 am on 24 June. They discussed matters on bilateral trade promotion and organizing exhibitions.

At 2 pm the same day, UMFCCI Vice-Presidents U Zaw Min Win and U Aung Lwin, General Secretary U Sein Win Hlaing, CEC members and executives met with a trade mission headed by Deputy Permanent Secretary Mr Dhummoon Cheosakul of the Ministry of Commerce of Thailand at the UMFCCI head office here. — MNA

NC delegates entertained with films

YANGON, 29 June — The Entertainment and Welfare Subcommittee of the National Convention Convening Management Committee is organizing entertainment programmes for delegates to the National Convention daily at the gymnasium of Nyaungnapin Camp. Yesterday evening, the delegates were entertained with a film entitled "Amay Noe Pho" directed by Kyaw Thu and starring Kyaw Thu, Min Mawgun, Min Kha, Zaw Oo, Tun Eindra Bo, Hla Myo Thinzar Nwe, Hsu Pantra, Cho Pyone and Hninzi. — MNA

People's Desire

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

Hospital equipment donated to Yangon General Hospital

YANGON, 29 June — Frontier Labourers Care (FLC) Health Care Foundation (Canada) donated hospital equipment to Yangon General Hospital this morning.

Present on the occasion were Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint, directors-general, deputy directors-general, directors, medical superintendent, professors, nurses, donors and officials of FLC Health Care Foundation (Canada).

First, Founder and Director Mr Daniel Kalnin of FLC Health Care Foundation (Canada) explained purpose of the donation and handed over the hospital equipment worth 383,168 US dollars to Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint. The minister presented a certificate of honour to the donor. Medical Superintendent Dr Daw Nu Nu Tha expressed thanks for the donation. Afterwards, Minister Dr Kyaw Myint and guests inspected the hospital equipment.

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Founder and Director Mr Daniel Kalnin of FLC Health Care Foundation (Canada) hands over the hospital equipment to Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint.— MNA



Minister Dr Kyaw Myint and guests view round the hospital equipment.— MNA

Cash donated for storm victims of Rakhine State

YANGON, 29 June — A ceremony to present cash donations of Daw Shar Mala Dawi (Hanuman Coffee) and family for relief measures of Rakhine storm victims took place at the meeting hall of Myanmar Red Cross Society this afternoon.

Next, U Khin Maung Wai and Dr Garita Thein donated K 100,000 and clothing and MRCS Acting Chairman Dr Tun Sein accepted the donations and presented certificates of honour to the donors. — MNA

Admission fees fixed for Premier League matches

YANGON, 29 June — The first round matches of Premier League for 2004-2005, organized by Myanmar Football Federation, are taking place at the Aung San Stadium and Youth Training Centre (Thuwanna). The admission fee will be K 300 for grand stand and K 200 for stall beginning 30 June instead of K 500 and K 300 fixed previously.

On 30 June, the YCDC team will play against the Banner team at Aung San Stadium, the Energy team versus the Construction team at Youth Training Centre (Thuwanna).

On 1 July, the Ruby Dragon team will play against the Defence team at Aung San Stadium; the Kanbawza team against the A&I team at Youth Training Centre (Thuwanna).

On 2 July, the Forestry team against the FPTE team at Aung San Stadium, the F&R team and the Transport team at Youth Training Centre (Thuwanna), on 3 July, the Army (A) team and the Commerce team at Youth Training Centre (Thuwanna) respectively.—MNA

ISD Karatedo Tournament

YANGON, 29 June — The Ninth Inter-State/Division Karatedo Competition will be held at Aung San Gymnasium here from 26 to 28 July and handsome prizes will be presented. A training course for referees will be conducted from 21 to 24 July at the training hall of Myanmar Karatedo Federation at the gymnasium. — MNA

Symposium on management of diabetes held

YANGON, 26 June — A Symposium on management of diabetes was held under joint sponsorship of B Braun and Concordia International Co Ltd in conjunction with the ceremony to introduce omnitest E Z blood glucometer at the Myanmar Medical Association in Mingala Taungnyunt Township here this morning.

Before the symposium, a press meet was held and Dr Than Win of Concordia Co explained facts on omnitest glucometer.

Associate Professor U Tint Swe Lat and Associate Professor Daw Than Aye also gave talks. Replies to the queries raised by doctors were then given.

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The Symposium on management of diabetes in progress. — MNA

First round football matches of Premier League continue

YANGON, 29 June — The first round football matches of Premier League for 2004-2005 continued at Youth Sports Training Centre in Thuwanna here at 3.30 pm today. In the group (A), the Home Affairs team beat Tatmadaw (Army) team 4-2.

At 3.30 pm on 30 June, the YCDC team will play against the Banner team at Aung San Stadium while Energy team and the Construction team will play at Youth Sports Training Centre. — MNA

850 US troops killed since beginning of military operations in Iraq

WASHINGTON, 29 June — As of Monday, 28 June, 850 US service members have died since the beginning of military operations in Iraq last year, according to the Defence Department. Of those, 629 died as a result of hostile action and 221 died of non-hostile causes. The department did not provide an update over the weekend.

The British military has reported 59 deaths; Italy, 18; Spain, eight; Bulgaria and Poland, six each; Ukraine, four; Slovakia three; Thailand, two; Denmark, El Salvador, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia and the Netherlands have reported one each.

Since 1 May, 2003, when President Bush declared that major combat operations in Iraq had ended, 712 US soldiers have died — 520 as a result of hostile action and 192 of non-hostile causes, according to the military as of

Monday.

— The latest deaths reported by the military:
— A Marine was killed Saturday in hostile action in Anbar province.
— The latest identifications reported by the military:
— Army Spc Jeremy M Heines, 25, New Orleans; killed Saturday in Baghdad in an attack on his patrol; assigned to Company C, 1st Battalion, 9th Cavalry Regiment, Fort Hood, Texas. —Internet



An Iraqi policeman inspects a destroyed police car in Mosul, Iraq, on 25 June 2004, a day after a car bomb destroyed the police station there. — INTERNET

Russia ready to develop relations with new Iraqi Govt

Moscow, 29 June — Russia said on Monday that it is willing to develop relations with the Iraqi Interim Government.

"We are open to developing contacts and communication with the new Iraqi authorities," Deputy Foreign Minister Yuri Fedotov was quoted by ITAR-TASS news agency as saying.

Fedotov's comment came after the US-led

coalition authorities formally transferred power to the Iraqi Interim Government earlier on Monday, two days ahead of the scheduled 30 June in a bid to thwart escalating guerilla attacks.

"Iraq's Interim Government has received a certain credit of trust from

the international community, including from the UN Security Council," Fedotov said. He expressed the hope that the new Iraqi Interim Government would take steps to consolidate the political process and enlarge the socio-political base in the country. — MNA/Xinhua

Iran holds firm despite pressure on nuclear plans

TEHRAN, 28 June — Iran will resist international pressure and hold to its decision on making centrifuges, which Washington says are key to an atomic bomb programme, Tehran's chief nuclear negotiator said on Sunday.

The United States, the European Union and the UN International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) condemned Iran on Saturday for deciding to produce parts for centrifuges that enrich uranium and urged Iran to rethink its decision.

"They may react bitterly or heighten pressure on us, but that is not important," the Secretary-General of Iran's Supreme National Security Council Hassan Rohani told Parliament, in comments broadcast live on state radio.

If enriched to a low level uranium can be used as fuel for electricity-generating reactors such as the one Iran is building on its south coast. But if enriched further, to weapons-grade, it can be deployed in warheads.

Iran sent a letter to the IAEA telling the agency that Tehran "intends to resume, under IAEA supervision, manufacturing of centrifuge components and the assembly and testing of centrifuges as of 29 June".

Iran insists its ambitions are entirely peaceful

and has said it has no immediate plans to pump uranium hexafluoride gas into spinning centrifuges to start the enrichment process. Iran's decision was a retaliation against an IAEA resolution last week that "deplored" Iran's failure to co-operate fully with IAEA inspectors.

Iran has blamed Britain, Germany and France for failing to close its nuclear dossier at the IAEA board in June but Rohani said Iran would resume talks with those countries next week.

MNA/Reuters

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Powerful blast jolts buildings in central Baghdad

BAGHDAD, 29 June — A powerful blast shook buildings in central Baghdad on Sunday and smoke could be seen rising from inside the Green Zone headquarters of the US-led coalition, witnesses said.

It was not immediately clear what caused the explosion, nor whether there were any casualties or damage. The US military said it had no details about the blast. Guerrillas regularly fire mortars at the Green Zone, a huge fortified complex on the banks of the Tigris River, although they rarely cause anything other than superficial damage. US and Iraqi officials have said they expect an escalation in guerilla attacks in the countdown to the handover of power to an interim Iraqi Government in three days' time. On Saturday, 40 people were killed in twin car bomb blasts in the town of Hilla, 60 miles south of Baghdad. Last week, more than 100 Iraqis and three US soldiers were killed in a string of seemingly coordinated blasts in five cities. —MNA/Reuters

Two Ft Hood soldiers killed in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 28 June — Two Ft Hood 1st Division Cavalry soldiers are among the latest killed in Iraq.

Spc Jeremy M Heines, 25, a native of Galveston, Texas, who listed New Orleans, La, as his home of record, died Saturday in Baghdad when his patrol came under small arms fire and was hit with a rocket-propelled grenade. Heines, an infantryman assigned to C Company, 1st Battalion, 9th Cavalry Regiment, entered the Army in March 2002 and had been assigned at Fort Hood since 9 Sept, 2002.

First Sgt Ernest E Utt, 38, a native of Chicago, Ill, who listed Hammond, Ill, as his home of record, died Sunday in Baghdad when two 122-mm rockets hit Forward Operating Base Cuervo. —Internet

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More Spanish troops to Afghanistan "limited"

MADRID, 28 June — Any Spanish reinforcements to NATO's peacekeeping operations in Afghanistan would be "very limited", Prime Minister Jose Luis Rodriguez Zapatero said in an interview published on Sunday.

Zapatero also said his government, which has shifted Spain's diplomatic allegiances away from the United States and closer toward its European Union partners, would aim to hold a referendum on the new EU Constitution by the end of this year or the beginning of 2005. The Socialist leader made headlines worldwide by ordering the withdrawal of Spanish troops from the US-led coalition in Iraq.

The US Government and the five-nation Eurocorps defence force, which is taking part in the NATO mission in Afghanistan, have

since called on Spain to do more to strengthen peacekeeping operations there.

The Eurocorps groups France, Germany, Spain, Belgium and Luxembourg.

Zapatero said any decision on reinforcing the Spanish contingent in the turbulent Central Asian country would only be made after consultation with Parliament, where his Socialist party does not hold a majority. "If the government decides to strengthen the presence in Afghanistan as Eurocorps is requesting it will only be after consulting with Parliament and the re-

inforcement will be limited in troop numbers: very limited," Zapatero told *La Vanguardia* newspaper.

After the approval of the EU Constitution in Brussels this month, Zapatero said his government would work hard to inform the public about the charter and would campaign for a "yes" vote despite voter apathy in recent EU parliamentary elections.

Asked when the referendum might take place, Zapatero said: "Reasonably, we could fix a date for the end of this year or the beginning of next."

MNA/Reuters



A TV grab taken from Al-Arabiya shows the ID of a Pakistani hostage in Iraq. An armed group holding the Pakistani has threatened to behead the captive unless prisoners are released in Iraq. — INTERNET

Russia refuses to send peacekeepers to Iraq

ISTANBUL, 28 June — Russia on Monday excluded the possibility of participating in the peacekeeping forces in Iraq.

"I do not see any conditions for this," Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov told a news conference in Istanbul after a meeting of the NATO-Russia Council. "We prefer civilian forms of assistance to that country."

"There are no discussions under way" between Russia and Iraq on military cooperation either, Lavrov said.

But there are talks between Moscow and Baghdad on closer economic cooperation, including on restoring Iraq's economy, he said.

He expressed concern over the lack of an agreement on the status of the multinational armed forces between the forces and the Iraqi interim government. This "may create a dangerous vacuum after the handover of sovereignty to Iraq," he said.

"Under a UN Security Council resolution, the multina-

tional forces are responsible for security in close cooperation with the Iraqi government, which must have a voice in deciding how these forces should act," he said.

"It is alarming that until now this point in the latest UN Security Council resolution on Iraq had still not taken the form of the legal language of an agreement on the status of the forces," he said. With the handover of sovereignty to the interim Iraqi government, this gives rise to "a certain legal vacuum, which is undesirable especially in the current conditions in Iraq."

Lavrov also said the situation in Iraq is becoming increasingly insecure. "We don't believe that use of force can solve the problem," he said.

He also called for "Iraq's neighbours [to] take part in subsequent steps." —*Internet*

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Marine taken hostage in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 28 June — More information was released about the kidnapping of a United States marine in Iraq.

A videotape shown on Arab TV features a man believed to be Cpl Wassef Ali Hassoun, a Muslim marine of Middle Eastern origin.

Iraqis are threatening to behead Hassoun unless the US releases all the Iraqis it's holding.

Brig Gen Mark Kimmitt said the military is working under the assumption the Marine was kidnapped, but said that hasn't been confirmed. Kimmitt said Hassoun disappeared around June 21. —*Internet*



Kidnapped American soldier Pfc Keith M. Maupin, of Batavia, Ohio is seen in this undated file image made from video broadcast by Arab television station Al-Jazeera on 16 April, 2004. Al-Jazeera television said on 29 June, 2004, that Iraqi militants have killed Maupin, an American soldier they have held hostage since early April, because the US government did not change its policy in Iraq. — *INTERNET*

Militants in Iraq kill US soldier

BAGHDAD, 29 June — Anti-US militants in Iraq have killed an American soldier because the Bush administration failed to change its policy in Iraq, the Al-Jazeera television reported Tuesday.

The soldier, Pfc Keith M. Maupin of Batavia, Ohio, was captured in April in an ambush on a convoy west of Baghdad. The Arab satellite video footage showed that a blindfolded man was sitting on the ground but did not show the killing. The station said he was shot dead. Maupin disappeared with seven American contractors after the April 9 attack. The bodies of four civilian employees of Kellogg Brown & Root were later found in a shallow grave near the site of the attack. The body of

Sgt Elmer Krause, of Greensboro, North Carolina was later found. One civilian driver, Thomas Hamill of Macon, Mississippi, escaped nearly a month later. The others are missing. Meanwhile, two Turkish workers who have been missing since June 1 are held hostage by unknown insurgents in Iraq, said a Turkish news agency report on Monday. Different militant groups in Iraq have threatened to behead three other Turkish hostages in Iraq. —*Internet*

China's oil import may reach 120 million tons in 2004

HAIKOU, 29 June — An oil specialist predicted that China's oil import could reach 120 million tons and the country's total oil consumption could exceed 300 million tons in 2004.

China is to process 270 million tons of crude oil and the overall oil consumption can hit 30.8 million tons, said Tian Chunrong, a senior engineer with the information department of China Petroleum and Chemical Corporation, China's largest oil refiner.

Fuel consumption is expected to keep rising to 48.5 million tons in 2004 owing to the strong demand of the thriving power generation industry, Tian said at a recent seminar on China's oil market in 2004 held in Haikou, the capital of the southernmost island province of Hainan.

MNA/Xinhua

Tigress bites keeper to death in China Safari Park

SHENYANG, 29 June — A 25-year-old keeper with a Safari Park in Shenyang, capital of Liaoning Province, on Monday died of serious wounds from bites by a female tiger reared at the park.

It is the first such accident that happened at the park, said a park staff member.

The keeper, surnamed Xu, patrolled the tiger garden inside Shenyang Forest Safari Park as usual together with his colleague, Yuan Fengwei, at about 4:30 pm Sunday.

Before Xu could reach their motor vehicle parked some one metre away after having stepped outside the tiger shelter, a three-year-old tigress suddenly assaulted him from behind, biting him in the shoulder and neck. Yuan immediately shot at the animal with the anesthetic rifle in his hand and the female tiger went away on hearing the gun shot. —*MNA/Xinhua*

Poll shows doubts about Iraq

WASHINGTON, 28 June — Most respondents to a new poll released Monday predicted that Iraq will not create a government friendly toward the United States, and that peace and security will not be established there within five years.

According to the CNN/USA Today/Gallup poll, 75 percent of 1,005 respondents said they approved of the United States' returning sovereignty to Iraq.

Coalition administrator Paul Bremer officially transferred sovereignty to Iraq Monday morning in a brief ceremony in Baghdad. The survey was taken between 21 June and 23 June, before the handover.

Participants were nearly evenly divided when asked whether Iraq's government would be friendly to the United States in five years. Forty-eight percent said yes, 50 percent responded no.

In addition, 60 percent of those polled

said Iraq wasn't likely to see the establishment of peace and internal security in the next five years.

Just more than half of respondents expressed confidence about whether an Iraqi democracy can be established in five years. Fifty-two percent said yes. Seventy-six percent of respondents said that American troops likely would remain in Iraq for as long as five years, and 70 percent said troops should return home in less than two years.

Among those who said US troops should return home in less than two years, four out of every 25 respondents said troops should leave Iraq immediately. —*Internet*

Chirac opposed to formal NATO role in Iraq

ISTANBUL, 29 June — French President Jacques Chirac said on Monday he was opposed to a formal role for NATO inside Iraq, just hours after the 26-nation alliance agreed to help train the security forces of the new Baghdad Government.

"I do not believe it is (NATO's) mission to intervene in Iraq," Chirac told a news conference during an alliance summit in Istanbul.

He said a formal NATO presence in Iraq would "not be in keeping" with the decision taken by alliance leaders earlier.

At the opening session of their summit, the leaders issued a vaguely worded statement responding positively to a request from new Iraqi Prime Minister

Iyad Allawi to help train security forces to tackle a bloody insurgency.

Their decision came after a day of wrangling at NATO's headquarters last week that echoed last year's row before the US-led invasion of Iraq, when France and Germany blocked the deployment of alliance military reinforcements to Turkey. Diplomats said there were differences over 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.

The Istanbul statement did not specify what forces would be trained, where they would be trained and how —

details the alliance said would be agreed later with the interim government.

However, Secretary-General Jaap de Hoop Scheffer said the training could be carried out in-country or elsewhere.

Chirac said that having a NATO presence inside Iraq would be "misunderstood" and the negative impact would be "undoubtedly much greater" than the benefits.

Chirac's spokeswoman, Catherine Colonna, told reporters that France would help train Iraqi paramilitaries on a bilateral basis and outside Iraq. She said this may be carried out in conjunction with Germany in Jordan.

MNA/Reuters



British soldiers try to save the life of a fellow soldier following a roadside explosion in the southern city of Basra, Iraq, on 28 June 2004. The soldier died of his wounds and two other troops were injured. — *INTERNET*

Iraqi museum takes security precautions

BAGHDAD, 29 June — Iraq's national museum, looted during the anarchy period ensuing the US-led invasion in last spring, has taken precautions for possible chaos on the eve of power transfer, a senior official said Sunday.

The museum has been partially evacuated for security reasons, said Dr Ietimid al-Qassiry of the State Board of Antique and Heritage.

"We took precaution measures before June 30 and we have transferred some of our precious equipments to safe places, even to houses of some of our employees," she said.

"It is necessary for us to do so because some of those equipments have been just transported to Iraq as gifts from some friendly countries," said Qassiry. "We don't want to lose them again."

The building of the museum was almost empty and workers were busy with fortifying doors and windows in preparation for June 30, a *Xinhua* correspondent saw.

After the US-led war began in March 2003, thousands of invaluable historical items from Baghdad's main museum have been looted or destroyed by mobs.

It was feared that the country would be hit by a similar wave of violence before and even after June 30.

Iraqi officials said Iraq's museum lost about 15,000 pieces of antiquities from the national museum in Baghdad alone.

More than 5,000 pieces have been restored and about another 5,000 pieces were on their way to Baghdad after being confiscated by foreign countries, but the other antiquities were still missing.

As a cradle of civilization, Iraq boasts thousands of archaeological sites spanning more than 10,000 years.

Iraq's history stretches thousands of years back, and its museum houses items from ancient Babylon and Nineveh, Sumerian statues, Assyrian reliefs and 5,000-year-old tablets bearing some of the earliest known writing.

MNA/Xinhua

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General says Nicaragua unlikely to send more troops to Iraq

MANAGUA, 29 June — Nicaragua is unlikely to send more troops to Iraq before stability returns to that country, Nicaragua's Army Chief commander Javier Carrion said Monday.

The general said that the situation in Iraq is unstable and "we must wait because a lot is missing to reconstruct stability and we do not want to enter a turmoil."

Carrion made the remarks following Press reports that Nicaraguan President Enrique Bolanos had promised the United States to send more troops to Iraq to help clear landmines or to aid war victims. "I have to be prudent on sending more troops though it is the commitment the President has made," said Carrion. "The situation in Iraq is not easy at all and the President did not order the formation of a task force for Iraq." —MNA/Xinhua

Last Spanish troops to Iraq back home

MADRID, 28 June — The last group of 140 Spanish soldiers withdrawn from Iraq arrived in Spain on Sunday by a chartered *Boeing 767* Jumbo jet, marking the completion of pullout of all the 1,300 Spanish troops deployed in Iraq as part of the US-led coalition force in the country.

Jose Antonio Gacia, Chief of Staff of the Spanish Army, together with dependants of the Spanish soldiers, were at the Zaragoza Airport in north central Spain to receive the homecoming soldiers. —MNA/Xinhua

Syria supports Iraqi people to overcome plight

DAMASCUS, 28 June — Syrian Vice-President Abdul Halim Khaddam expressed Sunday his country's support to the Iraqi people in overcoming their plight under the condition of foreign occupation, the state-run *SANA* news agency reported.

Khaddam made the remark while receiving an Iraqi delegation representing the House of Lords in Iraq, a non-governmental organization, and headed by its Secretary-General Aqil al-Khatib. It was necessary for the Iraqi people to commit to their national unity, Khaddam was quoted as saying during the meeting.

"All Syria's doors are open to develop relations between Syria and Iraq," Khaddam said in a statement to the Press after the meeting.

"The threats and pressures which have been practiced against Syria will not prevent her from continuing her national and Pan-Arab policy," he added.

For his part, al-Khatib briefed Khaddam on the daily suffering of the Iraqi people, expressing appreciation over Syria's stance under the leadership of President Bashar al-Assad. —MNA/Xinhua



Kermit McNair sells T-shirts outside a theater where Michael Moore's *'Fahrenheit 9/11'* is showing in New York 25 June. The film is igniting debate about President George W Bush's policies as the November 2 election looms. — INTERNET

Protesters rally against Bush in Istanbul

ISTANBUL, 29 June — NATO leaders gathered on Sunday to repair relations torn by the Iraq war, buoyed by a likely deal on training Iraqi troops but struggling to equip their transatlantic alliance for emerging security threats.

"We are going to work together to help make sure that NATO is configured militarily to meet the threats of the 21st Century," US President George W Bush told reporters as he arrived in Istanbul for a two-day summit.

Some 20,000 protesters rallied in Turkey's commercial capital, chanting "Get lost Bush, get lost NATO" and "Murderer USA get out of the Middle East".

But the President was kept well away from the demonstrations by an unprecedented security curtain drawn around the Bosphorus Straits city for the alliance's meeting.

Bush has declared an end to the Western rifts over last year's US invasion of Iraq which plunged NATO into one of the deepest crises in its 55-year history. European leaders also appear keen to put divisions over Iraq behind them.

NATO Secretary-General Jaap de Hoop Scheffer said there was a "new momentum in transatlantic security cooperation", and he suggested that the unilateralism of 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 realize that the US not only needs allies but also the alliance," he said.

The 26 NATO heads of state and government attended a formal Sunday dinner in an Ottoman-era palace on the banks of the Bosphorus. Official meetings start on Monday morning.

Before leaving for Istanbul, German Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder said all NATO states want stability and democracy in Iraq which is suffering heightened violence in the run-up to Wednesday's formal handover of power to an interim government.

Germany and France scotched Washington's original hope of NATO taking command of a peace force south of Baghdad. — MNA/Reuters

Kuwait PM reaffirms support for security, stability in Iraq

KUWAIT CITY, 28 June — Kuwait is willing to provide all needed support to establish security and stability in Iraq as "whatever happened in Iraq affects neighbouring states", *Kuwait News Agency* report Sunday.

"Handing over authority to Iraqis had been our wish and we hope they would appreciate and live up to this responsibility of protecting their homeland's security and stability," Kuwaiti Prime Minister Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah was quoted as saying. "We and all Iraq's neighbours are willing to lend a helping hand and contribute to all that might push towards security and stability," Sheikh Sabah added.

The Premier also expressed optimism

that "Iraqis would take over on schedule and that the Iraqi Government would resume its responsibilities on time".

Asked to comment on the terrorist incidents and suicide bombings, he said "those who compromise security in Iraq realize that Iraqis would take over and there would no longer be foreign military presence in Iraq soon", in a reference to the pretext militants use to justify attacks and bombings.

MNA/Xinhua



Iraqis wait while US Army soldiers check their identification cards during a raid in Abu Ghraib, on the outskirts of Baghdad, Iraq on 26 June, 2004. The US Army expects an increase in guerilla attacks ahead of the handover of Iraqi sovereignty on 30 June.

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Berlusconi says EU's "no" to Turkey would be mistake

ISTANBUL, 29 June — Italian Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi said it would be a historic mistake if the European Union did not give Turkey a date to start membership talks, a Turkish newspaper reported on Sunday.

EU leaders will decide in December whether to begin negotiations with the Muslim country of 70 million people, which has been knocking at the bloc's door for decades.

Italy, along with Germany and Britain, strongly backs Ankara's bid to join the bloc, but Germany's conservative opposition and France's ruling party have expressed doubts over Turkish membership.

"I am sure that frustrating the Turkish people's expectations would be a very big historical mistake. I say this because it is in Europe's interest (to admit Turkey)," Berlusconi told the *Sabah* daily in an interview ahead of his visit to Istanbul for a NATO summit on Monday and Tuesday.

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An Iraqi man stands close to a pool of blood at the scene of one of the five car bombs that exploded in Mosul, 370 kms north of Baghdad, on 24 June, 2004.



An Iraqi detainee awaits medical attention from medics inside the Abu Ghraib prison on the outskirts of Baghdad, Iraq, on 24 June, 2004.

Images of Iraq



A wounded Iraqi man grimaces as he is moved by hospital staff, after two mortars exploded in central Baghdad on 27 June, 2004.



Iraqis check the site of a car bomb attack which took place in Hilla, Iraq, on 27 June, 2004.



Iraqi fire fighters try to control a blazing oil slick near the town of Boub al-Sham, to the northeast of the Iraqi capital Baghdad, on 27 June, 2004.



A house was burnt during clashes between US forces and guerillas, in Falluja, on 24 June, 2004.



An Iraqi man walks through the courtyard of a destroyed building in Ramadi, Iraq, after a militant attack on 24 June, 2004.

New and fast developments throughout Myanmar



Thriving oil palm plantation in Longlon Township, Taninthayi Division.—KYEMON



Wanpon People's Hospital in Shan State (East) is providing health care services to local people.—PBANRAD



TV retransmission station in Kyaunggon, Ayeyawady Division helps raise the knowledge of local people.

KHIN MAUNG WIN (KYEMON)



Loinampha Dam in Dimawhso Township, Kayah State benefits local farmers.—MNA

**Border and rural
area
developments**



With the length of 595 feet and built at a cost of 145 million kyat, Kanbani bridge across Manipur river in Kalay Township, Sagaing Division, contributes much towards economic development of Chin State and Sagaing Division.—MYANMA ALIN

Development of townships ...

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In such a situation, there is all the more reason for us to depend upon our own resources, both natural and human, in developing our country as an equal to the rest of the world's nations. Then, and only then, shall we be able to avoid the danger and fate of once again falling under the sphere of their influence; and only then shall we be able to strengthen our inner national spirit.

Thus we must understand at this crucial period that striving for the comprehensive development of our people and our nation is equivalent to enhancing the national stature and dignity of our nation and our people; that it is the only way we can maintain our independence and perpetuate our sovereignty and thereby grow in strength.

Since ancient times Myanmar has stood throughout its history with the 14 states and divisions as its

tors in the reconstruction of a new state is stability of the state, a thriving national economy and the development of human resources. So at present we are in the transition period of development in the course of rebuilding a new state. Only if the basic infrastructure is strong and solid will it be possible to develop the national economy."

"The basic policy for development that the government has adopted is one that aims at equitable development for the entire country. It has therefore demarcated 24 large development zones and is now in the process of fulfilling their basic needs. The government at present is also making every effort to meet the requirements of rural areas where the majority of the population live."

In accordance with the guidance given by the Head of State, I would like to call upon all development officials to be aware of the fact



Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt presents the first prize in keeping the town pleasant and beautiful to Executive Officer U Thaung Sein of Taunggyi Township Development Committee. — MNA

fairs officials are carrying out in their designated urban and rural areas are indeed part and parcel of the work project of the 24 Special Zones and of the five main tasks of the rural development work project. So

and that over 1,240 miles of rural roads and 206 bridges have now been built.

If we examine the rural water supply project a Ten-Year Plan was drawn up and is now being implemented beginning from the fiscal year 2000-2001. In the previous year the Development Affairs Department spent K 691.94 million of its budget allotment to provide fresh drinking water to 964 villages in three divisions of the Central Dry Zone and 875 villages of the remaining states and divisions, making a total of 1839 villages that were supplied with drinking water.

We must also acknowledge donations made by philanthropists towards fresh

water supplies for rural areas. The donations received from private donors were: K 812.18 million; 67,722 US dollars; 10,012 FEC and 270 Euro. In the period spanning the fiscal years 2000-2001 to 2003-2004, 1338 projects were implemented to supply fresh drinking water to 1,192 villages with the donations thus received.

Thus within the period from fiscal year 2000-2001 to 2003-2004, altogether 15,715 projects were implemented to supply fresh drinking water to a total of 10,602 villages spending government funds, Develop-

ment Affairs department funds, funds received from donors at home and abroad, and with the participation of international organizations and non-governmental organizations. According to Plan Targets for the supply of fresh drinking water 23,225 villages were targeted for supply of fresh drinking water, so there still remain 12,623 villages in need of fresh drinking water. So, I call upon you to maintain the momentum of your work to supply fresh and pure drinking water for villages still in need.

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International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking held

YANGON, 29 June — The International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking was observed at the Town hall of Kengtung in Eastern Shan State on 26 June morning attended by Shan State (East) Committee for Drug Abuse Control Chairman Triangle Region Command Commander Maj-Gen Khin Zaw, Shan State (East) MCWA Supervisory Committee Patron wife of the Commander Daw Khin Pyone Win, departmental officials, teachers, students, national race leaders and local people.

The commander and responsible personnel presented prizes to 33 winners of anti-drug essay, painting, poster, cartoon and computer drawing competitions. — MNA

ASEAN Tourism meetings opened

Yangon, 28 June — The 20th Meeting of ASEAN National Tourism Organizations, the 5th Meeting of ASEAN, China, Japan and Korea National Tourism Organizations and the 3rd ASEAN-India Tourism Consultations will be held in Taunggyi from 30 June to 1 July 2004. The opening ceremony of the meetings was held this morning at Ayethaya Resort Hotel in Taunggyi. Minister for Hotels & Tourism Brig-Gen Aye Myint Kyu, delegates from ASEAN countries and ASEAN Secretariat, guests and officials attended the ceremony. The Deputy Minister delivered an address at the ceremony. After the opening ceremony, the 23rd Meeting of the Task Force on ASEAN Tourism Marketing, the 11th Meeting of the Task Force on Tourism Investment were held. — MNA

Foreign military attaches visit Plenary Session of National Convention

YANGON, 29 June — Led by Dean of the military attaches of foreign missions in Myanmar Col Hideaki Kitahara of Japanese Embassy, military attaches of the embassies of Pakistan, Thailand, Lao People's Democratic Republic, Cambodia, Bangladesh, the United States of America, the Republic of Korea, Indonesia, the Republic of India, Malaysia, the Socialist Republic of Vietnam, the People's Republic of China and the Russian Federation visited the Plenary Session of the National Convention in Pyidaungsu Hall at Nyaungnabin Camp, Hmawby Township, Yangon Division, today.

Accompanied by officials of the Military Intelligence Office, the military attaches arrived at the Pyidaungsu Hall at 8.40 am. They were welcomed by member of the National Convention Convening Commission Vice-Chief of Military Intelligence Maj-Gen Kyaw Win and officials. They studied the proposals on the detailed basic principles, concerning the sharing of legislative, executive and judicial powers, that will be included in drawing the Constitution, presented by the Delegate Group of National Races. Later, they posed for group photos in front of the Pyidaungsu Hall.

MRTV-3 interviewed the Japanese military attaché, the Pakistani military attaché and the Bangladeshi military attaché on the matters concerning the National Convention.

The National Convention Convening Commission hosted breakfast to the military attaches at the Anawrahta Hall of the camp. They went round the camp in a motorcade. Afterwards, they left the camp. — MNA



Vice-Chief of Military Intelligence Maj-Gen Kyaw Win welcomes foreign military attaches to the National Convention. — MNA



Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt and party view round documentary photos displayed at the co-ordination meeting. — MNA

integrated parts and in these 14 states and divisions over a hundred ethnic peoples have lived together in close kinship across the country. It is thus necessary to make arrangements for the equal and rigorous development of all these states, divisions and regions. For only then will the Union stand firm and endure forever in all its strength and prosperity.

With this goal in view, the government has systematically drawn up and laid down plans and programmes to promote its development resources, its national economic resources, the quality of its human resources and most important of all, has endeavoured to fortify the forces of national unity.

With regard to these endeavours, Senior General Than Shwe in an address made at the joint opening ceremony of the No. 6 Training Course on Myanmar Affairs and International Relations and the No. 7 Special Refresher Course of the Union Solidarity and Development Association, stated most explicitly that:

"The most essential fac-

that, while carrying out their officially assigned duties of rural and urban development, that the work they are doing is not isolated but in fact interrelated. That what they are doing in fact contributes towards laying foundations for the development of the country as a whole; that their work is part of our endeavours for the synchronized development of the entire Union and that it is part of the effort to build up a strong and thriving economy. Thus they should strive with might and main to carry out their duties in relation to the plans and programmes that are being implemented for the development of the border areas and national races; that their work contributes to the success of the plans and projects of the 24 special development zones and to the success of the five main tasks for rural development. It is important therefore not to lose sight of the fact that your work is interrelated and is an integral part of overall development.

As a matter of fact the tasks that development af-

the tasks you have been assigned must be undertaken within the framework of these development plans and programmes and it is therefore your duty to see that the work you do is in coordination with the rest of the countrywide programmes.

The development affairs groups are currently concentrating on establishing smooth roads and communications and providing adequate supplies of fresh water for rural consumption. These projects are in fact part of the five main tasks for the development of rural areas. The Directorate of Development Affairs laid down a long-term Thirty-Year Plan covering the period of the Financial Years 2001-2002 to 2030-2031 for the improvement of rural roads and communications, which is now in the process of implementation. I have been informed that in the past fiscal year of 2003-2004, the development affairs committees have spent a total of K 1,002.45 million for the rural roads project and K 100.95 million for building bridges in the rural areas,

Development of townships ...

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We must be fully aware that the development of rural and urban areas is at the very core of development for the whole Union and that the development of townships which include urban as well as rural areas is therefore the most essential requirement for development of the entire Union. It is therefore necessary to make every effort to keep the environment of urban and rural areas clean and pleasant; to lessen the development divide between town and village; to provide smooth and accessible roads and communications; to ensure safety in the manufacture and production of commodities; to facilitate a smooth flow of trade and to provide the people with facilities for rest and relaxation. So it is the inescapable duty of those responsible to systematically fulfill these essential needs in the areas for which one has been given responsibility.

In implementing the tasks that have been assigned individually, if one is responsible for the development of a certain town, then it is one's duty to see that it is characterized by all the features essential to a town and that it has a clean and verdant ambience to make it a desirable place to reside in; that it is in healthy surroundings with all the facilities of a town such as market places, schools, parks and playing fields. In other words all basic infrastructures must be in place. One should always be alert to see that there is adequate of water and electrical power and thereby fulfil the basic needs of the people.

It is also of special importance that appropriate revenue is collected for development of public facilities. At the same time taxation should not be an excessive burden on the people and the revenue obtained must be carefully budgeted for and utilized so that it will bring about the best returns in the form of developing public facilities to fulfil the people's needs. Funds for city, town and rural development consist of revenue collected from the people, and government budgetary appropriations. So it is important for development affairs staff to be always in touch with the people and be always aware of the people's needs. So when Town Plans are drawn up they must be consistent with the needs of the people. And in implementing these plans one must do so with sincerity and genuine good will. Then only will the people respond with their cooperation and only if their cooperation is obtained can your plans be achieved.

If you understand this underlying principle and carry out your duties faithfully with the people's interests at heart, the people will soon come to understand that the work of

development affairs is indeed a noble undertaking that it gives priority to welfare and best interests of the people. With this understanding, you will then benefit from the full cooperation of the people that will be forthcoming.

That is why I would like to urge you that in carrying out the tasks of developing the urban and rural areas to which you have been assigned, in strengthening the economic life in the area; in raising the quality of life of the people so that they may live in peace and security, always cultivate the awareness that what you are doing is in the National Cause, and in a caring spirit, carry out your duties for the community for which you are responsible. So, in conclusion I would like to call upon you to:

- Faithfully carry out your duties whatever they may be and wherever you have been assigned in order to contribute towards the successful achievement of the development plans and programmes being implemented by the State so that Myanmar as an independent and sovereign nation can take her place with pride among the nations of the world and so that her people may also enjoy long-term benefits.
- Faithfully carry out your duties for the development of urban and rural areas but bearing in mind that the ultimate goal is the strengthening national unity and propagating the Union Spirit by contributing towards the continuous and concerted development of the Union of Myanmar.
- And last but not least, dedicate yourself to raising the momentum of your tasks in development as a National Duty and thereby close the development gap between town and village help to strengthen national unity.

The Prime Minister presented the first prize for outstanding performance in rural development tasks to Kyauktan Township DAC, second prize to Pantanaw Township DAC and third prize to Myingyan Township DAC, the first prize for outstanding performance in beautifying tasks to Taunggyi Township DAC, second prize to Kyaukse Township DAC and third prize to PyinOoLwin Township DAC; the first prize (model township) to Taunggyi Township DAC, second prize to Kyaukse Township DAC, third prize to Kyaukse Township DAC through respective executive officers.

After the ceremony, the Prime Minister and party and guests inspected documentary photos of activities of prize winning townships, documentary photos of Arid Zones Greening Project, Rural Housing Project and District-to-District Road Project. They also viewed drilling machines innovated by the Development Affairs Department and machinery. MNA

China Export Commodities Exhibition 2004 opened

YANGON, 29 June — The Chongqing & Sichuan Export Commodities Exhibition 2004 organized by the Embassy of the People's Republic of China to Myanmar was opened at Yangon Trade Centre on Upper Pazundaung Street here at 9.30 am today.

Present on the occasion were Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Pyi Sone, Minister for Cooperatives Maj-Gen Htay Oo, Minister for Livestock & Fisheries Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein, Minister at the Prime Minister's Office Maj-Gen Thein Swe, Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin, Director-General of Directorate of Trade U Nyunt Aye, Director-General of Cooperatives Department Col Soe Win, officials of the Ministry of Commerce and the Ministry of Cooperatives, Charge d' Affaires of the Chinese Embassy Mr Yu Boren and officials, the Vice-President of UMFCI and CEC members, President of Myanmar Foreign Correspondents Club U Sao Kai Hpa, and member correspondents, Vice-Chairmen of China Council for the Promotion of International Trade-CCPIT from Chongqing and Sichuan Province and officials, entrepreneurs, mediamen, guests, members of the Union Solidarity and Development Association and social organizations and others.

The opening ceremony was held on the first floor of the Trade Centre and the CCPIT Vice-Chairman explained the purpose of the exhibition.

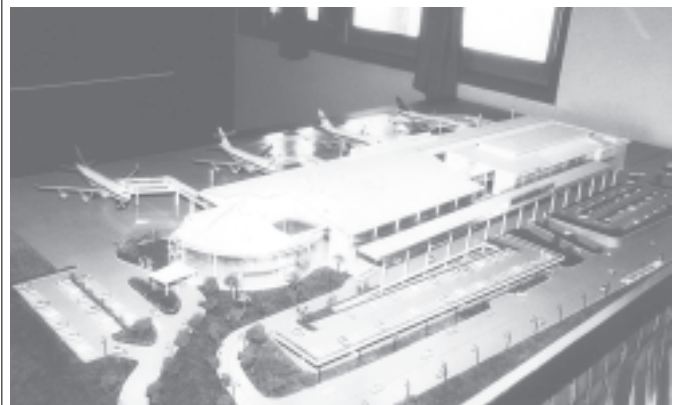
Next, Charge d' Affaires of the Chinese Embassy Mr Yu Boren, Director-General U Nyunt Aye, UMFCI Vice-President U Zaw Min Win, CCPIT Vice-Chairmen Mr Zuo Zhong Hua and Mr Chui Lianbin formally opened the exhibition.

After the ceremony, Minister Brig-Gen Pyi Sone and party, and guests viewed hard wood for



The Plenary Session of National Convention in progress. (News on page 16) — MNA

flooring and furniture of SDF Shengda Floors, Hi-Bird Super Wave, Hi-Bird Supersub, Hi-Bird QH-150 and Hi-Bird Dream motorcycles of Chongqing Hi-Bird Motorcycle Industry Co Ltd, generators and pumps of Chongqing Dajiang Motorcycle Co Ltd, motorcycles of Jianshe Co.Ltd, vehicles and motorcycles of Chongqing



The scale model of Yangon International Airport extension. (News on page 16) MNA



Minister Brig-Gen Pyi Sone and guests view round the Exhibition. — MNA

Yingang Science & Technology(Group), Kenbo motorcycles and generators of Yinxiang Group, motorcycles, engines and generators of Innovation Lifan Technology Lifan Co Ltd, weaving machines for onion bag and export commodities of Sichuan Province and Chongqing

floor. At the exhibition, locomotive and coaches, motorcycles, trucks, farm vehicles and their accessories, electrical appliances, paper machine equipment, weaving machines, medical equipment, chemicals, fertilizers, electronics and breweries were displayed

with 43 showrooms. The exhibition continues up to 1 June from 9.30 am to 5 pm daily.

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**Don't
smoke**

No permanent enemy, no permanent friend

Aung Moe San

According to experts in social science, all the events are changing from one situation to another based on the process — Thesis, Anti Thesis and Syn Thesis. As to social events, there is no permanent enemy or friend.

For instance, a capitalist bloc — the British, the US and France — and Soviet Russia were allies in World War II. But, they divided themselves into two rival blocs — capitalist bloc and socialist bloc in the cold war period.

Regarding the tasks in the interest of motherland, there is enemy or permanent friend, but it can be described as enemy or friend: one who is opposed to the interest of the motherland is an enemy and one who serves the interest of one's motherland is regarded as a friend. The present government has already vowed to transform the nation into a democratic one.

As such, it has been translating the State's seven-point policy programme into reality. However, some groups insisted demand for democracy and refused to cooperate with the present government. After its assumption of the State's responsibilities, the Tatmadaw government abolished the centralized economic and political systems of socialism, and introduced market-oriented economic system and multi-party system so as to build a democratic nation.

The Tatmadaw has been implementing nation-building tasks day in, day out, in the belief that only when economic productive forces have developed will the people enjoy higher living standard.

So, pro-democracy groups should obtain Syn Thesis from the Tatmadaw's endeavours. Among the governments in the post-independence period, the present government has made greatest efforts and thus achieved unprecedented success in the tasks for national solidarity.

Some political parties could not obtain Syn Thesis and still grip Anti Thesis while the National Convention is in progress for the flourishing of democracy in the nation. The main causes are as follows:

(1) the concept of immediate establishment of a democratic nation

(2) the concept of excluding the Tatmadaw from the leading role in national politics

(3) instigation of some big powers.

(1) concept of immediate establishment of a democratic nation

This concept came into existence by copying the Western democracy. According to the social science, one can find out the truth in the scope of practical events not in philosophy. Now, prevailing situations in Myanmar will show that the nation is only at the developing stage, absolutely different from those of industrialized nations. To see that democracy flourish in the country based on public voice, a certain period of time is required so that the economic, political, social and cultural lives of the people will become complete and mature. No nation can practise democracy overnight; each has to pass through a period of time. Thus, it is impossible for Myanmar to directly copy the western democracy as there is a great difference in historical background, and cultural and social life between the industrialized nations and Myanmar. So, Myanmar has to practise a suitable policy for her human society. The mere introduction of orders and laws will not be enough to establish a democratic society since the industrialized nations had tried to adapt to the democratic rights and responsibilities for generations. Here, it is required to follow a Myanmar saying similar to the one which goes "Don't fly without wings".

(2) concept of excluding the Tatmadaw from the leading role in national politics

This rightist concept was once tried in Myanmar by the extreme leftist communists. The concept looked forward to the practising of socialism immediately in a developing nation without putting capitalism into practice.

Therefore, their attempt met with an end because it was not in conformity with the way of living of Myanmar society. The Myanma Socialist Programme Party met a similar fate. Some political groups relying on western countries follow this concept of excluding the Tatmadaw from the leading role in national politics.

It is not the first time for the Tatmadaw to play the leading role in national politics. In World War II, Myanmar patriotic youths underwent military training in Japan in order to establish a Tatmadaw and then to launch independence struggles. Thus, it can be said

that the Thirty Comrades led by General Aung San initiated the Tatmadaw's leading role in national politics. Besides, the People's Ayaydawbon Party, the Tatmadaw and the Communist Party unitedly played the leading role in the independence struggles and anti-fascist struggles.

Today, no one can deny the fact that the Tatmadaw is playing an important role in developing the nation. In any human society, a Tatmadaw has to intervene and take hold of the State responsibilities whenever the nation is on the verge of collapse due to lack of mature social life in making attempts to establish a democratic nation. Even in some nations holding the concept that Tatmadaw does not need to play a role in building a democratic nation, the Tatmadaw has to shoulder the responsibilities whenever there arise political problems. Myanmar should take lessons from the bitter experiences of these nations, and the Tatmadaw needs to play the leading role in national politics in Myanmar. At a time when we are trying to build a democratic nation, national capitalists are not in a position to take the leading role, so the Tatmadaw is still necessary for the emergence of a democratic nation. Therefore, the National Convention delegates, the Tatmadaw and the political parties are to join hands firmly in playing the leading role in national politics as well as in building a democratic nation till the way of life of the entire people is conducive to democracy. So, the National Convention is to lay down a principle to allow the Tatmadaw's leading role in national politics. Opposition to the Tatmadaw's leading role in national politics can lead to disintegration of national solidarity and it also amounts to opposing the least-suffering way in transforming the nation into a democratic one.

(3) instigation of some big powers

Myanmar was under the subjugation of the British colonialists in 1885 due to disintegration of national unity. National sovereignty was lost. This is the lesson taken from history for the entire national people. There is also a lesson that the national leaders were assassinated by national traitors owing to foreign instigation when Myanmar was about to regain the independence. There had always been foreign interferences whenever

national unity was disintegrated. Such interferences focused on their interest and influence rather than the interest of our country. The only way to resist such foreign interferences is to be imbued with patriotism. If such interferences cannot be warded off with national solidarity it will be difficult and take much time to forge national reconsolidation. Nowadays, the existing Tatmadaw government is convening the National Convention for ensuring the national reconsolidation and for the emergence of a democratic nation. Some foreign broadcasting stations and big nations are fabricating news to the effect that the National Convention is a sham one; that the meeting is the one in which the delegates have been oppressed by the military government; that the forum is the one in which there is no right for the delegates to go round freely, to make contact with outside and to express words freely; and that it is the one in which news had been blacked out. Moreover, with the intention of jeopardizing the meeting the foreign broadcasting stations also manufactured fabricated news to the effect that some delegates of national races will walk out the National Convention due to their discontentment with the meeting. They did so with the intention of jeopardizing national unity. They are totally false.

When the delegates to the National Convention toured downtown Yangon on their holidays on 5 and 6 June, those from some foreign broadcasting stations rushed to them with the intention of acquiring the bad news or latest gossip. It is learnt that the delegates to the National Convention replied to them that those news reports were not true. It is learnt that the delegates also replied to them that everyone has the right to freely express and present at the meeting and to freely listen foreign news; that discussions of delegates were

Efficient use of electricity

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

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

Efficient use of fuel

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

broadcasted by TV and radio and published by the newspapers; and that food, medicines, physical exercise and recreation facilities are being fully provided to the delegates.

When they are unable to harm the National Convention like this, those foreign nations are attacking Myanmar under the pretext of Dabayin incident, ILO matter, child soldier and others to the liking of some big foreign nations. Some foreign nations continue to impose economic sanctions on Myanmar in a manner of opposing the National Convention.

At a time when it is crucial for Myanmar to ensure national reconsolidation and to build a democratic nation like today, it is found that there are four genuine friends and four bogus friends included in Buddhist treatises to be able to distinguish friend from enemy although there are no permanent friends or permanent enemy.

Four bogus friends are: —The one who associates with you just to serve his own interest.
—The one who deals with

you with ulterior motives.
—The one who permits anything beneficial or otherwise to you without careful consideration.

—The one who praises you in your presence but gossips about you behind your back.

Four genuine friends are: —The one who takes care of your property like his own and always helps you in time of need.

—The one who keeps a secret of yours, and protects you when you face danger risking his life.

—The one who prevents you from doing evil deeds and directs you to engage in good deeds.

—The one who is unhappy on your downfall and shares your happiness when you are successful.

Therefore, the entire national people are to make relentless efforts for successful realization of the seven-point political programme to ensure the emergence of a new democratic nation, realizing which nations are friends and which ones are enemies.

(Translation: MS + TS)
(Myanma Alin, Kyemon:
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MYANMAR WOMEN'S DAY

National race delegates group ...

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U Maung Hla (a) U Hla Myint of the delegate group of national races presided over the plenary meeting together with NCC Work Committee member Daw Khin Nu, U Tun Yin Law of the delegate group of political parties, U Yaw Aye Hla of the delegate group of representatives-elect, 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 Chein of the delegate group of other invited persons. Director (Meeting) U Than Aung of the NCC Work Committee Office 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 1,068 delegates out of 1,088 listed, accounting for 98.16 per cent. Next, the delegate group of national races read out its proposals concerning detailed basic principles for the distribution of legislative, executive and judicial powers to be included in the framing of the State Constitution.

On the occasion, U Khun Kyaw Thu of Shan State, read out a proposal for the defence and security sector and the foreign affairs sector; and Daw In Bran Dwebu of Kachin State, a proposal for the finance and planning sector. Later, the plenary meeting



Members of the panel of chairmen and those present at the Plenary Session of the National Convention at Nyaungnapin Camp. — MNA



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

went into recess at 10.10 am.

The plenary meeting resumed at 10.40 am. On the occasion, Daw Ma Khin Win of Rakhine State read out a proposal for the economic sector and the agriculture and livestock breeding sector. The plenary meeting went into recess for lunch at 11.15 am, and resumed at 2 pm.

On the occasion, Daw Myint Myint Kyu of Mon State read out a proposal for the energy, electricity, mining and forestry sector, the industrial sector and the transport and communication sector; U Aung Lin Hlaing of Taninthayi Division, a proposal for the social sector; and Daw Nan Yi Yi Than of Sagaing Division, a proposal for the management sector, the judicial sector, the delegation of legislative power to the leading bodies of self-administered areas, the sharing and distribution of legislative power in respect of other matters not stated in the legislative lists of the Union, Region or State, as well as in those of the leading bodies of the self-administered division or zones, the delegation of legislative power to Union territories, and the enforcement of laws enacted by the leading bodies of the self-administered areas at Hluttaw at different levels.

Later, the plenary meeting of the National Convention ended at 4 pm. The meeting continues at 9 am tomorrow. — MNA



National race group delegate Daw In Bran Dwebu of Kachin State reads proposal at the Plenary Session of the National Convention. MNA



National race group delegate U Khun Kyaw Thu of Shan State reads proposal at the Plenary Session of the National Convention. — MNA



National race group delegate Daw Ma Khin Win of Rakhine State reads proposal at the Plenary Session of the National Convention. MNA



National race group delegate Daw Nan Yi Yi Than of Sagaing Division reads proposal at the Plenary Session of the National Convention. MNA



National race group delegate U Aung Lin Hlaing of Taninthayi Division reads proposal at the Plenary Session of the National Convention. MNA



National race group delegate Daw Myint Myint Kyu of Mon State reads proposal at the Plenary Session of the National Convention. MNA



Delegates attend the Plenary Session of the National Convention at Nyaungnapin Camp in Hmawby Township, Yangon Division. — MNA

128 jade lots fetch euro 2.4m

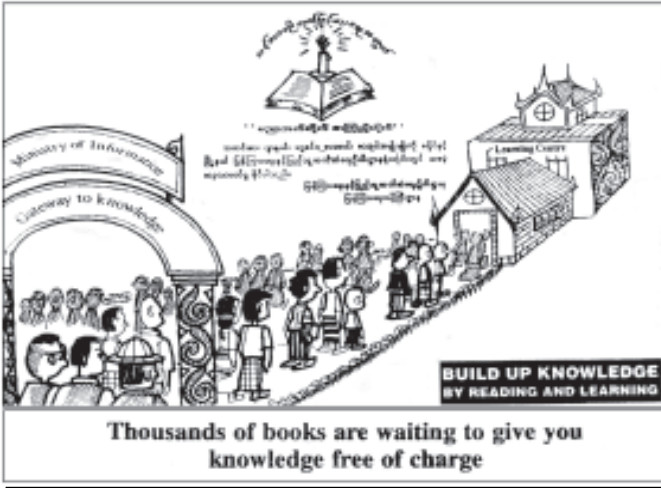
YANGON, 29 June — A total of 128 jade lots fetched euro 2,447,484 at the special jade and gem sales for 2004 at Gems Mart here today. Altogether 853 merchants — 478 from abroad and 375 local merchants — attended the sale of jade through tender system. It will continue tomorrow. Chairman of Central Committee to Hold the Special Jade and Gems Sales Deputy Minister for Mines U Myint Thein, Secretary Managing Director of Myanmar Gems Enterprise U Khin Oo and members supervised the sale of jade through tender system — MNA

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Central Executive Committee of MWJA meets

YANGON, 29 June — Meeting No 6/2004 of Central Executive Committee for Myanmar Writers and Journalists Association took place at the meeting hall of second floor of Sarpay Beikman Building on Merchant Street this afternoon. It was attended by Vice-Chairman of MWJA U Than Maung (Than Maung), Secretary U Hla Tun (Hla Tun-Twantay), joint-secretaries and executives.

During the meeting, Vice-Chairman U Than Maung presided over the meeting together with Joint-Secretary U Khin Swe (Shwe Son Nyo) as master of ceremonies. After Vice-Chairman U Than Maung had made a speech on the occasion, Secretary U Hla Tun (Hla Tun-Twantay) presented reports on resolutions of previous meeting No 5/2004. Next, leaders of various groups made suggestions and U Than Maung gave concluding remarks. — MNA



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Eight Pakistanis drown as boat capsizes in Arabian Sea

ISLAMABAD, 29 June — As many as eight members of a Pakistani family have drowned in the Arabian Sea as a boat carrying the family capsized on Sunday, local newspaper *The Nation* reported Monday.

The unfortunate family was on a picnic tour of deep sea when their boat overturned and capsized near the Ibrahim Haidri coastal area.

Four bodies have been recovered while the rescue divers were striving to find the corpses of the other four members.

Two minors, one was 12 and the other was 10, survived miraculously and were taken out from the sea.

MNA/Xinhua

13 people killed in east India road accident

NEW DELHI, 29 June — Thirteen members of a marriage party, including the bride, were killed and three others critically injured when the jeep carrying them collided with a truck in Mayurbhanj District of east India's Orissa on Sunday.

Ten people, including three women, died on the spot in the collision at Angarpada on Kolkata-Mumbai National Highway, the *Press Trust of India*

quoted police sources as saying.

The girl, who was to be married Sunday, succumbed to injuries and was at a government hospital.

The other injured were shifted to another government hospital.

The victims were relatives of the groom and as per their custom, were taking the bride from her house to the groom's village for the wedding.

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ASEAN finishes draft regional security plan

JAKARTA, 28 June — After two days of lengthy deliberations, senior officials from the Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN) have finalized a draft plan of action for the establishment of a regional security community.

The ASEAN Security Community (ASC) idea was first initiated by Indonesia, the current chair of the ASEAN, as a means of handling security matters and disputes through a regional framework rather than bilaterally or through international forums.

The draft would be submitted to the ASEAN foreign ministers for endorsement during their 37th annual ASEAN Ministerial Meeting (AMM) in Jakarta on Tuesday.

"We are now in a position to submit the draft to the ASEAN ministerial meeting (AMM)," Indonesian Ministry of Foreign Affairs spokesman Marty A Natalegawa was quoted Monday by *The Jakarta Post* as saying.

The spokesman made the statement on Sunday after the senior officials meeting

(ASEAN-SOM) in Jakarta.

The ASEAN-SOM will end its session on Monday. Foreign ministers of ASEAN will decide whether or not to endorse the draft on Tuesday.

Their meeting comes ahead of security talks of ASEAN Regional Forum (ARF) on Friday with ASEAN's 13 dialogue partners, including all the major world powers.

Once the ASEAN foreign ministers endorse such a draft, the document will then be adopted by ASEAN leaders at a summit in November in Laos. In a rotating system, Laos will assume the chairmanship of ASEAN from Indonesia.

Marty stressed the ASC draft would remain confidential even after the AMM meeting. —MNA/Xinhua



Desalination of sea water and low quality ground water is now a realistic part solution to Australia's long-term water crisis caused by changing weather patterns, scientists say. Here a fisherman on a lake north of Sydney. — INTERNET

"Fahrenheit 9/11" becomes a No 1 hit across America

LOS ANGELES, 28 June — Bush-bashing became the nation's favourite spectator sport over the weekend as Michael Moore's red-hot documentary "Fahrenheit 9/11" earned more in its first three days of release across North America than his previous record-breaking movie did in its entire run.

According to studio estimates issued on Sunday, "Fahrenheit 9/11," in which Moore takes aim at US President George W Bush, and the war in Iraq, opened at No 1 after selling about 21.8 million US dollars worth of tickets in the United States and Canada since June 25.

MNA/Reuters



People line up to see director Michael Moore's new film 'Fahrenheit 9/11' in New York. Crowds in Washington flocked to the opening the film, some to get fired up about ousting President George W Bush in the November 2 election, others to see what the controversy is all about. — INTERNET

Conference on public media, service opens in Prague

PRAGUE, 28 June — The Public Service Broadcasting Conference, organized by the global union organization Union Network International (UNI), with themes of media as a public service and its independence from state influence opened in Prague Saturday.

"The conference will deal with, among other things, the existence of such media in new EU member countries," said Antonin Dekoj, a union leader with public broadcaster Czech Television (CT) and a participant at the conference.

Representatives of public media and their union organizations from Cyprus, the

Czech Republic, France, Italy, Latvia, Lithuania, Serbia and Montenegro and other countries will give speeches on the state of public broadcasters at the conference.

Members of the European Broadcasting Union (EBU) and the European Commission will also speak at the conference. Some of the contributions to the conference will

deal with the "European social dialogue" or the funding of public broadcasters.

Head of Czech Radio (CRO) Vaclav Kasik, members of CRO and CT union groups and head of media union groups as well as umbrella trade union group leader Milan Stech will participate in the conference.

MNA/Xinhua

Singaporean thumbs out a mobile phone record

SINGAPORE, 29 June — A 23-year-old Singaporean woman appears to have set a world record for sending text messages over a mobile phone, underlining Asia's growing obsession with mobile phone technology.

Kimberly Yeo thumbed 26 words in 43.24 seconds into her phone, beating a world record of 67 seconds for the same words set by a Briton last September, said Singapore's dominant telephone carrier, Singtel Telecommunications Ltd, on Monday.

Mobile phones are an ubiquitous accessory in technology-savvy Singapore where more than four out of five people own a handset, giving the wealthy city-state one of the world's highest mobile phone penetration rates.

At a contest in front of a department store on Sunday, Yeo was among 125 people timed by Singtel and a panel of independent officials to see how fast they could type the following 160-character message:

"The razor-toothed piranhas of the genera Serrasalmus and Pygocentrus are the most ferocious freshwater fish in the world. In reality they sel-

dom attack a human."

The message — typed in lower and upper case — is a *Guinness World Records* standard in the relatively new category of mobile phone text messaging.

Singtel said Yeo, a business student, narrowly beat an 18-year-old Singaporean's time of 43.66 seconds on Sunday but shattered the current record in the *Guinness World Records* of 67 seconds set by a Briton in September 2003 in Sydney, Australia. Singtel said it would submit Yeo's time to *Guinness*.

"Predictive text" functions which finish the spelling the words typed into a phone and other spelling aids were barred from the contest, Singtel said.

Yeo, who won a 10,250 US dollars in cash for her nimble thumbs, said she sends out about an average of 1,500 text messages a month to friends and family. —MNA/Reuters

Gas crisis causes power supply shortfall in Bangladesh

DHAKA, 28 June — The average shortfall in power generation of Bangladesh now stands at 400 megawatt (MW) a day due to gas crisis, reported the *New Nation* on Sunday.

Official records showed the state-owned power plants under the Power Development Board (PDB) and the private companies generate around 3,400 MW electricity a day against a daily demand of 3,800 MW, as industries of the country and residents are suffering from disruptions of power supply frequently in the current summer season.

The power sector of the country needs around 712 million cubic feet (mmcf) gas per day to generate electricity from the gas-based power stations, but the actual output is around 600 mmcf per day, leaving a huge gap between demand and supply. To make things worse, the power stations failed to generate electricity as per their capacity also because 10 out of 65 units of power stations under PDB closed recently for overhauling and technical faults.

MNA/Xinhua

67 illegal workers uncovered in Sydney

CANBERRA, 29 June — A total of 67 illegal workers have been uncovered in a police operation in Australia's largest city of Sydney for the past two days.

The illegal workers were located at more than 60 places like brothels, factories, shops, restaurants, building sites and homes, said Immigration Minister Amanda Vanstone in a statement Saturday.

Fifteen of the 67 illegal workers were women. And among the total, 57 were unlawful non-citizens and 10 were found working in breach of their visa conditions, said the minister.

MNA/Xinhua

Dhaka takes measures to curb women, children trafficking

DHAKA, 28 June — The Bangladesh Home Ministry on Sunday discussed measures to significantly reduce crimes related to trafficking in women and children.

Six steps to reduce the crimes were raised at a meeting held at the Home Ministry and chaired by State Minister for Home Affairs Lutfozzaman Babar. They include revival of the police anti-trafficking unit, appointment of a special prosecutor for dealing with trafficking cases in "speedy court", according to *The Daily Star* on Monday. Babar said that the government is serious about the problem and trying to solve it.

Police reportedly is trying to prepare a list of the people behind the illegal trade and action will be taken soon in this aspect. — MNA/Xinhua

SPORTS

Germans admire Rehagel

BERLIN, 29 June— He is nicknamed "Rehagakles" by the German media for taking Greece to the Euro 2004 semifinals and is mentioned as a possible coach of Germany, yet Otto Rehagel stirs conflicting emotions at home.

"Otto has always massively polarized opinion," said a Bild newspaper reporter who has known him for years. "He's got a lot of fans but there are many who can't stand him."

Rehagel won three Bundesliga titles in 30 years and his career included the improbable feat of taking promoted Kaiserslautern to the championship in 1997.

Three years later he was unemployed, before Greece came calling. He has taken them to the semifinals of the European Championship with a style of management labelled "democratic dictatorship".

Rehagel, 65, is seen in Germany as a loose cannon, someone never fully in control of his emotions. He is mocked for his flowery language even though his admirers are enthralled by his blunt style and undeniable success.

"Rehagel acts like he invented everything and knows everything better than everyone else," Sven Goldmann, sports editor of Der Tagesspiegel newspaper, told Reuters.

"But there is nevertheless a lot of admiration for what he's accomplished in Greece with such an antiquated style of play."

After beating champions France on Friday, the 65-year-old went on German television and worked himself into a fast-talking lather. With his eyes popping, Rehagel appeared on the brink of losing control.

It was a performance that reminded many why no German clubs wanted to hire him after he left Kaiserslautern in 2000.

"If the Greeks could understand everything he said, their relationship with him would probably be different," said Goldmann.

Rehagel's on-air theatrics may also have reduced the chances of him succeeding Rudi Voeller, who quit as Germany coach after they were dumped out of Euro 2004's first round.

MNA/Reuters



Greek coach Otto Rehagel, shown here on 25 June after his team beat France, said he will not take over as German national coach. —INTERNET

Denmark's Olsen rues missed chances

PORTO, 28 June—Denmark coach Morten Olsen will hold a post mortem with his team after second-half errors handed the Czech Republic a 3-0 win in their Euro 2004 quarterfinal on Sunday.

The Czechs won the match thanks to a 49th-header by giant centre forward Jan Koller and two goals in two minutes by striker Milan Baros just past the hour.

"We have to be self critical," Olsen said.

"We were so good and normally we should have won but we weren't good enough," he told a news conference.

Olsen believes that few teams could have lived with Denmark on their first-half performance.

"Football is all about scoring goals but you have to be brutal," he said of his team's failure to translate their territorial domination and neat football into goals.

"We had a good first half and combined to create very good chances," he said.

"Then after five minutes (of the second half) we made



Denmark's coach Morten Olsen

a big mistake," Olsen said referring to the 2.02-metre Koller being allowed a free header from a corner.

"You can't make such a mistake. It's all about concentration," Olsen said.

"Then we made two mistakes in three minutes and in such circumstances it's impossible to come back," he said.

Olsen said Denmark continued to play well despite the first setback, but a sec-

ond defensive error allowed Baros to run on to a Karel Poborsky pass and chip the ball over goalkeeper Thomas Sorensen and he fired home again soon afterwards.

Olsen said fatigue after so much running in the first half could have caused the mistakes.

"We showed so much power in the first half that we made these mistakes," he said.

Rather than the Czech Republic wresting control on their own merits, Olsen maintained Denmark had handed it over.

"We made them change the game by making the first mistake," he said.

Olsen, who believed his team could go all the way to the final, said failure to put away chances "has been our problem throughout this tournament".

MNA/Reuters

Jiranek out, Nedved on yellow alert for Czechs

LISBON, 29 June— Czech right back Martin Jiranek has been ruled out Thursday's Euro 2004 semifinal against Greece with a muscle injury to his right thigh.



Czech captain Pavel Nedved

Team doctor Petr Krejci told reporters Jiranek would not recover in time to play after suffering the injury in the first half of Sunday's 3-0 quarterfinal defeat of Denmark.

"He needs more time to recover because it is a bad injury," said the doctor. Zdenek Grygera, who came on after 39 minutes on Sunday, is expected to replace Jiranek.

There was better news for the Czechs about fellow defender Rene Bolf who also

limped out of the quarterfinal. He is expected to be fit enough to resume training on Tuesday and play on Thursday if selected.

The Czechs said on Monday they did not intend to appeal to UEFA against the yellow card shown to midfielder Pavel Nedved during the quarterfinal.

Czech coach Karel Brueckner said: "It was wrong, but we are not going to do anything about it. There will be no protest."

Nedved was cautioned after 61 minutes when he seemed to be the victim of simulation by Danish winger Jesper Gronkjaer.

Nedved told reporters on Monday that he was very mindful of what had happened to him in 2003 when he was suspended from the European Cup final after collecting two yellow cards playing for Juventus against Real Madrid in the semifinals.

"I know I have to be very careful or I could miss the final if we go through," he said. "But also I know that it is a match in the semifinals and it is difficult because there is a lot of pressure."

"I want to give a total performance, with full commitment, and it is difficult to be very careful when you feel like this."

"I want to be running and running. But I know I need to tread softly." —MNA/Reuters

Baros says he was exhausted against Denmark

LISBON, 29 June— Czech Republic striker Milan Baros says he felt so exhausted during the first half of his team's 3-0 Euro 2004 quarter-final victory over Denmark that he could barely breathe.

Baros scored twice in two minutes in the second half against the Danes on Sunday to become the tournament's leading scorer with five goals.

"I was tired, very tired," he told reporters. "It was so difficult in the first half. It felt so hot out there that sometimes I felt I couldn't breathe."

"It was easier in the second half and, of course, when we had gone 3-0 up it was much easier still."

Baros said he had come into the tournament after a poor season with his English

Premier League club Liverpool in which he broke his ankle.

"It was a difficult —MNA/Reuters



Czech Republic's Milan Baros

Prince Felipe receives Olympic flame in Spain

MADRID, 28 June— Spain's Crown Prince Felipe received the Olympic flame in Madrid to the cheers of thousands of Spaniards on Sunday as the capital marked its bid to host the 2012 Games.



Spain's Prince Felipe lights a cauldron with a torch during a lighting ceremony for a symbolic Olympic flame at Madrid's Puerta de Alcalá on Sunday 27 June, 2004. The games are scheduled to take place in Athens, Greece, August 2004.

INTERNET

The flame, on a six-week relay back to Athens for the Olympics in August, arrived by plane from London and travelled by Metro to the centre of Madrid in the hands of city mayor Alberto Ruiz-Gallardon.

Madrid, which along with London, Moscow, New York and Paris is under consideration for the 2012 Games, has based the bid for its first Olympics on the efficiency of its public transport system.

A string of sports personalities then relayed the torch to Madrid's historic Plaza de la Independencia where Felipe, flanked by his new bride Letizia Ortiz, lit a replica of the Olympic cauldron beneath a huge stone ceremonial arch.

"As this flame travels across the five continents symbolized by the five Olympic rings, it is linking peoples, removing political, religious, racial, social and cultural barriers," Spanish International Olympic Committee member Princess Pilar de Borbon told the crowd.

The flame then left for Barcelona, which hosted the 1992 Olympics, on its tour of 33 cities in 34 days. For the first time the torch will take in the five continents represented by the Olympic rings.

Spain's low-key celebrations, however, were dwarfed by crowds of 80,000 people who gathered at a rock concert in London to receive the Olympic flame on Saturday.

MNA/Reuters

Referees' boss slams British press over Meier attack

ESPINHO (Portugal), 29 June— The chairman of the Euro 2004 referees' committee launched a stinging attack on the British media on Monday, saying their treatment of Swiss referee Urs Meier was completely unacceptable.

Tabloid newspapers published Meier's phone number and e-mail address, encouraging fans to vent their fury after the official disallowed a Sol Campbell goal in the last minute of normal time in England's quarterfinal against hosts Portugal.

England, who were drawing 1-1 at the time, went on to lose the game on penalties. Meier said his family had been worried and upset by the deluge of calls and e-mails they received in the days after the game. —MNA/Reuters

Greece coach says Czechs are clear favourites

FALPERRA (Portugal), 29 June— The Czechs are clear favourites to win Thursday's Euro 2004 semifinal against Greece, Greek coach Otto Rehagel said on Monday.

"They are the absolute favourites, there's no question about that," Rehagel told reporters after a training session north of Porto.

"The Czechs have always been exceptional footballers and they have proved it so far, but we will see whether we can use the few chances that we have to go through." Relishing their underdog status, the Greeks hope to defend solidly and break open the Czech defence with quick counter-attacks just as they did against champions France in the quarterfinal.

Rehagel will be able to pick from his full 23-man squad for the first time since the start of the three-week tournament as no player is injured or suspended. —MNA/Reuters



30-6-2004 (Wednesday)
(Programme Schedule)
Morning Transmission
(9:00 - 10:00)

9:00 Signature Tune
Greeting
9:02 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Mingalabar"
9:05 A Hidden Treasure
(Kekku)
9:10 Headline News
9:12 Illustrous handiwork in
Kyeethe
9:15 National News
9:20 Welcome To Shwe-
myaing (Mawlamyaing)
9:25 Ka-Nee-Sone-Swa
Dance
9:30 National News
9:35 Let's Talk About Lahu
Nationals
9:40 Song "From the Golden
National Convention
Towards
9:45 National News
9:50 Ayeyawady Dolphin Ex-
pedition (Part-III)
9:58 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Come and See
Myanmar"

30-6-2004 (Wednesday)
Evening Transmission
(15:30 - 17:30)

15:30 Signature Tune
 Greeting

15:32 Song of Myanmar
 Beauty & Scenic
 Sights "Myanma
 Panorama & Myanma
 Sentiment"

15:36 A Hidden Treasure
 (Kekku)

15:40 Headline News

15:42 Illustrious handiwork in
 Kyeethe

15:45 National News

15:50 Welcome To Shwe-
 myaing (Mawlamyaing)

15:55 Ka-Nee-Sone-Swa
 Dance

16:00 National News

16:05 Let's Talk About Lahu
 Nationals

16:10 Song "From the Golden
 National Convention
 Towards"

16:15 National News

16:20 Ayeawady Dolphin
 Expedition (Part-II)

16:25 Song of Myanmar
 Beauty & Scenic
 Sights "Mingalabar"

16:30 National News

16:35 Myanmar Traditional
Golf Leaf Works
16:40 Manufacturing of Home
Furniture and Accessor-
ies
16:45 National News
16:50 Tha Mee Hla Island
16:55 Dawei Water Fetching
Dance
16:58 Cultural Museum (Keng
Tong)
17:00 National News
17:05 Myanmar Traditional
Pickled Tea
17:10 Myanmar Modern Song
"Hla Steps Town"
17:15 National News
17:20 Unforgettable Customs
of the Chins
17:25 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Come and See
Myanmar"

Evening Transmission

(19:30 - 23:30)
19:30 Signature Tune
Greeting
19:32 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Mingalabar"
19:36 Innwa Ancient Capital
19:40 Headline News
19:42 Myanmar Tigers
19:45 National News
19:50 Production of Dry-
Prawn in Myeik
19:55 Ayeayawady Dolphin
Expedition (Part-II)
20:00 National News
20:05 Travelogue (Taunggyi)
20:10 Song "Moonlight
Flower"
20:15 National News
20:20 Wa Traditions & An
Engagement Ceremony
20:25 Myanmar Modern Song
"Love Boat"
20:30 National News
20:35 Myanma Bamboo Xylo-
phone (or) Patala
20:40 Glazed Earthen Pot
20:45 National News
20:50 Nipa Palm Forest
20:55 San-Thit-Hla-Pa
21:00 National News
21:05 Artist Maung Kyaw
Nyunt (Oil Painting)
21:10 Songs On Screen "If it
Rains"
21:15 National News
21:20 Traditional Chin Li-
queur (Khaung Yay)
21:25 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Myanma
Panorama & Myanma
Sentiment"
21:35 A Hidden Treasure
(Kekku)
21:40 Headline News
21:42 Illustrious handwork in
Kyeethe
21:45 National News
21:50 Welcome To Shwe-
myaing (Mawlamyaing)
21:55 Ka-Nee-Soe-Swa

Dance
22:00 National News
 Let's Talk About Lahu
 Nationals
 22:10 Song "From the Golden
 National Convention
 Towards"
22:15 National News
 22:20 Ayeayawady Dolphin
 Expedition (Part-III)
 22:25 Myanmar Modern Song
 "Welcome to Kachin
 State"
22:30 National News
 22:35 Myanma Traditional
 Gold Leaf Works
 22:40 Manufacturing of Home
 Furniture and Accessor-
 ies
22:45 National News
 22:50 Tha Mee Hla Island
 22:55 Dawei Water Fetching
 Dance
 22:58 Cultural Museum (Keng
 Tong)
23:00 National News
 23:05 Myanmar Traditional
 Pickled Tea
 23:10 Myanmar Modern Song
 "Hill Steps Town"
23:15 National News
 23:20 Unforgettable Customs
 of the Chins
 23:25 Song of Myanmar
 Beauty & Scenic
 Sights "Come and See
 Myanmar"

**30-6-2004 (Wednesday) &
1-7-2004 (Thursday)
Evening & Morning
Transmission
(23:30-01:30)**

23:30 Signature Tune
Greeting

23:32 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Myanna
Panorama & Myanna
Sentiment"

23:36 A Hidden Treasure
(Kekku)

23:40 Headline News

23:42 Illustrous handwork in
Kyeethe

23:45 National News

23:50 Welcome To Shwe-
myaing (Mawlawmyaing)

23:55 Ka-Nee-Sone-Swa
Dance

24:00 National News

00:05 Let's Talk About Lahu
Nationals

00:10 Song "From the Golden
National Convention
Towards"

00:15 National News

00:20 Ayeyawady Dolphin
Expedition (Part-III)

00:25 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Mingalabar"

00:30 National News

00:35 Myanna Traditional
Gold Leaf Works

00:40 Manufacturing of Home

	Furniture and Accessories
00:45	National News
00:50	The Mee Hla Island
00:55	Dawei Water Fetching Dance
00:58	Cultural Museum (Keng Tong)
01:00	National News
01:05	Myanmar Traditional Pickled Tea
01:10	Myanmar Modern Song "Hill Steps Town"
01:15	National News
01:20	Unforgettable Customs of the Chins
01:25	Song of Myanmar Beauty & Scenic Sights "Come and See Myanmar"

1-7-2004 (Thursday)
Morning Transmission
(03:30 - 07:30)

03:00 Signature Tune
Greeting
03:02 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Mingalabar"
03:36 Innwa Ancient Capital
03:40 **Headline News**
03:42 Myanmar Tigers
03:45 **National News**
03:50 Production of a Dry-
Prawn Myeik
03:55 Ayeawayda Dolphin
Expedition (Part-II)
04:00 **National News**
04:05 Travelogue (Taunggyi)
04:10 Song "Moonlight
Flower"
04:15 **National News**
04:20 Wa Traditions & An-
Engagement Ceremony
04:25 Myanmar Modern Song
"Love Boat"
04:30 **National News**
04:35 Myanma Bamboo Xylo-
phone (or) Patala
04:40 Glazed Earthen Pot
04:45 **National News**
04:50 Nipa Palm Forest
04:55 San-Thit-Hla-Pa
05:00 **National News**
05:05 Artist Maung Kyaw
Nyunt (Oil Painting)
05:10 Songs On Screen "If it
Rains"
05:15 **National News**
05:20 Traditional Chin Li-
queur (Khaung Yay)
05:25 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Myanma
Panorama & Myanma
Sentiment"
05:35 A Hidden Treasure
(Kekku)
05:40 **Headline News**
05:42 Illustrious handwork in
Kyeeth
05:45 **National News**
05:50 Welcome To Shwe-
myaing (Mawlamyaing)
05:55 Ka-Nee-Sone-Swa
Dance

06:00 **National News**
06:05 Let's Talk About Lahuala
Nationals
06:10 Song "From the Golden
National Convention
Towards"
06:15 National News
06:20 Ayeawady Dolphin
Expedition (Part-II)
06:25 Myanmar Modern Song
"Welcome to Kachin
State"
06:30 National News
06:35 Myanmar Traditional
Gold Leaf Works
06:40 Manufacturing of Home
Furniture and Accesso-
ries

06:45	National News
06:50	The Mee Hla Island
06:55	Dawei Water Fetching Dance
06:58	Cultural Museum (Keng Tong)
07:00	National News
07:05	Myanmar Traditional Pickled Tea
07:10	Myanmar Modern Song "Hill Steps Town"
07:15	National News
07:20	Unforgettable Customs of the Chins
07:25	Song of Myanmar Beauty & Scenic Sights "Come and See Myanmar"

Rainfall on 29-6-2004

- 0.08 inch at Yangon Airport,
- 0.12 inch at Kaba-Aye and
- 0.12 inch at central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2004 was 48.74 inches at Yangon Airport and 45.00 inches at Kaba-Aye and 46.85 inches at central Yangon.

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighboring Areas



WEATHER

Tuesday, 29 June, 2004

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Magway Division, rain has been isolated in Chin State, Bago and Ayeyawady Divisions, scattered in Rakhine and Kayah States, Mandalay, Yangon and Taninthayi Divisions and widespread in the remaining areas with isolated heavyfalls in Kachin and Mon States. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Bhamo (4.02) inches, Ye (3.66) inches, Thaton (2.17) inches, Hkamti (1.73) inches and Mogok (1.65) inches.

Maximum temperature on 28-6-2004 was 28.0°C (82°F). Minimum temperature on 29-6-2004 was 21.0°C (70°F). Relative humidity at 9:30 hrs MST on 29-6-2004 was 88%. Total sunshine hours on 28-6-2004 was nil. Rainfall on 29-6-2004 was 0.08 inch at Yangon Airport, 0.12 inch at Kaba-Aye and 0.12 inch at central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2004 was 1238mm (48.74 inches) at Yangon Airport and 1143mm (45.00 inches) at Kaba-Aye and 1190mm (46.85 inches) at central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was 8 mph from Southwest at 11:35 hours MST on 28-6-2004.

Bay inference: Monsoon is strong in the Andaman Sea and moderate in the Bay of Bengal. **Forecast valid until evening of 30-6-2004:** Rain or thundershowers will be widespread in Kachin, Mon States, upper Sagaing and Taninthayi Divisions and isolated to scattered in the remaining areas with likelihood of isolated heavyfalls in Mon and Kachin States. Degree of certainty is (100%). **State of the sea:** Squalls with moderate to rough seas are likely at times in the Gulf Mottama and off and along Mon-Taninthayi Coast. Surface wind speed in squalls may reach (35) mph. Seas will be moderate elsewhere in Myanmar waters.

Outlook for subsequent two days: General decrease of rain in Rakhine State and Ayeyawady Division. **Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 30-6-2004:** One or two rain. Degree of certainty is (80%). **Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 30-6-2004:** Likelihood of isolated rain. Degree of certainty is (60%).



Wednesday, June 30
View today:

- 7:00 am
1. ဂေဟဗုဒ္ဓ ဖဋ်ကုန်ဆရာတော်
ဘုရားရှိခိုးတော်သံဃာဗဟိုအဖွဲ့
အကျိုးတော်ဆောင်ရွက်ပါအံ့။
ဗဟိုဌာနအသီးသီးအဖွဲ့ဗဟိုအဖွဲ့
တော်ကတို့နှင့်ကလေးရွာကတို့က
ဆရာတော်ဘုရားရှိခိုးတော်သံဃာ
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. မြေမြေကြွယ်ကွေ့အက
- 8:10 am
6. အစီပြင်ပွဲ
- 8:20 am
7. နိဗ္ဗာန်ရေယိုးတံခါး
- 8:30 am
8. International news

8:45 am
9. Learning English The Easy And Happy Way For Children And Beginners

4:00 pm
1. Martial song

4:15 am
2. Songs to uphold National Spirit

4:30 pm
3. Practice in Reading

4:45 pm
4. Musical programme

4:55 pm
5. အေးသော်ကူသိုလ်ပညာရေး
ရပ်ပြင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ
- ပထမနှစ်
(သတ္တဝေခေတ်ဂုဏ်ခေါ်
အထူးပြုများ) (သတ္တဝေခေတ်)

5:15 pm
6. Song of national races

5:30 pm
7. Strong and healthy Myanmar

5:40 pm
8. Classical song

5:55 pm
9. ပြန်နာစာပြန်နာကေား (အပိုင်း-၇)

6:05 pm
10. ဂ္ဂုယ့်ထံလင် အာဆီသ်အစီအစဉ်

6:10 pm
11. Discovery

6:20 pm
12. မြန်မာ့သတင်း (ကလေး) တည်ဆောက်ရေး
6:30 pm
13. Evening news
7:00 pm
14. Weather report
7:05 pm
15. မူးယစ်ဆန်ကျင်ဆောင်ပွဲဆင် (အပိုင်း-၁)
7:20 pm
16. မြန်မာ့အမျိုးသမီးများနေ့ ဂုဏ်ထူးဆောင်စဉ် (ထုံးထောင်ဆင် နတ်သွင်တပျဉ်းစဉ်)
7:35 pm
17. ကျေးလက်ဆေးသစ်စွန့်အလှဆင်
8:00 pm
18. News
19. International news
20. Weather report
21. လပတ်မှီးစလေသနှင့် စလေသခန့်မှန်းချက်
22. မိုင်ငံခြားစကတ်လမ်းတွဲ "အမျှန်ဆိုသည့်မှာ" (အပိုင်း-၅၅)
00:30 am
23. Euro2004 ဘောလုံးပြိုင်ပွဲအစီအစဉ်
01:15 am
24. Euro 2004 ဘောလုံးပြိုင်ပွဲအစီအစဉ် တုတ်လွှဲမှုအစီအစဉ် (အထူးပြန်လည်လွှဲ) (ပတ်တစ်နက် ဟော်လန်)
25. The next day's programme



Wednesday, June 30
Tune in today:

8.30 am	Brief news
8.35 am	Music: Vivalda radio
8.40 am	Perspectives
8.45 am	Music: First love
8.50 am	National news/Slogan
9.00 am	Music: Book of love
9.05 am	International news
9.10 am	Music: Kissy kissy
1.30 pm	News/Slogan
1.40 pm	Lunch time music
	-I feel so fine
	-Until the end of time
	-May be baby
9.00 pm	Reply to overseas listeners
9.15 pm	Article/Music
9.25 pm	Music at your request
	-Baby one more time
	-I want it that way
	-Give it to you
9.45 pm	News/Slogan
10.00 pm	PEL



Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt inspects tasks for extension of Yangon International Airport. — MNA

Prime Minister inspects Yangon Airport extension project

YANGON, 29 June — Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt, together with officials of the State Peace and Development Council Office, arrived at the Yangon International Airport extension project this evening and was welcomed by Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe, Minister for Transport Maj-Gen Hla Myint Swe, Mayor of Yangon Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin and officials concerned.

Managing Director U Tun Myint Naing of Asia World Co Ltd reported on constructing the drainage system, bore pile casting preparatory work, preparations for water supply, electricity and sanitation systems, car parking construction, runway and apron extension and arrangements for providing facilities in accord with the standard of international airport. Minister for Transport then gave a supplementary report.

Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt gave instructions

on implementation of the tasks which can be done during the rainy season for completion of the project as scheduled. The Prime Minister inspected round the project site and gave necessary instructions. Next, the Prime Minister inspected sanitation along Bogoyoke Aung San Road, Sule Pagoda Road and Strand Road, tarring of road, construction of pavements, planting of coconut trees along Strand Road between Sin-o-dan jetty and Warden jetty and Strand Road in Ahlon and Kyimyindine Townships. — MNA

National race delegates group presents proposals to NC Plenary Meeting

Foreign military attaches observe National Convention proceedings

YANGON, 29 June — The Plenary Meeting of the National Convention continued in Pyidaungsu Hall of Nyaungnapin Camp in Hmawby Township this morning.

At the plenary meeting, the delegate group of national races read out their proposals regarding the detailed basic principles for the contribution of legislative, executive and judicial powers to be included in the writing of the State Constitution.

Present at the plenary meeting were Chairman of the National Convention Convening Commission Secretary-2 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein and 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; media personnel; delegates of the Kokang Democracy and Unity Party, the National Unity Party, the Union Kayin League, the Union Pa-O National Organization, the Mro or Khami National Solidarity Organization, the Lahu National Development Party and the Wa National Development Party; representatives-elect of the National Unity Party and the Mro or Khami Na-

tional Solidarity Organization; independent representatives-elect; 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; members of the delegate group 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 Democracy General Election Commission Office, the Civil Service Selection and Training Board, the Yangon City Development Committee, the 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, the Kayinni National Democratic Party (KNDP) Dragon Group, the Kayinni National Progressive Party (KNPP) (Splinter, Hoya), the Kayinni National Unity and Solidarity Organization (Ka Ma Sa Nya), the Shan State Nationalities People's Liberation Organization (Ya La La Pha), the New Mon State Party, the Democratic Kayin Buddhist Association (DKBA), the Haungthayaw Special Region Group, the Nyeinchayay Myothit Group of Hpa-an Township of Kayin State which exchanged arms for peace, the Shan State National Army, the group led by U Saw Tun Oo of Rakhine State, the Homein Region Welfare and Development Group, the Shwepyithar (MTA) Group, the Manpan Regional Militia Group, the Mon Armed Peace Group (Chaungchi Region), the Mon (Splinter) Nai Saik Chan Group and the Arakanese Army (AA).

Led by Dean of the Military Attaches of Foreign Missions, Japanese Military Attaché to Myanmar Col Hideaki Kitahara, the military attaches from Pakistan, Thailand, Laos, Russia, Cambodia, Bangladesh, the United States, the Republic of Korea, Indonesia, India, Malaysia, Vietnam and China

attended today's plenary meeting as observers.

Before the plenary session, NCCC Chairman Secretary-2 Lt-Gen Thein Sein 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 and NC delegates signed in the attendance registers in Pyidaungsu Hall, where the National Convention is being held, and at the Recreation Centre.

Next, NCCC Chairman Secretary-2 Lt-Gen Thein Sein, together with Vice-Chairman Minister for Electric Power Maj-Gen Tin Htut, Secretary Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan, Work Committee Chairman Chief Justice U Aung Toe and Management Committee Chairman Auditor-General Maj-Gen Lun Maung, cordially greeted foreign military attaches led by Japanese Military Attaché Col Hideaki Kitahara.

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Chairman of NCC Commission Secretary-2 Lt-Gen Thein Sein greets foreign military attachés who are to observe the National Convention proceedings. — MNA

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With hands linked firm around the National Convention.