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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 receives Swedish Ambassador Mr Jan Axel Nordlander at Zeyathiri Beikman.— MNA

Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt receives Swedish Ambassador

YANGON, 30 June—On behalf of the Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar, Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt received Ambassador of Sweden to Myanmar Mr Jan Axel

Nordlander, who had completed his tour of duties in Myanmar, at Zeyathiri Beikman in Konmyinthar here this evening.

Also present at the call were Deputy Minister for

Foreign Affairs U Khin Maung Win, Director-General of the Government Office U Soe Tint and Director-General of the Protocol Department Thura U Aung Htet.

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Coordination and combined efforts of farmers, private exporters, respective departments needed to boost exports

General Thura Shwe Mann attends coord meeting on extended cultivation of crops and boosting exports

YANGON, 30 June — Coordination meeting on extended cultivation of crops and boosting export was held this afternoon at Zeyathiri Beikman. Member of the State Peace and Development Council General Thura Shwe Mann of the Ministry of Defence delivered an address

at the meeting.

It was also attended by Members of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Ye Myint, Quartermaster-General Lt-Gen Thiha Thura Tin Aung Myint Oo and Lt-Gen Tin Aye of the Ministry of Defence, Chairman of

Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe, ministers, deputy ministers, officials of the State Peace and Development Council Office, departmental officials,

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General Thura Shwe Mann addresses meeting on extended cultivation of crops and boosting exports.— MNA



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

PERSPECTIVES

Thursday, 1 July, 2004

Make concerted efforts for rural and urban development

The Government, enlisting the active cooperation of the entire national people, has been striving for the Union of Myanmar to be able to keep pace with the development of other nations in the world. For this, it is taking necessary steps to make the national economy stronger, human resources more qualified and the national unity further consolidated. Only then will the Union be able to stand as a strong and united nation eternally.

It goes without saying that the service personnel responsible for rural and urban development play the most fundamental role in our bid for the Union to become peaceful, modern and developed.

The annual work coordination meeting of development affairs committees under the Ministry for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs was held at the National Theatre on 29 June and it was attended by Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt.

In his address at the meeting, the Prime Minister urged the personnel of development affairs committees to execute their duties with good intentions for economic development of their respective townships and for the local people to be able to live in peace and security.

Parallel development of rural and urban areas is the key to the national development. Therefore, requirements for sanitation, smooth and easy transport and worksite safety of manufacturing industry are to be fulfilled. At the same time, recreation centres should be built for the people to have access to rest and recreation.

In the fiscal year 2003-2004, Development Affairs Department has constructed and repaired over 1,240 miles of roads and 206 bridges in the rural areas for ensuring smooth and easy transport there. Moreover, with the aim of supplying safe drinking water to rural people sufficiently, water supply projects were carried out in 964 villages in three divisions in the dry zone and 875 in the other states and divisions.

Now, altogether 10,602 villages all over the nation have sufficient supply of safe drinking water. It was due to the financial aid of the State, funds of development affairs committees, donations made by well-wishers at home and abroad and the active cooperation of international and non-governmental organizations.

We would like to call on all development affairs committees to regard their work as social welfare service and to carry out their duties with good will for the development of their respective townships.

OFFICIAL LEAVES FOR MALAYSIA:

Secretary of Myanmar Forest Products and Timber Merchants Association U Aye Lwin left Yangon International Airport on Tuesday for Malaysia to attend the Second Meeting of East Asia Business Council in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. U Aye Lwin seen before departure at the airport. (H)



မိုးလရာသီရောက်ခဲ့ပြီ မြေဆီစိုစိုက် သစ်ပင်စိုက်။

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



Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Pyi Sone delivers an address at the seminar. — MNA

WTO National Seminar on Notification, Obligation and Procedures held

YANGON, 30 June — The WTO National Seminar on Notification, Obligation and Procedures jointly sponsored by the Ministry of Commerce and WTO was held at Grand Plaza Parkroyal Hotel here this morning.

Present on the occasion were Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Pyi Sone, heads of department of the ministry,

Counsellor Mr Serafino Marchese of WTO, delegates and guests.

Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Pyi Sone and Counsellor Mr Serafino Marchese of WTO delivered speeches. Altogether 40 participants took part in the discussions. The seminar continues on 1 July. — MNA

Symposium on arthritis

YANGON, 30 June — The Society of Rehabilitation Medicine of the Myanmar Medical Association is organizing the Symposium on evidence based practice of rheumatoid arthritis. The Symposium is to be held on 3 July from 9 am to noon at MMA on Theinbyu Road, here.

All physicians, orthopedic surgeons and interested persons are invited to the symposium. — MNA



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Myanmar Women's Day

Film entertainment to National Convention delegates

YANGON, 30 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 "Naw Yin Hmway" directed by Aung Soe Oo and starring Soe Thu, Nay Aung, Zin Waing, Soe Myat Thuzar and Khin Zarchi Kyaw. — MNA

ဥကင်နေသောရေချိုးပစ္စည်းထုပ်ကြီးများမဖမ်းရန် ပညာပေးနှိုးဆော်ချက် (၂/၇)

တန်ခူး၊ ကဆုန်၊ နယုန်လများတွင် ဥကင်နေသော (သို့) ဥကင်ပြည့်ဝနေသော ရေချိုးပစ္စည်းထုပ်ကြီးများသည် မြန်မာနိုင်ငံတစ်ဝန်းလုံးရှိ မြစ်၊ ချောင်း၊ အင်းအိုင်များတွင် ဥချရန် ပြင်ဆင်လျက်ရှိပါသည်။ ၎င်းတို့မှ မကြာမီ ထောင်ပေါင်းများစွာသော ပစ္စုန်များလည်း ပေါက်ပွားလာတော့မည် ဖြစ်ပါသည်။ အကယ်၍ အဆိုပါဥကင်နေသော (သို့) ဥကင်ပြည့်ဝ နေသော ပစ္စုန်ထုပ်ကြီးများအား ဖမ်းဆီး သတ်ဖြတ်ခဲ့ပါက ၎င်းတို့မှ ပစ္စုန်သားလောင်းများ မပေါက်ပွားနိုင်တော့ဘဲ မျိုးပြန့်တီးရာလည်း ရောက်စေပါသည်။ ရေချိုးပစ္စုန်များ ပေါက်ပွားလာစေရန် ယခုကဲ့သို့ ဥကင်နေသော ရာသီဥချ်များတွင် ဖမ်းဆီးခြင်းမပြုဘဲ ဘေးမပေးမှသာ ထုတ်လုပ်မှုအား မြှင့်မားလာပြီး အမျိုးသားစီးပွားရေး ဖွံ့ဖြိုးလာမည် ဖြစ်ပါသည်။ ဥကင်နေသော (သို့) ဥကင်ပြည့်ဝနေသော ရေချိုးပစ္စုန်ထုပ်ကြီးများအား ဖမ်းဆီးခြင်း သတ်ဖြတ်ခြင်း၊ သယ်ယူခြင်း၊ သိုလှောင်ခြင်း၊ လက်ဝယ်ထားရှိခြင်း၊ အရောင်းအဝယ် ပြုလုပ်ခြင်းများ မပြုလုပ်ရန် မွေးမြူရေးနှင့် ရေလုပ်ငန်း ဝန်ကြီးဌာန၊ ငါးလုပ်ငန်းဦးစီးဌာနက အမိန့်ကြော်ငြာစာ အမှတ် (၁/၉၂)ဖြင့် တားမြစ်ထားပါသည်။ အဆိုပါ တားမြစ်ချက်ကို လိုက်နာခြင်းမရှိပါက ရေချိုးငါးလုပ်ငန်း ဥပဒေပုဒ်မ (၄၂၊ ၄၄၊ ၄၅) ပါ ပြဋ္ဌာန်းချက်များအရ တရားစွဲဆို အရေးယူခြင်းခံရမည် ဖြစ်ပါသည်။

သို့ဖြစ်ပါ၍ ရေချိုးပစ္စုန်ထုပ်ကြီးများ ရေရည်တည်တံ့စေရန် ယခုကဲ့သို့သော ဥကင်သော ရာသီဥချ်တွင် ဖမ်းဆီးခြင်းမပြုဘဲ နေရာတိုင်းတွင် ဘေးမပေးကြရန် အသိပေး နှိုးဆော် အပ်ပါသည်။

ငါးလုပ်ငန်းဦးစီးဌာန၊ မွေးမြူရေးနှင့်ရေလုပ်ငန်းဝန်ကြီးဌာန



In hailing the International Day of Co-operatives, Botataung Township Syndicate of General Trading Co-operatives Chairman U Myint Kyi presents income declaration and advance income tax of K 150,675 to Township Internal Revenue Department Head U Kyaw Nyein on 25-6-2004. — (H)

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ငါးရစ်၊ ငါးသန် ဘေးမပေးမှန် ပုံမှန်စားသုံး မျိုးမတုံး မိုးမြိုင်မြိုင်စွာသော မေလနောင်ပိုင်းနှင့် ဇွန်၊ ဇူလိုင်လများတွင် မြစ်၊ ချောင်း၊ အင်းအိုင် အနုအပြား၌ ဥချာဖြင့် ပြည့်နေသော ငါးမကြီးများနှင့် မျိုးရည်ပြည့်ဝသော ငါးထီးကြီးများသည် ဥချရန် နေရာရှာဖွေ၍ ငါးရစ်တက်ကြွပါသည်။ ထိုငါးရစ်ငါးများကို ဖမ်းဆီးလိုက်ပါက ပေါက်ပွားလာမည် သန်းပေါင်းများစွာသော နုနယ်လှသည့် သားပေါက်ငါးသန်များလည်း သေကျေပျက်စီးကာ တစ်နိုင်ငံလုံး ဖူးလွှာ စားသုံးမှုနှင့် အမျိုးသား စီးပွားရေးဖွံ့ဖြိုးမှုကို အထောက်အကူ မပြုနိုင်တော့ဘဲ ငါးမျိုး ပြန့်တီးသွားစေနိုင်ပါသည်။ ငါးလုပ်ငန်းဦးစီးဌာနက အမိန့်ကြော်ငြာစာအမှတ် (၂/၉၂)ဖြင့် ငါးရစ်၊ ငါးသန် ရာသီဥချ်များတွင် ငါးလုပ်ငန်း ဦးစီးဌာန၏ ခွင့်ပြုချက်မှတစ်ပါး ငါးများ ဖမ်းဆီးခြင်းမပြုရန် တားမြစ်ထားပါသည်။ အဆိုပါ တားမြစ်ချက်ကို မှောက်ဖျက် ကျူးလွန်ပါက ရေချိုးငါးလုပ်ငန်း ဥပဒေပုဒ်မ(၄၅)အရ ဖမ်းဆီးတရားစွဲဆို အပြစ်ပေးနိုင်ရန် ပြဋ္ဌာန်းထားပါသည်။ သို့ပါ၍ ငါးရစ်တက်ချိန်နှင့် ငါးသန် သားပေါက်သော မိုးရာသီအချိန်များတွင် လွတ်လပ်စွာ ဥချသားပေါက် နိုင်ရန် ဖမ်းဆီးခြင်းမပြုဘဲ ဘေးမပေးကြပါရန် နှိုးဆော်အပ်ပါသည်။

Three US Marines killed in roadside bomb blast in Baghdad

BAGHDAD, 29 June—Three US Marines have been killed in a roadside bomb blast in Baghdad in the first reported fatal attack on US occupation forces in Iraq since the formal handover of authority to an interim government.

A US military spokesman said two marines were also wounded in the explosion that wrecked a Humvee vehicle escorting a convoy carrying engineering equipment.

Meanwhile, Aljazeera aired a video tape on Monday showing what a purported Iraqi group said was the execution of a US soldier.

While uncertainty shrouded his fate, three Turkish hostages walked free after their release by another group.

The group had previously threatened to behead the Turks on Tuesday unless their government told companies to stop dealing with US forces in Iraq. Ankara had rejected the demand.

"Jama' at al-Tawhid and Jihad announces the release of the Turkish hostages for the sake of Muslims in Turkey and their demonstrations against (US President George Bush)," a masked man said on a video tape aired by Aljazeera.

A Turkish government official confirmed the three men had been freed. Two more Turks seized in Iraq three weeks ago have told their families they are well and will return to Turkey within a week, Turkish media reported.

Kidnap groups have also threatened to kill a US marine and a Pakistani. The Pakistani's captors said on Sunday he would be beheaded within three days unless Iraqi prisoners were released.—Internet



US Army troops remove the wreckage of a US Marines Humvee vehicle which was destroyed by a bomb in Baghdad, on 29 June 2004. The roadside bomb blast killed three US Marines in Baghdad on Tuesday. — INTERNET

Father of Iraq beheading victim rips Bush

LONDON, 29 June — The father of an American beheaded in Iraq said Tuesday the handover of sovereignty there was a sham and accused President Bush of causing immense pain to thousands of people by going to war.

Michael Berg, whose 26-year-old son, Nicholas, was decapitated by militants, said at a news conference organized by the Stop the War Coalition that the transfer was "nothing more than another nut-and-shell game."

"We know that the Iraqi people have not had an election yet, so we do not have a democracy over there, we just have a dictatorship of Bush and (Prime Minister Tony) Blair," he said. "What kind of stability is there in Iraq when we have to sneak the transfer of power in two days ahead of time for who knows why?"

The transfer of sovereignty in Iraq was scheduled for Wednesday, but came two days early in an apparent attempt to foil insurgent attacks.

Berg said Bush's decision to go to war had caused immense suffering to those who had lost loved ones there. He estimated more than 11,000 Iraqis had died and said their families had suffered just like his own.

"People like George Bush and (Defence Secretary) Donald Rumsfeld, they don't see the pain that people have to bear, they don't know what it feels like to have your guts ripped out, and there are so many people," he said. Berg, of West Chester, Pa., accused the American media of failing to convey the human cost of the US-led invasion by not sufficiently reporting Iraqi deaths and suffering. Reporters have also insufficiently covered anti-war sentiment at home, he charged.—Internet

Ghana, Namibia to promote cooperation

NAIROBI, 29 June—Ghana and Namibia have agreed to re-activate their Permanent Joint Commission for Cooperation that has been dormant for 10 years to promote their cooperation in various fields, Ghana News Agency reported on Monday.

The agreement was contained in a 17-point joint communique issued in Accra on Saturday at the end of the three-day state visit to Ghana by Namibian President Sam Nujoma.

The communique said that the Permanent Joint Commission for Cooperation will meet soon in Ghana to discuss education especially in teacher training at secondary and tertiary levels and human resources upgrading for Namibians in Ghanaian institutions.

The meeting will also discuss health, particularly the fight against HIV/AIDS pandemic and the training of Namibians in Ghanaian health training facilities. The security, agriculture, trade, industry and investments, transportation, tourism, mines and energy cooperation among others will

also be topics at the planned meeting, according to the communique.

During the visit, Nujoma held talks with his Ghanaian counterpart John Agyekum Kufuor on the possible areas of the bilateral economic cooperation, especially in the development of natural and human resources as well as on how to strengthen intra-African trade and commerce cooperation.

The communique said the two presidents reviewed the situation on the continent and pledged their unflinching support for the African Union (AU) and agreed to work together for the acceleration of the process of economic and political integration of the continent as envisioned by the New Partnership for Africa's Development (NEPAD). — MNA/Xinhua

ထုတ်ကုန်နှစ်ဆ တိုးမြှင့်ကြ

US, France clash over Iraq, Afghanistan

ISTANBUL, 29 June—NATO's decision to help train Iraq's armed forces set off wrangling among the allies Tuesday as more differences emerged between the French and Americans on how to best help Baghdad's new government.

At a summit designed to emphasize NATO's unity after deep divisions caused by the US-led war on Iraq 15 months ago, France and the United States also clashed over Afghanistan and Turkey's relations with the European Union.

The friction came as Afghan President Hamid Karzai implored NATO leaders Tuesday to overcome months of foot-dragging and send more troops to his country ahead of September elections.

As the alliance struggles to define its role in a post-Cold War world, French President Jacques Chirac forcefully stated his opposition to any collective NATO presence on the ground in Iraq, suggesting it should limit its role to coordinating national efforts and training outside the country.

"I am completely hostile to the idea of a NATO establishment in Iraq," Chirac told a

news conference. "It would be dangerous, counterproductive and misunderstood by the Iraqis, who after all deserve a little bit of respect."

American officials insisted the training programme should be a centralized operation under a NATO command in Iraq, although they accepted that reluctant countries such as France and Germany could limit their contribution to training outside the country.

On Afghanistan, Chirac rejected an American proposal that NATO's elite new response force be deployed to provide security for elections scheduled in September.

France agreed with other allies that NATO should send hundreds more troops for the elections in reply to Karzai's request, but said the response force should be used only for emergency situations, not for peacekeeping. —Internet

Indonesia welcomes establishment of ASEAN Community

JAKARTA, 29 June—Indonesian Foreign Affairs Minister Hassan Wirajuda said here Monday the country supported the idea to establish the ASEAN Community although he admitted that it is a difficult task.

During his speech to the closing session of the 37th ASEAN Standing Committee, Hassan expected support from Dialogue Partners, such as China, India, Japan and Pakistan, in establishing the community.

This is because, he added, China and India already accessed to the Treaty of Amity and Cooperation (TAC) in Southeast Asia during the ASEAN summit in

Bali, Indonesia, in 2003. And Japan and Pakistan have already expressed their intention to do the same very soon.

TAC is a treaty first signed in February 24, 1976 by ASEAN members with an aim to increase cooperation and friendship among nations in a gradual and determined way. It was amended twice later to cover a wider region in Asia.

He said that the establish-

ment of the ASEAN Community requires a great deal of housekeeping work on the part of ASEAN members.

"I therefore welcome and support the efforts of the Secretary-General and the Standing Committee to streamline the Secretariat, to modernize it and to make it a better tool for the realization of an ASEAN Community," Hassan said.

MNA/Xinhua

Chirac attacks Bush's support for Turkish EU bid

ISTANBUL, 29 June—French President Jacques Chirac told US President George W Bush to mind his own business on Monday after Bush called on the European Union to fix a date for Turkey to start EU entry talks.

The strongly worded attack came at a NATO summit in Istanbul that was intended to bury discord within the alliance over the US-led war in Iraq, which France vehemently opposed.

"If President Bush really said that the

way I read it, well, not only did he go too far but he went into a domain which is not his own," Chirac told reporters at the summit.

"It is like me trying to tell the United States how it should manage its relations with Mexico," he added. — MNA/Reuters



US Army soldiers search for debris after a US Marines Humvee vehicle was destroyed by a bomb in Baghdad on 29 June, 2004. A roadside bomb blast killed an unknown number of US Marines in Baghdad on Tuesday. — INTERNET

Turkey says three hostages released in Iraq

ISTANBUL, 29 June—Turkey said Tuesday that three Turkish hostages held under threat of execution by an al Qaeda-linked militant group in Iraq had been freed.

"We only know they have been released," a Turkish government official told *Reuters*, saying he had no other immediate details.

Al Jazeera television, monitored in Dubai, said a group led by suspected al Qaeda operative Abu Musab al-Zarqawi had freed the

three.

Guerillas had kidnapped the civilian workers last week and threatened to behead them Tuesday unless Turks stopped working for US-led forces in Iraq.

State-run Anatolian news agency said Foreign Minister Abdullah Gul confirmed

the release of the three hostages.

"Jama'at al-Tawhid and Jihad announces the release of the Turkish hostages for the sake of Muslims in Turkey and their demonstrations against (US President George W Bush)," a masked man said on a video record-

ing aired by Jazeera.

"We will return these men to a safe place after they vowed to end their support for the infidels (Americans). We also ask your foolish people to end their cooperation with the occupiers or we will execute them."

A three-day visit by Bush to Muslim Turkey for a NATO summit has been met by widespread demonstrations against his policies in Iraq. Public opinion in Turkey strongly opposed the US-led invasion.

The grainy Jazeera video showed the Turks sitting on the floor with masked, armed men standing behind them. A banner on a wall carried the name of Jordanian-born Zarqawi's Jama'at al-Tawhid group.

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Iraq expects more oil attacks

BAGHDAD, 29 June—Sabotage against Iraq's oil installations will continue unless neighbouring countries cooperate in stopping the infiltration of foreigners behind the attacks, the infrastructure security chief said Tuesday.

"Progress in stopping the attacks will be slow. I urge our neighbours to help stop the enemy from sneaking in. The country is burning and the Iraqi people will not forget those who help us," said Ahmad al-Khafaji, head of the Support Forces, a state division in charge of protecting the infrastructure. "It does not take a genius to blow up a pipeline or plant a bomb in a busy market. We are doing our best, but our forces are nascent," he told *Reuters* in an interview.

Attacks on pipelines have kept exports well below the 2.2 million barrels daily before the war. Iraq needs the oil proceeds to spend on reconstruction and cut unemployment, which is officially estimated at about 30 percent.

Sabotage has stopped oil exports several times this year. Internal pipelines were also attacked last week, disrupting the internal oil products distribution network.

Responsibility for protecting the infrastructure mostly lies with Iraqi forces, seen as under equipped and lacking training.—Internet



Protesters wearing hoods representing tortured prisoners march calling for the end of the occupation in Iraq during a demonstration in Madrid on 29 June 2004. Main banner reads 'They Lie, Torture and Kill. Send the Guilty to the Hague'. — INTERNET

San Francisco voters get chance to express views on Iraq

SAN FRANCISCO, 29 June—San Francisco voters will have more than one chance to express their views on the US-led war in Iraq this presidential election year after four local officials submitted a ballot measure Tuesday calling on the federal government to end the conflict.

The toughly worded statement, which will appear with candidates for federal, state and municipal offices on the city's November ballot, argues that the country's military involvement in Iraq has not only cost more than 850 American lives, but bled the nation of billions of dollars that could have been spent domestically.

"George W Bush disgracefully lied to the American people to make the case for Iraq," it begins. "His message was one of deceit and fear mongering."

Although several local governments went on record last year opposing the US invasion of Iraq, San Francisco is the first to submit such a referendum for the electorate's consideration, according to Chris Daly, the San Francisco supervisor who drafted the measure.

Given that San Francisco was the site of some of the nation's biggest protests in the

days leading up to the war, Daly said he expected it to pass easily. His aim is to give momentum to the movement to end the conflict, a role that the city also played during the Vietnam War.

"Obviously, we aren't voting for Bush here. Everyone knows that," said Daly, who was joined by three other supervisors in sponsoring the statement. "The hope is other people will follow."

To demonstrate the broad support its sponsors hope the measure will engender, Daly held a news conference with activists from peace, labour, religious, veteran and senior citizen groups who lent their endorsements.

"Today, we speak of Vietnam with regret," said Geraldine Earp of the Senior Action Network. "What will we say to the next generation that we have done the same thing again?"—Internet

Dalian city tries humanistic way to reshape drug addicts

DALIAN, 29 June—Instead of being stereotyped as degenerate, drug addicts are now taken as patients in need of care and love at a rehabilitation centre in Dalian, a port city in northeast China's Liaoning Province.

All the staff from administrators to psychologists and doctors with the centre attached to the city's police bureau are required to treat their special patients with no discrimination, said centre director Sun Baolin.

"We should realize that they are also miserable people and what we should do is to establish a mutual-trust relationship with them and help them get rid of the haunting demon of drugs," Sun said. "It is not easy for everyone of us to change their stereotyped idea, but everyone here is making efforts to do so," the director said.

Doctor Liu Jun said that a good relationship between doctors and these special patients is very crucial for rehabilitation of drug addicts and hostility, prejudice and discrimination between the two sides would only discount the effect of the therapy.

"We believe a humanistic way can help them break away from the trap of drugs and we hope more and more drug addicts can come to recovery centres voluntarily for treatment," Liu said.

A 31-year-old woman patient surnamed Li at the recovery centre said that she thinks the psychological therapy at the centre is of

great help to her.

"I feel good now and I believe I will not pick it up any more after I leave here," the woman said.

The recovery centre opens to patients' families and friends every Wednesday and director Sun said many people would come to see their relatives on that day.

A visitor who would not reveal her name said that she felt relieved to see her relative was recovering both in shape and spirit.

Besides medical treatment and psychological consultation, patients here can also enjoy sports if their health conditions permit.

As the most developed city in the country's northeast, Dalian also faces a severe challenge from the increasing number of drug addicts.

The recovery centre for drug addicts which can accommodate over 200 patients was built two years ago with an investment of over 20 million yuan (about 2.4 million US dollars) from the local government.

Some 40 patients are receiving treatment here, most of whom are women between the ages of 20 to 30. They can leave the centre after one to six months' treatment.

MNA/Xinhua

Singapore Air starts world's longest non-stop flight

SINGAPORE, 29 June—Singapore Airlines Ltd began the world's longest non-stop commercial flight on Monday—an 18-hour trip between Singapore and New York.

The flight took off at 12.05 pm (0405 GMT) and will arrive in New York at 6 am on Tuesday (2200 GMT on Monday). The 10,310-mile journey on an Airbus A340-500 aircraft over the Arctic shaves four hours off an existing service and marks the second non-stop flying record this year by Singapore's flag carrier.

In February, the government-controlled airline flew

16 hours between Singapore and Los Angeles, the longest non-stop flight by a commercial airline. As Frank Sinatra's "New York, New York" played in the departure lounge, the flight's 181 passengers enjoyed a lavish send-off—including champagne and a buffet spread. Passengers on the flight also received a Polaroid and a pewter photo frame.

Until Airbus began delivering A340-500s with longer

wings and bigger fuel tanks, no commercial aircraft could fly as far as Singapore to New York, although Chicago-based Boeing has a competing model under development. The plane is specially fitted with business class seats that can collapse into beds measuring 26-inches wide and 78 inches long. Economy seats are also slightly roomier than usual at 20 inches wide.

MNA/Reuters



US Army Sgt Pedro Moreno, with the 91st Combat Engineers, patrols a power station in Baghdad, Iraq, on 29 June 2004. — INTERNET

New poll shows Bush's rating falls to lowest point

WASHINGTON, 30 June — The job approval rating for US President George W Bush has fallen to the lowest level of his presidency, according to a new *New York Times*/CBS News poll published on Tuesday.

The survey showed Bush's approval rating at 42 per cent, the lowest such figure in a *Times*/CBS News survey since the beginning of Bush's presidency in January 2001, and 51 per cent of the respondents said they disapprove of his job performance.

The poll also found that nearly 40 per cent of Americans said they do not have an opinion about Senator John Kerry, the likely Democratic presidential nominee.

Americans were more likely to believe that Bush would do a better job than Kerry in steering the nation through a foreign crisis and protecting it from future terrorist attacks, but support for Bush's abilities in those areas has declined in recent months, according to the poll.

The poll showed Americans have stiffened their opposition to the Iraq war, worried that the invasion could invite domestic terrorist attacks and were skeptical about whether the White House has been fully truthful about the war or about abuses at the Abu Ghraib Prison.

A majority of respondents in the poll, conducted before Monday's transfer of power to an interim Iraqi government, said

the war was not worth its cost in American lives and that the Bush Administration did not have a clear plan to restore order to Iraq.

But 54 per cent of the respondents said that the United States should remain in Iraq "as long as it takes," while 40 per cent said the United States should withdraw "as soon as possible."

Forty-five per cent said they have an unfavourable opinion of Bush himself, again the most negative measure the *Times*/CBS Poll has found since he took office. And 57 per cent said the country is going in the wrong direction.

Nationwide, Kerry has the support of 45 per cent of registered voters, with Bush supported by 44 per cent. In a three-way race, Bush would lead Kerry by 43 per cent to 42 per cent, with 5 per cent for Ralph Nader, who is running as an independent.

In the 18 states viewed by both parties as the most competitive, the race was equally tight. Forty-five percent of the voters in those states said they would support Kerry, and 43 per cent said they would back Bush.

MNA/Xinhua

US military checking reports of Zarqawi capture

BAGHDAD, 29 June — The US military said on Monday it was checking unconfirmed reports that al-Qaeda ally Abu Musab al-Zarqawi had been captured in Iraq.

The Jordanian-born Zarqawi, who Washington says is its number one enemy in Iraq, is accused of masterminding a string of suicide bombings and of the execution of an American and a South Korean hostage.

The reports suggested that Zarqawi had been captured near the town of Hilla, south of Baghdad and in the Polish military area of responsibility.

"We are working on that issue," a US military official said.

A Polish spokesman added: "I cannot confirm that information... When the operation is ongoing at the moment I cannot make any comment."

Washington is offering 10 million US dollars for information leading to the death or capture of Zarqawi.

MNA/Reuters

Singapore's manufacturing output rises in May

SINGAPORE, 29 June — Singapore's manufacturing output grew 21 per cent in May this year as compared with the same period of last year, according to the figures released by the Economic Development Board of Singapore on Monday.

It is the 10th straight month of growth for the manufacturing industry in the island state.

The biomedical manufacturing cluster continued its high production level in May by rising 56.8 per cent, and the production of pharmaceuticals surged 72 per cent to meet export orders. — MNA/Xinhua

Train power cable blast triggers panic in Metro Manila

MANILA, 29 June — Passengers of a north-bound Metro Rail Transit train were thrown in panic late Monday afternoon after an overhead power cable short-circuited and snapped.

Several coaches went on fire as a result of the electrical blast, the ABS-CBN news channel reported.

No injuries were reported as of Press time, and the train ceased operation in specific stations, the report said.

The incident happened as the train was approaching the Guadalupe station in Makati business district in Metro Manila.

Metro Rail Transit officials said this kind of accident also occurred in the past, and the rail train operation is expected to resume in about 20 to 30 minutes as the rush hours came. — MNA/Xinhua



Militants say they executed US soldier in Iraq

CAIRO, 29 June — Al-Jazeera television aired a video tape on Monday showing what militants said was the execution of a US soldier captured in Iraq in April.

The video showed the soldier, wearing greenish overalls and seen only from the back, shot and killed.

Al-Jazeera quoted a statement from a previously unheard of group as saying the soldier was killed because of US policy in Iraq and in revenge for what it described as their "martyrs" in Iraq, Saudi Arabia and Algeria.

Since April militants in Iraq have seized a number of foreign workers and military personnel. Some have remained captive, including US Private Keith Matthew Maupin who was captured in April.

The US military said Marine Corporal Wassef Ali Hassoun was reported missing from his unit on 21 June.

MNA/Reuters



A US Army M1A2 tank, with the 91st Combat Engineers, patrols a highway in Baghdad, Iraq, on 29 June, 2004. — INTERNET

Vietnam's garment exports slightly up in first half

HANOI, 30 June — Vietnam is estimated to obtain a textile and garment export turnover of 1.96 billion US dollars in the first half of this year, a year-on-year increase of 5.7 per cent.

With the slight increase, the country will not be able to fulfill the target of exporting 4.2-4.3 billion US dollars worth of textiles and garments this year, mainly to the United States and the European Union (EU), local newspaper *Youth* on Monday quoted Chairman of the Vietnam Textile and Garment Association Le

Quoc An as saying.

The expected failure of hitting the target was attributed to the fact that the US lowered its import quotas by 12 million products worth nearly 80 million US dollars in mid-May, and that Vietnam failed to negotiate with the EU for bigger quotas early.

While this year's

exports will be below expectations, Vietnam's textile and garment industry is more worried about next year's exports. Many of the country's export rivals will be allowed to freely enter the EU and the US in 2005, while Vietnam will still remain subject to the two markets' import quotas.

MNA/Xinhua

Wen Jiabao urges upholding principle of sovereign equality

BEIJING, 29 June — Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao called on here Monday to firmly uphold the principle of sovereign equality.

Wen made the remarks when addressing a conference commemorating the 50th anniversary of the Five Principles of Peaceful Coexistence.

Wen said that sovereignty is the birthmark of any independent state, the crystallization of its national interests and the best safeguard of all it holds dear.

He said that the increasing interaction and interdependence among countries, thanks to surging economic globalization and technological revolution, does not mean that the status and role

of sovereignty can in any way be neglected or weakened.

It is imperative to have greater democracy in international relations, Wen said, adding that no country has the right to impose its will on others, nor can it undermine or deny other countries' sovereignty under whatever excuse.

He said that facts have proven that such practices as disregarding other's sovereignty, bullying the small and the weak by dint of one's size and power, and pursuing hegemony and power

politics would not get anywhere.

He added that the affairs of a country should be decided by its own people, and the affairs of the world should be handled by consultation among all countries on an equal footing.

The Five Principles of Peaceful Coexistence, are mutual respect for sovereignty and territorial integrity, mutual non-aggression, non-interference in each other's internal affairs, equality and mutual benefit, and peaceful coexistence.

MNA/Xinhua



Anti-NATO activists shout slogans during a demonstration in Istanbul on 29 June, 2004.

INTERNET

Blair disputes Bush's belief Iraq rift is over

ISTANBUL, 29 June — British Prime Minister Tony Blair said on Monday the Western rift over Iraq was not over, disputing a central message of US President George W. Bush's fence-mending mission to Europe.

"There's no point in us standing here and saying, 'You know, all the previous disagreements have disappeared.' They haven't," Blair said with Bush at his side.

Blair's comments directly contradicted Bush's after a summit with European Union leaders in Ireland last weekend.

"The bitter differences of the war are over," Bush had confidently declared. Many European states, including France and Germany, opposed last year's invasion of Iraq.

Bush and Blair, the two closest allies in the war in Iraq, appeared together on the sidelines of a NATO summit to celebrate the surprise early handover of power from the US-led coalition to the Iraqi interim government.

Blair acknowledged that the United States and Britain have been unable to "overcome the disagreement there was (with opponents of the war) about whether the conflict was justified."

"Our honest belief is that the world will be a safer place if we're able to make this

work. And I don't know whether we convinced people of this or not," Blair said.

Blair said progress has been made in repairing strained ties, citing passage this month of a United Nations resolution and NATO's plans to help train Iraqi soldiers.

"In that sense, I think, the international community has come together, and I welcome it," Blair said.

Bush also appeared to back away from his upbeat assessment in Ireland, telling reporters in Istanbul: "My sense is that there's a hope that we succeed, with all the nations sitting around the table. Everyone understands the stakes."

Bush's second trip this month to Europe has been dogged from the start by protests.

In Ireland, they delayed his farewell Press conference by 30 minutes while during Monday's opening day of the NATO summit protesters hurling paving stones and petrol bombs clashed with riot police in Istanbul leaving around 30 people injured.

MNA/Reuters

China's largest andalusite quarry being built in Xinjiang

URUMQI, 29 June — At a cost of 115 million yuan (13.8 million US dollars), construction work on a quarry to produce andalusite, a mineral aluminum silicate usually found in prisms of various colours, has been started recently in northwest China's Xinjiang Uygur Autonomous Region.

Established in the Mongolian Autonomous Prefecture of Bayingolin, specifically Korla City, the andalusite production base is believed to be the largest of its kind in the country, and the second largest in the world. — MNA/Xinhua

Thai PM to visit New Zealand

WELLINGTON, 29 June — New Zealand Prime Minister Helen Clark announced Monday that the Prime Minister of Thailand, Thaksin Shinawatra, will visit New Zealand on July 6 and 7.

Clark said Thailand was a key partner for New Zealand, and it last year hosted the APEC meetings with great success.

"This year our links are set to grow strongly as New Zealand's engagement with the Southeast Asian region enters a period of stronger cooperation and deeper policy dialogue," Clark said.

New Zealand and Thailand are negotiating on a Closer Economic Partner-

ship. Next week's visit to New Zealand will be Prime Minister Thaksin's first official visit since his election in 2001.

Clark said Thailand and New Zealand worked together very closely in international fora, including the United Nations, APEC, the World Trade Organization and the Cairns Group of agricultural exporting countries.

MNA/Xinhua

Saudi Arabia to launch first self-built satellites

ABU DHABI, 30 June — Saudi Arabia becomes the second Arab country, after Egypt, to launch its first 100 per cent self-built satellites into space on Tuesday, the *Saudi Gazette* newspaper reported.

Three locally-built, low-altitude satellites will be launched into outer space later in the day from the Baikanur Launch Pad in Kazakhstan, a project manager was quoted as saying.

Of the three satellites, *SaudiComsat 1* and *2* are for commercial use in data communication, and the third one, *SaudiSat 2*, is for scientific experiment and research.

MNA/Xinhua



A US soldier looks over the blood-spattered interior of a US Marines Humvee vehicle which was destroyed by a bomb in Baghdad on 29 June, 2004. A roadside bomb blast killed three Marines on Tuesday. — INTERNET

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Kuwait has no intention of deploying troops in Iraq

KUWAIT CITY, 30 June — Kuwaiti Prime Minister Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah said Tuesday that his country has no intention to deploy troops in Iraq, *Kuwait News Agency* reported.

"We are not willing to send troops to Iraq, not out of animosity but rather to avoid any confrontation or bad feelings that might result from Kuwaiti military presence in Iraq," Al-Sabah was quoted as saying, in a reference to Iraq's request that Bahrain, Morocco and Oman deploy forces to Iraq.

Answering questions about whether Kuwait is to supply financial support rather than sending troops, the Prime Minister said "we were not asked for any kind of

support".

Meanwhile, Al-Sabah noted that Kuwait's interest is to see stability in Iraq and to see Iraqis living up to their duties and restoring their homeland's security.

Kuwaitis pledge continued support till the situation in Iraq is what Iraqis wish for, he added.

Regarding the issue about Iraq's debt to Kuwait, he said, "This issue is to be decided at the Paris club."

MNA/Xinhua



US Army Sgt Troy Campbell, of Beattyville, Ky., with the 91st Combat Engineers, kneels for cover after automatic gunfire erupted nearby during a patrol in Baghdad, Iraq, on 29 June, 2004. — INTERNET

Blix says hunger, global warming as worrying as WMD

VIENNA, 30 June — Hunger is a bigger concern for many people than the spread of weapons of mass destruction (WMD) and the world should keep such security risks in perspective, former chief UN weapons inspector Hans Blix said recently.

Blix led the UN search for alleged Iraqi biological, chemical and ballistic arsenals until it was cut short by the US-led invasion of the country last year.

He has criticized Washington and London for going to war without the express approval of the UN Security Council and has said the two probably knew then that they were exaggerating the threat posed by Iraq in making their case for war. "One might get the impression from governments and media in the US and Europe that the risk that reckless groups and governments might acquire weapons of mass destruction is the greatest problem facing our world today," Blix said in a speech to Vienna's Diplomatic Academy.

Blix quoted British Prime Minister Tony Blair as saying that that risk was an "existen-

tial issue", but said there were other equally pressing problems. Let us not forget, however, that to hundreds of millions of people around the world, the big existential issue is hunger, and also that wherever you live on this planet, the risk of global warming and other environmental threats are existential" Blix said.

Blix was head of the International Atomic Energy Agency from 1981 to 1997 and later chief of the UN Monitoring, Verification and Inspection Commission (UNMOVIC) until 2003. The United States and Britain say Iraq revived its WMD programmes after UN inspectors first fled in December 1998, their main justification for the war. However, no caches of banned weapons have been found in Iraq.

MNA/Reuters

Estonia, Lithuania, Slovenia join EU's ERM-2

BRUSSEL, 29 June — European Union newcomers Estonia, Lithuania, and Slovenia on Sunday became the first of the bloc's 10 new member states to join the Exchange Rate Mechanism that will help them prepare for euro entry.

The three states join a grid known as ERM-2, whose only member has been Denmark since Greece adopted the single currency in 2001 after spending about three years in the regime. European Commissioner Siim Kallas hailed the news but also stressed that ERM-2 entry was only one of the steps towards euro entry and that more work lay ahead.

"My reaction is positive but this is just part of a bigger process. The countries have made some commitments during the negotiations and it makes discipline in monetary and fiscal affairs stronger," Estonia's Kallas told *Reuters*.

MNA/Reuters

New and fast developments throughout Myanmar



Basic Education High School (Branch) in Uyasan village in Maukmai Township, Shan State (South). — KYEMON



A rural road linking Daukyat and Khemaik villages in Bilin Township, Mon State is being extended. — (TOWNSHIP DEVELOPMENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE)



A tubewell to supply potable water to rural people living in Moegaung model village in Aunglan Township, Magway Division. — KYEMON



Humon dam built to supply water for agricultural purpose in Lashio Township, Shan State (North).—THANT ZIN TUN (KYEMON)

Border and rural area developments



A new bridge across Sittoung canal is linking Minywa and Kyaungsu villages in Thanatpin Township, Bago Division. — MNA

Coordination and combined...

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the president and members of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry, secretaries of Bago, Magway, Mandalay and Yangon divisions Peace and Development Councils and members, private exporters and invited guests. General Thura Shwe Mann in his speech said private exporters are willing to boost export and so is the government. One of the State's economic policies calls for boosting raising export, reducing import and increasing import-substitute goods.

Now, the government is providing encouragement to boost production of items that can be used locally and exported as a policy. Overall, measures are to be taken to boost production of goods in all sectors that contribute towards extended export and production of import-substitute products.

No one can deny that the nation has developed in all spheres much more than the situation in 1988. Now, peace and tranquillity has been restored well in the entire country with better economy and development in education, health and social sectors. The nation's all-round development reflects the government's constant enthusiasm and endeavours in nation-building tasks in the interest of the people.

The purpose of the meeting is to seek better ways and means through reviews of conditions on export and import and production of export items.

The nation's foreign trade sector sees progress, and greater success can be achieved through systematic steps.

Now, the situation is calling for coordination and combined efforts of farmers, private exporters and respective departments for boosting exports.

As for Myanmar, an agro-based nation, boosting agricultural production plays the main role in the export sector as well as in the economic sector. So, it is needed to place emphasis on extended cultivation of crops, main export items, and to maintain the development momentum in fishery, forestry, mining and gems sectors. The top priority is to be paid to extended crop cultivation in speeding up exports.

The government has arranged to provide land plots and agricultural methods for national entrepreneurs who wish to cultivate crops including paddy on a commercial scale. The State is ready to render necessary assistance to the national agricultural entrepreneurs to be able to boost export.

In conclusion, General Thura Shwe Mann called for frank suggestions and discussions on extended cultivation of crops and boosting production of exports. Next, Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Pyi Sone reported on export promotion, seeking of markets and correct export route, progress of export goods— pulses and beans, cashew, pepper and mango, matters related to export and import policies laid down by the government, extended cultivation and exporting of chilli, onion, potato, turmeric and ginger. Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Nyunt Tin reported on production of paddy and maize in 2003-2004, supply of water for cultivation, growing of pulses and beans and seasonal crops, boosting production of kitchen crops such as chilli, onion, potato and garlic, land allotment, land reclamation and educative talks to farmers. Minister for Cooperatives Maj-Gen Htay Oo, Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe, Minister for Livestock and Fisheries Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein, President of Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry U Win Myint and national agricultural entrepreneurs made suggestions on boosting production of agriculture and livestock breeding sectors and export promotion.

After hearing the reports, General Thura Shwe Mann gave concluding remarks, saying that national entrepreneurs, exporters, merchants and farmers are to cooperate among them for boosting production of export item crops.

In particular, the entrepreneurs should provide assistance for the farmers who are carrying out agricultural tasks really. The entrepreneurs who are encouraged in agricultural business are to extend agricultural tasks not only for main crops but also marketable crops. Likewise, departments concerned are required to give necessary assistance of quality strains and agricultural technology to the farmers.

In laying down the State policies, the government, on its part, decides probable policies which can serve interest of the people after considering aspects of politic, economic and social sectors. As such, the entrepreneurs should make efforts to achieve success within the frame of the State policies not only for themselves but also for the people and the State. The government is willing to serve the interest of the national entrepreneurs. The government considering interests of the people including the entrepreneurs is striving for emergence of a peaceful, modern and developed democracy-flourishing nation. So, the national entrepreneurs are to make efforts with goodwill for progress of their businesses and meeting the target of the State. If concerted efforts will be made for boosting export items after organizing united production associations, the country will emerge as a peaceful, modern and developed nation. — MNA



Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt greets Swedish Ambassador Mr Jan Axel Nordlander at Zeyathiri Beikman.
(News on page 1)—MNA

Yangon Division to grow 1.2 million acres of monsoon paddy

YANGON, 30 June — A meeting held at Yangon South District Peace and Development Council Office in Thanlyin today discussed cultivation of monsoon paddy as targeted in the district, and ensuring water for summer paddy.

Speaking on the occasion, Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe said that Myanmar is an agro-based nation. Agricultural business serves as a foundation for ensuring food sufficiency, developing regional economy and improving the living standard of the people. Yangon Division will grow 1.2 million acres of monsoon paddy this season. Yangon South District is the largest rice producer in the division. Officials concerned will have to give effective supervision for the district to be able to put 800,000 acres under monsoon paddy as targeted. The Government is providing assistance for the nation to grow summer paddy more than the targeted sown acreage. Thus,

advanced arrangements should be made to supply water to summer paddy fields. Local authorities in the district presented reports on preparations being made to exceed the monsoon paddy cultivation target of their respective townships and to cultivate summer paddy as targeted, regional development undertakings and implementation of the five rural development tasks.

Division level officials reported to the meeting on technical and mechanical assistance programmes, plans to provide water from dams and pumping stations and the assistance for regional development undertakings.

Maj-Gen Myint Swe looked into the requirements.

Present at the meeting were No 1 Military Region Commander Col Tun Kyi, Commander of Thanlyin Station Capt Maung Oo Lwin (Navy), Secretary of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Lt-Col Myint Kyi, officials, local authorities and guests. — MNA



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

ASEAN tourism meetings held in Taunggyi

YANGON, 30 June — The 23rd Meeting of the Task Force on ASEAN Tourism Marketing and 11th Meeting of the Task Force on Tourism Investment were held at Ayethaya Hotel in Taunggyi on 28 June.

Present at the meetings were delegates of ASEAN 10 countries and delegates of ASEANTA, ASEAN Secretariat and ASEAN Travel Association, totalling 37 together with the Myanmar delegation comprising Chairman of Myanmar Travel Association U Khin Zaw, executives, Secretary of Myanmar Hoteliers Association U Yan Win and executives led by Director-General U Khin Maung Latt of the Directorate of Hotels and Tourism.

The participants discussed progress of publishing ASEAN Map in Chinese language for market promotion of

ASEAN tourism industry, maintenance of ASEAN Tourism Web site, implementation of ASEAN Hip-Hop Pass, information programme for third phase of ASEAN tourism movement, spending of the funds on tourism movement and arrangements for implementing ASEAN tourism agreement.

At the 11th Meeting of the Task Force on Tourism Investment, they discussed putting on the list of tourism investment from ASEAN countries on Website of the ASEAN Secretariat, holding of tourism investment exhibition of ASEAN countries, setting up of the funds for ASEAN Tourism Investment and tasks of the investment work committee in the ASEAN Tourism Agreement.

MNA

Task Force on Tourism Manpower Development Meeting held

YANGON, 30 June — The 11th Meeting of the Task Force on Tourism Manpower Development was held on yesterday morning at Ayethaya Hotel in Taunggyi.

Delegates of ASEAN member countries, ASEANTA and ASEAN Secretariat totally 42 attended the meeting. Director-General U Khin Maung Latt of the Directorate of Hotels and Tourism led the Myanmar delegates including members of Myanmar Travel Association and Myanmar

Hoteliers Association.

Those participants discussed matters on ASEAN tourism including organizing of workshops and training on tourism, management of tourism resources and establishment of web site.

ASEAN groups Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam. — MNA

Special sales of jades and gems continue

YANGON, 30 June — The special sales of jade and gems 2004 continued today at the Myanmar Gems Mart here.

Altogether 868 merchants — 487 from abroad and 381 from local companies— visited the sale of jade through tender system.

A total of 232 jade lots were purchased by the merchants this morning and the sale continues this evening.

A total of 186 jade lots were sold yesterday alone. The sales of jade lots will continue through the tender system. — MNA



Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Khin Maung Win being welcomed by Swiss Ambassador Mr Hans Peter Erismann and wife to the reception to mark the National Day of Switzerland and the opening of Honorary Consulate in Yangon, on Tuesday.

MNA



Minister for Agriculture & Irrigation Maj-Gen Nyunt Tin, Minister for Forestry Brig-Gen Thein Aung and delegates pose for a documentary photo at the 11th Meeting of the Joint Committee on ASEAN Cooperation in Agriculture and Forest Products Promotion Scheme— MNA

Joint Committee on ASEAN Cooperation in Agriculture and Forest Products Promotion Scheme Meeting held

YANGON, 30 June — The opening ceremony of the 11th Meeting of the Joint Committee on ASEAN Cooperation in Agriculture and Forest Products Promotion Scheme was held at Sedona Hotel on Kaba Aye Pagoda Road this morning, attended by Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Nyunt Tin.

First, Minister Maj-Gen Nyunt Tin delivered an address. After the opening ceremony, Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Nyunt Tin and Minister for Forestry Brig-Gen Thein Aung posed for documentary photos with delegates of ASEAN countries.

Also present at the meeting were directors-general and managing directors of departments and enterprises under the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation and the Ministry of Forestry, ambassadors and embassy staff of ASEAN countries to Myanmar, the resident representative of FAO and officials, Mr Rony Soerakoesoe Mah of ASEAN Secretariat and delegates of Cambodia, Indonesia,

Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines and Thailand, guests, officials of the Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce and Industry, the vice-president of Myanmar Academy of Agriculture, Forest, Livestock and Fisheries Science and officials.

Next, they viewed the booth of the best Myanmar green tea of National Commercial Enterprise Ltd, the booth on pulses and beans of Myanmar Agriculture Service, rubber, palm oil, cashew and macadamia booth of Myanmar Perennial Crops Enterprise and Arabia coffee roaster coffee and cotimor and coffee booth of Myanmar Farm Enterprise. Afterwards, the meeting followed at Mindon Hall. Director-General U Tin Htut Oo of Agricultural Planning Department of Myanmar delegation presided over the meeting together with Mr Salvador S Salawp of the Philippines delegation. The delegates of ASEAN Secretariat discussed promotion of agriculture and forest products.— MNA



The Plenary Session of the National Convention in progress at Nyaungnnapin Camp. — MNA



Delegates arrive to attend the Plenary Session of the National Convention. — MNA



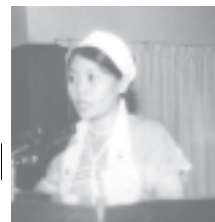
Delegates attend the Plenary Session of the National Convention. — MNA



Delegate U Aung Tun of Mandalay Division reads proposal at the Plenary Session of the National Convention. — MNA



Delegate Daw Hsar Hsu of Chin State reads proposal at the Plenary Session of the National Convention. — MNA



Delegate Daw Nant Ohnma Mya of Ayeawady Division reads proposal at the Plenary Session of the National Convention. — MNA

Plenary Session of the National Convention held at Nyaungnnapin Camp



Director U Than Aung and Deputy Director U Aung Kyi of NCCWC Office emcee the meeting. — MNA

Our brethren join hands together for the Union

တို့ညီနောင်မှ တည်ဆောက်မည့် ဖြည့်ဆည်းရာတွင် လက်ချင်းယှက်။

The National Convention is genuine national politics.

အမျိုးသားညီလာခံသည် စစ်မှန်သော အမျိုးသားနိုင်ငံရေးဖြစ်သည်။

The National Convention, the Voice of the People.

ပြည်သူတို့အသံ အမျိုးသားညီလာခံ။

To march towards genuine democratic nation in unity

Maung Nwe Sit

If we will have to show a nation that first strives for the prevalence of peace and stability, while making endeavours for the national development with the united strength in a peaceful environment, it is no other than the Union of Myanmar.

After freeing herself from the disturbances of the 1988 unrest, the nation has made utmost efforts for ensuring stability, the rule of law and peace. From that stage, it has striven to restore national re-consolidation, and due to the sincere efforts, 17 armed groups returned to the legal fold, and are taking part with might and main in the task to develop their regions and the Union. Since then, peace has been prevailing in the whole nation. At the same time, we are achieving unprecedented progress. The result of peace and development is prosperity.

After assumption of the State duties, the Tatmadaw Government first made efforts to ensure the rule of law, community peace and secure and smooth transport. Afterwards, it has made practical development endeavours in paving the way for unity of the national brethren. Returning to the legal fold, the 17 armed groups has strengthened the national solidarity.

The leaders of the nation are making overtime efforts for peace and progress of Myanmar. We have continuously read in the newspapers their efforts and inspection tours to ensure peace, development and unity in the whole country. They always look into the requirements of every development project from the start to the end. Time and again, they fulfil the requirements of all sectors. Thus, developments and success can be witnessed throughout the Union.

For example, Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt, accompanied by officials, visited a number of places in Sagaing Division from 11 to 14 June 2004. During the tour, he inspected human resources development courses of Kale University, IT courses, completed three-story lecture hall, the main lecture hall, two lecture halls and other extension programmes. Two or three universities have been built in every state or division as necessary. In Taninthayi Division, Dawei and Myeik has one university each. In Shan State there are four universities — the Taunggyi University, the Lashio Degree College, the Kengtung Degree College, and the Panglong University.

Since yore, the national races have had the tradition of living together in unity and amity. The endeavours for progress, modernization and perpetuation of the Union should equally serve the interest of all the national races. They should not be in the interest of a single race, an organization or a political party.

As we are systematically striving to follow the path to democracy, the National Convention that is in progress in the first and most important stage to successfully realize the seven-point future policy programme of the State. The representatives of the national races from all states and divisions and those representing all walks of life are taking part in the National Convention.

During the tour, the Prime Minister also attended to the needs of the project to extend Kale General Hospital to a 200-bed facility and the rural and urban development undertakings. He also urged faculty members of the Kale Government Technological College to systematically train their students to become highly-qualified intellectuals and

intelligentsia. He met with officials, local elders and entrepreneurs at the Kale Government Computer College, and urged them that Kale region was important for the nation as it serves as a gateway to Chin State and a land exit and entry point at the nation's border with India; and that as Kale plains was fertile, it was supplying rice to Chin State.

The Prime Minister also said, 'The locals should not be content with the present degree of rice production, which exceeds local consumption. They will have to strive to increase food production. Only then will their region be able to serve the interest of the regions of the surrounding areas and the nation more. Myanmar can produce surplus rice, but not large enough for export. As Myanmar's rice consumption rate is the highest among the Southeast Asian countries, rice production should be increased to the most possible extent. The nation will be able to export more rice, only if efforts are being made to increase per acre yield and sown acreage region-wise. This season's monsoon paddy cultivation for Sagaing Division has been set at 2 million acres to make it the rice bowl of Upper Myanmar. Thus, efforts should be made to realize the target.'

He also attended the opening ceremony of Myittha River Bridge (Kalewa) in Kale Township, inspected Kalewa Township People's Hospital, made proper arrangements to increase paddy cultivation in Pale Township, and inspected a dam project on Chindwin River located upstream Shwesaye in Budalin Township. When completed, the dam will hold 5.5 million acre-feet of water, will irrigate 290,000 acres of crops, while operating the 600-megawatt turbines to generate electricity. At the project, the Prime Minister said, 'Although the nation is not rich, it has invested a large amount of money to develop Sagaing Division. The people will enjoy the fruits of development and improvement in the living standard in the long-run, only if the development gap between the rural and urban areas and one region and another can be narrowed and an equal progress ensured. Moreover proportionate progress in the whole nation will help strengthen national unity.'

In Ayadaw Township, the Prime Minister spoke of the need to increase paddy sown acreage and better health activities. The township won a WHO award for its health activities. In Shwebo Township, he visited Shwebo Yadana Palace Reconstruction Project, and made arrangements to raise paddy sown acreage. His inspection in Monywa Township included the 200-bed Monywa General Hospital and the Monywa University, and his talks with officials and local people centred on strengthening and perpetuation of national unity and Union Spirit, inclusion of all regions in the national development undertakings, and the role of education staff in collective efforts of the Government and the people to implement the seven-point future policy programme that will pave the way for democracy.

Because of the Prime Minister's tour in Sagaing Division, we are able to know the township-wise development of the division. Thus, in our view, his tour has helped further strengthen national unity.

(Translation: TMT)

(Myanma Alin and Kyemon: 30-6-2004)

Annual Co-ordination Meeting of Development Affairs Committees held

YANGON, 30 June — The annual work co-ordination meeting of Development Affairs Committees was held at the Development Affairs Department on Thanlyet-soon Road in Botahtaung Township at 11 am yesterday.

Minister for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs Col Thein Nyunt attended it and delivered an address.

Present on the occasion were directors-general of



Minister Col Thein Nyunt delivers an address at the meeting. — PBANRDA

departments of the ministry, deputy directors-general, directors, officials, engineers and executives of

Township Development Affairs Committees.

The minister in his address urged officials

concerned to increase the momentum of urban and rural development endeavours. — MNA

Efficient use of electricity

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

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

Efficient use of fuel

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

All this needs to be known

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

မိုးညးကျွန်း မိုးရာသီတွင်ဖြစ်တတ်သော ရောဂါများအတွက်နူးဆော်ချက်

၁။ မိုးညးကျွန်းရာသီတွင် အောက်ဖော်ပြပါ ကူးစက်တတ်သောရောဂါများ ပုံမှန်ဖြစ်ပွားလေ့ရှိပါသည်။

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

(ခ) သွေးလွန်တုပ်ကွေးနှင့် ငှက်ဖျားရောဂါ

(ဂ) တုပ်ကွေး၊ နှာစေးချောင်းဆိုးနှင့် အဆုတ်အဆေးရောဂါ

၂။ ဖြစ်ပွားရသည့်အကြောင်းရင်းမှာ—

(က) မိုးညးကျွန်းပြင်တွင် လွှင့်လှိုင်ပေါ်လာသည့် အမျိုးစားပါသော သရက်သီး၊ ပိန္နဲသီး၊ ဖရဲသီး၊ ကြက်ဗောက်သီး၊ မင်းဂွတ်သီး စသည့်သစ်သီးဝလံများ၏ အခွံအစေ့ စသည်များကို စည်းကမ်းမဲ့ ဆောင်မခြင် စွန့်ပစ်ခြင်းကြောင့် ယင်းပေါ်များခြင်း၊

(ခ) ရာသီဥတုအမှည့်လွန်အသီးများကို စားသုံးခြင်း၊

(ဂ) မိုးရွာပြီးရေတင်ရေဝင်သဖြင့် ရေအိုင်၊ ရေဖျက်ဖြစ်၍ ရေမြောင်း၊ ပိတ်ခြင်းနှင့် ချွန်နယ်ပိတ်ပေါင်းထူထပ်၍ ခြင်ပေါက်ဖွားခြင်း၊

(ဃ) ရာသီဥတု အပြောင်းအလဲဖြစ်၍ အပူရပ်ခြင်း၊ အအေးပတ်ခြင်း၊

(င) ပတ်ဝန်းကျင်သန့်ရှင်းမှုနှင့် တစ်ကိုယ်ရေသန့်ရှင်းမှု နည်းပါးခြင်း၊

(စ) ကျန်းမာရေးနည်းညီညာသည့်အသိပညာနှင့် အလေ့အကျင့်အားနည်းခြင်း

၃။ အောက်ဖော်ပြပါတို့ကို လိုက်နာကျင့်သုံးခြင်းဖြင့် ဖော်ပြပါ ရောဂါများ ကူးစက်ပျံ့နှံ့ခြင်းမှ ကာကွယ်တားဆီးနိုင်မည် ဖြစ်ပါသည်။

(က) အမှည့်လွန်အသီးများကို စားသုံးခြင်းမှ ရှောင်ပါ။

(ခ) ယင်းနားစာများကို ဆောင်မခြင် စားသုံးခြင်းမှ ရှောင်ပါ။

(ဂ) စားကြွင်းစားကျန် အမှိုက်သရိုက်များနှင့် အညစ်အကြေးများကို စည်းကမ်းမဲ့ စွန့်ပစ်ခြင်းမှရှောင်ကြဉ်ပါ။

(ဃ) မိသားစုအတွင်းကျန်းမာရေးအသိပညာဖြန့်ဝေပါ၊လိုက်နာကျင့်သုံးပါ။

(င) တစ်ကိုယ်ရေ သန့်ရှင်းရေးကို ဂရုပြုလိုက်နာဆောင်ရွက်ပါ။

(စ) ရေကိုကျိုချက်၍ သောက်ပါ။

(ဆ) လတ်ဆတ်သန့်ရှင်းသည့် အသီးအနှံနှင့် အစားအစာများကို ပူပူနွေးနွေး ချက်ပြုတ်စားသုံးပါ။

(ဇ) ရာသီဥတု အပူအအေး အပြောင်းအလဲကို သတိရှိပါ။

(ဈ) ပတ်ဝန်းကျင်သန့်ရှင်းရေးလုပ်ငန်းနှင့် ခြင်နီနီနှင့် ရေ လုပ်ငန်းများကို အမျိုးသားရေးအမြင်ဖြင့် ဝိုင်းဝန်းစုပေါင်းဆောင်ရွက်ပါ။

(ည) ရောဂါတစ်မျိုးဖြစ်ပွားပျံ့နှံ့ပါက ကျန်းမာရေးဌာနသို့ အမြန်သတင်းပို့ပါ။

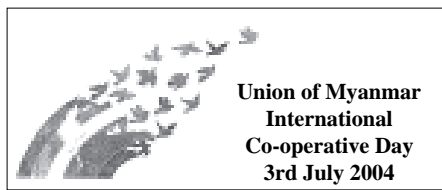
(ဋ) လိုအပ်ပါက နီးစပ်ရာဆေးပေးခန်းဆေးရုံများသို့ အချိန်မီသွားရောက် ပြသစစ်ဆေး ကုသမှုစလုပ်ပါ။ ကျန်းမာရေးဝန်ကြီးဌာန

Tanzania's food situation encouraging for next year

DAR-ES-SALAAM, 30 June— Tanzanian Minister for Agriculture and Food Security Charles Keenja has assured that the country will not suffer serious food shortage next year, local newspaper *The Guardian* reported Tuesday. The minister was quoted as saying Monday that the country would harvest nearly nine million tons of food crops, including 4.93 million tons of cereals and four million tons of legumes. Presenting his ministry's budget for the next financial year to the Parliament, Keenja said that the national food requirements for next year will be at 8.61 million tons, thus with the current estimates of crop production, the country may have 390,000 tons of surplus. Estimates also indicated that most regions in Tanzania are expected to have harvest. Because of the nationwide drought in 2003, Tanzania faced severe food shortage this year, and the country needs about 700,000 tons of food to save people in famine. — *MNA/Xinhua*

13-year-old German hijacks dad's 40-ton truck

BERLIN, 30 June— A 13-year-old German boy took a joyride in his father's 40-ton truck, driving it for 50 miles before police stopped him on the motorway. The boy knocked over a road sign and a traffic light in the city of Kassel, causing 10,000 euros damage. Police said apart from that he drove well — possibly using the experience gained when he took a fire engine for a spin last month. "He didn't say where he learned to drive, but perhaps he just picked it up," a spokesman said on Monday. — *MNA/Reuters*



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တိဘီရောဂါ ကာကွယ်နိမ့်နင်းရေး

(က) ရောဂါဖြစ်ပွားကူးစက်ပုံ

ဤရောဂါသည်တိဘီရောဂါဖြစ်သော ကူးစက်ရောဂါဖြစ်သည်။ ဝေဒနာရှင် ရောင်းဆိုးခြင်း၊ နှာချေခြင်း၊ သလိပ်တော့မှတစ်ဆင့် ရောဂါပိုးများ လေထဲတွင် ပျံ့နှံ့၍ ကူးစက်သည်။

- အသက်အရွယ်မရွေး လူတိုင်းတွင် ဖြစ်ပွားနိုင်သည်။
- အဆုတ်တွင်အများဆုံးဖြစ်ပွားပြီး ကိုယ်ခန္ဓာအနံ့အငြားတွင်လည်း ဖြစ်နိုင်သည်။
- ဆီးချိုရောဂါ၊ ခုခံအားကျဆင်းမှု၊ စက်ရောဂါနှင့် အာဟာရ ချို့တဲ့မှုရှိသူများတွင် အဖြစ်များသည်။

(ခ) ရောဂါလက္ခဏာများ

- ရုတ်တရက်ရောင်ဆိုးခြင်း (ရုတ်သတ္တပတ် (၃) ပတ်နှင့်အထက်)။
- ရောင်းဆိုးဆွေးပါခြင်း။
- သလိပ်တွင် ဆွေးပါခြင်း။
- အဖျားတက်ရခြင်း။
- ခံတွင်းပျက်ခြင်း၊ မောပန်းလွယ်ခြင်း။
- ကိုယ်အလေးချိန်လျော့နည်း ပိန်ချိုခြင်း။
- ကျောရင်အောင့်ခြင်း။

(ဂ) ကြိုတင်ကာကွယ်ခြင်း

- ရင်ဆွေးငယ်များအား ကာကွယ်ဆေး(ဘီစီဂျီ) ကို မပျက်မကွက်တိုးပေးပါ။
- အာဟာရပြည့်ဝသော အစားအစာများကို စားသုံးပါ။
- သင့်တင့်လျောက်ပတ်သောကိုယ်လက်လှုပ်ရှားမှုပြုလုပ်ပါ။
- ရောင်းဆိုးခြင်း၊ နှာချေလျှင် လက်တိုင်ပုလိကို အသုံးပြုပါ။
- သလိပ်နှင့်တော့ကိုစည်းကမ်းမဲ့ထွေးခြင်းမှရှောင်ကြဉ်ပါ။
- ဆေးလိပ်သောက်ခြင်းမှ ရှောင်ကြဉ်ပါ။

(ဃ) ကုသမှုခံယူခြင်း

- တိုက်ရိုက်ကြည့်ရှုအချိန်တိုနှင့်ကုနည်းဖြင့် ရောဂါကင်းသည်အထိ ကုသမှု ခံယူပါ။
- ကုသမှုခံယူခြင်းသည်အခြားသူများသို့ ကူးစက်စေခြင်းမှ အကောင်းဆုံးကာကွယ်ခြင်း ဖြစ်သည်။

တိဘီရောဂါသံသယရှိလျှင် နီးစပ်ရာကျန်းမာရေးဌာနတွင် စစ်ဆေး၍ တိဘီရောဂါရှိပါက အရွယ်ထက်သော တိဘီဆေးပါးများဖြင့် အခမဲ့ကုသမှုခံယူပါ။

ကျန်းမာရေးဝန်ကြီးဌာန

Study say mobile phones may damage sperm

LONDON, 30 June—Mobile phones may damage men's sperm, Hungarian scientists say, in a study that fertility experts dismissed on Monday as inconclusive.

Carrying a mobile in hip pockets or a holster on the waist could cut sperm count by nearly 30 per cent, according to the research.

"The prolonged use of cellphones may have a negative effect on (sperm production) and male fertility..." Dr Imre Fejes, of the department of obstetrics and gynaecology at the University of Szeged said in a summary of the study.

Fejes and his team analyzed sperm from 221 men and questioned them about their use of mobile phones. They found correlations between the use of the phones, even in a standby setting, and reduced sperm concentration and quality.

Fejes said more research is needed to support the findings, which will be reported to this week's conference in Berlin of the European Society of Human Reproduction and Embryology (ESHRE).

Professor Hans Evers, a past president of ESHRE, said the results are interesting but far from conclusive.

"It... appears not to take into account the many potential confounding factors that could have skewed the results," Evers, who works at the Academic Hospital in Maastricht in the Netherlands, said in a statement.

He added that the study did not seem to analyze stress levels, the type of jobs the men have and whether they smoked, which could all influence sperm count.

"These factors would have a considerable effect on the outcome of the research..." he said.

Britain's National Radiological Protection Board (NRPB), which has reviewed research into the health effects of exposure to radiofrequency (RF) waves including mobile phones, said so far the waves appear to be safe.

But mobiles phones have been in widespread use for only a short time so more research is needed. "This is an unexpected result and we will look at it very carefully but the decline in male fertility has been going on for decades now, before the widespread use of mobile phones, and there can be many reasons for it," Dr Michael Clark, scientific spokesman for the NRPB, told *Reuters*.

The World Health Organization (WHO) has said none of the recent reviews has concluded that exposure to RF from mobile phones or their base stations damages health, but stresses that more studies are needed.

MNA/Reuters

US satellite fails to reach planned orbit

SEATTLE, 30 June— A US telecommunications satellite failed to reach its target orbit on Tuesday after blasting off from a platform floating in the middle of the Pacific Ocean, the launch provider said.

But the satellite, orbiting closer to Earth than planned, could still be pushed to the correct position using its own engines, Sea Launch, the launch provider, and the satellite's manufacturer, Loral Space & Communications, said.

"We were not on target on this one, but all indications are that it's fine, it has a lot of fuel on board and it is high enough to get to where it has to go," Sea Launch spokeswoman Paula Korn said.

A rocket booster carrying the *Telstar-18* satellite through its final stage to orbit, from which it would provide communications services across Asia, was switched off when controllers found it was not working properly, Russian mission control said.

"At the moment we are analyzing the situation," mission control said in a statement.

Sea Launch, a Long Beach, California-based consortium led by aerospace company Boeing with Russia's RSC Energia, Norway's Kvaerner Group and Ukraine's Yuzhnoe rocket booster design bureau, said it was too early to say what went wrong.

Loral, which declared bankruptcy last July due to a sharp decline in demand for commercial satellites, said the spacecraft had separated from the rocket prematurely.

"Our folks out there are pretty confident. We are not calling this a failure. It's up, it's going to operate properly," Loral spokesman John McCarthy. — *MNA/Reuters*

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(၁) မြန်မာနိုင်ငံရဲတပ်ဖွဲ့၊ ရန်ကုန်တိုင်း (ဖုန်း ၁၉၉)
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ယာဉ်စည်းကမ်းထိန်းသိမ်းရေးကြမ်းပြင်စာတမ်း

အရက်ကြောင့်ဖြစ်သည့်ရောဂါများ

အရက်ကိုလွန်ကျွံစွာနှင့် စွဲလမ်းစွာသောက်သုံးခြင်းကြောင့် ဖြစ်ပွားတတ်သောရောဂါများမှာ အသည်းရောင်ခြင်း၊ အသည်းခြောက်ခြင်း၊ သွေးအန်ခြင်း၊ အစာအိမ်ရောဂါဖြစ်ခြင်း၊ နှလုံးရောဂါ ဖြစ်ခြင်း၊ ဦးနှောက်နှင့်အာရုံကြောထိခိုက်ခြင်း၊ စိတ်ရောဂါများဖြစ်ခြင်း စသည်တို့ဖြစ်ပါသည်။

အရက်ကြောင့်ဖြစ်တတ်သော စိတ်ရောဂါများမှာ -
၁။ ကယောင်ကတမ်းဖြစ်ခြင်း (Delirium Tremors)၊ ကြောက်လန့်ခြင်း၊ အချိန်၊ နာရီ၊ နေရာ၊ လူ ခန့်မှန်းနိုင်စွမ်း မရှိခြင်း၊ ကြောက်စရာလန့်စရာများမြင်ရခြင်း၊ အသံမလများ ကြားရခြင်း၊ ပိုးမွှားများနွှာကိုယ်သလို ရုတ်တရက်သွားလာခြင်း၊ လက်တုန်ရောဂါဖြစ်တတ်ခြင်း။

၂။ အရက်အလွန်အကျွံသောက်သည့်အခါတွင် လူမရှိတဲ့ နာထဲတွင် ခေါ်သံများ၊ ခြိမ်းခြောက်သံများ၊ စော်ကားမော်ကားသံများ ကြားနေရတတ်ခြင်း (Alcoholic Hallucinations)၊

၃။ အတက်ကြွရောဂါဖြစ်တတ်ခြင်း (Rum Fits)
(ဝက်ရုမြန်ရောဂါကဲ့သို့တတ်ခြင်း)။

၄။ စိတ်ဓာတ်ကျရောဂါဖြစ်တတ်ခြင်း (Depressive Illness)၊

၅။ စိတ်ဖောက်ပြန်ခြင်း (Alcoholic Psychosis)၊
၆။ ဦးနှောက်ချို့ယွင်းခြင်း။

၇။ အရက်နှင့်မတည့်သောသူများသည် အရက်အနည်းငယ်သောက် ရုံဖြင့် ရုတ်တရက် စိတ်ဖောက်ပြန်တတ်ခြင်း (Pathological Drunkenness)၊

၈။ မိမိ၏ဇနီးကို အထင်အမြင်လွဲမှားခြင်းများ ဖြစ်တတ်ခြင်း (Morbid Jealousy)၊

၉။ အရက်ကြောင့် ရာဇဝတ်မှုကျူးလွန်သည်အထိ ဖြစ်နိုင်ခြင်း။

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ကျန်းမာရေးဝန်ကြီးဌာန


Wellwishers invited for sinking tube-wells

YANGON, 30 June— The Development Affairs Committees under the Ministry for Progress of Border Areas and National Races and Development Affairs are making concerted efforts in sinking tube-wells in order to get sufficient fresh water in rural areas in States and Divisions where water is scarce.

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

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

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3. For further details please call: 291982, 201555 Ext-540,537

Managing Director
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Hollywood workers sentenced for film piracy

LOS ANGELES, 29 June — Two men who worked for a Hollywood post-production facility were sentenced Monday to three years each of probation for copying movies for use by family, friends and coworkers, local media said.

The sentences to Richard Young and Victor Ochoa were handed down by US District Judge Dickran Tevzian.

They were among three former employees of Lightning Dubbs, now known as Lightning Media, who were charged with a misdemeanor after a three-minute clip of Mel Gibson's "The Passion of the Christ" appeared on the web site filmstew.com

before its commercial release.

Soon after the posting, prosecutors say, a review in the *New York Post* was based on the same film.

The footage was allegedly traced to Lightning Dubbs, a company now known as Lightning Media, and authorities contended the three men's copying — though not done for financial gain — allowed copies

of the film to circulate.

The two men did not admit involvement in copying "The Passion," but did plead guilty earlier this year to conspiracy to violate the copyright of the 2001 film "The Fast and the Furious".

The third defendant, Burbank resident Frank Pelayo, also pleaded guilty. His sentencing is set for July 6.

MNA/Xinhua

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US catches two Taliban leaders, others killed

URUZGAN PROVINCE (Afghanistan), 29 June — US forces said they captured two Taliban leaders in southern Afghanistan at the weekend, while US Marines moving across a mountainous central province killed three guerrilla commanders. The governor of the southern province of Zabul, meanwhile, said US forces killed five Taliban guerrillas on Sunday near the provincial capital of Qalat after a group hiding in a village fired on a US helicopter. Troops from the 20,000-strong US-led force in Afghanistan have mounted operations against guerrillas in southern, eastern and central regions in recent weeks to boost security for September elections, which the militants have vowed to disrupt.

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Freak snow melts at gateway to fabled Inca citadel

LIMA (Peru), 29 June — The first snow in 20 years in the Andean city of Cuzco melted on Monday, allowing about 2,000 stranded tourists to leave the gateway to the Inca citadel of Machu Picchu after being stuck there for two days.

"The sun has appeared and flights have restarted," said an airport spokesman.

Runways that had been blanketed with snow and blocked roads and rail routes were now reopened, a municipal official said.

Warm, humid air from

the equator bumping up against cold air in the southern Andes had caused the snowfalls and more snow was expected at high altitudes in the next three days, the National Meteorological Service SENAMHI said.

Cuzco, gateway to the fabled Inca citadel, is 9,120 feet above sea level.

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98 young scientists awarded in China

BEIJING, 29 June — Ninety-eight young scientists in China, who are working in 12 different subject areas, received a national award Monday for their academic achievements in research and development.

It is the eighth time that China has issued the award, which is known as the "China Award for Young Scientists". So far, a total of 789 people have received the award.

He Guoqiang, a member of both the Political Bureau and Secretariat of the Communist Party of China (CPC) Central Committee, addressed the award-issuing ceremony. He called for building up a "green pass" for young talents so as to speed up the education of scientists.

He, who is also head of the Organization Department of the CPC Central Committee, said the fostering of young scientists is of great significance for the great rejuvenation of the Chinese nation.

The award is sponsored by the Organization Department of the CPC Central Committee, the Ministry of Personnel, and the China Association for Science and Technology. — MNA/Xinhua

Study says most embryo donation parents do not tell kids

BERLIN, 30 June — Only about a third of parents whose children were born through embryo donation plan to tell them how they were conceived, scientists said on Monday.

Although the parents had the same level of commitment and affection for their children as couples who adopted or had in-vitro fertilization, they preferred to keep silent because of concerns about how the child would react.

"The most common reasons for not telling the child about their method of creation were fears that it would upset the child or damage family relationships...", Fiona MacCallum told a fertility conference.

There was also a feeling, she said, that since the mother carried and gave birth to the child, she was the real mother and there was no need to tell the child anything different.

The research psychologist at City University in London questioned 21 couples whose children had been conceived through embryo donation, 28 who had adopted and 30 who had in-vitro fertilization.

Although women who become pregnant through em-

bryo donation give birth to their children, like adoptive parents they have no genetic link to them.

All the parents were interviewed and completed questionnaires when their children were between 2 and 5 years old.

Embryo donation parents scored higher in emotional over-involvement, which includes traits such as putting the needs of the child over other family members or a reluctance to use babysitters or care-givers, but there was no difference in the quality of parenting between the three groups.

"This supports the idea that it is the level of commitment to parenting that is important, and not the presence or absence of biological links between parents and children," MacCallum added.

The findings were presented during a meeting in Berlin of the European Society of Human Reproduction & Embryology.

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The winner of the Miss Tourism Queen, India's Abina Abdul Rashid Khan (C) poses with the runner-up Germany's Johnalena Kwasow (R) and the second runner-up Thailand's Pawina Bamrungrot (L) in Hangzhou, Zhejiang Province, on 29 June, 2004. A total of 56 women participated in the final of the Miss Tourism Queen International Beauty Pageant in the eastern coastal city. — INTERNET

British scientists seek new Antarctic ice station

LONDON, 29 June — Britain's Antarctic ice station has a design problem few architects can have envisaged when it was built — within a decade it is likely to float away.

The existing base is built on an ice shelf which is likely to break off into the sea if global warming continues at its current rate.

So now the British Antarctic Survey (BAS) has appealed for designers to come up with a replacement.

Not only will the new 19 million pound station have to be able to operate throughout the year in one of the world's most inhospitable environments, it will have to be environmentally neutral and aesthetically inspiring.

So strict are the environmental rules governing Antarctica that all refuse — including human waste — is supposed to be bagged up and shipped out so no lasting trace is left of outside occupation.

"This is an ambitious project," said BAS director Chris Rapley. "It will be a fusion of science, architecture, technology and engineering."

The new station will replace BAS' existing Halley facility on the Brunt ice shelf which is expected to follow much of the ice-bound continent's sea ice and break away as the world's climate warms.

The existing Halley station is the fifth to be built on the Brunt shelf since 1956 to study changing weather patterns.

Unlike its predecessors which have simply been swallowed by the ice, the current Halley is on stilts and is jacked up each year to avoid being submerged by snow.

A BAS spokeswoman said the new station, scheduled to be operational by November 2008 in time for the 2008/2009 southern hemisphere summer when the staff quadruples to 60, would probably be built on the remains of the Brunt shelf.

But it will be sited on the landward side of the expected crack in the shelf, rather than on solid ground.

MNA/Reuters

Overseas Chinese physicists convene to discuss frontiers

SHANGHAI, 29 June — The Overseas Chinese Physics Association (OCPA) held its fourth joint meeting Monday in Shanghai.

The four-day meeting has attracted over 500 elite Chinese physicists from across the world to discuss physics education and the latest academic development.

Two Nobel laureates, both Chinese-Americans, Samuel Chao Chung Ting and Steven Chu gave reports at the meeting on "antimatter", "dark matter" and the relationship between physics and biology.

Their reports won interest and praise from the audience. — MNA/Xinhua

FAO, WHO call for quicker adoption of food standards

GENEVA, 29 June — The Codex Alimentarius Commission, an international food standards-setting body established by the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) and the World Health Organization (WHO), convened its 27th session here on Monday, amid calls for it to implement recommendations made by the two organizations.

The six-day session, convened one year ahead of schedule, is set to address infant formula Code, improve food chain safety and good animal feeding practices, the WHO said in a Press release.

The commission, which traditionally met once every

two years, will now meet yearly in response to the FAO-WHO joint evaluation, which called on the commission to speed up its work and adapt to the ever-increasing demands of member countries.

The commission is set to approve a Code of Prac-

tice on Good Animal Feeding that would establish a feed safety system for food producing animals. It would take into account relevant aspects of animal health and the environment in order to minimize risks to the health of consumers.

MNA/Xinhua

China to build its largest nature reserve for river dolphin

NANCHANG, 29 June — A nature reserve will be built in the water areas of Poyang Lake, the biggest freshwater lake and a major haunt of the Yangtze River dolphins in China, to better protect the rare species.

The nature reserve being planned will be China's largest of its kind in terms of area, according to the Poyang Lake Fishery Administration. The provincial government of east China's Jiangxi, where the lake is located, has given the go-ahead to the

nature reserve project.

The nature reserve will expand from the mouth of the lake to the Laoyemiao area, with a total area of 6,803 hectares and an area of 2,701 hectares for a core zone, according to sources with the provincial fishery administration.

River dolphin, or Neophocaena phocaenoides in scientific name, is a kind of small toothed whale included in the secondary category of rare animals under the state protection in China.

MNA/Xinhua

Australia to tackle rising obesity among children

CANBERRA, 30 June — With one in four Australian children now tipping the scales at overweight or obese, the Australian Government on Tuesday unveiled a package designed to get children off the couch and stop them eating junk food.

The number of fat Australian children has trebled in the past 20 years in a trend reflecting international patterns, with the United States and Britain facing similar obesity problems.

Prime Minister John Howard, an avid walker who is expected to call a close-run election within months, set aside 116 million Australian dollars (81 million US dollars) over four years to tackle rising childhood obesity that will be heavy on the nation's medical bill in years ahead.

"The paradox of this sports-loving nation becoming increasingly less mobile and increasingly more obese is something that today's launch is designed to challenge," Howard said.

The money will fund after-school sporting activities

for about 150,000 children and give grants to community organizations linked to schools that encourage healthy eating and shun greasy beefburgers, sugary drinks, and other foods high in fat.

Howard said education authorities would also be required to ensure schools include at least two hours of physical activity a week for primary and junior high school students in order to receive funding from the national government.

Figures show about 60 per cent of the 20 million Australians are overweight or obese, over double the rate 20 years ago, with obesity costing health authorities 1.2 billion Australian dollars in 2000.

MNA/Reuters

No smoking

SPORTS

Gerrard staying with Liverpool

LIVERPOOL (England), 29 June—England midfielder Steven Gerrard, the subject of repeated transfer speculation, is to stay with Liverpool, the Premier League club announced on Monday.

Gerrard, the Liverpool captain, was part of the England team which was knocked out of Euro 2004 by Portugal last Thursday in the quarterfinals.

He said on Monday: "I have gone with the decision that is in my heart and that is to stay with Liverpool."

Gerrard, one of England's few success stories in Portugal, told a news conference at Anfield: "I have not been happy with the progression at the club over the last two years and for the first time in my career I thought about the possibility of moving on to a different club."

"But after coming home from Euro 2004 and sitting down with my family and also asking (chief executive) Rick (Parry) for four meetings in two months and spending all the time with my agent and close family...I have decided that I am staying on with Liverpool Football Club, that I am 100 per cent committed to the football club."

MNA/Reuters

Barthez ready to call time on international future

PARIS, 30 June—France's goalkeeper Fabien Barthez has hinted at retiring from international soccer and said his decision would mainly depend on the identity of the new French coach.

"A lot will depend on the discussion I'll have with the future manager," Barthez told sports daily *L'Equipe*, adding he would be glad if his friend Laurent Blanc were appointed.

Retired defender Blanc and former Monaco and Fulham manager Jean Tigana are the two favourites for the departing Jacques Santini's job. "I'm friends with Tigana, I'm friends with 'Lolo' (Blanc) even though it's true I have more ties with Laurent, a deeper friendship," Barthez, who won the 1998 World Cup and 2000 European Championship with France, said.

MNA/Reuters



France's Amelie Mauresmo serves to Italy's Silvia Farina Elia, during their Women's Singles match at Wimbledon on Tuesday, 29 June, 2004. Mauresmo won the match 7-5, 6-3. — INTERNET

United say Ruud going nowhere

LONDON, 30 June—English Premier League giants Manchester United have strenuously denied the latest round of rumours surrounding a possible move of striker Ruud van Nistelrooy to Real Madrid.

The 27-year-old Dutchman has netted four goals for his country at Euro 2004, sparking talk of a move to Real Madrid as United seek to finance a deal for Everton's Wayne Rooney, the 4thgame.com reported.

However, Red Devils chief executive David Gill rejected the speculations.

"The level of reported interest shown by other clubs in Ruud shows what a great player he is and what an asset he is to us," he said. "The continued speculation is frustrating, but the key people, Alex Ferguson,

Ruud and the board of directors, know that he will be with us next season."

Van Nistelrooy said he would like to stay at Old Trafford.

"I'm sick of saying it, but I will say it again. I'm happy at United and I will be there next season and beyond," he said.

Van Nistelrooy joined United three years ago from PSV Eindhoven and has gone on to score 110 goals in 145 appearances for the Red Devils.

MNA/Xinhua

Hitzfeld is leading candidate to replace Voeller

BERLIN, 29 June—Ottmar Hitzfeld emerged as the leading candidate to succeed Rudi Voeller as German national coach on Monday after the German Football Association (DFB) confirmed it was in exclusive talks with the former Bayern man.

"I have been in contact with Ottmar Hitzfeld for days. There has not been any kind of direct or indirect contact with other coaches, including Christoph Daum," DFB President Gerhard Mayer-Vorfelder said in a statement.

The statement comes amid speculation that the DFB chief has been secretly favouring Daum and after critical reports that Mayer-Vorfelder wanted to handle the entire matter on his own.

Werner Hackmann, president of the Bundesliga (DFL), expressed his annoyance on Monday, saying he had not heard a word from the DFB chief since the pair spoke on Friday.

"That amazes me. It also amazes the league and the league does not think that it is the right way to go about it," Hackmann said on German radio station NDR.

"The national team is the interface between the DFB and professional football and so I believe that professional football should be involved. Aside from that, the league, or a large part of the league, has made clear that Daum would be a problem," he continued.

Daum, now with Turkey's Fenerbahce, was set to take charge after Germany failed to qualify for the knock-out phase at Euro 2000, but was discarded after testing positive for cocaine.

MNA/Reuters

Tyson to climb back in ring after 17 months

LONDON, 30 June—Mike Tyson will climb back into the ring for the first time in 17 months when the troubled and broke former-champion meets British heavyweight Danny Williams.

Tyson, who has not fought since a first-round knockout of Clifford Etienne in February 2003, announced on Tuesday that a July 30 date had been set for the bout in Louisville, Kentucky.

"I'm not here to be a tough guy, I'll be a tough guy on July 30," Tyson, told a media conference to announce the fight. "When I make my mind up, that's when I fight. I have been foolish not to fight."

He added: "I have not done a thing that has benefited me. You guys (the media) will be the judgement of whether I have the eye of the tiger or not."

The fight is the first in a plan developed by Tyson's lawyers to pay off his massive debts.

The self-proclaimed "baddest man on the planet," Tyson has amassed over 300 million US dollars in purses throughout a turbulent career but is now believed to owe 38 million US dollars to various creditors, including the Internal Revenue Service and his ex-wife Monica Turner.

According to reports, Tyson is now penniless and was quoted earlier this month as saying: "For two years I have been a bum, truly a bum in the streets. I've got nowhere to live."

"I've been crashing with friends, literally sleeping in shelters."

Once regarded as the most feared fighter of his generation, Tyson's fierce aura and savage skills have eroded through inactivity, fighting just twice in the last three years.

In fact, Tyson has fought just eight times since losing a re-match with Evander Holyfield in 1997, compiling a record of five wins, one loss and two no contests.

The defeat was a brutal beating at the hands of Lennox Lewis, who sent Tyson to the canvas with a thundering right in the eighth round in Memphis in June 2002.

But Tyson (50-4, 44 knockouts), who turns 38 on Wednesday, will still be expected to make a winning return to the ring against the journeyman Williams (31-3, 26 KOs).

A victory over the Londoner also set Tyson on a path to more big paydays and slow the downward spiral his career has been in since spending three years in prison after being convicted of rape in 1992.

He was also banned from boxing in 1997 after biting off part of Holyfield's ear in a title bout.

Tyson said: "I may have a checkered past, which we all have, some more publicized than others. But I think I've grown since then and I deserve another chance to prove that my checkered past can be swept away." — MNA/Reuters

Giuly aiming to help Barca end trophy drought

MADRID, 29 June—Barcelona new recruit Ludovic Giuly, who joined the club on Monday, has his sights set on helping the Catalan club end their five-year trophy drought.

"My objective is to win titles with Barcelona," the French midfielder told a news conference at the Nou Camp. "I'm very happy to be here and hope that the coach and the fans will be pleased with my performances."

"Barcelona are one of the biggest clubs in Europe and I think I can fit in well. I can't wait for things to get started and to join up my new team mates."

Barca said the 27-year-old, who played an instrumental role in guiding Monaco to the final of last season's Champions League, had signed a three-year contract with the club but did not reveal any details of the transfer fee.

Giuly was originally named in the France squad for Euro 2004, but was forced to pull out after sustaining a

groin injury in the Champions League final defeat by Porto.

Barcelona said medical tests conducted by club doctors showed the player had now recovered from the in-

jury. Knee ligament damage he suffered three years ago was also completely healed.

The Barcelona squad is set to undergo a major facelift ahead of next season.

MNA/Reuters

Sweden striker Larsson to sign for Barcelona

MADRID, 30 June—Sweden striker Henrik Larsson will undergo a medical at Barcelona at 1700 GMT prior to signing for the club, the Primera Liga side said on Tuesday.

The 32-year-old, who left Scottish champions Celtic at the end of last season, is scheduled to be presented to the media on Wednesday morning at 0800 GMT.

Larsson was persuaded to come out of international retirement to play for Sweden at Euro 2004 and scored three goals to help the Scandinavians reach the quarter-finals where they lost to the Netherlands on penalties.

Spanish media reported that Larsson, a free agent, will sign a two-year contract for a salary in the region of two million euros per season plus bonus payments. Larsson has scored 28 goals in 78 internationals for Sweden and won the Golden Boot award as the top scorer in European club football for his 35 goals for Celtic in 2000-2001. — MNA/Reuters



View into the Berlin Olympic stadium on Tuesday, 29 June, 2004, where the final of the Soccer World Cup 2006 in Germany will take place. After 48 months and two years before the World Cup of reconstruction the completion of the stadium will be finished at the end of July. — INTERNET

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Delegates of National Races submit proposals to Plenary Session of National Convention



NCCC Chairman Secretary-2 Lt-Gen Thein Sein signs attendance register at the Plenary Session of National Convention.—MNA

YANGON, 30 June—The Plenary Session of the National Convention continued at Pyidaungsu Hall of Nyaungnnapin Camp in Hmawby Township, Yangon Division, at 9 am today. Delegates of National Races Group which is one of the delegate groups to the National Convention read out proposals concerning detailed basic principles to be laid down for sharing of power in legislative, executive and judicial sectors to be included in writing the State Constitution.

Also present at the National Convention were Chairman of the National Convention Convening Commission Secretary-2 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein and Commission members, Chairman of the National Convention Convening Work Committee Chief Justice U Aung Toe and Work Committee members, Chairman of the National Convention Convening Management Committee Auditor-General Maj-Gen Lun Maung and Management Committee members, chairmen and officials of the sub-committees, media personnel, delegates of political parties of Kokang De-

mocracy and Unity Party, National Unity Party, Union Kayin League, Union Pa-O National Organization, Mro (or) Khami National Solidarity Organization, Lahu National Development Party and Wa National Development Party, representatives-elect of National Unity Party and Mro (or) Khami National Solidarity Organization and independent representatives-elect, delegates of national races from Kachin State, Kayah State, Kayin State, Chin State, Mon State, Rakhine State, Shan State (South), Shan State (North) and Shan State (East), Sagaing Division, Taninthayi Division, Bago Division, Magway Division, Mandalay Division, Yangon Division and Ayeyawady Division, delegates of peasants from Kachin State, Kayah State, Kayin State, Chin State, Mon State, Rakhine State, Shan State (South), Shan State (North) and Shan State (East), Sagaing Division, Taninthayi Division, Bago Division, Magway Division, Mandalay Division, Yangon Division and Ayeyawady Division, delegates of intellectual and intelligentsia, delegates of workers from Kachin State, Kayah State,

Kayin State, Chin State, Mon State, Rakhine State, Shan State (South), Shan State (North) and Shan State (East), Sagaing Division, Taninthayi Division, Bago Division, Magway Division, Mandalay Division, Yangon Division and Ayeyawady Division, delegates of State service personnel from the State Peace and Development Council Office, the President's Office, the Pyithu Hluttaw Office, the Government Office, the Supreme Court, the Attorney-General's Office, the Auditor-General's Office, the Multimedia Party Democracy General Election Commission's Office, Civil Service Selection and Training Board, Yangon City Development Committee, Mandalay City Development Committee and ministries, individual persons of the other invited delegates and delegates of peace groups from Shan State (North) Special Region-1, Shan State (North) Special Region-2, Shan State (North) Special Region-3, Shan State (East) Special Region-4, Shan State (North) Special Region-5 (KDA), Shan State (South) Special Region-6, Shan State (North) Special Region-7, Kachin State Special Region-1,

Kachin State Special Region-2, Kayah State Special Region-1, Kayah State Special Region-2, Kayah State Special Region-3, Kayinni National Democratic Party (KNDP) Dragon Group, Kayinni National Progressive Party (KNPP) (Splinter, Hoya), Kayinni National Unity and Solidarity Organization (Ka Ma Sa Nya), Shan State Nationalities People's Liberation Organization (Ya La La Pha), New Mon State Party, Democratic Kayin Buddhist Association (DKBA), Haungthayaw Special Region Group, the Nyeinchanyay Myothit Group of Hpa-an Township of Kayin State which exchanged arms for peace, Shan State National Army, the group led by U Saw Tun Oo of Rakhine State, Homein Region Welfare and Development Group, Shwepyithar (MTA) Group, Manpan Regional Militia Group, Mon Armed Peace Group (Changchi Region), Mon (Splinter) Nai Saik Chan Group and Arakanese Army (AA) which exchanged arms for peace.

Before the plenary session of the National Convention, Commission Chairman Secretary-2 Lt-Gen Thein Sein and Commission members, Chairman of the Work Committee Chief Justice U Aung Toe and Work Committee members, Chairman of the Management Committee Auditor-General

Maj-Gen Lun Maung and Management Committee members and the NC delegates signed the attendance registers at Pyidaungsu Hall where the National Convention is being held and the Recreation Centre.

U Mya Aye of the Delegate Group of Peasants presided over the plenary session together with National Convention Convening Work Committee member Daw Khin Nu, U Tun Yin Law of the Delegate Group of Political Parties, U Yaw Aye Hla of the Delegate Group of Representatives-elect, U Maung Hla (a) U Hla Myint of the Delegate Group of National Races, 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 National Convention Convening Work Committee acted as master of ceremonies and Deputy Director U Aung Kyi as co-master of ceremonies.

The master of ceremonies announced the start of the meeting with the permission of the chairman as there were 1,066 delegates out of 1,088 listed, account-

ing for 97.98 per cent.

Next, the Delegate Group of National Races read out proposals concerning detailed basic principles to be laid down for sharing of power in legislative, executive and judicial sectors to be included in writing the State Constitution. First, Daw Nant Ohnma Mya of Ayeyawady Division presented proposal of the Delegate Group of National Races — the sector on formation of Financial Commission, taxation and funds allotment among the Pyidaungsu and Regions or States in drafting the State Constitution. Daw Hsar Hsu of Chin State continued to read the proposal.

Next, U Aung Tun of Mandalay Division read out the proposal of the delegate group. Afterwards, the plenary session was recessed at 10.15 am.

The Plenary Session of the National Convention will continue at 9 am tomorrow.—MNA

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



With hands linked firm around the National Convention.