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Senior General Than Shwe sends congratulations to President of FRG

YANGON, 2 July— Senior General Than Shwe, Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of congratulations to His Excellency Mr Horst Kohler, who was sworn in on 1 July 2004 as President of the Federal Republic of Germany.—MNA

Senior General Than Shwe sends felicitations to Belarus

YANGON, 3 July— Senior General Than Shwe, Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr Alexander R Lukashenko, President of the Republic of Belarus, on the occasion of the Independence Day of the Republic of Belarus which falls on 3 July 2004.—MNA

State Peace and Development Council Chairman Senior General Than Shwe accepts credentials of Ambassador of Algeria

YANGON, 2 July— Mr Tewfik Abada, newly accredited Ambassador of the People's Democratic Republic of Algeria to the Union of Myanmar presented his credentials to Senior General Than Shwe, Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar, at Zeyathiri Beikman, Konmyintha, at 10 am today.

Also present on the occasion were State Peace and Development Council Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Soe Win, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Khin Maung Win and Director-General of Protocol Department Thura U Aung Htet.—MNA



Senior General Than Shwe accepts credentials of newly accredited Ambassador of Algeria Mr Tewfik Abada at Zeyathiri Beikman.— MNA



Senior General Than Shwe receives newly accredited Ambassador of Algeria Mr Tewfik Abada at Zeyathiri Beikman.— MNA

There are 51 e-learning centres, 143 Computer Training Centres, 49 e-Education Resource Centres based on Electronic Data Broadcasting System in the country Prime Minister addresses opening of Special Refresher Course No 5 for Faculty Members

YANGON, 2 July—The opening of the Special Refresher Course No 5 for Faculty Members took place at the Central Institute of Civil Service (Phaunggyi) in Hlegu Township here this morning, with an address by Chairman of the Myanmar Education

Committee Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt.

Also present on the occasion were Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe, ministers, the chairman of

the Civil Service Selection and Training Board, the Yangon mayor, deputy ministers, the Deputy Auditor-General, members of the CSSTB, officials of the State Peace and Development Council Office, departmental heads, rectors of

universities and colleges, the rector of the CICS (Phaunggyi), deans, faculty members, and trainees.

The Prime Minister in his speech said: If you study the international situation today, you will be aware of the amazing developments

in science and technology, with the world's nations keenly competing with each other to utilize these modern developments for the benefit of their country and people and to safeguard their national interests.

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

PERSPECTIVES

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Myanmar women with high efficiency

The national goal of the State is emergence of a peaceful, modern and developed nation. Thanks to the leadership of the Government, correct policies and active participation of the entire national people, one can witness today the good foundations for development of the State.

On the international scene today, it can be seen that some developed nations are doing everything in their power to widen the gaps of prosperity and poverty, wealth and technology and the development momentum among the nations.

They exert pressure and practise discrimination in order to manipulate nations like Myanmar and bring them under their influence and control.

In such a situation, concerted efforts are to be made for development of the State and its people while striving for the nation to be able to stand tall among the nations of the world.

With this end in view, the Government, enlisting the united strength within, is endeavouring for national development. In the process, opportunities are created not only for departments but also for intellectual and intelligentsia and members of social organizations enabling them to take part in nation-building tasks. As the entire national people are actively participating in endeavours for national development, systematic measures are also being taken for Myanmar women folk to be able to take part in the tasks. Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation was formed with the aim of carrying out the tasks for development of the Myanmar women sector.

Throughout the country, MWAFF is exerting efforts for development of the women sector, and members of the organizations for Women's Affairs in states, divisions, districts and townships are also taking part in the activities for raising the education, health, social and cultural standard.

The State, after laying down effective policies for women, is encouraging Myanmar women to be outstanding and thus, there have emerged brilliant Myanmar women entrepreneurs in the economic sector.

Encouragement is also being given to Myanmar women engineers and thus they are actively taking part in the construction sector. Yenwe bridge opened in Bago Division may be seen as the proof of the ability of Myanmar women engineers and it is the first ever bridge built by them in the country.

At a time when efforts are being made to promote the efficiency of Myanmar women, we would like to urge Myanmar women folk to take part in endeavours for national development under the leadership of the Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation.

ကုသကာကွယ် မူးယစ်အန္တရာယ်

- ၁။ မူးယစ်ဆေးဝါးသုံးစွဲလျှင် အသုံးပြုရောင်း အသားဝါရောဂါ၊ အသွယ်ခြောက်ရောဂါ၊ အသွယ်၊ ကင်ဆာရောဂါ၊ သွေးဆိပ်တက်ခြင်းနှင့် နှလုံးရောဂါ၊ အဆုတ်ရောဂါများ၊ ခုခံအားကျဆင်းမှုရောဂါ (AIDS) နှင့်၊ စိတ်ပိုင်းဆိုင်ရာရောဂါများ စသည်တို့ ဖြစ်ပွားနိုင် သည်အပြင်၊ စီးပွားရေးနှင့် လူမှုရေးများ ထိခိုက်ပျက်ပြား ခြင်း၊ ဥပဒေအရ အရေးယူခံရခြင်းတို့ဖြစ်နိုင်သည်။
- ၂။ ထို့ကြောင့် အဆိုပါဒုက္ခများမှ ကင်းဝေးစေရန်၊ မူးယစ်ဆေးဝါးကို လုံးဝ ရှောင်ကြဉ်ပါ။
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ကျန်းမာရေးဝန်ကြီးဌာန

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

A-1 Soe Myint modern music troupe entertains NC delegates

YANGON, 2 July — The Entertainment and Welfare Subcommittee of the National Convention Convening Management Committee is organizing programmes to entertain delegates to the National Convention at the gymnasium of Nyaungnapin Camp every evening.

Yesterday evening, A-1 Soe Myint modern music troupe presented entertainment programmes. Chairman of the National Convention Convening Commission Secretary-2 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein enjoyed the entertainment programmes. Next, he presented cash prizes and cordially greeted the artistes.

Also present on the occasion were Vice-Chairman of the Commission Minister for Electric Power Maj-Gen Tin Htut, Secretary Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan and Commission members, Chairman of the National Convention Convening Work Committee Chief Justice U Aung Toe, Vice-Chairman Attorney-General U Aye Maung, Secretary U Thaung Nyunt and Work Committee members, Management Committee members, members of respective subcommittees and the delegates.

Vocalists May Barani Khaing, Tekkatho Ko Ko Zaw, Hsu Shar Latt, Khaing Ye, Haymar Nay Win, Tin Oo Lay, Academy Myint Myint Khin, Than Myat Soe, Academy Cho Pyone, Khin Maung Htoo, Aye Aye Aung, Maung Tun Min, Nwe Yin Win, Kaytu Win Htut, K Ja Nu, Maung Maung Gyi, Hsu Yi, Yaza Win Tint, G Zone Ki, Gangawtaw Myo Aung and Tin Tin Mya presented songs and dances to the accompaniment of the A-1 Soe Myint modern music troupe. Next, they sang the song titled "Zarti Mann" (National Spirit) in chorus.



NCCC Chairman State Peace and Development Council Secretary-2 Lt-Gen Thein Sein presents cash award to the A-1 Soe Myint modern music troupe. — MNA

Afterwards, Commission Chairman Secretary-2 Lt-Gen Thein Sein presented K 200,000 to the artistes through A-1 Soe Myint and vocalist Tin Tin Mya. Next, member of the Commission Brig-Gen Nyan Win of the Ministry of Defence and delegate Dr Khin Shwe (Zay Gabar) of Delegate Group of National Races presented K 100,000 each to the artistes through A-1 Soe Myint. Moreover, the delegates presented cash prizes to the vocalists while entertainment programme was in progress. After the programmes, Commission Chairman Secretary-2 Lt-Gen Thein Sein and members cordially greeted the artistes. — MNA

POEM:

MWAFF

- * We are ordinary women
With varied feelings common in human;
Joy and sorrow, love and hatred, anger and fear,
Family hopes for the future far and near.
- * Once slim bodies with lovely curves
Right on scale and on the graph;
Middle age spread round the belt
Little by little we collect extra fat.
- * Not to waste whatever's left
All the food our stomachs get;
Like pictures "before" and "after"
Brag of "a slim figure" now brings only laughter.
- * No longer slim, no longer thin
No model contest shall we win;
And yet with our bigger hearts growing with age,
We've more room for others outside the family range.
- * With open eyes and outstretched hands,
Let's all join in the organization so grand;
United and strong will we stand
To promote women's sector in our golden land.

Aye Aye

Jade and Gems Special Sales conclude

YANGON, 2 July — Gem lots were sold through tender system and competitive bidding system at Special Jade Sale 2004, which entered the fourth day today. Foreign gem merchants bought 31 lots of jewels at 3.40 pm.

U Win Te, Director-General of the Geological Survey and Mineral Exploration Department and member of the Central Committee for Jade and Gems Special Sales, presented a mosaic painting to Ms Sathinee Mahadum Rongkiet, the biggest buyer at the sale. A total of 468 jade lots were sold within three days from 29 June to 1 July, and 31 lots of jewels today. A total of 870 gem merchants — 487 foreign gem merchants from 189 companies of seven countries and 383 local gem merchants from 129 local companies — visited the gem sale and bought jade and gems. — MNA

Construction Minister inspects unloading of steel frames

YANGON, 1 July—Minister for Construction Maj-Gen Saw Tun, together with Deputy Minister Brig-Gen Myint Thein, Managing Director of Public Works U Nay Soe Naing and officials, inspected unloading of steel frames and related materials from MV Liang Shan at Sule Wharf No 6 this afternoon. The construction materials that arrived under the arrangements of Myanmar Five Star Line are for Ayeyawady Bridge (Yadanabon) Project being built on Ayeyawady River, Patheingyi Bridge (Ngawun) Project on Ngawun River, and Twantay Bridge Project on Twantay Canal. The minister gave instructions to engineers in charge of Public Works on secure and smooth transport for ensuring arrival of the materials at the respective projects as soon as possible. — MNA



Minister for Construction Maj-Gen Saw Tun inspects unloading of steel frames at Sule wharf. — MNA

Undeterred, guerillas keep up deadly attacks across Iraq

BAGHDAD, 1 July—Guerillas staged deadly attacks across this sweltering country on Thursday in their tenacious efforts to drive out American troops and their allies.

The strikes showed that the insurgency was still robust and its anger still raging despite the formal transfer of sovereignty to an interim Iraqi government on Monday and the formal beginning of Iraqi legal proceedings against Saddam Hussein on Thursday. An American military official said the average number of daily attacks had remained steady through the transfer. Guerrillas are using the same tactics they have been honing in the last few months, from planting roadside bombs to assassinating

Iraqi officials seen as collaborators.

In an early sign of welcome for the interim government from an Arab nation, the Jordanian leader, King Abdullah II, said he might be willing to send troops to Iraq. In an interview with the BBC on Thursday, he said, "I presume that if the Iraqis ask us directly for help, it would be very difficult to say no." In the past, Jordan has declined to send soldiers.

Jordan, which maintains close relations with the United States, borders Iraq

"If we don't stand with them, if they fail then we all pay the price," Abdullah said.

In the northern town of Mosul, a roadside bomb ripped into a military convoy on the southern outskirts of the city, killing an American soldier and wounding two others, the American military said. It also said a marine had been killed in western Iraq, possibly around the volatile city of Falluja, but gave no details.

Falluja has become a safe haven for anti-American fighters who answer to hard-

line Sunni clerics. Foreign jihadists, Hussein supporters and disaffected young men roam the streets, armed with rocket-propelled grenades and AK-47 rifles. Insurgent groups have kidnapped and occasionally killed foreign civilians passing through the area.

At least 855 American soldiers have died since the invasion of Iraq in March 2003.—*Internet*

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Soldier from US-led force killed in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 1 July—One soldier from the US-led force in Iraq was killed and two wounded on Thursday when their convoy was attacked with a roadside bomb outside the northern city of Mosul, a US military spokesman said.

The spokesman declined to give the nationalities of the victims of the attack, which occurred to the south of the city. US forces are present in the Mosul area.

Before the latest attack, the death toll of US soldiers killed in Iraq since last year's invasion was at least 632.

Internet

853 US soldiers killed since beginning of military operations in Iraq last year

WASHINGTON, 2 July—As of Thursday, 1 July, 853 US service members have died since the beginning of military operations in Iraq last year, according to the Defence Department. Of those, 632 died as a result of hostile action and 221 died of non-hostile causes.

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

Since 1 May, 2003, when President Bush declared that major combat

operations in Iraq had ended, 715 US soldiers have died - 523 as a result of hostile action and 192 of non-hostile causes.

The latest deaths reported by US Central Command:

— A soldier died in a non-combat related vehicle accident Wednesday just north of the Iraq-Kuwait border.

— A soldier was killed Thursday by an explosive attack on a convoy south of Mosul, Iraq.

— A Marine was killed Thursday in Iraq's Al Anbar Province while conducting security and stability operations.

Internet

ASEAN FMs pledge more action for ASEAN Community

JAKARTA, 1 July — Foreign ministers of the 10-member Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN) concluded their annual meeting here Wednesday with a pledge to take action to achieve an ASEAN Community by 2020.

The ministers reaffirmed in a joint communique the commitment to establish an ASEAN Community and prepared the plans of action for the ASEAN Security Community (ASC) and the ASEAN Socio-Cultural Community (ASCC) to be endorsed by leaders in the coming ASEAN summit.

The ASC and the ASCC are two of the three pillars supporting the envisioned ASEAN Community. Another pillar is the ASEAN Economic Community.

The ministers agreed that

the ASC would lead to an ASEAN that is at peace with one another and with the world at large, strengthen regional capacities to deal with security challenges and strengthen ASEAN relations with dialogue partners.

They wanted to build a single market and production base in the area with free flow of goods, services, investment and skilled labour for common prosperity, adding they were confident that the deepening and broadening economic integration would lead to a stable, pros-

perous, and highly competitive ASEAN region.

The ministers reaffirmed the importance of the Treaty of Amity and Cooperation in East Asia. They said this treaty is the key code of conduct governing relations between states and diplomatic instruments for the promotion of peace and stability in the region. They also reiterated commitment to enhance cooperation with nations outside the ASEAN region in the strengthening of international peace, security and stability. — *MNA/Xinhua*



An Iraqi boy surveys the damage of his house after a US airstrike in the restive town of Fallujah, western Iraq, on 1 July, 2004. — INTERNET

Two China-Vietnam Beibu Gulf agreements take effect

HANOI, 1 July— China and Vietnam on Wednesday held a ceremony here to exchange documents on approving an agreement on the demarcation of the territorial waters, the exclusive economic zones and the continental shelf of the two countries in the Beibu Gulf.

Meanwhile, the two countries also exchanged documents on coming into force of an agreement on Beibu Gulf fishery cooperation. As a result, the Beibu Gulf Demarcation Agreement and the Beibu Gulf Fishery Cooperation Agreement, which were signed by China and Vietnam on December 25, 2000 in Beijing, officially came into effect as of June 30, 2004.

At the ceremony, Wang Yi, Chinese Vice-Minister of Foreign Affairs and head of the Chinese delegation, and Vu Dung, Vietnamese Deputy Minister of Foreign Affairs and the head of the ministry's Border Department, signed and exchanged the documents.

On the same day, Vietnamese Deputy

Minister Vu Khoan met with Wang Yi, saying that the taking effect of the two agreements is a significant event in the two countries' relations, which creates conditions for building stability and peace in the Beibu Gulf, and helps enhance their friendly and comprehensive ties.

Wang Yi stated the signing and taking effect of the two agreements are results of attention paid by leaders of the two countries, the direction of the two governments, and the joint efforts of the two sides, and are beneficial to the peace and stability for the Sino-Vietnamese border, the long-term peace and stability in the Beibu Gulf, and the brighter future development of the relations between the two countries.— *MNA/Xinhua*

Marine killed in action in western Iraq

BAGHDAD, 1 July— A US Marine was killed in action on Thursday in western Iraq, scene of clashes between American troops and guerillas on the outskirts of Fallujah.

The US military issued a statement saying a Marine had been killed while conducting security operations in the western Anbar province, but gave no further details.

Overnight, US forces launched a strike on what they said was a safehouse belonging to Jordanian-born militant Abu Musab al-Zarqawi in Falluja, and witnesses said US forces clashed with guerillas on the edge of the city.

Hospital sources said at least six people were killed and 15 wounded in the strike, including women and children.

Witnesses said several US military ve-

hicles were damaged in the clashes on the eastern edge of the city and at least four guerillas were wounded.

The US military had no immediate comment on the clashes and it was unclear whether they were linked to the death of the Marine.

Fighting between US Marines and guerillas in Falluja killed hundreds of Iraqis in April. A truce was later agreed under which Marines withdrew from the city.

The latest death brought to at least 633 the number of US troops who have been killed since the start of last year's invasion to oust Saddam Hussein.— *Internet*



Iraqi National Guard soldiers head out on an evening patrol from Camp Victory near Baghdad, on Thursday, 1 July, 2004. — INTERNET

18 Indians being forced to work in Iraq

CHENNAI, 1 July—A group of 18 Indians have allegedly been sneaked into Iraq without their consent and are now trapped in a camp at Fallujah.

It all happened during October 2003 and March 2004, when a Mumbai-based recruiting agency, Jasper International, acting on behalf of their principals, Daoud & Partners Catering Company, sought applications from prospective employees, with a catering background, for assignments in Jordan. All the 18 members were recruited for the Jordan-based military catering firm.

Jasper's MD denied his company was involved in any wrongdoing. "We have been in this business for more than 20 years. We stick to

the contract rules always. In this specific case, the employment was for Jordan and I don't know how they reached Iraq," N R Prasad told TNN in Mumbai. He said he was contacting his Jordanian principals.

The relatives of the trapped men, however, had a different tale to tell.

"My brother, Antonio Maximilian, 40, who was working with a cruise line, took up the offer as a pastry chef for a monthly salary of \$1,680. He left India on 27 March and landed in Jordan. The passport had a seal from the government saying

'For Employment in Jordan.' On arrival in Jordan, they got the visa copy (which was in Arabic) read and came to know it was just a transit visa. We wonder how one could one get an immigration clearance to work in Jordan with a transit visa," Princy Fernando, his sister, said.

She said her brother called her and told her he was packed off to Iraq on arrival in Jordan.

"He has been asked to work in B3 Fallujah Camp in Iraq. After a month, on April 23, he resigned and asked for his pay and wanted to head

back to Chennai," she said.

But there has been no information about when they will leave Iraq and come to their homeland.

"Two days back, the Baghdad embassy was contacted, wherein the detained Indians were told it will take some time to arrange for visas, as the new administration has just taken control of the war-ravaged country," she said.

The Indian Embassy in Baghdad on Thursday offered to keep them in the embassy building pending their transfer to India.

Internet

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Marine declared captured in Iraq by Pentagon

WASHINGTON, 1 July—Missing US Marine Cpl Wassef Hassoun was formally declared captured by the Defence Department on Thursday, days after an extremist group in Iraq released a videotape of Hassoun and threatened to kill him.

Hassoun, 24, of Salt Lake City, was last seen on 19 June in Al Anbar Province and was initially reported as missing when he failed to show up for duty on 20 June.

"While his absence initially prompted investigators to believe he was missing, a video shown on international television on 27 June depicted the Marine being held against his will by masked captors," the Pentagon said.

"The circumstances regarding his capture remain under investigation."

The New York Times reported on Wednesday that Hassoun may have deserted the military in Iraq because he was emotionally traumatized and was abducted by his captors while trying to make his way to his native Lebanon.

Internet

Rockets hit two Baghdad hotels, at least three hurt

BAGHDAD, 1 July—Rockets hit two central Baghdad hotels used by foreigners and Iraqi officials on Friday morning and guards outside one of them said at least three people were wounded or killed.

Outside the Baghdad Hotel, guards refused to let journalists approach, saying there were at least three casualties.

The Ishtar Sheraton Hotel was also hit but staff said nobody in the hotel had been wounded. An empty bus was in flames outside a mosque opposite the Sheraton, sending a column of black smoke into the sky.

The bus was in flames in Firdaws Square, where a statue of Saddam Hussein was symbolically toppled live on television when US troops took the city last April. Saddam appeared in court on Thursday to hear charges

against him.

Nearby, police found a pickup truck flipped over on its side with 17 rocket launchers and a crude firing mechanism inside. Police said they believed three rockets had been fired from the truck and the force of launching them had flipped it over.

US and Iraqi security forces have been on high alert this week, fearing spectacular attacks to coincide with the formal handover of sovereignty to an Iraqi government which took place on Monday, two days earlier than planned. —Internet



A US Army soldier stands guard in Firdous Square in front of the Sheraton, left, and Palestine hotels in Baghdad, on 2 July, 2004. — INTERNET

Japan to help Thailand train automobile workers

BANGKOK, 1 July—Thailand and Japan will cooperate in a plan to train 400,000 skilled Thai workers over the next 10 years in face of increased automobile production in the country, local newspaper reported here Wednesday.

The project, which aims to develop enough skilled workers to support the rapid growth in the automotive industry, will cost some 1.5 billion bahts (about 35.7 million US dollars), Ninnart Chaithirapinyo, chairman of Federation of Thai Industries' automotive and auto parts industry club, was quoted by the newspaper Bangkok Post as saying.

The expense will be shared by Thai Ministry of Industry, the Thailand Automotive Institute and local automakers and part suppliers and Japan External Trade Organi-

zation (Jetro) and Japan's Ministry of Economy, Trade and Industry.

Automotive plants in Thailand plan to double their capacity to 1.8 million units in 2011. And a shortage of engineers and technicians may appear once the production capacity doubles within the next seven years.

To meet the increasingly strict requirements of Japanese auto assembly plants, the project will also upgrade the skills of existing engineers and technicians, in particular those working for auto parts suppliers.

MNA/Xinhua



A local resident inspects a burnt-out minibus with a multiple rocket launcher inside, in Firdous Square next to the Sheraton Hotel in Baghdad, Iraq, on Friday, 2 July, 2004.

INTERNET

China's Cabinet approves energy development programme

BEIJING, 1 July—China's Cabinet approved in principle the draft of China's medium- and long-term energy development programme, covering the period from 2004 to 2020, at its executive meeting Wednesday.

The meeting, chaired by Premier Wen Jiabao, held that to solve China's energy problem, efforts must be made in the following areas:

— Make energy conservation the top priority. Energy conservation systems and measures should be carried out comprehensively and strictly to substantially improve the efficiency of energy utilization.

— Adjust and optimize the energy structure. Pursue an energy development strategy

with coal forming the mainstay and electricity the centre of the energy structure, while promoting comprehensive development of oil, gas and new forms of energy.

— Work for a rational geographic distribution of energy development projects that takes into account of the needs of all areas, and the factors of production, transport and consumption. Energy and communication projects should develop in a coordinated way.

— Fully tap both domestic

and overseas resources and markets. While making domestic energy exploration, exploitation and construction projects as the basis, China should also actively participate in energy resource cooperation and development projects around the world.

— Rely on scientific and technological advance and innovation. Advanced technology should be adopted and scientific management should be beefed up.

MNA/Xinhua

King of Thailand to inaugurate first subway system

BANGKOK, 1 July—The King of Thailand will officially open the country's first subway system on 3 July, the Thai News Agency said here Wednesday.

According to the Mass Rapid Transit Authority of Thailand (MRTA), King Bhumibol Adulyadej will preside over a ceremony to inaugurate the country's first underground train system in Bangkok at 6.30 pm on Saturday.

The inauguration of the subway's first "Chalerm Rajamongkol" route will be

broadcast live nationwide by local TV stations, said the MRTA.

After the ceremony, all 18 stations of the subway system will open immediately to the public with a special fare of 10 bahts each throughout the route.

The special fare will be offered till August 12, and then increase to 14-36 bahts each

depending on the distance of a journey, with additional two bahts at every next station.

Passengers will also be offered a special 15-per-cent discount throughout the route from August 13, 2004 to July 4, 2005.

The underground train system will be on service everyday from 6.00 am to 12.00 pm. — MNA/Xinhua

Roh Moo-hyun replaces 3 Cabinet members

SEOUL, 2 July— President Roh Moo-hyun carried out a minor shakeup of his Cabinet Wednesday that affected three posts handling inter-Korean relations, welfare and culture, according to South Korean news agency Yonhap.

Chung Dong-young, a 51-year-old TV anchor-turned-politician, became the new Unification Minister, replacing Jeong Se-hyun, who had served in the post since 2002. Chung, who once headed the ruling party, is considered one of the party's front-running presidential hopefuls in the 2007 elections.

MNA/Xinhua

India to phase out "MIG-21" fighter aircraft

NEW DELHI, 1 July— Indian Defence Minister Pranab Mukherjee said Wednesday that the fighter fleet of MIG-21 will be phased out gradually from the Indian Air Force (IAF).

The planes which are aged and old are anyway retired from the Air Force, the Press Trust of India quoted Mukherjee as saying.

MNA/Xinhua

US milt attacks Zargawi's safehouse in Fallujah

FALLUJAH (Iraq), 1 July— The US military said on Thursday they had attacked a safehouse belonging to Abu Musab al-Zarqawi, the Jordanian militant Washington says is allied to Osama bin Laden and al-Qaeda.

It said the attack took place in a suburb of the restive city of Fallujah, but gave no further details, although witnesses said four people were killed when a house in the city was hit by a missile fired from a US warplane.

"On June the 30th, multinational forces conducted another strike on a known Zarqawi network safehouse in southwest Fallujah based on multi-confirmations of Iraqi and multinational intelligence," Brigadier-General Mark Kimmitt, deputy director of operations for the US military in Iraq, said in a

statement.

Witnesses said four bodies had been pulled from the house in a southwest suburb of the city and that residents were going through the rubble to see if there were any survivors.

"The house was completely destroyed. It is basically rubble," said one resident in Fallujah, where fierce fighting occurred between US Marines and guerillas in April.

"The strike left a huge hole where the building was," the resident said, declining to be named.—MNA/Reuters



Iraqis survey a large crater caused by a US airstrike in the restive town of Fallujah on 1 July, 2004. At least four people were killed when US forces attacked and destroyed what they said was a 'safehouse' belonging to the Jordanian militant Washington views as its top guerilla target in Iraq, Abu Musab al-Zarqawi. —INTERNET

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Iraqi authorities to enforce curfew in Najaf

BAGHDAD, 1 July— The Iraqi authorities in the Shiite holy city of Najaf will enforce a curfew from 8.30 pm (1630 GMT) to 6.30 am (0230 GMT), starting on Wednesday night, to help maintain security, the police said.

The police have increased patrols around the city, some 160 kilometres south of Baghdad. They also set up more checkpoints, the police said.

Najaf was the scene of fierce battles between militiamen loyal to radical Iraqi Shiite Muslim leader Moqtada al-Sadr against the US-led occupation forces until early this month.

Although most of Sadr's forces allowed police to deploy around the city on 4 June, they have refused to relinquish the shrine of Ali, the burial place of the Prophet Mohammed's son-in-law, a revered Shiite figure.

In a sign that tensions were easing, Sadr a week ago told those members of his Mehdi Army who do not live in this holy city to go home.

MNA/Xinhua

Syria says ready to develop relations with Iraq

DAMASCUS, 1 July— Syrian Vice-President Abdul Halim Khaddam said on Wednesday that Syria is ready to develop its relations with Iraq in various fields, the official SANA news agency reported.

Khaddam made the remarks while receiving an Iraqi delegation representing heads of the tribes of the Salah Eddin Governorate headed by Mishaan al-Jabari.

Khaddam reiterated Syria's keenness on Iraq's national unity as well as its support for the Iraqi people to get out of their plight, SANA said.

For its part, the delegation briefed Khaddam on the suffering of the Iraqi people due to the American occupation, the report said. The Iraqi delegation expressed relief over Syria's support to the Iraqi people, SANA said. — MNA/Xinhua

CPC leadership studies ways to improve governing capability

BEIJING, 2 July — Leading members of the Communist Party of China (CPC) gathered Tuesday afternoon to study ways to improve the Party's governing capability in their 14th collective study session.

Chairing the session, open to members of the Political Bureau of the CPC Central Committee, General Secretary of the CPC Central Committee Hu Jintao stressed conscientiously summarizing the Party's experience in improving governing capability, conducting in-depth analysis and study of the new situation and issues, and energetically strengthening construction of the Party's governing theory so as to provide strong theoretical support to the Party's efforts to improve governing capability.

Hu said strengthening the Party's governing capability is required by the historical missions shouldered by the CPC. It is an important subject that has bearings on the process of building a well-off society in an all-round way, the success or failure of the socialist cause and the lasting peace and stability of the Party and the State.

He said the Party has made significant governing achievements that have attracted the attention of the world and accumulated rich governing experience. The experience should be steadfastly adhered to, be made full use of and be enriched

and developed continuously in practice.

As China has a different historical culture, social system and development level from other countries, the Party should not indiscriminately copy governing practices and measures of other ruling parties in the world. However, it should study and borrow from their useful practices to broaden its vision and thoughts and better grasp the approach to improving the Party's governing capability with the gen-

eral situation of the world's political and economic development in mind, he said.

As the 83rd birthday of the Party approaches, Hu also sent greetings to all the CPC members and workers for Party affairs across the country on behalf of the CPC Central Committee.

Professor Huang Zongliang of Beijing University and Professor Lu Xianfu of the Party School of the CPC Central Committee made presentations to the session. — MNA/Xinhua

Chinese V-P emphasizes introduction of best banking practice

BEIJING, 1 July— Chinese Vice-Premier Huang Ju said here Wednesday that China's banking supervisors urgently need to learn from best international practices so as to explore a route of supervision that complies with both China's real conditions and international norms.

Huang made the remark during his meeting with international bankers who are here to attend the second meeting of the international advisory committee of the China Banking Regulatory Commission (CBRC).

Huang thanked the members of the advisory committee for their diligent work and advice on the development of China's banking sector. He said as a newly emerging market economy, China places importance on the vital role of the financial industry in economic growth.

Over the past few years, China has taken major steps forward in the reform and opening up of the financial sector. Huang said China has enhanced the effectiveness of

financial regulation and service, strengthened the legal infrastructure and supervision of the finance and improved the quality and operating efficiency of financial assets.

However, Huang said there are still some problems to be addressed through deepening reform, perfecting legal framework, strengthening supervision and improving competence training of personnel in the financial sector.

Huang said the Chinese banking sector is the main stay of the country's financial system. Since its establishment last year, the CBRC has played an active role in strengthening supervision, pushing forward reform and promoting development of the banking sector, Huang said.— MNA/Xinhua

El Al flights to Turkey remain grounded

JERUSALEM, 1 July— El Al Israel Airlines flights to Istanbul remain grounded due to lack of agreement over Turkey's decision to change security arrangements at Ataturk Airport, the airline said on Wednesday.

An El Al official said a decision would be made later on Wednesday whether to cancel flights for the weekend.

"A solution may be found in a day or two but we have to find solutions for our passengers," said the official, who asked not to be named.

El Al, Israel's national carrier and widely considered the most security-conscious airline, halted the flights late last week due to changes in security arrangements at Ataturk Airport. It gave no details but said the flights were suspended because of Turkey's refusal to uphold agreed security arrangements.

Israeli media have reported Turkey aims to limit the number of El Al security guards posted at the airport, contrary to what El Al said was previously agreed.

MNA/Reuters



Fallujah residents sift through debris in Fallujah, Iraq, on 1 July, 2004, after the US military launched another airstrike on a suspected hideout of Abu Musab al-Zarqawi. It was the fourth attack this month against suspected guerilla targets in the city. INTERNET

Some 250 Iraqi scientists killed since last April

BAGHDAD, 2 July—A total of 250 Iraqi scientists were killed or assassinated since April 2003, local newspaper *Al Mada* reported Thursday.

The paper quoted statistics released by the University Professors League as saying that 250 professors of universities, institutions, and scientific establishments fell victims to killings or assassinations across the country since last April.

"This emphasizes that there are certain

parties behind that and want to deny Iraq the special knowledgeable minds," said Issam al-Rawi, chairman of the league.

Rawi pointed out that the series of assassinations, kidnappings, and threats had made more than 1,000 university professors flee the country.

Al Mustansiriyah University alone recorded about 13 cases of murders, threats, and kidnappings for ransoms, the chairman added. — *MNA/Xinhua*

Iran says US nuke weapons charges all "lies"

WARSAW, 1 July — Iran's top nuclear negotiator said on Wednesday US accusations that a Teheran former military site had been used for atomic weapons research were all "lies".

The United States suspects Iran conducted weapons research at a facility in Lavizan, near a military installation in the Iranian capital Teheran. Suspicions were further raised when all buildings, roads and walkways at the site were destroyed, and much of the topsoil scraped away between August 2003 and May 2004, according to photographs provided to *Reuters* by a think tank.

But during a visit to War-

saw, Hassan Rohani, Secretary-General of Iran's Supreme National Security Council, said the Lavizan site was razed to help solve a dispute between the city council, which owned the site, and the Army.

"Iran does not perform any atomic weapons activities. These are all accusations brought by the United States...until now everything that the US has said about Iran has been a lie," he added.

For more than a year the United States has been pushing for the UN Security Council to consider possible sanctions on Iran in connection with its suspected arms programme, but Rohani said the calls were unjustified.

"There is no reason why the United Nations should place any sanctions upon Iran — we are not guilty of anything. These are all myths created by the United States."

— *MNA/Reuters*

Chinese President meets Fijian PM

BEIJING, 1 July— Chinese President Hu Jintao said here Wednesday that China is ready to work with the Fijian side and push forward bilateral relations under the guidance of the China-Fiji joint declaration.

Hu told visiting Fijian Prime Minister Laisenia Qarase that there are many favourable conditions for the growth of bilateral relations as the two countries are both developing countries in the Asia-Pacific Region and, trusting each other politically and conducting mutually beneficial economic cooperation.

China and Fiji established full diplomatic relations 29 years ago. Hu noted that bilateral relations have had fruitful results in such areas as economy, trade, culture and education. China appreciates the one-China policy upheld by the Fijian Government and its support of China's reunification cause, he said.

Qarase said his current visit to China has been fruitful as the two sides have reached consensus on strengthening cooperation in different areas.

— *MNA/Xinhua*

Photo exhibition on six Arab states held in Beijing

BEIJING, 1 July—A photo exhibition on landscapes and local cultures of six Arab states of the Gulf by a Chinese photographer was held here Wednesday.

The pictures for the exhibition were taken by Bai Xueyi, a Chinese photographer and a member of the China Photographers' Association. They reveal the beautiful landscapes and local cultures of the six Gulf Arab states, which are the United Arab Emirates, Kuwait, Saudi Arabia, Qatar, Bahrain and Oman.

The exhibition is the first of its kind in the history of the exchanges among China and the Arab countries, said an official with the organization committee, adding that it will efficiently promote further development of the cultural exchanges and friendly relations among China and the six Arab countries of the Gulf.

From 1997 to 2000, Bai visited the Arab states several times, taking more than ten thousand pictures. This exhibition will showcase 150 of the pictures.

— *MNA/Xinhua*

A US helicopter hovers over the scene of an explosion as Iraqi police gather to investigate in central Baghdad on 1 July, 2004. — INTERNET

Four Iraqi guards killed in clash with guerillas

SAMARRA (Iraq), 2 July— Four Iraqi bodyguards were killed on Thursday when guerillas attacked the house of an official working with the country's new interim government, the official said.

Gunfire echoed through the northern town of Samarra when masked militants with rifles and rocket launchers attacked the house hours after US troops pulled back from the town to allow Iraqi forces to take over security,

witnesses said.

Adnan Thabet, working as an adviser to Iraq's Ministry of the Interior, told *Reuters* four of his guards were killed in the attack on his home. Other residents said the militants also burned down a house.

It was unclear if any of the attackers were killed.

Guerillas opposed to the presence of US troops in Iraq have frequently targeted officials they accuse of collaborating with American forces.

Iraq's new interim government formally took over from the US-led administration in Iraq on Monday, pledging to tackle militants sowing chaos in the country.

— *MNA/Reuters*



A vehicle burns in Firdous Square, Baghdad, on 2 July, 2004 after an explosion. INTERNET

Thai King approves Cabinet reshuffle

BANGKOK, 2 July— Thailand's constitutional monarch, King Bhumibol Adulyadej, Thursday gave approval for the appointment of Suwat Liptapanlop as Deputy Prime Minister and Anuthin Chanveerakul as Deputy Health Minister, Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra told reporters.

Both are lawmakers of Chart Pattana Party, which had pulled out of the ruling coalition in November after refusing Thaksin's demand of a merger with his Thai Rak Thai Party.

Suwat Liptapanlop and Anuthin Chanveerakul from the Chat Patana Party, former coalition of Thaksin's Thai Rak Thai party, were included into the new Cabinet on Thursday morning, Thaksin was quoted by the state-run *Thai News Agency* (TNA) as saying.

Meanwhile, former Deputy Interior Minister Pramuan Ruchanaseree and the former Public Health Minister Sirikorn

Maneerin have been appointed as the prime minister's advisers.

It is the ninth Cabinet reshuffle during the three and a half years that Thaksin was in the office of prime minister.

He said the latest Cabinet reshuffle and inclusion of Chat Patana Party to his coalition government would help to rule the country better.

Analysts, however, believe that Thaksin added the two Chat Patana Party members to his coalition government to reinforce the Thai Rak Thai Party so as to guarantee victory in the next general elections to be held on January 5, 2005.

The reincclusion of Chat Patana Party gave 30 more seats to Thaksin's Thai Rak Thai Party, which won a landslide victory in the 2001 elections and now had 365 seats in the current Parliament, compared with 135 for the opposition.

— *MNA/Xinhua*

ASEAN to overcome challenges, seize opportunities towards integration

JAKARTA, 1 July — The 37th Ministerial Meeting of the Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN) declared here Wednesday its determination to overcome the challenges and seize the opportunities of the time.

Closing the one-day meeting, Indonesian Foreign Minister Hassan Wirajuda, also chairman of the current meeting, said ASEAN has no other choice but becoming strong. "For that, we have decided to transform ourselves from an association of states into a true ASEAN Community," he added.

He told the delegates that ASEAN is set to intensify

work on its full integration "through the fostering of equitable development" in Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar and Vietnam — the less developed members for balanced, peaceful regional progress.

On ASEAN's cooperation with its Dialogue Partners, he said that the important cooperation will continue to intensify, as Japan and Pakistan will formally

accede to the Treaty of Amity and Cooperation in South-east Asia this week.

Also, Russia and Australia will each sign with ASEAN joint declaration on counter-terrorism later on, he told the delegates, stressing that this development demonstrates ASEAN's "role as the driving spirit" for peace and cooperation in the Asia-Pacific Region.

— *MNA/Xinhua*



New and fast developments throughout Myanmar



Khawa Dam in Padaung Township, Pyay District, Bago Division, benefits 2,000 acres of land. — MNA



Artesian well sunk in Kyigan village, KhinU Township, Sagaing Division. — IPRD

Border and rural area developments



Development undertakings have been carried out in Thaiktugan model village, Thogwa Township, Yangon Division. MYANMA ALIN



With the aim of supplying water to rural people and greening the environs Wetchokekon Lake was built in Wetchokekon village, Kyaukpadaung Township, Mandalay Division. MOE KO (FORESTRY)



A tubewell donated by Mandalay Division Peace and Development Council and Mandalay Division Maternal and Child Welfare Association is sunk in Myingyan Township. — KYEMON



Progress in construction of Sittway Government Technological College in Sittway, Rakhine State. — MNA



Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt addresses opening ceremony of Special Refresher Course No 5 for Faculty Members of Universities and Colleges. — MNA

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In addition, you will clearly see that some super powers who have the advantage in the field of science and technology are exploiting these advances by exerting pressure on the developing nations on the pretext of ideology, security, defence, democracy and human rights but actually with their own hidden agenda for promoting their self interests and security at the expense of the weaker nations.

These programmes carefully plotted and planned by the few super powers have already widened as well as deepened the gaps in poverty, in technology, and in defence capability so that the balance of power has become one sided in international relations and we are faced with these super powers blatantly flouting international laws and rules and regulations.

At this crucial stage in the history of the world today, Myanmar must be firmly committed to facing the challenge of catching up with the rest of the world's in this technological race. Moreover she must not ever lose sight of the fact that in the process she also faces the challenge of safeguarding her national identity and her standing as an independent and sovereign nation.

The Union of Myanmar in trying to face and overcome these challenges, is doing her very best to consolidate her spirit of nationalism, the unity of the people, the solid foundation of her economic resources and the establishment of human resources of high calibre for these are the forces that can overcome these various challenges. Only then shall we be able to escape from the danger of being overshadowed by another's power and influence and be free to build a Union that is a peaceful, developed and progressive nation.

In this very sensitive age where all changes are interconnected, only a nation whose people are highly educated, widely learned with wide ranging views and a strong spirit of nationalism will be able to protect and promote the national good.

Now is the time for the education sector to nurture such patriotic force and instil a deep spirit of nationalism among the people of the country.

The Government also has, in accordance with the needs and demands of time and conditions, done its best to enhance its scientific and technological resources in various sectors such as education, health, social, economic and defence sectors and build up a high quality of human resources and to establish a constantly learning Myanmar Society with the drawing up and implementation of substantive plans one after the other.

Especially in the higher education sector, plans have been drawn up and are being implemented to provide opportunities for Myanmar citizens to be able to study one's subject of choice, irrespective of race, creed, status or gender and to provide opportunities. Thus solid foundations have been laid and plans and programmes are now being implemented.

In the pre-1988 period there were only 32 universities, degree colleges and colleges whereas today there are 156 institutes altogether. In the capitals of states and divisions, in the cities of certain development zones there is either a university, a degree college or college as you all know.

Efforts have also been made to develop curricula in accordance with international norms and standards to provide a wide range of subjects for study. Masters and doctoral degree courses are being opened with interdisciplinary and multi-disciplinary courses. In addition to these regular courses the Centres for Human Resource Development provide pre-graduate and post graduate diploma courses. So, in the period before 1988 there were only 59 pre-graduate and post-graduate courses. Now there are 157 courses in the regular curricular and nearly 160 provided by the Centres for Human Resource Development.

To enhance opportunities for raising teaching and learning skills, international level learning processes have been introduced and developed so that any one irrespective of age or time will be able to participate in the continual learning cycle. Because we have succeeded in laying down the necessary education infrastructure, we now have 51 e-learning centres,

143 Computer Training Centres, 49 e-Education Resource Centres based on Electronic Data Broadcasting System in many universities and colleges. These universities and colleges are also linked through e-mail, Internet, and a Video Conferencing System in addition to which there is an online system called the Web-based Teaching System for some subjects. Furthermore to enhance Teaching and Learning skills and to raise the quality of human resources, we have formed an academy of veteran scholars and academics who are participating wholeheartedly in raising the quality of education and research to international norms.

So, it can be said with great assurance, no gap remains in the country where there is no university or college and that international standards of education are now flourishing. This is indeed a most favourable time for university teachers to utilize the educational opportunities and infrastructure of effectively to fulfil the educational goals of the State.

If you wish to nurture the desire and habit for life long learning in your students then you must yourself set the example, and while nurturing students, nurture yourself with life long learning.

In order that the universities you now serve become the education resource centre of that particular region and a department that fulfils the local needs of the region you have to carry out field surveys and undertake research projects and be innovative in your teaching and learning methods.

So, I would like to urge you again to do your utmost to fulfil regional needs and thereby contribute towards the development of the State with what you have learned and trained for, and always remember that while contributing to local needs and the needs of the State, make every endeavour for your university to play a prominent role to enhance the national economy, and to preserve and maintain the social and cultural life of the people.

I wish to emphasize at this point that your responsibilities as a teacher do not end when you have taught your students all that has been prescribed. You have to train students to be reflective and analytical, innovative and creative in their studies and make them understand that learning means expanding the horizons of their knowledge. None their creative skills to enhance capacity for research. Moreover they must learn to acquire a national outlook and a national standpoint and standing firmly on these foundations, assess the international situation and thereby find ways and means to protect and enhance the national interest.

The Government on its part is making every effort to broaden the views of the young in accordance with modern developments, increase their international exposure and expand their knowledge. The government is not merely giving encouragement for the development of ICT; it has in fact laid down the very foundations for ICT by establishing Internet communications, the Broadband system and access to the international satellite system.

It is vital for today's youth who are the custodians of the future to broaden their views and have firm foundations of knowledge, for only then will they be able to guide the state to a better future and the government will be able to ensure a sound political, economic and social bases in the best interest of the nation in the long run.

The government has the responsibility and duty to leave a good political, economic and social heritage in order that the youth of today who will be taking over the helm tomorrow will be able to guide the country to a stable and strong future. Similarly the youth of today have the obligation to enhance their capacities and prepare themselves for the future. The government realizes that it has a duty to train them and nurture them to build up their skills and capacities.

So I would like to urge the university teachers present today to train your students to participate in the construction and implementation of the political, economic and social goals and fulfil our national goals. The young students of today will continue to shoulder the responsibility of developing the political, economic and social foundations of the future. So it is up

to the teachers present here today to nurture, on behalf of the State, the young students of today so that they will have the capability, will and spirit to carry out the task of building up and protecting the political, social and economic foundations that have already been put in place.

At this point in time, the government, in accordance with the wishes of the people, is making every endeavour to bring about significant changes towards the emergence of a discipline-flourishing and well-ordered democratic State where peace and stability prevails.

In making preparations to bring about these changes it has made systematic plans to ensure that progress and development of the State follows a course that will coincide with and give every support to the national interest and that firm foundations be laid that will guarantee the perpetuity and strength of the Union.

Knowing that this is the situation today as well knowing what the needs of the State are, university teachers, as well as citizens, should all join in to contribute their skills and expertise in whatever capacity and role they are competent in to protect the State.

On the international front today, there is intense economic competition, intense political controversy; there is armed conflict with historical and traditional international laws and codes of conduct being ignored and flouted; men terrorize each other. Such is the chaotic situation in the world today that has raised uncertainty for the future of the world.

Simultaneously we see in this world poverty, famine, endemic disease, environmental degradation, and climatic disturbances. It is indeed sad to see so much misery all over the world.

To eliminate the misery and conflicts that plague the world, I believe that we should all abide by the international laws and codes of conduct by the principle of co-existence with cooperation between nations, which have stood the test of time throughout history to ensure peace in the world. Only if nations abide by these tested and true international norms and practices can hope for stable and peaceful world be realized in the future.

In the mist of the uncertainties and instabilities that prevail in the international arena today, the Union of Myanmar has not only been able to maintain peace and stability in the country but has also been able to build trust and confidence with national brethren who at one time were in armed revolt. We have thus been able to strengthen national unity and are building hand in hand a secure future for the nation.

At present, the national races of Myanmar, representatives of various strata of the masses and classes, representatives of political parties are holding deliberations at the National Convention for the emergence of a discipline-flourishing democratic State — a State that is in harmony with the historical background and the prevailing objective conditions and which take into account the desires of the people. Thus we have begun the journey, which will bring into reality a future Union of Myanmar — a Myanmar, which is strong and stable. The National Convention is the first stage of the seven-stage policy to democracy and it is the duty of all citizens, including the university teachers present on this occasion, to contribute their shares to make the National Convention a success.

So, in conclusion: I would like to urge you to raise the quality of national education so that the Union of Myanmar will be able to take her pride of place among the world's nations as a sovereign and independent nation. I also urge the education sector to enhance to produce outstanding and educated scholars and professionals of international calibre who are imbued with patriotic fervour, national spirit and Union Spirit and who will build and protect a modern and developed State.

And finally I urge all of you to do your duty in whatever role and in whatever capacity to successfully achieve the seven-stage policy road map for the emergence of a fully discipline-flourishing democratic State and thus fulfil our national goals and aspirations.

After the ceremony, the Prime Minister cordially greeted the trainees. A total of 858 trainees are attending the one-month course. — MNA

Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt attends opening of Excel Treasure Tower

YANGON, 2 July — Chairman of City Housing Project Supervisory Committee Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt attended the opening ceremony of Excel Treasure Tower at the corner of Kaba Aye and Dhammazedi roads in Bahan Township, here this morning.

Also present were Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe, ministers, the Yangon mayor, deputy ministers, officials of the State Peace and Development Council Office, heads of department, local authorities, the chairman and officials of Super Technology



Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt formally unveils bronze plaque of Excel Treasure Tower.— MNA

Construction (Tokyo Pipe) and others.

Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe, Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin, and Chairman of Super Tech-

nology Construction U Thein Han formally opened the tower. The Prime Minister unveiled the signboard.

U Thein Han explained operations of his company

and salient points of the tower.

General Manager Mr Alistair Chung of Pagol Industrial Pte Ltd of Singapore extended greetings.

Seven floors of the 11-storey tower houses 126 rooms including shopping malls, offices and apartments. The tower has four 10-man-capacity lifts.

The 11th floor houses a reception hall. Various kinds of goods and food-stuff are available at the shops of the tower.

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Minister for Foreign Affairs U Win Aung sends felicitations to Belarus

YANGON, 3 July— U Win Aung, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of felicitations to His Excellency Mr Martinov Sergei Nikolaevich, Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Belarus, on the occasion of the Independence Day of the Republic of Belarus which falls on 3 July 2004.—MNA

Delegate group of workers...

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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 in 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



NCC Commission Chairman State Peace and development Council Secretary-2 Lt-Gen Thein Sein signs attendance register at National Convention.— MNA



U Than Win of Mandalay Division reads the proposal at Plenary Session of National Convention.— MNA



U Hla Aye of Yangon Division reads the proposal at Plenary Session of National Convention.— MNA



U Maran Tang Gunn of Kachin State reads the proposal at Plenary Session of National Convention.— MNA



U Kyaw Hsan of Magway Division reads the proposal at Plenary Session of National Convention.— MNA



Daw Khin Saw Mu of Ayeyawady Division reads the proposal at Plenary Session of National Convention.— MNA



U Saw Soe Tint of Kayin State reads the proposal at Plenary Session of National Convention.— MNA

Group, Mon Armed Peace Group (Chaungchi Region), Mon (Splinter) Nai Saik Chan Group and Arakanese Army (AA) which exchanged arms for peace.

Before the plenary session, 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 for the delegates.

Dr U Thein Oo Po Saw of Delegate Group of Intellectuals and Intelligentsia 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, U Mya Aye of the Delegate Group of Peasants, Dr Myo Thant Tin of the Delegate Group of Workers, 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 Office of the National Convention Convening Work Committee and Deputy Director U Aung Kyi acted as master and co-master of ceremonies.

First, the master of ceremonies announced the start of the meeting with the permission of the chairman as there were 1,065 delegates out of 1,088 listed, accounting for 97.89 per cent.

Next, delegates from the Delegate Group of Workers submitted 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.

U Maran Tang Gunn of Kachin State read out the proposal of the Delegate Group of Workers concerning the defence and security sector and the foreign affairs sector.

Daw Khin Saw Mu of Ayeyawady Division presented the proposal on the finance and planning sector. Next, U Saw Soe Tint of Kayin State read out the proposal related to the sector on formation of Financial Commission, Taxation and funds allotment among the Pyidaungsu and Regions or States. Afterwards, the plenary session was recessed at 10.15 am.

At 10.45 am, the plenary session continued. U Kyaw Hsan of Magway Division submitted the proposal of their group on the economic sector, the agriculture and livestock breeding sector, the energy, electric, mining and forest sector 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. Next, the plenary session was recessed at 11.20 am.

The Plenary Session restarted at 2 pm. U Hla Aye of Yangon Division continued reading of the proposal on the industry sector, the transport and communication sector and the social sector. Afterwards, U Than Win of Mandalay Division submitted their proposal on the management sector, the administration of justice sector, the Legislative powers of the self-administered area leading bodies, the Delegation of power in connection with matters not stated in the legislative lists of the Union, Region or State, and self-administered division or zone leading bodies, the Legislative powers of Union territories and the taking effect of laws enacted by different levels of Hluttaw and self-administered area leading bodies. Next, the Plenary Session was recessed at 3 pm.

The Plenary Session of the National Convention will continue at 9 am on 5 July (Monday).

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The Government of the Union of Myanmar**Ministry of Home Affairs****Notification No. 3/2004****The Full moon day of First Waso, 1366 ME
(1 July, 2004)***(Continued from yesterday)***Chapter IX****Possession and Use**

45. The person desirous of using controlled precursor chemical keeping in possession not for any purpose contained in Chapter III, IV, V, VI, VII and VIII but for other household use, personal use or business use rather than uses permitted in Rule 62 or laboratory analysis shall, to obtain permission, after obtaining recommendation of the relevant Township Committee on Drug Abuse Control, apply to the relevant District Committee on Drug Abuse Control using Form (27).
46. The relevant District Committee on Drug Abuse Control shall, if granted permission after scrutiny on the application under Rule 45, stipulating conditions, issue permit, using Form (28).
47. The term of permission issued under Rule 46 is one year from the date of issuance of permit.
48. (a) If the person who has obtained permission to use the controlled precursor chemical keeping in possession is desirous of continuing to use after expiry of term of permission shall, at least thirty days in advance before expiry of term of permission, after obtaining recommendation of the relevant Township Committee on Drug Abuse Control, apply for extension of term of permission to the District Committee on Drug Abuse Control using Form (29).
- (b) The relevant District Committee on Drug Abuse Control shall, if granted permission after scrutiny on the application under Sub-Rule (a) extend the term of permission.
49. The person who has been granted permission to use the controlled precursor chemical keeping in possession shall:—
- hang the permit issued under Rule 46 at the place where the controlled precursor chemical used keeping in possession.
 - compile and keep monthly records using Form (30) regarding use thereof keeping in possession.
 - after collecting the monthly records once for every three months, submit the report to the Controlled Precursor Chemicals Supervisory Committee using Form (5), and copies thereof shall be sent to the State/ Divisional, District and Township Committees on Drug Abuse Control.
 - maintain and keep the monthly records, quarterly reports, bills, vouchers and tabular lists for at least two years.
 - take special care not to divert the controlled precursor chemical into illegal channel for use in producing narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances.
 - abide by the conditions stipulated in the permit.

Chapter X**Inspection**

50. The Controlled Precursor Chemicals Supervisory Committee shall, for conducting inspection whether or not the controlled drug has been used diverting into illegal channel or whether or not it is abused in producing narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances, in coordination with the relevant government department and organization, form inspection committees comprising experts and assign duty thereof.
51. The inspection committees shall, with regard to controlled precursor chemical inspect the following matters, and submit the findings to the Controlled Chemical Supervisory Committee:—
- producing controlled precursor chemical;
 - producing goods making use of controlled chemical;
 - importing and exporting;
 - transporting from a foreign country to another foreign country via Union of Myanmar;
 - inland transporting;
 - storage and selling by retail or wholesale;
 - storage and custody;
 - conduction research;
 - conducting research;
 - using thereof keeping in possession.
52. The inspection committees shall, with regard to controlled precursor chemical, in conducting inspection on matters contained in Rule 51, conduct inspection mainly on the following points whether or not there is reasonable doubt of abuse in the production of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances:—

- whether or not production is made to produce permitted controlled precursor chemical or goods that is intended to produce making use of controlled precursor chemical;
- whether or not the weight, amount and quantity of controlled precursor chemical obtained by production and goods that is produced be proportionate;
- whether or not importing, exporting, transporting, distributing and selling, conducting research or using thereof keeping in possession of the controlled precursor chemicals that have been obtained recommendation and permission;
- whether or not the quantity, weight and type of goods contained in the import declaration or export declaration be correct;
- whether or not the controlled precursor chemicals that are sold by retail or wholesale and the inventory be correct;
- whether or not the packing and sealing be authentic packing and sealing of the producer;
- whether or not distribution, sale or handing over is made to the person who has not been permitted;
- if the goods are stored and kept in custody, whether or not the storage system be systematic and inventories be correct.
- whether or not monthly report, quarterly report and tabular list be correct.

53. The inspection committees shall, with regard to importing, exporting and transporting via Union of Myanmar customs of controlled precursor chemicals at any place including free trade zone, duty free seaports, airports and border trade stations, make inspection on the points under Rule 52 and also mainly on the following points whether or not there is reasonable doubt they are used diverting into illegal channel:—
- whether or not required licence, permit, import declaration, export declaration, manifest, recommendation of Controlled Precursor Chemicals Supervisory Committee, permit, etc are complete;
 - whether or not name and residential address of person or organization that imports or exports is correct;
 - whether or not the names of State, town or city and ports, airports, border trade stations from which import or export is made are correct;
 - If there is transit State or State through which import or export is made, whether or not the names of town or city, airports and border trade stations correct;
 - whether or not the date of import or export and if there is transit State or State through which import or export made, the date of arrival and departure and re-export correct;
 - if there is transit State or State through which import or export is made, whether or not there is re-packaging and transferring;
 - whether or not the type and name of the vehicle, the name of the State where the vehicle has been registered and itinerary of journey correct;
 - whether or not the form of package and marking correct, and whether or not there is any change;
 - whether or not import and export extraordinary, whether or not import and export is usual, and whether or not import and export is made once.
 - whether or not import or export is made by the importer or exporter personally, and by the broker or agent;
 - whether or not system of payment for the goods correct;
 - whether or not method of import and export correct.

54. The investigation body shall, on finding out that businesses were carried out without permission, or that controlled precursor chemicals were destroyed, lost or of unusual shortage in carrying out with permission, or that those were used diverting channel, in conducting investigation the matters contained in Rule 52, submit the findings to the Controlled Precursor Chemicals Supervisory Committee immediately.

Chapter XI**Investigation, Search, Arrest, Seizure of Exhibits, Attachment and Sealing**

55. The investigation body shall, on finding out that one of the offences contained in the law has been committed with regard to controlled precursor chemicals in conducting investigation on matters contained in Rule 51:—
- if it does not contradict with these Rules, carry out investigation in conformity with the provisions of the Code of Criminal Procedure;
 - carry out search, arrest, seizure of exhibits, and attachment and sealing in conformity with the provisions contained in Chapter IV of the Rules relating to Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic

Substances.

56. The investigation body shall, with regard to controlled precursor chemicals that were searched and seized, submit to the Controlled Precursor Chemicals Supervisory Committee immediately mentioning the following points:—
- the type, marking, form of package, number of packages, amount of one unit weight, and total weight of controlled precursor chemical;
 - the original manufacturing country;
 - the name of offender whose property has been searched and seized;
 - the date on which and place where seizure is made;
 - matter of illegal use;
 - description if there is method of abuse diverting to illegal channel and of illegal production;
 - the name of the State, port, airport, border trade station, importer and exporter if transportation is made in transit of Union of Myanmar or through Union of Myanmar;
 - the name, weight and amount of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances seized together with controlled precursor chemical searched and seized.

Chapter XII**Laboratory Analysis**

57. With regard to packaging, sealing, closing with marking, sending for laboratory analysis, laboratory analyzing, replying and submitting as exhibit of controlled precursor chemical seized as exhibit for offence under section 16 (b) of the Law, it shall be carried out in conformity with the provisions contained in the Rules relating to the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances.
58. (a) If it is required to conduct laboratory analysis of controlled precursor chemical with regard to any matter contained in Rule 51 by the investigation body or relevant government department and organization, for issuance of result of laboratory analysis, the sample of the controlled precursor chemical that will undergo laboratory analysis in conformity with the instruction issued by the Myanmar Police Force, may by determining cipher and sealing, may be sent to the department of laboratory analysis or internationally-recognized agency for laboratory analysis for conducting laboratory analysis thereof.
- (b) The responsible person from the department or organization of laboratory analysis shall, without delay, conduct the laboratory analysis of the sample of controlled precursor chemical that was sent, and the result of laboratory analysis shall be sent to the department and organization and the businessmen who made the request, and copy shall be sent to the Controlled Precursor Chemical Supervisory Committee.
- (c) The relevant businessman shall bear the expenses for laboratory analysis.

Chapter XIII**Taking Action**

59. If the controlled precursor chemical is kept in possession, transported or distributed and sold without permission, action shall be taken under sub-section (b) of section 16 of the Law.
60. Manufacturing, storing, conducting research and using in keeping possession of controlled precursor chemical without permission, or manufacturing goods using controlled precursor chemical without permission shall be presumed to be using without permission under the law, and action shall be taken under sub-section (b) of section 16 of the Law.
61. Importing, exporting and transporting from a foreign country to another through Union of Myanmar of controlled precursor chemical without permission in conformity with these Rules shall be presumed to be transporting without permission under the law, and action shall be taken under sub-section (b) of section 16 of the Law.

Chapter XIV**Miscellaneous**

62. With regard to the following controlled precursor chemicals, pharmaceutical products manufactured by changing and mixing with them and compounds thereof are not required to obtain recommendation or permission under these Rules. However, if they are used in producing narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances, shall action be taken under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law:—
- pharmaceutical preparations containing controlled precursor chemicals used in medical treatment that are prescribed by the Ministry of Health issuing notification;

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- (b) ether preparations containing controlled precursor chemicals that are compounded in such a way that such chemicals cannot be easily used or recovered by readily applicable means:- e.g. commodities of household use, personal use and business use such as battery acid, lotion, fragrance, perfume, toilet soap, dye, bleaching chemical, paint and chemical fertilizer prepared and produced with a certain kind of controlled precursor chemical;
- (c) controlled precursor chemicals of public household use, personal use and business use that are of the following weight, amount or quantity:—
- (1) ACETIC ANHYDRIDE 10 litres
 - (2) POTASSIUM PERMANGANATE 5 litres
 - (3) ACETONE 10 litres
 - (4) ETHYL ETHER (OR) DIETHYL ETHER 10 litres
 - (5) HYDROCHLORIC ACID 50 litres
 - (6) SULPHURIC ACID 50 litres
 - (7) TOLUENE 10 litres
- (d) controlled precursor chemicals purchased and used, kept in possession and transported in conformity with the order and directive of the Ministry of Health.
63. The Controlled Precursor Chemicals Supervisory Committee shall, based on the points submitted by the State/Divisional, District and Township Committee on Drug Abuse Committee, points on search and seizure submitted by investigation bodies, and submissions of persons who have been granted permission and other information obtained by other means, submit the

following points as stipulated to the Central Committee on Drug Abuse Control:—

- (a) with respect to search and seizure of the controlled precursor chemical:—
- (1) the type, marking, form of package, number of packages, amount of one unit weight, and total weight of controlled precursor chemical which was searched and seized;
 - (2) the original manufacturing country;
 - (3) the name of offender whose property has been searched and seized;
 - (4) the date on which and place where seizure is made;
 - (5) description if there is method of abuse diverting to illegal channel and of illegal production;
 - (6) the name of the State, port, airport, border trade station, importer and exporter if transportation is made in transit of Union of Myanmar or through Union of Myanmar;
 - (7) the name, weight and amount of narcotic drugs and psychotropic substances seized together with controlled precursor chemical searched and seized.
- (b) with regard to controlled precursor chemical imported, exported or transported through Union of Myanmar subject to recommendation or permission:—
- (1) the type, marking, form of package, number of packages, amount of one unit weight and total weight of controlled precursor chemical imported or exported;
 - (2) the name of the State, port, airport and border trade station imported or exported;
 - (3) the original manufacturing country;
 - (4) the name, designation and address of business, department, company, and organization that

carried out import or export;

- (5) type of vehicle for transport and itinerary of journey;
 - (6) date on which import or export be carried out;
 - (7) if importation, importation through, stoppage or transporting through free economic zone, duty-free ports, airports and border trade stations of a foreign state, the name of the said lone, port, airport and border trade station of the said foreign state;
 - (8) if there is the foreign state through which importation is carried out or in which stoppage is made or through which transportation is carried out, the name of the said foreign state, the date of arrival in the said country, port, airport and border trade station, the date of departure from the said foreign state, port, airport and border trade station.
64. (a) The Ministry of Home Affairs shall, for issuing recommendation and permission with regard to controlled precursor chemical under these Rules, determine fees and fees for the extension of the term for permission.
- (b) Persons who obtained permission or extension of term of permission under these Rules shall pay the fees determined under sub-rule (a).
65. The Central Committee on Drug Abuse Control may with regard to any of the matters contained in Rule 51, determining conditions, exempt any government department and organization to obtain permission by submitting application.

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**Col Tin Hlaing
Minister
Ministry of Home Affairs**

MWAF, for the benefit of all Myanmar women

Ma Than Htay

Once again Myanmar Women's Day is celebrated today. It will be observed throughout the nation. In hailing this significant day, tree planting ceremonies and an elaborate Traditional and National Costume Culture Show were held. This auspicious day has been designated since 3 July 1996 when the Myanmar National Committee for Women's Affairs was formed to systematically implement activities for the empowerment and advancement of women. Its founding day has been observed as Myanmar Women's Day every year since then. The Committee had implemented to its utmost extent tasks for the mass of Myanmar women to emerge as a true national force playing their roles in nation-building endeavours.

However a committee had its limitation in undertaking tasks of the entire Myanmar women efficiently and thus eventually it led to the formation of a wider organization to promote the measures of Myanmar women sector. On 20 December 2003, the Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation was established to stand as a voluntary non-governmental organization for the participation of Myanmar women from all walks of life as well as to enable the Federation to stand as the body responsible for the women sector. MWAF was formed in accordance with rules and regulations, aims and an objectives, and organizational setup of the Federation has also been laid down.

It has a Central Panel of Patrons, Central Women Committee and the Central Executive Committee, which comprises one president, four vice-presidents, one general-secretary, one joint general-secretary and four members of the secretariat. The objectives of MWAF are;

- to enhance the role of women in the reconstruction of a peaceful, modern and developed nation
- to protect the rights of women
- to ensure the economic, health, education and general welfare of women and to provide measures for their security.
- to instill and foster in Myanmar women a greater appreciation of their national, cultural heritage and customs.
- to systematically protect women from violence and provide means for rehabilitations where necessary
- to diminish and finally eliminate trafficking in women and children as a national task
- to collaborate with international as well as local organizations, in ensuring the rights of women in accordance with the traditions and customs of the ethnic groups

For the Federation to successfully implement the fine and noble objectives, sixteen Working Groups;

Education, Health, Violence against Women, Economy, Culture, Environment, Media, Girl-Child, Trafficking in Women and Children, Rehabilitation and Reintegration, Mobilization, Disciplinary Concerns, Administration and Finance, Nationalities Affairs, International Relations and Legal Affairs which are to be under the charge of the Central Executive Committee have also been formed. These Working Groups have objectives in their respective sectors and are responsible for carrying out the tasks and projects laid down by the Central Executive Committee. The executive committees at state, division, district, township, ward and village tract levels have also been formed throughout the country.

Right after the formation of MWAF, its President, Dr Daw Khin Win Shwe, the Vice-Presidents and Central Executive Committee members have travelled tirelessly to various states and divisions to meet the local womenfolk and explained facts about the new Federation. Moreover the Plenary Meeting of Delegates of State and Division Organizations for Women's Affairs was held on 28-29 of March this year here in Yangon. The progress of the implementation work of MWAF was heard from the ardent delegates' reports.

The emergence of the Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation, which will lead the mass of Myanmar women to the goal of emerging as a consolidated national force is a milestone in the history of the development of Myanmar women's sector. It will make efforts to bring about opportunities for the entire Myanmar women, who constitute 50.3 per cent of the whole country's population of 52.17 million (2002), including job opportunities, income generation programmes, raising of their living standards and uplifting their social status.

MWAF is collaborating with international women organizations and international social organizations to provide programmes tailored to the needs of Myanmar women. While safeguarding national interest it will also keep up with international trends. It is an organization which every Myanmar women with true national spirit regardless of standard and strata can participate and tasks to be implemented by the Federation will surely benefit every Myanmar women regardless of race and religion, being rich and poor.

MWAF's goal is to mobilize the mass of the entire Myanmar women and make them take part in the building of a modern developed democratic nation. With genuine commitment and patriotism the efforts of the Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation will be successful. There is indeed a bright and prosperous future for us.



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Opium refinery and paraphernalia exposed in Muse Township

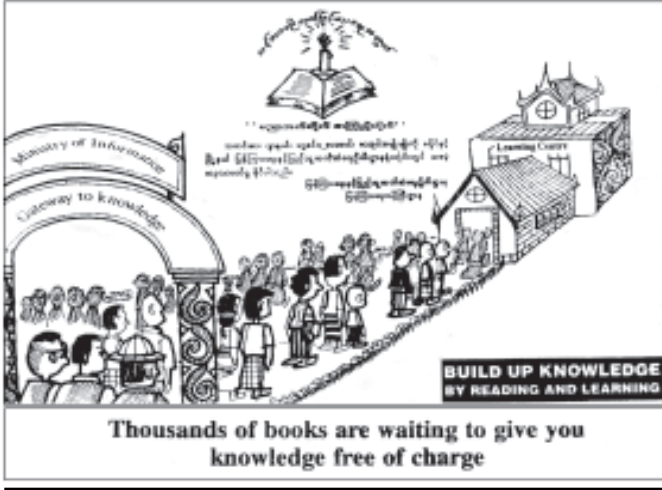
YANGON, 2 July —A combined team comprising members of local intelligence unit, military intelligence unit, Myanmar Police Force, Special Anti-drug Squad and local national races group, acting on information, cleared the surrounding areas of the valley in Muse Township on 25 June and arrested Yan Inn Kyone, son of Yan Chein Kyan of Namchehaw Village, Muse Township, and Yan Kyain Kwe, son of Yan Yon Wan of Laukshankyaing Village, together with two opium refineries, 990 litres of ether, 24.5 litres of hydrochloric acid, 23 kilos of bone charcoal and paraphernalia.

In connection with the case, action is being taken against the accused by the police station concerned under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances Law.

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The opium refineries and paraphernalia seized in Muse Township. — MNA



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Deputy General Manager

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Under instruction of my client DAW KYI KYI, (12/AhLaNa (Naing) 013924), notice is hereby given that:-

My client's son MAUNG KYI KHIN (12/AhLaNa (Naing) 013027) being disobedience to his mother, my client disown her son and no longer he is my client's son.

By Instruction,

U KHIN ZAW

B.A., H.G.P., R.L.,

ADVOCATE (2166)

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CLAIMS DAY NOTICE

MV QING CHUN MEN VOY NO (081)

Consignees of cargo carried on MV QING CHUN MEN Voy No (081) are hereby notified that the vessel will be arriving on 4-7-2004 and cargo will be discharged into the premises of A.W.P.T where it will lie at the consignee's risk and expenses and subject to the byelaws and conditions of the Port of Yangon.

Damaged cargo will be surveyed daily from 8 am to 11.20 am and 12 noon to 4 pm up to Claims Day now declared as the third day after final discharge of cargo from the vessel.

No claims against this vessel will be admitted after the Claims Day.

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Private enterprises becoming more competitive in Shanghai

SHANGHAI, 1 July — The competitiveness of private enterprises in Shanghai is growing rapidly, according to a recent survey by the Municipal Labour and Social Security Bureau.

The bureau surveyed 4,189 enterprises involved in 15 sectors including manufacturing, building industry, real estate and finance.

The survey found that among Shanghai's private enterprises, every 100 million yuan (about 12 million US dollars) of registered capital contribute to about six million yuan (about 725,500 US dollars) in tax, much higher than that of state-owned or foreign-funded enterprises.

Experts say the survey indicates that private enterprises in Shanghai, which are more and more standardized, have shown a rising competitiveness.

By the end of April this year, Shanghai had 325,000 private enterprises which employed a total of 3.65 million people. Over the past several years, the number of private enterprises has kept an annual growth rate of 27.2 per cent. —MNA/Xinhua

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Australian Aborigines more likely to be born prematurely

SYDNEY, 1 July — Australian Aborigines are more likely to be born prematurely and suffer chronic childhood infections than other Australians as more than half of their mothers smoke or chew tobacco while pregnant, new research shows. "What we're seeing is really alarming and a massive public health issue," Heather D'Antoine, who helped coordinate the survey of 5,200 aboriginal children and their parents by the University of Western Australia, said on Wednesday. Australia's 400,000 Aborigines, who make up 2 per cent of the continent's 20 million population, are the nation's most disadvan-

taged group, with many living in poverty.

The survey found 13 per cent of aboriginal children were born prematurely, compared to 8 per cent in the general population. It found 21 per cent of unborn aboriginal babies displayed poor growth in utero, compared to 13 per cent of non-aboriginal babies.

"Babies that are born prematurely or with low birth weight are at increased risk of a host of health conditions and behavioural problems," D'Antoine said.

The survey said smoking while pregnant was one of the main factors in premature births and low birth

weights and nearly half of the mothers of aboriginal children smoked or chewed tobacco during pregnancy, compared with 22 per cent of other mothers.

"Every mother wants a healthy baby. If we can reduce rates of tobacco, alcohol and other drug use and educate about nutrition, we can make an immediate impact," D'Antoine said.

Other findings included: 12 per cent of aboriginal children showed recurring chest infections, 8 per cent displayed chronic cases of scabies and other skin infections, while 6 per cent suffered chronic gastrointestinal infections. —MNA/Reuters

Eight new sites inscribed on World Heritage List

SUZHOU, 1 July — The ongoing session of the World Heritage Committee of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO) inscribed five new natural sites and three new cultural sites on the World Heritage List by the end of Wednesday.

With the new sites approved so far, two countries, Saint Lucia and Togo make their first appearance on the World Heritage List. Greenland, administered by Denmark, also makes its first entry in the List, which now numbers 762 properties, the UNESCO said.

The ongoing 28th session of the Committee, chaired by Zhang Xinshe, Vice-Minister of education of China and chairperson of China's National Commission for UNESCO, also ap-

proved the extension of three natural sites already inscribed on the World Heritage List. The 21-member World Heritage Committee will continue reviewing sites submitted by States Parties of the 1972 Convention concerning the Protection of the World Cultural and Natural Heritage, and sites to be placed on the Danger List over the coming days and is expected to finalize the inscriptions by Friday.

The session will continue until July 7. The new natural sites added to the World Heritage List are Ilulissat Icefjord of Denmark, the Tropical Rainforest Heritage of Sumatra of Indonesia, the Natural System of Wrangell Island Reserve of the Russian Federation, the Pitons Management Area of Saint Lucia and the Cape Floral

Region of South Africa of South Africa.

The cultural sites inscribed so far are the Tomb of Askia of Mali, the Portuguese City of Mazagan (El Jadida) of Morocco, and the Koutammakou, the Land of the Batammariba of Togo.

The Committee also approved extensions for the following sites: — St Kilda in Britain, first inscribed as a natural site in 1986, a volcanic archipelago, with its spectacular landscapes; — The 14-square-kilometre Inaccessible Island was added to the Gough Island Wildlife Reserve in the South Atlantic first inscribed in 1995; and — The Area de Conservacion Guanacaste (Costa Rica) inscribed in 1999, was extended with the addition of a 15,000-hectare private property, St Elena. —MNA/Xinhua

China to allocate more in "AIDS"/HIV control

BEIJING, 1 July — The Chinese central government will allocate 470 million yuan (56.8 million US dollars) to strengthen AIDS/HIV control this year, along with the formulation of a national regulation in that regard, a top health official said Tuesday.

The fund, up 20 per cent from last year, will be distributed to specific provinces and counties for publicity, test and treatment of AIDS patients and HIV carriers and prevention of infection, said Vice-Health Minister Wang Longde here at a Press conference.

The Chinese central government input 100 million yuan in 2001 for AIDS/HIV control, a large increase compared with the previous per-year-fund of 15 million yuan.

China, with officially reported about 840,000 HIV

carriers and 80,000 AIDS patients, plans to increase the number of national AIDS/HIV surveillance outlets from the current 194 to 300 next year to perfect the existing surveillance network, Wang said.

The Ministry of Health is organizing experts to draft a national regulation on AIDS/

HIV control, which is expected to be presented to the State Council this year, the official said.

China has formulated a five-year working plan and a 12-year blueprint for AIDS/HIV control, along with series of detailed instructions, according to Wang.

MNA/Xinhua

Thailand to hold seminar on FTA impact

BANGKOK, 1 July — The Thai Government will organize a seminar on the potential impact of bilateral free trade areas (FTAs) agreements on Thailand's agricultural sector on July 8-9. More than 200 government officials, private businessmen, and farmers will participate in the seminar "Negotiations on Agricultural Produce under WTO and FTA", the Thai News

Agency reported Tuesday.

The seminar will also provide an opportunity for suggestions on what Thailand's position should be in the new round of World Trade Organization (WTO) talks on agricultural produce. Farmers and those concerned about the effect of the FTAs on the agricultural sector will be given access to information, facts and figures. —MNA/Xinhua

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Global fund grants \$2.9b to fight "AIDS", TB, malaria

GENEVA, 2 July — New grants worth 2.9 billion US dollars over five years was approved on Wednesday to fight HIV/AIDS, tuberculosis and malaria which kill more than six million people each year.

These grants will put 932,000 people on anti-retroviral treatment for HIV/AIDS, and finance 123 million ACT anti-malarial treatments, 44 million impregnated bed nets and DOTS treatment for 640,000 new tuberculosis patients.

The approvals were made by the Board of the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria at the 8th board meeting, held here from Monday to Wednesday.

It is the fourth round of grant approvals since the Global Fund was established in 2002, and brings the total Global Fund funding to three billion dollars for 310 grants in 129 countries. The Board of the Global Fund approves proposals for up to five years but initially only commits funds for the first two years. The two-year commitment is 964 million dollars for 69 approved grants.

More than 85 per cent of the money

approved in this round will go to low-income countries. Nearly 70 per cent will go to Africa, 48 per cent will be for HIV/AIDS, while 40 per cent will be spent on malaria.

"Global Fund money will save millions of lives and prevent disease in millions more," Tommy Thompson, US Secretary of Health and Human Services and chair of the Global Fund Board, said in a statement.

"We are working hard to ensure the Global Fund is sustainable and vital into the future so people living with AIDS and infectious diseases receive the life-saving care they need," he said.

Richard Feachem, executive director of the Global Fund, said: "The Global Fund grants will make a considerable contribution to beating back the three epidemics of HIV/AIDS, TB and malaria."

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Finnish police confiscate forged Dali artworks

HELSINKI, 2 July — Police raided a Salvador Dali centenary exhibition in Helsinki, confiscated a number of suspected forgeries and ended the show two days early, Finnish officials said on Tuesday.

The works, including etchings, woodcuts and sculptures, were part of a month-long display celebrating the centenary of the birth of the Spanish Surrealist on May 11, 1904.

"We have done a preliminary investigation and have found some (works) that were clearly not originals," said criminal officer Seppo Paldanius, but he declined to say how many or which of the works were suspected of being fake.

"We will still go through the exhibition material to see which ones are originals and whether more non-originals will be found," he said, adding that the suspects in the case were Finns. "I cannot specify, but we know who to suspect."

Artco Scandinavia, a local company which had organized the exhibition, was not immediately available for comment.

MNA/Reuters

Passive smoking heart risk double earlier estimates

LONDON, 1 July — Passive smoking may be much more dangerous than scientists had thought, researchers said on Wednesday in new study that is likely to boost demand for a ban on smoking in public places.

Earlier research into the effects of second-hand smoke had focused on non-smokers living with smokers. Scientists in Britain studied exposure to passive smoke by measuring a breakdown product of tobacco smoke called cotinine in the blood of non-smokers.

They found high concentrations of blood cotinine levels were associated with a 50-60-per-cent higher risk of coronary heart disease (CHD). Previous studies had estimated the raised risk of heart disease from passive smoking in non-smokers at 25 to 30 per cent.

"We've studied only people who are non-smokers and seen how their levels of cotinine, which reflect the amount of passive smoking they have been exposed to, and then related it to

their subsequent heart disease risk," Professor Peter Whincup, of St. George's Hospital Medical School in London, said in an interview.

"People who were non-smokers but had relatively high levels of cotinine had a heart disease risk of about 50 per cent higher than those people who were exposed to low levels," he added in an interview.

Whincup, who reported the findings on BMJ Online First, said the research provides further evidence that passive smoking has adverse effects which may have been underestimated in the past.

Supporters of a ban on smoking in the workplace, bars and restaurants described the findings as further evidence for new smoking legislation.

"The need for a ban on smoking in public places in Britain has never been better illustrated than by this potentially pivotal study. We have known for some time that passive smoking was strongly associated with increased risk of coronary heart disease (CHD), but this study strengthens the evidence considerably," Dr. Tim Bowler, of the British Heart Foundation which partly funded the research, said in a statement.

"The evidence is now compelling. The government should not delay any further in introducing legislation to protect non-smokers from this unnecessary risk," he added. Ireland recently became the first country to introduce a national ban on smoking in public places. New York and parts of Australia have taken similar measures. — MNA/Reuters

Russian court says YUKOS must pay \$3.4b back tax

MOSCOW, 2 July — A Russian court upheld on Tuesday a Tax Ministry claim that oil major YUKOS must pay 3.4 billion US dollars in back taxes for 2000, a move the firm has said may put it out of business.

A judge said the court had ruled against an appeal by YUKOS but that the oil firm would have a chance to lodge a final appeal in the upper court.

It was not clear whether the Tax Ministry would be allowed to demand immediate payment from YUKOS.

YUKOS has said a demand by the court to pay the tax claim straight away will sink the firm because it does not have enough ready cash and its assets are frozen, preventing it from raising more money. — MNA/Reuters

Italian study says apple can protect against stomach cancer

ROME, 2 July — Eating at least two apples a day may reduce the risk of developing stomach cancer, Italian media quoted a new study from the University of Naples as reporting on Tuesday.

Italian researchers said in the study, soon to be published in the prestigious international gastroenterology journal *GUT*, substances in apples have a major protective effect on stomach. They apparently achieve their beneficial

effects by warding off damage produced by free radicals, the culprits in a number of processes including aging and the development of gastric tumours, the study said.

MNA/Xinhua



Johannes B Ullrich, chief technology officer of the nonprofit SANS Internet Security Centre, in Quincy, Mass, is seen at his home computer with the Opera browser loaded up, on 1 July, 2004. It's been a bad week for many users of Microsoft Corp's Internet Explorer browser. — INTERNET

Spacewalking astronauts make critical repair

CAPE CANAVERAL (Flarodia), 2 July — A pair of spacewalking astronauts found success in Earth orbit on Wednesday, making a critical repair to the International Space Station after meeting with frustration just one week earlier.

Russian Gennady Padalka and American Michael Fincke made quick work of what had been a scheduled six-hour mission, completing their repair about one hour ahead of schedule, NASA said.

Replacing a transistorized switch box the size of a DVD player restored one of the space station's four large gyroscopes needed to keep it stable in flight and its arrays of solar-power panels always aimed at the sun.

With two of the gyroscopes down, the 200-ton station was just one failure away from having to consume its precious store of fuel, which must be launched by rocket from

Earth. The other broken gyro will need to be replaced, and that must wait until NASA's space shuttles, with their enormous cargo bays, are returned to flight.

"We have power. Great job, you guys," radioed Mission Control in Houston.

The gyro passed a one-minute test and on Thursday will be spun up to its normal rate of 6,600 rpm.

An earlier attempt ended prematurely last Thursday, when less than two minutes after Fincke departed the air lock, Russian ground controllers detected a steady drop in the pressure inside his primary oxygen tank and ordered him to return to the station. — MNA/Reuters

SPORTS

UEFA take action against van Nistelrooy

LISBON, 2 July — UEFA has opened disciplinary proceedings against Dutch striker Ruud van Nistelrooy for insulting Swedish referee Anders Frisk after the final whistle of Wednesday's Euro 2004 semifinal against Portugal.

UEFA's disciplinary committee will deal with the matter on Friday, European soccer's governing body said on Thursday. The Dutch lost the game 2-1.

The two men were reported to have had a heated argument in the tunnel after the game.

The Dutchman told reporters he believed Frisk had favoured the tournament hosts.

"It's unbelievable how the referee ruled everything in favour of Portugal. He was a real home whistler," van Nistelrooy said.

"Every 50-50 situation was for them but we cannot do anything about it."

MNA/Reuters



Taianos Dellas of Greece, at 2nd left with back to camera, celebrates with teammates after scoring the silver goal winner during extra time in the Euro 2004 semifinal soccer match between Greece and the Czech Republic at the Dragao Stadium in Porto, Portugal, on Thursday, 1 July, 2004. Greece won the match, 1-0. —INTERNET

Greece hails team as Homeric heroes

ATHENS, 2 July — Greeks hailed their soccer players as modern day heroes born from the ancient tales of Homer after they reached the Euro 2004 final against the odds.

Like goalscorer Traianos Dellas, whose header beat the Czech Republic in extra time of Thursday's semifinal, many Greeks saw the hand of God in their side's win.

"God was on our side," said 84-year-old pensioner Jenny Dekanika. "I thank him for letting me live long enough to see this day."

In what has become a twice-a-week ritual as Greece has cut down more fancied opponents, the capital Athens, as well as towns, villages and islands throughout the nation of 10 million, burst into fireworks, noise and Greek dancing.

With each win, the celebrations have become larger, louder and more exuberant. Greece had never won a game at a major tournament before Euro 2004.

An hour after the game ended, more than 100,000 people had descended on Athens central Omonia Square where a giant television screen had been erected.

Prime Minister Costas Karamanlis announced he would travel to Lisbon to watch Sunday's final between Greece and Portugal. "Get out on the streets everyone and celebrate. This is our time," radio announcers urged listeners.

"Our players were all heroes like Homer's Odysseus who overcame all," said lawyer Jason Granitsas.

"Each time we have played, our opponents thought we would come crashing to earth like Icarus who flew too high," Granitsas said. "We have proved them wrong again and that we still fly." Icarus was the son of mythical inventor Daedalus who to escape the labyrinth of the Minotaur in Crete fashioned wings from feathers lashed together with melted wax.

Father and son took flight but Icarus, overcome with the thrill of flying, ignored his father's caution not too fly to close to the sun and his wings melted.

The celebrations spread far beyond Greece to the Greek diaspora which is one of the most extensive in the world.

On the Greek part of the divided island of Cyprus, now one of the newest members of the European Union, Cypriots claimed the victory as their own.

MNA/Reuters

Markov quits as Bulgaria coach

SOFIA, 2 July — Former Bulgaria coach Plamen Markov, whose side lost all their Euro 2004 matches, said on Thursday he had turned down an offer to extend his contract.

"I did not resign. My contract expired yesterday and it was yesterday when I told (President of the Bulgarian Football Union) Ivan Slavkov I would not prolong my contract as a coach of the national team," Markov told a news conference.

Bulgaria were the only team at Euro 2004 who failed to earn a point from their first-round games.

"The position is very prestigious and it was a difficult decision to take... The reasons for my decision are personal and I am not prepared to discuss them," Markov

said. He added that Bulgaria's defeats against Sweden (5-0), Denmark (2-0) and Italy (2-1) were among the reasons for his decision.

The former midfielder, who played 235 matches in the domestic Premier League before moving to France with Grenoble and Metz, said his decision had not been related to an offer from any club.

Bulgaria's media criticized Markov over team selection and tactics in the first two matches against Sweden and Denmark.

Markov said he did not want to defend himself but

recalled that the country's soccer body had not set him any goals over Euro 2004 qualification but had asked only that he build a team that performed respectably.

The spokesman for the Bulgarian Football Union (BFU) Atanas Karaivanov said Markov's decision had surprised Slavkov.

"No one from the leadership of the Bulgarian Football Union has sought a replacement for Markov until now and I do not think a candidate will be found in the next few days," Karaivanov said. — MNA/Reuters

Greece reach first major final

PORTO, 2 July — Greece will face hosts Portugal in the final of Euro 2004 after the rank outsiders beat the Czech Republic 1-0 with a silver goal from defender Traianos Dellas in extra time on Thursday.

It is the first major final for Greece who had never won a game at a major tournament before coming to Portugal and were quoted at odds of 80-1 to win the title before it began.

However, they had stunned the hosts by beating them in the opening match and will now have a chance to repeat that feat at the Luz stadium in Lisbon on Sunday.

Greece battled for victory in the semifinal as they harried and harassed the Czechs throughout the match though the tactics led to a game based more on perspiration than inspiration.

The Czechs played the more flowing and attractive soccer — even after losing skipper Pavel Nedved in the 40th minute when he was accidentally injured in a clash with Costas Katsouranis.

Nedved, on a yellow card and in danger of missing the final if the Czechs won, limped on for a few minutes and went down the tunnel at halftime with an ice pack on his knee.

Although having the better of the territorial play, the Czechs could not break down a Greek defence that regularly surrounded any Czech player on the ball with five or six men.

Greece attempted to break up the Czechs' more flowing moves with a series of body checks and shirt-pulling around their own penalty area and, although there was a passionate atmosphere in the stadium, too much of the play was fragmented.

Pierluigi Collina, the world's top referee, officiating in his last international before retiring, booked six players — but failed to award Jan Koller a penalty when he appeared to be pulled down by the shirt in the box early in the second half.

Koller should have got his revenge for that by scoring in the 80th minute after a

quick one-two with Tomas Rosicky, but fired wide with only the goalkeeper to beat.

The Czechs, buoyed by four successive wins, made the brighter start and went close to opening the scoring after only three minutes when a powerful volley by midfielder Tomas Rosicky rattled the bar after Koller headed on a free kick.



Taianos Dellas, bottom left, of Greece, scores the silver goal-winner during extra time in the Euro 2004 semifinal soccer match between Greece and the Czech Republic at the Dragao Stadium in Porto, Portugal, on Thursday, 1 July, 2004. Greece won the match, 1-0. —INTERNET

Otherwise, there were few chances in a tense opening period in which Greece attempted to shackle Koller and five-goal Milan Baros, the tournament's top scorer.

Traianos Dellas played as a sweeper while Michalis Kapsis attempted a marking job on Koller and Yourkas Seitaridis was detailed to do the same on Baros.

The tactics worked because chances were restricted and gradually Greece began to exert some pressure of their own in the Czech half.

However, they only had one chance of note in the opening period after 29 minutes when striker Zisis Vryzas just failed to connect with a cross from Takis Fyssas four metres out.

Karel Poborsky flighted the ball just over the Greek bar after 69 minutes before Koller came close and then Baros fired just wide of the post with his left foot from 16 metres.

Greece midfielder Giorgos Karagounis was booked for a foul on substitute Vladimir Smicer in the 88th minute and will miss the final through suspension.

After the match finished goalless at the end of normal time Baros found himself booked in the extra period for a foul on Takis Fyssas before Greece defender Dellas scored the winner after 105 minutes to put them in the final. — MNA/Reuters

Aragones named as new Spain coach

MADRID, 2 July — Real Mallorca boss Luis Aragones was named as the replacement for Inaki Saez as the new coach of the Spanish national side on Thursday.

"I want to confirm that we have decided to appoint Luis Aragones to the post of Spain coach," Federation president Angel Maria Villar told a news conference in Madrid.

"He will take charge of the team for approximately the next two years through to the 2006 World Cup."

Villar said Aragones was the consensus choice amongst the nine-man committee. Saez quit following the team's poor showing at Euro 2004.

"The reasons for choosing Luis Aragones were that in the first place he is a magnificent coach," he said.

"Secondly he has a great sporting history, third he is very keen to take up the post and fourthly he enjoys the support of all those people connected with Spanish football."

Villar added that Mallorca had agreed to release the coach from his present contract.

MNA/Reuters

Officials discuss ensuring smooth, secure transport in Yangon Division

YANGON, 2 July — Supervisory Committee for Ensuring Smooth and Secure Transport in Yangon Division held its meeting at All Bus-Line Control Committee Office Yangon Division here this evening.

Chairman of the committee Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe gave a speech.

Also present were military commanders, station commanders, Secretary of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Lt-Col Myint Kyi, member of the committee, local authorities and officials.

The commander explained the functions to ensure

smooth and secure transport for the convenience and satisfaction of the passengers in Yangon and all over the country.

Officials concerned presented reports on traffic facilitation programmes, enforcing rules to reduce traffic accidents, and running of ferries for students.

The commander said that thanks to the efforts of the personnel concerned, the number of road accidents in Yangon Division is falling. But accidents are still occurring on roads due to weakness in enforcing traffic rules. Thus, efforts should be made to ensure effective traffic rules enforcement in Yangon Division. — MNA

Wellwishers who contributed to successful operation on elderly eye-patients honoured

YANGON, 2 July—With the sponsorship of Yangon Division Maternal and Child Welfare Association Supervisory Committee, a ceremony to honour wellwishers who contributed to successful operation on 22 elderly eye-patients of U Maung Yon-Daw Yin Home for the Aged in Okkan, Taikkyi Township, Yangon North District, was held at the hall of Yangon Command this morning, attended by Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe and wife Patron of Yangon Division Maternal and Child Welfare Association Supervisory Committee Daw Khin Thet Htay.

Also present on the occasion were military region commanders, members of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council, members of the Panel of Patrons for Yangon Division Maternal and Child Welfare Association Supervisory Committee, Chairman Head of Yangon Division Health Department Dr Hla Myint and committee

members, Chairman of Yangon North District Peace and Development Council Lt-Col Myat Min, members of Maternal and Child Welfare Associations, wellwishers and others. Patron of Yangon Division Maternal and Child Welfare Association Supervisory Committee Daw Khin Thet Htay made a speech.

Next, the cash donation ceremony followed.

Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe accepted the donations—lens and spectacles worth K 700,000 by U Thein Hla (American Vision Eyecare Centre) for 22 elderly eye-patients and K 70,000 by Major Thein Zaw-Thiha Thudamma Theingi Daw Aye Aye Mon and family—and presented certificates of honour.

Grandpa U Kaw Hlaing, on behalf of elderly eye-patients, spoke words of thanks.

Afterwards, Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe, wife Daw Khin Thet Htay and officials presented cash assistance to elderly persons.—MNA

Minister back from Philippines

YANGON, 2 July — U Tin Winn, Minister for Labour, on behalf of the Head of State, attended the ceremony of the Philippine President to take oath of office in the Philippines on 30 June, arrived back here by air yesterday evening.

The minister was welcomed back at Yangon International Airport by Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha, Minister for Cooperatives Maj-Gen Htay Oo, Deputy Minister for Labour Brig-Gen Win Sein, departmental officials of the Ministry of Labour, and families. U Aung Ko, Head of Office of the Ministry of Labour, who accompanied the minister, also arrived back on the same flight. — MNA

Minister for Sports Brig-Gen Thura Aye Myint delivers a speech at the opening ceremony of the Judo Competition. — NLM



Entry Works Scrutinization Committee for enabling Myanmar to participate in 2004 Noma Concours for Picture Book Illustration meets

YANGON, 2 July—The Entry Works Scrutinization Committee for enabling Myanmar to participate in the 2004 Noma Concours for Picture Book Illustration to be held in Japan held its coordination meeting at the meeting hall of the Ministry of Information on Theinbyu Road here at 4 pm today with an address by Deputy Minister for Information Brig-Gen Aung Thein.

Also present on the occasion were members of the Committee heads of department, officials, scholars and

others. Chairman of the Committee Deputy Minister for Information Brig-Gen Aung Thein made a speech.

Next, Secretary of the Committee Chief Editor of Sarpay Beikman under Printing and Publishing Enterprise U Maung Hlaing explained measures to be taken.

This was followed by a general round of discussions.

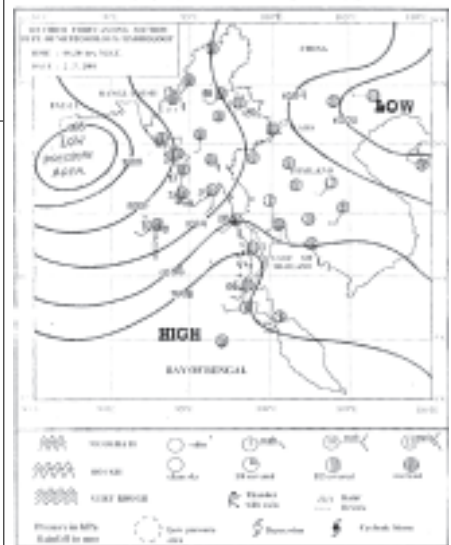
The meeting ended with the concluding remarks by Chairman of the Committee Deputy Minister for Information Brig-Gen Aung Thein.—MNA

Rainfall on 2-7-2004

- 0.15 inch at Yangon Airport,
- 0.27 inch at Kaba-Aye and
- 0.04 inch at central Yangon.

- Total rainfall since 1-1-2004 was
- 49.09 inches at Yangon Airport
- 46.10 inches at Kaba-Aye
- 47.13 inches at central Yangon.

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas



WEATHER

Friday, 2 July, 2004

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Magway Division and Kayah State, rain or thundershowers have been scattered to widespread in the remaining areas with isolated heavyfalls in Kachin State, lower Sagaing, Mandalay and Taninthayi Divisions. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Kanbalu (4.84) inches, Bhamo (3.58) inches, Kawthoung (3.39) inches and Mogoke (3.35) inches. Maximum temperature on 1-7-2004 was 31.5°C (89°F). Minimum temperature on 2-7-2004 was 22.3°C (72°F). Relative humidity at 9:30 hrs MST on 2-7-2004 was 85%. Total sunshine hours on 1-7-2004 was (9.3) hours approx. Rainfall on 2-7-2004 was 0.15 inch at Yangon Airport, 0.27 inch at Kaba-Aye and 0.04 inch at central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2004 was 1247mm (49.09 inches) at Yangon Airport and 1171mm (46.10 inches) at Kaba-Aye and 1197mm (47.13 inches) at central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was 12 mph from Southwest at 12:15 hours MST on 1-7-2004.

Bay inference: According to the observations at 09.30 hrs MST today, a low pressure area has formed over the North Bay and adjoining West Central Bay. Monsoon is strong in the Bay of Bengal. **Forecast valid until evening of 3-7-2004:** Rain or thundershowers will be widespread in Kachin, Mon and Rakhine States, Sagaing, Ayeyawady, Yangon, Bago and Taninthayi Divisions, scattered in Mandalay Division, Chin, Kayah and Shan States and isolated in the remaining areas with likelihood of isolated heavyfalls in Kachin and Mon States, upper Sagaing and Taninthayi Divisions. Degree of certainty is (100%). **State of the sea:** Squalls with moderate to rough seas are likely at times off and along Myanmar Coasts. Surface wind speed in squall may reach (35) to (40) mph.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Increase of rain are likely in lower Myanmar areas. **Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 3-7-2004:** Some rain. Degree of certainty is (100%). **Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 3-7-2004:** One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Weather outlook for first weekend of July 2004: During the coming weekend, rain of thundershowers will be widespread in Yangon Division and scattered in Mandalay Division.

New Rainfall Record

(Issued at 11.30 hrs MST on 2nd July, 2004)

The amount of rainfall 123mm (4.48 inches) observed at 09.30 hrs MST on 2nd July 2004 at Kanbalu is the 24 hrs new maximum rainfall recorded of the station for the month of July during last 12 years. The former record was 120mm (4.72 inches) on 7th July 1992.

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

State Peace and Development Council Chairman Senior General Than Shwe accepts credentials of Ambassador of Turkey

YANGON, 2 July— Mr Mumin Alanat, newly accredited Ambassador of the Republic of Turkey to the Union of Myanmar, presented his credentials to Senior General Than Shwe, Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar, at Zeyathiri Beikman, Konmyinthta at 10.30 am today.

Also present on the occasion were State Peace and Development Council Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Soe Win, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Khin Maung Win and Director-General of Protocol Department Thura U Aung Htet.—MNA



Senior General Than Shwe accepts credentials of newly accredited Turkish Ambassador Mr Mumin Alanat at Zeyathiri Beikman.— MNA

Senior General Than Shwe receives newly accredited Turkish Ambassador Mr Mumin Alanat at Zeyathiri Beikman.— MNA



Delegate group of workers submits proposal to Plenary Session of National Convention

YANGON, 2 July — The Plenary Session of the National Convention continued at Pyidaungsu Hall of Nyaungnapin Camp in Hmawby Township, Yangon Division, at 9 am today.

Delegates of Workers, one of the delegate groups to the National Convention, presented the proposal of their group concerning detailed basic principles to be laid down for sharing of power in legislative, executive and judicial sectors to be included in writing the State Constitution.

Also present at the Plenary Session 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 Democracy and

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

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With hands linked firm around the National Convention.