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With likelihood of young Myanmar national race women misled by avaricious self-seekers, educational campaigns need to be expedited Myanmar Women's Day (2004) observed

YANGON, 3 July—Myanmar Women's Day (2004) was observed at a ceremony held at the International Business Centre on Pyay Road here this morning.

Honorary Patron of the Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation Daw Mya Mya San, wife of Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Maung Aye, presented prizes to the winners, and Patron of the MWAFF Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt delivered a speech at the ceremony.

Also present on the occasion were President of the MWAFF Dr Daw Khin Win Shwe, wife of the Prime Minister, Adviser to the MWAFF Daw Khin Than Nwe, MWAFF Vice-Presidents Dr Daw May May Yee, Daw Khin Lay Thet, wife of member of the State Peace and Development Council General Thura Shwe Mann, Daw Than Than Nwe, wife of Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Soe Win, Daw Khin Khin Win, wife of Secretary-2 Lt-Gen Thein Sein, MWAFF advisers wives of members of the State Peace and Development Council, Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe and wife Patron of Yangon Division Organization for Women's Affairs Daw Khin Th et Htay, members of the Panel of Patrons of MWAFF ministers, the Yangon mayor, MWAFF Supporting Committee members deputy ministers, MWAFF General Secretary Professor Dr Daw Khin Aye Win and secretariat members, leaders of work groups, those in charge in the States/Divisions, members of the MWAFF departmental heads, intellectuals and intelligentsia, officials of social organizations, prize winners, artistes, wellwishers and distinguished guests.



Patron of Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt addresses the ceremony to mark Myanmar Women's Day 2004.— MNA

The Prime Minister in his speech said that not only are Myanmar women by nature decent and polite, but they are also quoted as the prime example of a distinguished character in preserving and promoting their lineage and national culture. All of Myanmar women should pride themselves on the significant emergence of "Myanmar Women's Day", which represents the entire mass of Myanmar women, in praise of Myanmar women endowed with such respectable and honourable attributes as it archived their unusual and fine tributes.

The designation of Myanmar Women's Day is to mark the day, 3 July 1996, on which the Myanmar Women's Affairs Committee was founded with the objectives: to ensure the life security and development of Myanmar women, to preserve the already-achieved attributions of Myanmar women, and to enhance the capacity of Myanmar women that have a history. Therefore, the day is very meaningful because it represents the entire mass of Myanmar women.

The attribute of "women" in Myanmar society itself has been significant. Therefore, Myanmar nationals give them a proper place in Myanmar society, treating them on an equal footing. In Myanmar society where the gratitude to mother and father is placed on the same plane and is also held in high regard, the attribute of "women" implies maternal affection, compassion and kindness. Likewise, women are regarded as those who can preserve the fine hereditary traditions and are shouldering the family affairs hand in hand with the father, head of the family.

Besides the right to independent movement and to innovation for their own development, Myanmar women, as Myanmar men do, also have the right to show that they are competent and able. With religious teachings, social codes of conduct to be kept mutually and polite and delicate traits based on modesty, Myanmar women behave decently. The tradition of living a humble life free from arrogance and paying respects to men is a fine tradition of Myanmar culture that Myanmar women follow.

Therefore, the capabilities of Myanmar women are no less efficient than those of men although they by nature have had a docile temperament throughout the course of the long history of Myanmar. Outstanding and brilliant women entrepreneurs emerged standing shoulder to shoulder with men as they worked hard in cooperation with men in national development endeavours. Now is the time crucial for the entire national races to make concerted efforts to enable the motherland, the Union of Myanmar, to catch up with the world nations in terms of development and stand proud and grand as a sovereign state in international community. In such a time like this, the Government value the importance of the women sector in national development and the efficiency and fine traditions of Myanmar women who actively and energetically participated in serving the national interest. Measures are



MWAFF Honorary Patron Daw Mya Mya San, wife of Vice-Senior General Maung Aye, presents prize to Ma Khaing Thet Su of Kamayut BEHS No 2 who stood first in matriculation exam in the entire nation.— MNA

being taken systematically to enable Myanmar women to develop the women sector, become a national force and play a role they deserve in nation-building tasks.

In 1996, the Government formed the Myanmar National Women's Affairs Committee, work committees, and state/division/district/township women's affairs committees, all of which have played a leading role in the drive for development of the women sector. The organizational measures taken by the women's affairs committees at different levels increased the momentum of the development of the women sector. Besides, it can be found that the achievement is full of nationalistic fervour.

At such an opportune time when the efficiency and fine traditions of Myanmar women are in vogue again and in their prime, the Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation, headed by Myanmar women themselves with the participation of a mass of the women force, could be formed. It is safe to assume that the emergence of a consolidated national force on which women rely is the right progress suited to the tribute of the mass of Myanmar women with a splendid history.

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PERSPECTIVES

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Boost agricultural production

The Government, enlisting the strength of human resource and national forces and utilizing natural resources in the country, is striving for promoting the national economic life.

Among the economic policies laid down by the State are boosting exports, reducing imports and enhancing production of import-substitute items.

Based on the agriculture sector, the Government is encouraging the drive for promoting the production of the industrial sector and extending exports of the respective manufacturing sectors.

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

In his speech General Thura Shwe Mann said that national entrepreneurs, exporters, merchants and farmers are to cooperate among them for boosting production of export item crops and that the entrepreneurs should provide assistance to the farmers who are really carrying out agricultural tasks.

As Myanmar is an agro-based nation, boosting agricultural production plays the main role in speeding up the export sector of the State. So, it is needed to place emphasis on extended cultivation of crops which are in good demand in the world markets.

To meet this end, the Government is paying serious attention to boosting the agricultural production. To supply sufficient water for agricultural purpose, 161 dams, reservoirs and sluice gates have been built throughout the country.

Moreover, steps are being taken to fulfil the needs of national entrepreneurs who wish to engage in farming by providing them with land, agricultural methods and other necessary assistance.

Therefore, entrepreneurs who are engaged in agricultural business are to extend cultivation of the main crops and marketable crops. Likewise, departments concerned need to give necessary assistance to farmers by providing them with quality strains and agricultural technology.

National entrepreneurs, exporters, merchants and farmers are urged to strive collectively for realizing the targets of the State in the economic sector.

Film entertainment to National Convention delegates at Nyaungnabin Camp

YANGON, 3 July — The Entertainment and Welfare Subcommittee of the National Convention Convening Management Committee is organizing entertainment programmes for delegates to the National Convention daily at the gymnasium of Nyaungnabin Camp.

Yesterday evening, the delegates were entertained with a film entitled "Thida Khunhna Tan" (Barriers of seven rivers) directed by Maung Nanda and starring Nyunt Win, Nay Aung, Ye Aung and Zin Mar Oo. — MNA

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People's Desire

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

International Day of Cooperatives observed

YANGON, 3 July — The International Day of Cooperatives (2004) was observed at Diamond Jubilee Hall on Pyay Road this morning.

Present were Chairman of the Leading Committee for Organizing the International Day of Cooperatives Director-General of Cooperative Department Col Soe Win, officials, non-governmental organizations, ambassadors and economic counsellors of foreign missions, resident representatives of UN agencies, the chairman and members of the Board of Directors of Central Cooperative Society and guests.

First, the director-general read out the message sent by the Minister for Cooperatives in honour of the International Day of Cooperatives. He read out the message that in honouring the co-operative movements, the United Nations General Assembly held in 1994 designated the first Saturday of July as the International Day of Cooperatives. Accordingly, member nations of the ICA (International Alliance of Cooperatives) all over the world have been observing the International Day of Cooperatives celebrations on first Saturday of July every year since 1995. The Central Cooperative Society of Myanmar, being a member of the ICA has been observing the International Day of Cooperatives every year since 1995 on a grand scale in States and Divisions including Yangon City like other ICA members to honour the cooperative movements.

Now, it has observed the day for ten times. The cooperative sector has been making efforts for ensuring sustained development of cooperatives through the 30-year plan in line with the visions and missions. It is mentioned in the cooperative missions to make efforts for enabling cooperatives to possess modern outlooks, progressive studies and advanced technology. In this context, the cooperatives are making efforts for ensuring the human resource development.



Co-operative Department Director-General Col Soe Win reads out the message of the ICA. — COOPERATIVE

POEM:

Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation

Myanmar Mothers:

Past, present and future
Key family figures
To keep it close-knit
And to bring up well-rounded kids.

Myanmar women:

All along standing as a strong force
Have served the national interest in due course.
With their spiritual ability and fine traditions,
Have taken part in various operations
for development and welfare.

Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation:

The Great Sun has come out bold
To protect womenfolk young and old;
With its rays branching around
To ensure their life safe and sound.

Let's all hail to the Federation

For its noble and worthy operations

Full tribute should we all pay

On this auspicious "Myanmar Women's Day".

Aye Aye

Next, Leading Committee member Daw Toe Nanda Tin of Central Cooperative Society read out the message sent by International Alliance of Cooperatives.

Director-General Col Soe Win presented prizes to outstanding students who passed the examinations from Yangon Cooperative Degree College and Cooperative College (Phaunggyi) in 2003 academic year. Later, the director-general and guests viewed photos of cooperative activities. — MNA

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မွေးမြူရေးနှင့် ရေလုပ်ငန်းဝန်ကြီးဌာန၊ ငါးလုပ်ငန်းဦးစီးဌာနက အမိန့်ကြော်ငြာစာအမှတ် (၂/၉၂)ဖြင့် ငါးရစ်၊ ငါးသန် ရာသီချိန်များတွင် ငါးလုပ်ငန်းဦးစီးဌာန၏ ခွင့်ပြုချက်မဲ့တစ်ပါး ငါးများ ဖမ်းဆီးခြင်းမပြုရန် တားမြစ်ထားပါသည်။ အဆိုပါ တားမြစ်ချက်ကို မောက်ပျက်ကျူးလွန်ပါက ရေချိုငါးလုပ်ငန်းဥပဒေပုဒ်မ(၄၄)အရ ဖမ်းဆီးတရားစွဲဆို အပြစ်ပေးနိုင်ရန် ပြဋ္ဌာန်းထားပါသည်။

သို့ပါ၍ ငါးရစ်တက်ချိန်နှင့် ငါးသန်သားပေါက်သော မိုးရာသီအချိန်များတွင် လွတ်လပ်စွာ ဥချသားပေါက်နိုင်ရန် ဖမ်းဆီးခြင်းမပြုဘဲ ဘေးမပေးကြပါရန် နှိုးဆော်အပ်ပါသည်။

ငါးလုပ်ငန်းဦးစီးဌာန၊

မွေးမြူရေးနှင့်ရေလုပ်ငန်းဝန်ကြီးဌာန

ဥကုပ်နေသောရေချိုပုစွန်ထုပ်ကြီးများဖမ်းရန် ပညာပေးနှိုးဆော်ချက် (၂/၉၇)

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

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

ငါးလုပ်ငန်းဦးစီးဌာန၊

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

BAGHDAD, 2 July — As of Friday, 2 July, 858 US service members have died since the beginning of military operations in Iraq last year, according to the Defence Department. Of those, 636 died as a result of hostile action and 222 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, 720 US soldiers have died - 527 as a result of hostile action and 193 of non-hostile causes.

— The latest deaths reported by US Central Command:

— A Marine was killed Friday and a second died of wounds suffered in a separate engagement Thursday in Iraq's Anbar Province.

— The latest identifications reported by the military:

— Marine Sgt Kenneth Conde Jr., 23, Orlando, Fla., was killed Thursday in Iraq's Anbar province; assigned to 2nd Battalion, 4th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force, Camp Pendleton, Calif.

— Army Sgt Christopher A Wagener, 24, Fairview Heights, Ill., died Thursday in Mosul, Iraq, when his convoy vehicle hit a land mine; assigned to the Army's 10th Aviation Battalion, 10th Mountain Division (Light Infantry), Fort Drum, NY.

— Army Spc Robert LDuSang, 24, Mandeville, La, died Wednesday in Navstar, Iraq, when his vehicle overturned; assigned to the Army's 1st Squadron, 2nd Armoured Cavalry Regiment, Fort Polk, La.—Internet

မှတ်တမ်းနှင့် စာမျက်နှာ

Four US soldiers charged over Iraq man's death

WASHINGTON, 2 July — Four US soldiers have been charged in the drowning death of an Iraqi man forced to jump off a bridge into the Tigris River, according to newspaper reports.

The soldiers were part of a patrol that detained two Iraqi men for a late-night curfew violation, then ordered them to jump off the bridge in the northern Iraqi town of Samarra on January 3, according to the *Rocky Mountain News* on Friday. One swam ashore, but the

other drowned.

The four soldiers are from the 3rd Brigade of the 4th Infantry Division, which returned to Fort Carson, near Colorado Springs, from Iraq in April after a one-year deployment, according to the *Rocky Mountain News*.

First Lieutenant Jack Saville and Sergeant 1st Class Tracy Perkins were charged with manslaughter, assault, conspiracy and obstruction of justice, the newspaper quoted a Fort Carson spokeswoman as saying.

Sergeant Reggie Martinez was charged with manslaughter, and Specialist Terry Bowman was charged with assault. All four were also charged with making false statements to cover up the death.

MNA/Reuters

Internet

Brazil angered by US piracy threats

BRASILIA (Brazil), 3 July — US threats to cut off trade benefits to Brazil over piracy of movies, software and music are unacceptable given the nation's efforts to combat contraband, Brazil's Justice Ministry and lawmakers said on Friday.

Trade in pirated versions of the latest Hollywood blockbusters and top-selling US CDs and DVDs is rampant in Brazil. One of Brazil's biggest contraband markets stands just a few miles from the Justice Ministry.

Washington warned the South American nation on Wednesday it could lose billions of dollars' worth of duty-free access to its markets each year unless it did more to crack down on copyright theft. Brazilian lawmakers acknowledged the nation's huge piracy problem but said it was doing a lot to overcome it with better coordination between law enforcement and government agencies.

"Brazil has a law, Brazil has legislation, Brazil has judges," Clovis da Silva Monteiro, who coordinates the ministry's anti-piracy committee, said in a congressional debate on the trade dispute. "This is just a way of exerting pressure."

Brazil has signed international accords against copyright theft but pirated goods from around the world flood into the nation from neighbouring Paraguay. Others are made domestically. Piracy cost US

companies 700 million US dollars in lost Brazilian sales during 2003 alone, according to The International Intellectual Property Alliance, a US consortium of music, movie, software and book publishing groups.



An Iraqi policeman inspects a rocket launcher placed in the trunk of a burnt van following an attack against the Sheraton Hotel in Baghdad recently. — INTERNET

Efficiency to determine Malaysian auto-industry's future

KUALA LUMPUR, 2 July — Malaysian Minister of International Trade and Industry Rafidah Aziz has said that the future of his country's automotive industry will be determined by its ability to increase efficiency and competitiveness.

"The industry also needed to expand into regional markets and seek alliances with other regional and global automotive manufacturers," *Malaysia National News Agency* Thursday quoted Rafidah as saying.

Rafidah said that the strong move towards trade liberalization will pose the automotive sector and the component parts manufacturers with new challenges in the area of growth, competition, technology, product standards and environmental concerns. These challenges need to be addressed if the sector's continued survival is to be ensured, she said.

Rafidah said that the automotive sector is now faced with intense competition from the global manufacturers, with the top five companies now jointly controlling 80 per cent of the global automotive sales. She said that at the regional level, the automotive sector has been identified as one of the 11 priority sectors for economic integration of the Association of

South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN).

Rafidah said that the government has undertaken several measures to make domestic automotive sector more competitive like the total abolition of local content policy effective January 1, 2004 and the discontinuation of price supervision mechanism effective January 1, 2003.

It is hoped that with the appropriate strategies and policy measures, the automotive industry in Malaysia

could evolve into a significant regional player, with a strong position in the global supply chain, she said.

Malaysia is the major market for passenger vehicles in the ASEAN region with total sales of 334,416 units in 2003, accounting for about 48 per cent of the total ASEAN market in this sector. For the period of 2002-April 2004, total investment in the country's automotive sector stood at 1,037 million US dollars with 139 projects approved. — MNA/Xinhua

HK's population expected to reach 8.38 million in 30 years

HONG KONG, 2 July — Hong Kong's population is expected to reach 8.38 million in 30 years under an updated set of population projections released by the Census and Statistics Department on Wednesday.

In the updated set of projections, the Hong Kong Resident Population is projected to increase at an average annual rate of 0.7 per cent, from 6.80 million in

mid-2003 to 8.38 million in mid-2033.

"Population projections provide a common basis for the government in planning public services and facilities. They are constantly rolled forward and updated to take advantage of information on latest developments of the population," said Frederick Ho, Commissioner for Census and Statistics.—MNA/Xinhua



A US Army 1st Cavalry soldier watches over a group of Iraqi men who were temporarily detained during a raid and search of numerous homes in a rural section of Abu Ghraib, on the outskirts of Baghdad, Iraq on 2 July, 2004. — INTERNET

ASEAN, dialogue partners for mutually beneficial cooperation

JAKARTA, 2 July — The Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN) Post Ministerial Conference closed here Thursday by saying that ASEAN members and their dialogue partners have strengthened mutually beneficial cooperation.

In the one-day conference, participants expressed their support for the concept of the ASEAN Security Community which was accepted by ASEAN at the 37th ministerial meeting. This is an important concept to bring about peace, stability and prosperity to the ASEAN region, they said. This concept, they believed, would in turn contribute to peace and stability of the whole Asia-Pacific Region.

Participants also showed their support to the idea of ASEAN Economic Community which would promote free movement of goods, services, capitals and skilled labours in the region. They said that the building of an economic community would help make the whole region more competitive in the international economic system and help it gain capability to cope with current and future socio-economic challenges.

The Post Ministerial Conference is a forum where foreign ministers of ASEAN member countries and their counterparts from the dialogue partners exchange views on the issues of the whole Asia-Pacific area, particularly those on security and economic development.

MNA/Xinhua

US reconstruction effort in Iraq slowed by violence

WASHINGTON, 2 July—Little of the money President Bush pledged for Iraq's reconstruction has actually been paid out, according to a White House report released on Friday.

Of the more than \$20.8 billion appropriated by Congress for reconstruction projects, actual outlays as of last month totalled just \$1.8 billion, although administration officials say more than half the total is now in the pipeline to be spent.

The report blames the slow pace of reconstruction on "security problems",

which escalated ahead of last month's transfer of limited authority to an interim Iraqi government.

The electricity sector was hard hit. Disruptions due to attacks and threats against drivers and vehicles "have slowed the delivery of construction materials and supplies", the report said.

Many firms working in

the electric power sector have withdrawn staff from Iraq or severely limited their movement beyond secure facilities.

"As a result, the June 2004 goal of producing 6,000 megawatts has been delayed," the report said. It estimated the current level of peak generating capacity at about 4,600 megawatts.

Security problems and cost overruns have also delayed several oil sector construction projects, including repairs to natural gas plants that were heavily looted last year, according to the report.

It acknowledged limited progress training Iraqi prison guards because of the poor security situation.

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US Marine killed in action in western Iraq

BAGHDAD, 2 July—A US Marine was killed in action in western Iraq Friday, a US military statement said.

The statement said the soldier was killed while conducting "security and stability" operations in the al-Anbar Province, which includes the rebellious city of Fallujah, but gave no further details.

The death brought the number of US troops killed in Iraq since last year's invasion to at least 634.

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A US Army soldier surveys the damage after a mortar attack wounded 11 US Army soldiers at Log Base Seitz, an Army logistics compound near Abu Ghraib, on the outskirts of Baghdad, Iraq on 30 June, 2004. —INTERNET

Iran denies arrest of British crewmen

TEHRAN, 2 July — Iran on Thursday denied eight British servicemen arrested last month in Iranian waters were forced into its territory.

Britain said on Wednesday Iranian Revolutionary Guards had forced eight British Navy personnel into Iranian waters while the men were operating inside Iraqi territory on the Shatt al-Arab waterway along the Iran-Iraq border.

It was the latest diplomatic friction over the incident which occurred at a time when British relations with Iran had already soured over London's criticism of Teheran's alleged failure to cooperate with UN nuclear inspectors.

"The British Charge d'Affaires in Teheran... had confirmed the unauthorized and unintentional straying of the boats to Iranian waters," Iranian Foreign Ministry spokesman Hamid Reza Asefi said.

Iran held the British crewmen for three nights before handing them over to British diplomats. Teheran said they had mistakenly veered off course.

In a written statement to the British Par-

liament on Wednesday, Defence Secretary Geoff Hoon said: "The initial assessment... was that these service personnel could have strayed into Iranian waters by mistake.

"In recent more detailed debriefing, the crews have said that they were operating inside the Iraqi border and were forcibly escorted into Iranian territorial waters."

The British Prime Minister's Office said on Thursday the eight British naval personnel "had no intention to go into Iranian waters".

"The important thing was to ensure the safe return of those involved, and that was done. We don't expect a recurrence of such an event," Prime Minister Tony Blair's official spokesman told reporters.

Unlike the United States, Britain has pursued a policy of engaging Iran in recent years. London has said it will continue that policy despite the arrest of the eight British servicemen. — MNA/Reuters

China attaches importance on ARF's role

BEIJING, 2 July — China attaches great importance on the important role played by the Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN) Regional Forum in the Asian region, said Chinese Foreign Ministry spokeswoman Zhang Qiyue here Thursday.

Zhang said at a regular Press conference that China always speaks highly of the ASEAN Regional Forum (ARF), which is the most important forum in the Asia-Pacific Region on cooperation in political and security fields.

The ARF played a positive role in further strength-

ening mutual trust and cooperation between its member countries, and in safeguarding the regional peace and stability, Zhang said.

The 11th Foreign Ministers' Meeting of the ARF will be held in Jakarta, Indonesia, and Chinese Foreign Minister Li Zhaoxing will attend the meeting,

Zhang said.

As to the issue concerned with the inclusion of Pakistan in the ARF, which will be discussed during the meeting, Zhang said Pakistan's participation to the ARF will be conducive for the regional peace and stability.

MNA/Xinhua

British soldier to face military trial over shooting of boy in Iraq

LONDON, 2 July—A British soldier is to face a court martial over the non-fatal shooting of a 13-year-old boy in Iraq the Attorney General Peter Goldsmith announced.

The soldier, Private Alexander Johnston, of the 1st Battalion of the King's Own Scottish Borderers was to stand trial charged with "unlawful wounding" following the shooting last September, Goldsmith, the government's chief legal officer, announced in a written statement to Parliament Friday.

A Ministry of Defence spokesman declined to reveal details of the boy's condition, citing patient confidentiality.

Johnston becomes the fifth British soldier to face a court martial over events in Iraq in the wake of the US-led invasion of the country last year.

Britain is to court martial four Royal Fusiliers for allegedly beating and sexually abusing prisoners in Iraq, it was announced last month.

No date has been set for their courts martial, which will be heard in public. —Internet

Australia welcomes ASEAN FMs' support for free trade agreement

CANBERRA, 2 July — Australian Trade Minister Mark Vaile on Thursday welcomed the Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN) foreign ministers' support for a free trade agreement (FTA) with Australia and New Zealand.

In a joint statement at the end of annual talks in Jakarta on Wednesday, the foreign ministers of the 10-member ASEAN agreed to invite Australia and New Zealand's leaders to a summit meeting later this year.

The announcement by ASEAN foreign ministers followed an earlier decision by ASEAN economic ministers in April supporting consideration of an FTA with Australia and New Zealand and to set up a schedule for regional trade negotiations at the summit.

The foreign ministers said the summit would also

include other issues, which are believed to be counter-terrorism and other security issues.

"The foreign ministers' support for the FTA proposal is yet another indication of the strength of economic ties between Australia and the countries of ASEAN," Vaile said in a statement.

An FTA would build on the already close trade and investment links between Australia and the ASEAN region, Vaile said.

Australian exports to ASEAN grew by 40 per cent year-on-year to May 2004, Vaile said, adding ASEAN

offers exciting prospects for Australian exporters, and an FTA would allow Australia to expand its presence even further in this enormous and growing market.

ASEAN comprises Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand and Vietnam.

Australia has been pursuing a free trade agreement between ASEAN and the CER (the Australia-New Zealand Closer Economic Relations Trade Agreement) economies since 2000.

MNA/Xinhua



US Army 1st Cavalry soldiers search a home during a raid on numerous locations in a rural section of Abu Ghraib, on the outskirts of Baghdad, Iraq on 2 July, 2004.

INTERNET

US soldiers returning from Iraq found to have stress-related disorder

WASHINGTON, 2 July — About one in six US soldiers returning from the war in Iraq shows signs of post-traumatic stress disorder or other emotional difficulties, a news report said Thursday.

The *New York Times* report, quoting a study published in *The New England Journal* on Thursday, said lower levels of psychiatric problems were found among American troops who served in Afghanistan.

Researchers surveyed more than 6,000 soldiers in the months before and after service in Iraq or Afghanistan, and found that almost 17 per cent of those who

fought in Iraq reported symptoms of major depression, severe anxiety or post-traumatic stress disorder.

Among those who served in Afghanistan, only about 11 per cent showed such symptoms.

The rates were slightly higher than those found among soldiers in the 1991 Gulf War, and lower than the rates in Vietnam veterans.

The finding that rates of

psychiatric problems among the soldiers returning from Iraq were higher in the new study than those among troops who were in Afghanistan reflects their greater exposure to combat, the researchers said.

More than 90 per cent of the Iraq troops reported having been shot at, while among those returning from Afghanistan, 66 per cent said they had been attacked.

In each group, those who had the largest number of symptoms were also the ones least likely to seek help, according to the study, the first to examine the mental health of troops returning from Iraq.

Whether the percentage of American troops experiencing post-traumatic stress will change over time is unclear, but most experts said that the figures are likely to increase, the report said.

MNA/Xinhua



An Iraqi delivery boy rushes through the outdoor markets of Abu Ghraib, on the outskirts of Baghdad, on 2 July, 2004, while a US Army 1st Cavalry soldier patrols behind him. —INTERNET

Syria says necessary to strengthen relations with Iraq

DAMASCUS, 2 July — A Syrian senior official said Thursday that it was necessary for Syria to strengthen its relations with Iraq in all fields following the power transfer in the country, the state-run SANA news agency reported.

Syrian Information Minister Ahmad al-Hasan made the remarks while meeting with an Iraqi non-governmental organization delegation headed by its Secretary General Aqeel al-Khatib, also Editor-in-Chief of the Iraqi daily *al-Aqyan*, SANA said.

Hasan stressed Syria's support for the Iraqi people in bringing back their complete sovereignty and maintaining their national unity.

The two sides also discussed the current situation in Iraq and ways to restore its efficient role in the region and world as a whole, SANA said.

For his part, al-Khatib expressed his appreciation of Syria's stance toward Iraq under the leadership of President Bashar al-Assad, as well as Syria's keenness on Iraq's national unity and integrity, SANA said.

MNA/Xinhua

Sony debuts 20 gigabyte Walkman to silence iPod

LONDON/TOKYO, 2 July — Sony Corp unveiled plans on Thursday to launch a Walkman digital music player capable of storing 13,000 songs, aiming to reclaim the top spot in a market now dominated by Apple Computer Inc's iPod.

The Japanese consumer electronics maker said the 20-gigabyte device, its second hard-disc drive gadget aimed at unseating Apple, will be launched on July 10 in Japan, by mid-August in the United States and in September in Europe.

It is expected to sell for around 53,000 yen (487 US dollars) in Japan and less than 400 US dollars in the United States, Sony said, undercutting Apple's 40-gigabyte device that sells for 499 US dollars and can hold up to 10,000 songs.

Dubbed the Network Walkman NW-HD1, it is the first major upgrade to the legendary Walkman brand on its 25th anniversary.

It joins the "Vaio pocket", a digital player Sony unveiled in Japan in May. The Vaio pocket has a similar storage capacity and also carries a 53,000-yen price tag.

Sony views a high-capacity, hard-drive

player as a crucial addition to boost usage of its online music store Sony Connect. It is hoping the cachet of the Walkman brand name will help it close the gap on the iPod and Apple's iTunes download service.

Since Apple launched iPod three years ago it has dominated the digital music player market, outselling all competitors by nearly a two-to-one margin. Apple has an even larger lead in downloads, selling over 85 million digital tracks.

"This very clearly completes the range for us," said Robert Ashcroft, senior vice-president of Sony network services Europe, a division of Sony Electronics.

Ashcroft said Sony Connect was due to be launched in Europe next week, beginning with the French market. He said that with the NW-HD1, Sony now had over a dozen digital players compatible with Sony Connect.

MNA/Reuters

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Loud explosion heard in central Baghdad

BAGHDAD, 2 July — A loud explosion rang out early on Friday morning in central Baghdad and a cloud of black smoke rose into the sky on the eastern bank of the Tigris River.

Reuters witnesses said sirens wailed as police and ambulances raced to the scene. The cause of the blast was not immediately clear.

The explosion came hours after ousted president Saddam Hussein, captured in December by US forces, appeared before an Iraqi court to be read charges on which he faces trial.

The US-led coalition, which has faced strong rebel resistance, formally transferred power to an interim Iraqi Government on Monday. The administration faces a struggle to quell rebellion backed by Saddam loyalists and some foreign resistance fighters. — MNA/Reuters

Iraq, its dues unpaid, still unable to vote at UN

UNITED NATIONS, 2 July — Despite formally regaining sovereignty this week, Iraq can not yet resume voting at the United Nations because it has fallen far behind in its UN dues payments, the General Assembly said on Thursday.

Baghdad must pay at least 14.6 million US dollars to regain its vote, the 191-nation UN assembly said in a report to Secretary-General Kofi Annan.

Under UN rules, member-states lose their vote if their dues go unpaid for two or more years.

The assembly can decide to let a country continue voting if it is satisfied that the dues have gone unpaid "due to conditions beyond the control of the member". But such a decision would not come before the new assembly session opens in September, a UN spokeswoman said.

The General Assembly is the main UN deliberative body, composed of representatives of all UN members, each of which

normally has one vote.

Even before last year's US-led invasion, Iraq had not kept up with its dues because of the stringent UN economic sanctions imposed on it in 1990 over Baghdad's invasion of neighbouring Kuwait.

Iraq has had no UN ambassador since the fall of Saddam Hussein's government. Mohammed Aldouri, its top envoy in the period running up to the war, fled New York as the invasion got underway.

The rules require that a UN ambassador's credentials be issued by a member-nation's head of state, head of government or Foreign Affairs Minister. Iraq had no such officials during the US-led occupation, which formally ended on Monday. — MNA/Reuters

ASEAN, Australia sign counter-terrorism declaration

JAKARTA, 2 July — Australia and the ten member countries of the Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN) signed here Thursday a declaration for cooperation to combat international terrorism in a closed session.

Signed by Australian Foreign Minister Alexander Downer and his Indonesian counterpart Hassan Wirajuda representing ASEAN countries, the declaration calls for shared determination between Australia and ASEAN to work together as a region to eliminate international terrorism.

Australia, which co-hosted a regional ministerial meeting on counter-terrorism

with Indonesia last February, claimed it has concluded bilaterally the memorandum of understanding with several ASEAN countries.

The declaration builds on these existing arrangements and underlines the closeness of Australia's ties with ASEAN in this 30th anniversary year of formal Australia-ASEAN relations in a statement. —MNA/Xinhua



Iraqis look over a damaged car following a rocket attack in a residential neighborhood in Baghdad, Iraq on Friday, 2 July, 2004. The rocket was apparently fired at an American military outpost nearby. Two people were injured in the attack. — INTERNET



Elderly Iraqi woman passes a burned booby-trapped bus after it exploded in central Baghdad, on 2 July, 2004.

An Iraqi boy surveys the damage to his house after it came under attack by mortar fire in the northern city of Mosul on 27 June, 2004.

Images of Iraq



At least one civilian was killed and four others were wounded when a number of mortars landed in central Mosul on 1 July, 2004.



A boy looks at a damaged vehicle in a driveway after the mortar attacks in Mosul, Iraq, on 27 June, 2004.



A Fallujah resident picks through the rubble of a house which was destroyed by US airstrike in Fallujah, Iraq, on 26 June, 2004.



An Iraqi youth rides his bicycle past a burning oil tanker after it came under attack in Latifiya, south of Baghdad on 29 June, 2004.

New and fast developments throughout Myanmar



Alaini dam built across Alaini creek near Kyankun village, Bago Township, Bago Division, benefits rural people. — MYANMA ALIN



Mongnaung-Kehsi-Hamngai-Pankaytu road linking southern and northern Shan State is 52 miles long. — PBNRDA



e-Library opened in Kyauktan, Yangon Division. — MNA

Border and rural area developments



A demonstration on harvesting paddy in Gaungtamaw village, Pyay District in Bago Division (West). — MNA



Thanlwin Bridge (Tarhsan) in Tarhsan region in Shan State (East) is 900 feet long. — MYANMA ALIN



With likelihood of young Myanmar national race ...

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Women from all walks of life wishing to serve the interests of own lineage have the right to join the Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation of their own volition. Being a social organization that is constituted at the central, state, division, district, township, ward and village levels, it can conduct organizational campaigns extensively, effectively and efficiently. Therefore, all the women are required to do their every bit enthusiastically in implementing the objectives set for the development of the women sector.

By categorizing sectors for education, health, economy, culture, information, international relations and national solidarity, the MWAFF is taking systematic measures to enable Myanmar women to fully enjoy the women's rights and to sustain and keep them in conformity with prevailing time and condition. Although there have not arisen problems difficult and complicated to deal with in respect of the women sector in Myanmar, steps are being taken to pay more attention to violence against women, which is now an international concern, trafficking in persons, environmental conservation, development of young women, reproductive health, and educational campaign.

In particular, the MWAFF is making efforts on a national scale by laying down firm and lofty aims in respect of the protection of young women. These aims are:

- to safeguard the rights of women,
- to protect the life security of women,
- to prevent violence against women and to implement rehabilitation tasks systematically,
- to protect women and children from trafficking in persons and to tackle it as national concern, and
- to provide training for women so as to uplift the spirit that cherishes and treasures national traditions and cultures.

Just as the MWAFF conducts organizational activities and manages national race affairs on a broader scale, the president, the vice-presidents and members of the central executive committee themselves tour as far as to remote areas, where they meet with young national race women and their parents and dissuade them from following the wrong path on account of being fooled by some self-seekers. In addition, the federation also provides assistance for preventive measures and vocational training schools, alongside arrangements for family economic aids.

It is likely that young national women will stray into the wrong path, given the lies and deceit of unscrupulous persons going into so-called politics and living under an assumed name of a social organization in border areas of the other country, the likelihood of growing transnational human trafficking due to sowing of discord based on racial matters, and the possibility of being fooled into the allusion of avaricious self-seekers owing to economic sanctions imposed on Myanmar by some big powers as a political pretext, in addition to those of unscrupulous businessmen. It is therefore necessary to further accelerate the momentum of educational campaigns so that such things cannot lead them astray.

Either way, rights and opportunities are now all open to every woman in the Union of Myanmar. Under such circumstances, the Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation to be led by women themselves has now come into existence systematically. And it will be their responsibility to establish the federation as an effective and strong force that can promise the development of the women sector. It is therefore safe to say that a vivid and bright future for Myanmar women are now in sight.

This being the case, the MWAFF needs to make continued efforts, in conformity with its lofty aims, to further promote the women sector and to ensure a sustainable emergence of Myanmar women entrepreneurs who are

nationalistic, well-qualified, polite and gentle; and who cherish things Myanmar. To enable the Union to enjoy perpetual existence and keep pace with international community in terms of development, it is necessary to make harmonious efforts to fill young national women with the spirit of cherishing and preserving national culture and that of national unity, as well as with Union Spirit alongside nationalistic fervour that zeroes in on the prosperity of own country and lineage.

The Government, on its part, believes that it will be able to bring about the prosperity of the country and race through the correct endeavours made by the national people on a self-reliant basis. And the Government also firmly believes that national development can be realized, and independence and sovereignty safeguarded only through the strength of the people.

Throughout the course of history of the Union of Myanmar countable by years in the thousands, the united national State, in other words, the Union has been established phase by phase successfully and firmly in accord with Myanma social values and criterion based on equal footing among men and women, mutual respect and reciprocal support. The National Convention is now being held successfully as the first phase of the seven-point policy programme laid down for enabling Myanmar nationals to build with their own efforts a modern, developed and discipline-flourishing democratic nation rooted to Myanma national trait, Myanma social values, Myanma social criterion and Myanma culture in consistence with these fine historical traditions also in the future time.

Therefore, at a time when nation-building tasks are being implemented, it is incumbent upon the mass of Myanmar women to make active and united efforts hand in hand with Myanmar men under the leadership of the State by keeping to the fine traditions of successive eras.

At such a time when much-needed endeavours are to be made for national concern through the establishment of consolidated forces, it is necessary for the mass of Myanmar women to work hard harmoniously for national development and to stand firm as a united national force under the flag of the MWAFF.

The prestige of the Union of Myanmar will be on a real high as well as on its prime in the world of today should every citizen of Myanmar, regardless of genders, make constant efforts with the ardent nationalistic fervour in the interest of own country and race, and should the entire national people cultivating Union Spirit in them prevent falling under alien influence.

Therefore, the mass of Myanmar women who have ever been inspired with patriotism throughout the successive eras should strive harmoniously and actively to secure and promote national trait and pride, cultivating ardent nationalism and Union Spirit.

In conclusion, I would like to urge the mass of patriotic Myanmar women to preserve and uplift the distinguished qualities of true Myanmar women by holding in high regard "Myanmar Women's Day" that has come into existence deservedly for them; to participate in national development and nation-building tasks with the efficiency of Myanmar women as a united national force under the flag of the MWAFF; and to play any role in the drive to gradually and successfully implement the seven-point policy programme set for the emergence of a modern, developed and discipline-flourishing democracy, which is the national goal, by keeping to the fine traditions of Myanmar women and cultivating nationalism and Union Spirit.

Next, the MWAFF president extended greetings, saying that women make up 50.3 per cent of Myanmar's population, adding that the government gives priority to development of the women sector, while striving for trans-

MWAFF Honorary Patron Daw Mya Mya San, wife of Vice-Senior General Maung Aye, Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt and wife MWAFF President Dr Daw Khin Win Shwe and party view documentary photos of women's activities. — MNA



Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation President Dr Daw Khin Win Shwe extends greetings at ceremony to mark Myanmar Women's Day.—MNA

forming the nation to a modern and developed one.

The fourth Women's Conference held in Beijing, the People's Republic of China, in 1955 passed a resolution for every nation to form a National Machinery in taking steps to elevate the women sector. Then, the government established the Myanmar National Committee for Women's Affairs on 3 July 1996, on which Myanmar Women Day was designated and it represented a landmark in the history of Myanmar women, she said.

After forming 11 working groups for education, health, economy, prevention of violence against women, environmental conservation, information, culture, international relation, reviews of laws, all-round development of young women, and prevention of trafficking in person, the MNCWA has made field trips to central level, states and divisions, districts, townships, wards and villages from 1996 to 2003 to carry out tasks for development and security of women.

With a view to enabling present young Myanmar women to emulate the characters and morale of Myanmar women of past generations and to preserve Myanma cultural heritage, Taw Win romantic dance play was conducted at the National Theatre in 1999. In 2001, a concert of classical songs was organized at the National Theatre in order to ensure resurgence of classical songs to enable the young people to value Myanma traditional tunes and melodies. The Myanmar Women's Endeavours Exhibition was organized at the Tatmadaw Conventional Hall on U Wisara Road in Yangon in 2002 to make the people further known to the participation of Myanmar women mass in building a modern and developed nation. Besides, in cooperation with the Ministry of Home Affairs, the MNCWA organized the National Seminar on Trafficking in Persons in May 2003, and in cooperation with the Ministry of Sports, the National Seminar on Women and Sports in October 2003.

In 2002, the MNCWA members made field tours of States and Divisions and cordially met local national race people to carry out tasks for prevention of trafficking in persons that can block development of women. Furthermore, the committee held cordial and open discussions with officials of respective departments, social organizations, local senior citizens and young women.

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Then, the Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation was established on 20 December 2003 to make effective contributions towards development and security of mass of women and to enhance relations with local and international organizations whose functions and nature are similar to the MWAFF. It being a social organization, the MWAFF has adopted seven objectives and has been implementing them to expand the horizon of progress and security of women. After forming women's affairs federations at the levels from state/division down to ward and village, the MWAFF is taking measures effectively the length and breadth of the nation.

Like Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation, there are social organizations that undertake the tasks for development of women's sector. Among them, Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association, Myanmar Women Entrepreneurs Association, Myanmar Women's Sports Federation and other social organizations for women are endeavouring for development of women's sector with the same objective, she said. She said MMCWA is making efforts for raising health and education standard and improving family life in cooperation with ministries concerned, UN Agencies and local and foreign social organizations. The main tasks of the association are to increase the family income that can uplift health, education and social standards. These tasks include reproductive health, anti-HIV/AIDS, early diagnosis of cancer in women and offering free operation for delivery of deformed persons.

In education sector, cash assistance was provided to needy children and pre-primary schools were opened for all-round development of the children and Three Rs Courses were conducted for increase of literacy rate. Moreover, the association is cooperating with the respective organizations for eradication of human trafficking and prevention against it. Moreover, the association is implementing the programme to cultivate youths who will be future leaders of the State. She said Myanmar Women Entrepreneurs Association invited local and foreign technicians and conducted courses on economics. The association also disbursed loans to families with low income and created job opportunities.

She said Myanmar Women's Sports Federation is contributing to uplift of health and fitness of the entire nation and nurturing women to become athletes who will bring honour to the nation. Other social associations with lofty aims are endeavouring for development of women, she added.

She said Myanmar is a country that preserves traditional culture in the South East Asian region. It is a lovely and respectable trait of Myanmar women to preserve own culture. In Myanmar women do not need to demand their rights as they have equal rights like men. According to the Myanmar culture and customs, women do not influence men but have regards for them as heads of the family. International communities misunderstand that Myanmar women do not enjoy equal rights like men. It is heartening to note that Myanmar women are living in peace and happiness in the country which is being transformed into a peaceful modern developed one. She called on the entire women to participate in the tasks to uplift efficiency of women and life security in unity hailing the Myanmar Women's Day.

Honorary Patron of Myanmar Women Affairs Federation Daw Mya Mya San, wife of Vice-Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Deputy Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Commander-in-Chief (Army) Vice-Senior General Maung Aye, presented cash awards and certificates of honour to outstanding student Ma Thet Khine Su of Kamayut BEHS-2 who won the first prize in 2003 matriculation examination with total marks of 553 as well as six distinctions; Company commander of Hpa-an township Red Cross battalion Ma Nan Khin Thanda Lwin who took charge of the training of Red Cross courses not only in towns but also in remote areas, and won the outstanding prize in skill contest, attended get-together of outstanding Red Cross youths two times, actively participated in relief measures in natural disasters; Police Inspector Aye Aye Thein of Criminal Investigation Department (Insein) for her outstanding performance in exposing criminal cases in a short time; L/Cpl Moe Moe Soe of Fire Services Department who performed in the demonstration on fire-fighting measures for over 800 times with the Fire brigade members and outstandingly served in relief measures; outstanding disabled athlete Ma Nan Ma Sein who won gold, silver and bronze medals in Track and Field competition in ASEAN disabled meets 2001 and 2003; and outstanding woman athlete Ma Khaing Khaing Maw who bagged gold medals in ASEAN, Asian and World Wushu competitions.

The guests were entertained with educative video on "Lay-Ko-San-Ywae-Pyan-Lay-Thaw" (Flying against wind) organized by MWAFF and directed by Daw Yoe Yoe of Public Relations Work Group. After the ceremony, Daw Mya Mya San and Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt cordially greeted the students who participated in women traditional costume show. Daw Mya Mya San, the Prime Minister and guests observed documentary photos on women activities and publications on women. — MNA



MWAFF Honorary Patron Daw Mya Mya San presents prize to Company Commander Ma Nan Khin Thanda Lwin of Hpa-an Red Cross Battalion.— MNA



Honorary Patron of Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation Daw Mya Mya San presents prize to Police Inspector Aye Aye Thein of CID.— MNA



Honorary Patron of Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation Daw Mya Mya San presents prize to disabled athlete Ma Nan Ma Sein.— MNA



Honorary Patron of Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation Daw Mya Mya San presents prize to L/Cpl Moe Moe Soe of Fire Services Department (Head Office).— MNA

NC delegates visit Drug Elimination Museum, MRTV

YANGON, 3 July — Delegates to the National Convention visited Drug Elimination Museum and Myanmar Radio and Television this morning.

Accompanied by officials of the Invitation and Accommodation Sub-committee, the delegates left Nyaungnabin Camp at 6 am and arrived at Drug Elimination Museum at the corner of Hanthawady and Kyundaw Streets in Kamayut Township.

On behalf of the Central Committee for Drug Abuse Control, in-charge of the museum Deputy Director Police Lt-Col Hse Maung extended greetings and explained facts about the museum and plans being implemented for drugs elimination.

The delegates visited the booths on endeavours of narcotic drugs elimination as the national duty being

carried out by successive governments from monarchical era to date.

At MRTV, Director-General U Khin Maung Htay, Deputy Director-General U Thein Aung and officials welcomed the delegates.

Next, Director-General U Khin Maung Htay explained functions and duty of MRTV. In the studio-D, they viewed recording of songs of vocalist May Barani Khaing, Ye Yint Wai Lwin and Thida Moe and the drama.

In the studio-1, they viewed telecasting of the drama. Next, they observed telecasting of songs of vocalists Sein Moh Moh and Khin Nan Yu Htwe at the studio-2. At 10.30 am, they left MRTV.

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Delegates to National Convention visit Myanmar Radio and Television.— MNA

Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe, Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin inspect sanitation tasks in Yangon City

YANGON, 3 July — Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Chairman Yangon Command Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe and Yangon City Development Committee Chairman Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin inspected sanitation tasks for ensuring proper flow of water in drains being carried out by Tatmadawmen, members of Myanmar Police Force, employees of YCDC and residential people in Yangon City this morning.

First, the commander and the mayor arrived at Bogyoke Museum Road in Bahan Township of Yangon West District at 6.30 am. They inspected the sanitation tasks and dredging of drains for proper flow of water along Bogyoke Museum Road. Next, they inspected sanitation works carried out in Tamway, Thakayta, South Okkalapa and Kamayut townships. Officials reported on dredging of drains and cleaning tasks in respective areas. Later, Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe and Yangon City Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin gave necessary instructions.

Similarly, sanitation works were carried out simultaneously in all wards, townships and districts in Yangon Division this morning. — MNA



Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe and Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin inspect renovation and upgrading of Inya Lake bund. — MNA

Myanma Motion Picture Enterprise celebrates 34th anniversary

YANGON, 3 July—The Myanma Motion Picture Enterprise under the Ministry of Information celebrated the 34th anniversary of its founding in conjunction with prizes and cash assistance presentation at its office on Shwedaunggya Road in Bahan Township here this morning.

Present on the occasion were Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan, Deputy Minister U Thein Sein, directors-general and managing directors of departments and enterprises under the ministry, advisers, officials, guests and staff.

The minister delivered an address. In his address he expressed his belief that the enterprise will be able to speed up its development momentum in future applying the experiences gained in 34 years.

The prize winning staff are to place greater emphasis on the tasks for progress of the enterprise, maintaining the already-achieved momentum. All the personnel are to be equipped with the concept that efforts are to be made for betterment of the enterprise through healthy competition.

The purpose of the ceremony is to help the staff compete each other in carrying out tasks for ensuring further development of the enterprise, to elevate and polish morale and morality of the personnel, and to review strengths and weaknesses in the previous year.

The enterprise is to strive for achieving greater success, making reviews of how much it could accomplish the tasks and objectives in 2003-2004 fiscal year and how it will grapple with the possible difficulties and hardships.

The minister urged the officials to supervise the functions to polish the role of Myanmar film and video. He called for ways and means to raise the income



Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan delivers an address at the ceremony to celebrate the 34th anniversary of the MPPE. — MNA

and practise thrift. He again called for production of pictures and videos in conformity with Myanmar's culture, customs and traditions, and scrutinizing of the works in accord with the policy. He urged them to exert efforts for providing media cover all over the country including far-flung border areas and to penetrate the world media.

The Ministry of Information is to participate in the tasks for accomplishment of the State's seven-step future policy programme by doing its bit and to steadfastly take organization measures through media for ensuring participation of the people in the State's future programmes.

He called for arrangements to organize mobile picture-shows and screening of documentary films on national developments at cinema houses. He also called for minimizing loss and wastage of state-owned properties. He urged all the service personnel of the enterprise to observe the 14-point guidelines and make constant efforts for achieving personal success, the success of the enterprise as well as the success of the nation. He also stressed the need to carry out agricultural and livestock activities as regards welfare works.

As provisions of stipends to offspring of the employees, Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan presented

K 2,500 each for 91 basic education primary school students, K 3,000 each for 65 middle school students and K 4,000 each for 80 high school students to Managing Director U Bo Kyi of Myanma Motion Picture Enterprise.

The Minister presented first, second and third prizes to Video Censorship Division which earned K 140.1 million in 2003-2004 fiscal year through Director U Thein Tun Aung, Yangon Branch which earned K 107.5 million through Assistant Director U Than Win and Feature Film Division which earned K 59.3 million through Deputy Director U San Nwe respectively.

Afterwards, the minister presented prize to Deputy Supervisor (Developing) U Soe Min who stood third in the Basic Service Personnel (Junior) Course No 22 of Central Institute of Civil Service.

Deputy Minister U Thein Sein also presented the first prize to Yangon Division Video Scrutinizing Supervisory Committee's Office which earned K 24.4 million in 2003-2004 financial year through Branch Clerk Daw Yi Yi Win, the second prize to Mandalay Division Video

Scrutinizing Supervisory Committee (Mandalay Section) which earned K 18.7 million through Deputy Director U Htay Lwin and the third to Ayeyawady Division Video Scrutinizing Supervisory Committee (Patheon Section) which earned K 9.6 million through Head of Branch (Accounts) Daw Thuza Aung.

The Deputy Minister gave gifts for 147 personnel of the head office of MMPE to Deputy Director (Accounts) Daw Phyu Phyu Win, 143 employees of Documentary Film Division to Deputy Director U Swe Than, 55 staff of Feature Film Division to Deputy Director U San Nwe, 29 employees of Yangon Branch to Assistant Director U Than Win, 67 personnel of Lower Myanmar Branch to Head of Branch (In-charge/Admin) to U Kyaw Zin Thant and 83 staff of Upper Myanmar Branch to Deputy Director U Htay Lwin.

Afterwards, Managing Director U Bo Kyi presented prizes of honour to 21 outstanding personnel.

On the occasion today, Managing Director U Zaw Min of Mingala Co Ltd provided K 200,000 of stipends to children of staff of MMPE. — MNA

ADB explores roadmap for more regionally integrated Asia

MANILA, 3 July — Asia's regional cooperation and integration can produce win-win results in both the quantity and quality of economic growth, thus helping reduce poverty throughout the region, the Asian Development Bank (ADB) said Thursday.

"The long-term vision is that of a closely integrated, prosperous, poverty-free and peaceful Asia," ADB President Tadao Chino told a conference of regional policymakers and experts at the ADB Headquarters in Manila. Organized by ADB's Regional Economic Monitoring Unit (REMU), the "High-Level Conference on Asia's Economic Cooperation and Integration" examines evolving cooperation trends within and between Asia's subregions, and discussions centred on developing a long-term vision and roadmap for a more integrated and prosperous Asia.

The two-day conference focuses on the three main areas where concrete steps in working together have already taken place: trade and investment, money and finance, and infrastructure development.

"Given the progress in regionalism in Europe and the Americas, the opportunity costs of not accelerating regional integration are high for Asia," said the REMU head, Yoshihiro Iwasaki.

A number of free trade agreements (FTAs) have been signed or are under negotiation in East and South Asia, such as the Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN) FTA, the ASEAN and China FTA, the Japan-ASEAN Closer Economic Partnership, and the South Asia Free Trade Area. — MNA/Xinhua

26 Asian illegal workers detained in Australia

CANBERRA, 3 July — Australian Immigration Department officers have detained 27 illegal workers in raids in Sydney, Australia's largest city, Immigration Minister Amanda Vanstone said Thursday. Fifteen men and 12 women were detained in raids overnight on more than a dozen locations including furniture factories, restaurants, food processing plants and brothels, said Vanstone in a statement. Sixteen of the illegal workers were declared unlawful non-citizens, the others were working in breach of their visa conditions. Of the detained workers, 26 are Asian illegal workers from South Korea, India, Nepal, Bangladesh, Indonesia, Malaysia, China, the Philippines and Thailand. Authorities are making arrangements to remove the detained workers from Australia, Vanstone said. — MNA/Xinhua

*The best time to plant a tree
was 20 years ago.
The second best time is now.*

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- ၄-၇-၂၀၀၄ (တနင်္ဂနွေနေ့.)
- * အဝေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ် ကျောင်းသူ/ကျောင်းသားများအတွက် သင်ခန်းစာများ
- ၅-၇-၂၀၀၄ (တနင်္လာနေ့.)
- * **Language and Education (3)**
(တက္ကသိုလ်ဒီဂရီကောလိပ်များတွင် အင်္ဂလိပ်စာသင်ကြားပို့ချလျက်ရှိသော ဆရာ/ဆရာမများ)
 - * **Introducing Sociolinguistics (1)**
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 - * **Introducing Sociolinguistics (2)**
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- ၆-၇-၂၀၀၄ (အင်္ဂါနေ့.)
- * **Language and Sociolinguistics (3)**
(တက္ကသိုလ်ဒီဂရီကောလိပ်များတွင် အင်္ဂလိပ်စာသင်ကြားပို့ချလျက်ရှိသော ဆရာ/ဆရာမများ)
 - * **Stylistics (1)**
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 - * **Stylistics (2)**
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- ၇-၇-၂၀၀၄ (ဒုစဟူးနေ့.)
- * **A survey of literary theories (1)**
(တက္ကသိုလ်ဒီဂရီကောလိပ်များတွင် အင်္ဂလိပ်စာသင်ကြားပို့ချလျက်ရှိသော ဆရာ/ဆရာမများ)
- Teaching drama (1) + (2)**
(တက္ကသိုလ်ဒီဂရီကောလိပ်များတွင် အင်္ဂလိပ်စာသင်ကြားပို့ချလျက်ရှိသော ဆရာ/ဆရာမများ)
- ၈-၇-၂၀၀၄ (ကြာသပတေးနေ့.)
- * **A survey of literary theories (2)**
(တက္ကသိုလ်ဒီဂရီကောလိပ်များတွင် အင်္ဂလိပ်စာသင်ကြားပို့ချလျက်ရှိသော ဆရာ/ဆရာမများ)
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 - * **Teaching drama (3)**
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- ၉-၇-၂၀၀၄ (သောကြာနေ့.)
- * **Teaching short story (1)**
(တက္ကသိုလ်ဒီဂရီကောလိပ်များတွင် အင်္ဂလိပ်စာသင်ကြားပို့ချလျက်ရှိသော ဆရာ/ဆရာမများ)
 - * **Teaching short story (2)**
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 - * **English language teaching methodology (1)**
(တက္ကသိုလ်ဒီဂရီကောလိပ်များတွင် အင်္ဂလိပ်စာသင်ကြားပို့ချလျက်ရှိသော ဆရာ/ဆရာမများ)
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- * အဝေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ် ကျောင်းသူ/ကျောင်းသားများအတွက်



Charge d' Affaires ai of the Royal Nepalese Embassy Mr Dilip Kumar Paudel calls on UMFCCEI officials.

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Diplomat calls on UMFCCEI officials

YANGON, 3 July — Charge d' Affaires ai of the Royal Nepalese Embassy Mr Dilip Kumar Paudel called on Union of Myanmar Federation of Chambers of Commerce & Industry General Secretary U Sein Win Hlaing and Central Executive Committee members yesterday at the UMFCCEI office. They discussed matters on bilateral trade promotion and the planned visit of Nepalese delegation to Myanmar. — MNA

သင်ခန်းစာများ

- ၁၁-၇-၂၀၀၄ (တနင်္ဂနွေနေ့.)
- * အဝေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ် ကျောင်းသူ/ကျောင်းသားများအတွက် သင်ခန်းစာများ
- ၁၂-၇-၂၀၀၄ (တနင်္လာနေ့.)
- * **Teaching short story (3)**
(တက္ကသိုလ်ဒီဂရီကောလိပ်များတွင် အင်္ဂလိပ်စာသင်ကြားပို့ချလျက်ရှိသော ဆရာ/ဆရာမများ)
 - * **Psycholinguistics (1)**
(တက္ကသိုလ်ဒီဂရီကောလိပ်များတွင် အင်္ဂလိပ်စာသင်ကြားပို့ချလျက်ရှိသော ဆရာ/ဆရာမများ)
 - * **Psycholinguistics (2)**
(တက္ကသိုလ်ဒီဂရီကောလိပ်များတွင် အင်္ဂလိပ်စာသင်ကြားပို့ချလျက်ရှိသော ဆရာ/ဆရာမများ)
- ၁၃-၇-၂၀၀၄ (အင်္ဂါနေ့.)
- * **English language teaching methodology (2)**
(တက္ကသိုလ်ဒီဂရီကောလိပ်များတွင် အင်္ဂလိပ်စာသင်ကြားပို့ချလျက်ရှိသော ဆရာ/ဆရာမများ)
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- ၁၄-၇-၂၀၀၄ (ဒုစဟူးနေ့.)
- * **Research methodology (1)**
(တက္ကသိုလ်ဒီဂရီကောလိပ်များတွင် အင်္ဂလိပ်စာသင်ကြားပို့ချလျက်ရှိသော ဆရာ/ဆရာမများ)
 - * **Research methodology (2)**
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 - * **Research methodology (3) + (4)**
(တက္ကသိုလ်ဒီဂရီကောလိပ်များတွင် အင်္ဂလိပ်စာသင်ကြားပို့ချလျက်ရှိသော ဆရာ/ဆရာမများ)
- ၁၅-၇-၂၀၀၄ (ကြာသပတေးနေ့.)
- * **Teaching Business English (1)**
(တက္ကသိုလ်ဒီဂရီကောလိပ်များတွင် အင်္ဂလိပ်စာသင်ကြားပို့ချလျက်ရှိသော ဆရာ/ဆရာမများ)
 - * **Teaching Business English (2)**
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- ၁၆-၇-၂၀၀၄ (သောကြာနေ့.)
- * **Error Analysis (1) + (2)**
(တက္ကသိုလ်ဒီဂရီကောလိပ်များတွင် အင်္ဂလိပ်စာသင်ကြားပို့ချလျက်ရှိသော ဆရာ/ဆရာမများ)
 - * **Error Analysis (3)**
(တက္ကသိုလ်ဒီဂရီကောလိပ်များတွင် အင်္ဂလိပ်စာသင်ကြားပို့ချလျက်ရှိသော ဆရာ/ဆရာမများ)
 - * **Teaching literature as resource in language classrooms**
(တက္ကသိုလ်ဒီဂရီကောလိပ်များတွင် အင်္ဂလိပ်စာသင်ကြားပို့ချလျက်ရှိသော ဆရာ/ဆရာမများ)

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- ၁၈-၇-၂၀၀၄ (တနင်္ဂနွေနေ့.)
- * အဝေးသင်တက္ကသိုလ် ကျောင်းသူ/ကျောင်းသားများအတွက် သင်ခန်းစာများ
- ၂၀-၇-၂၀၀၄ (အင်္ဂါနေ့.)
- * **Teaching Listening Skills**
(တက္ကသိုလ်ဒီဂရီကောလိပ်များတွင် အင်္ဂလိပ်စာသင်ကြားပို့ချလျက်ရှိသော ဆရာ/ဆရာမများ)
 - * **Developing Reading Skills**
(တက္ကသိုလ်ဒီဂရီကောလိပ်များတွင် အင်္ဂလိပ်စာသင်ကြားပို့ချလျက်ရှိသော ဆရာ/ဆရာမများ)
 - * **Developing Writing Skills**
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(ဆက်လက်ဖော်ပြပါမည်)

**အိမ်တိုင်းမှာသစ်ပင် ရွာစဉ်မှာတောတန်း
တစ်တောဝင်တစ်တောင်ဆက်
မြို့တက်မယ့်လမ်း။**

POEM:

Myanmar's spirit — Janakka

- * To waken Maha Janakka
The sounds of bombs and mortars
Violent noises disturbed
Not an inch did he stir
 - * Only coaxed by pleasant sounds
Of sweet sounds and music
Was Maha Janakka
Awakened
According to the Jataka.
 - * The Myanmar
What their psyche and spirit
If you don't know
If the solution's to be found,
Remember Myanmar's Spirit — Janakka.
- Po Wa (Trs)**

Vietnam detects more narcotics cases in first half

HANOI, 3 July — Vietnam uncovered more than 5,600 cases of trafficking and transporting narcotics in the first half this year, with larger volumes of heroin and lab-made drug.

Local police seized over 600 kilos of marijuana, 170 kilos of heroin, 53 kilos of opium and 23,000 pills of lab-made drug, with the amounts of heroin and lab-made pills confiscated in the period being bigger than those in 2003, local newspaper *Vietnam Agriculture* reported Friday.

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ငှက်ဖျားရောဂါ နှိမ်နင်းကာကွယ်ပါ

၁။ ငှက်ဖျားရောဂါသည် ငှက်ဖျားရောဂါပိုး သယ်ဆောင်သော ခြင်္သေ့ကောင်များကြောင့် ကူးစက်ဖြစ်ပွားပါသည်။ ငှက်ဖျားရောဂါပိုး သယ်ဆောင်သောခြင်္သေ့သည် ညအခါများတွင် ကိုက်လေ့ရှိသဖြင့် ညဘက်တွင် ခြင်္သေ့ကောင်များပါ ငှက်ဖျားရောဂါ ဖြစ်ပွားနိုင်ပါသည်။

၂။ ငှက်ဖျားရောဂါသည် အသက်အရွယ်မရွေး ခြစ်ပွားနိုင်ပြီး ငှက်ဖျားရောဂါ ကင်းစင်သော ဒေသများမှ ငှက်ဖျားရောဂါထူထပ်သော ဒေသများသို့ သွားရောက်နေထိုင် အလုပ်လုပ်ကိုင်သူများတွင် ရောဂါပိုးမှဖြစ်ပွားလွယ်ပြီး ဖြစ်ပွားပါက ရောဂါပြင်းထန်ပါသည်။ ကိုယ်ခံစွမ်းအားမခံနိုင်နှင့် ကလေးများတွင် ဖြစ်ပွားပါကလည်း ရောဂါပြင်းထန်တတ်ပါသည်။

၃။ ငှက်ဖျားရောဂါ လောကီလောကုတ္တရာများမှာ—
(က) ချမ်းတူနံ့၍ ဖျားခြင်း
(ခ) တက်ဖျားကျဖျားအသွင် ဖျားခြင်း
(ဂ) ရောဂါပြင်းထန်ပါက
- တစ်ပါးသူ၏ အကူအညီမပါဘဲ မထနိုင်၊ မထိုင်နိုင်၊ လမ်း မလျှောက်နိုင်ခြင်း၊
- ဆေးမသောက်နိုင်အောင် အန်ခြင်း၊
- မိန်းမခြင်း၊ ဂုဏ်မရှိခြင်း၊ သတ်လစ်ခြင်း၊ တက်ခြင်းတို့ ဖြစ်နိုင်ပါသည်။

၄။ ငှက်ဖျားရောဂါဖြစ်ပွားသည်ဟု သံသယရှိပါက ၂၄ နာရီအတွင်း နီးစပ်ရာကျန်းမာရေးဌာနသို့ ဆေးလျှင်စွာ သွားရောက်ပြသ၍ သွေးဖောက်စစ်ဆေးပြီး ဆေးပတ်လည်အောင် ကုသမှုခံယူပါ။ ငှက်ဖျားရောဂါကို စောစီးစွာ ဖော်ထုတ်၍ ထိရောက်စွာ ကုသမှုခံယူခြင်းသည် ဦးနှောက်သို့ ငှက်ဖျားပိုး ဝင်ခြင်း အပါအဝင် ပြင်းထန်သော ငှက်ဖျားရောဂါဖြစ်၍ အသက်ဆုံးရှုံးခြင်းမှ ကာကွယ်နိုင်ပါသည်။

၅။ ငှက်ဖျားရောဂါ ဖြစ်ပွားခြင်းမှ ကာကွယ်ရန် အောက်ပါအချက်များကို လိုက်နာဆောင်ရွက်ပါ။

- (က) ခြင်္သေ့ကောင်များမှ ကာကွယ်ခြင်း
 - (၁) ခြင်္သေ့ကောင်ခြင်္သေ့အိပ်ပါး ဖြစ်နိုင်လျှင် ဆေးစိမ်းခြင်းထောင်သုံးပါ။
 - (၂) ညအခါ ခြင်္သေ့ကောင်ခြင်္သေ့ကောင်ရှိသော အချိန်များတွင် ခြင်္သေ့ကောင်ခြင်္သေ့အောင် အဝတ်အစား လုံလုံခြုံခြုံ ဝတ်ပါ။
 - (၃) အဝတ်အစားလွတ်သော လက်၊ ခြေ၊ မျက်နှာတို့တွင် ခြင်္သေ့ကောင်ခြင်္သေ့ဆေး လိမ်းပါ။
 - (ခ) ခြင်္သေ့ကောင်နှိမ်နင်းခြင်း
 - (၁) ခြင်္သေ့ကောင်နှိမ်နင်းရန်အတွက် အိမ်အနီးရှိ ခြင်္သေ့ကောင်ခြင်္သေ့များကို ရှင်းပါ။
 - (၂) ရုပ်ကွက်၊ ကျေးရွာအနီးရှိ စိမ်းစမ်းချောင်းများကို ရေစီးရေလာကောင်းအောင် လူထုအားဖြင့် စုပေါင်းဆောင်ရွက်ပါ။
 - (၃) ပိုလောကီလောကုတ္တရာ ငါးများကို ရေတွင်း၊ ရေကန်များတွင် ထည့်ပါ။
- ကျန်းမာရေးဝန်ကြီးဌာန။**

ပြည်ထောင်စုမြန်မာနိုင်ငံတော်
ဝန်ထမ်းရွေးချယ်လေ့ကျင့်ရေးအဖွဲ့
ကြော်ငြာစာအမှတ်၊ ၂၈/၂၀၀၄
(၂၀၀၄ခုနှစ်၊ ဇွန်လ ၂၄ ရက်)
လျှောက်လွှာခေါ်ယူခြင်း

၁။ ပို့ဆောင်ရေးဝန်ကြီးဌာနအောက်ရှိ မြန်မာနိုင်ငံရေကြောင်းပညာတက္ကသိုလ်၊ လေကြောင်းပို့ဆောင်ရေးညွှန်ကြားမှုဦးစီးဌာနနှင့် ပြည်တွင်းရေကြောင်းပို့ဆောင်ရေးတို့တွင် လက်လံလျက်ရှိသော အောက်ဖော်ပြပါရာထူးများအတွက် လျှောက်လွှာများအလို့ရှိပါသည်။

စဉ်	ဌာန	ရာထူး	ပညာအရည်အချင်း	လက်လံ
(က)	မြန်မာနိုင်ငံ ရေကြောင်း ပညာတက္ကသိုလ်	- လက်ထောက် မော်ကွန်းထိန်း	တက္ကသိုလ်တစ်ခုခုမှဘွဲ့ (အမျိုးသား)	၁ နေရာ
(ခ)	လေကြောင်း ပို့ဆောင်ရေး ညွှန်ကြားမှု ဦးစီးဌာန	- လက်ထောက် အင်ဂျင်နီယာ (ဆက်သွယ်) - လက်ထောက် အင်ဂျင်နီယာ (ဖြူပြ)	အင်ဂျင်နီယာဘွဲ့ (အမျိုးသား) ဖြူပြအင်ဂျင်နီယာဘွဲ့ လျှပ်စစ်စွမ်းအား အင်ဂျင်နီယာဘွဲ့ (အမျိုးသား) စက်မှုအင်ဂျင်နီယာဘွဲ့ (အမျိုးသား)	၂ နေရာ ၂ နေရာ
(ဂ)	ပြည်တွင်းရေကြောင်း- ပို့ဆောင်ရေး	- လက်ထောက် မန်နေဂျာ	တက္ကသိုလ်တစ်ခုခုမှဘွဲ့ တက္ကသိုလ်တစ်ခုခုမှဘွဲ့	၁ နေရာ ၃၅ နေရာ

၂။ လျှောက်ထားသူသည်-
(က) ပြည်ထောင်စုမြန်မာနိုင်ငံသားဖြစ်ရမည်။
(ခ) ၂၆-၄-၂၀၀၄ နေ့တွင် အသက် ၃၅ နှစ် (ဝန်ထမ်းဖြစ်ပါက အသက် ၄၀နှစ်)ထက် မကျော်လွန်သူဖြစ်ရမည်။
(ဂ) လက်ထောက်မော်ကွန်းထိန်း၊ လက်ထောက်အင်ဂျင်နီယာ (ဆက်သွယ်) လက်ထောက်အင်ဂျင်နီယာ (ဖြူပြ)၊ လက်ထောက်အင်ဂျင်နီယာ (စက်မှု) ရာထူးများအတွက် လုပ်ငန်းသဘာဝအရ အမျိုးသားဖြစ်ရမည်။

၃။ လျှောက်လွှာကို ဝန်ထမ်းရွေးချယ်လေ့ကျင့်ရေးအဖွဲ့မှ ၂၆-၄-၂၀၀၄နေ့ အရောက်ပေးပို့ရမည်။
၄။ ရာထူးတစ်မျိုးထက်ပို၍ လျှောက်လွှာတင်သွင်းလိုပါက ရာထူးတစ်မျိုးစီအတွက် ဝင်ကြေး ၄၄ ငွေ/- ကို သီးခြားပေးသွင်းပြီး၊ ရာထူးအလိုက်လျှောက်လွှာသီးခြား တစ်စောင်စီတင်သွင်းရမည်။
၅။ လျှောက်လွှာတွင် ဖော်ပြရမည့်အချက်များ၊ ပူးတွဲပါရှိရမည့်စာရွက်စာတမ်းများ၊ ဝင်ကြေးငွေ ၅၀/- ပေးသွင်းရမည့်နည်းလမ်း၊ ရေးဖြေနှုတ်ဖြေစစ်ဆေးမှုအတွက် လေ့လာရန်လိုအပ်ချက်များနှင့်စပ်လျဉ်း၍ ဤအဖွဲ့က ကြေညာချက်အမှတ်၊ ၁၉၁/၀၄ ထုတ်ပြန်ထားသော ဝန်ထမ်းရွေးချယ် လေ့ကျင့်ရေးအဖွဲ့က ကြော်ငြာခေါ်ယူသော ရာထူးများသို့ လျှောက်လွှာတင်သွင်းသူများအတွက် လမ်းညွှန်စာစောင်ပါ သတ်မှတ်ချက်များနှင့်အညီ လိုက်နာဆောင်ရွက်ရန် ဖြစ်သည်။
၆။ ရန်ကုန်မြို့နှင့်မန္တလေးမြို့ များတွင်ရေးဖြေစာမေးပွဲစာစစ်ဌာနများထားရှိမည်။ မိမိဖြေဆိုလိုသော စာစစ်ဌာနကို လျှောက်လွှာတွင် ရှင်းလင်းတိကျစွာဖော်ပြရမည်။
၇။ ဝန်ထမ်းများသည် မူရင်းလျှောက်လွှာတင်စာစောင်ကို မိမိတာဝန်ထမ်းဆောင်သည့် ဌာနအကြီးအကဲမှတစ်ဆင့် ဝန်ကြီးဌာန၏ ခွင့်ပြုချက်ရယူပြီး ဝန်ထမ်းရွေးချယ်လေ့ကျင့်ရေးအဖွဲ့မှ ၂၆-၄-၂၀၀၄နေ့အရောက် ပေးပို့ရမည်။ လျှောက်လွှာတင်စာစောင်ကို မိတ်ပုံနှင့်အတူညှိအဖွဲ့မှ ၂၆-၄-၂၀၀၄နေ့အရောက် ပေးပို့ရမည်။
၈။ ၂၂-၈-၂၀၀၄နေ့နှင့် ၂၃-၈-၂၀၀၄နေ့များတွင် အရည်အချင်းစစ်ရေးဖြေစာမေးပွဲကျင်းပမည်။
၉။ ၁၉-၈-၂၀၀၄နေ့မှစ၍ မန္တလေးတိုင်းအထွေထွေအုပ်ချုပ်ရေးဦးစီးဌာနနှင့် ဤအဖွဲ့မှတို့တွင် ဖြေဆိုခွင့်ကတ်ပြားများကို ထုတ်ပေးမည်။
၁၀။ စုံစမ်းမေးမြန်းလိုပါက ဤအဖွဲ့မှ လူကြီးတိုင်ဖြစ်စေ၊ တယ်လီဖုန်းအမှတ် (၃၄၈၆၃၃)သို့ ဖြစ်စေ ဆက်သွယ်နိုင်ပါသည်။

Indonesia's export up, import down in May

JAKARTA, 2 July — Indonesia's export in May this year reached 5.5 billion US dollars, or 5.6 per cent higher than that in the previous month, the Central Bureau of Statistic (BPS) said on Thursday.

The figure is 5 per cent higher over the same month last year, and the cumulative figure during the January-May period reached 25.71 billion US dollars, 2.21 per cent higher against the same period last year, head of the BPS Soedarti Surbakti said.

he BPS official said that the increase of export in May could be attributed to the 3.2-per-cent increase

in the exports of non-oil and gas products, and 13.9-per-cent increase in oil and gas products exports, which respectively reached to 4.15 billion US dollars and 1.34 billion US dollars.

Japan was the main destination of Indonesia's non-oil and gas product exports in May, followed by the United States and Singapore.

At the same time, Indonesia's import in May was down to 3.22 billion US dollars, or 6.8-per-cent lower than the previous month, which registered 3.46 billion US dollars.

Surbakti said that the decrease of import in May was driven by the decline of the import of oil and gas products and non-oil and gas products.

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China to boost development, opening-up of service industry

BEIJING, 2 July — The Chinese Government will take measures to boost the development of its service industry to create more jobs, and to expand the opening-up of the sector, said Vice-Premier Zeng Peiyan.

China's service industry has seen continuous expansion with the rapid growing economy since the nation's implementation of the reform and opening-up policy, Zeng said while addressing the opening ceremony of the first China Service Industries Convention and Exposition Wednesday.

He said added-value of service industry grew 10 per cent annually in the past 25 years, accounting for 33.1 per cent of the gross domestic product in 2003 compared

with the 23.7 per cent in 1978. About 170 million workers entered the industry since 1978, making employment of the industry accounting for 29.3 per cent of the total labour force in 2003.

Zeng said China has many advantages to boost the development of service industry, including that the strategic adjustment of the economic structure would further lift the status of the service industry in the national economy, improvement in people's living stand-

ard would provide multi-level market demand, perfection of market system would offer new areas for the service industry, and utilization of both domestic and overseas markets and resources would create greater development space for the service industry.

The Chinese Government will improve the quality of the service industry by taking different measures according to the respective features of each trade, he said.

Traditional service industries like trade and catering, which are labour-intensive and closely related to the people's life, should make use of advanced technology and modern operational methods on the basis of adequate competition to lift their quality. New knowledge-intensive service industries like accounting, law service and consultation service should be regulated and develop orderly.

For service industries concerning the people's life and the nation's economic security like finance, insurance and telecommunication, the standard of market admittance should be lowered and effective supervision should be enforced.—MNA/Xinhua

Cambodia to launch campaign to fight against illegal trafficking

PHNOM PENH, 2 July — Cambodia will launch a three-year campaign to fight against illegal trafficking of children and women, Minister of Women's and Veterans' Affairs Mu Sochuan said Thursday.

The minister said that the country will use less than one-million-US-dollar budget for a three-year campaign to be waged in 17 provinces and one city.

The campaign will start on July 13, which focused on enhancing awareness of trafficking issue in rural areas.

"We all must have the hope to reduce the victims of trafficking," Mu Sochuan said in the Press conference on Thursday, adding that poverty and lack of law enforcement in the country obstruct the efforts on reducing the trafficking victims.

"The campaign will not only focus on those women trafficked to work as the sex workers but also those people to work as beggars in neighbouring countries," Mu Sochuan said. Cambodia has 30,000 trafficking victims for the year 2004, Mu Sochuan said. — MNA/Xinhua

Indonesia's foreign tourist arrivals up in May

JAKARTA, 2 July — The number of foreign tourist visiting Indonesia in May was 369,100 or 65.89-per-cent higher over the same period last year, said the Central Bureau of Statistic (BPS) here on Thursday.

The cumulative figure of foreign tourists coming to Indonesia by May reached 1.73 million or 34.32 per cent more over the same period last year, said BPS head Soedarti Surbakti. She said that the figure in May was 14.57-per-cent higher than he previous month.

The number of foreign tourists came to the beautiful resort of Bali Island in May also rose to 123,000 or 5.8-per-cent higher over the previous month, she said.

The worries of possibly violence during the parliamentary election in April did not hamper foreign tourists' coming into this country, she said.—MNA/Xinhua

New laws on organ transplants take effect in Singapore

SINGAPORE, 2 July — New laws governing all live organ transplants in Singapore took effect on Thursday, allowing organs to be donated if a person dies in an accident or is certified brain dead.

According to local Press reports on Thursday, from July 1, all live organs such as kidneys, hearts, livers and corneas can be harvested to save others, but they need the nod from hospital ethics committees.

Under the amendments to the Human Organ Transplant Act (HOTA), all live transplants will be assessed by a medical social worker and a

psychiatrist. A hospital ethics committee will then make a decision to approve or not, based on the report made by the social worker and psychiatrist, the medical report of donor and recipient.

Previously, it was unnecessary for donors who were immediate family members or married to get approval, but from Thursday on, they will have to do so.

In Singapore, a lot of people have been waiting for live organ transplants every year, but only some of them are fortunate, with most live organs coming from foreign countries. — MNA/Xinhua

China's railways to each 100,000 kilometres by 2020

BEIJING, 2 July — The railways in China will increase from current 73,000 kilometres to 100,000 kilometres by 2020 and he multiplied and electrified trunk line will reach 50 per cent respectively, according to a senior Chinese official here Thursday. Hu Yadong, Vice-Minister of Railways, said this during the three-day International Service Industries Convention and Expo.

From now to 2020, the Ministry of Railways will build 12,000 kilometres passenger railway in big and middle cities and 16,000 in the middle and western part, Hu said.

He said the ministry will also build special railways for coal transportation, and realize trunk line electrification of 16,000 kilometres. —MNA/Xinhua

Donate blood

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Business confidence rising in Japan

TOKYO, 2 July— Business confidence of Japanese companies in the second quarter rose significantly with that of the major manufacturers hitting new high since the collapse of bubble economy, a central bank report showed on Friday.

The business sentiment index for large manufacturers moved upward for the fifth consecutive month to 22, rising by 10 from March, said the report issued by the Bank of Japan. That was the highest since August 1991 when the index was at 25.

As for midsize and small manufacturers, the index came to be 2, edging up to plus for the first time since November 1991.

The index for major non-manufacturers improved to

9 from 5, and for midsize and small ones, to minus 18 from minus 20.

The Tankan survey index was based on responses from around 10,000 businesses.

It found large companies' investment in equipment in fiscal 2004 is to rise 5.7 per cent, while the midsize and small businesses intent to cut that by 14.4 per cent.

Japan's economy seems to be on the track of rebound

over the past several months, a trend economists attributed mainly to buoyant exports, notably to the US and Chinese market.

However, perspective of pulling out of deflation remains unclear as the United States and China aim to lower their development. Moreover, sagging domestic market and surging material prices like the oil are still casting a pall on the chance of persistent growth.

MNA/Xinhua

Mice may help protect humans in bio attacks

SYDNEY, 2 July—Australian scientists have identified the immune response that determines why some mice are infected with mousepox and others are not, a discovery that could lead to better protection for humans in a bio-terror attack.

Mice that are resistant to mousepox, a close relative of the smallpox virus, produce three regulatory proteins called cytokines that are absent in mice that become infected. The findings raise the possibility of identifying humans vulnerable to smallpox and targeting vaccination and treatment in the event of an outbreak, said Australian National University immunologist Gunasegaran Karupiah, who headed the discovery team.

"This is an important step towards better protection from the threat of smallpox for health workers and the general community," Karupiah told *Reuters* on Thursday. Scientists know relatively little about the immune response to smallpox because the virus was eradicated decades ago after a successful worldwide vaccination programme. Smallpox was highly contagious and killed around 30 per cent of those infected.

After the September 11, 2001 airliner attacks on New York and Washington there have been fears that terror groups may develop smallpox as a biological weapon.

"Smallpox was one of the biggest human scourges...yet because it was successfully eradicated no one was interested in understanding how individuals recovered, but now the interest is back because of the threat of bioterrorism," said Karupiah.

MNA/Reuters

Tokyo rat population dilemma for elderly

TOKYO, 2 July — The number of rats in Tokyo is surging, but it is their choice of abode that is most worrying to city officials: the long-tailed rodents appear to prefer homes occupied by the elderly.

The problem has prompted the city to launch a probe into how rodents affect elderly people.

"Rats are rampant, particularly in the homes of elderly people living alone," one Tokyo metropolitan government official said on Thursday.

"We have to do some-

thing about this because most of the elderly people can't cope with it by themselves."

Tokyo officials said they had received 17,388 complaints — many from the elderly — about rats in the 12 months to March 2004, a jump from 10,000 five years ago.

The officials said rats

tended to find their niche in homes where elderly people live because food is often left out. A survey in 2002 showed that about 14 per cent of all households in the nation's capital were comprised of elderly residents and more than half of those lived alone.

MNA/Reuters



Russian Mission Control specialists watch a TV link with the International Space Station as they guide Russian cosmonaut Gennady Padalka and American astronaut Mike Fincke during their space walk, at the Russian Mission Control in Korolyov, outside Moscow, on early Thursday, 1 July, 2004. —INTERNET

Time Warner enters bidding war for MGM

LOS ANGELES, 2 July—A bidding war has broken out between two world entertainment giants Sony Corp and Time Warner Inc for buying Hollywood studio Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer Inc (MGM), and the latter has entered the race with a more competitive offer, US newspapers reported on Thursday.

Time Warner Inc offered about three billion US dollars in cash and stock for the venerable Hollywood studio plus the assumption of two billion dollars in debt, according to the reports published by the *New York Times* and *The Wall Street Journal*.

The reports of the rival bid for MGM sent the company's shares of up 56 cents, or more than 4.6 per cent, to close at 12.66 dollars in heavy trading Thursday on the New York Stock Exchange. Time Warner's shares fell 17 cents to close at 17.41 dollars.

MGM chairman and chief executive Alex Yemenidjian alluded to a bidding war during a presenta-

tion Tuesday to shareholders at the Beverly Hills Hotel. "We have more strategic alternatives available to us than we realized," he told about 100 shareholders.

MGM, famous for its vast film library of more than 4,000 titles including "The Wizard of Oz," the James Bond and the Pink Panther series, has been negotiating with Sony in the past months for roughly the same price. The talks even continued even after a 15-day exclusive negotiation period expired in late May.

Sony proposed contributing about 1.5 billion dollars of the 3 billion dollars in cash needed to close the deal. The rest would come from Sony's financial partners, which include Texas Pacific Group and Providence Equity Partners.

Reports said that Sony failed to close the deal mainly due to a snag with its partners on financing terms. At issue is how soon the partners would be bought out of their investment by Sony, sources familiar with the talks said. — MNA/Xinhua

"Spider-Man 2" sets new debut record

LOS ANGELES, 2 July—The Columbia Pictures' debut of "Spider-Man 2" took in 40.5 million US dollars on its first day, setting a new debut record at North America box office, according to studio figures released Thursday.

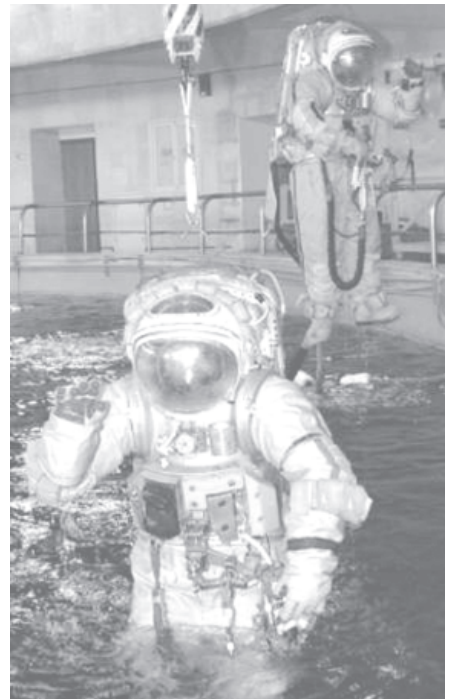
Paul Dergarabedian, president of box-office tracker Exhibitor Relations, said Thursday that "Spider-Man 2," which debuted on Wednesday, could go on to shatter other debut records, including the best three-day weekend of 114.8 million set by the first "Spider-Man" movie.

Ticket sales Wednesday surpassed the previous debut record of 39.4 million dollars set by the original "Spider-Man" two years ago.

The best previous debut for a movie opening on Wednesday was 34.5 million dollars set in last December by "The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King."

The opening-day figure for "Spider-Man 2" was even more remarkable since it came on a Wednesday, when business is slower than on weekends. The first "Spider-Man" debuted on a Friday.

"We're in uncharted territory looking at midweek numbers this big," Dergarabedian said. "I remember when 40 million dollars was a big opening weekend for a movie not that long ago, and now that's a single day in the middle of the week." — MNA/Xinhua



Russian cosmonaut Salizhan Sharipov (L) and US astronaut Leroy Chiao climb into a pool in their space suite during an underwater training session with a module of the International Space Station (ISS) in Star City outside Moscow, on 2 July, 2004. Chiao, Sharipov and Yuri Shargin of Russia form the crew for Expedition 10 and is scheduled to launch to the International Space Station in October. —INTERNET

Acid escapes from tanker capsized in Hamburg port

HAMBURG, 2 July—Much of the highly toxic sulphuric acid on board a tanker which capsized in the German port of Hamburg has escaped into the River Elbe around the harbour, the vessel owner said on Thursday.

The tanker capsized late on Monday following a collision with a container ship, causing a major pollution concern.

Out of 960 tons of sulphuric acid originally on board the vessel *ENA 2*, only about 430 tons is still in its cargo tanks, said Werner Marnette, CEO of vessel owner Norddeutsche Affinerie, Europe's largest

copper producer.

"We believe today that when the ship capsized, the sulphuric acid escaped through its eight ventilation chambers into the Elbe," Marnette said.

Remaining acid in the ship was considerably diluted by river water three days after the original accident, he said.

MNA/Reuters

SPORTS

Gomes says Scolari brings luck to Portugal

ALCOCHETE (Portugal), 2 July — Portugal will take the luck of a champion into the Euro 2004 final thanks to their appointment of Brazilian coach Luiz Felipe Scolari, striker Nuno Gomes said on Thursday.

"Scolari is used to this type of tournament and he has the experience of winning the World Cup," Gomes said after Portugal's 2-1 win over the Netherlands on Wednesday put the hosts into the final.

"He brings more enjoyment to the squad and he deals with the players very well. Above all he has the luck of the winner."

Scolari, who led Brazil to World Cup victory in 2002, announced after the game that he had agreed a two-year extension to his contract with the Portuguese FA. "It's good for Portuguese football that he's going to continue," said forward Helder Postiga.

Portugal did have the look of champions about them as goals from Cristiano Ronaldo and Maniche sent them through to play Greece in Sunday's final in Lisbon. — MNA/Reuters



The Greek national soccer team prior to the Euro 2004 Championship semifinal match between Greece and the Czech Republic at the Dragao Stadium in Porto, Portugal, on 1 July, 2004. Back row from left: Traianos Dellas, Angelos Chasristeas, Panagiotis Fyssas, Kostantinos Katsouranis, Mihalis Kapsis and Antonios Nikopolidis. Front row from left: Zisis Vryzas, Georgios Seitaridis, Angelis Basinas, Theodoros Zagorakis and Georgios Karagounis. — INTERNET

Confident Postiga considers club future

ALCOCHETE (Portugal), 2 July — Portugal striker Helder Postiga may leave Tottenham Hotspur before next season unless he is assured of more opportunities in the starting lineup.

Postiga had a miserable first year in England, scoring just one goal in 19 Premier League games after his 10 million US dollars move from Porto, and he was a

surprise choice in Luiz Felipe Scolari's Euro 2004 squad.

His confidence has surged back, though, after scoring the equalizer in normal time of Portugal's quarterfinal win over England, as well as an outrageous penalty in the shootout.

"I'm not sure about my future yet," Postiga said on Thursday, after watching Portugal's semifinal victory over the Netherlands from the substitutes' bench.

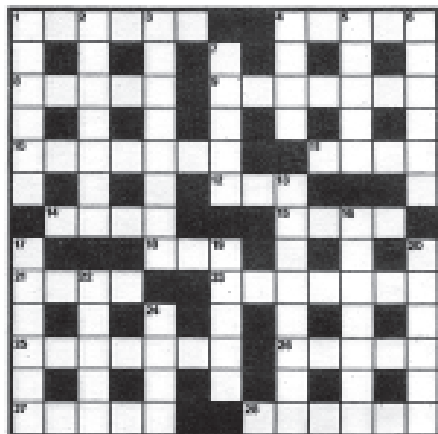
"I'm the same player I was a few months ago but over the last three months I didn't get a chance. If the manager has confidence in me and shows me that he wants me to stay I'll think about it."

French coach Jacques Santini will be the man in charge of Tottenham next season and if he wants to keep Postiga he has to convince the 21-year-old that the club will soon be challenging for titles.

"It was hard for me because Porto were winning the Champions League and I wanted to play and win something with Tottenham," he said. Postiga was given a mild rebuke by teammate Jorge Andrade for the style of his penalty in the shootout win over England.

MNA/Reuters

Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

- 1 Entirely
- 4 Author of "Brides-head Revisited"
- 8 Turn inside out
- 9 Museum chief
- 10 Leaving a will
- 11 Veritable
- 12 Armed conflict
- 14 Fairy
- 15 Stop
- 18 Nocturnal bird
- 21 Tiny arachnid
- 23 Tiring
- 25 Uncultured
- 26 Backbone
- 27 Praise
- 28 Fondle

DOWN

- 1 Flower circlet
- 2 Supervise
- 3 Womaniser
- 4 Excrescence
- 5 Speak
- 6 Large wasp
- 7 Propeller
- 13 Former Zimbabwe
- 16 Lion-like
- 17 Safe from infection
- 19 Turning machine
- 20 Possessions
- 22 Unspoken
- 24 Humber port



The Portugal national soccer team prior to the Euro 2004 Championship semifinal match against the Netherlands at the Jose Alvalade Stadium in Lisbon, on 30 June, 2004. Back row from left: Ricardo, Nuno Valente, Jorge Andrade, Pauleta, Ricardo Carvalho, Costinha. Front row from left: Cristiano Ronaldo, Miguel, Deco, Maniche and Luis Figo. — INTERNET

Beaten Czechs make dignified exit from Euro 2004

PORTO, 3 July — The Czech Republic, beaten by a silver goal in their semifinal against outsiders Greece, made a dignified exit from Euro 2004 on Thursday.

As their Greek conquerors advanced to face hosts Portugal in Sunday's final in Lisbon, the much-admired Czechs were left to reflect on a series of missed chances and some wretched luck during the 1-0 defeat by their rugged opponents.

Czech striker Milan Baros, who remains the tournament's leading scorer with five goals, summed up their feelings when he said: "We're sad and we're disappointed because we played some great football but we have to go home now."

"I didn't want to be watching the final on television but that's football. For me, it is not good enough. Being top scorer cannot compensate me for this."

Greek sweeper Traianos Dellas headed the only goal of the match in the 15th minute of extra time when he met a corner from Vassilis Tsartas at the near post. Only seconds later, Italian referee Pierluigi Collina blew the final whistle.

The Czech players, whose flowing attacking football, sweeping moves and pure skill had lit up the tournament and carried them to four successive wins, slumped to

the ground in virtual disbelief. It was, said coach Karel Brueckner, the first time his team had conceded a goal from a corner in 30 games stretching back three years.

But he congratulated Greece on their clever tactical triumph — they used two markers to negate the threat of Baros and his strike partner Jan Koller plus a defensive sweeper — and wished them well in the final.

"I'm disappointed but this is not a bitter ending for me or the team," said Brueckner.

"I've been in the dressing room and told the team I'm proud of every one of them and our captain Pavel Nedved has told them this team is the best international side he's ever played with."

For Nedved, accidentally injured and forced to withdraw after 40 minutes, it was the second time he had tasted defeat by a decisive goal in extra time. At Euro 96, the Czechs went down to a golden goal in the final against Germany at Wembley.

Czech right back Zdenek Grygera said the loss of Nedved, their captain and midfield inspiration, was a serious blow.

MNA/Reuters

Rehhagel dismisses talk of Germany job

PORTO, 3 July — Greece coach Otto Rehhagel rejected suggestions he could be next in line for the Germany manager's job after Ottmar Hitzfeld turned the position down on Thursday.

Moments after his team qualified for the Euro 2004 final against Portugal by upsetting the Czech Republic, German Rehhagel was again asked whether he had con-

sidered coaching his own national team.

"My job is to deal with my boys and the team and prepare them for the final," Rehhagel told reporters. "Nothing more, that's what my role is and nothing else."

Rehhagel has repeatedly said he would honour his extended contract with Greece which runs until 2006. — MNA/Reuters



Otto Rehhagel's reward for taking 150-1 outsiders Greece into the final of Euro 2004 could be the job of leading his native Germany at the 2006 World Cup. — INTERNET

Spanish doctor hit by car at Euro 2004 party dies

LISBON, 2 July — A Spanish doctor died on Thursday after a car struck her during celebrations marking Portugal's semifinal win at Euro 2004, authorities said.

The death was the second during the three-week tournament. An England fan was stabbed to death on June 22 as he chased a pickpocket.

The doctor, who was in her mid-20s and lived in Lisbon, and another Spanish woman were hit by a car at about 3:40 am in Lisbon's Docas nightclub area, a Spanish Embassy spokesman said. Both women were

taken to hospital, where the doctor died, he said. The other woman's injuries were not serious.

MNA/Reuters

United win race for Barcelona teenager Pique

MANCHESTER (England), July 2 — Manchester United announced the signing of teenage defender Gerard Pique from Barcelona on Thursday.

The Premier League club did not publish a transfer fee for the 17-year-old or the length of his contract.

Pique, a central defender who can also play on the left, is a Spanish Under-17 international and was also reportedly a target for United's league rivals Arsenal and Chelsea.

MNA/Reuters

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**4-7-2004 (Sunday)
(Programme Schedule)
Morning Transmission
(9:00 - 10:00)**

- 9:00 Signature Tune
Greeting
9:02 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Mingalabar"
9:06 Wheat Handicraft Toys
9:10 **Headline News**
9:12 Putao Surrounded by
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19:40 **Headline News**
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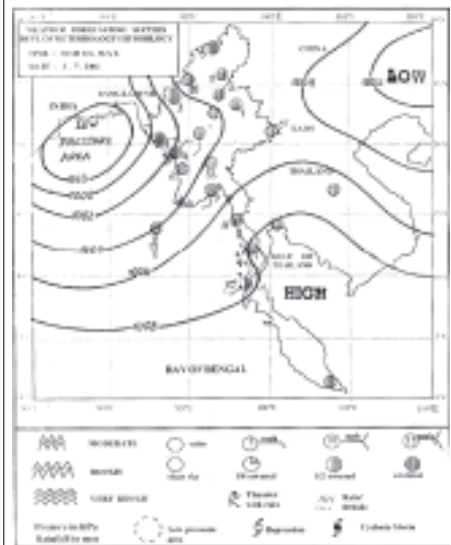
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07:05 Fossilized Wood Gar-
den
07:10 Songs On Screen "Fu-
ture Journey"
07:15 **National News**
07:20 Moyoingyi Wildlife
Sanctuary
07:25 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Come and See
Myanmar"

Rainfall on 3-7-2004

- 1.11 inches at Yangon Airport,
- 0.28 inch at Kaba-Aye and
- 0.51 inch at central Yangon. Total rain-
fall since 1-1-2004 was 1275mm (50.20
inches) at Yangon Airport and 1178mm
(46.38 inches) at Kaba-Aye and 1210mm
(47.64 inches) at central Yangon.

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas

**WEATHER**

Saturday, 3 July, 2004

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in Kayah State and rain or thundershower has been scattered to widespread in the remaining areas with isolated heavyfalls in upper Sagaing Division. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Homalin (3.50) inches, and Katha (1.54) inches.

Maximum temperature on 2-7-2004 was 30.0°C (86°F). Minimum temperature on 3-7-2004 was 21.7°C (71°F). Relative humidity at 9:30 hrs MST on 3-7-2004 was 85%. Total sunshine hours on 2-7-2004 was (0.5) hours approx. Rainfall on 3-7-2004 was 1.11 inches at Yangon Airport, 0.28 inch at Kaba-Aye and 0.51 inch at central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2004 was 1275mm (50.20 inches) at Yangon Airport and 1178mm (46.38 inches) at Kaba-Aye and 1210mm (47.64 inches) at central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was 8 mph from Southwest at 18:30 hours MST on 2-7-2004.

Bay inference: According to the observations at 09.30 hrs MST today, the low pressure area over the North Bay and adjoining West Central Bay. Monsoon is moderate to strong in the Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of 4-7-2004: Rain or thundershowers will be widespread in Kachin and Mon States, upper Sagaing and Taninthayi Divisions, scattered in Shan, Rakhine and Kayin States, Yangon, Ayeayawady and Bago Divisions and isolated in the remaining areas with likelihood of isolated heavyfalls in upper Sagaing Division. Degree of certainty is (80%). **State of the sea:** Seas will be moderate to rough in Myanmar waters.

Outlook for subsequent two days: Moderate monsoon. **Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 4-7-2004:** One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 4-7-2004: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).



Sunday, July 4

View today:

- 7:00 am
1. Recitation of Parittas by
Missionary Sayadaw U
Ottamathara
7:15 am
2. တိပိဋကဓမ္မ၊ ဓမ္မအာဇာနည်၊ ဓမ္မ
အာဇာနည်တော်၊ တရားတော်တော်
(ယောဆရာတော်) ဟောကြားတော်မူ
အပ်သောဥပပါတသန္တိပါဠိတော်
7:25 am
3. To be healthy exercise
7:30 am
4. Morning news
7:40 am
5. Nice and sweet song
7:55 am
6. ယဉ်ကျေးစွာ (ခရီး)ကြာမင်္ဂလာ
8:15 am
7. တစ်ဆင့်တက်ရောက်မှု စာတိုတော်
(စာအုပ်)
8:30 am
8. International news
8:45 am
9. Say It In English

- 11:00 am
1. Martial Song
11:10 am
2. Musical programme
11:25 am
3. Round-up of the week's
International news
11:40 am
4. နိုင်ငံခြားတော်လှန်မှု
"သစ္စာရန်ပုံငွေ" (အပိုင်း-၆)
12:15 pm
5. မူလဆင့်သင်တန်းအောင်မြင်မှု (အပိုင်း-၁)
12:30 pm
6. Myanmar Movie:
"နဂါးလူရုပ်ရိုက်"
မင်းမောင်ကျွန်း၊ နိုင်သင်းကြည်၊
ဇော်သန်း၊ မြတ်ကောင်းအောင်
ဒါရိုက်တာ-မောင်တင်ဦး
2:45 pm
7. International news
4:00 pm
1. Martial song
4:15 pm
2. Songs to uphold
National Spirit
4:30 pm
3. English For Everyday Use
4:45 pm
4. အဆင့်မြင့်တက်ရောက်မှု ယဉ်ကျေး
စွာမြင်သောကြာသင်နေ့စာ
-ဒုတိယအပိုင်း
(ရှုရှာသောအရာကြည့်ရှု) (ရှုရှာသော)
5:00 pm
5. Dance of national races

- 5:15 pm
6. Musical programme
5:30 pm
7. Agricultural Source
Country's Development
5:45 pm
8. Sing and Enjoy
6:30 pm
9. Evening news
7:00 pm
10. Weather report
7:05 pm
11. နိုင်ငံခြားတော်လှန်မှု
"နဂါးလူရုပ်ရိုက်" (အပိုင်း-၂၆)
7:35 pm
12. မြန်မာအမျိုးသမီးများရဲ့ ဂုဏ်
တော်လှန်မှု
"လက်ကိုင်သင်္ကန်းလှည့်သော"
စာအုပ်တိုက်၊ နိုင်ငံတော်
ဒါရိုက်တာ-နီနီ
8:00 pm
13. News
14. International news
15. Weather report
16. နိုင်ငံခြားတော်လှန်မှု
"နဂါးလူရုပ်ရိုက်" တစ်စုံတည်းသော
အချက် (အပိုင်း-၄)
00:30 pm
17. EURO 2004 နိုင်ငံလုံးပွဲစာတိုက်
01:15 pm
18. EURO 2004 နိုင်ငံလုံးပွဲစာတိုက်
လက်ကိုင်သင်္ကန်းလှည့်သော
(ပေါ်တူဂီ၊ နိုင်ငံ၊ ဂရိ)
19. The next day's
programme

Sunday, July 4
Tune in today:

- 8.30 am Brief news
8.35 am Music: Babay one
more time
8.40 am Perspectives
8.45 am Music: Where are you
now
8.55 am National news/
Slogan
9.05 am Music: Love won't
wait
9.10 am International news
9.15 am Cultural Images of
Myanmar: Lion Statue
1.30 pm News/Slogan
1.40 pm Story for children
The story of
kalayakkhin
1.50 pm Songs for children
9.00 pm Weekly news review
9.10 pm Music
9.15 pm Article
9.25 pm It must have been love
(Roxetta)
-There you'll be (Faith
Hill)
9.45 pm News/Slogan
10.00 pm PEL

Women athletes demonstrate sports skills in honour of Myanmar Women's Day

YANGON, 3 July— The demonstration of women's sports skills in honour of the Myanmar Women's Day which falls today was held at the National Indoor Stadium-1 in Thuwunna, Thingangyun Township, this morning, attended by President of Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation Leading Patron of Myanmar Women's Sports Federation Dr Daw Khin Win Shwe.

After taking the sports oaths, women athletes in events of aerobic, band troupe, wushu, martial arts, karatedo and pom-pom dance troupes demonstrated their skills.

Also present on the occasion were Vice-Presidents of MWAF Prof Dr Daw May May Yi, Daw Khin Lay Thet, Daw Than Than Nwe and Daw Khin Khin Win, Adviser Daw Khin Than Nwe and other advisers, General Secretary Prof Dr Daw Khin Aye Win, leaders of the working groups, secretariat members, township organizations for women's affairs in Yangon Division, Maternal and Child Welfare Association, trainees of Institute of Nursing, members of Union Solidarity and Development Association, Red Cross and Auxiliary Fire Brigades, sports women, students, Myanmar Police Force members and officials of the Ministry of Sports.— MNA

President of MWAF Leading Patron of Myanmar Women's Sports Federation

Dr Daw Khin Win Shwe attends sports skills demonstration of women athletes.— MNA



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

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

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

Myanmar Women's Day observed in Yangon Division

YANGON, 3 July — A ceremony to mark the Myanmar Women's Day, organized by Yangon Division Organization for Women's Affairs, which falls on 3 July was held in conjunction with the ceremony to open the new office of the Organization at the office of Yangon Division

Peace and Development Council in Kyauktada Township this afternoon, attended by Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe and wife Daw Khin Thet Htay, Patron of Yangon Division Organization for

Women's Affairs.

Also present were authorities, departmental officials, Chairperson of Yangon Division Organization for Women's Affairs Daw Cherry Ye Khaung and executives, outstanding women and guests. Patron Daw Khin Thet Htay formally opened the new office and the meeting hall.

Afterwards, the ceremony to mark the Myanmar Women's Day followed. Next, Daw Khin Thet Htay presented cash prizes to outstanding academic award winners Ma Haymar Myint and Ma Khaing Thet Su, outstanding Red Cross award winners U Nay Zar Win and Ma Yin Yin Myint, outstanding fire fighting award winner U Tin Sanda Cho, outstanding sports award winners Ma Zu Zu Maung and Ma Thet Su Htwe and outstanding arts award winners Ma Ei Ei Tun and Ma Wint Thinza Sten and Yangon Division women's volleyball team.

Next, the commander and No 1 Military Region Commander Col Tin Kyi accepted K 2.3 million from 14 wellwishers.— MNA



Commander Maj-Gen Myint Swe accepts cash donations from a wellwisher at opening of office of Yangon Division Organization for Women's Affairs.— MNA

Minister for Foreign Affairs arrives back from Indonesia

YANGON, 3 July — Minister for Foreign Affairs U Win Aung arrived back here by air via Thailand this evening after attending the 37th ASEAN Ministerial Meeting (AMM), the ASEAN + 3 Foreign Ministers' Meeting, the 11th ASEAN Regional Forum (ARF) and the Post Ministerial Conferences (PMCs) held in Jakarta, Indonesia, from 29 June to 2 July.

The minister was welcomed back at the airport by Deputy Ministers for Foreign Affairs U Khin Maung Win and U Kyaw Thu, Indonesian Ambassador Mr Wyoso Prodjowarsito and officials of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Together with the minister, Director-General U Thaung Tun of Political Department, Director-General U Aung Bwa of ASEAN Affairs Department, Deputy Head of Department Col Sithu of Ministry of Defence, Director U Tint Swe of ASEAN Affairs Department and Assistant Director U Ye Lwin of Political Department also arrived back.— MNA



Minister for Foreign Affairs U Win Aung being welcomed back at the airport.— MNA

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