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Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt plants a star flower tree in the compound of New Central Women's Hospital in Mandalay on 3 July. — MNA

New Central Women's Hospital opened in Mandalay

YANGON, 5 July — The new Central Women's Hospital was opened in Mandalay on 3 July with an address by Chairman of National Health Committee Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt.

Also present were Chairman of Mandalay Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Central Command Maj-Gen Ye Myint, the chairman of Civil Service Selection and Training Board, the ministers, the Mandalay mayor, the Chief of Staff (Navy), the deputy ministers, officials of the State Peace and Development Council Office, departmental officials, members of Division, District and Township Peace and Development Councils, Medical Superintendent of Central Women's Hospital (Mandalay), doctors, nurses

and students.

The doctors and nurses formally opened the signboard of the hospital.

Next, Commander Maj-Gen Ye Myint and Minister for Health Dr Kyaw Myint formally opened the hospital.

Afterwards, Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt formally unveiled the stone inscription of the hospital.

General Khin Nyunt planted a star flower sapling at the designated place.

In his address, Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt said opening of Central Women's Hospital in Mandalay on 3 July, Myanmar Women's Day, showed how Myanmar laid emphasis on the women sector.

In the past, the newly opened hospital existed as a department in the com-

pound of Mandalay General Hospital. The Head of State gave guidance that Mandalay is the centre of upper Myanmar. Like Yangon, economic and social structures are to be built gradually. That is why economic and social infrastructures are being built one after another in accord with the guidance. He said the newly opened hospital is a social structure. Mandalay needs a central women's hospital due to the improvement in every aspect, growing population and wider social environment. He said it is vividly seen that the government placed emphasis on health care services of the people.

He said the government carried out the tasks for development of education and health sectors in remote areas. Moreover, it built

other necessary infrastructures, he said.

He said border area development projects were successful to some extent. The government focused on education and health sectors after designating 24 special development regions. These tasks have been undertaken not because the country is rich. Depending on wealth of the nation priority was given to education and health sectors, he added.

The government has been building hospitals, schools and universities with own wealth and resources, and fulfilling equipment needed, he said.

Therefore, there emerged new splendid Central Women's Hospital opened today. It is incumbent upon the people to understand and realize the

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

genuine goodwill of the government.

The health care services are being launched with the aim of enabling women and mothers to enjoy health and fitness and of rendering full health care services to newborn children who will become intellectuals and intelligentsia. The government is making all-out efforts for the emergence of a new modern and developed nation, for development of the Union and for enabling Myanmar to stand tall among international community as a sovereign nation.

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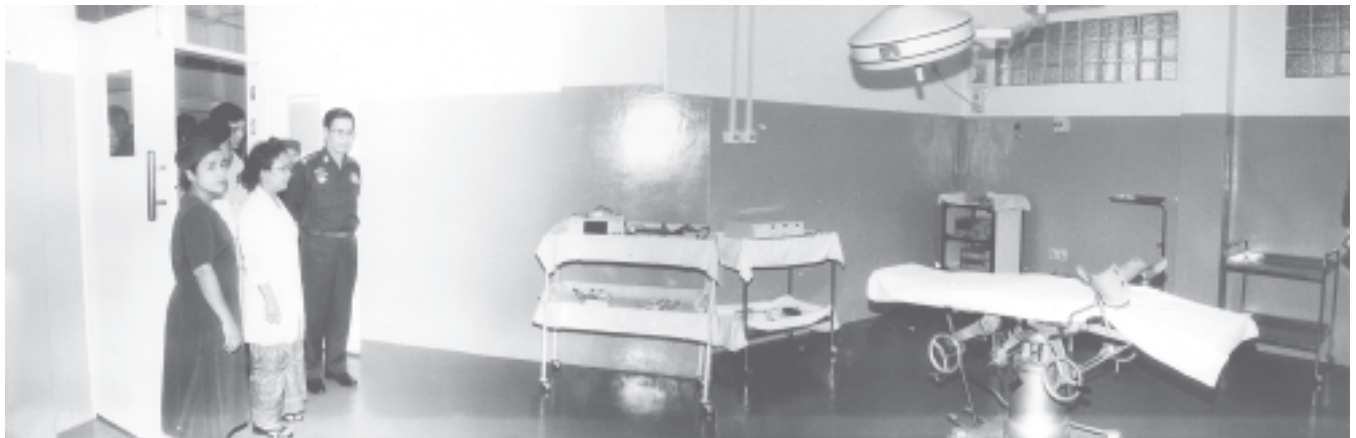
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Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt inspects round the New Central Women's Hospital in Mandalay on 3 July. — MNA

PERSPECTIVES

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Nurture youths to be able to safeguard favourable political, economic and social environment

Nowadays, some super powers with an advantage in the field of science and technology are exploiting the developing nations for the sake of their own interests and security under the pretext of ideology, security, defence, democracy and human rights.

At such a time and in such a situation, the Union of Myanmar is being faced with the challenge of safeguarding her national identity and her status as an independent and sovereign nation and catching up with other nations in the technological race.

The opening of the Special Refresher Course No 5 for faculty members of universities and colleges was held at the Central Institute of Civil Service (Phaunggyi) in Hlegu Township on 2 July and it was attended by Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt, who is also Chairman of the Myanmar Education Committee.

In his address on the occasion, the Prime Minister stressed that the Union of Myanmar, in trying to overcome the challenges facing her, was doing her best to consolidate her spirit of nationalism, the unity of the people, the solid foundation of her economic resources and the establishment of human resources of high calibre, for these were the forces that could weather the challenges. Only then would Myanmar be able to avoid the danger of being overshadowed by other nations and to build a peaceful and developed Union.

In this very sensitive age when all changes are interconnected, only a nation whose people are highly educated, learned with wide-ranging views and a strong spirit of nationalism will be able to protect and promote the national interest. Now is the time for the education sector to nurture such a patriotic force and instil a deep spirit of nationalism among the people of the country.

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

We would like to call on all university teachers, on behalf of the State, to train and nurture their students so that they will have the capability, will and spirit to carry out the task of building up and protecting the political, social and economic foundations already put in place.



Prize-winners of ASEAN Radio Quiz seen.

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Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt presents a television set, VCR and a set of computer to the headmaster of Madaya Township Basic Education High School on 3 July. (News Page 16) — NLM

National Convention Convening Management Committee meets

YANGON, 5 July — A work coordination meeting of the National Convention Convening Management Committee was held at the meeting hall of Management Committee in Nyaungnabin Camp in Hmawby Township this afternoon.

Present at the meeting were Chairman of National Convention Convening Management Committee Auditor-General Maj-Gen Lun Maung, Vice-Chairmen Director of Supply and Transport of the Ministry of Defence Maj-Gen Than Htay and Deputy Minister for Hotels and Tourism Brig-Gen Aye Myint Kyu, officials of National Convention Convening Committee and Work Committee, members of Management Committee and chairmen and officials of the various sub-committees. Joint Secretary-1 of National Convention Convening Management Committee Lt-Col

Maung Maung Shein presided over the meeting.

Chairman of National Convention Convening Management Committee Auditor-General Maj-Gen Lun Maung reported on management affairs.

Chairmen and officials of the various sub-committees reported on work being done and to be done. Officials of the National Convention Convening Commission and the Work Committee reported on requirements. Chairman Maj-Gen Lun Maung fulfilled the requirements. A general round of discussions then followed.

Chairman Maj-Gen Lun Maung called on officials of the sub-committees to carry out the functions of the sub-committees dutifully with greater momentum.

The meeting came to a close at 2.30 pm. — MNA



Chairman of National Convention Convening Management Committee Auditor-General Maj-Gen Lun Maung addresses at the coordination meeting of NCC Management Committee. — MNA

Gold, jewellery handed over to Ministry of Culture

YANGON, 5 July — U Aung Htwe was honoured at a ceremony held at Kyunyadana Hall in the Myeik Peace and Development Council Office on 2 July as he handed over gold and jewellery of ancient times to the Ministry of Culture through the authorities concerned. He found them in a pot while digging in his farm.

Present on the occasion were Director-General of the Department of Archaeology U Nyunt Han, Secretary of Myeik Peace and Development Council Lt-Col Myo Nyunt, and officials from the Union Solidarity and Development Association, the War Veterans Organization, the Myanmar Women's Affairs Organization, BEHS teachers and townsmen. First, Lt-Col Myo Myint explained the purpose of holding the ceremony. Next, Director-General U Nyunt Han awarded K 5,456,000 to U Aung Htwe who expressed his thanks, and the ceremony came to a close.

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Prizes presented to winners of ASEAN Radio Quiz

YANGON, 5 June — The ASEAN Radio Quiz sponsored by Myanma Radio and Television was held at the MRTV on 2 July morning with the participation of enthusiasts.

Of the participants, U Than Win of Mawlamyine, Mon State stood first; Maung Hlaing Bwa Win of

Thingangyun, Yangon Division, second; and Ma Ei Kay Khine Tun of Dagon Myothit (North), Yangon Division, third while the consolation prize went to Maung Tin Win of Thingangyun, Yangon Division. Officials concerned presented prizes to the winners

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Gems and jade sales of UMEHL to be held on 16-19 Aug

YANGON, 5 July — The 17th gems and jade sales of the Union of Myanmar Economic Holdings Limited will be held at the Myanma Gems Mart on Kaba Aye Pagoda Road from 16 to 19 August 2004.

Inspection of gems and jade will be conducted from 16 to 18 August while sale of gems and jade by bargain and auction system will be held on 19 August.

Buyers are to register on 13 August with fees of K 4,000 for citizens and US\$ 20 for foreigners. Gems and jade entrepreneurs may entrust their gems and jade and jewellery for sale, and are to pay 0.4 per cent of the value of items put on sale to the UMEHL. Tax on the sold items will be collected according to Myanma Gems Law and rules. For further formation, contact is to be made to Myanma Ruby Enterprise of No 24/26 (Ex-Central Bank of Myanmar building), Sule Pagoda Road, Kyauktada Township, Yangon (Tel 371053 or 370561) and Myanma Imperial Jade of No 24/26 (Ex-Central Bank of Myanmar building), Sule Pagoda Road, Kyauktada Township, Yangon (Tel 371027 or 370564) during office hour. — MNA

Tree planting ceremony held

YANGON, 5 July — A tree planting ceremony for greening Bago Yoma was held at No 56 plot of Nyaungbinzin reserved forest near Siton village, Letpadan Township, this morning.

Chairman of Thayawady District Peace and Development Council and members, local authorities and departmental officials, USDA members and local people, together with staff of forestry department led by Assistant Director U Kyaw Kyaw, planted 6,000 trees. — MNA

Iraq strategic oil pipeline hit, exports reeling

BAGHDAD, 4 July—Saboteurs attacked a strategic oil pipeline linking Iraq's northern and southern fields on Sunday, further cutting exports that were halved by a hole blown in another pipeline a day before, officials and witnesses said.

The attacks on oil — Iraq's economic lifeblood — undermine the new Iraqi government's attempt to bring about economic recovery and improve the poor living conditions that feed insurgency and political unrest.

An international oil company executive said the attackers had good intelligence.

"They seem to have access to maps and inside information about pumping. They do not want any body to do business in Iraq, and they are succeeding," he said.

"This will only help oil prices stay high. We must not forget that there are regional powers that prefer seeing Iraqi supplies dis-

rupted."

Smoke rising hundreds of metres into the air from the pipeline hit on Sunday in the Hawijat al-Fallujah area could be seen from Baghdad some 50 miles to the north-east.

Prime Minister Iyad Allawi has vowed to defeat saboteurs who have stopped Iraqi oil exports several times

this year.

Industry insiders say northern crude was being secretly pumped through the strategic pipeline from Kirkuk fields for export through two offshore southern terminals.

Northern crude is usually pumped through a pipeline to Turkey, but sabotage has forced Iraq to divert flows south. Oil prices are hovering around \$36 a barrel for Brent crude and \$2 higher for US light crude — a level seen as taking into account the risk of further cuts in Iraqi supplies.

Iraq's exports from the southern terminals fell to 960,000 barrels per day (bpd) on Saturday after saboteurs blew a hole in one of two pipelines feeding them.

Internet



An Iraqi fireman tries in vain to put out a tanker blaze after an American-escorted convoy was attacked on the highway west of Baghdad, on 4 July 2004. No one was injured in the attack. — INTERNET

Americans rally for Kerry at Brandenburg Gate

Berlin, 5 July—Dozens of American and German supporters of US presidential candidate John Kerry rallied in front of Berlin's Brandenburg Gate on Sunday to mark the US Fourth of July holiday.

They carried banners in the centre of the German capital criticizing President George W Bush and handed out leaflets urging US expatriates in Berlin to register to vote in November.

"More than 10,000 live in Berlin," read a leaflet, printed in German and English. "They can vote but

most don't. Do you want a new American president? Then tell an American to vote. "Among the anti-Bush banners carried was a poster saying "Freedom and Democracy, US-American Style — Shame!" that included a picture of a hooded Iraq prisoner being abused. "Drop Bush, not Bombs" read another poster.

A few hundred metres (yards) away, the German chapter of Republicans Abroad staged a voter register drive at a Fourth of July party next to the Bundestag Parliament building.

The Republicans said the expatriate vote could decide the election.

MNA/Reuters

Bangladesh may become tea-importing country after 2020

DHAKA, 5 July—If tea production could not increase Bangladesh would become a tea-importing country after 2020.

Tea consumption in Bangladesh is increasing 3 per cent per annum but its production is increasing 1 per cent only, *The New Nation* reported Sunday.

Currently Bangladeshi tea gardens are producing 56 million kilos of tea per annum. Of this 12 million kilos is exported which earns 900 million taka (15.5 million US dollars).

Bangladesh's current population growth rate is 1.6 per cent. Experts held that in 2020 Bangladesh's population will reach 181 million. If the tea consumption growth rate continues, in 2020 tea consumption

will reach 65 million kilos while its production will reach only to 54.1 million kilos.

The government reportedly is considering framing of a 20-year strategic plan for development of the tea sector and to increase its production.

For implementation of the strategic plan, 640 million taka (11.03 million US dollars) will be spent for research and other 510 million taka (8.79 million US dollars) will be spent for trade and marketing strategy.

The strategic plan suggests that total land for tea

production has to be increased to 69,000 hectares from existing 50,000 hectares. It also suggests that tea production has to be increased to 1,748 kilos per hectare from existing 1,176 kilos.

Out of 161 tea gardens now in the country, 26 are managed by foreign companies which produce half of the country's tea production.

The tea gardens owned by Bangladeshi companies failed to increase production due to lack of plan, modern technology and equipment.

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Turkey pulls military observers from Iraq

ISTANBUL, 4 July—Turkey is withdrawing the last of its military observers from northern Iraq, where they had been deployed since 1997 to oversee a cease-fire between two rival Kurdish factions, a government official said Sunday.

There is no reduction, however, in the several thousand Turkish soldiers in northern Iraq, who have been hunting Turkish Kurdish rebels in the mountains for years, the official said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

The Turkish military observers were sent to northern Iraq to supervise a British and US-backed truce between the region's two main Kurdish factions, the Patriotic Union of Kurdistan and the Kurdish Democratic Party. The two factions had been fighting for control of an autonomous region in northern Iraq since 1991.

The official said the withdrawal would take place in the coming days. The observers "played an important role in bringing peace to the north of Iraq," he said. "Now, the mission of the (observers) is over," he said. The number of Turkish military observers currently in northern Iraq is around 30, according to Turkish media. The observers numbered about 400 in the 1990s.—Internet

Syrian, Iranian presidents call for departure of Iraq's "occupiers"

TEHERAN, 4 June —Iranian President Mohammad Khatami and his visiting Syrian counterpart, Bashar al-Assad, both called for the rapid departure of foreign troops from Iraq.

"This crisis was predictable, and its source was the aggression and occupation of Iraq by the United States," Khatami told reporters after he greeted Assad, who arrived here earlier for a two-day visit.

"There is no ambiguity between us and Syria where Iraq is concerned. The solution is the quick end to the occupation, the installation of a government comprising all elements of the Iraqi people and the cooperation of the international community to bring stability and reconstruction," he said Sunday.

For his part, Assad said "Iraq is on the

top of our list of preoccupations" although he said the two would also discuss "Palestine and the halt in the peace process".

"Regarding Iraq, we have always been in agreement with Iran on the need for Iraq's territorial integrity, a representative government and the departure of the occupying forces," he added.

Both Syria and Iran have been accused by the United States of supporting anti-coalition insurgents inside Iraq. Assad, on his third visit to the Islamic republic since taking office in 2000, was accompanied by a high-level delegation, including Vice President Abdel Halim Khaddam and Foreign Minister Faruq al-Shara.

After being greeted by Foreign Minister Kamal Kharazi at Teheran's international airport, Assad met Khatami and was later lined up to meet Iran's all-powerful guide, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei.

The Syrian President paid a short visit to Teheran in February 2003 on the eve of the US-led war against Iraq, after an earlier trip in January 2001. Khatami last visited Syria during a May 2003 tour of Arab states.

Internet

Typhoon Mindulle kills one in east China

HANGZHOU, 5 July—Typhoon Mindulle killed one and left two missing at Taihu Lake in Huzhou City, east China's Zhejiang Province, according to sources with local government. The rainstorm caused by the typhoon made a 12-year-old boy drown and two others were reported missing. Some 100-strong local policemen have rescued 48 people from 15 boats still on Taihu Lake after receiving SOS signals.—MNA/Xinhua



A member of the Iraqi Civil Defence Corps, his face covered for fear of identification, questions a motorist at a checkpoint on the outskirts of Baghdad, on 4 July 2004.

INTERNET

Bremer warns of pitfalls in Iraq Government

WASHINGTON, 4 July—The former top administrator in Iraq said Sunday that the country's new democracy would be "sloppy and messy" as the interim government confronts a continuing insurgency.

L. Paul Bremer said he would give Iraq's interim government high marks so far for its approach to insurgents.

"It isn't going to be an American-style democracy," Bremer said on "Fox News Sunday."

"We shouldn't kid ourselves — it will be sloppy and messy at the beginning. People forget it took us 12 years to write our own Constitution. It wasn't very pretty around here either between 1776 and 1787," Bremer said.

"It took a while and the Iraqis are going to have work their way through it. And there will be ups and downs, but the direction is right," he said.

Bremer did not comment on specific approaches of the new government.

Bremer acknowledged there were slowdowns in spending for Iraq reconstruction, blaming government bureaucracy and delays built into contracting law. But he said \$10 billion of the \$18.4 billion approved by Congress last year was committed to specific projects, even though the Bush administration has acknowledged only 2 percent of the money has been spent.

"We ... ran into problems with the Washington bureaucracy getting that moved forward and I certainly was among the most critical of that process," Bremer said.

Internet



An Iraqi National Guard stands next to a charred car bomb used against a national guard station in the centre of Baquba, 60 kilometres (36 miles) northeast of Baghdad recently. — INTERNET

Thailand introduces methadon treatment to drug addicts

BANGKOK, 4 July—In an attempt to reduce the spread of HIV-AIDS virus among heroin addicts, Thailand has introduced the methadon treatment to governmental drugs rehabilitation centres, the state-run Thai News Agency said here Saturday.

At a Press conference, Public Health Minister Sudarat Keyuraphan said methadon was now available for heroin addicts at all governmental drugs rehabilitation clinics nationwide, which reflected Thailand's awareness of human rights for drugs users.

Methadon is a narcotic analgesic drug similar to morphine but not addictive. It has been widely used as a substituted drug to heroin which eventually will help addicts kick off their habit.

Sudarat hopes the harm-reduction based methadon programme will reduce the spread of some viral diseases such as HIV-AIDS among Thai heroin users.

Thailand has seen a reduction in new HIV-AIDS cases in several risk groups, but the spread of the deadly viral disease is still high among heroin users.

At least 40-50 per cent of Thai heroin users are still sharing syringes, which caused a grave concern among health workers.

"Methadon treatment is a safe way of detoxification. In the end, the addicts will quit using heroin, and the new HIV-AIDS cases among them will gradually reduce," she said. Meanwhile, Director-General of the Department of Disease Control Dr. Charal Trinvuthipong said the ministry had been active in campaigning against heroin using and syringe sharing in poor communities and slums where the country's most heroin users are dwelling.

"Methadon treatment will improve the quality of life for heroin users. We have seen it worked and the patients won't return to old habit after a full course of methadon treatment," he said.—MNA/Xinhua

Chinese experts use wasps to combat forest pests

SHIJIAZHUANG, 4 July — A total of 30.1 million wasps were released into the forested Lianfeng Hill inside Beidaihe, a wellknown seaside summer resort in Qinhuangdao City, north China's Hebei Province, in a bid to help fight plant disease and insect pests there.

Xu Denghua, head of the Forest Diseases Prevention Centre with Qinhuangdao City Forestry Bureau, said Tuesday's release was intended to use wasps to combat pine-borne pests that are threatening the growth of pine trees around the hill, where 400 hectares of pine trees are grown.

The release is just of part of the city's plan to procure 500 million wasps to fight the pine-borne caterpillars that have almost gone out of control at Lianfeng Hill this year.

The wasps will be released on five occasions.

Last year, 100,000 wasps were released to fight the longhorn beetles endangering the growth of trees in Beidaihe District, and the action proved effective, said Xu.

"We can protect our forest resources by using the food chain among insects without causing any pollution to the environment," said Xu.

MNA/Xinhua

Macao, Mongolia exchange visa-free status

MACAO, 4 July — Macao Special Administrative Region (SAR) and Mongolia on Saturday agreed to grant an equal visa-free status to each other.

Morinda Da Rosa Silva Chan, secretary for Administration and Justice of the Macao SAR Government signed the agreement here with Mongolian Ambassador to China Luvsandagva Amarsanaa. Chief Executive of the Macao SAR Government Edmund Ho Hau Wah and visiting Mongolian President Nachagyn Bagabandy attended the signing ceremony.

MNA/Xinhua

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US to blame for Iraq violence, Iran tells Brahimi

TEHERAN, 4 July—Iran has again hit back at US accusations it is formulating anti-coalition violence in Iraq by telling a top United Nations envoy that the conduct of US troops was to blame for the ongoing unrest.

"The Americans are trying to publicise false information and create conflict and suspicion between Iraqi officials and the neighboring countries," Foreign Minister Kamal Kharazi was quoted as telling UN envoy for Iraq Lakhdar Brahimi.

"The erroneous actions of the US occupiers is the main cause of insecurity in Iraq," the student news agency ISNA quoted him as saying in talks in Tehran on Saturday.

The Islamic republic, an arch-enemy of the United States, has borne the brunt of a stream of allegations from US officials that it has been aiding anti-US insurgents in neighbouring Iraq.

Iran has consistently denied the charges.

Internet

Former envoy attacks Iraq blunders of US and Britain

LONDON, 5 July—Tony Blair's former envoy to Baghdad yesterday launched his strongest attack on Britain and America, declaring that both countries had made catastrophic mistakes before and after the invasion of Iraq.

Abandoning his usual diplomatic language, Sir Jeremy Greenstock went much further than the prime minister, to say Britain had been "wrong" to claim that Saddam Hussein had stockpiles of chemical and biological weapons.

Speaking on BBC1's Breakfast with Frost, Sir Jeremy said: "There's no doubt that the stockpiles that we feared might be there are not there."

His remarks come as ministers brace themselves for Lord Butler's report on

Wednesday into intelligence failures before the war. Peter Hain, the leader of the Commons, underlined ministerial unease yesterday, saying the report should not lead to a "witchhunt".

Sir Jeremy, who has said he had to work hard to persuade himself of the merits of the Iraq invasion while Britain's representative to the UN, said Mr Blair's decision to go to war was "understandable" because of the intelligence about Iraq's banned weapons.

Internet

Musharraf orders crackdown on terrorist groups in Karachi

ISLAMABAD, 4 July — Pakistani President Pervez Musharraf has ordered a crackdown on almost 30 terrorist groups in Karachi after a report on terrorism in the southern port city was presented to him, Daily Times reported Saturday.

The English-language paper quoted unnamed sources as saying that a comprehensive report covering all aspects of terrorism in Karachi was presented to Musharraf at a high-level meeting held Wednesday.

Musharraf has ordered an immediate crackdown against these groups, they said. "So far, around 30 terrorist groups have been identified in Karachi. Of them, 15 are sectarian-related groups whereas 15 are related to terrorism directed against Western interests," said the report obtained by the paper.

The report added that 21 top terrorists are at large and another 19 belonging to the middle planning tier are also wanted by the authorities.

"Therefore, the threat of fur-

ther acts of terrorism looms large," it warned.

The situation of law and order has deteriorated in Karachi since April. Innocent citizens, police and the Army have been targets in a series of killings and bomb explosions. About 50 people have been killed and over hundred injured in terror attacks in the past months.

MNA/Xinhua



Supporters of former Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein chant anti-US slogans in central city of Multan, on 2 July 2004. They demanded immediate withdrawal of coalition forces from Iraq. — INTERNET

Blair aides, spy chiefs facing Iraq criticism

LONDON, 5 July — Some of Britain's top spymasters and government figures face criticism by an inquiry into intelligence British Prime Minister Tony Blair cited to justify war against Iraq, media reported on Sunday.

The *Sunday Times* said a draft of the official inquiry's report singles out the head of the government's Joint Intelligence Committee, John Scarlett, and the head of MI6 intelligence service Richard Dearlove, for allowing misleading information into a "dossier" Blair used to justify war.

"(The report's) conclusion will be that the intelligence was wrong and that the system for checking it didn't work," the newspaper quoted an unnamed political source as saying.

The report will also criticize the government's top lawyer, Lord Goldsmith, who advised Blair the war was legal, but who has since admitted privately he had doubts about his own advice, the newspaper said.

The *Independent on Sunday* said Blair's office would come under fire in the report by Lord Butler to be published on 14 July.

It said his powerful former communications chief Alastair Campbell would be censured for trying to influence Scarlett over what to include in the

dossier.

Blair took Britain to war — against the majority of public opinion — on the basis of a dossier that claimed Iraq was stockpiling weapons of mass destruction and that President Saddam Hussein could have some weapons ready for use in 45 minutes.

No weapons of mass destruction have been found in Iraq and the 45-minute claim has been discredited.

The government's leader in Parliament, Peter Hain, refused to comment on the newspaper reports.

Blair asked former civil servant Lord Butler to conduct a public inquiry into intelligence on Iraq after an earlier probe by judge Lord Hutton gave the government such a clean bill of health that it was dismissed by many as a whitewash.

The Prime Minister is anxious to draw a line under the Iraq war, which has slashed his popularity ratings, but the inquiry could reignite the row over his role in the US-led conflict.

Blair's former special envoy to Iraq, Jeremy Greenstock, admitted on Sunday there were no weapons stockpiles in Iraq.

MNA/Reuters

WHO tobacco treaty may become law by end of 2004

GENEVA, 5 July — The World Health Organization Framework Convention on Tobacco Control (WHO FCTC) is to become international law by the end of this year, WHO said Friday.

The treaty, closed for signature this week, has collected the signatures of 90 per cent countries and over half of the 40 ratification needed for its entry into force, WHO spokesperson Fabela Chaib said.

Chaib said the WHO FCTC has become one of the most rapidly embraced UN conventions, with the signing of 167 WHO member states and the European Community and ratification from 23 countries, just one year after it opened for signature in Geneva.

The WHO FCTC, adopted unanimously by all WHO member states in May, 2003, has provisions that set international standards on tobacco price and tax increases, tobacco advertising and sponsorship, labelling, illicit trade and second-hand smoke.

MNA/Xinhua

Key Blair ally hails Brown as "natural successor"

LONDON, 5 July — Britain's Finance Minister Gordon Brown was dubbed a natural successor to Tony Blair on Sunday by one of the Prime Minister's key allies, prompting fresh talk of rivalry in the country's most powerful political partnership.

Former Cabinet Minister Peter Mandelson, a close friend of Blair, said Chancellor of the Exchequer Brown had the qualities needed to succeed Blair as Labour Party leader.

"When Tony Blair chooses to stand down as Prime Minister, or is not elected by the public, I think that Gordon Brown will be his New Labour successor," said Mandelson, a member of Parliament who was Northern Ireland secretary until 2001.

"He will be Tony Blair's natural successor. Gordon is a big person, is a big politician with very big ideas, as we've seen in what he's done already in government."

Mandelson's remarks, in an interview for Britain's Channel 5 to be shown later this week, were made available on Sunday.

They add more fuel to a blaze of gossip in British political circles about the apparently hostility between Blair and Brown and how it will play out when Blair's premiership ends.

A biography of Blair unveiled last week said Brown, the longest-serving Finance Minister for decades, once thumped a table and shouted at his boss: "When are you going?... I want the job now!"

Most analysts believe Blair has now survived the worst over Iraq, which made

him more politically vulnerable than at any other time since coming to power in 1997, and is therefore under less pressure to give way to Brown.

But Mandelson's endorsement of Brown is all the more surprising because British media trace the animosity between Brown and Blair back to Mandelson's backing in 1994 of Blair for the Labour leadership rather than Brown.

Blair has said he will stand for a third election, expected next year, and aides have also made clear he intends to lead a referendum campaign over the EU Constitution, expected in 2006.

MNA/Reuters



Iraqi National Guard soldiers prepare to enter a home during a weapon raid in Baghdad, on 3 July, 2004. — INTERNET

China, GCC members to negotiate free trade agreement

BEIJING, 5 July, China and Gulf Co-operation Council have started talks for the establishment of a free trade agreement, which will boost the economic ties between the two sides, the state media reported today.

A high-level GCC delegation, headed by Kuwaiti Finance Minister Mahmoud al-Nouri, is visiting China currently to discuss modalities for the establishment of a FTA, Faisal al-Ghais, Kuwait's ambassador to China and current chairman of the council of GCC ambassadors in Beijing, said.

The delegation comprises finance ministers and other senior officials from the six GCC nations, namely the United Arab Emirates,

Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar and Saudi Arabia, plus a high-level team headed by GCC Secretary-General Abdulrahman al-Attiyah. Kuwait currently chairs the council. Kuwaiti Prime Minister Sheikh Sabah al-Ahmad al-Jaber al-Sabah will also start his week-long visit to China from today.

"It will be a historic visit, which will surely comprehensively promote bilateral trade and economic relations," al-Ghais was quoted

as saying by 'China daily.' The GCC delegation will meet officials of the Chinese ministry of commerce and ministry of finance.

China and the GCC will sign a comprehensive trade and economic co-operation framework agreement during the visit, he said, adding both will start negotiating a free trade pact, including tariff reductions and simplification for flows of goods and facilitation of mutual investments. —PTI

China should initiate protection list for intangible heritage

SUZHOU, 4 July — An elite cultural relics expert suggested here at the ongoing 28th session of the World Heritage Committee that China should initiate a special protection list for the country's oral and intangible heritage.

"This move is aimed at saving various endangered traditional techniques and folk craftworks and arts," said Luo Zhewen, President of the Chinese Cultural Relics Society, while stressing the importance of doing a good job in applying to put masterpieces of oral and in-

tangible heritage on the list of the United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization.

As a well-known expert on China's ancient architecture, Luo worried much about the loss of ancient construction techniques. China boasts many

unique technologies and craftsmanship in maintaining and preserving ancient buildings.

For example, workers can successfully replace decayed wooden girders and columns without moving other parts of the building.

MNA/Xinhua

Greece to provide humanitarian aid to Turkey amid earthquake

ATHENS, 5 July — The Greek Government announced on Friday that it would provide humanitarian aid to Turkey after an earthquake rocked the country earlier in the day.

Greek Deputy Foreign Minister Evaripidis Stylianidis said that Athens was ready to send a C-130 transport aircraft carrying a special group of rescue workers and a suitably equipped group from a non-governmental organization to Turkey.

At least 18 people were killed and 21 others injured in the earthquake measuring 5 on the Richter Scale in eastern Turkey bordering Iran.

MNA/Xinhua



A US Army 1st Cavalry Sgt Scott Chambliss tests for explosive residue on parts of old aerial bombs found during a weapons raid in Baghdad, Iraq, on 3 July, 2004. — INTERNET



Fallujah residents sift through debris in Fallujah, Iraq, on 1 July, 2004, after the US military launched another airstrike.



A booby-trapped bus exploded in central Baghdad, on 2 July, 2004.

Images of Iraq



Hotel employees at the Sheraton Hotel in Baghdad, Iraq, clean up the damage around a blast after a rocket attack on the building on 2 July, 2004.



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



A man surveys the damage after a mortar attack on the outskirts of Baghdad Iraq, on 30 June, 2004.



Iraqi men walk past a damaged building which was destroyed after a car bomb exploded in Mosul, Iraq, on 25 June, 2004.



Iraqi men fight a fire in a house after US airstrikes in Fallujah, Iraq, on 24 June, 2004.



Smoke billows from a pipeline after it was attacked near the Hawijat al-Fallujah area, around 80 km (50 miles) southwest of Baghdad, on 4 July, 2004.

New and fast developments throughout Myanmar



Township Development Affairs Committee of Twantay, Yangon Division, is carrying out the tasks for laying floor on Aungtheikdi Bridge linking Shwehsandaw and Obo wards. — PBANRDA

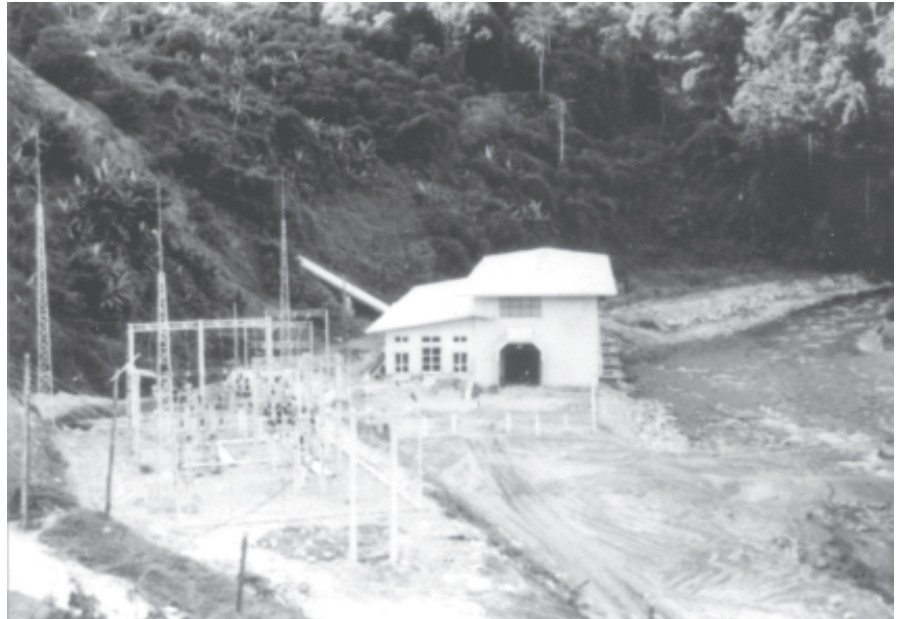


A feeder canal of Ngathayauk river water pumping station that benefits crop plantations in Bagan-NyaungU region, Mandalay Division. — KYEMON



A tubewell is sunk to supply potable water to rural people living in Indaw, Sagaing Division. — KYEMON

Border and rural area developments



Namkhamkha hydro-power station that generates 5 megawatt for the people living in Mogaung Township, Kachin State. — PBANRDA



Langkho bridge on Namsan-Mongton-Monghsat road in Langkho Township, Shan State (South) is 290 feet long and it serves the people for their convenience. — KYEMON



Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt meets members of township PDCs, officials at township level, members of social organizations and local people in Bayinnaung hall, Mandalay.—MNA

Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt...

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five rural development tasks have been laid down and are being implemented. Therefore, all the regions of the State have harmoniously progressed.

Development undertakings are being carried out not because of the wealth of the country but because of the economic benefits gained from the economic projects that had been laid down and implemented successfully and thrift practised by the State, he said. The government is striving its utmost for the development of the State economy. The more prosperous the nation, the more the arrangements will be made for socio-economic life of the people, he added.

According to the reports of the Madaya Township PDC chairman, it is found that the township has good prospects to do other businesses as well as farming business. The township has enjoyed food sufficiency, and it is heartening to note that cultivation of oil palm and beans and pulses is thriving. Therefore, living standards of townspeople have risen. It is needed for the people to endeavour for development of their township. In con-



Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt inspects ICT Park, Mandalay Division on 3 July. — NLM

clusion, he said, people are urged to strive cooperatively and actively in the interests of the Union in which all the national races live.

Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt and party arrived back at Mandalay and attended the opening of Central Women's Hospital (Mandalay). Next, they went to the city hospital construction project site of Mandalay City Development Committee. Mandalay Mayor Brig-Gen Yan Thein and officials conducted the Prime Minister and party round the site.

On arrival at the 300-bed teaching hospital (Mandalay), the Prime Minister heard reports by Commander Maj-Gen Ye Myint on the site chosen for construction of the orthopaedic hospital. Minister Dr Kyaw Myint gave a supplementary report. The

New Central Women's Hospital...

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It is required for the people to realize that the government is taking systematic measures for perpetuation of sovereignty after laying down the seven-point future political programmes of the State.

Nowadays, internal and external destructive elements resorting to various ways and means are

Prime Minister gave necessary instructions, inspected construction of wards and comforted the patients.

Afterwards, the Prime Minister and party went to Mandalay ICT Park where they viewed round the training halls for computer application course conducted by IT companies, and computer and accesso-

launching subversive acts with every intention of jeopardizing the National Convention being convened. However, the government is making relentless efforts with the concept that the strength of the nation lies within for successful realization of the national objectives.

In the process, the entire national people including intellectuals and

ries sales centres. The Prime Minister gave instructions to officials on further development of IT. The Prime Minister and party proceeded to Mandalay Institute of Traditional Medicine. ACE Co Managing Director U Tint Hsan reported on construction of the institute. The Prime Minister then left necessary instructions.—MNA

intelligentsia, businessmen and national races residing in border areas are to make concerted efforts for successful realization of the seven-point road map of the State by doing their bit with Union Spirit.

Next, Minister for

Health Dr Kyaw Myint thanked the government for construction of the hospital and the ceremony ended.

After the ceremony, Chairman of National Health Committee Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt and party inspected the health facility.

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Cash donation ceremony held

YANGON, 5 July—A ceremony to seek advice from French missionary Sayadaw Kyunnantha Ashin Nandathiri on construction of Theravada monastery in Paris, France, was held at Tipitaka Dhamma Rakkhita Beikman in Bahan township yesterday.

Next, the wellwishers donated cash for the monastery—U Maung Maung Myint and U Myo Myint-Daw Myint Myint Thein (Seinmyar cheroot) Bago 200,000 each; Dr U Aung Cho-Daw Thidar Oo (Sangyoung) 110,000; Daw Kyi Kyi Han family and Managing Director U Aye Tun of Aung Thein Than Co Ltd 100,000 each; other four donors 10,000 each. Deputy Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Aung Ko accepted the cash and gave away certificates of honour to the wellwishers.—MNA



City Hospital in Mandalay. — MNA

“MRTV Modern Music Band” entertains NC delegates

YANGON, 5 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 Nyaungnapin Camp.

Yesterday evening, the delegates were entertained with a concert by Myanmar Modern Music Band of Myanmar Radio and Television. National Convention Convening Commission Chairman Secretary-2 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein presented cash awards to the vocalists at the concert.

Among the audience were Secretary of the National Convention Convening Commission Minister



The vocalists entertained the delegates with songs to the accompaniment of MRTV Modern Music Band. — MNA

for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan and commission members, National Convention Convening Work Committee Chairman Chief-Justice U Aung Toe, Deputy Chairman Attorney-General U Aye Maung and committee members, NCCMC Chairman Audi-

tor-General Maj-Gen Lun Maung, Deputy Chairman Deputy Minister for Hotels and Tourism Brig-Gen Aye Myint Kyu and committee members and the delegates.

At the concert, vocalists entertained the delegates with songs to the accompa-

niment of MRTV Modern Music Band.

Lt-Gen Thein Sein presented K 150,000 for the vocalists through Assistant Director (Music) of the MRTV Daw Tin Tin Mya.

NC Delegates Dr Khin Shwe, U Win Aung, U

Aung Than Oo, U Nyo Min, U Win Myint and U Htay Myint of the National Races Group also presented cash awards to the composers who compose songs in honour of the National Convention and vocalists.

The NC delegates also

took part in the entertainment and accepted the prizes presented by NCCWC Chairman Chief-Justice U Aung Toe, NCCC Secretary Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan, NCCC Joint-Secretary Maj-Gen Khin Aung Myint. — MNA

Delegate group of intellectuals...

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

State (East), Sagaing Division, Taninthayi Division, Bago Division, Magway Division, Mandalay Division, Yangon Division, Ayeyawady Division, delegates of workers and delegates of intellectuals and intelligentsia from Kachin State, Kayah State, Kayin State, Chin State, Mon State, Rakhine State, Shan State (South) and Shan State (North), Shan

State (East), Sagaing Division, Taninthayi Division, Bago Division, Magway Division, Mandalay Division, Yangon Division, Ayeyawady Division, delegates of State service personnel from the State Peace and Development Council Office, the President's Office, the Pyithu Hluttaw Office, the Government Office, the Supreme Court, the Attorney-General's Office, the Auditor-General's Office, the Multi Party Democracy General Election Commission's Office, Civil Service Selection and Training Board, Yangon City Development Committee, Mandalay City De-

velopment Committee, ministries, individual persons of the other invited delegates and delegates of peace groups from Shan State (North) Special Region-1, Shan State (North) Special Region-2, Shan State (North) Special Region-3, Shan State (East) Special Region-4, Shan State (North) Special Region-5 (KDA), Shan State (South) Special Region-6, Shan State (North) Special Region-7, Kachin State Special Region-1, Kachin State Special Region-2, Kayah State Special Region-1, Kayah State Special Region-2, Kayah State Special Region-3, Kayinni National Democratic Party (KNDP) Dragon Group, Kayinni National Progressive Party (KNPP) (Splinter, Hoya), Kayinni National Unity and Solidarity Organization (Ka Ma Sa Nya), Shan State Nationalities People's Liberation Organization (Ya La La Pha), New Mon State Party, Democratic Kayin Buddhist Association (DKBA), Haungthayaw Special Region Group, the Nyeinchanyay Myothit Group of Hpa-an Township of Kayin State which exchanged arms for peace, Shan State National Army, the group led by U Saw Tun Oo of Rakhine State, Homein Region Welfare and Development Group, Shwepyithar (MTA) Group, Manpan Regional Militia Group, Mon Armed Peace Group (Chaungchi Region), Mon (Splinter) Nai Saik Chan Group and Arakanese Army (AA) which exchanged arms for peace.

Before the plenary session of the National Convention, Chairman of National Convention Convening Commission Secretary-2 of the State Peace and

Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein and Commission members, Chairman of the National Convention Convening Work Committee Chief-Justice U Aung Toe and Work Committee members, Chairman of the National Convention Convening Management Committee Auditor-General Brig-Gen Lun Maung and Management Committee members and NC delegates signed the attendance registers at Pyidaunhsu Hall where the National Convention is being held and the Recreation Centre.

Maj-Gen Aung Thein of the Delegate Group of State Service Personnel presided over the meeting together with National Convention Convening Work Committee member Daw Khin Nu, U Tun Yin Law of Delegate Group of Political Party, U Yaw Aye Hla of Delegate Group of Representatives-elect, U Maung Hla (a) U Hla Myint of Delegate Group of National Races, U Mya Aye of Delegate Group of Peasants, Dr Myo Thant Tin of Delegate Group of Workers, Dr U Thein Oo Po Saw of the Delegate Group of Intellectuals and U Tun Aung Chein of the Delegate Group of Other Invited Persons.

Director (Meeting) U Than Aung of the Office of the National Convention Convening Work Committee acted as master of ceremonies and Deputy Director U Aung Kyi as co-master of ceremonies.

The master of ceremonies announced the start of the meeting with the permission of the chairman as attendance were 1069 out of 1088 listed, accounting for 98.25 per cent.

Next, delegates from

delegate group of intellectuals and intelligentsia read out proposals concerning detailed basic principles to be laid down for sharing of power in legislative, executive and judicial sectors to be concluded in drawing the State Constitution.

Delegate Director-General U Sein Than of Cottage Industries Department submitted proposal regarding the defence and security sector, the foreign affairs sector the finance and planning sector.

At 9.50 pm, the plenary session went into recess.

At 10.20 pm, the plenary session continued. Member of Myanmar Academy of Arts and Science Delegate Daw Yi Yi Myint presented their proposal on economic, agriculture and livestock breeding sectors which are relating to detailed basic principles to be laid down for sharing of power in legislative, executive and judicial sectors to be concluded in drawing the State Constitution.

Afterwards, the plenary session came to a close at 10.10 am.

The plenary session of the National Convention continues at 9 am tomorrow.

Chairman of National Convention Convening Commission Secretary-2 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein and Commission members, Chairman of the National Convention Convening Work Committee Chief-Justice U Aung Toe and Work Committee members, Chairman of the National Convention Convening Management Committee Auditor-General Brig-Gen Lun Maung and Management Committee members pose for a documentary photo.

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Delegates sign attendance registers to attend the Plenary Session. — MNA



Attendance seen at the Plenary Session. — MNA

A visit to Ayeyawady Division enjoying all-round development

Moe Htet Myint

I paid a visit to Ayeyawady Division, my native place, where my maternal relatives reside. Today's Myanmar is enjoying peace and stability and developing significantly. And I witnessed development of the division in all sectors. Our car was passing Aung Zeya Bridge. I fell asleep while my son was at the wheel. I woke up only when the car arrived at Bo Myat Tun Bridge. "You got a sound sleep because of the fine tarred road," my son said. The road was so smooth that I felt comfortable and could not help falling asleep.

Bo Myat Tun Bridge is listed among the longest ones in Myanmar, and it is the lifeblood of Ayeyawady Division, linking Yangon-Pathein Road, Yangon-Hinthada Road and Yangon-Kyongmahng Road. Lying across the Ayeyawady River, the facility links Thauungtan Village and Kyeinpinse Village in Nyaungdon Township. The 8,544-foot-long and 40-foot-wide bridge is of reinforced concrete type. The construction project was started on 15 June 1996. And the bridge was inaugurated on 16 June 1999.

The State usually names the bridges in honour of Myanmar heroes who safeguarded the national prestige and independence and brought honour to the country for instance; Anawrahta, Bayintnaung, Aung Zeya, Maha Bandoola, Hsinbyushin, Bala Minhtin, Bo Myat Tun, Nawade and so on. So, I took honour in such bridge names.

People can travel easily by car due to village-to-village and town-to-town roads. Our car headed for Pathein. We saw the Pathein Bridge being built across Ngawun River. It lies on the route to Chaungtha, Thabaung and Ngwe Hsaung. The steel suspension bridge is of reinforced concrete type. It is 2,140 feet long and 28 feet wide. So far, 40 percent of bridge construction has been completed. We learnt that upgrading tasks were being carried out along Yangon-Pathein Road and Pathein-Kankalay Road. We also saw the special road construction group-4 implementing the project for tarring the road between mile post Nos 80/0 and 43/0.

We arrived at Pathein Airport where air flights have been extended by Myanma Airways of the Ministry of Transport. Beginning from 8 April, Fokka-27 flights have been operating Yangon-Pathine-Thandwe-Pathein-Yangon route twice a week on Mondays and Thursdays. We proceeded to Thabaung Township by Z-craft. We studied the 200-ton pulp factory project (Thabaung) of Myanma Paper and Chemical Industries under the Ministry of Industry-1 in Hlaygyit Village. The project started 1 November 2001. Ninety eight percent of construction and 72 percent of machinery installation have been completed. Arrangements are being made for test running of the factory in July 2004.

In his address delivered at the project on 1 April 2004, Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Commander-in-Chief of Defence Services Senior General Than Shwe gave guidance to the officials, saying that efficiency is required in running the 200-ton factory as it is a mammoth one.

Ways should be sought to supply bamboo to the factory in time, while laying down systematic projects to set up bamboo and tree plantations for ensuring continuous supply of raw materials. Arrangements will have to be made in advance to transport pulp and paper to consumer markets swiftly. Based on the experiences of the projects, places suitable for pulp and paper industries should be chosen and the required capacity of the machines should be calculated. Paper and pulp industry has high prospects, he said.

Driving along Pathein-Thalatkwa-Mawtin Road, we reached Mawtin forest reserve. We visited the Myatmawtin Pagoda and headed for Kamaukmaw Village.

The Thameehla Island is accessible from Kamaukmaw Village by boat, and it is not far from Chaungtha and Ngwe Hsaung beach resorts. On arrival at Hinthada, we visited Hinthada District Sasana Beikmandaw that can hold around 500 people.

The Special Projects Implementation Committee's meeting No 2/2002 adopted Kanyin Dam Project to irrigate some 15,000 acres of arable land in Ingapu Township, Ayeyawady Division. It is being implemented on Kanyin Creek near Tatkon village. On completion, its water surface area will be 129 square miles and its embankment, 194 feet high and 3,750 feet long, with a water storage capacity of about 137,000 acre feet.

On our way home, we dropped into Wakema passing the Shwelaung and Wakema bridges. Recently the region has been facilitated with a new monastery, a 50-bed hospital with an operation theatre, a labour room and an outpatient ward, and three-storey buildings of No 2 Basic Education High School.

The government has been building more and more roads and bridges in Ayeyawady Division for better transport. In the past, one had to spend about 14 hours to get to Wakema from Yangon. But, with the emergence of Bo Myat Tun, Shwelaung and Wakema bridges, one can reach there by car in seven and a half hours.

In addition to these roads and bridges, the government has also been laying educational, health and social infrastructures including irrigation facilities in the region. Consequently, the townships in the division have enjoyed fruitful results of rapid development.

As to the transport sector, with a transport network, the division has got new roads longer than those of any other States and Divisions. As the region is endowed with rivers and creeks, the government had to build 39 bridge or creek-spanning bridges in the region each of which is more than 180 feet long.

It being the granary of the nation, the Ayeyawady Division is stepping up endeavours for boosting rice production and land reclamation so as to maintain its prestige. In the previous year, the region cultivated 3.4 million acres of monsoon paddy. Now, measures are being taken for meeting the target of 1.6 million acres of summer paddy.

Broadening its horizon of exploration of oil and gas, the region has a brighter future with regard to the energy sector. Now, the Nyaungdon Well No 21 in Nyaungdon Oil and Gas Field produces 6.974 million cubic feet of natural gas and 72 barrels of condensate a day. The Nyaungdon Oil and Gas Field with 16 oil wells pipes around 83 million cubic feet of natural gas and 1,184 barrels of condensate daily to the factories in Yangon.

More geological surveys are being conducted for exploration of new oil and gas deposits in Pantanaw, Nyaungdon and Maubin regions.

In a nutshell, I would say the Ayeyawady Division has seen remarkable progress in all spheres like other States and Divisions at a time when the nation is marching towards its ultimate goal "Emergence of a peaceful, modern and developed nation".

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Three Gorges to generate 37.5b kwh of electricity this year

YICHANG, 5 July — The Three Gorges hydropower plant is expected to generate 37.5 billion kwh of electricity this year, 15 billion kwh more than original plan, according to the China Yangtze River Three Gorges Project Development Corporation.

Eight generators have been operating at the Three Gorges hydropower plant since July 10 of 2003. The total generating capacity had reached 5.6 million kw and the actual output had reached 22 billion kwh so far, said the deputy manager-general Bi Yaxiong.

The plant was expected to generate a total of 22 billion kwh in 2004, said Bi.

Three more generators, with an installed capacity of 700,000 kw each, will be installed and go into operation in the second half of this year and are expected to generate

21 billion kwh of electricity.

The gigantic water-control project will have 26 generators and will have an annual generating capacity of 84.7 billion kwh of electricity when it is completed in 2009.

By the end of 2003, the hydropower plant had generated 8.6 billion kwh of electricity, which was transmitted to areas in central, eastern and southwestern China.

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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

Efficient use of electricity

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

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

Efficient use of fuel

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

All this needs to be known

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

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China enjoys record high retail in first five months

BEIJING, 5 July — China has seen a strong momentum of consumption in the first five months in 2004 as the total retail of consumer products surged 12.5 per cent year on year. Vice-Minister of Commerce Yu Guangzhou said at a recent conference that during the January-May period, China's imports grew 41 per cent, of which 95 per cent were used for production and construction, thanks to the booming of domestic consumer demand.

China has also increased other imported goods such as crude oil, ironstone and agricultural products including wheat, grain, rice and edible oil, so as to release the domestic demand pressure. However, the growth rate of imported goods appeared to decline, Yu said, mainly because the central government has launched a series of policies to control the overheated investment momentum.

In May, the growth rate of investment in fixed assets dropped 16.4 per cent and the growth rate of import also declined to 7.4 per cent, successfully turning the unfavourable balance performed by the previous four months and earning 2.1-billion-US-dollar surplus, according to the Ministry of Commerce. — MNA/Xinhua



Chairman of NCCC Secretary-2 of State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein signs the attendance registers to attend the Plenary Session. — MNA



Chairman of National Convention Convening Commission Secretary-2 of State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein presents cash award to a vocalist. — MNA



Delegates sign the attendance registers to attend the Plenary Session. — MNA



The Plenary Session continues in Pyidaungshu Hall, Nyaungnapin Camp, Hmawby. — MNA

Minister inspects Hlainethaya Industrial Zone

YANGON, 5 July — Chairman of Myanmar Industrial Development Committee In-Charge of Hlainethaya Industrial Zone Minister for Industrial 2 Maj-Gen Saw Lwin, together with

departmental officials, arrived at Hlainethaya Industrial Zone Management Committee Office yesterday morning and gave necessary instructions on the matters related to vehicles and farm

equipment manufacturing as well as HSD and electricity supplies reported by the chairman and officials of the management committee. The minister and party then went to Shwe Tun Co Ltd in Zone 4 and heard the reports of the company officials. Afterwards, he inspected the farm equipment manufacturing in Shwe Tun Factory. The minister gave necessary instructions and fulfilled the requirements after hearing the reports of the company chairman. — MNA

PRC delegation arrives

YANGON, 5 July — A delegation led by Deputy Minister for Information Industry Mr Xi Guohua arrived at Yangon International Airport.

They were welcomed by member of Civil Service Selection and Training Board, Vice-Chairman of Myanmar e-National Task Force U Aung Myint, officials of Myanmar Posts and Telecommunications and officials of the People Republic of China Embassy to Myanmar at the airport. — MNA

This morning, Minister for Communications, Posts and Telegraphs Brig-Gen Thein Zaw received the delegation led by Deputy Minister Mr Xi Guohua, accompanied by Chinese Ambassador to Myanmar Mr Li Jinjun and officials.

In the evening, the delegation led by Deputy Minister Mr Xi Guohua arrived at MICT Park and viewed the activities of Information Technology Companies in ICT Park.

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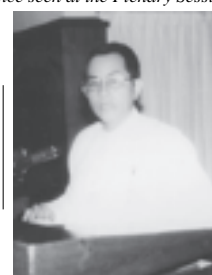
A 20-member Chinese delegation led by Deputy Minister of the Ministry of Information Industry Mr Xi Guohua arrives Yangon International Airport on 4 July and they were welcomed by member of CSSTB Vice-Chairman of e-National Task Force U Aung Myint and officials. — MNA



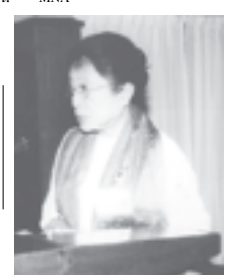
Attendance seen at the Plenary Session. — MNA



Director (Meeting) U Than Aung acts as master of ceremonies and Deputy Director U Aung Kyi, co-master of ceremonies in the Plenary Session. — MNA



Delegate U Sein Than, Director-General of Cottage Industries Department reads out proposal paper. — MNA



Member of Myanmar Academy of Arts and Science Delegate Daw Yi Yi Myint reads out proposal paper. — MNA

Talk on facts about MWF held

YANGON, 5 July — A talk on facts about Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation was held this morning at the Forest Department, with an introductory speech by Minister for Forestry Brig-Gen Thein Aung.

Present on the occasion were Deputy Minister for Forestry Brig-Gen Tin Naing Thein, MWF General Secretary Prof Dr Daw Khin Aye Win, advisers to the Environmental Conservation Work Committee of MWF Daw Khin Htay Myint, wife of the minister, and Daw Aye Aye, wife of the deputy minister, directors-general and

managing directors and their wives and officials and their wives.

Daw Khin Htay Myint delivered a speech. Prof Dr Daw Khin Aye Win next explained facts about MWF and those present made discussions. — MNA

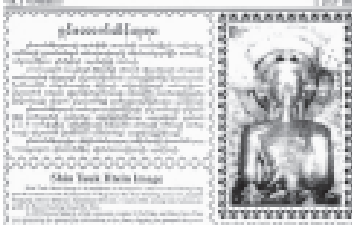
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US factory orders fall in May

WASHINGTON, 4 July — Orders of US factories dropped 0.3 per cent in May for the second straight month, following a larger 1.1-per cent decline in April, the Commerce Department reported Friday.

The report showed that the weakness was concentrated in orders for "durable" goods, which are costly manufactured goods, such as cars, expected to last at least three years. Orders for durable goods in May dropped by 1.8 per cent, following a 2.7-per cent decline in April. May's orders for cars, machinery, computers, and electrical lighting equipment were among the categories seeing orders go down.

MNA/Xinhua

Tanzania to upgrade 10,300-kilometre roads

DAR-ES-SALAAM, 4 July — The Tanzanian Government has prepared to upgrade about 10,300-kilometre roads to tarmac level by 2012, local newspaper *The Guardian* reported Friday.

Among these roads, five construction projects will be in Zanzibar. Minister for Works John Magufuli was

quoted as saying that the estimated cost of upgrading these roads will be 2,930 billion shillings (about 2,900 million US dollars).

Presenting his ministry's budget to Parliament members, who urged the government to pay more attention on village roads, Magufuli said that the government also intended to finish Tanzania-Mozambique Bridge with the cost of 45 million dollars.

MNA/Xinhua

Russian raid on YUKOS could stop oil output

Moscow, 4 July — Police seized vital computer servers during an eight-hour raid on the Moscow headquarters of Russia's YUKOS oil firm on Saturday, the company said, a move that could halt a fifth of Russia's oil output.

Up to 40 plainclothes police entered the steel and glass office block in south central Moscow in the early afternoon and Interior Ministry special forces in grey fatigues and black berets stood guard and cordoned off the building.

"The investigative actions are being undertaken as part of a criminal case into fraud and tax evasion by entities controlled by YUKOS," a spokeswoman for the general prosecutor's office told *Reuters*.

Although it pumps more

oil than Libya, YUKOS is in crisis: its founder Mikhail Khodorkovsky is on trial for fraud and tax evasion, it faces tax bills of almost 7 billion US dollars — half to be paid within days — and a court has frozen its bank accounts.

Many stock market dealers see YUKOS' troubles — and its founder's trial — as Kremlin punishment for Khodorkovsky's political ambitions. The firm's shares have lost more than half their value since early April this year.

YUKOS has already said its legal battles could disrupt its output of 1.72 million barrels a day, and spokesman Alexander Shadrin warned the seizure of computer servers in Saturday's raid could bring production to an abrupt halt. —MNA/Reuters

Tiny prehistoric skull found in Kenya

NAIROBI, 4 July — A prehistoric human skull discovered at an archaeological site in Kenya has bridged a 400,000-year gap in the East African region's human fossil record, scientists said on Friday.

The tiny incomplete skull found at the Olorgesalie site is between 900,000 and 970,000 years old.

It is the first find in the region that falls within the 600,000 and one million years range, said Washington-based Richard Potts of the Smithsonian Institution.

"It's small and at this stage I would speculate that it is a female," Potts told a news conference at the National Museums of Kenya where the fossil will be kept.

He added however that it was not possible to determine the gender conclusively based on the brow ridge, left ear region and fragments of the brain case found at the site, which is about 55 miles southwest of Nairobi. — MNA/Reuters

DON'T SMOKE

Global chips sales continue to grow at double digit rate

LOS ANGELES, 4 July — Worldwide sales of semiconductors rose to 17.32 billion US dollars in May, up 36.9 per cent from the same month a year ago, according to statistics released Friday by the Semiconductor Industry Association (SIA).

The SIA said the May figure is also a sequential increase of 2.1 per cent from the 16.97 billion dollars reported in April.

The association called the increase "normal" for May, which it says is traditionally one of the stronger

months for semiconductor sales.

"Worldwide sales of microchips followed historical patterns in May, normally a strong month for the industry," said George Scalise, president of the SIA.

MNA/Xinhua

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Singapore, India hold talks on closer ties

SINGAPORE, 4 July—Singapore Prime Minister Goh Chok Tong on Saturday held talks with visiting Indian Minister of External Affairs Natwar Singh on bilateral ties and regional situation.

According to a statement issued by the Prime Minister's Office, both sides agreed that the proposed closer economic cooperation agreement between the two countries should be concluded as soon as possible.

They also exchanged views on the latest developments of regional situation, including the process of economic integration in Asia and the developments in Iraq.

Goh expressed hope that India will play an important role in Asia's growth and prosperity.

While trying hard to ride on the economic growth of China in recent years, Singapore has stepped up its efforts to boost relations with India, especially in the field of economy and trade.

MNA/Xinhua

Singapore launches first locally-built stealth frigate

SINGAPORE, 4 July—Singapore on Saturday launched its first locally-built stealth frigate, *RSS Intrepid*, which packs more capabilities than other ships of the same size, and with a much smaller crew of only 70 personnel.

The first such frigate, built in France will undergo trials soon, while the *RSS Intrepid* is the first of five warships that are locally built by Singapore Technologies Marine.

The frigate, which will be equipped with advanced weapon and sensor systems, will have a sturdy outfit against threats from the air, surface and underwater.

Speaking at the launching ceremony of the warship, Singapore's Deputy Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong said that these ships, together with the rest of the 3rd Generation Singapore Armed Forces (SAF) that is being built, are significant contributions to a strong and prosperous Singapore.

MNA/Xinhua

"Cassini" team says Saturn's rings may be eroding

PASADENA (California), 4 July—An eruption of atomic oxygen spotted around Saturn by the *Cassini* spacecraft suggests that the planet's iconic rings are eroding and could be gone in 100 million years, NASA scientists said on Friday.

Cassini scientists theorize that the atomic oxygen is evidence of a collision between objects in Saturn's "E-ring", which are largely made up of ice and could have released the gas as they broke apart.

"The implication is that within 100 million years time this process would erode the entire E ring, assuming there was no replenishment," *Cassini* team investigator Donald Shemansky said. "It's really spectacular (to witness)."

Unless those objects are replenished in the rings, *Cassini* investigator Donald Shemansky said, they would slowly be "eaten away" within about 100 million years.

Shemansky cautioned that project scientists had not reached firm conclusions about the eruption and were not even certain that it came from a collision among objects in the E-ring. Other possibilities include a meteorite crashing into the ring or even an event — such as an ice volcano — on Enceladus, one of Saturn's 31 known moons.

Chile-Australia social security agreement takes effect

SANTIAGO, 4 July — Chile and Australia put into effect this month a social security agreement that will benefit thousands of people residing or working in the two countries, the Chilean Government said Saturday.

The agreement, signed on March 25, 2003, in Canberra, will prevent a double taxation on pensions received from an expatriate's home country.

Australia, where at least 30,000 Chileans live, will no longer count such payments as income in the Australian pension system, the Chilean Government said.

The agreement recognizes the pension rights of each country, so a Chilean will be able to demand a pension for his work in Australia.

In addition, pension payments can be received outside the granting country on condition that the social security coverage period is recognized in each country and that physical examinations are conducted in the residing country. — MNA/Xinhua

"Remember, we've only seen one of these so far," Shemansky said, adding that the eruption apparently occurred in late January and was picked up by *Cassini*'s instruments.

Cassini, which settled into orbit around Saturn earlier this week after a journey of nearly seven years and 2.2 billion miles, on Friday also took its first close-up images of the surface of Titan, Saturn's largest and most intriguing moon.

The truck-sized probe carries cameras with lens filters that allow them to see through the Titan's atmospheric haze and scientists were eagerly awaiting their first good look at the moon's surface and signs of liquid water or methane.

A picture sent back by *Cassini* earlier in the day showed what project manager Carolyn Porco called possible "linear tectonics" on the surface which may offer clues the moon's internal dynamics.

"If you don't see the surface you can't read the story of its geology," Porco said at a press conference at NASA's Jet Propulsion Laboratory in Pasadena, California.

Titan is of particular interest to the *Cassini* team because its methane and nitrogen atmosphere and the presence of hydrocarbons are seen as similar to a primordial Earth before life began. — MNA/Reuters



An enlargement of an image of a region of Saturn's moon Titan, released on 3 July, was taken at a distance of 339,000 kilometres, and shows brightness variations on the surface of Titan and a bright field of clouds near the south pole. — INTERNET

Senior CPC official hails "Chinese Culture Year in France"

PARIS, 4 July—A senior official of the Communist Party of China (CPC) spoke highly of the "Chinese Culture Year in France", a nine-month fair aimed at promoting cultural exchanges between China and France.

Addressing the fair's closing ceremony at the Orangerie du Chateau de Versailles in Paris Friday night, Li Changchun, member of the Standing Committee of the Political Bureau of the CPC Central Committee, said he was pleased to attend the closing event on behalf of Chinese President Hu Jintao.

He said the "Chinese Culture Year in France" will promote the cultural exchanges between China and France and help people from both sides to learn from each other and deepen their friendship, adding that such a fair is also beneficial to safeguarding the cultural diversity of the world.

Li vowed that China will make joint efforts with

France to push forward the development of the all-round strategic partnership between the two countries.

Li also wished success for the "French Culture Year in China" that will start in Beijing this October.

The "Chinese Culture Year in France", initiated by Chinese and French leaders, was launched in Paris last October. About 370 events introducing the Chinese culture, such as exhibitions and concerts, have been staged across France.

Prior to the closing ceremony, Li met with French Prime Minister Jean-Pierre Raffarin. The two sides exchanged views over political, economic and cultural cooperation between China and France. — MNA/Xinhua

ADB launches major water projects in Africa

TUNIS, 4 July—The African Development Bank (ADB) Group has launched here two major initiatives for the development of water resources in Africa, for which the ADB will mobilize 14.7 billion US dollars.

More than 300 participants representing governments, multilateral finance and development institutions, private enterprises, non-governmental organizations and the civil society from about 100 countries are holding a conference aimed at winning support for African water initiatives.

The meeting seeks to strengthen partnerships in support of the ADB's new initiative to develop the African water sector: the Rural Water and Sanitation Initiative, which was formally launched Thursday, as well

as the African Water Facility, a regional initiative the ADB Group will manage.

ADB President Omar Kabbaj said in an opening speech that "perhaps, more than any other sector, water and sanitation impacts on all the main themes of the development agenda — poverty alleviation, environmental sustainability, private sector growth, education, participatory development and good governance".

The absence of access to safe water supply and sanitation services undermines human dignity, contributes to the poor health statistics on the continent and may lie at the root of many of the continent's current social, economic and political problems, the ADB president told the delegates.

Kabbaj said that in implementing these initiatives, the Bank will give high priority to deepening relations with all its development partners, especially the World Bank, UN agencies and the European Commission.

The ADB will mobilize 360 million dollars annually through to 2015, while the rest of the 14.7 billion dollars needed investment from bilateral donors, multilateral funds and African governments and local communities, he said. — MNA/Xinhua

Fiji launches anti-AIDS drug treatment programme

WELLINGTON, 4 July—Fiji has launched its first anti-AIDS drug treatment programme to deal with increasing number of AIDS cases in recent years, according to a government Press release reaching here Friday.

Fiji's Health Minister Solomoni Naivalu launched the programme Friday, saying that statistics to date revealed there were 156 people reported to be living with HIV/AIDS in Fiji. However, he said, the numbers may be an underestimate since there was limited information amongst the high risk populations.

Naivalu said treatment had been one of the most neglected areas of the country's fight against the disease.

But with the launch of the drug treatment programme, and increased prevention efforts, there is now an opportunity to change the course of the infection in Fiji, he said.

Naivalu said that Fiji Government had placed HIV/AIDS as one of the priority concern of the country.

"With firm political will and political commitment greater attention is being paid to HIV/AIDS than ever before, together with stronger collaborations, we have an unprecedented opportunity to reduce the spread of HIV infection."

The minister said the National HIV/AIDS Strategic Plan for 2004-2006 has adapted the multi-sectoral approach and is more comprehensive with more attention given to care and treatment.

"In an effort to strengthen the management of the treatment programme, the Ministry of Health established the 'Hub Centre' right here at the Reproductive Health Clinic where people living with HIV/AIDS could readily access services." — MNA/Xinhua

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SPORTS

Greece win nets lucky punter
\$ 607,000

LONDON, 5 July — A punter from Woking, just outside London, is picking up over 332,000 pounds (607,000 US dollars) thanks to Greece beating Portugal 1-0 in the Euro 2004 final.

The backer had two bets at a William Hill shop — 4,000 pounds (7,300 US dollars) when the Greeks were 50-1 on June 23 and 8,000 pounds five days later when they were 10-1.

On Sunday afternoon with Greece on offer at 9-4 to beat the tournament hosts in the final he put down another 12,500 pounds (22,860 US dollars).

"We believe the man is Greek, which isn't that surprising," said Hill's spokesman Graham Sharpe.

Greece were 80-1 outsiders when the tournament began and are now on offer at 33-1 for the 2006 World Cup.

British bookmakers took 300 million pounds (548 million US dollars) on Euro 2004.

MNA/Reuters

Scolari says Greeks pose a challenge
to Europe

LISBON, 5 July — Greece's backs-to-the-wall victory at Euro 2004 throws down a challenge to more attacking sides to find a way to beat them, Portugal coach Luiz Felipe Scolari said on Sunday.

Portugal suffered the fate of holders France and an in-form Czech Republic side in Sunday's final at the Luz Stadium, with a single goal from Greece consigning the hosts to defeat and clinching an unlikely tournament victory.

"Greece have a spectacular defensive system and they play in a style that lets the mistakes of their opponents play in their favour," the Brazilian coach said.

"I don't think this was a step backwards for football. Winners should be able to play against any style and we found ourselves unable to do it.

"The more offensive teams now have to look for alternatives to win against a system like this."

Scolari said he was disappointed with the result while stressing that his own side had had a successful tournament.

"We had much more control of the ball, more shots, but they were more efficient because they scored and we didn't."

"I want to congratulate the Greek coach and his players but we also had a great tournament."

"We're vice-champions of Europe and if we con-



Greece's German head coach Otto Rehhagel celebrates at the Luz Stadium in Lisbon at the end of the Euro 2004 final match between Portugal and Greece. Greece won the match 1-0 to be crowned champions of Europe. — INTERNET

tinue to build on this work we'll win something soon."

Scolari recognized that his team had lost their shape in the latter stages when a more patient approach might have brought them an equalizer.

He stopped short of criticizing the players or the referee, Markus Merk, who is German like Greece's coach Otto Rehhagel.

"We were disciplined throughout the tournament," Scolari said. "Maybe in the final 10 minutes we could have been more calm but that's normal, especially with the game being broken up by a lot of fouls."

"We were very well-

marked, very well-stopped, and what happened was because of the virtues of the Greeks, not the deficiencies of my players."

"The referee did a good job overall as well. The game was broken up at the end and some of the fouls might have been unwarranted but that's normal. Congratulations to Greece." — MNA/Reuters

Greece bursts with joy as dream comes true

ATHENS, 5 July — Millions of Greeks around the world erupted in joyful celebration, hardly believing their eyes after Greece beat hosts Portugal in the Euro 2004 final on Sunday.

"It is true, the dream is

Greece beat Portugal to win
Euro 2004

LISBON, 5 July — Thanks to Angelos Charisteas' second half goal, Greece beat Portugal 1-0 to win the European Championship on Sunday, their first major international trophy.

The first phase of the final of Euro 2004 saw a slightly dominant Portugal although the team of coach Luiz Felipe Scolari was unable to enter the Greek penalty area.

Dominating from the beginning of the game, the hosts got their first chance to score in the 13th minute when Miguel shot from the right of the pitch, but his strike was deflected by Greece goalkeeper Nikopolidis Antonios.

In the 24th minute, Maniche got close to the opening goal as Ronaldo headed towards the midfielder whose distance shot went just past the left post.

Portugal kept pushing forward while Greece seemed to be enjoying the score of 0-0. In five matches, the Greeks only conceded four goals and the team of Otto Rehhagel relied on their defence so far.

"They won defensively. They won because they knew how to play in that way," said Scolari, who failed to become the first non-European coach guiding the team to win the European championship.

Greece, who have never entered finals of any major tournaments, found their pace in the second half when their strong forward Angelos Charisteas broke the deadlock by heading the ball into the hosts' net through a corner in the 57th minute.

Portugal almost tied the

game in the 74th minute when their talented Cristiano Ronaldo escaped the offside trap to face Antonios, but only saw the ball flying across the bar.

"It's hard. It's hard to lose this way...to play a game this way, without goals," said Scolari after the game.

Greece had never won a game in their previous two final tournament appearances, but shocked Europe

by defeating Portugal 2-1 in the opening match of the tournament.

After a draw with and a loss to Russia, Greece followed up with the biggest shock in tournament history, beating defending champions France 1-0.

Then, Greece beat the Czech Republic in extra time by the same score in the semi-finals to set a final clash with the hosts. — MNA/Xinhua



Greek goalkeeper Antonios Nikopolidis (top) holds the Henry Delaunay trophy at the Luz Stadium in Lisbon, at the end of the Euro 2004 final match between Portugal and Greece. Greece won the match 1-0 to be crowned champions of Europe. — INTERNET



Greek forward Angelos Charisteas (foreground) heads the ball to score a 57th-minute goal that gave Greece the win over Portugal in the final match of the Euro 2004. — INTERNET

real, we are holding the Cup high up, we are in seventh heaven," screamed the commentator for Greek national TV, calling on all Greeks to party until morning.

"The Greek soul won, with a bit of help from the German method," said Aspasia Vlahou, on her way to central Athens to celebrate. "If you have faith, dreams really can come true."

The Greek squad, coached by German Otto Rehhagel, started the tournament as 80-1 outsiders and fought their way to the final past holders France and the fancied Czech Republic before beating the hosts 1-0 in the final.

In a well-rehearsed ritual, millions flooded streets and squares across Greece after the final whistle, draped in the national colours of blue-and-white, whistling, setting off fireworks and chanting the national anthem.

In Athens, a city supposedly under a partial security curtain before the August 13-29 Olympic Games, hundreds of thousands made their way downtown in cars, on mopeds and on foot, beeping car horns, waving flags and hugging total strangers.

Flares turned night to day around central Omonia Square, where people climbed up statues, lampposts and trees, raced their motorbikes in impromptu motorcades and joined marching bands in clapping and singing.

"Greeks know how to dream, tonight we will celebrate, Greece will burn, no one will go to work tomorrow," said civil servant Mary Makri.

Celebrations were triggered when a 57th-minute goal by Angelos Charisteas united every Greek in the land in a collective scream of ecstasy.

Greek Prime Minister Costas Karamanlis jumped up

and down in the stands of the Luz Stadium in Lisbon, clenching his fists and cheering.

"It was a crazy journey from the start, but the team believed in themselves and made all our dreams come true," said Periklis Giannaris, hoarse from cheering after the final whistle.

Celebrations spread to Greeks around the world, estimated to be around seven million people from New York to London and Melbourne.

"This is a victory for Greek people all over the world, we hope we have given them something of our joy and something to carry with them in the future," said Greece captain Theodoros Zagorakis.

Thousands of Greeks and Greece fans watching the match in central Berlin erupted in shouts of joy at the final whistle, shooting fireworks into the night sky.

MNA/Reuters

MRTV-3
**6-7-2004 (Tuesday)
(Programme Schedule)
Morning Transmission
(9:00 - 10:00)**

- 9:00 Signature Tune
Greeting
9:02 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Mingalabar"
9:06 Myanmar Footwear
and Bags
9:10 **Headline News**
9:12 Unforgettable Traditions
of PaO National
9:15 **National News**
9:20 Ancient Architectural
heritage of Taungthan-
man Kyauktawgyi Pa-
goda
9:25 Let-Ah-Hla-Ahka
9:30 **National News**
9:35 Yangon, The Capital
9:40 Song "From the
Golden National Con-
vention Towards"
9:45 **National News**
9:50 Lifestyles along The
Ayeayawady (Manda-
lay to Pyay) (Part-2)
9:58 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Come and See
Myanmar"

**6-7-2004 (Tuesday)
Evening Transmission
(15:30 - 17:30)**

- 15:30 Signature Tune
Greeting
15:32 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Myanma Pano-
rama & Myanma Sen-
timent"
15:36 Myanmar Footwear
and Bags
15:40 **Headline News**
15:42 Unforgettable Traditions
of PaO National
15:45 **National News**
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16:35 Talent Show on a maze
of Xylophones
16:40 Good Prospects For
Myanmar Coffee
16:45 **National News**
16:50 Myanmar Natural Re-
source Spirulina

- 16:55 Scenic Beauty of
Htantalan & Cultural
Dance
16:58 Weaving School in
Falam
17:00 **National News**
17:05 Water hyacinth Furni-
ture
17:10 Myanmar Modern
Song "Blue Moon"
17:12 Palm Leaf Inscription
17:15 **National News**
17:20 Their Master's Images
Song of Myanmar
17:25 Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Come and See
Myanmar"

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

- 19:30 Signature Tune
Greeting
19:32 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Mingalabar"
19:36 Myanmar's Ancient
City Bagan
19:40 **Headline News**
19:42 Let's Play "Chinlone"
19:45 **National News**
19:50 Myanmar Women's
Fashion Show
19:55 Rakhine Traditional
Cultural Dance
Honouring Buddha
20:00 **National News**
20:10 Song "Moonlight
Flower"
20:12 Myanma Mat
20:15 **National News**
20:20 Lifestyles along The
Ayeayawady (Manda-
lay to Pyay) (Part-1)
20:25 Songs On Screen
"Lovers' Life"
20:30 **National news**
20:35 Making Myanmar
Marionette
20:40 Wildlife Conservation
In Myanmar
20:45 **National News**
20:50 Myeik, a Town in the
Southern part of
Myanmar
20:55 A Rural Village
21:00 **National News**
21:05 Myanma Traditional
Snacks
21:10 Songs On Screen
"With a Weak Point"
21:15 **National News**
21:20 The Patheon Umbrella
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21:55 Let-Ah-Hla-Ahka
22:00 **National News**
22:05 Yangon, the Capital
22:10 Song "From the
Golden National Con-
vention Towards"
22:15 **National News**
22:20 Lifestyles along The
Ayeayawady (Manda-
lay to Pyay) (Part-2)

- 22:25 Myanmar Modern
Song "Love Slave"
22:30 **National news**
22:35 Talent Show on a maze
of Xylophones
22:40 Good Prospects For
Myanmar Coffee
22:45 **National News**
22:50 Myanmar Natural Re-
source Spirulina
22:55 Scenic Beauty of
Htantalan & Cultural
Dance
22:58 Weaving School in
Falam
23:00 **National News**
23:05 Water hyacinth Furni-
ture
23:10 Myanmar Modern
Song "Blue Moon"
23:12 Palm Leaf Inscription
23:15 **National News**
23:20 Their Master's Images
Song of Myanmar
23:25 Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Come and See
Myanmar"

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

- 23:30 Signature Tune
Greeting
23:32 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Myanma Pano-
rama & Myanma Sen-
timent"
23:36 Myanmar Footwear
and Bags
23:40 **Headline News**
23:42 Unforgettable Traditions
of PaO National
23:45 **National News**
23:50 Ancient Architectural
heritage of Taungthan-
man Kyauktawgyi Pa-
goda
23:55 Let-Ah-Hla-Ahka
24:00 **National News**
00:05 Yangon, the Capital
00:10 Song "From the
Golden National Con-
vention Towards"
00:15 **National News**
00:20 Lifestyles along The
Ayeayawady (Manda-
lay to Pyay) (Part-2)
00:25 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Mingalabar"
00:30 **National news**
00:35 Talent Show on a maze
of Xylophones
00:40 Good Prospects For
Myanmar Coffee
00:45 **National News**
00:50 Myanmar Natural Re-
source Spirulina
00:55 Scenic Beauty of
Htantalan & Cultural
Dance
00:58 Weaving School in
Falam
01:00 **National News**
01:05 Water hyacinth Furni-
ture
01:10 Myanmar Modern
Song "Blue Moon"
01:12 Palm Leaf Inscription
01:15 **National News**
01:20 Their Master's Images

- 01:25 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Come and See
Myanmar"

**7-7-2004 (Wednesday)
Morning Transmission
(03:30 - 07:30)**

- 03:30 Signature Tune
Greeting
03:32 Song of Myanmar
Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Mingalabar"
03:36 Myanmar's Ancient
City Bagan
03:40 **Headline News**
03:42 Let's Play "Chinlone"
03:45 **National News**
03:50 Myanmar Women's
Fashion Show
03:55 Rakhine Traditional
Cultural Dance
honouring Buddha
04:00 **National News**
04:10 Song "Moonlight
Flower"
04:12 Myanma Mat
04:15 **National News**
04:20 Lifestyles along The
Ayeayawady (Manda-
lay to Pyay) (Part-1)
04:25 Songs On Screen
"Lovers' Life"
04:30 **National news**
04:35 Making Myanmar
Marionette
04:40 Wildlife Conservation
In Myanmar
04:45 **National News**
04:50 Myeik, a Town in the
Southern part of
Myanmar
04:55 A Rural Village
05:00 **National News**
05:05 Myanma Traditional
Snacks
05:10 Songs On Screen
"With a Weak Point"
05:15 **National News**
05:20 The Patheon Umbrella
Song of Myanmar
05:25 Beauty & Scenic
Sights "Come and See
Myanmar"
05:36 Myanmar Footwear
and Bags
05:40 **Headline News**
05:42 Unforgettable Traditions
of PaO National
05:45 **National News**
05:50 Ancient Architectural
heritage of Taungthan-
man Kyauktawgyi Pa-
goda
05:55 Let-Ah-Hla-Ahka
06:00 **National News**
06:05 Yangon, the Capital

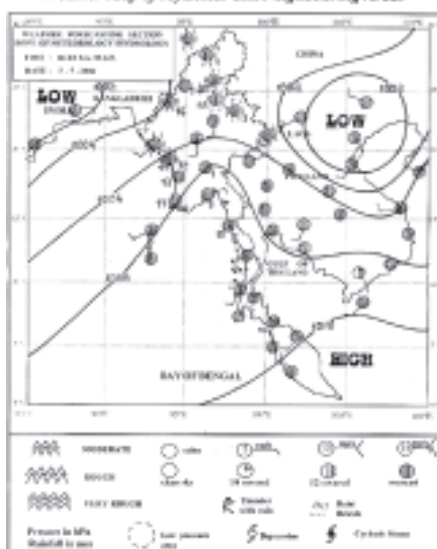
- 06:10 Song "From the
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vention Towards"
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Sights "Come and See
Myanmar"

Rainfall on 5-7-2004

- 0.35 inch at Yangon Airport,
- 0.15 inch at Kaba-Aye and
- nil at central Yangon. Total rainfall since
1-1-2004 was 1284mm (50.55 inches) at Yangon
Airport and 1183mm (46.57 inches) at Kaba-
Aye and 1210mm (47.64 inches) at central
Yangon.

Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas


WEATHER

Monday, 5 July, 2004

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, weather has been partly cloudy in lower Sagaing Division and rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Chin and Kayah States, Mandalay and Taninthayi Divisions and scattered to wide-spread in the remaining areas. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Kyauktaw (2.72) inches, Bago (1.73) inches, Myitkyina and Bhamo (1.69) inches each.

Maximum temperature on 4-7-2004 was 31.5°C (89°F). Minimum temperature on 5-7-2004 was 21.8°C (71°F). Relative humidity at 9:30 hrs MST on 5-7-2004 was 96%. Total sunshine hours on 4-7-2004 was (0.2) hour approx. Rainfall on 5-7-2004 was 0.35 inch at Yangon Airport, 0.15 inch at Kaba-Aye and nil at central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2004 was 1284mm (50.55 inches) at Yangon Airport and 1183mm (46.57 inches) at Kaba-Aye and 1210mm (47.64 inches) at central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was 4 mph from West at 11:20 hours MST on 4-7-2004.

Bay inference: Monsoon is weak to moderate in the Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of 6-7-2004: Rain or thundershowers will be widespread in upper Sagaing Division, Kachin, Chin, Shan and Rakhine States, scattered in Ayeyawady, Yangon, Bago and lower Sagaing Divisions and isolated in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (80%).

State of the sea: Seas will be slight to moderate in Myanmar Waters.

Outlook for subsequent two days: General decrease of rain in the whole country.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 6-7-2004: One or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 6-7-2004: Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (60%).



**Tuesday, July 6
View today:**

- 7:00 am
1. Recitation of Parittas by
Missionary Sayadaw U
Ottamathara
7:15 am
2. တိပိဋကဓမ္မ၊ ဓမ္မအရာဝါရိတ၊
အာရဟံတေ၊ တန္တုသိမ္မာတိသ
(ယောသရာတေ) ဟောကြားတော်မူ
အပ်သောဥပါသသင်္ဂါယနီတော်
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. Songs of Yesteryear
8:30 am
7. International news
8:45 am
8. Grammar Made Easy
4:00 pm
1. Martial song
4:15 pm
2. Songs to uphold
National Spirit
4:30 pm
3. Musical programme
4:45 pm
4. အဆောင်တစ်ဆိုင် ယောဓေး
ရုပ်ပြိုင်ဆိုင်ဆိုင်ဆိုင်ဆိုင်
- ပထမရန်
(သိပ္ပံအထူးပြုဆောင်) (ရုပ်ပေး)
5:00 pm
5. ဓမ္မာနာထံ တေးဂီတတို
5:15 pm
6. Dance of national races
5:30 pm
7. Sing And Enjoy

- 6:15 pm
8. နိုင်ငံတကာထွန်းတော်လှန်
"ဓမ္မာနာထံရန်" (အပိုင်း-၄)
6:30 pm
9. Evening news
7:00 pm
10. Weather report
7:05 pm
11. သားငါးဖွဲ့ပြိုင်ဆိုင်
7:20 pm
12. The mirror images of
musical oldies
7:35 pm
13. ရွှေလက်ဆွဲသတိစွဲင်အရာထိုင်
7:45 pm
14. လှပလှပဆိုင်ဆိုင်လှပလှပ
8:00 pm
15. News
16. International news
17. Weather report
18. နိုင်ငံတော်တော်လှန်
"တစ်နေရာအေး" (အပိုင်း-၂)
19. The next day's
programme



**Tuesday, July 6
Tune in today:**

- 8.30 am Brief news
8.35 am Music: It's the way
you make me feel
8.40 am Perspectives
8.45 am Music: Who do you
love
8.55 am National news/
Slogan
9.05 am Music: For your love
9.10 am International news
9.15 am Music: There you'll
be
1.30 pm News/Slogan
1.40 pm Lunch time music
-Husbands and
wives
-Let me tell you
-The shadow of your
smile
9.00 pm English Speaking
Course Level-I
Unit (20)
9.15 pm Article/Music
9.25 pm Weekly sports reel
9.35 pm Music for your
listening pleasure
-Tears in heaven
-It's raining
9.45 pm News/Slogan
10.00 pm PEL



Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt looks into progress of work at the construction site of Mandalay Traditional Medicine University on 3 July. — MNA

Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt meets officials in Madaya Township, inspects development tasks in Mandalay

YANGON, 5 July — Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt and party on 3 July met with members of Madaya Township Peace and Development Council, departmental officials, social organizations and townsenders at Bayintnaung Hall of Madaya Township, Mandalay Division.

First, Madaya Township Peace and Development Council Chairman U Myo Nyunt reported on facts about the township including population, prevalence of law and order, natural resources, monsoon and summer paddy cultivation, sufficiency of rice and edible oil, livestock breeding, education, health and supply of drinking water and regional development tasks.

Afterwards, Myanmar Education Committee Chairman Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt presented TV, VCR and a set of computer each for Madaya Basic Education

High School, and Salunphyu BEHS, through respective headmasters. Next, Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt attended to the needs for education and health sectors and delivered a speech.

In his speech, the Prime Minister said he always remembered the marble rock in Madaya Township from which Lawkatt Chantha Abhaya Labha Muni Buddha Image was sculpted.

Requirements have been fulfilled after hearing reports on education and health sectors. So, he believed that the education standard of local students will rise and they will become intellectuals and intelligentsia on whom the state can rely.

Moreover, health care centres were opened in some rural areas so as to provide health care services for the local people. Owing to the upgrading Madaya hospital, local people will be fit and will be able to

carry out tasks for economic enhancement. Therefore, per capita income of the local people will increase and social standard of the local people will improve, he said. After Myanmar had

regained independence, sufficient health care services could not be given due to various reasons. Since late 1988, the government has taken measures for the development of rural areas.

Thanks to these efforts, rural areas have significantly developed. The government is making efforts with goodwill for the equitable development of all the regions in the state.

Special development regions were designated and endeavours are being made to develop the regions in inner areas of the State like rural areas. Moreover, (See page 8)



Members of Panel of Chairmen at the Plenary Session of the National Convention. — NLM

Delegate group of intellectuals and intelligentsia submits proposal to Plenary Session of National Convention

YANGON, 5 July — The Plenary Session of the National Convention continued at Pyidaungsu Hall of Nyaungnapin Camp in

Hmawby Township, Yangon Division at 9 am today.

Delegates of intellectuals and intelligentsia, one of delegate groups to the Na-

tional Convention submitted their proposal paper concerning detailed basic principles to be laid down for sharing of power in legislative, ex-

ecutive and judicial sectors to be concluded in drawing the State Constitution.

Present at the Plenary Session of National Convention were Chairman of National Convention Convening Commission Secretary-2 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein and Commission members, Chairman of the National Convention Convening Work Committee Chief Justice U Aung Toe and Work Committee members, Chairman of the National Convention Convening Management Committee Auditor-General Brig-Gen Lun Maung and Management Committee members, chairmen and officials of the sub-committees, media personnel, delegates of political parties of Kokang Democracy and Unity Party, National Unity Party, Union Kayin League, Union Pa-O National Organization, Mro (or) Khami National Solidarity Organization, Lahu National Development

(See page 9)



National Convention Plenary Session in progress. — MNA

With hands linked firm around the National Convention.