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## Senior General Than Shwe sends congratulations to Federal President of Austria

YANGON, 9 July—Senior General Than Shwe, Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar, has sent a message of congratulations to His Excellency Mr Heinz Fischer, who was sworn in on 8 July 2004 as the Federal President of the Republic of Austria.—MNA

## Senior General Than Shwe accepts credentials of Austrian Ambassador

YANGON, 9 July — Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar Senior General Than Shwe accepted the credentials of newly accredited Ambassador of Austria Dr Herbert Traxl at Zeyathiri Beikman on Konmyinthta at

10 am today.

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

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## Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt inspects advanced construction projects in Yangon City

YANGON, 9 July — Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt, accompanied by officials of the State Peace and Development Council Office, arrived at the construction site of Water Treatment Plant Project in Thanhlyetsoon in Botahtaung Township at 2 pm today.

The Prime Minister and party were welcomed there by Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander of Yangon Command Maj-Gen Myint Swe,

Minister for Transport Maj-Gen Hla Myint Swe, Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin and officials.

First, Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin reported on progress in building the water treatment plant. Head of Assessment Department Dr Tun Than Tun of YCDC reported on completion of civil engineering works such as sludge digester tank, sludge thickener tank (A) and tank (B), secondary sedimentation tank (A) and

tank (B), aeration tanks, pump sump, primary sedimentation tank, chlorination tank, dewatering house, main manhole and culvert, electrical engineering works such as transformer, power station and underground cable, arrival of machinery, tasks to be done and water treatment tasks after completion of the plant. The Prime Minister gave necessary instructions.

Next, the Prime Minister inspected progress in building the plant and preparations for installation

of machinery and left necessary instructions.

On arrival at the Agricultural Museum at Kandawgyi Gardens, the Prime Minister and party were welcomed by ministers, deputy ministers, departmental heads and officials.

The commander reported on completion of all-round upgrading of Yangon City Kandawgyi Gardens and future tasks. Minister for Agriculture and Irrigation Maj-Gen Nyunt Tin on repair of the education zone,

building of the archway of the agricultural museum, preparations for opening the museum and cleaning of Kandawgyi Lake. Minister for Livestock and Fisheries Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein submitted reports on construction of education zone and fresh water fish plaza.

Minister for Hotels and Tourism Brig-Gen Thein Zaw presented reports on opening of communication stations and construction of royal garden, waterfall and  
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## PERSPECTIVES

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## Take part in nation-building tasks

In its drives for the nation to be a peaceful, modern and developed discipline-flourishing democratic one, the Government has given first priority to stability of the State.

Since its assumption of the duties of the State, the Government has forged national reconsolidation and as a result, 17 armed groups have returned to the legal fold and they are now taking part in regional development tasks hand in hand with the Government.

Nowadays, peace prevails throughout the country and everyone can witness economic development in the country. With the economic development, the Government has been building various infrastructures such as irrigation facilities, roads and bridges, airports and striving for human resource development.

In his tour of Kachin State, Member of the State Peace and Development Council General Thura Shwe Mann of the Ministry of Defence met township-level departmental personnel, members of social organizations, townsmen, teachers and students at Seinleyadana Hall in Monyin on 4 July. On the occasion, General Thura Shwe Mann said that the development of the State is the result of the united efforts of the Government, the people and the service personnel, that the seven-point policy programme of the State has been laid down and is being implemented to build a peaceful, modern democratic State, that the National Convention, the first step in the seven-point policy programme, is convened and it is gaining momentum and that the entire people are to take part in nation-building endeavours.

Progress has been made in the economic sector as a result of implementing correct objectives—development of agriculture as the base and all-round development of other sectors of the economy as well. So, the government is spending large sums of money on implementing dam, reservoirs and river water pumping projects for water supply programme.

It can be seen that roads and bridges are being built all over the country. In the social sector also, all the national races enjoy benefits of construction of educational infrastructures for human resource development, installation of multimedia equipment, providing health care services and opening and upgrading of new hospitals and dispensaries.

At a time when development of the State is being witnessed due to combined efforts of the State, the people and the service personnel, we would like to urge the entire national people to take part in nation-building tasks under the leadership of the State.

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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

## Film artistes entertain National Convention delegates

YANGON, 9 July — Artistes of Myanmar Motion Picture Asiayon performed entertainment programmes in honour of the National Convention to NC delegates at the gymnasium of Nyaungnapin Camp in Hmawby Township yesterday evening, attended by Chairman of the National Convention Convening Commission Secretary-2 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein.

Also present were Vice-Chairman of the Commission Minister for Electric Power Maj-Gen Tin Htut, Secretary of the Commission Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan and Commission members, Chairman of the Work Committee Chief Justice U Aung Toe, Vice-Chairman Attorney-General U Aye Maung, Secretary U Thaung Nyunt and work committee members, Chairman of the Management Committee Auditor-General Maj-Gen Lun Maung, Vice-Chairmen Maj-Gen Than Htay of the Ministry of Defence and Deputy Minister for Hotels and Tourism Brig-Gen Aye Myint Kyu and management committee members, NC delegates, patrons of the Myanmar Motion Picture Asiayon and officials.

Vocalists Ye Yint Wai Lwin, Thida Moe and May Barani Khaing of Myanma Radio and Television sang the song titled 'Layaung hsanhma lanthawpan' composed by Tekkatho Myat Thu to the accompaniment of Myanma Athan modern music troupe. Next, Joint-Secretary of the Commission Maj-Gen Khin Aung Myint of the Ministry of Defence, NC delegate Dr Daw Tin Mya, vocalists Tin Tin Mya, Tekkatho Le Le, Khaing Wah and Ye Yint Wai Lwin sang the song 'Yadanabon'.

Similarly, Academy Nyunt Win, Academy Tun Eindra Bo, Academy Cho



NCC Commission Chairman State Peace and Development Council Secretary-2 Lt-Gen Thein Sein presents cash awards for the film artistes. — MNA

Pyone presented songs to the audience. Directed by Bogale U Tint Aung, film actors Wai Lu Kyaw, Yaza Nay Win, Min Maw Goon, Khant Sithu, Nai Nai, Myo Thanda Tun, Eindra Kyaw Zin, Khaing Thin Kyi, Yadana Khin and Khaing Hnin Wai presented the play titled Black and White.

Likewise, artistes U Min Naung, Pianist U Chit Swe and Tint Tint Tun sang the songs. Next, Commission Secretary Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan, Vice-Chairmen of the Management Committee Deputy Minister for Hotels and Tourism Brig-Gen Aye Myint Kyu and Maj-Gen Than Htay of the Ministry of Defence sang the songs.

Afterwards, film actress Academy May Thinza Oo and Academy May Than Nu together with comedians Moe Di, Ayaing, Kin Kaung, Khin Hlaing, Hnget Pyaw Gyaw and Sein Yoe presented "Myanma Yokshin Hnapagwin" directed by Bogale U Tint Aung. Next, the delegates and artistes participated in the entertainment programme. And, the delegates presented cash prizes to them. Next, Lt-Gen Thein Sein presented K 200,000 to Myanmar Motion Picture Asiayon, Myanma Athan modern music troupe and

mechanical crew and the Mingala traditional orchestra of Fine Arts Department through Bogale U Tint Aung and Chairman of the Asiayon U Sein Tin.

Vice-Chairman of the Commission Minister for Electric Power Maj-Gen Tin Htut presented K 100,000 to Gitalulin U Ko Ko who created melody of the song "Layaung hsanhma lanthawpan".

Delegate Dr Khin Shwe of Yangon Division of the delegates of national races presented K 100,000 to Bogale U Tint Aung. Similarly, delegates Dr Khin Shwe and U Htay Myint of Yangon Division of the delegates of national races presented K 200,000 each and U Win Aung, U Nyo Min, U Win Myint and U Aung Than Soe K 100,000 each to MMPA, Myanma Athan modern music troupe and mechanical crew and the Mingala traditional orchestra through Bogale U Tint Aung and Chairman U Sein Tin.

Next, prizes of honour were presented to those who wrote poems and articles which reflect the present situation and objectives of the National Convention in the NC Bulletin. Vice-Chairman of the Commission Minister for Electric Power Maj-Gen Tin

Htut presented first, second and third prizes to delegate Sein Hla Myaing (U Sein Hla Myaing), delegate Yathan-Mantaing and delegate Aung Mon in the poem genre. Vice-Chairman of the Work Committee Attorney-General U Aye Myint presented consolation prizes to delegate Thaung Tun (Khochaung) and delegate Hsinbyushin Kyaw Tint. Next, Chairman of the Work Committee Chief Justice U Aung Toe presented first, second and third prizes to delegate Dr Hla Soe Tint (Medical Research), delegate Saw Hla Tun (ChaungU) and delegate U Sai Win Maung (Muse) respectively in the article genre. Secretary of the Work Committee U Thaung Nyunt presented consolation prizes to Pado Aung San from Nyeinchanyay Myothit Group of Hpa-an Township of Kayin State and delegate Kyaw Zaw Lin (Magway).

Later, film stars and vocalists sang the song "Mya Nanda" in chorus.

After the entertainment programme, Lt-Gen Thein Sein, together with members of the NCCC, the Work Committee and the Management Committee cordially greeted the artistes.

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## Distribution of Korean goods discussed

YANGON, 9 July — Entrepreneurs from Republic of Korea met with their Myanmar counterparts from 25 local companies at Traders Hotel here this morning.

Ambassador of ROK Mr Lee Kyung Woo and Commercial Attache Mr Choi Yoon-Tae also attended the meeting, which covered the topics including security cameras and related equipment, plastic utensils, traffic safety equipment, CCTV cameras, transformers, foodstuff and medicine produced by ROK companies — Pentaone Co Ltd, HIA Co Ltd, Korean Puritech Co Ltd, Chementech Inc and Korea Ginseng.

The goods will be distributed in Myanmar. — MNA



The Ambassador of ROK Mr Lee Kyung Woo and officials seen at the meeting. — MNA



## Iraq car bomb, mortar attack kill five US soldiers, two Iraqis

**BLOOMBERG, 8 July**—Five US soldiers and two members of Iraq's National Guard were killed when guerrillas targeted a security forces building in Samarra, north of Baghdad, the US military said.

Guerrillas exploded a car bomb and fired as many as 38 mortar rounds on the Iraqi National Guard compound in Samarra at about 10:30 am Baghdad time, said Master Sergeant Robert Cowens of the First Infantry Division in a telephone interview. As many as 20 US soldiers and

four Iraqi guardsmen were wounded, he said. A battle ensued in the city, during which the US military targeted guerrillas, he said.

"The military targeted four insurgents in a house with hellfire missiles at about 2 pm," said Cowens, adding that the guerrillas

were killed and the house destroyed. "First Infantry Division soldiers and Iraqi National guardsmen conducted patrols to secure the city."

Samarra is in the "Sunni Triangle," a stronghold of anti-coalition fighters loyal to deposed Iraqi leader Saddam Hussein, a Sunni

Muslim. The US-led coalition handed over sovereignty of the country on 28 June to an Iraqi administration led by Prime Minister Ayad Allawi. Iraqi and US officials said they expect security to remain a problem as multinational troops work to train Iraqi security forces.

US tanks in Samarra blocked a bridge to the city, the Associated Press reported. Three people were killed and 20 injured in clashes elsewhere today in Samarra, 60 miles (97 kilometres) north of the Iraqi capital, Abid Tawfiq, director of the Samarra General Hospital, told AP. Their nationalities weren't given.

Internet



A frightened Iraqi girl cries holding her younger sibling as US soldiers kick down a door and enter a house as they carry out house to house searches near Martyrs' Square in Baghdad, on 7 July, 2004. — INTERNET

## Vietnam pledges wider open door to foreign investors

**HANOI, 8 July**—Vietnam vowed to offer foreign investors wider access to its key industries and remove price-related discrimination against them in the coming time, a Vietnamese official was quoted by local media on Wednesday.

The country will allow stronger foreign participation in important sectors such as finance, education, healthcare, telecommunications, cement, steel, electricity and beverage, the official addressed a two-day conference on foreign investment which started in Ho Chi Minh City on Tuesday.

In the short term, Vietnam is to readjust the development plans of five industries, namely cement, steel, electricity, telecommunications and beverage with orientation that foreign investors will be enabled to participate more strongly in them, he noted.

The country will also diversify investment modes by equalizing wholly foreign-owned enterprises on a trial basis, applying the model of holding company among foreign-invested enterprises, and encouraging operation of foreign investment funds.

Regarding concrete policies on foreign investment, the Vietnamese Government is instructing relevant ministries to build the Investment Encouragement and Protection Law which will be applied to both domestic and foreign investors, and revise regula-

tions about taxes and labour recruitment. Business rights of foreign-invested enterprises will be expanded pursuant to Vietnam's commitments of opening up its market during negotiations about its entry in the World Trade Organization.

Besides, the country will complete the application of the single-price mechanism to both local people and foreigners by 2005. Accordingly, foreigners will pay the same charges of all services such as electricity, telecommunications and water supply. Vietnam Airlines, the national flag carrier, has applied the same airfares on both local and foreign passengers on domestic routes since early this year.

Between January 1 and June 20, Vietnam attracted foreign direct investment of nearly 1.47 billion US dollars, a year-on-year rise of 11.4 per cent. In the period, the country lured over 754.5 million dollars of fresh investment from 259 newly-licensed projects, and 711.1 million dollars of additional capital from 106 operational projects.

MNA/Xinhua

## Central govt work team arrives at flood-hit areas in S-W China

**KUNMING, 8 July**—A work team consisting of officials from departments of civil affairs, communications and health arrived at the Dai-Jingpo Autonomous Prefecture of Dehong Wednesday night to organize rescue efforts after it was hit by rainstorms and mudflows.

Leading provincial officials including vice-governors Qin Guangrong and

Kong Chuizhu also rushed to the spot.

Rain still continues in Dehong, which was struck by an unusual heavy rainstorm and mudflows on Monday. The Yingjiang and Longchuan counties and Ruili City had a blackout and break-off in water, communication and transport supply. Breaching were reported at 115 river sections.

MNA/Xinhua

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## 868 US service members killed since beginning of war in Iraq last year

**BAGHDAD, 8 July**—As of Thursday, 8 July, 868 US service members have died since the beginning of military operations in Iraq last year, according to the Defence Department. Of those, 645 died as a result of hostile action and 223 died of non-hostile causes.

The British military has reported 59 deaths; Italy, 18; Spain, eight; Bulgaria and Poland, six each; Ukraine, four; Slovakia, three; Thailand, two; Denmark, El Salvador, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia and the Netherlands have reported one each. Since May 1, 2003, when President Bush declared that major combat operations in Iraq had ended, 730 US soldiers have died — 536 as a result of hostile action and 194 of non-hostile causes.

The latest deaths reported by military:

Five US soldiers were Thursday killed in Samarra, Iraq, by a car bomb and mortar attack against military headquarters. —Internet

## Diplomats say Pakistani may be envoy to Iraq

**UNITED NATIONS, 8 July**—Secretary-General Kofi Annan is now considering Pakistan's ambassador to Washington for the job of UN envoy to Iraq, UN diplomats said Thursday.

Annan had promised a decision last week, and former Indian Foreign Secretary Salman Haidar had been considered the frontrunner, but diplomats said Ambassador Ashraf Jehangir Qazi now appears to have the edge.

The secretary-general, who was heading to Bangkok from Africa on Thursday, wants to speak to government leaders in the countries of the leading candidates before making a final decision. Security Council diplomats said, speaking on condition of anonymity.

Earlier this week, UN associate spokeswoman Marie Okabe said she expected an announcement "shortly." On Thursday, she said, "We have nothing to announce as of yet." The new UN special representative to Iraq will replace top UN envoy Sergio Vieira de Mello, who was one of 22 people killed

in the August 19, 2003 bombing at UN headquarters in Baghdad.

The secretary-general ordered all UN international staff to leave Iraq in October following a second bombings at UN headquarters and a spate of attacks targeting foreign workers.

Despite the upsurge in violence in Iraq, Annan has said he expects the new UN envoy to be based in Baghdad. But Annan has said he won't allow large numbers of UN staff back to return until the security situation improves. Qazi has been ambassador to the United States since September 2002 and previously served as Pakistan's top envoy to India from 1997-2002, to China from 1994-1997, to Russia from 1991-1994, to East Germany from 1990-1991, and to Syria from 1986-1988. —Internet

## Singapore uses advanced technology to train sailors

**SINGAPORE, 8 July**—Singapore has started to use advanced technology to train its national sailors.

According to local Press reports on Wednesday night, a GPS (Global Positioning System) device is first placed on the sailors' boat, and the coach armed with a pocket personal computer (PC) follows in another boat. A cameraman in the coach's boat video-tapes the sailors' every move.

Data from the GPS set is transmitted to the pocket PC and can also be downloaded to a laptop later. After analyzing the data like wind speed and direction, the coach will give his advice to the sailors for better performance.

It is reported that Singapore is the first to unveil such working model, and the Singapore Sports Council hopes that the country's Olympic-bound sailors will benefit from this new technology. —MNA/Xinhua



American soldiers run with protective gear while taking up positions near where Iraqi security forces and guerrillas fought a pitched battle in central Baghdad, on 7 July, 2004. — INTERNET

## Senate panel set to release report damning US intelligence on Iraq

WASHINGTON, 8 July — US lawmakers prepared to release a scathing report blaming the Central Intelligence Agency for much of the faulty intelligence used by Washington to justify last year's invasion of Iraq.

Members of the US Senate Intelligence Committee planned a press conference early Friday to introduce the 400-page "Report on Pre-War Intelligence on Iraq" which has been more than one year in the making.

"Tomorrow's report ... will be intensely and extensively critical of the CIA for its intelligence failures and

mischaracterizations regarding Iraq's possession of weapons of mass destruction," Democratic Senator Carl Levin, a member of the panel, said at a press conference.

Officials who have read the document said it is a damning indictment of CIA's inadequate collection of intelligence, sloppy analysis,

and reliance on sometimes uncorroborated sources and faulty data — all of which led the agency to the apparently false conclusion that Iraq possessed biological and chemical weapons.

"It is an accurate, hard-hitting and well-deserved critique of the CIA," Levin said.

The document also scrutinizes Iraq's alleged ties to

global terror, whether Iraq posed a threat to Middle East stability, and Baghdad's human rights violations, officials said.

A second report, focusing on how the White House used the assessments from its intelligence agencies on Iraq, will be released by the end of the year, Levin said.

The chairman of the intelligence committee, Republican Senator Pat Roberts, told US television recently that the Senate document — the product of months of research and closed-door testimony — is "a good report" although "not a good news report."

The report is expected to prompt fresh finger-pointing over allegations about US motives for invading Iraq.

President George W. Bush and top US security officials insisted for months before the war that Iraq's weapons of mass destruction program and strong links to the al-Qaeda terror network made it a threat to the United States requiring the removal of Iraqi President Saddam Hussein. — *Internet*



A woman cries in the stariwell of her apartment as US soldiers carry out house to house searches near Martyrs' Square in Baghdad, on 7 July, 2004. — *INTERNET*

## Afghans hold three Americans after shootout in Kabul

KABUL, 8 July — Afghan security forces have arrested three Americans and four Afghans after a shootout in the capital and accused them of illegally detaining and interrogating locals, security officials said on Wednesday.

A US Embassy spokesman identified one of the Americans as Jonathan K Idema, who the US military says has misrepresented himself in the past as a US Government or military official.

Police said they exchanged small-arms fire during the raid on the illegal jail in the relatively upmarket Karteh Parwan district of Kabul on Monday, but there

were no injuries.

A senior intelligence Afghan official, who did not want to be identified, said the suspects had been using a private house to detain local people.

"They carried illegal arms," he said. "They arrested and interrogated people illegally." Police said several bearded Afghans, apparently detained by the group,

were found in the house. Members of the group detaining them were wearing local and foreign military uniforms.

"We are investigating to find out what they were up to," the intelligence official said. US Embassy spokesman Roy Glover said he understood three of the men had identified themselves as Americans, including Idema, who had been visited by US consular staff.

The US military said in statements this week that Idema had "allegedly represented himself as an American Government and/or military official." "The public should be aware that Idema does not represent the American Government and we do not employ him," they said.

An Afghan journalist working for a US television network said a man he knew as Idema had tried to sell what the American described as al-Qaeda training videos to US networks.

The United States, which overthrew the former Taliban regime in late 2001, leads a 20,000-strong force in Afghanistan pursuing Taliban, al-Qaeda and allied Islamic militants.

MNA/Xinhua

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## Philippines bars workers from Iraq

CAMP VICTORY, 8 July — The Philippines on Thursday barred its contract workers — the backbone of the US military's support staff in Iraq — from coming here after militants released a videotape threatening to kill a Filipino hostage.

The threat left Filipino workers praying for their countryman and worried about their own safety.

Also, two Bulgarians were shown handcuffed in a videotape broadcast Friday on Arab television, and a group loyal to insurgency leader Abu Musab al-Zarqawi threatened to execute them if the U.S. military did not release all Iraqi detainees within 24 hours.

The videotape of the Filipino — also aired by Al-Jazeera, on Wednesday — showed three armed and masked men stood behind the seated hostage, threatening to kill him if the Philippines doesn't withdraw its troops out within three days.

Philippine authorities identified him as Angelo dela Cruz, 46, a trailer truck driver and father of eight from the town of Mexico in northern Pampanga province.

Dela Cruz's family appealed to Philippine President Gloria Macapagal Arroyo to meet the kidnappers demands and withdraw a tiny contingent of peacekeepers to spare his life.

"Help us," dela Cruz's 15-year-old son, Julisis, tearfully appealed to Arroyo on Philippine radio. "Please bring him home alive so that we can all be together again. Please make a decision on their demand. Please pull out. We want to see him alive."

Only 51 Philippines soldiers and police are part of the nearly 160,000-strong multinational force; their deployment is scheduled to end later this month and Manila has been considering whether to extend their tour of duty.

*Internet*

## Separated Siamese twin girl undergoes heart surgery

SHIJIAZHANG, 9 July — Doctors in north China's Hebei Province have successfully performed a heart surgery on a six-month-old baby girl, the younger of a set of Siamese twins who were separated in February shortly after birth.

The two-and-a-half-hour meticulous surgery, done on Wednesday by doctors with the No. 1 Hospital of Hebei Medical University, aimed to remedy Bei Bei's congenital heart disease that had remained a concern after her separation from her twin sister Bao Bao.

Doctors say Bei Bei's life would remain critical if another operation was not performed to correct the disease, which had affected Bei Bei's physical growth.

Bei Bei weighs 6.4 kg, underweight for her age, and often suffers from infections in

the respiratory and digestive systems.

"We waited until she recovered fully from the initial separation to minimize risks," said Professor Zhang Yuping who took charge of the heart surgery. Still, Professor Zhang noted it was both hard and risky to operate on the baby as an ideal age for such a complicated operation should be at least two years old. "But we cannot wait that long — many babies die of the disease before they reach the age," he acknowledged.

The operation, however, turned out to be a success, according to Zhang. Bei Bei is now in normal condition and is receiving further treatment at an intensive care unit.

Earlier report said Bei Bei and Bao Bao were born joined at the chest and abdomen and were separated on Valentine's Day when they were 44 days old. — *MNA/Xinhua*

## Internet screening technology popular among Chinese parents

BEIJING, 8 July — In a number of areas in China, a service that bars pornographic and other information unsuitable for minors on home computers has been much welcomed by parents.

"The number of subscribers for the service has been rising fast," said an official with China Telecom, which currently offers the service in some localities, including Chongqing, Zhejiang and Guangdong, on trial basis.

The user-friendly service enables users to submit an application on-line or call the service hotline of China Telecom and all the subsequent Internet setup can be done automatically by this China's largest telecom operator.

With the service, parents could overlook the time their kids spend on Internet surfing, on-line games and chatting, as well as the content the kids see. It also enables the parents to keep track of what the kids do with the Internet.

The Internet is viewed as a double-edged sword in the eyes of many parents. On one hand, they see the Internet as a useful tool to help the kids know the world better. On the other hand, they fear unhealthy information may erode the minds of their kids, which are susceptible to bad as well as good influences.



Children gather shrapnel trophies, seen through damage caused by a rocket which landed in the Al-Daura residential area of Baghdad, on 7 July, 2004. Three civilians were injured in the blast. — *INTERNET*



## Militants vow to kill Bulgarian hostages in Iraq

**BAGHDAD, 8 July**— Militants in Iraq threatened on Thursday to kill two Bulgarian hostages within 24 hours unless US-led forces freed prisoners, stepping up pressure on Prime Minister Iyad Allawi's new interim government.

The Arabic satellite television station Al Jazeera said the tape was from the Tawhid and Jihad group headed by Jordanian Abu Musab al-Zarqawi, who has been accused by Washington of links to Osama bin Laden's al Qaeda.

The tape showed two men, identified as Bulgarians,

sitting in front of masked captors, two of them wielding automatic weapons while a third read a statement.

"The group said the Bulgarian government bore responsibility over the safety of its citizens because it has sent troops to Iraq," said Al Jazeera.

No immediate comment was available from Bulgarian officials, and it was not clear whether the captive Bulgarians were military personnel or civilians.

Bulgaria has been an ally of the United States over Iraq, contributing around 470 troops to US-led forces.

Internet

## Kuwaiti PM inaugurates new Kuwaiti Embassy to China

**BEIJING, 8 July**— Kuwaiti Prime Minister Sheikh Sabah Al-Ahmad Al-Jaber Al-Sabah attended the inauguration of the new Kuwaiti Embassy to China here Wednesday, saying that his China tour was satisfying.

Sabah, who was here on his eight-day official visit to China, called for Kuwait and China to further strengthen their cooperation at the inauguration ceremony.

Chinese Vice Foreign Minister Zhou Wenzhong said at the ceremony that Sabah's visit is important for bilateral relations between China and Kuwait.

During his visit, Chinese President Hu Jintao, Chairman of the Standing Committee of the National People's Congress Wu Bangguo and Premier Wen Jiabao met or talked with him separately.

The two sides reached wide consensus through their in-depth exchanging of views, and signed relevant agreement on further promoting economic and technological cooperation between China and Kuwait, Zhou said, noting that this is conducive for the two sides to expand their

friendly cooperation in various fields.

China and Kuwait, both as developing countries, are devoted for their domestic economic growth, and strengthening cooperation is in accordance with the common interests of the two countries, Zhou said, adding that China is willing to make joint efforts with Kuwait to compose new chapter of the friendly cooperation between the two sides.

Kuwaiti ambassador to China Faisal Rashed Al-Ghais said Sabah's China tour further strengthened the friendly relations between Kuwait and China.

The newly-established embassy, consisted of a office building and ambassador's residence, represents the style of Kuwaiti construction.

Sabah, as the guest of Chinese Premier Wen Jiabao, arrived in Beijing Monday. — MNA/Xinhua

## China, Russia to hold joint military exercises

**BEIJING, 9 July** — China and Russia will hold joint military exercises next year, their first since 1999 and intended to tackle a new range of security challenges and nurture their partnership, state media said on Thursday.

The decision was taken during a visit to Moscow by Guo Boxiong, vice-chairman of China's Cen-

tral Military Commission, but the scope and timing of the exercises had yet to be decided, the *China Daily*

said.

The navies of the two neighbours that have been developing what they call a "strategic partnership" in recent years, held their first joint exercise in October 1999 when a Russian destroyer and a cruiser visited China.

Russia has been a major supplier of military hardware to China, including advanced ships and fighter planes that have been key to China's drive to modernize the People's Liberation Army.

Guo said the exercises would "jointly confront current new challenges to safeguard world peace", the *China Daily* reported without giving details.

A China-Russia strategic partnership was important to global stability and security and ties between their two militaries were developing on a "stable path", Guo was quoted as saying.

Sino-Russian relations improved during the 1990s after the collapse of the Soviet Union.

MNA/Reuters



An Iraqi family watch from their balcony as US troops take a street near Martyrs' Square in Baghdad on 7 July. 2004. — INTERNET



US soldiers arrest Iraqi men for questioning near Martyrs' Square in Baghdad, on 7 July, 2004. — INTERNET

## Official says hostage in Iraq not Filipino

**MANILA, 9 July** — Initial investigations showed that the hostage who was reportedly kidnapped by gunmen in Iraq is not a Filipino, the Philippine Department of Labour and Employment said Thursday.

Secretary Patricia Sto Tomas said that the name released by the Arabic television network Al-Jazeera, Hafidh Amer, was not that of an overseas Filipino worker. The secretary said that her office had instructed

the labour attaches in Iraq and other Middle East countries and the principals or employers who deployed Filipinos to the region to confirm the name of the hostage.

But the department told *Xinhua* that they are still ver-

ifying the initial conclusion.

Al-Jazeera broadcast earlier on Thursday a footage showing that three masked gunmen claimed to have seized a Filipino, dressed in an orange jumpsuit.

MNA/Xinhua

## ASEAN Culture Week to be held in Vietnam

**HANOI, 9 July** — The 2nd ASEAN Culture Week will be held in Vietnam on August 6-13 to strengthen friendly and cooperative ties among 10 members of the Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN).

"The 2nd ASEAN Culture Week entitled 'ASEAN Arts: Tradition and Modernity' aims at honouring the block's traditional cultural values in the modern context of international and regional integration," Vietnamese Deputy Minister of Culture and Information Tran Chien Thang told an international Press conference here on Thursday.

The week's main activities will include art performances, exhibitions of fine arts and national costumes, organization of a visual arts camp and a food festival, with participation of some 150 artists from 10 ASEAN countries. The opening ceremony will be held in the capital city of Hanoi with expected participation of Vietnamese Prime Minister Phan Van

Khai, and the closing ceremony will take place in the World Heritage-listed Ha Long Bay in northern Quang Ninh Province. The 1st ASEAN Culture Week was held in Cambodia in 2002. ASEAN groups Brunei, Cambodia, Indonesia, Laos, Malaysia, Myanmar, Singapore, Thailand, Vietnam and the Philippines.

MNA/Xinhua

## Thai export expected to grow 17% this year

**BANGKOK, 8 July** — Thailand's export is expected to grow by 17 per cent this year and reach a trade surplus of more than one billion US dollars, the Commerce Ministry on Wednesday was quoted by local media as saying.

The increase of imported raw materials reflected the growing productivity and predicted more exports in the second half of this year, said Deputy Commerce Minister Pongsak Raktapongpaisal.

He predicted that this year's exports would grow by 17 per cent despite of the

recent European Union decision to tighten imports especially rice from Thailand. In May alone, Thailand scored a trade surplus of 10 million dollars though the previous two months had seen a deficit. The total export in May valued 7.98 billion dollars.

Pongsak also expected monthly exports to average more than 8 billion dollars.

Imports of raw materials included chemicals, machinery, semi-finished steel, gold, plastic pellets, copper and electricity measuring tools will also increase.

MNA/Xinhua

## Vietnam's population to rise

**HANOI, 8 July** — Vietnam's population is expected to rank the 12th or 13th in the world in 2005 compared to the current level of 14th, said the country's Commission for Population, Family and Children.

The country's population, which increased by 1.22 million in 2003, now stands at more than 81 million, including over 19 million juveniles.

In recent years, Vietnam has seen an average addition of

1-1.1 million people annually.

By the end of November last year, Vietnam had a population of 80.7 million, including 42.1 million in the working age, or 61.22 per cent of the total population, and nearly 8

million aged 60 upwards, or 10 per cent. According to demographers, the number of Vietnamese elderly people will increase rapidly after 2010, and account for 23.5 per cent of the population by 2050. — MNA/Xinhua

## China, ASEAN discuss joint combat against cross-border crimes

**KUNMING, 9 July** — The China-Association of South-East Asian Nations (ASEAN) Prosecutors-General Conference, which opened here Thursday, is an important step for both sides to establish a cooperative mechanism in the fight against cross-border organized crimes.

Jia Chunwang, procurator-general of the Chinese Supreme People's Procuratorate, said at the conference that cross-border crimes and other non-traditional security issues are getting increasingly serious, constituting threats to humankind's development and posing new challenges to regional and international peace and stability.

Due to the diversified legal systems in different Asian countries, some loopholes certainly exist in the fight against the transnational crimes, said Indonesian Attorney General Muhammad Abdurrachman at the conference.

"We should set up transnational judicial systems for cooperation in collecting evidence, investigating suspects and witnesses, seeking lost properties and extraditing criminals, so as to fairly sentence criminals," he said.

In recent years, China and the ASEAN countries have enhanced their direct cooperation in specific judicial fields, and have made remarkable progress in the combat against cross-border crimes, said Zhang Geng, vice-procurator-general of the Chinese Supreme People's Procuratorate.

China and ASEAN have

issued a joint declaration of cooperation in the field of non-traditional security issues and a joint declaration on the Sino-ASEAN strategic partnership facing peace and stability.

China and most ASEAN countries also signed the UN Convention Against Transnational Organized Crime, which was passed in 2000.

In December 2002, thanks to joint efforts by China and Thailand, two Chinese suspects Chen Manxiong and Chen Qiuyuan who misappropriated hundreds of millions of yuan were extradited from Thailand to China. — MNA/Xinhua

## Mubarak, Arafat mull Mideast situation over phone

**CAIRO, 9 July** — Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak on Thursday had a phone talk with Palestinian leader Yasser Arafat over the volatile Mideast situation, the official MENA news agency reported.

During the phone conversation, the two leaders discussed the latest developments in the Palestinian territories and Egypt's efforts to give momentum to the stalled Mideast peace process and halt violence, MENA said, without elaborating.

The Mubarak-Arafat phone conversation came when Egypt has refused to send experts to the Gaza Strip following a planned Israeli withdrawal from the territory due to Israel's continued aggression.

Speaking to reporters at the end of a visit to Egypt on Wednesday, Palestinian Foreign Minister Nabil Shaath said Egypt held that it was unable to send security experts to Gaza at a time when Israel was still pursuing the policy of killing against the Palestinians.

He said that Israel's stubbornness was the

main reason behind the Egyptian move, saying that Egypt does not want to expose its officials to danger or see any Israeli fire on the Palestinians.

Israeli Prime Minister Ariel Sharon plans to evacuate all 21 Jewish settlements from the Gaza Strip and four other isolated enclaves in the northern West Bank by the end of next year and withdraw troops.

Fearing that post-pullback vacuum could lead to chaos in the Gaza Strip, Egypt has offered to send 150 to 200 officers and security experts on a six-month mission to help train a 30,000-strong Palestinian security force.

It has also voiced its willingness to increase the number of its troops on the border with the Palestinian territory.

MNA/Xinhua

## Kuwait bans foreign women from working at cafes

**KUWAIT CITY, 8 July** — Kuwait has banned the issuance of work permits for foreign women wanting to work at cafes, Internet shops and billiard halls frequented by men, the *Kuwait Times* reported Wednesday.

The paper quoted a government official as saying that Kuwaiti Social Affairs and Labour Ministry

has ordered labour departments to stop transferring residence permits of foreign women already employed in other sectors to these jobs.

However, the paper did not say if the ministry will ask women already employed as waitresses in these places to quit their jobs. About 1.6 million foreigners, out of a population of 2.5 million, live and work in Kuwait, and one-third of them are females. Some 300,000 foreign women work as domestic helpers.

MNA/Xinhua

An Iraqi policeman stands at the site of a roadside bomb that went off prematurely in Baghdad, Iraq on Thursday, 8 July, 2004.

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## India's PM rules out troops to Iraq despite handover

**NEW DELHI, 8 July** — Indian Prime Minister Manmohan Singh on Wednesday ruled out sending troops to Iraq despite the transfer of power from the US-led occupation authority to an interim Iraqi administration.

Singh told Parliament his Communist-backed coalition was bound by a resolution of Parliament last year which criticized the invasion of Iraq and sought the withdrawal of all coalition forces from the country.

"There is no change in our policy. As of

now there is no proposal to send any Indian troops to Iraq," Singh said after a row erupted in Parliament over what lawmakers said were conflicting signals from the new administration on Iraq.

MNA/Reuters

## World Rice Fair to be held in Thailand

**BANGKOK, 8 July** — The Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives of Thailand is confident that the World Rice Fair to be held in Thailand at the end of next month will serve to generate new marketing channels for Thai rice exports.

Khosit Suwinitichit, adviser to the Minister for Agriculture and Agricultural Cooperatives, said that the rice fair is due to be held between August 31 and September 5 here and that the fair would serve to promote Thai rice across the world, the *Thai News Agency* reported.

Khosit Suwinitichit made the remarks

after a meeting of the organizing committee of the World Rice Fair.

During the fair, there will be academic seminars on global trends in rice exports, and a contest will be held to award prizes to rice from around the world, he said.

MNA/Xinhua



A US Army soldier patrols over a Baghdad neighbourhood on 8 July, 2004. — INTERNET

## US pilot fined for killing Canadian soldiers

**HOUSTON, 8 July** — A US Air Force pilot drew a sharp reprimand and a fine on Tuesday, but no confinement for mistakenly killing four Canadian soldiers in a 2002 bombing raid in southern Afghanistan.

Following a hearing last week, F-16 fighter pilot Major Harry Schmidt was found guilty of dereliction of duty and ordered to forfeit 5,672 US dollars in pay, the Air Force said. "You acted shamefully on April 17, 2002 over Tarnak Farms, Afghani-

stan, exhibiting arrogance and a lack of flight discipline," Lieutenant-General Bruce Carlson, 8th Air Force Commander at Barksdale Air Force Base in Louisiana, said in a written reprimand.

"The victims of your callous misbehaviour were from

one of our staunch allies in Operation Enduring Freedom and were your comrades-in-arms." Schmidt, 38, could have been confined to quarters for up to 30 days or limited in his movements for up to 60 days for the offence. — MNA/Reuters

## Philippine Air Force has new chief

**MANILA, 8 July** — Major-General Jose Reyes assumed the position of the Philippines Air Force (PAF) chief and took command of the 15,000-strong forces in a ceremony Wednesday in Villamor Air Base in Manila.

Reyes replaced Major-General Arcadio Seron, PAF officer-in-charge who took over the top position when PAF chief Lieutenant General Nestor Santillan retired on 14 May.

A former engineering student, Reyes graduated from Philippine Military Academy in 1973 and was the AFP's deputy chief of comptrollership (J6) prior to his assumption as PAF chief.

Reyes' assumption was held in time for the PAF's 57th anniversary Wednesday.

The ceremony was witnessed by Defence Secretary Eduardo Ermita, who is also the guest of honour and speaker; General Narciso Abaya, Chief of Staff of the Armed Forces of the Philippines (AFP); Army chief Lieutenant-General Efran Abu and other military officials.

MNA/Xinhua





Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt inspects progress of Kandawgyi Gardens Upgrading Projects in Yangon City. — MNA



Prime Minister General Khin Nyunt inspects Water Treatment Plant of Yangon City Development Committee in Thanhlyetsoon. — MNA

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playgrounds, Minister for Forestry Brig-Gen Thein Aung on growing of flowery plants at Central Forest Zone, building of Popa Tower and Rock Garden and upgrading of Zoo (Yangon). The Mayor submitted reports on upgrading of Baganlon Island and Khemadipa at Relaxation Zone. Then, those present took part in the discussions. The Prime Minister gave necessary instructions.

Next, the General inspected building of Elephant Plaza, upgrading of Central Forest Zone and Recreation Zone.

Afterwards, the General and party proceeded to Pyay Garden Condominium Project. Zay Gabar Co U Khin Shwe reported on implementation for the project comprising three 25-storey towers, preparations for construction of high-rise building, facilities of the towers and other project tasks. The Prime Minister left necessary instructions. Later, the Prime Minister inspected the construction site and left there in the evening. — MNA

## Entries invited to Noma Concours for Book Illustrations Contest

YANGON, 9 July — The entries were invited to take part in the Noma Concours for Book Illustrations Contest, organized by Asia/Pacific Cultural Centre for UNESCO (APCCC) in Japan with the aim of ensuring publication standard and quality of illustration in developing nations. The entries must be original copy of illustrated dramas. The photos and printed paintings will not be accepted. The entry drama can be illustrated with five units and above. However, weighing of all illustrated pictures for a drama shall not exceed five kilograms.

The illustrated works which have not been published yet can be submitted to the contest. The contestant must submit 300 words of summarized drama in English for the drama. Winners will be announced in March 2005.

The best winner will be awarded US\$ 3,000. US\$ 1,000 each will go to two second prize winners and US\$ 300 to 10 consolation prize winners. Medals will be sent to 20 consolation prize winners. The entrants in person or those with letters of authority can take out the works which did not win the prizes. Entries must be sent to U Maung Hlaing (Chief Editor), Joint-Secretary, Entries Scrutinizing Committee for 2004 Noma Concours for Book Illustrations Contest, Sarpay Beikman, No 529, Merchant Street, not later than 10 October. Tel: 252560 and 240048 can be dialed for further information during office hours.

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## Talks on Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation held

YANGON, 9 July — Facts about Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation were explained at the Ministry of Foreign Affairs this morning.

Present on the occasion were Vice-President of Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation Daw Than Than Nwe, General Secretary Professor Daw Khin Aye Win and central executive committee members, Daw San Yon, wife of Foreign Affairs Minister U Win Aung and International Relations Group Adviser, Daw Le Le Kyi, wife

of Deputy Minister U Kyaw Thu, wives of directors-general, wives of deputy directors-general, the ministry staff and families.

Daw Than Than Nwe explained the emergence of the federation and its background history, the aims and functions and responsibilities, urging the entire women-folk to strive for emergence of highly-qualified mass of women possessing nationalistic fervour.

Daw San Yon presented a souvenir to her. — MNA



MWAF Vice-President Daw Than Than Nwe gives talks on Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation. — MNA

## F&R Minister inspects vessels

YANGON, 9 July — Minister for Finance and Revenue Maj-Gen Hla Tun this afternoon inspected the Thiha Yaza-1 vessel of the Customs Department at the Nan Thida jetty here. Customs Department Director-General Col Khin Maung Lin and officials reported on the vessel.

Next, the minister inspected the Thiha Yaza-2 vessel on the other bank of Yangon river.

The minister also inspected a company engaged in bonds and securities at the Myanmar Economic Bank head office here. — MNA

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MYANMAR TRACK & FIELD FEDERATION REORGANIZED: The Myanmar Track & Field Federation was reorganized at a ceremony held in conjunction with the meeting to explain future tasks at Sedona Hotel, Yangon, on 8-7-2004 evening.

Photo shows MTFF President U Teza delivering an address. — NLM

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They deserve great honour since they have attended the Plenary Session of the National Convention in the interests of the country and the citizenry, and leaving behind them their business and social tasks.

In the plenary sessions of the National Convention held from 18 to 21 May, the National Convention Convening Work Committee Chairman's clarification in respect of the detailed basic principles to be laid down for the sharing and distribution of the legislative, executive and judicial powers and the formation of a financial commission had been read out.

In connection with the Work Committee Chairman's clarification, the respective delegate groups compiled papers through group-wise coordination and read out their proposals at the plenary sessions of the National Convention.

The delegate group of political parties read out its proposals at the plenary session of the National Convention held on 24 and 25 June; the delegate group of representatives-elect, its proposals on 28 June; the delegate group of national races, its proposals on 29 and 30 June; the delegate group of peasants, its proposals on 1 July; the delegate group of workers, its proposals on 2 July; the delegate group of intellectuals and intelligentsia, its pro-

Arrangements have been made for the delegates to be able to depart this evening or on 10 or 11 July depending and transport programmes, he said.

Arrangements have also been made for the delegates to conveniently travel by air or by car or by train fully.

He went on to say that the commission has requested the authorities concerned in states and divisions to provide necessary assistance to the delegates on their way home.

The delegates undergoing medical treatment will go home after they are recovered from ailment. Those who are not making a full recovery have been allowed to continue receiving medical treatment at the Defence Services Hospitals, he disclosed.

He said that he would like to inform the delegates of that arrangements have made for convenience of their return trip to the Nyaungnnapin Camp to attend the National Convention as it will resume again after going into recess.

At the forthcoming meeting, hostels and entertainment hall will be upgraded. Likewise, sports and health facilities as well as restaurants and welfare shops will also be upgraded and so will entertainment programmes. The commission is making strenuous efforts, he said.

In conclusion, he wished the delegates to have a nice trip home, reuniting with their families and to be able to



NCCC Chairman Secretary-2 Lt-Gen Thein Sein delivers an address to adjourn National Convention.—MNA



posals on 5 and 6 July; and the delegate group of State service personnel, its proposals on 7 and 8 July; and the delegate group of other invited persons, its proposals this morning.

It is found that the proposals submitted by the respective delegate groups are not only in support of the Work Committee Chairman's clarification but also in consistency with the framework of the six objectives in which 'Our Three Main National Causes' is included and with the 104 basic principles laid down by the National Convention. It is also found that separate proposals are based on their own experience with reasons stated. After studying the proposals thoroughly, the panel of alternative chairmen are required to compile and submit their findings to the Plenary Session of the National Convention so that the delegates to the National Convention can know the sector-wise proposals completely.

The delegates to the National Convention will have free time while the members of the panel of alternative chairmen are busy with their tasks. This being the case, the Plenary Session of the National Convention should be adjourned as of today until the open season, when it ought to resume, with the aim of enabling the delegates to the National Convention to continue to carry out their business and social tasks they have left behind; the peasant delegates to carry out and supervise their agricultural tasks, as now is the cultivation season; and the members of the panel of alternative chairmen of the National Convention to compile their findings.

When the National Convention is reconvened in the coming open season, detailed basic principles that should be adopted for such sectors as legislation, executive and judiciary as well as the sharing and distribution of the legislative power and the formation of a financial commission will be laid down in accordance with the consent of the majority of the delegates to the National Convention. In addition, the Work Committee's findings on the sharing and distribution of the executive and judicial powers will also be submitted.

Therefore, I would like to urge the delegates to the National Convention to take early steps for whatever is needed to study to be able to give sound advice, and I conclude my proposal with this.

Afterwards, Secretary of NCCC Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan made a speech. He said that a section of the National Convention 2004 will successfully conclude. On completion, all the delegates will enjoy the trips home. In the process, the Commission has made arrangements for the convenience of the delegates.

serve the interest of Sasana and their own, enjoying spiritual and physical well-being.

Next, Chairman of National Convention Convening Commission Secretary-2 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein made a speech. He said: the National Convention, which was reconvened on 17 May 2004, is going to be adjourned, as a portion, or in other words, a sector of the Convention has successfully completed. As the initial portion has been successfully completed, I would like to express my special thanks to all the delegates, who have collectively taken part for the success of the Convention.

It is a common knowledge that the laying down of the basic principles and detailed basic principles to draw a constitution is the important initial step for the nation out of the seven-point future policy programme of the State. Accepting the guidance of the leaders of the State, and with goodwill for the future of the nation, the National Convention Convening Commission invited all the delegates of the national races, those from all walks of life, those of workers, peasants, intellectuals and intelligentsia, State service personnel, political parties, representatives-elect and the groups that have returned to the legal fold after exchanging arms for peace.

Some of the delegates to the Convention had to make energetic efforts to attend the Convention without fail, after travelling by land, water and air. And, it is a common knowledge that even some of the aged delegates suffering from certain kinds of ailment, were happy and took pride of themselves for being invited to the Convention, as it is a national cause, and attended the Convention in a wheel chair or on crutches, without taking into account their poor health that may endanger their life. But there are some who failed to attend the Convention, despite the fact that they were invited and did not need to travel afar.

The Government and the public are like the parents and the children. Without making any discrimination, all parents have equal loving kindness for their children, wishing to see them gain a higher position in life. Even in one's own family, there may be children understanding their parent's situation and having sympathy for them, while there may also be those who always become cross and get angry whenever their desires are not met. But parents' attitude towards their children is always the same. They do not have any favours or bias for any children. Their loving kindness and goodwill for their children is like a straight line, and the same applies to the Government for the people.

The delegates include those from all walks of life such as farmers, workers, artistes, State service personnel and persons of other professions. The delegates also include entrepreneurs whose time is most valuable, those who left behind their farming or other businesses to attend the Convention, as well as others who have left behind their aged parents or juvenile offspring with the noble patriotism to make sacrifice for the national cause. So I honour them. The Commission, on its part, will hold the Convention sector by sector not to cause unnecessary delays in convening the Convention or obstructions to the normal functions of the delegates. The sector of holding discussions to obtain detailed basic principles, that started on 17 May, has concluded today.

As people from all walks of life and various organizations have taken part in the National Convention, there may be a variety of opinions and wishes. Common views and opinions were arrived at as the delegates made discussions without losing sight of the six objectives and the 104 basic principles laid down by the National Convention, while observing and analyzing their wishes and objective conditions from the practical point of view. Despite some differences, positive results were achieved due to the consultation and coordination among the delegates. To put it in a nutshell, we can say that we all have successfully completed a portion of the Convention as we have been able to hold discussions to attain the detailed basic principles for legislation to draw a constitution. But our journey has not completed yet.

As explained by the National Convention Convening Work Committee Chairman, the Commission and the Work Committee will have to take time to carry out the necessary tasks concerning proposals and suggestions made at the present meeting to lay down basic principles at the forthcoming meeting.

We will have to discuss the sharing of the executive and judicial powers as we have done at the present meeting. Hence, the forthcoming meeting will be reconvened when delegates are least busy, when harvesting season is completed, and when the weather is fine and pleasant.

As soon as the meeting is adjourned, the National Convention Convening Management Committee will make train, bus, ship and air flight arrangements for the delegates living outside the Yangon city area. The Management Committee will also coordinate with the respective State/ Division authorities to transport the delegates right to their homes when they reach their native regions.

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## Tatmadaw Government striving for emergence of discipline-flourishing modern and developed nation

### General Thura Shwe Mann inspects Thaphanseik Multi-purpose Dam

YANGON, 9 July — Accompanied by members of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Ye Myint and Lt-Gen Kyaw Win, Chairman of Kachin State Peace and Development Council Commander of Northern Command Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe, Minister for Cooperatives Maj-Gen Htay Oo and officials, member of the State Peace and Development Council General Thura Shwe Mann left Bhamo and arrived at Momeik in Kyaukse District, northern Shan State, at 11 am on 6 July to inspect regional development undertakings.

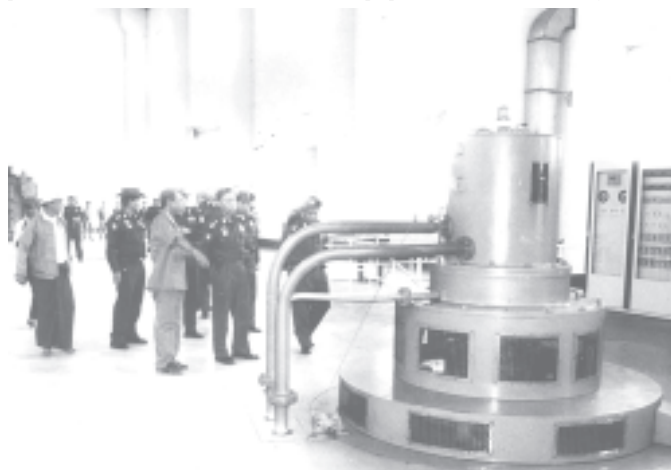
On arrival in Momeik, the General and party were welcomed by Col Aung Nyein of Momeik Station, senior military officers, departmental personnel, social organizations and national races. The General met with officials, members of social organizations and national races.

Officials reported to him on health, education, agriculture and other sectors of the township. Lt-Gen Ye Myint presented reports on transport development undertakings in the township, upgrading of Momeik-Mabein Road, extension of high-yield paddy cultivation and innovative efforts to generate hydel power at possible places.

General Thura Shwe Mann said that the Tatmadaw Government is striving for the emergence of a discipline-flourishing modern and developed nation. The Tatmadaw and its members are born of the people. Thus, the Tatmadaw is an institution formed with persons who dare to sacrifice their lives for the perpetuation of the nation. They are also



General Thura Shwe Mann gives instructions on Thaphanseik Dam to officials.—YUPR



General Thura Shwe Mann inspects turbine at Thaphanseik Hydel Power Plant.—YUPR

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According to their wish, the delegates receiving medical treatment at the Defence Services General Hospital in Mingaladon, can continue to receive treatment at the hospital. The Management Committee will make arrangements for their every convenience.

I would like to express words of thanks. Our especial gratitude is due to the delegates who gave positive suggestions and advice for the success of this plenary session. No matter however hard we try, the accommodations we provide will surely fail to make you all feel at home. The delegates deserve a special gratitude as they have gone through one portion of the meeting with understanding, showing a broad-minded attitude and making no complaints at all about the inconvenience they have for food and shelter.

These weaknesses and loopholes will be remedied to ensure a more convenient time at the next meeting as much as possible.

Secondly, we thank the National Convention Convening Work Committee. This Committee is formed with judicial experts and law experts. The esteemed delegates, under their auspices, can easily march towards the goal by walking along the path constructed by them who used their own intellect and priceless experience gained from their nearly one-decade-long study of executive systems, judicial affairs and constitutions of various countries to be able to lay down the basic principles and detailed basic principles for the emergence of a constitution best suited to our country. Therefore, special thanks are due to the NCCWC Chairman, the Vice-Chairman, the Secretary and all members.

The National Convention Convening Management Committee, service personnel from respective government ministries, and officers and other ranks of the Yangon City Development Committee are the third to be thanked. Their all-round contributions to the arrangements for food, accommodation, transport, health and welfare of the delegates during the time of the meeting resulted in the successful holding of the meeting. Therefore, the Management Committee Chairman, the Vice-Chairman, the Secretary, members, departmental heads, officers and staff from respective ministries and Yangon City Development Committee all deserve especial gratitude.

As said earlier, the next National Convention will be reconvened for the convenience of the delegates in the open season when peasants and workers have less to do and when the weather is fine. I will conclude extending best wishes that may all the delegates be in sound health and attend the National Convention as successfully as like this time and may we meet again.

After that, master of ceremonies Secretary of NCCC Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan declared the successful holding of the plenary session of the National Convention started from 17 May 2004 and the ceremony ended.

After the ceremony, National Convention Convening Commission Chairman State Peace and Development Council Secretary-2 Lt-Gen Thein Sein and commission members, National Convention Convening Work Committee Chairman Chief Justice U Aung Toe and members, Chairman of NCC Management Committee Auditor-General Maj-Gen Lun Maung and members greeted the NC delegates.—MNA

taking part in the national development tasks. The Government is implementing the political, economic and social objectives in building a modern and developed democratic nation. The Government has been working with goodwill in accord with one of the four political objectives — Stability of the State, community peace and tranquillity, prevalence of law and order — and 17 armed groups who have returned to the legal fold and are working together with the Government for regional and national development.

In line with the one of the economic objectives — Development of agriculture as the base and all-round development of other sectors of the economy as well — the Government is developing the agricultural sector, building dams to increase its productivity. For example, the nation's rice output in 2003-2004 was 1,107 million baskets, up nearly twofold from about 630 million baskets in 1988.

It is indeed honourable for local farmers to produce 158 per cent of the local rice sufficiency of Momeik Township.

Next, General Thura Shwe Mann urged departmental staff to provide growers with required techniques and quality strains in cooperation with other departments concerned.

The efforts made by the Government hand in hand with the people to ensure equitable development across the country through the establishment of development zones have resulted in the emergence of roads and bridges, irrigation facilities, schools, hospitals and dispensaries and universities, colleges and technological schools for the development of human resources in all states and divisions.

Later, General Thura Shwe Mann called upon the local people and departmental staff to play their every role under the leadership of the Government for the emergence of a peaceful, modern and developed democratic nation.

After the ceremony, General Thura Shwe Mann cordially greeted those present on the occasion.

General Thura Shwe Mann and party viewed round the development of Momeik in cars and left there. They were seen off at Moemeik Airport by Commander Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe, departmental personnel, and officials from social organizations.

Next, General Thura Shwe Mann and party flew to the multi-purpose Thaphanseik dam project near Thaphanseik village in Kyunhla Township, Shwebo District, Sagaing Division.

On arrival, they were welcomed there by North-West Command Commander Maj-Gen Tha Aye, senior military officers, and departmental officials.

At the briefing hall, General Thura Shwe Mann heard reports on the purpose of the project, its location, supply of irrigation water to farmland from the reservoir through Kintat diversion weir; distribution of electricity in Sagaing Division; and production of electricity by Thaphanseik hydel power station.

Maj-Gen Tha Aye also reported to General Thura Shwe Mann on conditions of extended sown acreage of farmland for cultivation of summer and monsoon paddy and of various crops, and supervision provided by local authorities concerned for long-term utilization of the reservoir.

Later, Lt-Gen Ye Myint and Lt-Gen Kyaw Win gave instructions on measures to be taken in accord with the purpose of the project.

The General gave instructions on putting of annual and monthly records concerning flow of water into Thaphanseik Dam and use of it, drawing of project facts, maintenance and safeguarding of the dam built by the State spending a large sum of money, systematic growing and conserving the forest around watershed area of the dam, minimizing of loss and wastage and measures to be taken for supplying water for cultivation and generating electricity. Next, the General inspected scale model of the dam and left more instructions to officials. Afterwards, the General and party inspected the control room, the switch gear room at Power House of Thaphanseik Hydroelectric Power Plant and flow of water into the dam.

Thaphanseik Dam is located on Mu River near Thaphanseik Village in Kyunhla Township. The dam feeds its water to Kindat Diversion Dam to irrigate 150,000 acres of farmland.

The dam was built with the aims of supplying water to 350,000 acres of land which are catchment area of Kaboe Dam for double and mixed-cropping and producing 117.2 kwh of electricity annually.

The earth dam is 22,587 feet long and 108 feet high. Thanks to implementation of the project, the dam contributes towards social and economic development of the region because it can generate hydel power in addition to supplying of water to farmlands in the basin of Mu River annually.

Next, the General and party flew over farmlands in Shwebo Plain and headed for Mandalay. On 7 July, the General and party left Mandalay by air and arrived back here in the morning.—MNA



General Thura Shwe Mann delivers an address in meeting with departmental personnel and Kachin State Agricultural Supervisory Committee members. — MNA



General Thura Shwe Mann being greeted by the local people at Momeik Township Hall. — MNA



General Thura Shwe Mann cordially greets with township level departmental personnel and townselders at Momeik Township Hall. — MNA

## General Thura Shwe Mann meets departmental officials for development of Kachin State's agricultural sector

YANGON, 9 July — Member of the State Peace and Development Council General Thura Shwe Mann of the Ministry of Defence met state level departmental officials and Agricultural Supervisory Committee members in the meeting hall of Kachin State PDC Office on 5 July morning. Also present on the occasion were SPDC members Lt-Gen Ye Myint and Lt-Gen Kyaw Win of the Ministry of Defence, Kachin State PDC Chairman Northern Command Commander Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe, Minister for Cooperatives Maj-Gen Htay Oo, Minister for Religious Affairs Brig-Gen Thura Myint Maung, Deputy Minister for Education Col Aung Myo Min and Deputy Minister for Health Dr Mya Oo.

Commander Maj-Gen Maung Maung Swe reported on development conditions of Kachin State's education, health and agriculture and arrangements for local food sufficiency; Kachin State Agricultural Supervisory Committee member and Myanma Agriculture Service of Kachin State Deputy General Manager U Ohn Shwe on local food sufficiency, cultivation of summer and monsoon paddy by districts and arrangements for distribution of farming methods and paddy strains; Lt-Gen Ye Myint on

permission of allotments for land reclamation in the whole state; and Lt-Gen Kyaw Win on technical assistance rendered and good quality strains provided to farmers for extension of cultivable acreage and drawing plans to form agricultural committees.

In response to the reports, General Thura Shwe Mann said according to the reports, Kachin State is now enjoying food sufficiency, but continued efforts should be made to ensure the food sufficiency in all the districts. As Myanmar has to rely on agriculture, it is necessary to make concerted efforts for the development of the State through agricultural sector. That is why, one economic objective — development of agriculture as the base and all-round development of other sectors of the economy — has been laid down, he said. The State, for its part, to help develop the agricultural sector, has provided modern farming methods and quality paddy strains and built dams and reservoirs to supply irrigation water. If close supervision is carried out systematically by following the guidance of the Head of State on extension of cultivable acreage, boosting cultivation and expanding mixed-cropping, crops yields will surely be boosted, he added.

Only when there are products to be exported, can the economy of the State develop. So, besides paddy and beans and pulses, other crops are needed to be extended in Kachin State that has favourable geographical conditions.

Now is the time when Myanmar is reconvening the National Convention to build up a modern developed discipline-flourishing democratic nation by laying down State's seven-point future policy programmes as there prevails peace and tranquillity. In this regard, he said, people are to cooperate in their respective sectors for successful implementation of the policy programmes, successfully holding of the National Convention and realization of goals set by the State in accord with the 12 objectives. The government has been providing the farmers with techniques and water supply, applying various ways and means for boosting production of crops and self-sufficiency while local authorities are fulfilling the needs of agricultural forces. Departmental officials are to organize local farmers to extend the agricultural undertakings.

Departments in cooperation with other departments are to make integrated and well-coordinated efforts for regional development and boosting agricultural production as all the tasks are interrelated one another.

The entire national people are to make efforts in concert in nation-building endeavours for development of the whole Union including Kachin State accepting it as a national concern. Later, member of the State Peace and Development Council General Thura Shwe Mann of the Ministry of Defence on 5 July morning arrived at the station hall in Myitkyina township, where he met officers and other ranks and their families. The General together with Lt-Gen Ye Myint and Lt-Gen Kyaw Win, Minister for Cooperatives Maj-Gen Htay Oo, senior military officers left Myitkyina and arrived at Kaungton Yeiktha in Bhamo in the evening. — MNA



NCC Commission Secretary Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan explains management matters at the Plenary Session. (News on page 16) — MNA



NCC Work Committee Chairman Chief Justice U Aung Toe explains future programmes at the Plenary Session. (News on page 16) — MNA



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## Delegates of Other Invited Persons submit proposal to Plenary Session of National Convention

YANGON, 9 July — With six objectives of the National Convention of the State: non-disintegration of the Union; nondisintegration of the national solidarity; perpetuity of sovereignty; flourishing of a genuine multiparty democracy system; further burgeoning of the noblest and worthiest of worldly values such as justice, liberty and equality; and the Tatmadaw to be able to participate in the national political leadership role of the future State, the Plenary Session of the National Convention which resumed on 17 May 2004 continued at Pyidaungsu Hall of Nyaungnaphin Camp in Hmawby Township this morning.

Delegate groups submitted their proposals concerning detailed basic principles to be laid down for sharing of legislative, executive and judicial powers to be included in writing the State Constitution.

Present were Chairman of the National Convention Convening Commission Secretary-2 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein and Commission members, Chairman of the National Convention Convening Work Committee Chief Justice U Aung Toe and Work Committee members, Chairman of the National Convention Convening Management Committee Auditor-General Maj-Gen Lun Maung and Management Committee members, chairmen and officials of the sub-committees, media personnel, delegates of political parties of Kokang Democracy and Unity Party, National Unity Party, Union Kayin League, Union Pa-O National Organi-

zation, Mro (or) Khami National Solidarity Organization, Lahu National Development 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 peasants 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 intellectuals and intelligentsia, delegates of workers 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 Development Committee and ministries, individual persons of the other invited delegates and delegates of peace groups from Shan State (North) Special Region-1, Shan State (North) Special Region-2, Shan State (North) Special Region-3, Shan State (East)



Delegate U Sein Win Aung (Retired Ambassador) reads the proposal.— MNA

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,



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



Delegate U Chan Lan of Kachin State Special Region-1 reads the proposal.— MNA

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 Region 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 start of 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 Maj-Gen



Director (Meeting) U Than Aung and Deputy Director U Aung Kyi emcee the Plenary Session of National Convention.— MNA

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

U Yaw Aye Hla of Delegate Group of Representatives-elect presided over the Plenary Session together with National Convention Convening Work Committee member Daw Khin Nu, U Tun Yin Law of Delegate Group of Political Party, 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 Intelligentsia and Maj-Gen Aung Thein of the Delegate Group of State Service Personnel and U Tun Aung Chein of the Delegate Group of Other Invited Persons.

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

start of the meeting with the permission of the meeting chairman as attendance was listed at 1,071 out of 1,088, accounting for 98.44 per cent. Next, delegates from Other Invited Persons read proposals concerning detailed basic principles to be laid down for sharing of legislative, executive and judicial powers to be included in drawing the State Constitution.

Retired Ambassador U Sein Win Aung submitted proposal regarding the defence and security sector, the foreign affairs, the finance and planning sector, the economic sector, the agriculture and livestock breeding sector, the energy, electric, mining and forestry sector.

Next, U Chan Lan of Kachin State Special Region-1 continued reading the proposal on industry, transport and communication, social, management and administration of justice sectors, legislative powers of the self-administered area leading bodies and other matters explained by the Chairman of the National Convention Convening Work Committee. The Plenary Session concluded at 10.15 am.

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



NC delegates sign the attendance register.— MNA

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### North America box office hits new high in June

LOS ANGELES, 8 July — Led by a magic wizard, North America box office was sizzling in the past June, with ticket sales setting a new record of 1.03 billion US dollars, the *Hollywood Reporter* said Wednesday.

Due to the huge success of Warner Bros. Pictures' "Harry Potter and the Prisoner of Azkaban", the new record was a hefty 14 per cent better than the previous high of 906.6 million US dollars set last year when Buena Vista's

"Finding Nemo" was released.

Last month's total increase was helped by the release of Sony's hit "Spider-Man 2", which kicked in a stunning 64.3 million US dollars during the last two days of June.

The estimated admissions in June were a record 163.5 million US dollars, up nearly 8 per cent from the 151.6 million US dollars recorded in June 2003, which was the previous high for the month.

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### Each Internet virus attack cost firms \$2m

LOS ANGELES, 8 July — Internet-based business disruptions such as viruses, spyware, or worms currently cost enterprises almost two million US dollars in revenue per incident, according to a report released Tuesday by Aberdeen Group.

Aberdeen Group, a leading computer and telecom market research firm serving major corporate technology end-users around the world, finds that the median annual revenue loss rate can vary from 6,700 US dollars for a 10-million-US-dollar company to 20.1 million US dollars for a Global 5,000 company with 30-billion-dollar revenue.

The research firm said the attacks also caused organizations to shift strategy towards how to best overcome the problem.

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### Asian "AIDS" infections up as world response falters

LONDON, 8 July — AIDS is gaining ground, and Asia, with 60 per cent of the world's population, has some of the sharpest rises in HIV infections, according to a report released on Tuesday.

"We are not doing well, at all," said Dr Peter Piot, executive director of UNAIDS, the Joint United Nations Programme on HIV/AIDS.

"More people than ever are newly infected with HIV, more people than ever are dying and there is a globalisation of the epidemic outside Africa," he told Reuters.

About 38 million people worldwide are living with HIV/AIDS, including five million who were infected last year, according to the report. Sub-Saharan Africa, with an estimated 25 million cases, remains the worst affected region with women and young people the most vulnerable to infection.

"Globally half of all people living with HIV are women," said Piot.

The epidemic has killed 20 million people in just over two decades, but only about

440,000 of the estimated six million people in developing countries who need treatments are getting them.

"AIDS, without any doubt, is still the largest epidemic in human history," Piot later told a news conference to launch the report, released ahead of the 15th International AIDS Conference in Bangkok from July 11-16.

It warns that the expanding epidemic in Asia, where 7.4 million people are HIV positive, could have global implications. "Asia is now where Africa was 15 years ago," Piot said.

"The growth of the epidemic is going to depend to a large extent on how the countries react. Will they wait, like in Africa, until there is massive mortality because the epidemic is largely invisible, or will they act now?"

China, Indonesia and Vietnam have seen some of the steepest increases in Asia while India has the largest number of people living with HIV outside South Africa.

In Africa, though, HIV rates seem to be stabilizing.

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### Thailand to launch national campaign against HIV/"AIDS"

BANGKOK, 8 July — Thailand will launch a nationwide campaign against the spread of HIV/AIDS after the end of the 15th International AIDS Conference in Bangkok, local newspaper said Wednesday.

The campaign, which will kick off soon after the International AIDS Conference on July 11-16, will mainly focus on youth and employers, Public Health Minister Sudarat Keyuraphan was quoted by the *Bangkok Post* as saying.

Teenagers' ignorance on condom use has become a prime concern of health authorities of the country.

A survey of the Public Health Ministry shows that

about one-third of the youth were not using condoms largely due to their confidence in their partners.

Youths aged between 14-25 will be specially targeted in the campaign, which will invite pop idols and singers to alert them to the dangers of HIV/AIDS.

Young people are at greatest risk of infection, especially female teenagers who appeared more likely to engage in premarital sexual relationships than earlier generations, the Joint United Nations Programme on AIDS said in a report released Tuesday.

Director General of the Disease Control Department Charal Trinvuthipong said more condom vending ma-

chines will be installed across the country, especially near secondary schools.

At present, 7,000 machines have been installed in the country with 5,000 of them in Bangkok.

The campaign will also encourage factories to employ more AIDS-infected workers and raise their awareness that the AIDS virus could not be transmitted easily.

In Asia, an estimated 7.4 million people are living with HIV and around half a million are believed to have died of AIDS in 2003. Last year, Asia reported 1.1 million newly infected people, compared with a global record of less than 5 million.

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### UN study shows aid donations to fight "AIDS" epidemic on rise

UNITED NATIONS, 8 July — Aid donated to fight HIV/AIDS epidemic rose significantly over the period from 2000 to 2002, said a study released by the United Nations on Wednesday.

"The latest definitive figures, combining the aid efforts of major bilateral and multilateral donors, show an allocation of 2.2 billion US dollars in 2002 to control

and combat the disease in the developing world," said the study by the Joint UN Programme on HIV/AIDS (UNAIDS) and the Organization for Economic Development and Cooperation (OECD).

Bilateral aid grew steadily from 822 million US dollars in 2000 to 1.35 billion US dollars in 2002, a 64-per cent increase over three

years, it showed.

Multilateral aid increased from 314 million dollars in 2000 to 460 million dollars in 2002, and total contributions to the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria reached 917 million dollars by the end of 2002, 60 per cent of which will target HIV/AIDS.

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Visitors check out digital televisions on display at an exhibition in Beijing, South Korea adopted a US standard for terrestrial digital television services at homes and offices. — INTERNET

## Study says drug guards child's heart in cancer therapy

**BOSTON, 8 July**—A drug made by Pfizer Inc. can protect young cancer patients' hearts from the ravages of chemotherapy and keep them from developing serious cardiac problems later in life, researchers said on Wednesday.

A study published in this week's edition of *The New England Journal of Medicine* suggests the drug Dexrazoxane may become a valuable tool in reducing the harmful side effects of treating children with leukemia.

There are about 250,000 survivors of childhood cancer in the United States alone and more than half were treated with drugs now known to damage the heart. Doctors give those drugs anyway because they are so effective at killing the cancer.

But the children who receive chemotherapy are eight times more likely to die from a heart-related problem than children

who have not had cancer, and the rate of sudden death, presumably from heart problems, is four times higher among young cancer survivors.

Steven Lipshultz of the University of Miami School of Medicine, chief author of the study, said he had seen 50 cancer survivors — some barely adults — require heart transplants because of "the sobering reality that there's a price to pay for a cure".

Now, fewer children may have to pay that price, said Lipshultz, whose study was paid for by Pfizer, the National Institutes of Health and Roche Diagnostics.

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## Australian scientists find world's smallest fish

**CANBERRA, 8 July** — Australian scientists claimed to have found the world's smallest and the lightest fish, which measures eight millimetres at its maximum length.

The Stout Infantfish, weighs just one milligram, is described as one of the world's newest species of fish in a research published by the Australian Museum's *Research Journal* on Wednesday.

Scientists at the Australian Museum in Sydney said the adult Stout Infantfish retains larval characteristics, and it reaches maturity in about one month, and never develops fins, teeth or scales. The female hatches eggs between two and four weeks of age and dies not long after.

The first specimen of the fish was collected in 1979 from a coral lagoon near Lizard Island, Great Barrier Reef, in Australia's eastern state of Queensland. Five others were found in the area later.

The transparent fish, now on display at the museum, has been submitted for inclusion in the *Guinness Book of World Records* as the world's smallest vertebrate. — MNA/Xinhua

## Mentally ill US children held in detention centres

**WASHINGTON, 8 July** — Thousands of mentally ill American children, some as young as seven, are locked up in juvenile detention centres because there is nowhere else for them to go, a congressional report found on Wednesday.

The report painted a disturbing picture of children with mental illness and/or substance abuse warehoused in jail-like conditions where their mental health often deteriorates.

More than 160 of the 524 centres surveyed reported suicide attempts by youths held unnecessarily.

"The last place some of these kids need to be is in detention," the study quoted a Tennessee juvenile centre administrator as saying. "Those with depression are locked up alone to contemplate suicide. I guess you get the picture."

The House-Senate bipartisan report was initiated by Maine Republican Senator Susan Collins and California Democrat Representative

Henry Waxman. It was the subject of a hearing on Wednesday by the Senate Committee on Government Affairs, which Collins chairs.

Many families struggle to afford mental health care. Health insurers often provide little or no mental health coverage, or pay so little doctors do not want to take part in the health plans. Community clinics are stretched and cannot meet demand.

The study found that 33 states hold youths who have no charges against them of any kind in juvenile detention centres. On any given day, about 2,000 such young people are incarcerated, and over six months, the number is 15,000.

"Too often (children) are simply left to languish in juvenile detention centres which are ill-equipped to meet their needs while they wait for scarce mental health services," Collins added.

Several lawmakers, including Collins and Waxman, have sponsored various bills that would address gaps in mental health care and insurance coverage but it is far from clear that any will be enacted into law this year.

At the hearing, lawmakers heard from experts from several states who described the lack of resources for troubled youth and the toll it takes on them and their families.

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## Former Jamaican Prime Minister Hugh Shearer dies

**KINGSTON, 8 July** — Former Jamaican Prime Minister Hugh Laws on Shearer, a trade unionist who turned to politics and led the Caribbean country from 1967 to 1972, has died at age 81, officials said.

Shearer died at his home on Monday following a prolonged period of ill health. The cause of death was not immediately known.

Shearer served for many years as president of Jamaica's largest trade union, the Bustamante Industrial Trade Union, named after another former Jamaican prime minister, Sir Alexander Bustamante.

He entered politics in 1955 and became a member of Parliament soon after.

Shearer became Jamaica's third prime minister in April, 1967, following the death of Donald Sangster, who served as prime minister for only two months.

MNA/Reuters

## Dutch study shows Soy protein no substitute for hormones

**CHICAGO, 8 July** — Soy protein, which has been recommended to menopausal women as a substitute for hormone replacement therapy, did not fend off symptoms such as bone loss in a study of Dutch women released on Tuesday.

Naturally occurring compounds called isoflavones found in soybeans are thought to mimic estrogen compounds in hormone replacement therapy. Some women want to avoid hormone therapy since recent studies showed long-term use can raise the risk of stroke, dementia and some forms of cancer.

In a one-year study of 175 Dutch women, half of the participants consumed a soy protein supplement daily, while the other

half took a milk-based protein. Researchers found the soy protein did not have any effect on declining bone mineral density, elevated cholesterol levels and cognitive difficulties associated with menopause.

However, the researchers said the study may not be conclusive because of the women's relatively advanced age, which ranged from 60 to 75, when menopausal symptoms may already be entrenched. — MNA/Reuters



Charcoaled trunks are partly covered with a dusting of fresh snow amidst the bushfire-ravaged alpine forest of Kosciuszko National Park in the Snowy Mountains. — INTERNET

## Software piracy rate climbs, hits \$29b globally

**LONDON, 8 July** — The global trade in pirated software, from knock-off versions of Microsoft Windows XP to Adobe Acrobat, hit nearly 29 billion US dollars in 2003, an industry trade body said in its annual survey on Wednesday.

Since the Internet boom, software firms and media conglomerates have seen a rapid increase in piracy of their products as online file sharing networks and "warez" trading sites make it easier to exchange all manner of copyrighted material.

At 29 billion US dollars, the value of pirated software accounts for nearly 60 per cent of the 51 billion US dollars global software market, trade body the Business Software Alliance (BSA) said.

The BSA has spent large sums to curb the practice by business and consumer software users of installing unlicensed software duplicates from operating systems to design programmes. It has also worked with police to crack down on groups that traffic in pirated software.

In April, law enforcers in Britain, Germany and the United States dismantled a series of pirated software distributors and seized 50 million US dollars in illegal software.

While few dispute the piracy problem is growing worse, the BSA said its piracy tally in previous years may have been slightly inflated.

It changed its methodology and research firm in the past year, opting this year to look at what pieces of software are on the typical computer user's machine to determine a piracy figure rather than devise a figure based on PC shipments and past buying trends.

The BSA came under some criticism for its previous tallies because it could not clearly spell out how much of a fall-off in sales was the result of piracy and how much was due to the availability of legitimate alternative products, such as open source software commonly called "shareware". The BSA's new research firm, IDC, estimates the 2003 global piracy rate was 36 per cent, roughly 2 per cent above the BSA's revised 2002 figure. The BSA's previously reported global piracy rate in 2002 was 39 per cent. — MNA/Reuters

## SPORTS

## Sudan fire coach after second World Cup defeat at home

KHARTOUM, 8 July — Sudan have fired coach Wojciech Lazarek after the northeast African country lost a second successive home match in the 2006 World Cup qualifiers, officials said on Wednesday.

The former Poland coach had been in charge of the side for the last two years. Sudan went down 1-0 at home to Libya in their African zone Group Three qualifier in Khartoum on Sunday, leaving them last in the six-team standings with one just point in three games.

An injury-time goal by Nader Kara sparked a riot by angry Sudanese supporters. Last month, Sudan were beaten 3-0 in Khartoum by neighbours Egypt.

Lazarek had coached Sudan for 32 matches, winning 10, losing 13 and drawing nine.

Two months ago, he was fired from his dual role as coach of Khartoum's Al Hilal club after they were eliminated in the Africa Champions League.

MNA/Reuters



Brazil soccer players salute their supporters after beating Chile 1-0 during their first round match of the Copa America at the University stadium in Arequipa, southern Peru, on Thursday, 8 July, 2004.—INTERNET

## Dutch FA says Van Hanegem could still have role to play

AMSTERDAM 8 July — The Dutch Football Association (KNBV) started the search for a new national coach on Wednesday and said former assistant coach Wim van Hanegem could still have a role to play.

Van Hanegem resigned along with head coach Dick Advocaat on Tuesday following the Netherlands' 2-1 semifinal defeat by hosts Portugal at Euro 2004 last week.

KNBV director Henk Kesler said: "Next week we will talk with van Hanegem about the future.

"It all depends on who will be the new head coach, but I don't think that van Hanegem will take over from Advocaat."

A poll of 26,000 fans in the Netherlands showed that 52 per cent wanted former striker Marco van Basten to be given Advocaat's job.

Van Basten, who is the assistant coach of Ajax's reserve team, is a hero in the country after scoring a sensational goal in their 1988 European Championship final victory.

## Boca defender Burdisso signs for Inter Milan

ROME, 8 July — Inter Milan have signed defender Nicolas Burdisso from Argentine side Boca Juniors, the Serie A club announced on its web site on Wednesday.

Burdisso, who signed a four-year deal with the Italian giants, has made three appearances for Argentina.

With Boca, the 23-year-old won two Argentine league titles, three Libertadores Cups and two Intercontinental Cups, including last December's victory against Inter's arch-rivals AC Milan.

Burdisso is Inter's fourth close-season signing after the arrivals of midfielder Juan Sebastian Veron from Chelsea, defender Giuseppe Favalli from Lazio and midfielder Esteban Cambiasso, whose contract with Real Madrid expired last month.

MNA/Reuters

## French federation delays naming new coach

PARIS 8 July — French Football Federation (FFF) chairman Claude Simonet has postponed from Friday to Monday the appointment of France's new national coach to succeed Jacques Santini.

"Chairman Claude Simonet told us that the name of the new coach of the national team will be known on Monday, in Paris, at the headquarters of the FFF," an FFF spokesman told Reuters on Wednesday.

"Chairman Simonet said he wanted to give himself more time for thought," he added.

Earlier this week, the FFF said that the announcement was due on Friday as the Federation's board holds a regular meeting in Clermont-Ferrand, in the centre of France.

Former internationals Laurent Blanc and Jean Tigana are regarded by French media as the favourites.

Raymond Domenech, the Under-21 coach, has also declared an interest. Bruno Metsu, who led Senegal to the 2002 World Cup quarterfinals, is seen as an outside candidate.

Former England manager Glenn Hoddle has also applied to become France's second foreign coach after Romanian Stefan Kovacs

who was in charge from 1973 to 1975.

Simonet met Hoddle and Domenech for an hour and a half each on Wednesday and also had a phone conversation with Metsu, who was in Dakar, the FFF spokesman said.

The FFF chairman had discussions with Blanc and Tigana during Euro 2004 in Portugal.

Santini, who was appointed after the 2002 World Cup, announced just before Euro 2004 that he would leave at the end of the tournament to join English Premier League club Tottenham where he held his first media conference at his new club on Wednesday.

His reign ended with the European title-holders beaten 1-0 in the quarterfinals by eventual winners Greece.

France will play a friendly on August 18 against Bosnia in Rennes. They begin their 2006 World Cup qualifiers in September and are grouped with Ireland, Switzerland, Israel, Cyprus and the Faroe Islands.

MNA/Reuters

## Rehhagel staying with Greece through World Cup

ATHENS, 8 July — Greece coach Otto Rehhagel will stay with the new European champions until after the 2006 World Cup finals, Greece's football federation said on Wednesday.

"Mr. Rehhagel will stay with the Greek football federation for the next two years," said Vassilis Gagatsis, president of the Hellenic Football Federation (EPO).

German Rehhagel, affectionately known as King Otto, has been touted as a leading candidate to succeed Rudi Voeller as Germany coach after guiding Greece to a staggering success in Euro 2004.

Greece, who started the tournament as 80-1 outsiders, stunned the soccer world on Sunday by defeating hosts Portugal 1-0 in the final in Lisbon, a feat seen by many as the country's greatest sporting achievement.

"That Germany may want him is totally logical. When I asked him after the (Euro) championships to extend it until 2008 he said to me that he didn't want to end up in a wheelchair (as a result of continuing to coach into old age)," Gagatsis said.

"It's self-evident he will stay in Greece. Otto Rehhagel is one of us now...a man who believed in us (from the start), a man who believed in Greece."

Gagatsis said the 65-year-old Rehhagel had renewed his contract two weeks before Euro 2004.

"Mr. Rehhagel has had other offers in the past and he has honoured his contract. There is no problem,"

Gagatsis added.

Rehhagel was given the key to the city by Athens Mayor Dora Bakoyianni on Monday and made an honorary citizen of Athens during a huge homecoming ceremony. — MNA/Reuters

## Former Kenya soccer bosses charged with theft

NAIROBI, 8 July — Kenyan prosecutors on Wednesday charged former leading officials of the Kenya Football Federation (KFF) for stealing 687,500 dollars from the national soccer body.

The officials, who include ousted chairman Maina Kariuki, had been involved in a year-long stand-off with Kenya's minister for sports, prompting world's soccer governing body FIFA to slap an indefinite suspension on the East African country last month.

The suspension prevents Kenya's national team and club sides from taking part in international tournaments and has disrupted the country's World Cup qualifying campaign.

Former sports minister Najib Balala had accused Kariuki and his team of corruption, prompting anti-graft detectives to arrest and interrogate the officials.

FIFA has invited Kariuki and other KFF officials to meet with government sports officials, led by the new Sports Minister Ochilo Ayacko, in Zurich on Friday in a bid to resolve the crisis that led to the suspension.

The Kenyan court has released the KFF officials on a bond of 12,500 US dollars each, allowing them custody of their passports for the trip to Zurich. — MNA/Reuters



Wain Wraith Sacha (R) of the Australia's Women's National Soccer team battles for the ball with Mexico's Maribel Dominguez in the first half of their friendly match at Azteca Stadium in Mexico City, on 8 July, 2004. — INTERNET

## Ghana or Libya to be chosen for 2008 African Nations Cup

CAIRO, 8 July — Ghana or Libya will be named hosts of the 2008 African Nations Cup when the executive committee of the Confederation of African Football meets on Thursday.

The 13-man committee will decide in a straight vote after hearing submissions from the two candidate countries.

They will also receive a report from CAF inspector Patrick Okpomo who visited the two countries last month.

Ghana are bidding to host the event for the fourth time. They were last co-hosts with Nigeria in 2000.

Libya previously hosted the Nations Cup in 1982 in Benghazi and Tripoli, where the final was played on artificial turf.

If Libya win, it will mean that three successive Nations Cup tournaments will have been played in Arabic-speaking North Africa after Tunisia this year and Egypt in 2006. — MNA/Reuters



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

- 9:00 Signature Tune  
Greeting
- 9:02 Song of Myanmar  
Beauty & Scenic  
Sights "Mingalabar"
- 9:06 Picturesque views in  
Southern Shan State  
(Part-I)
- 9:10 Headline News**
- 9:12 Myanmar Motion Picture Directors  
"Best Director Award to Pangyi Soe Moe" (Artist)
- 9:15 National News**
- 9:20 Dried banded Snake-head
- 9:25 Htan Ywet Padi
- 9:30 National News**
- 9:35 Marvel of a Pagoda with Uncountable Buddha Images
- 9:40 Song "Moonlight Flower"
- 9:45 National News**
- 9:50 A Day in the life of a Mahout
- 9:58 Song of Myanmar  
Beauty & Scenic  
Sights "Come and See Myanmar"

**10-7-2004 (Saturday)**  
**Evening Transmission**  
**(15:30 - 17:30)**

- 15:30 Signature Tune  
Greeting
- 15:32 Song of Myanmar  
Beauty & Scenic  
Sights "Myanmar"

- Panorama & Myanmar Sentiment"
- 15:36 Picturesque Views in Southern Shan State (Part-I)
- 15:40 Headline News**
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- 17:00 Weekly News Highlight**
- 17:05 Dawei Traditional Longyi Weaving Art
- 17:10 Myanmar Modern Songs "Let my first love know"
- 17:12 Fishery in Kayin State
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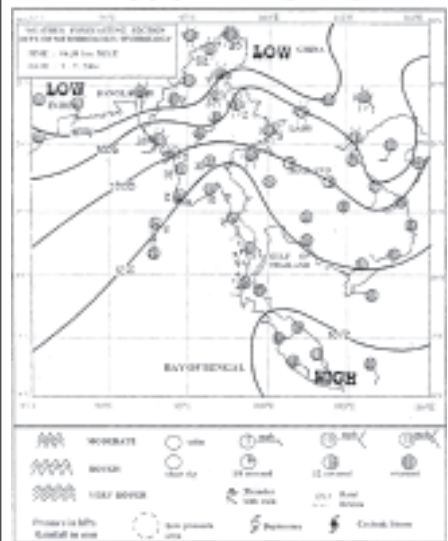
**Evening Transmission**

- (19:30 - 23:30)**
- 19:30 Signature Tune  
Greeting
- 19:32 Song of Myanmar  
Beauty & Scenic  
Sights "Mingalabar"
- 19:36 Yaw Clothes from Yaw Region
- 19:40 Headline News**
- 19:42 The Decoration of Lacquerware (Stylus Drawing)
- 19:45 National News**
- 19:50 Usefulness of Nipa Palm
- 19:55 Sandaw Chain
- 20:00 National News**
- 20:05 Weaving Industry of Pakokku
- 20:10 Song "Auspicious Day, May, 17th (II)"
- 20:12 Rattan Wares and Bamboo Strip Hat
- 20:15 National News**
- 20:20 Travelling on the Chin Mountain Ranges
- 20:25 Myanmar Modern Song "Speaking through our eyes"
- 20:30 National News**
- 20:35 Percussion of "Pan" (or) Communal Drum
- 20:40 Shrimp Farm Project (Ma Aing Island)
- 20:45 National News**
- 20:50 Music for Your Ears (Than Sann Lyric Notes)
- 20:55 Vram Naga Harvest Dance
- 20:58 Pottery, A Home Industry
- 21:00 National News**
- 21:05 Stone Inscription
- 21:10 Songs On Screen "Love that didn't bring us together"
- 21:12 The Zingyike Waterfall
- 21:15 Weekly News Highlight**
- 21:20 Rakhine Ordination, Novitiation & Ear-

- boring Auspicious Ceremony
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**Rainfall on 9-7-2004**

- 0.04 inch at Yangon Airport,
  - 0.39 inch at Kaba-Aye and
  - 0.04 inch at central Yangon.
- Total rainfall since 1-1-2004 was 52.40 inches at Yangon Airport and 48.15 inches at Kaba-Aye and 48.23 inches at central Yangon.**

**Weather Map of Myanmar and Neighbouring Areas**

**WEATHER**
**Friday, 9 July, 2004**

**Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST:** During the past 24 hours, weather has been cloudy in lower Sagaing and Magway Divisions rain or thundershowers have been isolated in Chin, Kayin and Kayah States scattered to widespread in the remaining areas. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded was Hkamti (2.20) inches, Thandwe (1.50) inches, Putao (1.38) inches and Sittwe (1.34) inches.

Maximum temperature on 8-7-2004 was 30.2°C (86°F). Minimum temperature on 9-7-2004 was 20.7°C (69°F). Relative humidity at 9:30 hrs MST on 9-7-2004 was 89%. Total sunshine hours on 8-7-2004 was 0.9 hour. Rainfall on 9-7-2004 was (0.04) inch at Yangon Airport, (0.39 inch) at Kaba-Aye and (0.04) inch at central Yangon. Total rainfall since 1-1-2004 was 1331mm (52.40 inches) at Yangon Airport and 1223 mm (48.15 inches) at Kaba-Aye and 1225mm (48.23 inches) at central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was 7 mph from Southwest at 15:30 hours MST on 8-7-2004.

**Bay inference:** Monsoon is weak in the Bay of Bengal. **Forecast valid until evening of 10-7-2004:** Rain or thundershowers will be widespread in Kachin and Shan State, upper Sagaing Division, scattered in Rakhine State, Bago, Ayeyawady and Yangon Divisions and isolated in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (80%).

**State of the sea:** Seas will be slight in Myanmar waters. **Outlook for subsequent two days:** General decrease of rain are likely in Lower Myanmar areas.

**Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 10-7-2004:** Sunny period one or two rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (80%).

**Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 9-7-2004:** Possibility of isolated rain or thundershowers. Degree of certainty is (40%).

**Wather Outlook for Second Weekend of July 2004:** During the coming weekend, rain or thundershowers will be scattered in Yangon Division and isolated in Mandalay Division.

**DEATH NOTICE**
**JARDINE Gertrude Therese (QUEAH)**

Passed away peacefully at Craigmont Nursing Home, Perth, Western Australia, at approximately 2:45 am on Thursday the 8th of July 2004. Much loved wife of Arthur Howard Jardine (Deceased), mother of Arthur Howard Jardine Jr. (Deceased), Randolph Howard Jardine (Deceased), and Roger Howard Jardine. Mother in Law of Joan, (Devellerez) and Yolanda, (Boog) and grandmother of Ritchie, Kathy, Vanessa, Melody and Chester.

A kind and gentle mother and grandmother who will be remembered always and sadly missed by her surviving family and friends.


**Saturday, July 10**
**View today:**

- 7:00 am**
1. Recitation of Parittas by Missionary Sayadaw U Ottamathara
- 7:25 am**
2. To be healthy exercise
- 7:30 am**
3. Morning news
- 7:40 am**
4. Nice and sweet song
- 7:55 am**
5. Dance Variety
- 8:05 am**
6. အမေ့မြင်ပုံ
- 8:15 am**
7. ဓမ္မာပိတကဏ္ဍာရဇာတ်တစ်
- 8:30 am**
8. International news
- 8:45 am**
9. Grammar Made Easy
- 11:00 am**
1. Martial Song
- 11:10 am**
2. Musical Programme

- 11:30 am**
3. News
- 11:40 am**
4. Games for Children
- 12:00 pm**
5. Round-up of the week's TV Local News
- 1:45 pm**
6. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "သမ္မာဓုဓိပရိ" (အပိုင်း-၇)
- 2:05 pm**
7. ဗုဒ္ဓသင်္ဃာတိကျမ်းအသစ်ပွဲဆင် (အပိုင်း-၂)
- 2:15 pm**
8. "ဓမ္မသုတ်ကျမ်းမြန်မာ" ထွန်းထွန်းဝင်းမြင့်အောင်
- 2:45 pm**
9. ဓမ္မာပိတကဏ္ဍာရဇာတ်တစ် ပြန်ပြန်မြင်ပုံဆင်သင်ယူလျှင်စွန့်ပွင့်ပါရိတိကာ-ဓမ္မာပိတကဏ္ဍာရဇာတ်
- 2:30 pm**
9. Dance of Naional Races
- 2:45 pm**
10. International News
- 4:00 pm**
1. Martial song
- 4:15 pm**
2. Songs to uphold National Spirit
- 4:30 pm**
3. English for Everday Use
- 4:45 pm**
4. Musical programme
- 5:00 pm**
5. အတိတ်မြင်ပုံ

- 5:15 pm**
6. အစောဆုံးတက္ကသိုလ် ယဉ်ကျေးမှုမြှင့်တင်ရေးအသင်း အတိတ်သမိုင်း (သမ္မာအသင်း) (သမ္မာ)
- 5:30 pm**
7. မြန်မာ့မြေကြွယ်ဝသောအမွေ
- 5:40 pm**
8. Musical programme
- 5:55 pm**
9. Games for Children
- 6:20 pm**
10. Musical programme
- 6:30 pm**
11. Evening News
- 7:00 pm**
12. Weather Report
- 7:05 pm**
13. Discovery
- 7:20 pm**
14. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "စင်စစ်" (အပိုင်း-၂၇)
- 7:45 pm**
15. ရန်ကုန်မြို့နယ် (အပိုင်း-၂)
- 8:00 pm**
16. News
17. International news
18. Weather report
19. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "စင်စစ်" (အပိုင်း-၅)
20. The next day's programme


**Saturday, July 10**
**Tune in today:**

- 8.30 am** Brief news
- 8.35 am** Music: Try again
- 8.40 am** Perspectives
- 8.45 am** Music: I love rock n' roll
- 8.55 am** National news/Slogan
- 9.05 am** Music: Forever a for always
- 9.10 am** International news
- 9.15 am** Music: (Spotlight on a star)
- 1.30 pm** News/Slogan
- 1.40 pm** Request
- More than I can say (Bobby Vee)
- Why do I love you so (Johnny Tillotson)
- Rhythm of the rain (The Cascades)
- 9.00 pm** ASEAN Review
- News Article
- 9.10 pm** Myanmar culture by Dr Khin Maung Nyunt
- 9.25 pm** -Wagon Part I
- 9.30 pm** Souvenirs
- You will never know
- For always
- 9.45 pm** News/Slogan
- 10.00 pm** PEL

**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

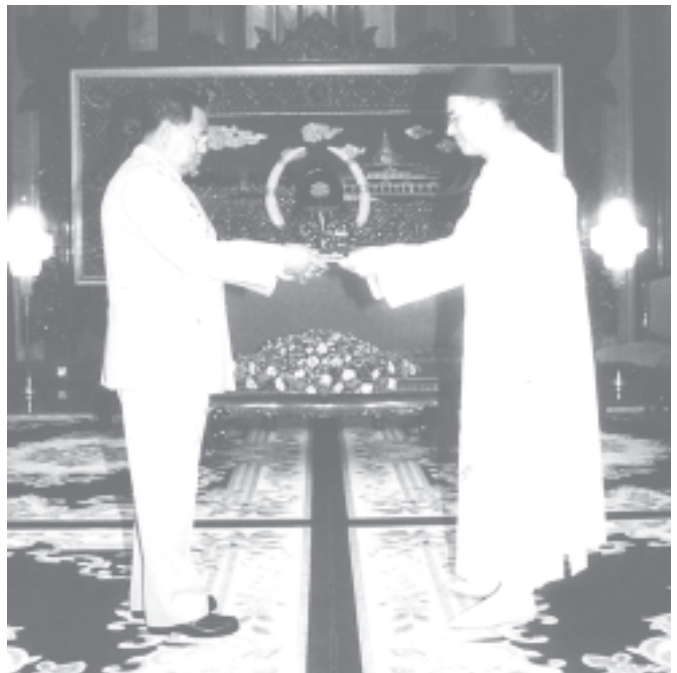
**Four social objectives**

- \* 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

## Senior General Than Shwe accepts credentials of Moroccan Ambassador

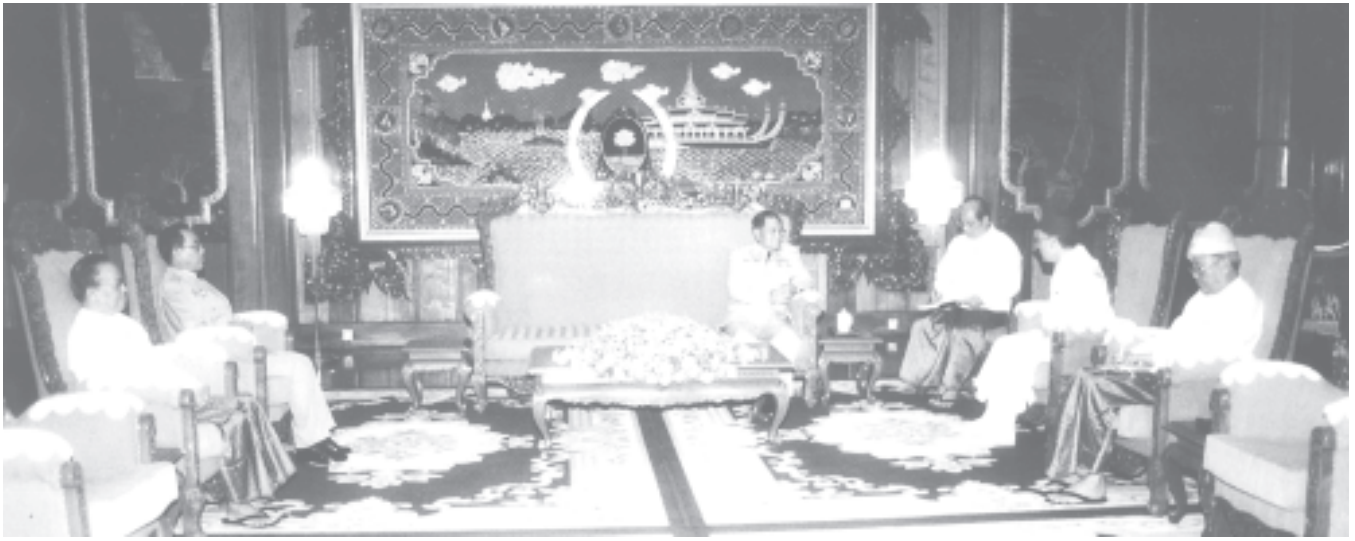
YANGON, 9 July — Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council of the Union of Myanmar Senior General Than Shwe accepted the credentials of newly accredited Ambassador of Kingdom of Morocco Mr El Hassane Zahid at Zeyathiri Beikman on Konmyinttha at 10.30 am today.

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



*Senior General Than Shwe accepts credentials of newly-accredited Moroccan Ambassador Mr El Hassane Zahid at Zeyathiri Beikman.— MNA*

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## National Convention adjourned with address by NCCC Chairman State Peace and Development Council Secretary-2 Lt-Gen Thein Sein



*NCCC Chairman Secretary-2 Lt-Gen Thein Sein cordially greets a delegate at National Convention. — MNA*

YANGON, 9 July—The National Convention was adjourned with an address by Chairman of National Convention Convening Commission Secretary-2 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein at a ceremony held at the Pyidaungsu Hall of Nyaungnnapin Camp in Hmawby, Yangon Division, at 10.45 am today.

Also present on the occasion were NCCC members, Chairman of National Convention Convening Work Committee Chief Justice U Aung Toe and work committee members, Chairman of National Convention Convening Management

Committee Auditor-General Maj-Gen Lun Maung and management committee members and delegates to the National Convention.

Chairman of National Convention Convening Commission Secretary-2 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein presided over the meeting while Secretary of NCCC Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan acted as mater of ceremonies.

The master of ceremonies declared the start of the meeting with the permission of the meeting chairman.

Next, Chairman of National Convention Conven-

ing Work Committee Chief Justice U Aung Toe made a speech. He said that the plenary sessions of the National Convention were held starting from 17 May 2004 so as to lay down detailed basic principles for such sectors as the sharing and distribution of the legislative, executive and judicial powers and the formation of a financial commission, which are to be included in the writing of the State Constitution.

The delegates to the National Convention comprise a diversity of national races living in weal and woe across the country.

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**With hands linked firm around the National Convention.**