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Four political objectives

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

Four economic objectives

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

Four social objectives

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

More dams for year-round greening 30-mile radius of Yangon City and summer paddy

Secretary-1 inspects water supply facilities in Hlegu Township



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein hears reports on year-round greening of 30-mile radius of Yangon City and Ngamoeyeik Dam project by Lt-Gen Myint Swe of Ministry of Defence. — MNA

Project of the Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation in Hlegu Township at 2 pm.

They were welcomed by Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin and departmental heads.

Director U Kyaw Thein of Irrigation Department reported to the Secretary-1 on the purpose on construction of

the dam, salient points of the project, tasks of Yangon City 30-mile radius greening project, and implementation of the dams projects.

Director U Myint Than of Construction-1 of Irrigation Department also brief them on construction of Salu, Shwelaung, Kodukwe and Wagadok dams for greening the eastern bank of Bago River included (See page 8)

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According to the principles of the UN and UN Charter, all countries have to recognize equality of all nations — big and small, and to respect for the sovereignty and territorial integrity of all nations. They have the right to freely shape their destiny.

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TEKKATHO MYAT THU

YANGON, 16 March — Secretary-1 of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Thein Sein inspected functions of Ngamoeyeik Dam Project, Yangon City Water Supply Project and Ngamoeyeik River Water Pumping Project in Hlegu Township this afternoon.

Accompanied by officials of the State Peace and Development Council Chairman's Office, Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein together with Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence arrived at the site of Ngamoeyeik Dam



Ngamoeyeik Dam that is supplying water to Yangon City. — MNA

Emergence of the State Constitution is the duty of all citizens of Myanmar Naing-Ngan.

PERSPECTIVES

Friday, 17 March, 2006

US Human Rights Report, interference in Myanmar's internal affairs

The US Department of State issued a report on human rights practices for 2005 dated on 9 March 2006. It carries fabricated stories absolutely different from authentic events of the nations that fail to follow the instructions of the US and its allies.

The report targets China, Russia, Iran, North Korea, Cuba, Belarus and Myanmar and features unilateral opinions about human rights.

Many countries rebutted the accusations. The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Myanmar on 15 March 2006 issued a press release to reject the US report on human rights practices in Myanmar.

The Tatmadaw Government since its assumption of State duties has been discharging awesome tasks through political, economic and social objectives for enabling Myanmar to catch up with global nations, raising the standard of living of entire national people and building a peaceful, modern and developed democratic nation with flourishing discipline.

It has managed to get back national reconsolidation among the national races for ensuring stability of the State, community peace and tranquillity and prevalence of law and order. As a result, internal peace has been achieved nearly cent per cent that the entire national people have aspired for long.

It extended a warm welcome to the national race armed groups that later returned to the legal fold and is carrying out regional development tasks hand in hand with them. Now, the entire nation including border areas has witnessed peace and stability.

In 2005, the National Convention was convened twice and a good headway has been made to define and adopt the detailed basic principles. More than one thousand delegates representing national races, political parties, national race armed groups and governmental organizations and intellectuals and intelligentsia attended the NC.

The government is now doing its utmost to promote the standard of living of the entire national people and it has achieved success in social services sector including health and education. No foreign states can claim to have greater interest in the well-being of citizens of Myanmar than the government and people of Myanmar.

The report on human rights practices in Myanmar for 2005 dated on 9 March 2006 by the US State Department is in reality the report designed to interfere in the internal affairs of Myanmar.

Mandalay Business Directory 2006 in circulation



YANGON, 16 March — Mandalay Business Directory 2006 published by Eureka Co Ltd comes out and it has been distributed as of 3 March.

The book contains

lists of information including telephone numbers and addresses of government offices and business in 32 towns in upper Myanmar in Myanmar alphabetical order. Moreover, rental prices of wagons of Myanma Railways are also available in the book. Those wishing to purchase the book may contact Eureka Co Ltd at H 2, first floor, 30th St x 78th St, Chanayethazan Township (Ph 09-5009101), Mandalay and at No 145, 36th St, Kyauktada Township (Ph 253295, 250121), Yangon.

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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

Japanese Rotary Club members present footballs to youth soccer teams in Myanmar



Mr Masuda presents footballs to Director-General U Thaug Htaik. — NLM

YANGON, 16 March — Japanese Rotary Club members presented footballs to youth soccer teams in Myanmar at Youth Training Camp-1 (Thuwunna) this evening.

Present on the occasion were General Secretary of Myanmar Olympic Committee Director-General of Sports and Physical Education Department U Thaug Htaik and officials, Japanese Rotary Club members, officials of Myanmar Football Federation, guests and footballers from youth teams.

First, Mr Taiima of Rotary Club extended greetings on the occasion. Mr Masuda presented footballs to General Secretary of Myanmar Olympic Committee Director-General of Sports and Physical Education Department U Thaug Htaik while Rotary Club members did those to 11 youth soccer teams.

The footballs donated by Rotary Club totalled to 160. — NLM

Hingis ousts Davenport, Hewitt loses on day of upsets

INDIAN WELLS (California), 16 March — Martina Hingis beat second seed Lindsay Davenport 6-3, 1-6, 6-2 to reach the Pacific Life Open quarterfinals in one of several upsets on Tuesday.

Australian Open runner-up Marcos Baghdatis overcame seventh seed Gaston Gaudio 6-7, 6-3, 6-2, Czech teenager Tomas Berdych knocked out number nine Lleyton Hewitt 7-5, 6-3 and Russia's Dinara Safina ousted her fifth-seeded compatriot Anastasia Myskina 6-1, 6-3.

Just two and half months into her comeback after three years off the WTA Tour, Hingis continued her

race towards the top of the rankings, showing the quick footwork and inventive play that once made her world number one.

MNA/Reuters

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SPORTS NEWS

28th ISD Team Golf Championship 21-24 March



YANGON, 16 March — To be co-organized by Sports and Physical Education Department and Myanmar Golf

Federation and sponsored by ISUZU Motors Ltd, the 28th Inter-State/Division Team Golf Championship will be held at Yangon Golf Club in Danyingon, Insein Township, from 21 to 24 March.

The championship will be categorized as the team scratch event, the team handicap event and the men's singles handicap event.

The meeting of the team leaders will take place at Yangon Golf Club at 10 am on 19 March. For further information, interested persons may dial 09-9972554 and 542989.

The organizer of the golf championship is the Han Event Management

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Summer archery course opens

YANGON, 16 March — Jointly-organized by the Sports and Physical Education Department under the Ministry of Sports and the Myanmar Archery Federation, a summer archery course was opened in Kyaikkasan sports grounds starting on 14th March.

Fifty boys and twelve girls totalling 62 are attending the course. The course instructors are Daw Myat Thuza Myint, Daw Thi Thi Win and U Aung Thura. The course supervisors are General Secretary of MAF U Kyaw Oo, Assistant Director and Manager U Than Kyaing.

The trainees are attending the course from 7.30 am to 9 am six days a week. The course will continue up to 11th April free of charge. The trainees are schoolboys and schoolgirls from No 3 Basic Education High School, Tamway. The sports gear is provided by the federation.

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A course instructor guiding a trainee at the summer archery course.

NLM

Ethiopia says US' human rights report "full of hearsays"

ADDIS ABABA, 15 March — Ethiopia said on Monday a US report regarding human rights situations in the Horn of Africa country is "full of hearsays".

The report, released last week by the US State Department, focuses on the situations of human rights of several countries, including Ethiopia, said a statement from Ethiopia's Foreign Ministry.

The report's allegations concerning human rights violation in Ethiopia was "totally groundless", the statement said.

Ethiopia gives special attention to respect of human rights as enshrined in the national Constitution, it said. Ethiopia has been mobilizing the entire governmental bodies and institutions as well as citizens with a view to implementing human rights conventions practically, it added. Ethiopia has also striven to "minimize human rights violations that may occur as

a result of dangerous strategy formulated by opposition parties," the statement said.

The violence "instigated by oppositions" claimed the lives of members of the police and citizens, it said. However, the endorsement of the report by the US State Department through its Human Right Bureau, which "did not" base on facts and "without verifying complaints submitted to it with the intention of political gain", makes it "questionable", the statement said. The statement said the US State Department has "not attempted" to verify the positions of those bodies and the government in particular regarding the complaints, which it said, is "unethical".

MNA/Xinhua

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Six horses for a king's carriage

HENAN, 14 March—The bronze sculpture named "six horses for a king's carriage" is installed in Luoyang, central China's Henan Province, on 14 March, 2006.

The sculpture is designed on the basis of historical relics unearthed in this city in an ancient tomb dating back to the Eastern Zhou Dynasty (770 BC-256 BC) in 2002.

The pit contains six horse skeletons and one chariot, a form echoing historical records, which said that the earliest Chinese kings rode in chariots pulled by six fine horses in wars.—Internet

Iraqi police dig up 27 bodies in Baghdad

BAGHDAD, 15 March — Iraqi police said they found 27 bodies with gunshot wounds in southeast Baghdad on Tuesday, raising the number of victims of killings in the capital since on Monday morning to at least 80.

Police said they appeared to have been killed in the last few days.

The unusually high number of violent death comes two days after car bombs ripped through a Shiite militia stronghold in Baghdad, killing 52 people in the latest wave of sectarian bloodshed. — MNA/Reuters

WASHINGTON, 15 March—Security researchers are warning about a new variety of unusually powerful Internet attacks that can overwhelm popular Web sites and disrupt e-mails by exploiting the computers that help manage global Internet traffic.

First detected late last year, the new attacks direct such massive amounts of spurious data against victim computers that even flagship technology companies could not cope.

In one of the early cases examined, the unknown assailant apparently seized

control of an Internet name server in South Africa and deliberately corrupted its contents.

Name servers are specialized computers that help direct Internet traffic to its destinations.

The attacker then sent falsified requests to the

compromised directory computer, which unleashed overwhelming floods of amplified data aimed wherever the attacker wanted.

Experts traced at least 1,500 attacks that briefly shut down commercial Web sites, large Internet providers and leading Internet infrastructure companies during a period of weeks. The attacks were so targeted that most Internet users did not notice widespread effects. Ken Silva, the chief security officer for VeriSign Inc, compared the scale of attacks to the damage caused in October 2002 when nine of the 13 computer "root" servers that manage global Internet traffic were crippled by a powerful electronic attack. VeriSign operates two of the 13 root server computers, but its machines were unaffected.—Internet



South Korean firemen spray water onto burning buildings at a US Army base in Seoul, on 16 March, 2006. Police arrested a South Korean woman on suspicion of burning down several buildings at a US Army base in Seoul on Thursday because she was angry at what she saw as "US Terrorism".—INTERNET

"King Kong" named top movie at Empire Awards

LONDON, 15 March — Multi-million dollar Hollywood blockbuster "King Kong" was named best movie at Britain's *Empire* magazine film awards.

The remake of the classic movie about the giant ape with a heart beat "Crash", which won a host of Oscars, "Sin City", "War of the Worlds" and "Star Wars Episode III".

"This was absolutely, really needed because we were doing really badly this year," said British actor Andy Serkis, who played Kong.

"This film was made with a lot of passion and a lot of love, the script was crafted, it was a very political film—and it only cost 270 million US dollars," he quipped as he accepted the award.

Johnny Depp was named best actor for "Charlie And

The Chocolate Factory" while Thandie Newton took the best actress award for "Crash". The unlikely winners of the best director award were Steve Box and Nick Park for the animated comedy "Wallace & Gromit: The Curse Of The Were-Rabbit".

"That's just ridiculous," Park said after beating the likes of Steven Spiel-

berg and Peter Jackson for the gong. "Pride And Prejudice" was voted best British movie while "Team America: World Police" was named best comedy.

The awards, voted for by readers of *Empire* magazine, were a better reflection of what filmgoers really liked than the Oscars, said editor-in-chief Colin Kennedy.

MNA/Reuters

British Council in Gaza set ablaze

GAZA, 15 March — Palestinian militants set fire to the British Council office in Gaza on Tuesday as part of protests over an Israeli seige of a West Bank jail where a leading militant is being held, a *Reuters* witness said.

Militants and Palestinian police earlier exchanged gunfire outside the council office, a cultural centre in Gaza. — MNA/Reuters

Sharon Stone to get back to Basics in Paris



Sharon Stone

PARIS, 15 March—Paris is getting ready for the arrival of Sharon Stone, who will attend the Continental premiere of "Basic Instinct 2" here next week.

"La Sharon," as the locals call her, will be the biggest gun to attend the

Paris opening on Tuesday, 21 March at the Pathe Marignan, just off the Champs Elysees.

Also expected are director Michael Caten Jones (The Jackal, Memphis Belle), Charlotte Rampling and David Morrissey, who plays a psychiatrist appointed by Scotland Yard to evaluate Stone. Sharon's hottest scene as novelist Catherine Tramell in the latest crime thriller features Stone in a barely there purple kimono by Fendi.

Paris has been plastered with posters of Stone in Christian Dior's latest ad campaign for its skincare line Capture Totale, but in "Basic Instinct 2" the leggy blonde's character has her entire apartment done in Fendi Casa.

At least Dior and Fendi are sister brands, both controlled by Bernard Arnault, whose LVMH conglomerate is the world's biggest luxury group.

Internet

China urges Russia, Iran to continue nuclear talks

BEIJING, 15 March — Iran should continue talks with Russia aimed at brokering a compromise in the international standoff over Teheran's nuclear plans, a Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman said on Tuesday.

There was "still space" for a negotiated settlement in the deepening confrontation that has pitted Iran against increasingly impatient Western powers, who say Teheran wants to be able make atomic weapons and may push the dispute to the United Nations.

"All concerned parties should step up diplomatic efforts. China hopes Iran will fully cooperate with the IAEA and adopt confidence-building measures to create the conditions for a negotiated resolution," spokesman Qin Gang told a regular news conference in Beijing.

He was referring to the UN nuclear watchdog, the International Atomic Energy Agency.

Iran faces a possible UN Security Council resolution as Western countries move to curtail its plans to enrich

uranium. On Tuesday, the permanent members of the Security Council, including China, will meet to discuss a draft statement on Iran's nuclear plans.

In recent days, Iran has sent uncertain signals about the Russian plan, which would allow it to develop nuclear power but oblige it to enrich atomic fuel in Russia under international inspections. The United States and European Union say Iran may seek to divert enriched fuel to weapons development.

MNA/Reuters

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Audi Sport North America driver Frank Biela of Germany in an Audi R10 TDI Power (1) accelerates into Turn 5 during the afternoon practice for the American Le Mans Series 12 Hours of Sebring at the Sebring International Raceway on 15 March, 2006, in Sebring, Fla. Biela had the fastest time during the session with a lap time of 1:48.598 and a speed of 122.654 MPH. —INTERNET



Protestors are blocked by mounted police outside the Sydney Conservatorium of Music during an address by US Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice in Sydney on Thursday, 16 March, 2006. —INTERNET

Gunmen kill third Iraqi journalist in one week

BAGHDAD, 15 March— Gunmen assassinated the editor of an Iraqi weekly near his home in Baghdad, police and colleagues said on Tuesday, in the third killing of an Iraqi journalist in a week.

Hours before he was gunned down on Monday evening, Muhsin Khudhair,

editor of news magazine Alef Ba, had attended a meeting of the Iraqi Journalists Union in which they urged all sides to recognize the neutrality of journalists in Iraq.

"Iraqi journalists now have become a target because they are the only ones who are working in the

field after the withdrawal of Arab and other foreign journalists," Shihab al-Timimi, head of the journalists union, said on Monday after the meeting. More than 70 foreign and Iraqi journalists have been reported killed since the US-led invasion in March 2003. —MNA/Reuters

American arrested with arms in Iraq

BAGHDAD, 15 March—An American described as a security contractor arrested by

police in a northern Iraqi town was carrying weapons in his car, a provincial official said.

Abdullah Jebara, the Deputy Governor of Salahaddin Province, told Reuters the man was arrested in Saddam Hussein's hometown of Tikrit on Monday.

He was removed from the provincial government building by US forces on Tuesday, Jebara said.

The Joint Coordination Centre between the US and Iraqi military in Tikrit said the man, whom it described as a security contractor working for a private company, possessed explosives which were found in his car. It said he was arrested on Tuesday.

The man was stopped by police for violating a daytime curfew in Tikrit, a security source said.

American security personnel rarely travel alone. US officials had no immediate comment.

MNA/Reuters



US singer Martina McBride poses for photographers at a fund raiser for the National Colorectal Cancer Research Alliance in New York, on 15 March, 2006. —INTERNET

British male drivers waste six million hours a year

LONDON, 14 March— British male drivers waste nearly six million hours a year lost on the road because they are reluctant to ask for directions. Men who are lost wait an average of 20 minutes before giving up and asking for directions, while women only wait 10 minutes before seeking help, according to a survey from Royal Automobile Club Direct Insurance.

Men even endure a "nagging period" of around 10 minutes from

their partner before throwing in the towel and stopping to ask the way, the poll showed. Based on responses from 2,000 adults, the survey also revealed: Some 64 percent of couples admitted to having arguments over getting lost on the road.

Only 27 percent of couples plan their journeys before setting off. Just 36 percent of couples rely on landmarks and road signs to find their destination

One in four couples still scribble down

basic directions on a bit of scrap paper. RAC Direct Insurance product manager Craig Martin



said awareness of the problem could improve driving standards.

Internet

Motorists travel along the A1 in northeast England. A Royal Automobile Club Direct Insurance survey found that British male drivers waste nearly six million hours a year lost on the road because they are reluctant to ask for directions.

INTERNET

US to send 700 more soldiers to Iraq

WASHINGTON, 14 March— The US military is dispatching an Army battalion of at least 700 soldiers to Iraq from their base in Kuwait to provide extra security during a Shiite Muslim holiday period, three military officers said on Wednesday.

More broadly, a substantial number of US and Iraqi security forces are being repositioned inside Iraq in anticipation of potential sectarian violence related to a Shiite pilgrimage this month marking the holiday, one official said.

The troops from Kuwait include mechanized infantry with Bradley armored fighting vehicles as well as combat engineers, another official said.

The military moves, which have not been publicly announced, come amid a spike in sectarian violence and expectations that it likely will remain a problem as fractious Iraqi political leaders attempt to form a new government. —Internet



General view of the Sphinx and pyramids at Giza on 14-3-2006. The Great Sphinx of Giza, one of the most famous monuments of Pharaonic Egypt, is to get a facelift, the Egyptian Ministry of Culture said.—INTERNET

1,700-year-old wooden business card unearthed in Jiangxi Province

NANCHANG, 16 March — Artifacts retrieved from a 1,700-year-old tomb discovered at a construction site in this city in east China's Jiangxi Province includes a name plaque of the

entombed. The plaque, which is made of wood, helped archaeologists identify Lei Tiao Poyang as the person buried in the tomb, said Fan Changsheng, director of Jiangxi

Provincial Institute of Archaeology.

The name plaque is 3.2 centimetres wide, 24.7 centimetres long and 0.7 centimetre thick, Fan said. A similar name plaque was also discovered in the tomb, but archaeologists could not be discern what it said. The plaques are among the 50-plus relics found in the tomb which was discovered at a construction site at Nanchang Railway Station.

The cache includes nine pieces of lacquer work, ten pieces of bronze ware, 12 pieces of porcelain and 24 pieces of wood ware.

MNA/Xinhua

A clutch of recovered fossilized dinosaur eggs are displayed by US Immigration and Customs Enforcement during a news conference on 15 March 2006, in Los Angeles.

INTERNET

Envoy says US may ban Venezuelan flights

CARACAS, 15 March — Venezuelan flights to the United States would be banned if Venezuela bans flights by most US airlines to the South American country, US Ambassador William Brownfield said on Tuesday.

Venezuelan authorities want the US Federal Aviation Administration to end safety restrictions on Venezuelan airlines and said they will decide on 30 March whether to impose a ban on US flights.

"I hope this doesn't happen because if it happens, it's not a possibility, it's not a probability, it's with absolute certainty that my government... would also halt the flights by Venezuelan airlines to the United States," Brownfield said.

"Under that situation, Venezuela doesn't win, and the United States doesn't win," he added. In 1995, the FAA lowered Venezuela's carriers to category 2, forcing Venezuelan airlines to fly planes rented from US companies or from airlines operating out of category 1 countries,

such as neighbouring Colombia.

The FAA ruled in 1995 that Venezuela must tighten its airline safety procedures and downgraded its civil aviation authority, restricting flights because Venezuela allegedly didn't meet international safety standards.

Despite the restrictions, two Venezuelan lines still serve the United States using rented planes, Aeropostal and Santa Barbara.

Venezuela's proposed ban, which would prohibit flights by Continental Airlines Inc. and Delta Air Lines Inc., and restrict some by AMR Corp's American Airlines, comes amid increasingly tense ties between Caracas and Washington.

Internet

China values friendly ties with Asian neighbours

BEIJING, 15 March — A Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman stressed on Tuesday that China values, and hopes to develop, friendly and cooperative relations with all neighbouring countries including those in South Asia.

Foreign Ministry spokesman Qin Gang made the remarks when responding to a Pakistani journalist's question on China's general strategy of developing relations with South Asian neighbouring countries, Pakistan in particular.

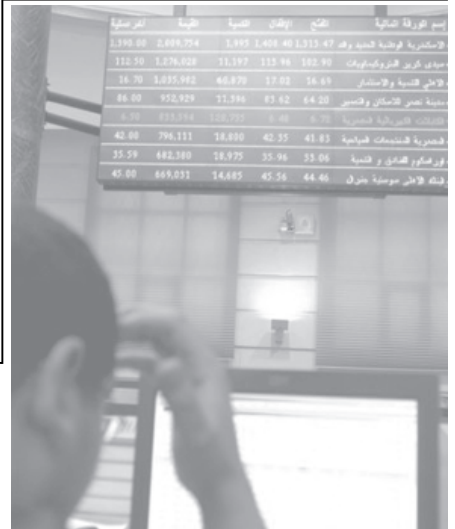
Premier Wen Jiabao to Pakistan and some other South Asian countries last April and a state visit by Pakistani President Pervez Musharraf to China in February this year. Qin said during Musharraf's visit the two sides achieved consensus on bilateral

cooperation across a range of subjects and coordination in international issues.

Qin said China will work with its South Asian neighbours to safeguard peace and stability in the region and promote common development.

MNA/Xinhua

Qin said China follows the principle of building friendship with neighbouring countries and regards Pakistan and all other countries in South Asia as its friendly neighbours. China hopes to make joint efforts with its South Asian neighbours to further the development of friendly cooperation to benefit each other, said Qin. Qin mentioned the official visit by Chinese



A trader is busy with his work in a stock exchange in Cairo, capital of Egypt, on 15 March, 2006. —INTERNET

US general says no proof Iran behind weapons in Iraq

WASHINGTON, 15 March — The United States does not have proof that the Iranian Government is responsible for military personnel and weapons smuggled into Iraq, Peter Pace, chairman of the Joint Chief of Staff, said on Tuesday.

President George W Bush said on Monday that roadside bombs in Iraq had components from Iran and Defence Secretary Donald Rumsfeld said last week that Iranian Revolutionary Guard personnel had been inside Iraq. "I do not, sir," Pace, a Marine Corps general, answered at a Pentagon news briefing when he was asked whether he had any proof that Iran was behind these developments in Iraq.

At the same briefing, Rumsfeld also acknowledged that he had no proof for the allegations.

"Unless you physically see it in a government-sponsored vehicle or with government-sponsored troops, you can't know it," he said.

"With respect to people, it's very difficult to tie a thread precisely to the government of Iran," he said.

MNA/Xinhua



A British soldier secures a British armoured vehicle that was damaged in a roadside bomb attack in the southern city of Basra, on 15 March, 2006.

INTERNET

IEA revises down forecast for world oil demand growth in 2006

PARIS, 15 March — The International Energy Agency (IEA) revised down on Tuesday its forecast for 2006 world crude oil demand growth from 1.78 million barrels per day (bpd) to 1.49 million bpd.

In a monthly report, the agency estimated a total oil consumption of 84.7 million bpd worldwide, with a decrease of some 300,000 bpd, mainly due to high oil prices and a decline in demand in Southeast Asia, one of the major dynamos of the world's growth.

But it said the demand for 2006 was still higher than the demand growth of 1 million bpd in 2005.

For Europe, the report said that Western European countries were gradually replacing gasoline-fuelled vehicles with new cars, of

which about 50 per cent are diesel powered.

In North America and key industrialized nations of the Pacific, demand is likely to grow by just 20,000 bpd in the first quarter compared with the same period last year, the IEA said.

It noted especially that oil consumption could decline 20 per cent this year in Indonesia.

The IEA also pointed out that airlines were making "substantial adjustments to their operations", mainly through increasing international

passenger and freight traffic this year.

The agency said, "While there is reason to expect prices to soften if everything runs smoothly, the reality is that limited spare capacity and a bumpy road ahead are likely to support prices for some time." The current oil prices are now floating at around 62 US dollars a barrel in London as well as in New York. —MNA/Xinhua



Ferrari Formula One driver Michael Schumacher of Germany arrives at Sepang International Circuit outside Kuala Lumpur, on 16 March, 2006. Malaysia will host the grand prix on Sunday. —INTERNET

Iraq war to define Bush's role in history

WASHINGTON, 15 March — Three years after the US-led invasion, the Iraq war is dominating George W Bush's presidency and defining his legacy, the USA Today newspaper reported on Tuesday.

As Franklin Roosevelt is remembered most for his leadership during World War II and Lyndon Johnson for Vietnam, presidential scholars and some of

Bush's own advisers predicted that history would judge Bush by his decision to order a preemptive attack on Iraq in March 2003, and by the long-term consequences

of America's first war of the 21st Century, the front-page report said.

Many of the President's signature programmes and proposals, such as No Child Left Behind, individual investment accounts in Social Security, and tax simplification, have either been overshadowed, beaten back, or shelved.

And the "comprehensive conservative" he described in 2000 has been replaced by a wartime President arguing the need to stay the course in a conflict that lasted longer and cost more than most Americans imagined when it began, according to the report.

The Administration was expecting to move on to other issues in Bush's second term like Social Security reform and the "ownership society", but

all that had been pushed aside because of Iraq, political scientist Steven Schier was quoted as saying. Nearly two-thirds of Americans said the Iraq war would be what Bush was most remembered for, according to a USA Today/CNN/Gallup poll taken last Friday and Saturday.

The invasion of Iraq has shaped not only what the President has done in office —including not only what the President hopes will spark democracy across the Arab world— but also what he has been unable to do because of the war's demands, the report said.

"There's no question the President's legacy will be dominated by Iraq," March Mc Kinnon, a top adviser in Bush's presidential campaign, was quoted as saying.

MNA/Xinhua



Chinese paramilitary police practise in a training session in Nanjing in east China's Jiangsu Province, on 15 March, 2006. —INTERNET

Hungary to produce H5N1 vaccine for humans

BUDAPEST, 15 March — Hungary has developed an effective vaccine for humans to be immune from the H5N1 bird flu virus, Prime Minister Ferenc Gyurcsany announced on Tuesday.

The vaccine was developed by the Hungarian company Omnivest and has been

approved by the national pharmaceutical institute (OGYI) for commercial production in Hungary, the Prime Minister said.

According to him, the vaccine would be used on people who are working closely to sick birds. However, the vaccine can only fight against the current H5N1 virus in human bodies, but not a mutated form.

At present, the H5N1 bird flu virus is transmissible among birds, but can't be transmitted among humans. However, it's widely feared that the virus would mutate one day and cause a global epidemic.

MNA/Xinhua

Macedonian police seize 124 kilos of heroin

TIRANA, 15 March — Macedonian police and Customs on Monday seized 124 kilogrammes of heroin at Novo Selo on the border with Bulgaria, and detained four people, according to reports reaching here from Skopje on Tuesday.

In a subsequent raid at the suspects' home, police also confiscated two machine-guns, four revolvers, one rifle and a large amount of ammunition, in addition to one kilogramme of heroin and about twenty amphetamine pills, the Macfax news agency reported.

The seized narcotics have an estimated value of 3.7 million euros (4.4 million US dollars), according to police.

The Turkish-bought drugs, which had been put into 234 packages, were being transported into Macedonia in a lorry. But the smuggling

attempt was foiled during a routine inspection by

Customs officers.

MNA/Xinhua



Iraqi soldiers check motorists on a bridge after authorities imposed a vehicle ban to prevent violence in Baghdad, on 16 March, 2006. Three months after it was elected, Iraq's parliament will finally sit on Thursday but the session will be largely devoid of practical meaning as talks on forming a national unity government are still deadlocked. —INTERNET

Floods ravage northwestern Turkey

ANKARA, 15 March — Floods ravaged Turkey's northwestern province of Edirne, paralyzing transportation and isolating towns, semi-official Anatolia news agency reported on Tuesday.

Edirne governor Nusret Miroglu was quoted as saying that the floods had reached the "dimension of disaster".

Access to some towns in the province could only be made through armoured vehicles and transportation in key roads and crossings came to a halt, said the report, adding that restaurants and tea gardens were inundated while many trees were uprooted.

Miroglu said that the

local authorities would also evacuate students at boarding schools.

Torrential rains and melting snow have caused rivers to flood since Monday in a large border area including parts of Bulgaria, Greece and Turkey. The Edirne Meteorology Offices said on Tuesday that rains would continue on Tuesday and that the temperature would drop to around 1 degree centigrade.

MNA/Xinhua

“Human rights” or sugar-coated US poison (1)

Tekkatho Myat Thu

Human rights that everyone should have mean the rights to freely handle ways by oneself for one's livelihood, and food, clothing and shelter. That is freedom of human beings. Every nation has their natural resources and produce. So, the people of respective nations have the rights to exploit their resources. If the people of a nation are deprived of access to their natural resources and foreigners are unjustly exploiting the resources, such people are considered to be under alien subjugation.

In the past centuries, many nations in Asian, African and South American continents accounting for 77 per cent of the Earth fell under servitude of European imperialists. The British governor of India presented Myanmar, which British colonialists unfairly occupied, as New Year gift to the British Queen on 1 January 1886. British companies exploited Myanmar's timber, minerals, precious stones and oil as well as agricultural produce to raise the finance of the British government. At that time, the British and European capitalists had seized the administrative power from landlords. They defined the word 'democracy' that the colonialist governments enabled their national imperialists to freely trade and colonize weaker nations and protected their national colonialists through authority and armed forces. British capitalist parliamentary democracy deprived Myanmar of her independence, sovereignty, democracy, human rights and natural resources.

More than one hundred countries including Myanmar fought the imperialists, sacrificing a lot of lives, blood and sweat of their people to regain their independence. Indeed, they strove for regaining their human rights, independence and natural resources. When old colonialists and neo-colonialists rivaled for new colonies in World War II, patriotic national people stepped up their fight against the colonialists to regain their sovereignty. Thanks to the desire, tenacity, unity and sacrifice of lives of national people, Myanmar regained its independence on 4 January 1948.

According to the principles of the UN and UN Charter, all countries have to recognize equality of all nations — big and small, and to respect for the sovereignty and territorial integrity of all nations. They have the right to freely shape their destiny. All countries have to abstain from intervention and interference in the internal affairs of other countries. All the members (so far 191 countries) have signed the UN Charter.

The aims of the UN are to avert wars like the world war that cost millions of lives, to prevent any country or bloc from using force to trouble the world people, and to enable world people to live freely. In the UN Charter, it is stated that even the UN has no rights to interfere in the internal affairs of member countries.

The policy of non-aligned movement made up

of more than 100 Asian and African countries or the declaration of the Bandung Conference is the same as the UN Charter. Adhering to the UN Charter, Bandung Declaration, five principles of peaceful co-existence, international law norms, and ASEAN principles, Myanmar has been taking all possible self-reliant measures for not falling under alien subjugation again, ensuring non-disintegration of the Union, perpetual existence of independence and sovereignty, enabling national people to fully enjoy the taste of independence free from armed insurgency, and raising the standard of living of the people through the effective

the times when their colonial machinery was operating in high gear. What the colonialists during the time said was that God had assigned them to civilize the savages and barbarians.

They branded Nazi Germany, Mussolini's Italy and Prime Minister Tojo's Japan as "Fascist Axis", "Fascist terrorists" and "Fascist murderers". In launching the Cold War against the Soviet Union that was becoming a global power after the World War II, they profusely used the words "socialism that leads to poverty", "single party totalitarian", "democracy" and "free world".

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Some quarters are trying to disturb and obstruct Myanmar's sound results of peace, stability, unity and progress with the slanders on human rights violations. The US State Department issues the so-called global report on human rights practices every year, and presents it to the Congress. Usually, the US congressmen are hostile towards the nations facing lopsided and unjust accusations of the US State Department.

The US State Department attacks the targeted nations that are against the US domination by issuing reports on human rights practices, drugs and religious freedom every year. The targeted countries always reject and refute the US accusations angrily and strongly. In this way, the US accusations are always end up in the dustbins of global nations.

The US and its allies usually change their words or accusations they use as political weapons according to the changing eras. The dictionaries of the colonial powers including the US not even had words like "freedom", "democracy" and "human rights" during

Jimmy Carter who became US president in 1976 polished the word "human rights" the West had ignored for a long time, and used it as a weapon to attack the Soviet Union, Middle East Arab countries prospering with oil wealth and especially, the Iran led by Ayatollah Khomeini. The US government was attacking the socialist countries and Arab nations, on whom the US did not have a clear view, by saying that they were violating human rights and lacking freedom.

The duty to slander the countries unjustly listed by the US president as the ones embracing religious extremism and violating human rights falls on the State Department. During the Carter administration, the US State Department assigned the US missions abroad to compile a report on the receiving country once ever year. The compilers and the countries that are unjustly accused know best the reports are just lies compiled to the liking of Washington.

The word "human rights" has become dirty and corrupt as it has been misused by former colonialists, neo-colonialists and intruders again and again. Hence, we need to find out how Myanmar and many other global countries view it and the true situation of human rights in America so aggressive in slandering other countries around the world.

(To be continued)

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More dams for year-round...

(from page 1)

in the area of greening 30-mile radius of Yangon City all the year round, and the plan to supply water to Zaungtu Dam.

Director U Hla Myint of Construction-6 of Irrigation Department reported on construction of Tarwa, Paingkyon, Shwehlay and Kayan sluice gates that will prevent flow of salty water into Thanlyin, Kyauktan, Kayan, Thongwa and Kawa townships and that will protect fresh water in the same area included in the project area for greening 30-mile radius Yangon City all the year round, supply of water to 65,000 acres of farmlands through water supply methods.

Director-General U Win Shwe of Department of Water Resources Utilization submitted reports on supply of water to farmlands from eight river water pumping stations in Yangon Division, General Manager Dr Min Aung of Myanmar Agriculture Service on cultivation of 1.2 million acres of monsoon paddy exceeding the target in Yangon Division, and arrangements being made for growing 240,000 acres of summer paddy, and Head of Water and Sanitation of



Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein inspects progress of building Ngamoeyeik river water pumping project. — MNA



YCDC Dr Tun Than Tun on supply of 135 million gallons of water to city dwellers.

Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin gave a supplementary report.

Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence explained tasks are being undertaken for realizing the plan to green 30-mile radius of Yangon City all the year round, and functions of water supply from Ngamoeyeik Dam to farmlands and Yangon City.

After hearing the reports, Secretary-1 Lt-Gen Thein Sein said that the expenditure for repairing four canals and sluice gates in Kungyangon and Kawhmu

region are to be submitted as soon as possible. It is necessary to build Wagadok and Kodukwe dams for contribution to the plan for greening 30-mile radius of Yangon City all the year round and cultivation of summer paddy. He quoted that the Head of State had given guidance to construct dams and embankments and feeder canals at the same time. As such, all are to carry out tasks in line with the guidance of the Head of State.

YCDC is to coordinate with Irrigation Department for repairing the main canal to be able to extend

supply of water to Yangon City from Ngamoeyeik Dam. In conclusion, the Secretary-1 stressed the need to control equal supply of water to the City and farmlands.

The Secretary-1 and party oversaw greening of Ngamoeyeik Dam and its environs and gave necessary instructions to officials.

With the aims of growing double cropping, supplying water to farmlands in rainy season if necessary, taking flood prevention measures of Ngamoeyeik Creek, and supplying 135 million gallons of water to Yangon City daily, implementation of Ngamoeyeik Dam Project started in 1992-93, and the tasks were completed in 1994-95. Chairman of the State Peace and Development Council Senior General Than Shwe formally opened the Dam on 26 March 1995.

Ngamoeyeik Dam is an earth embankment measuring 15,500 feet by 75 feet. The dam can store 180,000 acre-feet of water.

The Secretary-1 and party proceeded to the site of Ngamoeyeik River Water Pumping Project that will benefit 8,000 acres of farmland. The project is being implemented by DWRU near Moksoe Nyaungbin Village of Hlegu Township.

Director-General U Win Shwe of DWRU reported on facts about the project. Lt-Gen Myint Swe gave a supplementary report on river water pumping projects in Yangon Division involved in the plan for greening 30-mile radius of Yangon City all the year round.

The Secretary-1 inspected completion of the lake of the project that is 72 feet long, 60 feet wide and 13 feet high. The Secretary-1 and party left the project site in the evening. — MNA

Round-table discussion held in Htaukkyant

YANGON, 16 March — Deputy Leader of Rehabilitation and Reintegration Working Group Daw Khin Myo Myint of Myanmar Women's Affairs Federation, accompanied by Leader of the Sub-Working Group for Prevention against Trafficking in Persons Daw Khin May Soe, Leader of the Sub-Working Group for Prevention of Violence against Women Professor Daw Htay Htay and members, held a round-table discussion together with 183 women workers from Mingaladon Industrial Zone at the Dhammayon of Shwekyetyet Pagoda in Htaukkyant, Mingaladon Township, yesterday afternoon.

It was attended by Patron of Yangon Division Women's Affairs Organization Daw Mar Mar Wai, Chairperson of Yangon Division WAO Daw Khin Myo Thu and members of Yangon North District and Mingaladon WAOs.

Daw Khin Myo Myint and Prof Daw Htay Htay gave lectures on legal affairs of trafficking in human and prevention of violence against women. — MNA

Fire fighting drills practised at Mandalay Sub-printing House

YANGON, 16 March — The talks on fire prevention co-organized by Myanmar Alin-Kyemon Sub-printing House of News and Periodicals Enterprise under the Ministry of Information and Aungmye-thazan Township Fire Services Department, was held in conjunction with the practice of fire fighting drills at the sub-printing house in Aungmyethazan Township on 10 March afternoon.

It was attended by Deputy Chief Editor U Nyunt Zaw and officials, Fire Brigade members of the sub-printing house and staff of the sub-printing house, Head of

the Township FSD U Soe Than, Platoon Commander (in-charge) of Pale Ngweyaung Ward Auxiliary Fire Brigade U Khin Maung Thein and members.

The Deputy Chief Editor explained the instructions of the Ministry of Information for putting out fire, and the Head of

the Township FSD fire prevention and fighting tasks.

Next, demonstration on fire fighting drills followed. — MNA



Fire fighting drills being practised at Mandalay Sub-printing House. — MNA

The Big Deal About Walking

Aimee Amodio

Studies show that walking is GREAT for your health! If you're not in the best shape (not many of us are!), walking is a great way to improve your overall health and start to get back into shape.

Benefits of walking:

- * Walking lowers your blood pressure!
- * Walking improves your mental well-being!
- * Walking helps increase bone density!
- * Walking helps control your weight!
- * Walking improves flexibility and muscle tone!
- * Walking can help reduce cholesterol!
- * Walking can help lower your blood sugar!
- * Walking can fit into any lifestyle!
- * Walking is good for the whole family!

Believe it or not, a 1996 study by the US Department of Health found that regular participation in a physical activity like walking helps you live longer! Part of the reason walking is so great is that it helps lower the risk of heart disease — fit and active people are about 50% less likely to suffer from cardiovascular disease than inactive folks. Total inactivity is almost as bad as smoking, high blood pressure, or high cholesterol!

For general good health, the experts suggest about a half hour of walking on most (if not every) days of the week. Getting up and getting in motion helps strengthen your bones and increase your flexibility. And regular walkers are less likely to suffer injuries from a fall because of their stronger bones and supple muscles.

Another benefit of walking (and any regular exercise) is that you'll sleep better! It makes sense that the body would need to work a little bit before it gets tired. Sitting around all day makes you more weak than truly tired!

If you want to up the ante from general good health to better fitness, make your walking pace a little faster. A good rule of thumb is that you should be able to carry on a conversation while you walk — but your pace should be brisk. Aim to walk fast without overexerting yourself. Even ten minutes of walking at a brisk pace (three or more times a week) can help make you more fit! — Internet

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Course for taking bird flu preventive measures opened

YANGON, 16 March — A ceremony to open the course for taking bird flu preventive measures was held at the Health Staff Training School in Dagon Township this morning.

Chairman of the Work Committee for Control of Bird Flu Disease Deputy Minister for Health Dr Mya Oo gave a speech. Director-General Dr Tin Win Maung of Health Department reported on arrangements made for taking bird flu preventive measures and outbreaks of avian influenza disease at chicken.

Director Dr Kyaw Moe of Medical Research Department (Lower Myanmar) demonstrated wearing of the suit for prevention against affected area of avian influenza disease at human beings. Director Dr Tin Nyunt of Health Department and Deputy Direc-



Deputy Minister for Health Dr Mya Oo addresses opening of course for taking bird flu preventive measures. — HEALTH

tor (Infection) Dr Soe Lwin Nyein briefed those present on washing of hands and tasks of surveillance for prevention against outbreaks of bird flu disease. The course will last till 19 March. MNA

Pre-school teachership course-9 opened

YANGON, 16 March — An opening ceremony of pre-school teachership course-9 conducted by Department of Myanmar Education Research Bureau under the Ministry of Education took place at the department on Pyay Road in Kamayut Township this morning with an address by Deputy Minister for Education Brig-Gen Aung Myo Min.

It was also attended by Chairman

U Than Oo of Myanmar Academy of Art and Science, Coordinator of Education for All U Tin Nyo, Pro-rector Daw Htoo Htoo Aung of Institute of Education (Yangon) and others.

A number of 233 trainees will attend the course till 8 April. The course No 10 will be opened from 26 April to May 20. MNA

Information Minister receives officials of New Skies Satellites Singapore BV



Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan receives Mr Ronald Breggen and Mr Matthew Oh of New Skies Satellites Singapore BV. — MNA

YANGON, 16 March — Minister for Information Brig-Gen Kyaw Hsan received Mr Ronald Breggen (Corporate Head Office, Netherlands) of

New Skies Satellites Singapore BV and Mr Matthew Oh (Director Sales, Asia Pacific) at Myanmar Radio and Tele-vision on Pyay Road, here, at 11 am

yesterday.

Also present at the call were Deputy Minister for Information Brig-Gen Aung Thein and departmental heads. MNA

Winners of essay, poem, article competitions to mark 61st Anniversary Armed Forces Day announced

YANGON, 16 March — The following is the list of winners of essay, poem, article competitions to mark the 61st Anniversary Armed Forces Day.

At the Basic Education High School level poem competition, Maung Kaung Wai Oo, ninth standard, BEHS-1, Bago, won the first prize, Ma Theint Dali, eighth standard, BEHS-3, Dagon stood second and Maung Aung The Moe, eighth standard, BEHS-6, Patheingyi, third. The consolation prizes went

to Ma Shwe Yamin Oo, ninth standard, BEHS-3 Myitkyina, Ma Nan Eindray Kywe, eighth standard, BEMS-2, Taunggyi, Ma Wintwah Phyo, ninth standard, BEHS, Thonze, Maung Waiyan Kyaw, ninth standard, BEHS-7, Mawlamyine, and Ma Chaw Wint Wint Mon, ninth standard, BEHS-1, Myeik.

At the Basic Education Middle School essay competition, the prize went to Maung Shamwayla Dongkhaung, seventh standard, BEMS-3, Myitkyina, the second to Ma May Myat Hmu Aung, sixth standard, BEHS-1, Bago and the third to Ma Kay Khaing, seventh standard, BEHS-3, Dagon (North). Maung Kyaw Kyaw Thet, sixth standard, BEPPS-11, Maha Aungmyay, Mandalay; Maung Thuwon Hlaing, seventh standard, BEHS-1, Pyay; Maung Kyaw Khaing Htet, seventh standard, BEMS-1 Patheingyi; Ma Ei Thanthia Soe, sixth standard, BEHS-1, Sagaing; and Nan Htet Aung, sixth standard, BEPPS-3, Hlinebwe, won the consolation prize.

At the Basic Education Middle School level poem competition, Ma Zin Thwe Thwe Aye, seventh standard, BEHS-3, Bago, won the first prize, Ma Phu Pyi Thu, sixth standard BEMS-6, Patheingyi, the second and Maung Nadi Sithmu, sixth standard, BEMS-2, Pyay, the third. The consolation prizes went to Maung Pyi Soe Paing, fifth standard, BEMS (Myoma), Kyauktan; Ma Hnin Aye Moe Lwin, seventh stand-

ard, BEHS-7, Mawlamyine; Ma Khant Yamon Myint, sixth standard, BEMS-2 Taunggyi; Ma Khin Thinzar Tin, fifth standard, BEHS-11, Aungmyethazan, Mandalay; and Maung Yan Paing Oo, fifth standard, BEPPS, Mingalar, Loikaw.

At the professional level article competition, U Soe Myint, JAT, BEHS-2 Thazi won the first prize, Daw Nan Tin Yi, JAT, BEHS-7, Mawlamyine, the second and Daw Tin Tin Khaing, JAT, BEMS-11 Meiktila, the third. Daw Htar Shin, SAT, BEHS-2, Myeik; Daw Thanda Chit, Demonstrator, Pali-Thetkata Department, University of Traditional Medicine, Mandalay; U Aye Than, JAT, BEMS-2, Letpadan; Daw Khin Mar Kyi, Demonstrator, Myanmar Department, Myaungmya Education College; and U Win Thein, PAT, BEPS, Aye Myint Tharyar, Pyinmana fetched the consolation prize.

The winners of first, second and third prizes will be awarded on 26-3-2006. Those who won prizes at university, college and science level competitions may report Higher Education Department (Lower Myanmar) and winners at the BEHS and BEMS level competitions, the principal, BEHS-1, Sangyoung, Yangon, on 23-3-2006.

The consolation prize winners will be awarded at the headquarters of the respective commands and divisions at the ceremonies to mark the 61st anniversary Armed Forces Day. MNA

Rules for competitions to mark International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking announced

YANGON, 16 March — The Central Committee for Drug Abuse Control will organize the Short Story, Article, Poem, Song, Painting, Cartoon, Poster, Photo, Computer Arts and Poster Competitions to mark the International Day Against Drug Abuse and Illicit Trafficking which falls on 26 June 2006.

Two entries must be submitted as open class for short story contest and the entry must be between 3,000 and 5,000 words. Similar rules are designed for the article contest. In the song contest, the entry can be sent to the open class only. It must be own tune solo or chorus song. One entrant is allowed to send one entry only. It must be recorded cassette tape entry. The entrant must send two copies of song and music notes with the cassette tape master or CD master.

The contestants may take part in the open class poem contest. Two entries must be sent. It must be correct rules of poem and the stanza must be between 50 and 100.

Cartoon, painting and poster contests were categorized into four levels—the under-10 age level, the age 10-15, the age 15-20 and the age above -20. The contestant must send the certificate with endorsement of respective school heads. They are to participate in the practical contest to be organized by State/Division DACs.

Anybody to participate in the photo open class with four colour entries measuring 10x14 inches. It must be own creation. The entries must not be prize winning work in any contest. Any contestants are allowed to win one prize and two consolation prizes.

Name of the contest, Citizenship Scrutiny Card number, address and the things that it is own creation and that the entry did not win prize must be described on the back of the entries together with signature. The entries are to be sent together with two passport size photos and brief biography.

Contestants may take part in the high and middle level State/Division Computer Arts Contest. Students from 10th standard may compete in the high school level contest and 5th and 7th standard students in the middle school level contest. The painting must be drawn by IBM computer within two hours. Two copies of floppy disk with the endorsement of State/Division DACs are to be sent to CCDAC.

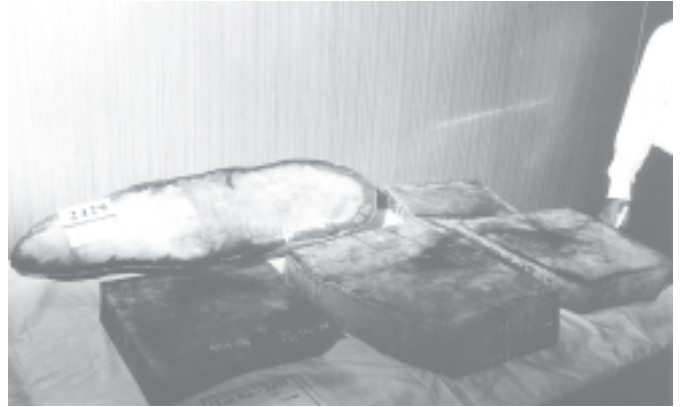
The computer Arts Contest in Yangon Division will be held at University of Computer Studies (Hline Campus) from 9 am to 11 am on 22-5-2006. Anybody may send one entry only to CCDAC in Computer Digital Poster Contest.

Any contestant can send one work in the short story, article, song and poem, cartoon, painting, poster, computer arts and computer poster competitions.

The entries are to be sent to Police Lt-Col Mya Mya, CCDAC office, Ministry of Home Affairs, not later than 20-5-2006 for short story, article and poem contests and 25-5-2006 for painting, cartoon, poster, photo, computer arts, computer poster and song contests.

Prize winning list will be announced on 18 June 2006 and the prizes will be awarded with ceremony on 26 June 2006.

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43rd Myanmar Gems Emporium displays a Jade lot worth 1 million euro and the jade lot comprising five jades weigh 125 kilos.

(News on page 16) — MNA

Bandits robbed passengers on Ye-Dawei Road

YANGON, 16 March — Eight Mon bandits robbed passengers off gold and silver and cash at milepost 79 near Ma-lwe Hill in Yebyu Township, Taninthayi Division, on Ye-Dawei Road at about 9.45 am yesterday.

The bandits led by Chan Dein stopped a mini bus and light bus travelling from Dawei to Mawlamyine by threatening the drivers with small arms.

During the occurrence of the robbery, three motorcycles arrived at

the scene. When the motorcyclists learned what was happening, they made a U-turn to escape robbery. But Maung Shwe Thwe, 25, of Ye and Kala Le, 20, (address still under investigation) died when the bandits shot at them with small arms.

The bandits fled to the west of the road after committing robbery and murder ruthlessly. Local Tatmadaw columns and police are in hot pursuit of the bandits.

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အများပြည်သူသိရှိရန်အသိပေးနှိုးဆော်ချက်

၁။ ဈေးကွက်များတွင် ရောင်းချနေသော အောက်ဖော်ပြပါ ဆေးဝါးများမှာ မြန်မာနိုင်ငံတွင် မှတ်ပုံတင်ထားခြင်း(မရှိ)သော ဆေးဝါးများဖြစ်ပါကြောင်းနှင့် မှတ်ပုံတင်ထားခြင်းမရှိသော ဆေးဝါးများမှာ အရည်အချင်းအာမခံချက် မရှိပါကြောင်း အသိပေးအပ်ပါသည်။

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၁။	Moriamin Capsule	New Life Pharma Co, Ltd	Thailand
၂။	Anapromine Syrup (60 ml)	Siam Medicare Co, Ltd	Thailand
၃။	Nivagin Tablet	T.P Drug Laboratories (1969) Co, Ltd	Thailand
၄။	Zocovin Cream (3 gm)	TO Chemicals (1979) Ltd	Thailand
၅။	Romilar (Roche) Tablet	Olic (Thailand) Ltd	Thailand

၂။ အများပြည်သူများသည် မြန်မာနိုင်ငံတွင် မှတ်ပုံတင်ထားခြင်းမရှိသော ဆေးဝါးကို ဝယ်ယူသုံးစွဲခြင်း မပြုကြရန်နှင့် မြန်မာနိုင်ငံတွင် မှတ်ပုံတင်ထားသော ဆေးဝါးများကိုသာ စူးစမ်းဝယ်ယူသုံးစွဲရန် နှိုးဆော်အပ်ပါသည်။

၃။ ဆေးဝါးတင်သွင်းဖြန့်ဖြူးသည့် ကုမ္ပဏီ၊ ဆေးဝါးရောင်းချသည့်ဆေးဆိုင်များသည် မြန်မာနိုင်ငံတွင် မှတ်ပုံတင်ထားခြင်းမရှိသောဆေးဝါးများ၊ ဆေးဝါးအတု၊ စမညီဆေးဝါးများ တင်သွင်းဖြန့်ဖြူးရောင်းချခြင်း လုံးဝမပြုလုပ်ရန်နှင့် လိုက်နာဆောင်ရွက်ခြင်း မရှိပါက သက်ဆိုင်ရာ အာဏာပိုင်အဖွဲ့အစည်းက တည်ဆဲဥပဒေအရ အရေးယူမည်ဖြစ်ကြောင်း သတိပေးအပ်ပါသည်။

ကျန်းမာရေးဝန်ကြီးဌာန



Mr Cho Sang Woo of Korean international cooperation agency in Myanmar hands over sports gear worth US \$ 5,000 to Director-General of the Sports and Physical Education Department U Thuang Htaik recently. (news reported) —S & PED.

Mine cleared in Loikaw

YANGON, 16 March — Acting on information that there was a suspicious rucksack left in the Venus Restaurant on the first floor of the market in Zaypaing Ward, Loikaw, at 9 pm yesterday, officials concerned examined the rucksack and found out one mine bound with two containers filled with about three bottles of petroleum.

Terrorist insurgents are committing

terrorist acts such as planting and detonating mines to harm community peace and stability, kill the people and create public panic. The planting of mines was an atrocity to blast the restaurant situated in a busy place. The Myanmar Police Force is investigating the case in cooperation with the people to expose the terrorist destructionist who planted the mine. — MNA



**The Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries
Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department
The notification on Avian Influenza (bird flu) to the public
(13-3-2006)**



1. Incidences of Avian Influenza

Avian Influenza (bird flu) is of zoonotic nature, (transmissible to human beings) that has occurred since December 2003 and spreads to 14 countries in Asia and 30 countries in other parts of the world totaling 44 countries. As of the end of February it caused 96 numbers of human death.

2. Situation in Myanmar

Starting from the 1st week of February to the early part of March, the outbreaks of chicken disease, suspected Avian Influenza occurred in Shwebo Township, Kantbalu and KhinOo Townships in Sagaing Division and Pyigyidagun Township in Mandalay Division. The cause of disease may be due to migratory birds that fly across the country or illegal importation of hatching eggs and day-old-chicks. If the dead bird had been vaccinated with Avian Influenza vaccine, it causes complication in disease diagnosis and identification.

3. The measures currently taken

The above said townships in the southern part of Sagaing Division and Mandalay Division are confined as restricted zones and the movement control, temporary close down of markets and disease investigation in the poultry farms are undertaken under the guidance of local authorities. Field investigation and disease surveillance are carried out continuously.

4. Signs and Symptoms

- (a) Sudden death and high mortality, drop in egg production
- (b) Dull, decreased feed intake and excessive drinking
- (c) Difficult in breathing, eye and nasal discharges.

- (d) Oedema in head and face
- (e) Oedema in comb and wattles
- (f) Haemorrhages and red spots in legs and knee joints
- (g) 100% mortality if it is severe

5. Disease control measures to be taken

- (a) To notify promptly the local authorities or Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department (LBVD) if the disease suspected of Avian Influenza is noticed.
- (b) If chickens are affected with any kind of disease, not to sell out to the market or any other region.
- (c) To protect the domestic birds from contact with wild and migratory birds.
- (d) Not to convey the birds from other farms to the own farm and not to practice mixed farming of different species.
- (e) Not to allow the entry of people including young children from outside into own poultry farm
- (f) Whenever enter the farm, use boots, overcoat, head wear, glove and mask for protection.
- (g) To keep the farm hygienic and apply disinfectants and lime regularly on the farm.
- (h) Not to allow farm workers to poultry markets and to change clothes and shoes before entering the farm if happens to do.
- (i) To cook well poultry meat and eggs to prevent transmission to humans.

6. The Animal Health and Development Law has been promulgated for the control of animal infectious diseases. The stakeholders involved in poultry farming and trading are notified to coordinate and cooperate in contributing effectively to the control of Avian Influenza.

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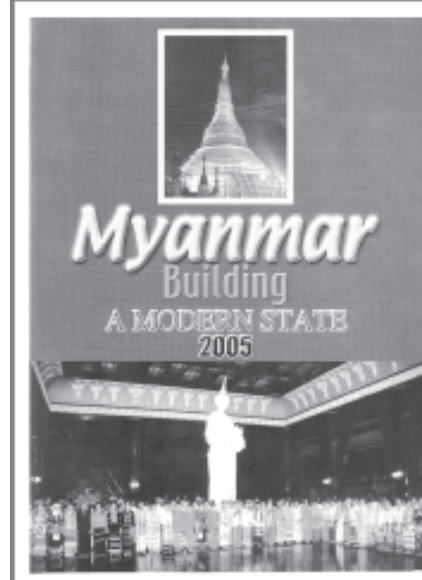
**Exhibition marks
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of second UN
chief's birth**

BEIJING, 15 March—The Chinese Foreign Affairs University (CFAU) held an exhibition on Tuesday to mark the 100th anniversary of the birth of Dag Hammarskjold, the second UN secretary-general who died in a plane crash while on a peacekeeping mission to Congo. The exhibition, in video form, shows Hammarskjold's working experience and the UN peacekeeping operations in recent years.

Hammarskjold was appointed UN secretary general in 1953. He was pivotal in the resolution of a number of international conflicts. One of his major successes is the formation of the UN's first peacekeeping force in 1956.

CFAU president Wu Jianmin said Hammarskjold had made an outstanding contribution to promoting world peace. He encouraged the Chinese university students to learn from Hammarskjold's commitment to his work and world peace.

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(ရန်ကုန်နိုင်ငံခြားဘာသာတက္ကသိုလ်)**

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**Australian teachers released
after being kidnapped in Gaza**

CANBERRA, 15 March—Australian diplomats on Wednesday are assisting two Australian teachers who were abducted overnight briefly in Gaza and then released unharmed, according to a spokesman for Australian Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade.

The Australian Embassy in Tel Aviv arranged for the head of the Australian Representative Office (ARO) in Ramallah to travel to Gaza to assist the teachers, the spokesman said.

"The ARO representative has arranged to meet the teachers and assist with their crossing at the Erez border crossing and help them contact family members," he said.

It was reported that the two teachers were briefly abducted in Gaza

overnight by Palestinian gunmen at an Israeli assault on a West Bank jail where a wanted militant was imprisoned. The pair was abducted when 20 men forced their way into the American International School in Beit Lahiya.

MNA/Xinhua

Malaysia to curb student visa abuse among foreigners

KUALA LUMPUR, 15 March —Malaysian Ministry of Home Affairs and Ministry of Higher Education are joining hands to curb any abuses of student visas among foreign students, a senior official said on Tuesday. "From now on, we will re-examine all the procedures and see how we can lower the

possibility of abuse of visa rulings," Minister of Home Affairs Radzi Sheikh Ahmad said.

He made the remarks when asked to comment on recent news reports that many foreigners, especially Bangladeshis, have come to work in Malaysia with student visas.

MNA/Xinhua



Turkana women catch fish, on 14 March, 2006 at Loarengak on the shore of lake Turkana in northwestern Kenya. It hasn't rained in northwestern Kenya in over a year, and along with 11.5 million other people in this semiarid region that also includes Ethiopia and Somalia, people are getting desperate.—INTERNET

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Show attendees look at new Sony Playstation 3 showcased at the Consumer Electronic Show in Las Vegas recently.—INTERNET

Chile passes anti-smoking law

SANTIAGO (Chile), 15 March — Chilean legislators approved a new anti-smoking law on Tuesday in a major step toward cutting the habit in a country where more than 40 per cent of the people smoke.

Chile's Lower House, the Chamber of Deputies, approved the law after more than a year of debate that pitted a powerful tobacco lobby against health advocates.

The law limits smoking—but stops short of banning it outright—in bars, restaurants and other public places. It prohibits the sale of cigarettes within 100 yards (metres) of schools.

"We are very content," said legislator Fulvio Rossi, of the Socialist Party of President Michelle Bachelet.

"It was a challenge to pass, though, with a lot of debate, and there were a lot of interests involved, but it is a law that reconciles the rights of smokers and non-

smokers," Rossi said. Twenty-six per cent of Chilean teenage girls and the same proportion of teenage boys smoke, according to a study published last year by the government National Narcotics Control Council.

The study, covering 1994 to 2004, showed that 42.5 per cent of Chileans aged 12 to 64 were smokers. The law was approved nearly unanimously, with only a few legislators abstaining or voting against it.

Under the law, advertising for cigarettes is limited and half the surface of cigarette packs must be printed with warnings about the dangers of smoking.

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Food-allergic teens often take risks with food

NEW YORK, 15 March — A substantial number of teenagers with food allergies admit to "risk-taking" behaviour such as not reading food labels or knowingly eating foods labelled "may contain" allergens, a survey shows.

The poll of 174 food-allergic individuals whose average age was 16 years also shows that many of them do not always carry self-injectable epinephrine—the medication that is immediately needed in the case of a severe allergic reaction.

Whether or not they pack their EpiPens depends largely on where they are going, who they will be with, and how convenient

it is to carry it. If the purse is small or the clothes tight-fitting, odds are they will not carry it.

"If you're not carrying it with you, it's a little hard to inject it," Dr Scott H Sicherer from Mount Sinai School of Medicine in New York warned at an asthma and allergy conference in Miami Beach.

Among the food-

allergic teens surveyed, 75 per cent were allergic to peanuts, 20 per cent to milk, 75 per cent were allergic to two or more foods, 82 per cent had had a severe "anaphylactic" allergic reaction at some time in their lifetime, and 52 per cent had more than three.

The teens reported they were most apt to carry epinephrine with them when

travelling (94 per cent) or going out to eat (81 per cent).

However, when they are with friends, at school or dance events, or on dates, "we are looking at levels that are generally below 65 per cent of the time that they are carrying it", Sicherer said. Teens are least likely to take epinephrine to sports events (43 per cent).

MNA/Reuters

China's automobile imports more than double in first two months

BEIJING, 15 March — China's automobile imports more than doubled to 29,000 units in the first two months of this year at lower import costs, the General Administration of Customs said on Tuesday.

Shipments through the Huangpu Customs of Guangdong, a bustling coastal province in south China, reached 4,903 units, a 1.2 fold increase over the previous year, the agency said in a monthly report.

The import of sedans and off-road vehicles with a displacement of more than 2,500 milliliters surged 90 per cent to 3,211 units, accounting for nearly two-thirds of the total.— MNA/Xinhua

Team led by Indian American develops flexible "nano-skins"

HOUSTON, 15 March — In a scientific breakthrough, a team of researchers headed by an Indian American professor has developed a new process to make "nano-skins" that would conduct electricity for applications like incredibly bendy electronic displays, electronic papers and sensors.

The "nano-skin" polymer was created by researchers at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (RPI) in New York, headed by Pulickel Ajayan, the Henry Burlage Professor of Materials Science and Engineering.

Swastik Kar, the lead author, said the

new material may well be used to build highly efficient electronic parts for highly flexible electronic displays and might have many other applications "all the way from adhesive structures and Velcro-like materials to nanotube interconnects for electronics."

Carbon nanotubes, made of rolled-up sheets of tightly-bound carbon molecules, are incredibly strong and excellent conductors. But the tubes, which can have a diameter of just a nanometre, are also inflexible and easily damaged.

MNA/PTI



An Indian fashion designer works on designs on her computer at the Munch Design Workshop, in the technology and outsourcing hub of Bangalore, India, which has long provided the world with clothes, made cheaply to patterns drawn up in Paris, New York and other global fashion centres, is starting to design them too.—INTERNET



A man looks at the GS450h on display at a Toyota Motor showroom in Tokyo on 16 March, 2006. Toyota began selling the first hybrid sedan in Japan under its high-end Lexus marque, saying the domestic launch on Thursday would be followed by a roll-out overseas starting next month.— INTERNET

IAF plans to improve training of pilots using simulators

BIDAR (Karnataka), 15 March — As part of its efforts to minimize accidents and improve the quality of training of fighter and transport pilots, the Indian Air Force (IAF) is all set to introduce training using simulators in a big way in the coming days.

"What we are doing now is introducing modern technology in terms of computerization. We are moving towards simulator process of training." Chief of the training command, Air Marshal B N Gokhale said here.

With the help of simulators, pilots can

experience different kinds of effects while sitting inside an artificial cockpit and can go in for various manoeuvres and combat profiles while staying on the ground, he said, adding the IAF headquarters is in touch with Bangalore-based Macmet and other companies for building a

simulator for Dornier aircraft.

Macmet has already developed a simulator for the AN-32 transport aircraft and pilots are being trained on that at the training command of the IAF in Bangalore, Gokhale told a group of visiting reporters.

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SPORTS



Barcelona's Brazilian soccer player Ronaldinho challenges Gennaro Gattuso of AC Milan during their friendly soccer match named 'Night of the Star', which is the farewell game of Demetrio Albertini, at San Siro Stadium in Milan, northern Italy on 15 March, 2006.

INTERNET

Maccabi Haifa beat Ashdod SC to win Toto Cup

TEL AVIV, 16 March — Israeli league leaders Maccabi Haifa stormed to a 3-0 victory over Ashdod SC to win the Toto Cup for the third time on Wednesday. Goals by Israel's Shlomi Arbeitman after 10 minutes, Argentine Roberto Colautti eight minutes later and an injury time strike by youngster Tomer Shemesh secured the trophy.

Haifa remain on course to secure an unprecedented clean sweep of Israeli domestic titles in one season. They lead the title race by 11 points with nine matches left and are favourites to win the State Cup after reaching the last eight.

Haifa dominated the entire 90 minutes in front of a small but noisy crowd at the National Stadium against an Ashdod side who have yet to win a trophy in any Israeli competition.

Although the Toto Cup is the country's minor cup competition it carries the highest annual prize in Israeli sport. Haifa's final win and accrued group stage victories this season were worth over 1.25 million Israeli shekels (265,400 US dollars).

MNA/Reuters



David Nalbandian of Argentina reaches for a forehand against Paradorn Srichaphan of Thailand at the Pacific Life Open tennis tournament in Indian Wells, California on 15 March, 2006. —INTERNET

Serbia to play Uruguay in World Cup warm-up

BELGRADE, 16 March — Serbia and Montenegro will play Uruguay in Belgrade on 27 May in a final warm-up for the World Cup finals, the country's football association (FSSCG) said on Wednesday.

"A friendly match against Uruguay will be an excellent final test for the World Cup," the FSSCG said in a statement. Uruguay failed to qualify for the finals in Germany after losing out on penalties to Australia in the South America/Oceania play-off.

Serbia and Montenegro are drawn in Group C with the Netherlands, Argentina and Ivory Coast, for the tournament, which begins on 9 June. —MNA/Reuters

Munich's World Cup stadium needs new pitch

BERLIN, 16 March — The pitch at Munich's new Allianz Arena, which will host the opening match of the World Cup on 9 June, is being replaced, Bayern Munich said on Tuesday.

The German champions, who play their home games at the Arena, said the new pitch would be in place for Sunday's home Bundesliga game against Schalke 04. Wintry weather damaged the pitch which was re-laid last November.

"Even Barcelona would have problems playing on a pitch in that state," Bayern coach Felix Magath told the club's website. The Munich stadium needed repairs earlier this month after a bearing in a joint between two concrete slabs was damaged.

It is not the first stadium in Germany to require repairs ahead of the World Cup. This month cracks were discovered in a supporting column at the brand-new Frankfurt arena, which has also had a leaky roof.

In Kaiserslautern, a Bundesliga game had to be called off last December after a crack appeared in the east stand of the 85-year-old Fritz-Walter-Stadion.

The opening match between Germany and Costa Rica will be played in the Munich stadium, which cost 280 million euros (335 million US dollars) and was opened last year. —MNA/Reuters



AS Roma's French defender Philippe Mexes of France, right, is fouled by Middlesbrough's Austrian defender Emanuel Pogatzetz during their UEFA Cup soccer match at Rome's Olympic Stadium, on Wednesday, 15 March, 2006. AS Roma won 2-1 but Middlesbrough advances to the quarterfinals on away goals following a 1-0 win in England last week. —INTERNET

S Korean Park provisionally suspended by IOC

LONDON, 16 March — The International Olympic Committee (IOC) provisionally suspended South Korean member Park Yong-sung on Wednesday.

Park, who became an IOC member in 2002, is being investigated by the Ethics Commission following his conviction for embezzlement in Seoul last month.

In a statement, the IOC said it had decided to provisionally deprive Park "of all the rights, prerogatives and functions deriving from his IOC membership whilst the Ethics Commission continues its inquiry and until the judicial authorities have rendered a final judgement".

Park, a prominent businessman and president of the International Judo Federation, was found guilty, along with three other

family members, of embezzling about 30 million US dollars in company funds.

He was given a three-year suspended sentence and fined eight billion won (7.69 million US dollars).

MNA/Reuters



Anna-Lena Groenfeld of Germany hits a backhand against Maria Sharapova of Russia at the Pacific Life Tennis Open in Indian Wells, Calif, on 15 March, 2006.

INTERNET



Five girls wearing the uniforms of five national teams which had won the World Cup trophy present at the Press conference held in Beijing, on 14 March, 2006. The World Cup trophy, which stands for the highest honour of international football, began its first-ever official visit to China on Monday. —INTERNET

Eriksson worried over England injuries before World Cup

BADEN-BADEN (Germany), 16 March — England manager Sven-Goran Eriksson says he is concerned about the fitness of three of his key players ahead of the World Cup finals.

Arsenal defenders Sol Campbell and Ashley Cole, along with Newcastle United striker Michael Owen, are all certainties to go to Germany if fit, but none are currently available.

"I have concerns about all of them, I would say, because we're in the middle of March and the season finishes for them at the beginning of May," Eriksson told reporters on Wednesday.

Campbell, plagued by injury over the past year, made his latest comeback in a reserve match for his club on Tuesday but has not played first-team football since February 1. —MNA/Reuters

Striker Villa extends contract with Valencia until 2013

MADRID, 16 March — Spain striker David Villa has extended his contract with Valencia until 2013, the Primera Liga club said on Tuesday.

"I hope the player continues to show the same scent for goal that he is showing now, and that he goes on to make history at the club," Valencia sporting director Javier Subirats said.

The 24-year-old moved from Real Zaragoza in June when Valencia, currently third in the Primera Liga, bought him out of his contract for 12 million euros (14.62 million US dollars).

He scored 32 league goals in his two seasons at Zaragoza and is now Valencia's leading scorer with 15, second only to Barcelona's Samuel Eto'o in the Primera Liga, who has 19. Luis Aragones called him up for his debut in the Spain squad against San Marino last February and he has since established himself in the squad alongside Fernando Torres and Raul.

Press reports say Villa's buy-out clause has been raised to 126 million euros (151 million US dollars).

MNA/Reuters

Injured Deisler out of Germany friendly against US

BERLIN, 16 March — Midfielder Sebastian Deisler will miss Germany's World Cup warm-up against the United States next week because of a right knee injury, Bayern Munich said on Wednesday.

Bayern said an arthroscopy would be needed to determine exactly how serious the injury was. Deisler would definitely miss Sunday's Bundesliga game against Schalke 04 as well as the friendly international on March 22 in Dortmund.

The injury-prone Deisler has had four operations on his troublesome right knee.

MNA/Reuters



Yin Yin Khaing, winner of Best Woman Athlete of the Year 2005 and U Kyaw Khin, winner of Best Coach seen together with Vice-President of Myanmar Track and Field Federation U Min Thein and Secretary U Mya Than Htaik at the ceremony to present awards to outstanding athletes on 14-3-2006.

(News reported)—NLM

New drug developed for Alzheimer's treatment in China

BEIJING, 16 March — Researchers from the Chinese Academy of Sciences (CAS) are excited about a new drug that might prove to be a breakthrough for the treatment of Alzheimer's.

The new drug, which goes by the Latin name of Phenclhobenpyrrone, was approved by the State Food and Drug Administration for phase I clinical trials.

Hao Xiaojiang, a prin-

cipal investigator at the CAS Kunming Institute of Botany, said Wednesday in a telephone interview with *Xinhua* that animal tests showed that Phenclhobenpyrrone was at least eight times more effective than the Alzheimer's drug, Aniracetam granules.

Pharmacological research showed that the new drug is able to protect the brain from anoxia and nerve cell damage.

Research suggests it might also improve memory, Hao said.

The research was joined by the CAS Kunming Institute of Zoology, the Drug and Discovery and Design Centre of the CAS Shanghai Institute of Materia Medica and Tianjin Academy of Materia Medica.

The research team has obtained four patents for Phenclhobenpyrrone.

MNA/Xinhua

Foreigners kidnapped by Palestinian militants

GAZA, 16 March — Palestinian militants kidnapped six foreigners, including four Americans and two French women, in the Gaza Strip on Tuesday, demanding an immediate halt of an on-going Israeli raid on a West Bank prison.

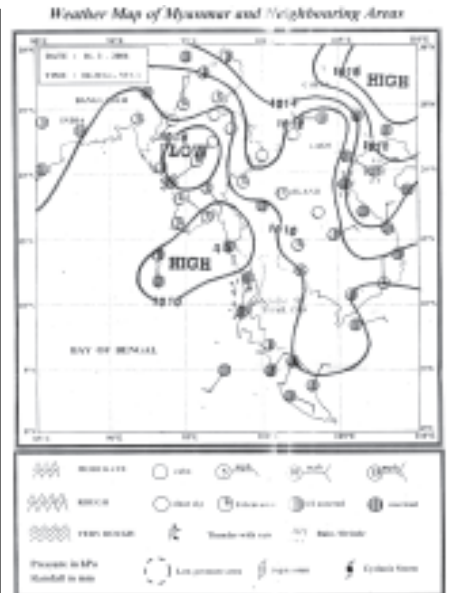
A group, calling itself "Jivara Gaza" which is affiliated with the Popular front for the Liberation of Palestine (PFLP), claimed responsibility for the abduction.

The group's spokesman Abu Ra'aed told a local Palestinian radio that his group kidnapped four Americans, who were employees at the Elite American School in the northern Gaza Strip, and two French women in the Beit Hanoun town in the northern Gaza Strip.

The group threatened to hurt the hostages if the Israeli Army did not halt its operation at a major prison in the West Bank town of Jericho.

Earlier in the day, Israeli troops surrounded and stormed into the Jericho prison, demanding the surrender of six militants jailed there, including PFLP leader Ahmed Saadat.

MNA/Xinhua



WEATHER

Thursday, 16 March, 2006

Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST: During the past 24 hours, rain have been scattered in Taninthayi Division and weather has been generally fair in the remaining areas. Day temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) above normal in Kachin, Northern Shan and Kayin States, upper Sagaing, Mandalay and Taninthayi Divisions and about normal in the remaining areas. The significant day temperatures were Minbu and Aunglan (40°C) each. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Myeik (0.23) inch and Dawei (0.16) inch.

Maximum temperature on 15-3-2006 was 99°F. Minimum temperature on 16-3-2006 was 66°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hrs MST on 16-3-2006 was (65%). Total sunshine hours on 15-3-2006 was (9.0) hours approx.

Rainfalls on 16-3-2006 were nil at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and central Yangon. Total rainfalls since 1-1-2006 were nil at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (6) mph from Southwest at (07:20) hours MST on 16-3-2006.

Bay inference: Weather is partly cloudy in the Andaman Sea, South and Eastcentral Bay and generally fair elsewhere in the Bay of Bengal.

Forecast valid until evening of 17-3-2006: Light rain are likely isolated in Kachin State, upper Sagaing and Taninthayi Divisions, weather will be partly cloudy in Mon and Kayin States, Ayeyawady and Yangon Divisions and generally fair in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (60%).

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

Outlook for subsequent two days: Likelihood of isolated light rain in the extreme Southern Myanmar areas.

Forecast for Pyinmana and neighbouring area for 17-3-2006: Partly cloudy.

Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring area for 17-3-2006: Partly cloudy.

Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring area for 17-3-2006: Generally fair weather.



Friday, 17 March
View on today

7:00 am

1. Recitation of Parittas by Missionary Sayadaw U Ottamathara

7:15 am

2. တိပိဋကဓမ္မ ဓမ္မဘာဏ္ဍာဂါရိဏာ၊ အဂ္ဂမဟာပဏ္ဍိတ၊ ဘဒ္ဒန္တ သိရိန္ဒြေထိပ်သ(ဓမ္မာနာရထော) ဟောကြားတော်မူအပ်သော ဥပ္ပါတသန္တိပါဠိတော်

7:25 am

3. To be healthy exercise

7:30 am

4. Morning news

7:40 am

5. Nice and sweet song

7:55 am

6. လွှတ်ရှားပုံပြင် စိတ်ပျော်ရွှင်

8:05 am

7. အတီးပြိုင်ပွဲ

8:20 am

8. The mirror images of the musical oldies

8:30 am

9. International news

8:45 am

10. English for Everyday Use

4:00 pm

1. Martial song

4:15 pm

2. Song to uphold National Spirit

4:30 pm

3. တပ်မတော်နေ့ ဂုဏ်ပြုတေး သီချင်းပြိုင်ပွဲ ဆုဂုဏ်ထူးများ

4:40 pm

4. အဆေးသင်တန်းထုတ်လုပ်ပညာရေး ဂုဏ်ပြင်သင်တန်း သင်ခန်းစာ -ပထမနှစ် (သင်္ချာအထူးပြု) (သင်္ချာ)

4:55 pm

5. Song of national races

5:10 pm

6. မြန်မာစား၊ မြန်မာစား

5:25 pm

7. Song of yesteryears

5:35 pm

8. "ညောင်ကမ်းလိုက်နာအားကင်းစွာ" (ကျော်ရဲအောင်၊ ရုတ်သူ၊ ဇော်ဝင်း၊ မောင်၊ မေဂျစ်၊ လင်းဇာနည်ဇော်၊ ဝုဇ်၊)

၁)ရိုက်တာ-မင်ဇော်၊ မြင့်စိုး (ဝ/သ-ရန်ကုန်)

5:45 pm

9. (၆၀)နှစ်ပြည့် ကပ်မတော်နေ့ ဂုဏ်ပြုအစီအစဉ်

6:00 pm

10. Evening news

6:30 pm

11. Weather report

6:35 pm

12. သုတစုံလင်ရွှေညွှတ်ရှင်

7:05 pm

13. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ဆောင်းဦးမေတ္တာ"

(အပိုင်း-၁၄)

8:00 pm

14. News

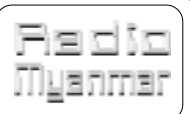
15. International news

16. Weather report

17. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "နှင်းဆီအိပ်မက်"

(အပိုင်း-၁၆)

18. The next day's programme



Friday, 17 March
Tune in today

- 8.30 am Brief news
- 8.35 am Music:
- 8.40 am Perspectives
- 8.45 am Music:
- 8.50 am National news / Slogan
- 9:00 am Music:
- 9:05 am International news
- 9:10 am Music:
- 1:30 pm News / Slogan
- 1:40pm Lunch time music
- 9.00 pm WOM
- 9.15 pm Article
- 9.25 pm Music at your request
- 9.45 pm News / Slogan
- 10.00 pm PEL

Commander meets entrepreneurs for growing 100,000 acres of physic nut

YANGON, 16 March — Brig-Gen Hla Htay Win, Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council and Commander of Yangon Command, met with entrepreneurs who will put land under physic nut plants in Yangon Division, at U Ba Lwin Hall of Basic Education High School No 2 in Dagon Township this afternoon.

Also present on the occasion were Joint-Secretary of Yangon City Development Committee U Aung Than Win, the Secretary of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council and members, the chairman of the Yangon Division Supervisory



Commander Brig-Gen Hla Htay Win speaking at the meeting on growing of physic nut plantations in Yangon Division. — MNA

Committee for physic nut Cultivation and members, departmental officials, and local authorities.

First, the commander explained matters related to entrepreneurs, cultivable land, physic nut seeds

and saplings, agricultural technology and requirements for meeting the success of the plan to grow 100,000 acres of physic nut plantation in 2006.

Chairman of the Yangon Division Super-

visory Committee for physic nut Cultivation Commissioner U Hla Soe of General Administration Department reported on the plan to grow 100,000 acres of physic nut plantation in Yangon Division,

allotments of land for the entrepreneurs and requirements, and Division Manager U Aung Hsan of Myanmar Agriculture Services on cultivation system and matters related to boosting production.

Departmental officials discussed cultivation of physic nut plants. Officials answered the questions raised by entrepreneurs. The meeting ended with concluding remarks by the commander. — MNA

1,572 foreign, local merchants visit Gems Empo



Gem merchants check jade lots at 43rd Myanmar Gems Emporium. — MNA

YANGON, 16 March — A total of 1,572 merchants — 827 from 232 companies of 11 foreign countries and 745 from 337 local companies — attended the 43rd Myanmar Gems Emporium at Myanmar Gems Mart here today.

The foreign and local merchants in-

spected gems including lot No 2429 comprising five jade blocks weighing 125 kilos (reserve price Euro \$ one million), lot No 63 which is a 33.39-carat ruby (reserve Euro \$ 3.5 million), and lot No 233 comprising 68 pearls of gold hue weighing 62.50 mommes (reserve price Euro \$ 17,300) at the mart

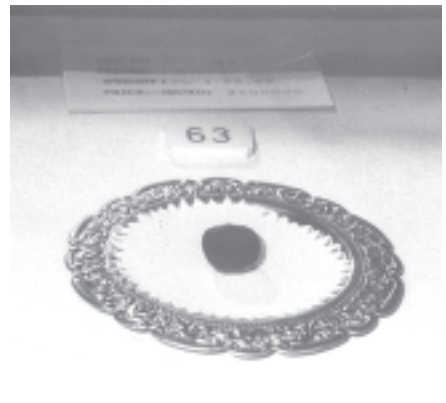
from 9 am to 5 pm. The 43rd emporium attracts more merchants than the previous ones because of the quality and quantity of the jade, gems and pearls displayed there are higher than its predecessors. The merchants were conducted round the mart by Secretary of

Myanmar Gems Emporium Central Committee Managing Director of Myanmar Gems Enterprise U Thein Swe and secretaries of the respective subcommittees who also rendered assistance to them.

Chairman of the central committee Deputy Minister for Mines U Myint Thein arrived at the mart in the afternoon, and cordially conversed with the merchants. He left the mart in the evening.

The 43rd Myanmar Gems Emporium is being held at the Mart on Kaba Aye Pagoda Road under the sponsorship of the Myanmar Gems Emporium Central Committee. MNA

A lot of golden pearls weighing 62.50 mommes worth 17,300 euro. MNA



A ruby stone weighing 33.39 carats worth 3.5 million euro. — MNA

