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## Lt-Gen Ye Myint inspects Myitkyina-Sumprabum Road extension tasks

NAYPYIDAW, 6 April — State Peace and Development Council Member Lt-Gen Ye Myint of the Ministry of Defence, accompanied by Kachin State Peace and Development Council Chairman Northern Command Commander Maj-Gen Ohn Myint and departmental officials arrived at Tiyanzwet Village in Myitkyina Township on 4 April and cordially greeted local people.



Lt-Gen Ye Myint views extended construction of the road at mile post No 73 in Dayukha Village of Sumprabum Township. —MNA

At the briefing hall of Myitkyina-Sumprabum-Putao Road, Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party heard reports on construction of the 218-mile road. Afterwards, Com-

mander Maj-Gen Ohn Myint gave a supplementary report. After hearing reports, Lt-Gen Ye Myint

gave instructions on durability of the roads and timely completion and presented gifts to the lo-

cal nationals. When Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party arrived at Dayukha bridge and

Tiyanzwet Bridge, they inspected the facilities and the road extension tasks and left instructions.

Later, Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party inspected Inzwok bridge and (See page 7)

## Shan State (East) plans to grow 100,000 acres of rubber by 2007-08



NAYPYIDAW, 6 April — State service personnel in Tachilek, a border area, are to perform their tasks in line with the rules and regulations with national outlook, and the personnel are to undertake development tasks of the region with goodwill, Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Kyaw Win of the

Lt-Gen Kyaw Win inspects No 2 Myanmar-Thai Friendship Bridge in Tachilek. —MNA

Ministry of Defence said at a meeting with departmental officials, senior military officers of local station, members of social organizations and local people at Aung Myat Hall in Tachilek yesterday afternoon.

He stressed the need to place emphasis on local food sufficiency. For ensuring economic development of the region, departments concerned are to extend cultivation of perennial and industrial crops.

Lt-Gen Kyaw Win

heard reports on progress of Tachilek District by Chairman of Tachilek District Peace and Development Council Lt-Col Zaw Moe Aye.

Lt-Gen Kyaw Win and party inspected Kengtung-Mongphyat-Tachilek Road and thriving summer paddy plantations by helicopter. They viewed No 2 Myanmar-Thai Friendship Bridge and gave instructions to staff discharging duties at the bridge.

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**Politicians and political parties will be dutiful in the national cause only if they give priority to national politics (national cause)**

Democracy cannot be installed in a social environment which lacks national unity, peace and the rule of law. Thus, the national cause comes first and democracy second. Politicians and political parties will be dutiful in the national cause only if they give priority to national politics (national cause). The government is not against liberal democracy and federal democracy. It has given first priority to the discipline-flourishing democracy (national democracy) according to the present requirement. It gives second priority to liberal democracy and federal democracy. It seems that the NLD has not understood this.

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

**PERSPECTIVES**

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**For durability and sustainable progress of rural libraries**

The government is mobilizing the participation of the national people in its effort to build a peaceful, modern and developed democratic nation with flourishing discipline.

In order to practise democracy firmly and correctly with full essence, there need three basic requirements — stability of the State and community peace and prevalence of law and order, development of social economic life of the State and the entire people, and high intellectual power of the entire people.

The government is opening more and more universities and colleges and conducting doctoral courses in respective regions across the nation for the development of human resources and raising the education standard of new generation youths who will contribute towards the drive for building a modern developed nation. In addition, the Ministry of Information is playing a leading role in opening libraries across the country to enhance knowledge and intellectual power of the people.

Rural folks make up 70 per cent of the nation's population of more than 54 million. So, the Ministry of Information is putting its all-out efforts into the establishment of self-reliant libraries in the villages to ensure development of human resources, enrich the knowledge and strengthen the habit of reading of rural people, the majority of the population of Myanmar.

Up to 31 March 2006, 52,762 rural libraries have been opened in the villages the length and breadth of the nation.

Rural libraries play an important role in carrying out the five rural development tasks. It is high vision of the Head of State to have given guidance on rural development projects and establishment of rural libraries keeping in mind political, economic and social affairs in future.

Myanmar is proud to be a nation where all villages have a library each.

We would like to urge the entire national people to maintain the libraries for their durability and to upgrade them hand in hand with the government.

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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

**Commander, Mayor inspect regional development tasks in Coco Island**

YANGON, 6 April — Chairman of Yangon Division Peace and Development Council Commander Brig-Gen Hla Htay Win together with Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin and officials concerned went on an inspection tour of Coco Island Township, South Yangon District this morning.

They were welcomed by Lt-Col Nay Win of Local Battalion, departmental personnel and members of social organizations and local people. They paid homage to Jinamarajain Pagoda on the island.

Next, the commander and the mayor and party arrived at Coco Island Police Station and met with policemen and their families and presented souvenirs to them. Afterwards, the commander and the mayor looked into measures for digging drink-



Commander Brig-Gen Hla Htay Win inspects members of Myanmar Police Force at Coco Island Township. — MNA

ing water pond which could hold 80,000 gallons of water. They met with service personnel, members of social organizations and local people at the office of Coco Island Township SPDC and gave necessary instructions.

The commander and the mayor and party later oversaw physic nut plantation and extended con-

struction of the runway of the township's airport from 4,400 to 5,000ft. Upon arrival at Township People's Hospital, they met patients who were undergoing treatment and comforted them as well as provided them with cash assistance.

Afterwards, Patron of Yangon Division Women's Affairs Organization Chairperson of Yangon Division Supervisory Committee Maternal and

Child Welfare Association Daw Mar Mar Wai and party met with members of WAO and MCWA and held discussions on matters related to education, health and raising of living standard.

The commander and the mayor and party later inspected the dam of Coco Island and gave necessary instructions to officials concerned and grew physic nut plants near the runway. — MNA

**Lectures given to trainees of  
USDA's basic organizational courses**

YANGON, 6 April— Central Executive Committee member of the Union Solidarity and Development Association Deputy Minister for Information U Thein Sein gave lectures on the national policy and progress of the State to 130 trainees of the basic organizational course Nos 24 and 25 conducted by Thakayta Township USDA at its office this afternoon.

Likewise, the CEC member also gave lectures to 100 trainees of the basic organizational course No 12 conducted by Kyauktada Township USDA yesterday afternoon.

MNA

**Myanmar Cricket Federation President meets journalists**

YANGON, 6 April — A ceremony to clarify development of the cricket event in Myanmar was held at the office of Myanmar Cricket Federation in Aung San Stadium, here, this morning.

President of Myanmar Cricket Federation U Nyunt Win explained arrangements being made for promoting the cricket event in Myanmar.

Chief Executive Mr Syed Ashrafuul Huq of Asian Cricket Council and Development Officer Mr Roger Binny extended greetings.

Next, the MCF President and officials replied to the questions raised by journalists and those present.

Also present on the occasion were MCF Vice-Presidents U Kyaw Naing and U Kyaw Kyaw and executives.

MNA



U Nyunt Win briefs on arrangements for development of cricket sports in Myanmar. — MCF

# China to contribute more to global fight against bird flu

BEIJING, 5 April—The UN system is expecting China to make greater contribution to the global fight against bird flu with its experience and knowledge, said a chief UN official here Tuesday.

China has contributed to the international effort against bird flu by achieving great progress in preventing and controlling the disease in the country, said David Nabarro, UN System

Coordinator for Influenza.

The Chinese Government attaches great importance to the prevention and control of bird flu and has adopted national strategies and taken a series of measures in fighting bird flu, Nabarro said at a Press conference. Nabarro is visiting China and attending the APEC Symposium on Emerging Infectious Diseases held in Beijing.

Earlier Tuesday, Chinese Vice-Premier Hui Liangyu met with Nabarro. The two discussed China's role in the global fight against bird flu and the ways to strengthen China's

participation in regional and international technical cooperation, according to Nabarro.

The knowledge and experience that China has gained from fighting bird flu may help the world, he said, hoping that Chinese officials would communicate with colleagues from governments who are "just beginning to struggle" against the disease.

Henk Bekedam, the World Health Organization's representative in China, also noted that information sharing should be made available for all countries.

MNA/Xinhua



Men wearing knight costumes perform a sword fight during a street activity marking the anniversary of a historical Russian victory, in Moscow, on 5 April, 2006. INTERNET



A Chinese paramilitary policeman performs martial arts for his companions during a training exercise in Xuzhou, east China's Jiangsu Province on 4 April, 2006. —INTERNET

## US homeland security official arrested in sex sting

WASHINGTON, 5 April—The Deputy Press secretary for the US Department of Homeland Security has been arrested on sex charges stemming from a Florida-based Internet sting. Polk County Sheriff Grady Judd said on Tuesday.

Brian Doyle, 55, faces 23 charges in Polk County, Florida, related to use of a computer to seduce a child and transmitting harmful material to a minor, Judd said in a statement.

Doyle was taken into custody at his home in Silver Spring, Maryland, outside Washington, on

Tuesday evening while he was on the line with undercover detectives, Judd said. "He was on his computer communicating with the undercover detective who he believed to be a 14-year-old girl at the time, we knocked on his door in Maryland, took him into custody and served a search warrant," Judd said in an interview on CNN. On 12 March, Doyle attempted to contact a 14-year-old girl whose profile was posted on the Internet and initiated a sexually explicit conversation. The "girl" was actually an undercover Polk County

detective, the statement said.

"There is no question that Doyle believed that he was having these disgusting, obscene discussions, on-line and on the phone, with a young girl," Judd said.

"What stands out to me the most in this particular case was the fact that Brian, on his first conversation with our undercover detective, who he believed to be a 14-year-old girl, clearly identified himself as a deputy Press secretary for Homeland Security," Judd told CNN.

MNA/Reuters



Chinese students, who have just reached the age of 15, attend a coming-of-age ceremony at a temple in Zhengzhou, capital of central China's Henan Province on 5 April, 2006. INTERNET

## Nuke plant gets new locks after keys lost

BERLIN, 4 April—German authorities are changing 150 locks at a nuclear power plant after its owner said they had lost keys to a security area, a ministry spokesman in the south western state of Baden-Wuerttemberg said Monday.

Plant operator EnBW said that in spite of intensive searches and questioning it had not been able to recover 12 keys for its Philippsburg plant after discovering they were lost in March.

The environment ministry said EnBW informed it the keys were missing and the operator had put extra safety measures in place to

control access to the secure area. "This has never happened anywhere in Germany before," the ministry spokesman said.

"The keys have simply disappeared."

Prosecutors have launched an investigation for theft.—INTERNET



A German policeman stands guard in front of the Philippsburg nuclear power plant in an undated photo. German authorities are changing 150 locks at the power plant after its owner said they had lost keys to a security area, a ministry spokesman in the south western state of Baden-Wuerttemberg said on Monday.—INTERNET

## Women vote for first time in Kuwait

KUWAIT CITY, 5 April—Kuwaiti women voted in a local council by-election on Tuesday, the first time in the Gulf Arab kingdom's history.

Two women were also among eight candidates running for the one seat up for grab in the 16-member council in the Salmiya District, south of the capital Kuwait City. Last May, women were

granted suffrage with the Parliament's final approval of a government-sponsored bill, which had been stranded in the National Assembly for six years. About 28,000 eligible voters, 60 per cent of whom were women, cast their ballots on Tuesday in segregated polling booths in accordance with a clause in the amended election law.

According to the law, Kuwaiti women will be able to vote in the parliamentary elections in 2007. Kuwaiti Prime Minister Sheikh Nasser al-Mohammad al-Sabah welcomed women's participation in Tuesday's ballot, saying that women's suffrage would help boost Kuwait's international standing.

MNA/Xinhua

## UNICEF calls for attention to "AIDS" orphans in Africa

LUANDA, 5 April—The UNICEF has called to the international community to "fulfil their pledges" to respond to the needs of AIDS orphans, particularly in Africa.

According to a report reaching here Monday from Maputo, capital of

Mozambique, speaking at the close of a two-day conference of lawmakers from the parliaments of the eight-nation Community of Portuguese-speaking Countries (CPLP), Per Engebak, UNICEF's regional director, said some 2.5 million children

in Africa lacked the financial resources to attend school due to the deaths of their parents.

The number of children orphaned by AIDS in the CPLP could rise by 25 per cent in the next four years, Engebak warned in Maputo.—MNA/Xinhua



Workers work on production line of Proton car 'WIRA' at a Proton factory in Shah Alam, near Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, on 5 April, 2006. —INTERNET

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## WHO calls for action to ensure medication for poor

GENEVA, 5 April — All countries need to take action to ensure that poor people, mainly in developing countries, have access to necessary medication, the World Health Organization (WHO) suggested on Monday.

“Over half of the people in the poorest parts of Africa and Asia lack regular access to existing essential medicines because they cannot afford them, or because the health system in their country is too weak,” said the WHO in a newly-released report.

“Apart from access to existing medicines, some health products specifically for diseases which disproportionately affect developing countries are simply not developed at all due to the lack of a sustainable market,” it added.

in developing countries have access to existing and new products to diagnose, treat and prevent the diseases which affect them most.

According to the report, developed countries and pharmaceutical companies (including generic producers) should take measures to promote the transfer of technology and local production of pharmaceuticals in developing countries.

Governments of low and middle income countries where there are both rich and poor patients should formulate their funding and price regulation with a view to providing access to poor people, it suggests.

MNA/Xinhua

The report, titled “Public Health, Innovation and Intellectual Property Rights”, is a result of two years’ analysis of how governments, industry, scientists, international law and financing mechanisms can work best to overcome the public health challenges faced by poor countries.

It recommends key measures needed to ensure that poor people

## Bird flu spreads to more villages in western India

MUMBAI, 6 April — More poultry samples have tested positive for H5 avian influenza in India’s western state of Maharashtra, which has been struggling to contain bird flu since February, officials said on Wednesday.

The latest outbreak has hit 14 new villages in the Jalgaon District of Maharashtra, near the site of two earlier outbreaks, Maharashtra’s health director TP Doke told Reuters.

Officials said they suspected that further tests would confirm the virus was the H5N1 strain which had already struck the area.

“Laboratory tests have shown it is H5,

which is bird flu. We suspect it will also turn out to be H5N1 because the new outbreak is in the same area,” said Uttam Khobragade, Maharashtra’s top animal husbandry official.

Besides Maharashtra, the virus has struck poultry in Burhanpur District of the central state of Madhya Pradesh, close to Jalgaon.

Indian authorities have sought to play down

subsequent outbreaks since the first one in mid-February, saying they should not be treated as fresh cases because the new infections were being reported from an area earlier identified as a bird flu zone.

“Dozens of samples from poultry had been collected after the first outbreak,” said Bijay Kumar, Maharashtra’s animal husbandry commissioner. “The results of

those are coming out in phases.”

In Jalgaon, veterinary and civic workers were identifying a 10-kilometre (six-mile) radius around the newly affected villages where all poultry would be culled.—MNA/Reuters

## Five killed by strong rainstorm in northern Cambodia

PHNOM PENH, 5 April— At least five Cambodians were killed by a strong rainstorm in the northern province of Kampong Thom, official sources said on Tuesday.

More than 10 others were also injured and

about 50 houses were destroyed by the rainstorm in Kampong Svay District, about 180 kilometres north of the capital Phnom Penh, Ut Samorn, deputy chairman of Red Cross of Kampong Thom Province, told

Xinhua over telephone.

The rainstorm attacked the district at around 17:30 pm on Monday, he said. Members of Cambodia’s Red Cross have rushed to the disaster area to provide relief to the victims, he said.—MNA/Xinhua



View of the flooded Danube River and Margaret bridge in centre of Budapest seen on 5 April, 2006.

INTERNET

## Seventh case of bird flu in Czech Republic

PRAGUE, 5 April — The seventh case of bird flu has been confirmed in the Czech Republic after tests proved that a swan found dead at the weekend was

infected with the H5 virus.

Jan Duben, the spokesman for the State Veterinary Authority, said on Tuesday that the swan that died in Tyn nad Vltavou, South Bohemia, was killed by bird flu virus.

A 10-kilometre zone will be established around the spot and special measures will be applied. Tests are underway on the remaining dead birds in the region, Duben said.

All previous cases of bird flu in the country have been detected in South Bohemia.

The Prague national reference laboratory is carrying out tests on a further six swans, Duben said, adding that it could not be ruled out that new cases of bird flu might appear.

MNA/Xinhua

## Hungary orders thousands of troops to battle floods

BUDAPEST, 5 April — Hungary will deploy 6,000 troops to battle record water levels on the Danube, and it has banned shipping, shut schools and moved polling stations ahead of Sunday’s general elections.

“The flood situation in Hungary continues to be serious,” Environment and Water Minister Miklos Persanyi told a news conference on Tuesday.

The Danube is expected to peak at a record 8.60 metres (28 ft) in Budapest by Wednesday morning, but recovery will be slow and there could be more flood waves on the Danube and the more unpredictable Tisza, Prime Minister Ferenc Gyurcsany said.

Budapest is safe up to a level of 10 metres, Mayor Gabor Demszky said, adding the threat remained high in the capital. “According to the latest estimates, the total damage will exceed 10 billion forints and it will probably not be more than 30 billion (137.8 million US dollars), but that is assuming no major dams bursting anywhere,” Gyurcsany said.—MNA/Reuters



Israeli emergency rescue personnel take part in a drill simulating an attack on a passenger train in Tel Aviv on 5 April, 2006.—INTERNET

## Fiji reiterates its commitment to one-China policy

**NADI (Fiji), 5 April**—The Fiji Government reiterated on Tuesday its commitment to the one-China policy.

Fiji reiterated the commitment at the Joint Press Communique issued by the Chinese and Fiji governments here Tuesday.

Fiji recognizes the government of the People's Republic of China as the only legal government representing the whole China and Taiwan as an inalienable part of China, the communique says.

The Fiji side is opposed to any attempt to create

“two Chinas” or “one China, one Taiwan”, to “Taiwan independence” and to Taiwan's participation in international and regional organizations that are only open to sovereign states, the communique says.

The only relations Fiji will maintain with Taiwan are “unofficial economic and commercial ties”, it says. “The Fiji side reiterated Fiji's commitment to developing the closest degree of friendship and

cooperation with the People's Republic of China”, the document says. It reaffirms its adherence to respect for national sovereignty, non-interference in internal domestic affairs, peaceful resolution of disputes, and mutual assistance and support in economic and social development, as the guiding principles in Fiji-China relations, the document says.

MNA/Xinhua



A farmer uses a hammer to smash a portrait of US President George W Bush during a protest against rice imports in Seoul on 5 April, 2006. The sign on the floor (L) reads, ‘Stop the public auction of rice from US’.—INTERNET

## Iran test-fires ‘top secret’ missile

**TEHRAN, 5 April**—Iran said Wednesday it has successfully test-fired a “top secret” missile, the third in a week, state-run television reported.

The report called the missile an “ultra-horizon” weapon and said it could be fired from all military helicopters and jet fighters.

The tests came amid war games being held since Friday by the elite Revolutionary Guards in the Persian Gulf and the Arabian Sea at a time of increased tension with the United States over Tehran's nuclear programme.

Iranian television called it a “turning point” in its missile tests but gave no other details.

At the same time, the head of the Revolutionary Guards, Gen Yahya Rahim Safavi, said the United States must recognize Iran as a “big, regional power.”

Speaking on state television, Safavi said Iran could use the Straits of Hormuz to apply pressure on foreign powers. About two-fifths of the world's oil supplies pass through the 34-mile-wide entrance

to the Gulf.

“The Straits of Hormuz are a point of control and economic pressure on the energy transfer route for those foreign powers that might want to undermine regional security,” Safavi said.

He reiterated that Iran

could defend itself against any invasion and added: “I advise Americans not to move toward a military strike against Iran.”

On Tuesday, Safavi called for foreign forces to leave the region. The US 5th Fleet is based in Bahrain.—INTERNET



Photo released on 3 April, 2006 shows a test firing of a Fajr-3 missile fired by Iran in the Persian Gulf on 1 April, 2006.—INTERNET



Michael Attali from France presents his invention, ‘bbphone’, a hands-free wireless kit, which transmits all conversations to the loud-speakers of a car, at the 34th International Exhibition of Inventions, New Techniques and Products, in Geneva, Switzerland, on 5 April, 2006.—INTERNET

## US uses front companies for “rendition”

**LONDON, 5 April** — Human rights group Amnesty International accused the United States on Wednesday of using front companies to transfer individuals to countries where they have faced torture or ill-treatment.

The fresh charges come after months of allegations by campaigners who say the Central Intelligence Agency transports terrorism suspects outside normal legal channels to countries where they could be tortured under interrogation.

Washington says it does sometimes transfer suspects outside normal extradition procedures — a practice known as rendition—but denies sending them to countries that use torture.

Amnesty said in a report it has records of nearly 1,000 flights directly linked to the CIA, mostly using European airspace, which were made by planes that appear to have been permanently operated by the CIA through front companies.

It also said it had records of about 600 other

flights made by planes confirmed as having been used at least temporarily by the CIA.

“The latest evidence shows how the US Administration is manipulating commercial

arrangements in order to be able to transfer people in violation of international law,” said Amnesty International Secretary General Irene Khan in a statement.

MNA/Reuters



A man makes his way through a light snowfall in New York on 5 April, 2006. A mixture of rain and snow fell throughout the New York metropolitan area.

INTERNET

## Shipyard accident kills three, injures three in Singapore

**SINGAPORE, 5 April** — The boom of a ringer crane collapsed in a shipyard in Singapore Tuesday morning, killing three workers including a Chinese national and injuring three others.

According to Channel NewsAsia report, the accident happened at around 9:35 am at PPL Shipyard on the western coast of Singapore, which is an 85 per cent owned subsidiary of SembCorp Marine, one of the leading marine engineering groups in the city state.

The report quoted the shipyard's spokesperson as saying that the boom fell during a normal shipyard lifting operation and that it is not clear if the dead workers were SembCorp Marine employees or subcontractors' staff.

The other two victims were one Singaporean and an Indian national.

The injured have been sent to the National University Hospital.—MNA/Xinhua

## Third China-ASEAN Expo starts inviting exhibitors

NANNING, 6 April— The third China-ASEAN (Association of South-East Asian Nations) Expo has embarked on inviting purchasers to rent exhibition positions, announced the expo secretariat in Nanning, capital of South China's Guangxi Zhuang Autonomous Region on Tuesday.

"The China-ASEAN expo is the only national one aimed at accelerating trade and economic cooperation between China and ASEAN member states," said Vice-Minister of Commerce Gao Hucheng.

This coming expo will focus on the import of products for which China enjoys a trade advantage with ASEAN countries in order to increase the trade volumes. China and the ASEAN are expected to achieve the goal of increasing trade volumes

to 200 billion US dollars by 2010, with a growth rate of nearly 30 per cent a year.

The exposition will provide 2,500 indoor booths and 500 outdoor booths, with a floor space of 80,000 square metres, said sources with the expo secretariat.

"This year marks the 15th anniversary of the bilateral strategic partnership and the China-ASEAN friendship and cooperation year," Gao said, adding that other commemorating activities will also be held during

the expo.

The second China-ASEAN Exposition was held in Nanning in October 2005. Statistics from the organizing committee show that more than 25,000 purchasers attended the event, with 126 international cooperation projects signed, involving 5.29 billion US dollars of investment, an increase of 5.9 per cent over the last one.

MNA/Xinhua



Chen Chia-Chun from China presents his invention, 'Flashy Paper,' a new printing technology, integrating copying and printing in one with no equipment or power required, at the 34th International Exhibition of Inventions, New Techniques and Products in Geneva, Switzerland, on 5 April, 2006.—INTERNET

## Malaysia to hold movie carnival

KUALA LUMPUR, 6 April — Malaysia is expected to hold a movie festival here on 22 April to present blockbuster movies for this year, the organizer said on Tuesday.

The movie carnival would bring together all major movie distributors, sponsors and licensees, and showcase the biggest feature movies of the year in the country, said Cinema Online, a local cinema resource and marketing agency.

During the two-day event, movie fans are expected to Catch a glimpse of upcoming

blockbuster movies, such as "Mission Impossible 3".

In conjunction with the carnival, several programmes will be held, including "The Hunt for the Malaysian X-Men" and a nationwide search for Malaysians with extraordinary abilities, the organizer said.

The carnival will also be partnering with online auctioneer, eBay, by setting up bidding stations with broadband access throughout the event in which movie fans could bid for exclusive imported movie merchandise and tickets. —MNA/Xinhua



A BlackBerry 8700c is seen in an undated file photo. Research In Motion will put such Yahoo Inc Web offerings as search, e-mail, instant messaging, and news on its BlackBerry devices, and will start rolling out the service in 60 countries in about two weeks, the two companies said on 5 April, 2006.

INTERNET

## US students practise traditional Chinese exercise in S China city

BEIJING, 6 April — A non-competitive traditional Chinese exercise has won favour among a group of US middle school students in Foshan City, South China's Guangdong Province.

The American students on Tuesday practised "pushing hands" of taijiquan between two people, with 70 students from the No 2 Middle School of Foshan.

The US-based Washington Culture Ex-

change (WCE) and the Guangdong International Sports Exchange Centre jointly organized the event, which brought 60 middle school students and parents from the United States to the city to study the martial art.

The local students taught their US guests taijiquan, or "pushing hands" and played as their opponents.

"Pushing hands," a part of taijiquan, or

shadow boxing, is also known as "adhering hands" or "whirling hands".

The attacker must push over the defender in

20 seconds, but cannot move their feet or touch any part of the defender except for their arms and trunks.

MNA/Xinhua



Sculptor Jorge Velez makes some finishing touches on a sculpture of pop singer Juanes in La Estrella, 17 kilometres (11 miles) south of Medellin, on 5 April, 2006. This sculpture will be placed in Juanes's town of Carolina del Principe.—INTERNET

## HFMD death toll rises to 9 in eastern Malaysia

KUALA LUMPUR, 6 April — A 16-month-old boy on Tuesday died of the Hand, Foot and Mouth Disease (HFMD) in eastern Malaysia, bringing the death toll to nine in Sarawak State since the outbreak of this disease early this year.

The child, who was admitted to an intensive care unit (ICU) at Miri Hospital in critical condition last Saturday, died at 14:30 local time (0630 GMT), said State Deputy Chief Minister George Chan.

"The boy already had a number of fits when he was sent to the hospital. It is very sad as I wonder why the parents only sought treatment very late," Chan told reporters Tuesday in Kuching, capital of the Sarawak State.

All the nine children who had succumbed to the

disease were admitted to hospitals under stressful condition, with neurological signs, while those who came early for treatment survived, said Chan, who is also Chairman of State Disaster and Relief Management Committee.

MNA/Xinhua

## Vitamin D and calcium may lower diabetes risk

NEW YORK, 6 April — Women with high intakes of vitamin D and calcium appear to have a lower risk of developing type 2 diabetes, according to Boston-based researchers.

Dr Anastassios G Pittas, of Tufts-New England Medical Centre and colleagues looked at data on 83,779 women enrolled in the Nurses' Health Study. The women had no history of diabetes, cardiovascular disease or cancer when they enrolled

in the study. Vitamin D and calcium intake from foods and from supplements were evaluated every 2 to 4 years.

A total of 4843 new cases of diabetes were documented over 20 years of follow-up.

"Based on the latest guidelines set by the Institute of Medicine, only 3% of women in our cohort had adequate vitamin D intake, and only 24% had adequate calcium intake," Pittas's group reports in

the medical journal Diabetes Care.

Total vitamin D intake was not significantly associated with type 2 diabetes, but there was a difference when it came to vitamin D supplements.

The team saw a 13 per cent lower risk of diabetes among women in the highest versus the lowest category of vitamin D intake from supplements.

MNA/Reuters

## Lt-Gen Ye Myint inspects...

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Phononkhet bridges along the road. Phoninkha Bridge is 275 feet long and has the 20 tons of bearing load.

Lt-Gen Ye Myint and party proceeded along the road and inspected road construction tasks and earth works. At the

briefing hall of milestone-31, Lt-Gen Ye Myint heard reports by the officials and attended to the needs.

The extension tasks of road sections are being carried out by Jade Land Company, gems entrepreneurs of Phakant, employees of Special

Group 6 of Public Works, staff of Public Works of Putao and local battalion.

Out of 132 mile long Myitkyina-Sumprabum Road, a 120 miles long section has been upgraded. People can travel now with a 7-hour trip along the road.

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Lt-Gen Ye Myint inspects maintenance tasks at Tiyanzwep Bridge in Myitkyina Township. —MNA

## Shan State (East) plans...

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While in Tachilek, they met with Tatmadawmen and families of the local battalion. Next, they paid homage to Tachilek Shwedagon Pagoda in Macaokham Ward and made cash donations. At Tachilek Airport, Lt-Gen Kyaw Win heard reports on matters related to the airport by officials. Afterwards, they flew to Mongphyat.

Yesterday morning, Lt-Gen Kyaw Win together with Chairman of Shan State (East) Peace and Development Council Commander of Triangle Region Command Maj-Gen Min Aung Hlaing inspected the Agricultural and Livestock Breeding Farm of the command headquarters in Kengtung.

A total of 1,988 acres of land have been

put under rubber in Kengtung District, 512 acres in Monghsat District, 2,006 acres in Mongphyat District, and 2,857 acres in Tachilek District, totalling 7,363 acres. The plan is being implemented to grow 50,986 acres of rubber plantation in 2006-07, and 41,651 acres in 2007-08 against the target of 100,000 acres.

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## United Nations Secretary-General's message on World Health Day

7, April 2006

### Working Together for Health

YANGON, 7 April— The following is the full text of the message sent by United Nations Secretary-General on the occasion of the World Health Day which falls today.—Ed

Health workers save lives. They strive to ensure that advances in health care reach those most in need. They contribute to the social and economic well-being of their countries. And they are essential to their countries' security, by being the first to identify a new disease or a new threat to public health.

Yet today, in many parts of the world, the health workforce is in crisis. The global population is growing, but the number of health workers in many of the poorest countries is falling. Across the developing world, health workers face economic hardship, deteriorating health infrastructures and social unrest. And the HIV/AIDS pandemic has hit health workers particularly hard, taking their own health and lives, as well as those of their patients.

It is clear that to protect and improve the health of people worldwide, and to achieve the Millennium Development Goals, we need to rapidly bolster the global health workforce. Africa alone will require one million new health workers to achieve the Goals. Without such a dramatic increase in capacity, pediatric immunizations will not be administered; infectious outbreaks will not be contained; curable diseases will remain untreated; and women will keep dying needlessly in childbirth.

Addressing this crisis demands partnership and cooperation nationally and globally, across different sectors — including education, transport and finance— as well as within the health workforce itself. That is why the theme of this year's World Health Day is "Working Together for Health". On this Day, I urge all concerned — Governments, professional organizations, civil society, the private sector, the media and international donors— to join forces and step up investment in the health workforce. Let us work together for health in the 21st century. —UNIC

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## Blazon Department Store holds Food Fair

YANGON, 6 April— An opening ceremony of the Food Fair of Blazon Department Store took place at the store, No 72 U Wisara Road, corner of Chindwin Street in Kamayut Township this morning.

Mr Matyawongse Amatyakul of embassy of Thailand and Manager Dilok Siripensopa of Myanmar CP Co Ltd. formally opened the ceremony.

The Food Fair is kept open at the stores in Yangon and Mandalay from 2 pm to 7 pm daily till 12 April.

The booths of SS

Food, Love Boat, TZK, CP and Fair Deal are taking part in the Fair. An assorted kinds of food

and sauce, dairy products and a variety of soft drinks are being sold, it is learnt. — MNA



The opening ceremony of Blazon Food Fair in progress at its store.—MNA

## African catfish farming prohibited

YANGON, 6 April— Action will be taken against those who raise African catfish, said the Fisheries Department under the Ministry of Live-



The photo shows African catfish farming in the country and import of which is prohibited. —MNA

stock and Fisheries today.

In an effort to conserve native fish which suffers from competition with African catfish (Clarias gariepinus), the Fisheries Department has issued the notification No 5/2001 recently banning import of the African cat-

fish.

According to the notification, the Fisheries Department also banned hatching and selling of African catfish in the country as the exotic fish pose competition for struggling native fish.

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# Wearing the same old nether garment

Maung Cedana (BA, BEd)

If a person never changes his nether garment always wearing it at home and social gatherings, Myanmar says that he is always with that same old garment or in other words he looks so dull and monotonous.

In Buddhism, purity of mind is important. Wrong conception and misdeeds will lead a person to hell. All acts committed under the influence of impurity of mind will have negative impact.

In politics too, a person should be free from sectarian prejudices. Only then, will he be able to have a correct view. Any kind of liberal opinion, thinking and knowledge in politics will make all his work a mess, that will never produce any benefit, but only harm for the nation. Because, concerning political development, Myanmar is totally different from the countries where liberal democracy flourishes. By and large, Myanmar's situation is like that of China and Vietnam. It is similar in form but not identical. And this fact is very important. What kind of government is the State Peace and Development Council (SPDC)? What kind of democracy is the SPDC materializing? All should know the answers correctly, or else, the result will be against expectation due to the wrong assessment.

## The kind of government

The existing government is not a caretaker, a provisional nor an elected government. It was the situation in 1988 that forced it to stage a coup and take over the State duties unavoidably. All the present-day economic, political and social developments are results of its endeavours. According to the formation of the government and implementation of new economic and political system, it is a revolutionary government, although it is called the State Peace and Development Council.

## Legitimate government

We need to know the definition of the words "legality" and "legalize" to determine whether the SPDC is legitimate or not. A legitimate government is an elected government that is administering a sovereign nation with specific territory and a population, and that has diplomatic relations with other nations. Although SPDC is not an elected government, it is governing a sovereign nation with specific territory and population, and has diplomatic relations. Hence, it has been a legitimate government for 18 years. On the other hand, U Sein Win-led NCGUB, although formed with elected persons, cannot be called a legitimate government because it lacks territory, sovereignty, population and diplomatic relations.

The existing government is already a legitimate government. The attempts of the National League for Democracy to make it a legitimate government or a de jure government are very much like applying the ointment to the wrong place. It's too late for the NLD, which is like a couple thinking about a wedding ceremony only after having 12 children. Moreover, the SPDC is a national government, not a democratic government yet.

## What is a national government?

A government run by true citizens cannot be called a national government. Only the government, which gives priority to fulfilling the basic needs covering national consolidation, peace, and the rule of law of all the citizens regardless of race and religion, can be proclaimed a national government. The act of fulfilling the basic needs is the act of materializing national democracy, that is different from liberal democracy.

The basic needs are not a cause of a class or a race, but the national cause. Hence it is a common interest. Anyone who opposes the country's common interest is the real enemy of all the national people.

## Ism and system

The government is fulfilling the basic needs, while placing in the fore Our Three Main National Causes. Thus, its ism is nationalism, and not socialism, liberalism nor federalism. Its economic system is not a copy of the West. It is market oriented economy (M.O.E) of the East. It is the capitalism under the leadership of the State. The government has to adopt the said system, as

26 years of socialist economy made the nation void of capitalists, while the State owned a large amount of capital. The economic system of the West is market westernized economy (M.W.E) or capitalism under the leadership of the capitalists.

In accord with the Road Map, the government has been in the process of holding the National Convention to write a constitution to set up a discipline-flourishing democracy. According to the national trait and the policy of the government, the discipline-flourishing democracy is the national democracy (N.D). It is not a socialist democracy (S.D), liberal democracy (L.D) nor federal democracy (F.D). The task of realizing the discipline-flourishing democracy is also the task of materializing the national democracy.

## Discipline-flourishing democracy

In feudalism, the three organs of power is totally in the hands of the king. In the constitutional monarchy system, power is shared between the king and the people. Although power sharing ratio is different from one country and another in practising the system, constitutional monarchy system has both the form and essence of democracy. But it is an early-stage democracy that is different from the democracy of the later periods. The national consolidation, peace and the rule of law are obvious in the constitutional monarchy system, which is not a liberal democracy, but a national democracy.

In the martial law period, the three branches of power are in the hands of the government. The discipline-flourishing democracy of the government has distributed the three branches of power more systematically than the constitutional monarchy system. The facts show that the discipline-flourishing democracy is much better than the constitutional monarchy system. As it is said above that constitutional monarchy system has democracy, we don't need to explain whether the discipline-flourishing democracy the government has been trying to install has democratic essence or not. Now, we are in the early stage of democracy. We have not reached the liberal democracy stage yet. It seems that the NLD has no idea concerning the matter.

## Crow and goose

National consolidation, peace and the rule of law are national democracy (national cause), but not the cause of class and race. China passed through the stage of national democracy in 1949, India after regaining independence and the US after the Civil War during the Lincoln administration. They did not turn back. Thus, they can reach the present economic and political stage smoothly. Myanmar is a different story. The people were united when the nation regained independence in 1948. But unity broke up during the period beginning from the time after the nation regained independence in 1948 to 1988. The government had to strive with various means to restore unity or in other words serve the national duty, which was its first priority, no matter who ruled the nation. The present is the period of realizing the national democracy, and not the period of setting up the liberal democracy yet. All will have to place in the fore the national politics and the national duty.

Today is the era of globalization, and in theory, most of the nations are marching towards capitalism and democracy. But they are now at the different stages, and the development gap is wide. There are over 100 developing nations. The US is at the top in all economic, political and social sectors. Myanmar cannot reach the US position quickly. It has to start from its own stage according to its historical background. It is a must for Myanmar to pass through the stage of national democracy. It is impossible for Myanmar to make great strides

like China, India and the US do. And if the country does, it will be like a crow imitating a goose. It seems that NLD does not realize this.

## Prey and predator

I have already defined the meaning of national government and national democracy, that can only fulfill the entire nation's basic needs. The national democracy hasn't the power to serve the causes of classes and races. Thus, those causes are placed in the second priority. The causes can be realized only after national democracy has been set up. Because the classes as well as the awareness of the classes are absent in the society. Offering and demanding social rights in such a society is like drawing pictures on the water surface. In this situation, the policies and actions of racial and political organizations should not have ill effects on the national democracy. It is an important point for the organizations. If they do not know the situation well, they will fall prey to that.

Armed struggle line, that is contrary to the national democracy, should be unconditionally abandoned. Conditional or partial abandonment will not be enough. The work of realizing the liberal democracy and the federal democracy should be according to the government's programme. In this way, the national forces will have to form the groups based on common objectives. **At present, the Tatmadaw is discharging the national duty, while keeping in the fore the national cause. It is not a minion of a foreign power nor a pocket army of any political party. It has become greatly stronger than it was in 1988. Anyone who opposes the work of implementing the discipline-flourishing democracy or the national democracy is its enemy as well as the entire nation's. Any opposition will delay the transition from martial law to democracy. It will only harm the process. Those who oppose the task of setting up discipline-flourishing democracy will surely meet with a tragic end like the Burma Communist Party (White Flag), and the BCP (Red Flag) that launched political and military battles against the Anti-Fascist People's Freedom League and Burma Socialist Programme Party governments in the past.**

Concerning the national politics, one of the late political leaders once said that the AFPFL and the BSPP might have more errors in their tactics compared with his group's, but they were correct in strategy; that the BCP was wrong to make demands and wage wars against them; that the armed struggle line was wrong; that it should be abandoned.

Likewise, the ruling government may have certain errors in the tactics. But its strategy of national politics is still correct. Hence those who are wrong in strategy should make amendments to be in conformity with the government. They should change their priority and programmes. In this way, cooperation will take the place of demands and armed conflicts.

Democracy cannot be installed in a social environment which lacks national unity, peace and the rule of law. Thus, the national cause comes first and democracy second. Politicians and political parties will be dutiful in the national cause only if they give priority to national politics (national cause). The government is not against liberal democracy and federal democracy. It has given first priority to the discipline-flourishing democracy (national democracy) according to the present requirement. It gives second priority to liberal democracy and federal democracy. It seems that the NLD has not understood this.

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## Democratic transition

According to the present economic system and political system [discipline-flourishing democracy (national democracy)], beyond any doubt, Myanmar's democracy, like that of other world nations, will make progress in future in Asian way but not in Western way. The above-mentioned national political sector is yet to be implemented, so the progress will be in three phases and three periods.

**First phase:** It is discipline-flourishing democracy (national discipline) or pro-democracy. It is the pregnancy period to give birth to democracy.

**Second phase:** It is bourgeois democracy (BD) or pre-democracy. It is like teenage. Today, the People's Republic of China is practising such democracy.

**Third phase:** It is mature democracy that is common among the people. People can fully enjoy human rights and taste of democracy at this level. However, it cannot be considered to be absolute democracy. And it is equivalent to liberal democracy that is common in Western countries. But, they are similar in form, but not identical. China will reach this phase if it has moved to the next level. However, this level of China cannot be regarded as liberal democracy but as modern democracy (MD), because it is unlike the democracy in which a social class (capitalist) plays a leading role in the US, but the democracy that will come into existence with harmonious combination of people from all strata of life. So, it is wise to call that third level modern democracy rather than liberal democracy.

## Like sugarcane stem

Democratic progress in Myanmar will be discipline-flourishing democracy (national democracy) in the first phase, bourgeois democracy (BD) in the second phase (for example that in China), and modern democracy in the third phase. These three phases are combined and have different characteristics. Like a sugarcane stem, the combination has the top part, the middle part and the root part. So, measures for democratic transition have to be taken step by step and progress can be made through thesis, anti-thesis and synthesis. According to the historic requirements of Myanmar, the Tatmadaw will have to participate in every phase. However, there will be changes in character and vision of the three phases. Hence, **those who assume Myanmar democracy to be not a genuine one due to the participation of the Tatmadaw will have to emigrate from Myanmar to a foreign country where democracy flourishes without involvement of its armed forces. Myanmar democracy campaign and the Tatmadaw are indivisible like heads and tails of a coin. So, all the attempts to put aside the Tatmadaw from democracy campaign will face danger. Persons who express their wish to join hands with the Tatmadaw and then are anxious to harm the national policy and other policies of the Tatmadaw are like those who show their insincerity. So, an ex-politician once said, "Do not wrong the Tatmadaw even in thought".**

## From above to down

Myanmar democracy progress does not develop from side to side nor from down to above, but from above to down. The light of democracy comes from above. Therefore, the attempts to introduce democracy through one side to another side direction or down-to-above direction will not work. And the method of cooperation is the most appropriate one. On the basis of this fact, an ex-politician once said, "I will never wrong the ruling government in deeds, words and thought to overthrow it". I wonder if NLD knows this.

## 1990 elections

The ruling government (State Peace and Development Council) is exercising the national policy, market-oriented economy (MOE), and discipline-flour-

ishing democracy (national democracy). These points serve as measurable instrument to make a decision as to 1990 elections are right or not.

The previous Tatmadaw Government (State Law and Order Restoration Council) held the 1990 elections. However, the 1990 elections were for multi-party election for liberal democracy not for multi-party election for national democracy. So, there came out the result of liberal democracy and they are in contrary with the measurable instrument. So, it is negative result for the national government and national democracy. If the election result had been realized, there would not have been economic, political and social development like at present, and it would have adversely affected all the functions for discipline-flourishing democracy. That is why the ruling government does not make any compromise to handle the political cases based on the 1990 elections. So it is not wise to consider the government to be hard-line, arrogant and anxious to stick to State power. NLD does not realize this.

## Compromise

In economics, there are supply and demand. It depends on a commodity. If the commodity is no more, the compromise between supply and demand will be no more. Only when it is based on this fact will a compromise be reached.

In an interview by BBC, KNU major-general San Ma Tu said, "He compromises and I will compromise". His idea was true only 50 per cent. He should say "I compromise, he will compromise". Throughout the period of internal armed opposition, the Burma Community Party and Red Flag without giving up armed struggle line held talks for peace and reunion. Their armed insurgency was hindrance to peace talks between the then government and KNU. The armed group clung on to its armed conflict and so, the policies were different from each other and the two sides did not reach a compromise. It would be possible if KNU gave up armed insurgency. Saw Han Tar Thar Hmwe and Phado U Aung San gave up their armed struggle line and helped local people in Kayin State enjoy peace and unity. No government accepts any forms of armed struggle line. If it is said armed insurgency is to continue until democracy flourishes, there will be no democracy until armed insurgency is given up. If so, whatever government is in power, it will not be able to work. Kayin revolution will be extended to 570 years from its 57th anniversary. So, a compromise can be reached only when the two sides share same attitude. If it is same attitude, two sides will have to accommodate to the case, and if it is not, either side will have to accommodate to the case. It does not seem NLD understands that point.

## No difference

NLD once submitted a proposal of wiping the slate clean and holding talks and it was believed that implementation of the 1990 election results was also dropped.

It released an announcement on 12 February, 2006 (Union Day) with a call for convening of the Hluttaw which will change the ruling government into de jure government. The proposed convening of a Hluttaw was based on 1990 election results. The NLD's wiping the slate clean in the past seemed to settle Dabayin affair only and NLD sticks to the 1990 election results. So, its new proposal is not different from its old ones. The way it presented in the issue was very nice and smooth in the choice of words, but it was just to recognize the SPDC Government under the 1990 election results in accordance with liberal democracy.

The 1990 elections were multi-party election for liberal democracy. Thus, the ruling government does not make any compromise as the 1990 elections were negative result for national democracy. However, NLD again submitted a proposal based on the 1990 election results or negative result. So, their call for internal and international support is a more terrible blunder. And all those who have

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supported the issue happen to make incidental mistakes and their support will yield no fruitful results.

Now, the 1990 election results have dwindled away and lost firm support of UN, EU, USA and ASEAN. They are providing only verbal service to the results. China and Russia keep silent and India is now like a spectator in the matter.

Moreover, the political parties related to the 1990 elections are acting in an unruly manner, and the majority of them are in support of the Road Map and the National Convention. There remain only about one-third of the representatives-elect due to various reasons and they are divided into three groups. One group supports the Road Map and is attending the NC. Next group stays in exile. And the last group is under the domination of NLD. Even if the three groups collectively convene a Hluttaw, there cannot be adequate number of delegates to pass a resolution. So, the Hluttaw and Hluttaw members are just in name. In other words, the present Hluttaw representative committee is the one formed just for NLD.

Supposing, the ruling government accepts the proposal of NLD, it will mean the government indirectly recognizes U Sein Win-led NCGUB formed with Hluttaw members who have been declared unlawful. It does not seem that NLD notices that point. Behind the proposal is a scheme designed to form an interim government and share State power. In truth, it is plotting a conspiracy of pushing Myanmar into a democratic nation following the Indian politics and Chinese economy and administration. So, the ruling government does not make any compromise.

**What is worst is that NLD is National League for Democracy in name, and Liberal League for Democracy in practice. The national politics and national democracy are well out of its reach. It has liberal vision only and no national vision.**

**If NLD does not mend its ways, it would not be emancipated. It has stuck to the 1990 election results for about 16 years. The period has served a window of opportunities for NLD, but it failed to realize the goodwill of the government into benefits.**

## Good opportunities

There is a saying "Opportunity never comes again". Good opportunities have gone away from NLD. If NLD had desire to wipe out undesirable effects the State and the entire people are suffering, it should stop expecting intervention of China, India, UN, EU, USA and ASEAN. And it should relinquish all its hope to implement the 1990 election results and unconditionally accept the policies of the State Peace and Development Council.

If so, it will be followed by national solidarity, national reconciliation, release of political inmates, democratic transition, cooperation with the SPDC and brighter future of NLD.

They are good opportunities for NLD to seize.

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Lt-Gen Ye Myint of the Ministry of Defence oversees progress in paving gravel road with the use of heavy machinery at mile post No 34/35 in Myitkyina. (News on page 1)—MNA

## Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than calls for meeting ...

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There are 20,000 physic nut saplings in the farm, and Bago Division set its target of 500,000 physic nut plants within 3 years.

In 2005-2006, the farm could produce 89.41 viss of dried lingzhi mushrooms and 2497.97 viss of another eatable mushrooms.

After inspecting the farm, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than and party proceeded to the construction of road linking district to district in the eastern part of Sittoung River.

Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than observed

construction of Thit-kyein-Lonbogyi district-to-district road on east bank of Sittoung River and heavy machinery at work in building a road section between Lonbogyi village Kayinchaung bridge.

At the briefing hall of the project, he heard a report on progress in building of the road and 47 small and medium bridges on it, presented by officials. Later, he inspected durability of Kayinchaung bridge, 150 feet long and 14 feet wide.

In Yedashe Township, he oversaw the cultivation of 1,000 acres of

summer paddy with water from nearby small dams. In meeting with locals, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than made arrangements for them to grow more summer paddy and mixed crops, and cultivate crops the whole year.

He also inspected Nachatchaung irrigation works that can irrigate summer as well as monsoon paddy in the area.

His inspection tour also included Nachatchaung bridge project and Yengangyoung bridge project, and road projects.

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## Lt-Gen Myint Swe inspects...

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At the construction site of Twantay Bridge near Phayangokto Village, Yangon Division Superintending Engineer U Soe Tint and officials reported

to Lt-Gen Myint Swe on progress in construction of the bridge.

Lt-Gen Myint Swe gave necessary instructions to officials.

Twantay Bridge

has been completed by 95 per cent.

Efforts are being made to complete construction tasks at the end of April.

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Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence accepts cash donation for Mibagonyi Home for the Aged in Twantay Township. —MNA

## U Nay Win presents Credentials to King of Norway

YANGON, 7 April— U Nay Win, Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary of the Union of Myanmar to the Kingdom of Norway, presented his Credentials to His Majesty King Harald V, King of Norway, on 23 March, 2006 in Oslo.

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## Child Nursery Course opened in Taunggyi Round-table discussion on women's affairs held in Nyaungshwe

YANGON, 6 April— The Child Nursery Course, organized by Shan State (South) Maternal and Child Welfare Supervisory Committee, was opened at its office on 28 March morning.

Chairperson of Shan State MCWSC Daw Myat Ngwe gave an opening speech. Head of Shan State Social Welfare Department U Tin Aung Yi explained matters related to the training.

Altogether 40 trainees attended the course from 28 March to 12 April.

Patron of Shan State (South) Women's Affairs Organization Chairman of Shan State MCWSC Daw Myat Ngwe, accompanied by Chairperson of Shan State WAO Daw Swe Swe Myint and officials, provided clothes and cash

assistance to the triplet children at the hospital in Nyaungshwe and people of Ngaphechaung Village-tract.

At Yangon Kyaung in Nyaungshwe, they held a round-table discussion together with WAO and MCWA members and local people. It was attended

by WAO and MCWA member local women, totalling about 400.

Next, they presented pamphlets on health knowledge and wall magazines to Nyaungshwe Township together with WAO and MCWA through an official.

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## TMF Junior Tennis Championship to be held

YANGON, 6 April — Organized by Myanmar Tennis Federation (MTF), TMF Junior Tennis Championship will be held at Theinbyu tennis grounds here from 22 to 28 April.

The championship is divided into three categories — U-14, U-12 and U-10.

MTF will provide accommodations to athletes and coaches during the competition.

Those wishing to participate in the championship can enrol for the championship at Myanmar Tennis Federation not later than 20 April. More information is available at Myanmar Tennis Federation (Ph 01-372360).

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Mibagon hall in Mibagon Home for the Aged in Twantay Township. (News on page 16)—MNA

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Bird flu brought under control in Shwebo, KhinU Townships and Mandalay District Press release on measures undertaken in central Myanmar



Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department of the Ministry of Livestock Breeding and Fisheries issued a press release on death of chicken in central Myanmar.

1. Death of chicken: The LBVD carried out restriction and control measures on prevention and control of disease regarding the death of chicken and quails in Shwebo District, Sagaing Division from the first week of February 2006 to 26-3-2006 and Mandalay District, Mandalay Division from 8-3-2006 to 26-3-2006.

(A) Death of chicken/those destroyed

Out of 60,929 fowls at 93 poultry farms 6,731 died in Shwebo District (Shwebo, KhinU, Kanbalu and YeU) from the time of chicken death to 26-3-2006, altogether 24,836 fowls were culled and buried. In Mandalay District (Pyigyidagun, Amarapura, Chanmyathazi, Chanayethazan, Maha Aungmye and Aungmyethazan) 2,060 fowls died at 99 poultry farms where 111,919 were kept and 96,159 were destroyed. Therefore, 8,791 fowls died and 120,995 fowls and 560 eggs were destroyed and buried in those districts.

(B) Death of quails and those destroyed

Altogether 1,941 quails at two quail farms in Shwebo District and 115,650 quails in 44 quail farms in Mandalay District and 50,515 eggs were killed/destroyed. Therefore, 117,591 quails and 50,515 quail eggs were killed/destroyed and buried.

(C) Finding of bird flu virus

After the initial outbreaks in the cull zone in Kanbalu, KhinU, YeU, Pyigyidagun, Amarapura, Chanmyathazi, Chanayethazan, Maha Aungmye and Aungmyethazan Townships, investigation was made at 47 poultry farms. A total of 433 samples (blood, inner organs of the chicken and trachea) were collected and examined through rapid test and HA, HI and PCR processes. The H5N1 virus was detected in 26 samples of 35 chicken farms.

2. Control of disease: Under the supervision of local authorities the LBVD is taking measures on disease control in the cull zones in cooperation with Health Department, Development Affairs Departments, Myanmar Livestock Breeding Federation and breeders and with the assistance of disease control experts from international organizations. All the fowls in the farms from one kilometre radius of the farm where the virus was found were culled for

risk prevention. The destruction included 120,995, fowls, 112,414 quails, 50,515 quail eggs and 560 eggs.

The farms and other materials were sprayed with pesticides. The ban on sale and transport of animals and their products was imposed after the control and restricted and control areas were designated between 3 kilometres and 7 kilometres from the infected farm. It was found that there was no evidence of human and other animal infections from the H5N1. The situation is now under control in affected townships of Mandalay Division.

3. The latest condition up to 26-3-2006: The disease has been brought under control in Shwebo, KhinU except in Kaboe Village in Kanbalu Township and Mandalay District; control measures continue at Kaboe Village.

4. Cooperation with international organizations: Regional Coordinator of FAO Dr K Watanabe and Regional Coordinator of USAID of the United States Dr John MacArthur in cooperation with the LBVD made a field trip to the affected areas in Mandalay and Shwebo Districts and took emergency measures on control of the disease. Minister for Livestock Breeding and Fisheries Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein received the FAO and WHO resident representatives to Myanmar and discussed bird flu control programmes. The Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA) and a regional laboratory in Australia provided educative posters and laboratory equipment. Myanmar received protective gear, testing kits and others worth about US \$ 100,000 provided by FAO, JICA and the regional laboratory in Australia. Three experts from FAO, JICA and DLD of Thailand together with Dr K Watanabe will conduct disease control in Mandalay and Shwebo for two weeks beginning 28-3-2006.

5. Rehabilitation: Under the programme of the Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries, the Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department, the Myanmar Livestock Breeding and Fisheries Development Bank and the Myanmar Livestock Breeding Federation will jointly take measures for rehabilitation of the affected chicken runs.

6. Regions that have not been infected: To ensure normal rate of consumption and trade of domestic chickens and chicken products in such regions, State/Division Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Departments will hold coordination meetings and issue animal health certificates to livestock breeders and traders to distribute products with the permission of respective local authorities.

Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries

Public awareness poster for the village level. Title: INSTRUCTION FOR THE PREVENTION & CONTROL OF HIGHLY PATHOGENIC AVIAN INFLUENZA. Includes Burmese and English text, diagrams of farm layouts, and illustrations of various activities (e.g., bird catching, market visits, food preparation) with 'Do as follows' and 'Don't do as follows' instructions.

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**British spy on Sinn Fein found reportedly dead**

LONDON, 5 April — A former senior member of Irish nationalist party Sinn Fein, expelled by the party in December after he admitted he had been spying for Britain, was found shot dead on Tuesday, Britain's Sky television reported.

Denis Donaldson was found dead in County Donegal in the Republic of Ireland, the report said, without giving further details. Donaldson was a convicted IRA bomber who spent time in prison with now Sinn Fein leader Gerry Adams and was head of Sinn Fein's international department.

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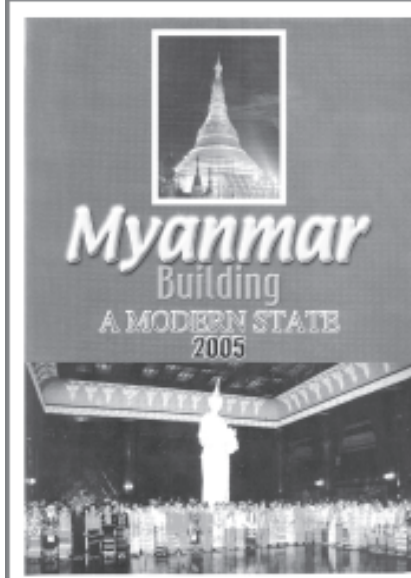
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**Russia detains round-the-world Briton in far north**

Moscow, 5 April—A Briton attempting to complete an unbroken walk around the world has been detained by Russian border guards after crossing the frozen Bering Strait, his father said on Tuesday. Former paratrooper Karl Bushby was stopped with American Dimitri Kieffer on 1 April on the remote Chukotka Peninsula after a perilous two-week journey across the sea ice bridge between Russia and Alaska. "If you walk across the

Bering Strait you're very lucky if you make it to Russia at all. Where you land is in the lap of the gods," said his father, Keith. "Apparently they've got him holed up in a hotel under a sort of house arrest," he told Reuters by telephone from Britain.

Russian news agencies quoted local officials as saying the two men were stopped at the village of Uelen for illegally crossing Russia's border. MNA/Reuters

**Passenger plane makes emergency landing at Ankara Airport**

ANKARA, 5 April—A passenger jet of the Dutch Martinair made an emergency landing at Ankara's Esenboga Airport on Tuesday after a passenger on board died of heart attack, semi-official Anatolia news agency reported. The report said that the plane en route from Maldives to Brussels made an emergency landing while flying over Turkey after a Belgium passenger called Renee Vermeulen suffered an heart attack. —MNA/Xinhua

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A group of women shake a carpet in front of their destroyed home at western Kabul, Afghanistan, on 5 April, 2006. —INTERNET

### Mt Everest climb to raise funds for Nepali children

KATHMANDU, 5 April —A security officer for the United Nations World Food Programme (WFP) in Nepal is on his way to the Mt Everest region in the hopes of scaling the world's highest peak while raising money for WFP programmes helping children in Nepal, a statement issued by WFP on Tuesday said.

Mark Squirrel left Kathmandu on Monday towards the Mt Everest to accomplish his mission to raise awareness in the region about child hunger, according to the statement.

He normally makes many trips to the remote and undeveloped districts of the country, where WFP assists thousands of families each year.

The expedition will be hoping to summit Mt Everest on 21 May, on the

same day as "Walk the World" —when hundreds of thousands of people around the world will walk in communities to call for an end to child hunger.

"Walk the World" is organized each year by WFP and its partners to raise awareness and funds to fight the scourge of child hunger, which accounts for 18,000 deaths a day, the statement said.

In 2005, over 200,000 people participated in

"Walk the World", raising 1.5 million US dollars.

"I'm very excited to finally be going," the WFP statement quoted the Australian national Squirrel as saying.

"To be able to combine a personal dream with the potential of helping children in this country while raising awareness about hunger is both rewarding and humbling," he added.

MNA/Xinhua

### Chinese elderly models to walk on Singapore's stage

ZHENGZHOU, 5 April — Thirty-two middle-aged and elderly models, all from Central China's Henan Province, will walk on the stage of an international dance and costume competition in Singapore, said Li Haoying, Director of Henan Model Art Research Association, on Tuesday.

The Singapore Orchid Award Competition is especially designed for middle-aged and elderly amateurs and will be held from 5 to 10 April. Chinese models will present a dance performance named the Glamour of Central China. Their costumes are decorated by patterns of

Chinese written characters and the symbols of the Chinese dragon.

Liu Le, a 63-year-old performer, said, "Such activities make me young. I'm glad to show myself like this." Liu also went to Hong Kong and Macao for similar competitions last year.

Another 54-year-old model, named Li Shuqin, said the performances are more interesting than playing poker at home and women her age should attend more activities.

"And in this way we are no less charming than the young people," she said. —MNA/Xinhua



A cat walks on a farm in Seehof, Germany, on 2 March, 2006. Animal health experts called on 5 April, 2006 for new precautions against bird flu because cats, and possibly other mammals, can be infected and could spread the H5N1 virus. INTERNET



'Stocks walking stick seats' are shown at the Thonet stand, during the International Furniture and Design exhibition that was unveiled in Milan, Italy, on 5 April, 2006. —INTERNET

### Sri Lanka records more tourist arrivals

COLOMBO, 5 April — The tourist arrivals to Sri Lanka during the first two months of 2006 were 104,918 as against 74,832 in 2005 and 93,534 in 2004, said the official Daily News on Tuesday.

India continued to be the highest prime generating market of tourists accounting for 21 per cent of tourist traffic, said the newspaper.

The second and third highest are Britain and Germany. These three countries together accounted for nearly 46 per cent of the tourist traffic. The new emerging markets to Sri Lanka are China, Russia and the Middle East.

Tourist arrivals from China during the first two months were 3,251 as against 765 in 2005.

MNA/Xinhua

## SPORTS



Riders climb Urbasa during the third stage of the Tour of the Basque Country cycling race near Alsasua on 5 April, 2006.—INTERENT

## Barca reach semis with nervy win over Benfica

BARCELONA, 6 April — Goals from Ronaldinho and Samuel Eto'o earned Barcelona a nervy 2-0 win at home to Benfica on Wednesday that set up a mouth-watering Champions League semifinal showdown against AC Milan.

World Player of the Year Ronaldinho atoned for an earlier missed penalty when he steered home midway through the first half and Eto'o secured the victory by smashing into the roof of the net two minutes before the final whistle.

The goals secured the Catalans a 2-0 aggregate win and allowed them to book a place in the last four for the third time in seven seasons where they will be joined by fellow Primera Liga side Villarreal, who beat Inter Milan on Tuesday.

Frank Rijkaard's side looked edgy throughout but Benfica failed to take advantage and wasted their best chance of the match when Simao Sabrosa lashed wide with the goal at his mercy on the hour.

Barca, who have struggled to score in recent games, were given the perfect chance to settle their nerves just five minutes into the game at the Nou Camp. Benfica midfielder Petit conceded a penalty after he cut out a Mark van Bommel pass with his hand just inside the area.

Ronaldinho stepped up to take the spot kick but Marcelo Moretto, who had denied Barca with an inspired performance in the first leg, produced a spectacular full-stretch save to stop the Brazilian's mid-height shot.

MNA/Reuters

## FA to name England manager before World Cup

LONDON, 6 April — England's Football Association is on course to name the next manager of the national side before the World Cup starts in June, it said on Wednesday.

However, an FA board meeting did not discuss potential candidates to succeed Sven-Goran Eriksson after the tournament in Germany.

"At this time, no decision has been taken on who the next England manager will be," the FA said in a statement after the meeting.

"Due to the magnitude of the England team, this process understandably continues to attract a huge level of interest, which leads to intense media speculation.

"However, out of courtesy to all parties involved in this process, the FA has a responsibility to ensure a level of confidentiality is maintained until we are in a position to make an appointment."

Former Celtic boss Martin O'Neill is the bookmakers' favourite in a race that began in January when Eriksson announced his plans to stand down two years early.

William Hill rate O'Neill at 11-8 to take over from Swede Eriksson who became England's first foreign manager when succeeded Kevin Keegan in 2001.

From Northern Ireland, O'Neill had an extensive and successful playing career in England and his management spells with Wycombe Wanderers, Leicester City and Celtic make him "less foreign" than other possible contenders such as Dutchman Guus Hiddink, Brazilian Luiz Felipe Scolari and Italian Fabio Capello.

MNA/Reuters

## Hartson secures 40th League title for Celtic

GLASGOW, 6 April — Celtic were crowned Scottish champions with six games to spare after Gordon Strachan's team ran out 1-0 winners over Hearts at Parkhead on Wednesday.

The victory means Celtic lead second-placed Hearts by 20 points, adding the club's 40th championship to a League Cup won last month in a superb first season under Strachan.

A fourth-minute goal by John Hartson, on his 31st birthday, was enough to see off Hearts (62 points) who could be pipped by Rangers (59) for a berth in the Champions League qualifiers.

A long kick out by keeper Artur Boruc was knocked on by fellow Pole Maciej Zurawski and Hartson lashed a 25-metre shot into the net.

Celtic survived a nerve-shredding finish and in an incredible last-minute scramble Hearts' substitute Michal Pospisil shaved the right post with a close-range shot.

After the final whistle, ecstatic Celtic players danced with joy in front of a near-60,000 crowd.

Strachan appeared for the post match Press conference 80 minutes after the final whistle and said how proud he was to win his first championship.

"I had the honour of standing in the middle of the park, being the champions and that was very emotional," he said.

"I am not making any claims about being a great footballing side. But what you cannot take away from us is that we are 20 points clear."

Strachan revealed he had planned to visit cancer-stricken first team coach Tommy Burns only to discover he had left hospital to watch the match on television.

He said: "The only thing missing from tonight is Tommy Burns (who has melanoma). I tried to get a police car (to go to hospital) but then got a call to say he's not there.

"So I phoned him and asked where he was and he said, 'I just wanted to come home and watch the game on telly!'"

As the title celebrations went on around him, Hartson told BBC Radio Scotland he might have to leave the club at the end of the season for personal reasons.

MNA/Reuters



Masters golf tournament at the Augusta National Golf Club in Augusta, Georgia, on 5 April, 2006. Woods is a four-time Masters champion. Play in the tournament begins on Thursday.—INTERENT

## Visa to sign 150-200 million pounds FIFA deal

LONDON, 6 April — Visa is to sign a 150-200 million pounds (260-350 million US dollars) sponsorship deal for the World Cup from 2007 as FIFA's new financial services partner, sources close to the deal told Reuters on Wednesday.

A source said a meeting between FIFA President Sepp Blatter and Visa chief executive Christopher Rodrigues would confirm the agreement in Zurich on Thursday.

"This is obviously a major undertaking for Visa," one source said.

MasterCard is the current financial services partner of world football's governing body and has been allied with the World Cup since 1990.

Coca-Cola, Hyundai, Adidas and Sony have already signed up as official partners with FIFA. The sources declined to reveal the length of the contract although the FIFA website stated that partnership agreements of this kind would run from 2007 until 2014.

Visa is already an Olympic and Rugby World Cup sponsor and the former deal will run until London 2012.

Thursday's announcement is expected

to be made at FIFA House, the governing body's official headquarters in Zurich.

MNA/Reuters

## Liverpool star Agger named best young football talent

STOCKHOLM, 6 April — The Danish Football Union named Liverpool star Daniel Agger as its Under 21 player of the year, said reports reaching here from Copenhagen on Wednesday.

Agger, whose autumn season was hampered by injuries, played in six matches and scored three goals for the U21 national team in 2005. His efforts helped the squad qualify for the U21 European Championship this summer, according to Ritzau news bureau.

Despite his graduation from the U21s to the A-side, coach Flemming Serritslev said Agger's impact on the team was still being felt.

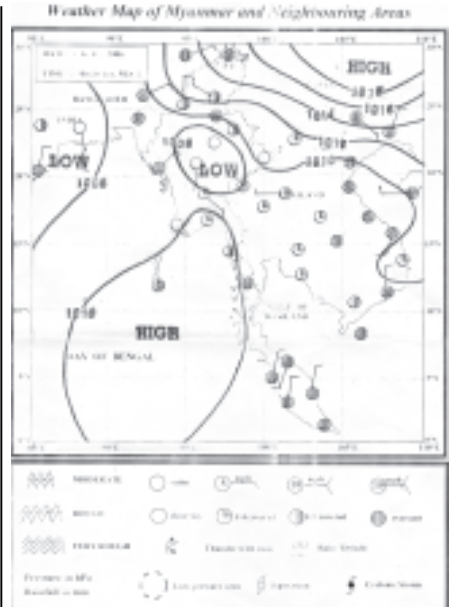
"Daniel is a complete defender. He is extremely quick and also good at going forward which has added a new dimension to the U21 team," Serritslev told Ritzau.

MNA/Xinhua



China's Qi Hui, centre, celebrates after her win in the women's 400 metres Individual Medley at the FINA World Short Course Swimming Championships in Shanghai, China, on 5 April, 2006. With her are silver medalist Alessia Filippi, left, and bronze medalist Anastasia Ivanenko, of Russia.—INTERENT

**Filipino chefs rush out of the Intercon Hotel as they participate during an evacuation and rescue drill for earthquake and fire preparedness at an upscale hotel in the financial district of Makati, south of Manila, Philippines, on 4 April, 2006. —INTERNET**



## Seoul makes effort to identify hijackers of S Korean fishing ship

**SEOUL, 6 April —** The South Korean Government on Wednesday is still trying to identify the hijackers of a South Korean fishing ship that was hijacked off the coast of Somalia on Tuesday afternoon.

The 361-ton *Dongwon-ho No 628*, owned by Busan-based Dongwon Fisheries, was hijacked by a group of unidentified gunmen on Tuesday off the coast of Somalia, confirmed South Korean Foreign Ministry earlier Wednesday.

All the 25 crew members on board were abducted. The crew includes eight South Korean fishermen, nine from Indonesia, five from Vietnam and three from China, according to the South Korean

Foreign Ministry. The South Korean Foreign Ministry also informed Chinese Embassy in Seoul of the information that three Chinese are among the abductees, according to source at the Chinese Embassy.

Moreover, South Korean *Yonhap* news agency quoted Dongwon Fisheries as saying that the captain of the hijacked ship managed to contact the company's Busan office stealthily by radio after the incident occurred.

"Eight armed insurgents believed to be pirates have just seized our ship after threatening us with gunfire," Choi Sung-sik, the captain of the ship, said in the radio message.

"We have been taken hostage by the pirates, but all crewmembers are safe," he said, according to the transcript of the communication.

Choi also told his company the hijackers took all the food from his ship and have instructed crew to sail to the Somali port of Obbia.

MNA/Xinhua

### WEATHER

Thursday, 6 April, 2006

**Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST:** During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been scattered in Kachin State, isolated in upper Sagaing Division and weather has been generally fair in the remaining areas. Day temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) above normal in Magway, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi Divisions and (3°C) below normal in Kachin State, (6°C) below normal in upper Sagaing Division and about normal in the remaining areas. The significant day temperatures were Magway (42°C) and Minbu (41°C). The noteworthy amount of rainfall recorded was Putao (1.26) inches.

Maximum temperature on 5-4-2006 was 99°F. Minimum temperature on 6-4-2006 was 66°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hrs MST on 6-4-2006 was (70%). Total sunshine hours on 5-4-2006 was (9.9) hours approx.

Rainfalls on 6-4-2006 were nil at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and central Yangon. Total rainfalls since 1-1-2006 were (Tr) at Mingaladon, Kaba-Aye and (0.04) inch at central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (4) mph from Southwest at (15:30) hours MST on 5-4-2006.

**Bay inference:** Weather is generally fair in the Bay of Bengal.

**Forecast valid until evening of 7-4-2006:** Likelihood of isolated light rain or thundershowers in Kachin, Chin and Northern Shan States and upper Sagaing Division and weather will be generally fair in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (60%).

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

**Outlook for subsequent two days:** Continuation of light rain or thundershowers are likely in Northern Myanmar areas.

**Forecast for Naypyidaw and neighbouring areas for 7-4-2006:** Generally fair weather.

**Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring areas for 7-4-2006:** Partly cloudy.

**Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring areas for 7-4-2006:** Generally fair weather.

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7:30 am

3. Morning news

7:40 am

4. Nice and sweet song

7:50 am

5. ရိုးရာကျေးလက်ကစားနည်း

8:00 am

6. အတီးဖြိုင်ပွဲ

8:05 am

7. The mirror images of the musical oldies

8:15 am

8. ကျေးပင်အက်ရေဆောင်တစ်

8:20 am

9. ခါးကြိတ်အဆိုအကများ

8:30 am

10. International news

8:45 am

11. English for Everyday Use

4:00 pm

1. Martial song

4:15 pm

2. Song to uphold National Spirit

4:30 pm

3. Musical programme

4:45 pm

4. အစားသင့်တတ္ကသိုလ်ပညာရေး ရုပ်ပြိုင်သံကြားသင်ခန်းစာ - ပထမနှစ် (အထူးပြုအားလုံး) (အင်္ဂလိပ်စာ)

5:00 pm

5. Song of national races

5:15 pm

6. လက်ဆင့်ကမ်းစား ဂီတစား

5:20 pm

7. အဆိုဖြိုင်ပွဲ

5:25 pm

8. "အန္တရာယ်ကင်းစေ ဘေးကင်းစေ" (ထုမင်း၊ ဟန်နီထွန်း) (ခါရိုက်တာ-သက်တင်)

5:40 pm

9. ခါးကြိတ်အဆိုအကများ

6:00 pm

10. Evening news

6:30 pm

11. Weather report

6:35 pm

12. သုတစုံလင်ရွှေညောင်ရင့်

7:00 pm

13. ကျန်းမာစွမ်းအားဖွံ့ဖြိုးမှု လက်တွဲပါဝင်ဆောင်ရွက်ပွဲ

7:14 pm

14. အတီးဖြိုင်ပွဲ

7:30 pm

15. မူဟန်သွယ်သွယ်ဆိုကြပေ

7:45 pm

16. ခါးကြိတ်အဆိုအကများ

8:00 pm

17. News

18. International news

19. Weather report

20. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "နှင်းဆီအိမ်မက်"

(အပိုင်း-၂၂)

21. The next day's programme



Friday, 7 April Tune in today

8:30 am Brief news

8:35 am Music:

-Skber boy

8:40 am Perspectives

8:45 am Music:

-Can't get you out of my heart

8:50 am National news & Slogan

9:00 am Music:

-A thousand day

9:05 am International news

9:10 am Music:

-Cross roads

1:30 pm News & Slogan

1:40pm Lunch time music

-I believe

9:00pm WOM

9:15 pm Article

9:25 pm Music at your request

-Tender heart

9:45 pm News / Slogan

10:00 pm PEL

**Four political objectives**

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

**Four economic objectives**

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

**Four social objectives**

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

**Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than calls for meeting coffee plantation target in Bago Division**

YANGON, 6 April — Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than of the Ministry of Defence, accompanied by Chairman of Bago Division PDC Commander of Southern Command Maj-Gen Ko Ko, on 3 April arrived at Kyauktaing Coffee Farm (Branch) of Myanmar Agriculture Service in Toungoo, Bago Division and inspected cultivation of coffee plants and lingzhi mushrooms.

After hearing the reports, Lt-Gen Khin Maung

Than called for collective efforts to meet the targeted cultivation and to grow good quality coffee plants. He also urged those present to use grafting methods systematically and attended to the needs. On his inspection tour, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than inspected cultivation of 141,200 coffee plants in the farm and called for the extended cultivation.

So far, 1,402 acres of coffee have been grown in Bago Division and 7,327 acres in Thandaung Town-

ship, Kayin State, in 2005-2006.

As part of an extensive cultivation of coffee in the region in 2006-2007, 140,000 coffee saplings are cultivated in the farm. Regarding the rubber plantation, a total of 51,931 acres have been put under rubber in 2005-2006 in Bago Division, and it is expected that the extended cultivation of rubber will reach 23,800 acres in 2006-2007.

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**Lt-Gen Myint Swe inspects Twantay Bridge Project**



**Lt-Gen Myint Swe inspects progress of Twantay Bridge Construction Project in Twantay.** — MNA

YANGON, 6 April — Lt-Gen Myint Swe of the Ministry of Defence this morning unveiled the signboard of Mibagon Hall of Mibagon Home for the Aged in Twantay, attended the physic nut plants growing ceremony and inspected progress of Twantay Bridge project.

At the opening ceremony of the hall of Mibagon Home for the Aged, Chairman of Yangon South District Peace and Development Council Lt-Col Aung Pyae and Chairman of the Home for the Aged Committee wellwisher U Tun Kyaing formally opened the hall.

Lt-Gen Myint Swe formally unveiled the signboard of the home.

In the home, Lt-Gen Myint Swe grew physic

nut saplings together with Lt-Col Aung Pyae and officials.

They viewed participation of members of the Union Solidarity and Development Association, Women's Affairs Organization, Maternal and Child Welfare Association, War Veterans Organization, Red Cross and Auxiliary Fire Brigades and local people in growing 300 physic nut saplings.

At the cash donation ceremony to the fund of the home, Lt-Gen Myint Swe accepted K 1.4 million donated by U Sein Tin-Daw Tin Tin Win and

family; K 600,000 by Maung Min Htet Kyaw-Ma Mya Pwint Phyu; and K 500,000 by Maung Sit Naing Tun-Ma Nyein Chan Thu.

Officials also ac-

cepted cash donations from wellwishers.

Today's donations to the fund of the home from 22 wellwishers amounted to K 6.4 million.

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**Weather Forecast for 7-4-2006**

**Naypyidaw & neighbouring areas**

Generally fair weather

**Yangon & neighbouring areas**

Partly cloudy

**Mandalay & neighbouring areas**

Generally fair weather

