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### Four political objectives

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

### Four economic objectives

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

### Four social objectives

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

## Stakes driven to build Pulp Factory, Brown Paper Factory in Yeni



**Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than addresses the stake-driving ceremony for building 50-ton pulp factory and 80-ton brown paper factory (Yeni).** — MNA

NAY PYI TAW, 21 April — A ceremony to drive stakes for construction of Pulp Factory that can manufacture 50 tons of products per day, and the Brown Paper Factory (Yeni) that can manufac-

ture 80 tons of products per day to be built in the compound of No 2 Paper Factory in Yeni, Yedashe Township, was held at the site for the new factory this morning, attended by Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than of the Ministry of Defence.

Also present on the occasion were Chairman of Bago Division Peace and Development Council

Commander of Southern Command Maj-Gen Ko Ko, Minister for Industry-1 U Aung Thuang, Minister for Energy Brig-Gen Lun Thi, Minister for Electric Power Maj-Gen Tin Htut, Minister for Forestry Brig-Gen Thein Aung, officials of the State Peace and Development Council Office and the Ministry of Industry-1, Chinese Ambassador Mr Guan Mu, (See page 8)

**No 2 Paper Factory (Yeni) can produce over 6,000 tons of brown paper. On completion, the Brown Paper Factory will supply adequate amount of products to cement plants.**

### INSIDE

*The Head of State went on an inspection tour of development undertakings in Kachin State and Mandalay and Magway divisions from 11 to 26 December 2005. During the tour, he gave guidance on holding meetings at which advanced curriculums and syllabuses would be drawn and approved for the basic and higher education sectors to meet the world level, and running refresher courses to raise the qualifications of teachers of English, Maths and other related subjects.*

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**Minister U Aung Thuang and Chinese Ambassador Mr Guan Mu sprinkling scented water on a stake.** — MNA

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

**PERSPECTIVES**

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**Increase exports, extend import substitute industries**

The government is making all-out efforts to bring about harmonious and equitable development across the nation.

In this regard, it has been taking systematic measures including supply of irrigated water for development of the agricultural sector, the main pillar of the national economy. At the same time, it is building infrastructures for strengthening the national economy.

At present, virgin and fallow land is being reclaimed nationwide for extended cultivation of paddy, pulses and beans, oil palm, rubber and other crops. The national entrepreneurs are striving together with farmers on a mutually beneficial basis in such sectors as livestock breeding and production of marine products and export items.

Member of the State Peace and Development Council General Thura Shwe Mann on 19 April met with departmental officials, businessmen and townsenders of Thandwe, Taungup and Gwa townships during his inspection tour of Thandwe and gave instructions on regional development tasks.

General Thura Shwe Mann said that the entire national people are to make relentless efforts to increase exports, earn more foreign exchange and boost production of import substitute goods.

Nowadays, the government is providing private entrepreneurs with all the necessary requirements in accordance with the market-oriented economic system.

Meanwhile, it is taking steps in the industrial sector for development of mills and factories capable of producing import substitute goods.

In an effort to ensure economic development the length and breadth of the nation, businessmen are to contribute their shares in services, trade and production sectors. And they should systematically run business that will benefit individuals and organizations as well as the nation.

At a time when the government is making all-out efforts to bring about equitable development in all parts of the nation, the onus is on businessmen to extend import substitute industries while striving for increasing exports.



To mark the 80th birthday, Daw San Htwe of No 47, Myitta Street, Thiri Yadana Yeiktha, Thingangyun Township, recently donated K 100,000 to Hninzigon Home for the Aged through the administrative board. — H

**Editorial Board's Decision**

- \* 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

**Cash donated to MMCWA hailing Annual General Meeting**

YANGON, 21 April — As a gesture of hailing the Annual General Meeting of Myanmar Maternal and Child Welfare Association, wellwishers made cash donations at the Multi-functional Building of MMCWA at the corner of Thanthuma and Parami Roads in South Okkalapa Township this afternoon.

At the ceremony, President of MMCWA Daw Khin Khin Win accepted K 3.5 million donated by Singapore Association of Myanmar (SAM); K 3 million by Yangon City Development Committee; one set of settee worth K 630,000 by Managing Director U Myat Thu Win of Shwe Mintha Co Ltd; K 500,000 each by U Zaw Zaw-Daw Htay Htay Khaing (Max Myanmar), U Chit Khaing and wife of Eden Group, U Thein



MMCWA President Daw Khin Khin Win accepts K 3.5 million donated by officials of Singapore Association of Myanmar (SAM). — MNA

Han (Tokyo Pipe), U Shein Win (Tetlan Construction), and U Maung Maung Aung (Annawa Aung Fisheries Trading); K 307,000 by U Thein Maung-Daw Pa Pa (Sandi Traditional Medicine); K 300,000 each by U Aung Kyaw Lwin and family (Daw Aye Electronics Store), U Shaung San and family (Crown Wire Co),

U Soe Win (Soe Aung Brother Electronics Trading), and U Kyaw Lwin Moe (Ayeyawady Co); and 100 books worth K 210,000 by Saya U San Tin Aung (Shwebo).

SAM Chairman Mr Teddi Chia explained the purpose of the cash donations.

The President of MMCWA expressed

thanks and presented gifts to the wellwishers.

Also present on the occasion were CEC members of MMCWA and Singaporean Ambassador Mr Thambynathan Jasudasan.

After the ceremony, the guests viewed documentary photos on movements of MMCWA. — MNA



MMCWA President Daw Khin Khin Win expresses thanks to the wellwishers. — MNA

**Signboard of Mogok Meditation Centre (London) Organizing Committee put up**

YANGON, 21 April — A ceremony to put up the signboard of Mogok Meditation Centre (London) Organizing Committee was held at No 32/34 (ground floor), Phonegyi Street, Lanmadaw Township, here, this morning.

Adviser U Arnt Maung unveiled the signboard of the committee. Next, the cash donation ceremony followed.

The cash donations included K 1 million by Vice-Chairman of Mogok Meditation Centre (London) Organizing Committee Maha Saddhamajotika Dhaja Sirisudhamma Manijotadhaja U Kyaw Khin Myint-Daw Sein Sein and family, K 1 million of Treasurer U Aung Tin Tun-Daw Myint Yi and family, K 500,000 by Daw Ni Ni Tun, K 200,000 by U Myo Htut-Daw Yi Yi Nwe and family, K 100,000 by U Khin Maung Than-Daw Theingi Nwe (Ray Shopping), K 100,000 by U Aye Lwin-Daw Khin Lay (Shwepyisan Co) and K 50,000 by U Kyaw Swe-Daw Hnin Ei Phyu.

Those wishing to make cash donations to the committee are to contact the Committee Office at

No 32/34 (ground floor), Phonegyi Street, Lanmadaw Township or dial 212825.

The Mogok Meditation Centre (London) will be opened in London. — MNA

The signboard of Mogok Meditation Centre (London) Organizing Committee being put up on Phonegyi Street, Lanmadaw Township. — MNA



# Russia calls for unity to fight Internet crime

Moscow, 20 April—The world should unite against online criminals because they could cause as much harm as deadly weapons, Russia's Interior Minister said on Wednesday. Russian hackers are notorious, and the country is often identified as a centre for extortion from Internet bookmakers, banks and

other businesses. Several damaging viruses are believed to have originated in Russia.

Interior Minister Rashid Nurgaliyev said the frequency of such attacks was increasing, with potentially catastrophic consequences. "A whole arsenal of destructive technologies is being used by criminals against the

information infrastructure," Nurgaliyev told a conference in Moscow.

"In certain conditions, the consequences of their use for humanity could even prove to be comparable with the use of weapons of mass destruction".

Russian hackers have frequently been named in lawsuits brought for mass "spamming" of email

addresses, and the country's highly educated workforce and inefficient police make it a magnet for Internet crime.

An online group busted two years ago in a joint British-Russian operation had extorted \$70 million from British gambling firms in a hi-tech protection racket in 2004. Russian police have said such groups are almost impossible to find because they do not fit the patterns of traditional criminal groups and spread across borders.

"The creation of a solid barrier to prevent the spread of these practices, with a clear cross-border character, is impossible without the union of all affected countries," said Nurgaliyev.

MNA/Reuters



Young dancers wait their turn to celebrate the birthday of Tin Hau in Hong Kong on 20 April, 2006. Tin Hau is the Taoist god of the sea who protects fishermen as most of Hong Kong communities are originally from the sea.—INTERNET

## Mexico criticizes newly approved anti-immigrant law in Georgia of US

MEXICO CITY, 20 April—The Mexican Government criticized the US state of Georgia on Tuesday for approving a law which imposed heavier penalties on undocumented migrants and made new demands on employers.

Ruben Aguilar, spokesman for Mexican President Vicente Fox, told reporters that Mexico was worried that the law, "part of Georgia's legal arrangement", discriminated against Mexicans. Georgia's governor Sonny Perdue on Monday signed the Security and Immigration Law, which increases penalties on illegal migrants and their employers.

The law requires verification of the legal status of people seeking many state-administered benefits for the first time.

And employers will have to prove that their employees are legal in the nation.

Aguilar said that the Mexican Foreign Ministry and the country's consulates in the United States would watch the

application of the measures very closely.

While Perdue signed the law, Janet Napolitano, the governor of Arizona, was vetoing an anti-immigrant initiative, Aguilar said.

MNA/Xinhua



Ice floes float on the Neva River past the State Hermitage Museum in St Petersburg on 20 April, 2006. The temperature in Russia's second largest city rose to 13 degrees Celsius (55.4 degrees Fahrenheit) on Thursday, entering the record as the warmest day so far this year.—INTERNET

## Retiree flushes money down toilet

BERLIN, 20 April—A retiree in northern Germany flushed some 30,000 marks (euro 15,300, US\$18,900) down the toilet, believing the old bank notes were worthless, police said.

Officials were alerted by a blocked pipe in the northern city of Kiel. A cleaning company employee extracted soggy bundles of bank notes, but more money got away as the water started flowing again.

Investigators then discovered that the retiree had reported a blocked pipe at his house the same day. They visited the "slightly bewildered" man at his apartment and he confirmed that he had flushed the money away, a police statement issued late Wednesday said.

The 64-year-old "was of the opinion that mark notes no longer had any value," it added. He still had another 30,000 marks at the apartment, as well as euro 14,000 (US\$17,300) in euro bills. Police accompanied the retiree to a bank, where he deposited the money.

Euro notes and coins replaced 12 national currencies in 2002. Europeans can still exchange the old money at their central banks.—Internet

## Widow, 84, wins record \$10m slot jackpot

ATLANTIC CITY, NJ, 20 April— For 84-year-old Josephine Crawford, the golden years just got a lot more golden. About to call it quits after a night playing slot machines, the Galloway Township widow hit a \$10 million jackpot late Tuesday, the biggest in the history of casino gambling here.

The retired waitress knew when the nickel slot machine's bells went off that she'd won something but didn't know what. When a slot attendant at Harrah's Atlantic City casino told her it was \$10,010,113.48, she didn't believe him. "I said, 'Oh, come on.' But he just stood there and I figured, why is he staying there?" she said Wednesday.

Crawford, who has been gambling in Atlantic City casinos since the first one

opened in 1978, had never won more than \$1,000 at a time before. She still hadn't decided Wednesday whether to take the money in a 25-year annuity or in a lump-sum payment of more than \$5.5 million, but she has 21 days to make that call.

Either way, she's not planning a spending spree.

Crawford, a petite, gray-haired great-grandmother, lives with her daughter,

drives a 2006 Honda Civic and has no plans to buy a new car or a new house. But she's always wanted to see Italy, where her parents grew up, and she wants to share the wealth with her two daughters, five grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

The jackpot was won on Megabucks, a progressive slot machine linked to hundreds of others in

Atlantic City's 12 casinos. With progressive slot machines, a portion of each bet goes toward the citywide jackpots, which start at \$1 million. The previous biggest Atlantic City jackpot was \$8.5 million in 1994.

Internet



Josephine Crawford, 84, of Galloway Township, NJ, talks to reporters on Wednesday, 19 April, 2006.—INTERNET

Tennis player Maria Sharapova of Russia poses as she arrives at The Billies, on 20 April, 2006, in Beverly Hills, Calif. The Billies, named for tennis great Billie Jean King and presented by the Women's Sports Foundation, is an inaugural event that recognizes female sports figures for their excellence in the positive portrayal of women's sports and physical activity.—INTERNET





**US President George W Bush (L) shakes hands with Chinese President Hu Jintao during a welcoming ceremony on the South Lawn of the White House on 20 April, 2006. Bush and Hu will discuss trade, currency, Iran and Taiwan during their meeting on Thursday, but analysts say the White House meeting is unlikely to yield any significant agreements.**

INTERNET

## China to build world-level national Botanical Garden

BEIJING, 20 April — The Chinese Academy of Sciences and the Beijing municipal government are planning to build a world-class botanical garden to showcase the country's rich plant diversity and research capabilities of its botanists.

At a meeting on

Tuesday to mark the 50th anniversary of the establishment of the Beijing Botanical Garden, Han Xingguo, director of the Chinese Academy of Sciences (CAS) Institute of Botany, announced that they have received approval to build the national botanical garden

which will be combined with the existing Beijing Botanical Garden.

The Beijing Botanical Garden, originally built in 1956, has cultivated more than 6,000 valuable plant species and invested about 478 million yuan (59 million US dollars) in landscaping in the past two decades.

Zhang Zuoshuang, curator of the Beijing Municipal Botanical Garden, said at the celebration event on Tuesday that a world-class botanical garden should include both high artistic values and strong research capabilities.

MNA/Xinhua



**One Thousand so-called 'Trash People' by the German artist HA Schult are installed in front of the Cologne Cathedral in Cologne, Germany, on 21 April, 2006. The art installation has been exhibited in Egypt, China and Russia and can be seen in Cologne for the first time . —INTERNET**

## Car bomber killed in Afghan attack

JALALABAD (Afghanistan), 20 April — A car bomb blew up as its driver tried to ram a US military convoy in Afghanistan on Wednesday, while in a separate incident, two Canadian soldiers were wounded in a roadside blast.

The attacks came as the commander of US forces in Afghanistan met Afghan and Pakistani commanders for security talks including ways to combat a wave of bombings. Jalalabad police spokesman Abdul Ghafour said US troops shot dead the suicide car-bomber as he tried to ram a convoy and seconds later his explosives detonated. US military spokeswoman Lieutenant Tamara Lawrence said the driver was killed in a blast as he approached the US convoy. — MNA/Reuters

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## China not to threaten or challenge any country

BEIJING, 20 April — A Chinese official said Wednesday that China has no intention of threatening or challenging other countries.

Wang Guoqing, deputy director of the Information Office of the State Council, made the statement when asked to comment on a Japanese report that China's development posed threat to Japan.

"The saying that China's development is a threat is groundless," Wang said, quoting the remarks made by Chinese President Hu Jintao in a meeting with the heads of seven Japan-China friendship organizations, who paid a joint visit to China in late March.

Noting that both China and Japan stand at an important stage of development, Hu said that China has rapid economic growth, better national strength and improving lives of the people since the implementation of China's reform and opening-up policy.

"However, China is still a developing country with per capita GDP in 2005 reaching 1,700 US dollars, less than 5 per cent of that of Japan," Hu said.

Hu said China is still faced with arduous tasks,

including seeking a balanced development between city and countryside, building an eco-friendly society and building a harmonious society. It will take China dozens of year to realize modernization.

Hu said China firmly follows the path of peaceful development because it hopes to create a peaceful international environment for its development and boost world peace with its own development.

MNA/Xinhua

## Toyota plans to sell ethanol cars in US by 2008

TOKYO, 20 April— Toyota Motor Corp. (7203.T) plans to sell ethanol-powered vehicles in the United States by 2008, following the lead of domestics General Motors Corp and Ford Motor Co, the *Financial Times* reported on Wednesday, citing an unnamed company executive. A Toyota

spokeswoman in Tokyo acknowledged that Japan's top auto maker was developing flexible-fuel vehicles, mainly for the ethanol-smitten Brazilian market for starters, but declined to disclose specific product plans.

"We're proceeding with development of ethanol-based cars for Brazil, but for other

markets we are gauging what needs there are first," she said.

Toyota, a market leader in gasoline-electric hybrid vehicles, has resisted the technology amid worries about the impact of highly corrosive ethanol on rubber seals in the engine, the *Financial Times* said.

Internet

## Central America eyes sweet alternative to oil

SAN ANTONIO SUCHITEPEQUEZ, 20 April— At the Palo Gordo refinery two hours' drive south of Guatemala City, a Brazilian-designed ethanol processing plant hums next to decades-old machinery turning freshly cut cane into sugar. The plant is part of a new push across Central America to reduce the region's reliance on expensive imported oil by following the example of Brazil, Latin America's alternative energy powerhouse.

Sugar-producing countries are looking to ethanol to breathe new life into the decades-old sugar industry. The fuel, also known as ethyl alcohol, is made from a sugar by-product and then mixed with gasoline to reduce pollution and lower prices. "Sugar cane has changed its name," said

Erick Perez, who manages alcohol processing at the Palo Gordo plant. "Now we call it 'energy cane,'" he said, showing off the three-story ovens that burn cane fiber to generate all the electricity used by the refinery.

Palo Gordo does not yet

produce alcohol in a car-ready form because of a lack of demand, said Perez, but some countries in the region are trying to expand local markets for ethanol by passing laws that promote its use. All the small Central American economies are net

oil importers, and record high oil prices are causing economic hardship for local businesses and consumers in a region where a quarter of the population lives on less than \$1 a day.

Internet



**A worker stokes the fire of one of the three-storey ovens that burn cane fibre, generating all the electricity used by the Palo Gordo refinery in San Antonio Suchitepequez, Guatemala on 10 March, 2006. —INTERNET**

## Egypt's PM praises cooperative relations with China

CAIRO, 20 April—Egyptian Prime Minister Ahmed Nazef on Wednesday praised the cooperative relations between Egypt and China.

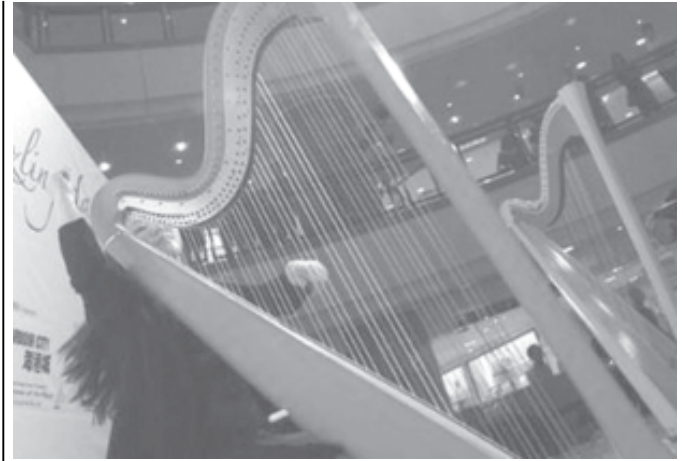
Egypt appreciates China's support for Egypt and for the Arab cause, Nazef told visiting Chinese State Councillor Hua Jianmin. "Egypt is willing to work with China to deepen the friendly cooperative relations between the two

countries," said Nazef. "We hope to further develop strategic cooperation with China."

Hua, on his part, noted that Egypt was the first Arab and African country to establish diplomatic relationship with the People's Republic of China. "Bilateral relations have come to a new stage since 1999 when the two countries decided to build a strategic cooperative relationship," said Hua,

adding that economic ties between China and Egypt had great potential for development.

He also said that China and Egypt had both placed great emphasis on bilateral relations since they first established diplomatic relationship in 1956, noting that Beijing and Cairo had much common ground as regards to regional and international issues and shared many common interests. —MNA/Xinhua



South Korea's electric harpist Harpist K, also known as Jung Kwak, performs on her electric harp at a shopping mall during a promotional event in Hong Kong on 20 April, 2006.—INTERNET

## Study says distraction behind most car crashes

BLACKSBURG, 20 April—Those sleep-deprived, multitasking drivers — clutching cell phones, fiddling with their radios or applying lipstick — apparently are involved in an awful lot of crashes.

Distracted drivers were involved in nearly eight out of 10 collisions or near-crashes, says a study released Thursday by the government.

Researchers reviewed thousands of hours of video and data from sensor monitors linked to more than 200 drivers, and pinpointed examples of

what keeps drivers from paying close attention to the road.

"We see people on the roadways talking on the phone, checking their stocks, checking scores, fussing with their MP3 players, reading e-mails, all while driving 40, 50, 60, 70 miles per hour and sometimes even faster," said Jacqueline Glassman, acting administrator of the government's highway safety agency.

A driver's reaching for a moving object increased the risk of a crash or potential collision by nine

times, according to researchers at the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration and the Virginia Tech Transportation Institute.

They found that the risk of a crash increases almost threefold when a driver is dialing a cell phone.

Video footage shows four different angles of the driver — the face, a view of the steering wheel and instrument panel, and front and rear views of the vehicle — and offers a look at the moments before a crash:—a young woman craning her neck to look out the driver's side window before rear-ending a stopped car. She cups her hand over her mouth in disbelief.

—an out-of-control sedan skidding in front a woman's car, causing a collision. The air bag deploys and the driver's hair, tied back behind her ears, flies into her face.

Researchers said the report showed the first links between crash risks and a driver's activities, from eating and talking to receiving e-mail.

Internet



An unidentified man talks on his cell phone as he drives along Route 1 in Lawrenceville.—INTERNET

## China's milk products to rank 3<sup>rd</sup> worldwide by 2020

NANNING, 20 April — China's total output of milk products is forecast to exceed 50 million tons by 2020, or a per-capita amount of 40 kilos, a dairy industry expert said on Tuesday.

China has seen rapid growth in its milk industry over the past few years. Milk products reached 23 million tons in 2004, more than twice that of 1998, said Liu Chengguo, President of the Dairy Association of China. But China's per-capita amount of milk products was only 18 kilos in 2004, or one fifth of the world's average level, Liu said. "The milk industry is quite promising in China, and will maintain rapid growth for a long time," he said. "By 2020, China will rank third in milk product output in the world." The Chinese Government has attached great importance to developing the milk industry, which it regards as a strategic task in agricultural restructuring to improve people's health and consumption structure. —MNA/Xinhua

## Dutch students create world's largest 3D screen

BRUSSELS, 20 April—A group of students at the Delft University of Technology in the Netherlands has created the largest 3D screen in

the world, Dutch media reported on Wednesday.

The giant screen will be unveiled in the main square in the Dutch town on Sunday,

the university's electrical engineering association ETV said on Wednesday.

The display is eight metres wide, four metres high and two metres deep. It is made up of 8,000 small LED lights. To better circulate the light, each lamp sits inside a ping pong ball.

The makers used four kilometres of copper wire, three kilos of soldering tin, several hundred metres of aluminium and eight printed circuit boards with several thousand components, according to Dutch news website Expatica. The screen can be used for a number of different purposes. These include displaying 3D versions the students have developed of popular computer games. Alternatively, the screen could be used to display public information, animation or SMS messages.—MNA/Xinhua



Peace activist Cindy Sheehan listens at a news conference outside the state court building in New York on 20 April, 2006. The news conference was held in support of 18 grandmothers arrested recently for protesting against the war in Iraq.

INTERNET

Motorists wade through flood water on a road in Trenggalek, East Java, Indonesia, on 20 April, 2006. Flash floods and landslides triggered by heavy rain killed at least 23 people in the district. —INTERNET



## Japan confirms 25th case of mad cow disease

TOKYO, 20 April — Japan's Health Ministry confirmed on Wednesday that a dairy cow raised in western Japan has been tested positive for mad cow disease.

The six-year-old female Holstein, raised at a farm in Nagi, Okayama Prefecture, showed typical symptom of BSE, formally called bovine spongiform encephalopathy, and is the 25th such case in Japan.

MNA/Xinhua

## Hu says China will keep to path of peaceful development

SEATTLE (the United States), 20 April — Visiting Chinese President Hu Jintao said here on Wednesday that China will unswervingly follow the path of peaceful development.

Hu made the remarks in a speech to experts and scholars from China and the United States, who gathered in this US port city for a seminar on China's peaceful development and the future of Sino-US relations.

A true knowledge of China's option for peaceful development is vital to a profound understanding of the orientation of China's future development, a firm

hold on the Sino-US common strategic interests and efforts to push for the healthy and steady development of the Sino-US relations, he said.

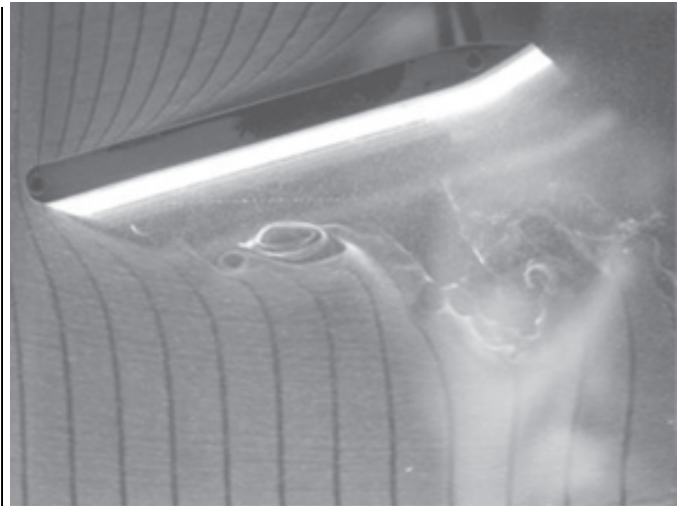
The Chinese President added that China has adopted the path of peaceful development in line with its national conditions, history and cultural heritage, as well as the trend of the times.

"Upholding the banner of peace, development and cooperation, we will

firmly adhere to the independent foreign policy of peace, follow the path of peaceful development, and carry out the mutually beneficial and win-win strategy of opening-up to the rest of the world," said Hu.

China will not only seek a peaceful international environment for its development but also promote world peace through its development, he noted.

MNA/Xinhua



A scientist researches the flow behaviour of the model of an aircraft wing in a laboratory of the Research Center Rossendorf near Dresden, Germany, on 20 April, 2006. —INTERNET

## French playwright seeks inspiration in zoo cage

AMIENS, 19 April — A playwright in search of inspiration for a drama about pandas has spent much of the last week in a cage in a zoo in northern France, he told AFP.

Norbert Abouardham, 57, has spent 10 hours a day since Thursday in a cage in Amiens zoo writing "The panda's flea", with racoons, red pandas and wolves, among other fauna, for neighbours.

The work is the third in a series about animals he began in 2002.

His cage is furnished with a bale of straw and a log on which he perches. He does, however, have a laptop computer hooked up to a mobile phone.

But he declines to talk to the public and communicates by way of messages passed through the bars.

To write "about the universe, you have to put yourself in a cage smaller than the universe," he declared.

"This experiment

magnifies characteristics. For example aggressive visitors become a bit more irascible," he said.

"I am exhausted because I get a lot of requests. It is much more tiring than I thought."

According to Christine Morrier of Amiens zoo, a former director of a cultural centre, the experiment is a way of "questioning man about his belonging to nature."

"For the animals it

makes no difference at all. In any case they are used to the people who look after them," she said, noting that

Abouardham, whose stint ends Thursday, had drawn many sightseers.—Internet



Playwright Norbert Abouardham, writes his play on a laptop while sitting in a cage at the Amiens zoo, on 13 April, 2006. Abouardham, in search of inspiration for "The panda's flea," a drama about pandas, has spent 10 hours a day for the past six days in the cage. —INTERNET

## 33 traffic deaths nationwide over Cambodia's New Year

PHNOM PENH, 20 April — Thirty-three people died during the three-day Khmer New Year and approximately 500 people were injured in traffic accidents, local media reported on Thursday.

The highest number of death reported this holiday occurred in Banteay Meanchey Province, where seven passengers died. The Cambodia Daily quoted Ung Chenhour as saying, who is director of the transportation department at the Transportation Ministry.

In Kandal Province, 26 traffic accidents claimed five lives and left 20 people critically injured and 51 passengers slightly injured.

In Siem Reap, the home of world well-known Angkor temples, two people died, four were critically injured and five were slightly injured.

While three accidents were reported in the seaside city Sihanoukville, in which two people died and three people were critically injured.

Given the large amount of traffic in the seaside town, the casualty rate was lower than expected.

"Based on the traffic police reports alone we can see a slight increase in the number of accidents but a decrease in the number of fatalities," Handicap International Road Safety Project Coordinator Jean Van Wetter said of this year's casualty rate compared to 2005.

"Overall it is about the same as last year," he added. Cambodians spent their three days for Khmer New Year which began on Friday through Sunday.

MNA/Xinhua

## Indian Air Force plans to buy 80 helicopters

NEW DELHI, 20 April — The Indian Air Force (IAF) wants to purchase 80 Mi-17 multi-utility helicopters to augment its capability for humanitarian operations, Indo-Asian News Service reported Wednesday.

The news agency quoted an anonymous military source as saying that the negotiations are going on with the Russian side but it could take a while to reach the deal.

The helicopters also carried out rescue work in devastating floods in various parts of the country last year.— MNA/Xinhua

## Civilian killed in Baghdad roadside bomb blast

BAGHDAD, 20 April — One person was killed and ten wounded in a roadside bomb explosion targeting an Iraqi police patrol in a western Baghdad busy square on Wednesday, an Interior Ministry source told Xinhua.

"A makeshift bomb detonated shortly after 11:00 am (0700 GMT) in the Faris al-Arabi Square, killing a civilian and wounding ten others, including two policemen," the source said on condition of anonymity.

Another roadside bomb struck a US

patrol in eastern Baghdad earlier on Wednesday, wounding two people, a police source said.

"An improvised explosive device went off when a US military convoy approached the building of the al-Dhilal Company, where buses line up to pick up passengers," Captain Ahmed Abdullah told Xinhua.

It was not clear whether the US troops sustained any casualties as the US soldiers cordoned off the area, Abdullah said.

MNA/Xinhua

## German police alerted after man falls asleep on phone to girlfriend

BERLIN, 18 April — A boring phone conversation prompted an emergency alert when a German man nodded off while talking to his girlfriend, authorities said.

The 42-year-old man in the southern city of Nuremberg was on the phone to his partner

Sunday when he fell into a doze.

The woman became alarmed when he stopped

speaking and called him back several times, only to get a busy signal. Then she called the police.

Fearing the worst, the emergency services dispatched a police car to the man's house, followed by the fire brigade and an ambulance.

"When the whole crew pulled up in full force, sirens blaring, the man opened the door in a daze," a police spokesman said. The man explained the silence at his end of the line to officers at the scene: a cat-nap during a lull in the conversation.

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A cell phone vendor dozing off at his booth. A boring phone conversation prompted an emergency alert when a German man nodded off while talking to his girlfriend.

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# Qualified learners through advanced teaching skills

*Lin (Education)*

The 1997-98 academic year saw the birth of national education promotion programmes at the education conferences to realize the objective — Uplift of health, fitness and education standards of the entire nation. Basic education sector and higher education sector conference held in May 2001, drew and approved the 30-year national education promotion plan that began in 2001-2002 academic year.

The 30-year plan has been divided into six short-term five-year projects during the period from 2001-2002 to 2030-2031. In addition, the special four-year national education promotion project was implemented during the period from 2000-2001 to 2003-2004.

Apart from the national education promotion projects, Head of State Senior General Than Shwe gave guidance on realizing the objective — enhancing of the qualification of teachers, promotion of curriculums and syllabuses till reaching international level, effectively using of teaching and learning aids, observance of the rules and regulations and the discipline, and vitalization of patriotism and Union Spirit.

In accord with the guidance, management ef-

iciency courses for basic education schools and offices were conducted for three times during the period from September to December 2005 for the dynamism and efficiency of school management, teaching and learning programmes and education inspection work.

The first five years of the 30-year plan involve the task of enabling all school age children attend classes, and boys and girls, who can attend classes only after passing the school age, to complete their primary education in the shortest possible time, and extending post-primary schools for ensuring middle school education to be within the reach of every child.

The Head of State went on an inspection tour of development undertakings in Kachin State and Mandalay and Magway divisions from 11 to 26 December 2005. During the tour, he gave guidance on holding meetings at which advanced curriculums and syllabuses would be drawn and approved for the basic and higher education sectors to meet the world level, and running refresher courses to raise the qualifications of teachers of English, Maths and other related subjects.

In accord with the guidance, refresher courses for basic education high school English, Maths and

Physics teachers are being conducted from 28 March to 26 May to develop their teaching skills.

At 30 institutions of higher learning, 269 faculty members trained 6,932 high school English, Maths and Physics teachers. The strengths of basic education sector and the higher education sector have been combined as an integrated force of the entire education sector for development of the national education without making any discrimination.

Minister for Education Dr Chan Nyein delivered an address at the refresher courses for high school English, Maths and Physics teachers held at Yangon Institute of Education, Yangon East University and Yangon West University. He said "In accordance with the guidance of the Head of State, faculty members should conduct courses for producing skilled high school teachers subject-wise. The trainee teachers on their part should study their lessons to exceed the standard of teaching skill required by the Ministry of Education. After the completion of their respective courses, the teachers should raise their pupils' learning skill by applying the knowledge and experience they gained from the courses."

The basic education sector is the foundation for the national education promotion scheme. Teachers who are the architects to lay the foundation should be endowed with teaching skills. Only then will the students, who are good sons and daughters of the nation, be able to face the challenges of knowledge age in which electronic technology is developing at an astonishing rate.

Only when the teachers are endowed with teaching skills, will they be able to equip the students with learning skills. Based on the knowledge and experience they have gained from the significant and excellent courses, teachers should try to become persons effectively realizing the nation's education aims.

(Translation: TMT)

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*Myanmar-ASEAN Women's Friendship Association presents K 1 million to Deputy Director-General U Aung Tun Khaing. — MNA*

## MAWFA hands over cash donation to Shwegondine Nursery

YANGON, 21 April — Myanmar-ASEAN Women's Friendship Association donated K 1 million to the Shwegondine Residential Nursery through Deputy Director-General U Aung Tun Khaing of Social Welfare Department at the Nursery in Bahan Township this morning.

Present on the occasion were members of the Panel of Patrons Daw Myint Myint Soe, wife of Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win, and Dr Daw Khin Mya Win, wife of Deputy Foreign Affairs Minister U Maung Myint, executive committee members, wives of the Directors-General of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, wives of the ambassadors of the embassies of ASEAN countries, Deputy Director-General U Aung Tun Khaing of Social Welfare Department and officials concerned of the Nursery.

After the cash donation ceremony, they visited the Nursery. — MNA

## Stakes driven to build Pulp Factory, Brown Paper Factory...

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Mr She Guohua of Sichuan Province and responsible personnel of Chengda Engineering Corporation of China, departmental officials of Bago Division, Toungoo District and Yedashe Township, members of the Union Solidarity and Development Association, local people and staff of No 2 Paper Factory (Yeni).

First, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than, Commander Maj-Gen Ko Ko, Minister U Aung Thuang, Minister Brig-Gen Lun Thi, Minister Maj-Gen Tin Htut and Minister Brig-Gen Thein

Aung, Chinese Ambassador Mr Guan Mu, Mr She Guohua of Sichuan Province of China, Deputy Director-General Mr Cui Zhaoquan of Economic Department of Sichuan Province and General Manager Mr Zhao Fugau of Sichuan Province Construction Bank drove stakes and sprinkled scented water on them.

They posed for the documentary photo.

Managing Director U Nyunt Aung of Myanmar Paper and Chemical Industries reported on production of No 2 Paper Factory (Yeni), and production



**Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than driving stake to build a 50-ton pulp factory and an 80-ton brown paper factory in Yedashe Township. — MNA**

process of the new factory. Minister U Aung Thuang gave a supplementary report.

Mr She Guohua of

Sichuan Province gave a speech.

Afterwards, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than thanked officials of the

People's Republic of China for their help to build the factory. The Ministry of Industry-1 is to coordinate with officials and experts of the People's Republic of China for timely completion of the factory.

He urged the ministry staff to strive for the products of the factory to meet the set standard.

Next, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than cordially greeted the Chinese experts.

Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than and party went to the Yeiktha of the factory. After exchanging gifts, Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than, the Chinese Ambassador and guests signed the visitors' book of the factory.

The Pulp Factory that can manufacture 50 tons of products daily will be built by the Ministry of Industry-1 and Chengda Engineering Corporation of China. On completion, the pulp fac-

tory will supply 30 tons of pulp to Newsprint Recycling Factory of Paleik for manufacturing quality newsprint.

Myanmar Economic Corporation and the Ministry of Industry-1 are producing 2.5 million tons of cement daily and they need 24,000 tons of brown paper. At present, No 2 Paper Factory (Yeni) can produce over 6,000 tons of brown paper. On completion, the Brown Paper Factory will supply adequate amount of products to the cement plants.

The Ministry of Industry-1 will build the factories with the aims of meeting local paper demands, saving import of paper, earning foreign exchange by exporting paper products, sharing modern technologies, and creating job opportunities for uplift of living standard of the local people. — MNA



**Lt-Gen Khin Maung Than poses for documentary photo together with Commander Maj-Gen Ko Ko, the ministers and Chinese guests. — MNA**

## 11 rice mills, one bran oil mill to be privatized

YANGON, 21 April— The Government is going to auction 11 State-owned rice mills and one bran oil mill in Rakhine State.

It will sell Rice Mill No 035 in Shwezar Village of Maungtau Township at a reserve price of K 63.191 million, Rice Mill No 071 in Myothit Ward of Manaung at a reserve price of K 1.123 million, Rice Mill No 039 in Kinmaw Ward of Thandwe at a reserve price of K 33.661 million, Rice Mill No 063 in Paikthi Ward of Kyauktaw at a reserve price of K 39.539 million, Rice Mill No 072 (only machine and machinery without the plot

and building) in Myothit Ward of MraukU at a reserve price of K 0.253 million, Rice Mill No 038 in Nga/La Pwe Ward of Kyaukpyu at a reserve price of K 17.685 million, Rice Mill No 036 of Taty Village in Buthidaung Township at a reserve price of K 59.557 million, Rice Mill No 051 in Kinyon Ward of Gwa at a reserve price of K 17.854 million, Rice Mill No 003 in Mindaracheik Village of Sittway Township at a reserve price of K 291.757 million, Rice Mill No 002 in Hsatoekya Village of Sittway Township at a reserve price of K 74.302

million, Rice Mill No 001 in Hsatoekya Village at a reserve price of K 90.660 million, and Bran Oil Mill No 06 in Hsatoekya Village at a reserve price of K 106.811 million.

Individuals or organizations to purchase are to submit applications to the Office of Privatization Commission at Project Appraisal & Progress Reporting Department, 313, Bo Aung Kyaw Street, from 10 am to 4 pm on 26 May.

Anybody may contact Office of Privatization Commission at Project Appraisal & Progress Reporting De-

partment, Tel: 245516, for further information.

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**British Ambassador Ms Vicky Bowman welcomes Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Maung Myint and wife at the reception to mark the Birthday of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II on 21-4-2006. — MNA**



## Lt-Gen Maung Bo on inspection tour of Kayin State

NAY PYI TAW, 21 April—Member of the State Peace and Development Council Lt-Gen Maung Bo of the Ministry of Defence and Chairman of Mon State PDC Commander of South-East Command Maj-Gen Soe Naing attended the harvesting of summer paddy at Tayokehla model village in Hpa-an Township, Kayin State, on 19 April.

Manager of Kayin State Myanmar Agriculture Service U Kyaw Thein reported on progress of cultivation of 112,556 acres of summer paddy out of the target of 150,000 acres, and future programmes.

Lt-Gen Maung Bo called for meeting the target of 500,000 acres of monsoon paddy and 150,000 acres of summer paddy in 2006-2007, using quality and high-yield paddy strains, and growing physic nut.

He inspected the 4-acre Hsinthwelat strain paddy field of U Maung Me of Kawtkyaik Village, and the

harvesting of summer paddy in the Tayokehla farm.

He visited Win Thuzar Shop in the model village and cordially greeted members and course instructors of the village Union Solidarity and Development Association. He inspected the station hospital of the village.

He visited the vegetable plantations in the village.

At Yaybok Dam Project site near Htilu Village in Hlaingbwe Township, Kayin State, Lt-Gen Maung Bo heard reports by officials on facts about the facility, and benefits the dam will yield upon completion. Commander Maj-Gen Soe Naing and Chairman of Kayin State PDC Col Khin Kyu gave supplementary reports.

Lt-Gen Maung Bo gave instructions on the tasks and inspected the construction site.

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## NPED Minister receives Turkish guest

YANGON, 21 April — Minister for National Planning and Economic Development U Soe Tha received Undersecretary of the Turkish Prime Ministry for Foreign Trade Mr Tuncer Kayalar at the National Archives Department, here, this evening. They discussed trade and economic cooperation between the Union of Myanmar and the Republic of Turkey.

It was also attended by Deputy Minister for National Planning and Economic Development Col Thurein Zaw and officials concerned. — MNA

*Minister U Soe Tha receives Undersecretary of the Turkish Prime Ministry for Foreign Trade Mr Tuncer Kayalar at the National Archives Department. — MNA*

## Minister U Nyan Win back from AMM Retreat

YANGON, 21 April — Minister for Foreign Affairs U Nyan Win arrived back here by air this afternoon after attending the ASEAN Ministerial Meeting Retreat held in Ubud, Bali, Indonesia, on 19 and 20 April.

The Minister for Foreign Affairs was welcomed back at Yangon International Airport by Attorney-General U Aye Maung, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs U Maung Myint, Indonesian Ambassador Mr Wyoso Prodjowarsito and officials of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

Director-General of the Political Depart-



*Minister U Nyan Win being welcomed back at the airport on his return from Indonesia.*

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ment under the Ministry of Foreign Affairs U Nyan Lynn and Deputy Director of the Department of

ASEAN Affairs U Aung Htoo also arrived back here.

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*Myanmar Foreign Affairs Minister U Nyan Win, together with his counterparts at ASEAN Ministerial Meeting Retreat held at Ubud, Bali, Indonesia on 20 April 2006. — MNA*



## Minister inspects display of regalia at Kambawzathadi Palace

NAY PYI TAW, 21 April—Minister for Culture Maj-Gen Kyi Aung inspected the scale-model of the 16-horse-harnessed carriage of King Bayintnaung at Kambawzathadi Palace in Bago on 19 April.

Accompanied by officials, the minister

observed the decorations and display of royal artifacts at the royal audience hall where the carriage is also kept. He also made arrangements for landscaping of the palace compound.

In Toungoo, the minister offered day meal to Buddhist monks led by

Patron Sayadaw Bhaddanta Vakki of Thayettaw monastery located near the Shwesandaw Pagoda. He also presented offertories to the monks. The congregation led by the minister shared the merits gained.

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*Minister Maj-Gen Kyi Aung visits Kanbawzathadi Palace in Bago.*

CULTURE

The best time to plant a tree was 20 years ago.

The second best time is now.

### Twantay Bridge nearing...

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lanes on it. Its clearance height is 45 feet. It can withstand 60 tons of loads.

According to Yangon Division Superintending Engineer U Soe Tint and Deputy Superintending Engineer (In Charge of Twantay Bridge) U Kyaw Naing, up to 16 April, the project had been implemented more than 95 per cent, and it is scheduled to be completed at the end of April.

It is heartening to see that Public Works is making efforts to ensure completion of the upgrading of the road leading to Hlinethaya Township through Twantay Bridge by the same time when Twantay Bridge is completed.

The project will be completed in several days and the facility will be launched soon.

In the past, people had to rely on waterway to reach Yangon. When Twantay Bridge is put into commission, they can travel to Yangon by car at any time. Local people of Dalla and Twantay townships are happy with their knowledge that they can soon travel to Yangon directly by car through



**Lt-Gen Myint Swe is recently being briefed by Deputy Superintending Engineer U Kyaw Naing on construction of Twantay Bridge.**

Twantay Bridge. Their dream will come true very soon.

The Head of State once gave guidance, saying that the purpose of the construction of bridges was to avoid lack of relations and contact and development gap between one region and another due to poor transport.

So far, the government has built 214 large

bridges across the nation. That is, indeed, a testament to the goodwill of the government dedicating itself to its drive for raising the income of the people, well-being of the government staff, uplifting the education standard of the people, ensuring good health and longevity of the people, and enabling the people to lead a peaceful life.

**Translation: MS**

## People of Ayeyawady Division enjoy Maha Thingyan Festival



**Commander Maj-Gen Thura Myint Aung awards a winning team in Maha Thingyan Festival. — MNA**

YANGON, 21 April —Chairman of Ayeyawady Division Peace and Development Council Commander of South-West Command Maj-Gen Thura Myint Aung and wife Daw Than Than Nwe, Deputy Commander Brig-Gen Tint Swe and wife and officials attended the opening ceremony of Myanmar Traditional Maha Thingyan Festival at the central pandal on Strand Road in Patheingyi on 13 April.

During the Maha Thingyan Festival,

dance troupes presented variety dances at the pandal, and revellers and merry-makers joyfully participated in the water-throwing festival at the pandals in Patheingyi.

The Myanmar Traditional Maha Thingyan Festival of Ayeyawady Division was closed on 16 April evening. Officials presented prizes to winning dance troupes. On 17 April, Myanmar New Year Day, the commander and wife and officials attended the ceremony to release fish into Ngawun River. — MNA

## Mayor inspects upgrading of downtown Yangon

YANGON, 21 April — Chairman of Yangon City Development Committee Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin accompanied by officials concerned inspected tasks being carried out by Engineering Department (Road and Bridge), for upgrading and beautifying downtown Yangon and for ensuring smooth and secure transport and gave instructions.

First, the Mayor visited West Race Course in Tamway Township, Yangon East District. Joint-Secretary U Aung Than Win of YCDC, Head of Engineering Department (Road and Bridge) U Bo Htay and officials conducted the mayor round the site to upgrade West Race Course to upgrade and ensure smooth transport with the use of

heavy machinery. The Mayor and party also looked into dredging of Natchaung creek from Kyaikkasan Road to the entrance of Ngamoeyeik creek for proper flow of water, dredging of drains along West Shwegondine Road, participation of members of social organizations and towns dwellers in the sanitation tasks in Bahan Township, tarmacking of Alon Road in Dagon Township and upgrading of Strand Road in Kyimyindine Township by means of heavy machinery.

Mayor Brig-Gen Aung Thein Lin instructed officials to supervise the completion of the tasks meeting set standard, minimize loss and wastage and work hard with goodwill and fulfilled the requirements. — MNA

## Parittas recited at Sub-printing House (Mandalay)

YANGON, 21 April — A ceremony to recite Parittas was held at Sub-printing House (Mandalay) in Pale Ngweyaung Ward in Aungmyayathazan Township on 17 April evening.

The congregation took the Five Precepts from Wakhingon Wizayayama Yagyaw Monastery Sayadaw

Bhaddanta Vijaya.

Next, members of the Sangha recited Parittas. The Deputy Chief Editor and officials donated alms to the Sayadaws. The Sayadaw delivered a sermon, followed by sharing of merits. On 16 April, Maha Thingyan Atet Day, the Deputy Chief Editor and staff of the Sub-printing House donated K

75,000 to the funds of Mingun Buddhist Home for the Aged.

Likewise, staff families of Myanmar Motion Picture Enterprise (Upper Myanmar Branch) held the ceremony to recite Parittas in the evening of Myanmar New Year Day. Members of the Sangha recited Parittas. — MNA

## Health Department benefits from Japanese aid

YANGON, 21 April —Hiratsuka Shonan Lions Clubs and Co-operation of Oisca International from Japan and Myanmar PLG Travels & Trading Co Ltd today donated two ambulances to the Health Department under the Ministry of Health.

At the donation ceremony

held at the head office of the Health Department here, Mr Fukawa Masaru of the Lions Clubs and Director Mr Nagaishi Yasuaki of the Cooperation of Oisca International explained the purpose of the donation.

Afterwards, Mr Yasunaga Motoyuki of

the Lions Clubs, Mr Nagaishi Yasuaki and Managing Director U Kyi Maung of Myanmar PLG Travels & Tours presented documents related to the donation to Director-General of the Health Department Dr Tin Win Maung.

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## Alumni of IOM (Mandalay) to pay respects

YANGON, 21 April —Alumni of the Institute of Medicine (Mandalay) who enrolled at the institute in 1981 will pay respects to the aged faculty members of the institute on 30 April at

Myanmar Medical Association (Mandalay).

They will also organize their get-together in the evening at Oriental House Restaurant in Mandalay. — MNA

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# Bird flu under control in Myanmar

## LBVD issues reminder on regular flow of fowls and eggs and safe consumption

Myanmar has put avian influenza under control in bird flu-infected townships in Mandalay and Sagaing Divisions.

Continued observation on disease control and detection is being conducted in the rest of poultry farms.

The LBVD also issued a reminder regarding regular flow of fowls and ducks and their eggs and quail eggs and safe consumption.

From the first week of March 2006 the bird flu occurred in Myanmar and it spread to 13 townships in Mandalay and Sagaing Divisions.

The bird flu is now under control in those townships. Duration of the outbreak of the disease is between seven days and 20 days.

In bird flu-free townships, measures on transport of fowls and their eggs are to be taken with the support of the township livestock breeding and veterinary department and Bird Flu control Committee comprising

LBVD, Health Department, Development Affairs Committee and Myanmar Livestock Breeding Federation.

In disease control townships arrangements are being made for transport, sale of chickens, ducks and quails with the permission of local authorities and safe consumption.

Regarding the rehabilitation, arrangements are to be made for raising of new fowls, training and holding talks on disease control.

The reminder also includes detailed instructions for breeders and producers, transport, buying and selling of fowls and fowl eggs and safe consumption.

**Livestock Breeding and Veterinary Department  
Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries**

## Vietnam's Lam Dong Province declares FMD outbreak

HANOI, 21 April — Vietnam's central highland province of Lam Dong has just announced an outbreak of foot-and-mouth disease in its territory, local newspaper *Labor* reported Thursday.

The province on Wednesday declared the outbreak in its Duc Trong District after tests on pigs in the district were positive to foot-and-mouth viruses Type O.

By Monday, the disease had hit 2,550 pigs and bulls in seven out of 12 districts and towns in the province.

Most of the infected animals were in Duc Trong District. Up to 2,250

animals in the district had contracted the disease, more than 800 of them had died, according to the provincial Agriculture and Rural Development Department.

To prevent the spread of the disease, Lam Dong has banned trade and transport of pigs from Duc Trong and quarantined infected areas.

MNA/Xinhua

## Chinese version of Indian epic published

BEIJING, 21 April — Chinese Sanskritists translated one of the two India's top epics and published the Chinese version recently.

Well-known Sanskritists said here Wednesday that the voluminous publication will make great contribution to the cultural exchange between China and India.

Huang Baosheng, a senior researcher with the Chinese Academy of Social Sciences (CASS) Institute of Foreign Literature, said at a news briefing that the epic of Mahabharata depicts the Brahmanic war and showed legends, fables and anecdotes which embody theories of religion, philosophy,

politics, military, law and ethics.

Both Mahabharata and Ramayana, two great epics of the Indian history, are talking about Brahmanism, which ruled out the possibility that Chinese Buddhist dignitaries at ancient times translated them into Chinese.

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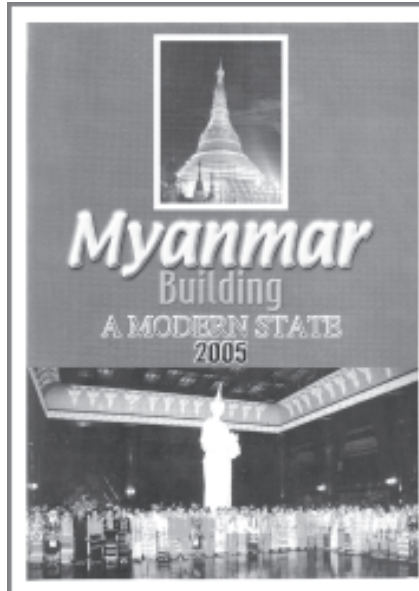
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**US Ambassador unhappy**  
**about Japan's idea of**  
**East Asia FTA**

TOKYO, 20 April— US Ambassador to Japan Thomas Schieffer expressed concern on Wednesday about Japan's idea to create a free trade zone in East Asia, claiming it could damage US regional interests, *Kyodo News* reported.

Schieffer said the idea, which was proposed by Japanese Economy, Trade and Industry Minister Toshihiro Nikai earlier this month, is to "exclude the United States from Asia" and makes his country "uncomfortable".

"We believe as a Pacific nation, we have tremendous interests in

Asia and we want to be a part of Asia," the ambassador was quoted as addressing a lecture meeting in Tokyo.

Nikai proposed earlier this month that Japan should ask the 10-member Association of South-East Asian Nations, China, South Korea, India, Australia and New Zealand to consider launching in 2008 regional FTA talks, whose aim is to establish an East Asian economic community, and planned to include the idea in the ministry's new global economic strategy.

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**Portuguese tried for**  
**bridge collapse killing 59**

LISBON, 20 April — Six engineers went on trial for negligence on Wednesday over the collapse of a century-old bridge that killed 59 people in 2001 in Portugal's worst road disaster.

Victims' relatives said politicians should be standing trial along with the four highway board engineers and two inspectors.

Government ministers and others "are the ones that are greatly responsible for building a

bridge (and) for not doing it, and verifying safety conditions", Augusto Moreira, from an association of victims' relatives, told private TSF radio.

A double-decker bus and several cars plunged into the fast-moving Douro River at Castelo de Paiva, about 300 kilometres (200 miles) north of Lisbon, when the bridge gave way. Dozens of bodies were never recovered.

MNA/Reuters



**Brazilian President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva (L) pins the medal of National Merit on Brazil's first astronaut Marcos Pontes in the Planalto Palace in Brasilia on 20 April, 2006. Pontes is on a brief visit to his native Brazil, with a full agenda of invitations and tributes, after his recent return from a mission in the International Space Station (ISS) with colleagues from Russia and the US.**

INTERNET

**Japan's music software industry reports**  
**higher production**

TOKYO, 20 April — Japan's production of music software totalled 431.3 billion yen (3.68 billion US dollars) in fiscal year 2005, up 4 per cent over the previous year. It is the first time the industry generates a increase in production in seven years, local media reported on Wednesday.

In volume, 367.35

million units of music software, such as songs on CDs and DVDs, were produced, up 9 per cent for the first gain in two years, the Recording Industry Association of Japan said in a report on Tuesday.

Analysts said the positive data shows that more Japanese people are willing to spend on

entertainment in a steady economic recovery.

The industry attributes the growth to the easy availability of music via the Internet, contradicting the widespread view that the online distribution of music runs counter to sales of music software.

Of the music software sold in Japan in

the fiscal year ending March 31, CDs boosted sales by 3 per cent in value to 313.6 billion yen (2.67 billion US dollars) and by 11 per cent in volume to 241.03 million units. Sales of DVDs grew 17 per cent to 57.3 billion yen (489 million dollars) and 45 per cent to 48.57 million units, the reports said.

MNA/Xinhua

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### IIFA awards to be held in Dubai

MUBAI, 20 April 20 — One of the Indian film industry's most awaited award functions — the IIFA awards — will be held in Dubai on 16 June with all the big stars including Amitabh Bachchan likely to attend.

"IIFA is a good platform for us to showcase the Indian film industry which is second only to Hollywood and help it become the number one film industry in the world. Also, it is an opportunity for the film community to get together and interact with each other," IIFA brand ambassador Amitabh Bachchan told reporters in western metropolis Mumbai, which is the hub of Hindi cinema.

The IIFA awards will honour the best of Indian films in 2005 and fans will also watch the world premier of a Hindi film.

"We are looking forward to going to Dubai because it is like a home away from home. In the past, the awards have

opened up several avenues for host countries in terms of business and enhancement of tourism," he added.

Asked whether he would perform at the award ceremony which he has done in the past however, the star said: "No, most probably I will not be performing as my health may not permit it."

Striking a humorous note, he added "inspite of our defeat to Pakistan (in the first ODI on Tuesday) the Emirates is still a nice place to be in."

The IIFA weekend will feature a film festival, the premiere of a Hindi film as well as the FICCI-IIFA Global Business Forum which will focus on the business aspect of the event. — MNA/PTI



A man walks past a bush covered in ice in Russia's far eastern port city of Vladivostok on 20 April, 2006. A cyclone passed through the Vladivostok region on Wednesday bringing unusually large amounts of rain that turned into snow and ice as the temperature dropped towards the evening.

INTERNET

### Philippine troops seize WWII machine-guns from illegal sellers

MANILA, 20 April — Philippine Government forces seized eight US-made machine-guns believed to be part of weapons used by American forces during the World War II following two operations in Occidental Mindoro, central Philippines, on Tuesday morning, officials reported Wednesday.

Army spokesman Major Bartolome Bacarro said that before the operation, troops from 80th Infantry Battalion received information that one Leandro Leycano, 56 of Barahan Village, is selling high-powered firearms.

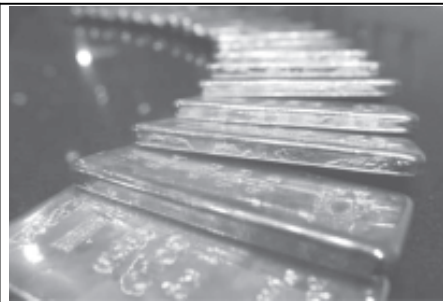
"After confirming the said report, members of the 80th IB conducted the operation and raided the house of Leycano. There they recovered seven US-made Browning M2 calibre 50 machine-guns," said Bacarro.

At around 8:30 am or five hours later, the troops conducted a follow-up operation which resulted into the seizure of another Browning M2 machine-gun, without a barrel, from one Emmer Pantia of Punta Village in Sablayan Town.

Leycano and Pantia were placed under arrest and are facing charges of illegal possession of firearms. The military is coordinating with their police counterpart for the formal filing of cases against the suspects.

Quoting reports from field commanders, military public information office chief Colonel Tristan Kison said the firearms could be part of the firearms recovered by the residents from a US aircraft that crashed off the sea of Isabela.

"Surprisingly, they were able to preserve the firearms and enterprising individuals are trying to sell them at 100,000 pesos (1,923 US dollars) each," said Kison, adding that before the raids, the troops conducted buy-bust operations.— MNA/Xinhua



Several one-kilo gold bars are displayed inside a secured vault in Dubai on 20 April, 2006.

INTERNET

### Chile's natural gas discovery confirmed

SANTIAGO, 20 April — Chilean President Michelle Bachelet told reporters on Tuesday that she would visit the newly confirmed site of a natural gas deposit at Lake Mercedes in the country's southern region of Tierra del Fuego on Thursday.

"The teams carried out an examination... and concluded that the exploratory well, Mercedes II, has reached the three geological targets in its three reservoirs," Bachelet said in a joint Press conference with Energy and Mining Minister Karen Poniachik and the head of the state energy company ENAP, Enrique Davila.

The next phase of exploration, whose results are due in May, will confirm the makeup of the deposit and then take production samples to determine how much the well could produce. Natural gas production has to be more than 125,000 cubic metres a day for the field to be economically viable.

MNA/Xinhua

### Unhappy marriage may harm older adults' health

NEW YORK, 20 April — A troubled marriage may speed the decline in health that comes with age, a study has found.

While research shows that married people often enjoy better health than singles do, a number of studies have suggested that an unhappy marriage can take a major health

toll. Some, for example, have found a higher rate of heart disease among people who are dissatisfied with their marriage.

This latest study,

published in the Journal of Health and Social Behaviour, suggests that marital strain may be particularly damaging to older adults' health.

Lead researcher Dr Debra Umberson said it is the first study she is aware of to look at whether the health effects of marital problems differ depending on age.

Umberson, who chairs the sociology department at the University of Texas-Austin, said there are several reasons that older adults could be more vulnerable to marital woes.

Similar to the case with smoking, she told Reuters Health, chronic stress can have a cumulative effect on health over the years. Add to that the fact that older adults are more susceptible to these effects

due to age-related declines in immune function and a higher rate of health problems such as heart disease.

Umberson and her colleagues based their findings on data from a survey of US adults begun in 1986. They focused on 1,049 men and women who were interviewed at three points over eight years and remained married throughout that time.

Study participants answered questions on marital quality—including whether their spouse made them feel "loved and cared for" and listened to their concerns, and whether they had frequent disagreements and conflicts. They were also asked to rate their physical health on a range from "poor" to "excellent".—MNA/Reuters

### Cyprus seeks health, fame with longest bra chain

NICOSIA, 20 April— Women on the Mediterranean island of Cyprus hope to form the world's longest chain of bras with the twin aims of heightening awareness of breast cancer and winning a place in the Guinness Book of World Records.

The Cypriot, British and Dutch organizers hope to string together as many as 100,000 bras on April 30, beating the current record of 79,000 bras held by Singapore, and forming a 90-kilometre (56-mile) chain. "It's an odd thing to do, but it's the perfect way to get the message across. Its important that people are aware of the risks, and the need for regular screening," said Louise van Rooij, a Dutch resident of Cyprus.

Women as far afield as Alaska have contributed bras, including Betty Boothroyd, Britain's first female speaker of the House of Commons and a regular visitor to the holiday island. — MNA/Reuters



A view of the London Eye at night on the banks of River Thames, London on 19 April, 2006. Designed by David Marks and Julia Barfield it is the largest observation wheel ever built.

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# SPORTS

## Marseille to meet arch-rivals PSG in Cup final

**PARIS, 21 April** — Olympique Marseille crushed Stade Rennes 3-0 at home on Thursday to set up a French Cup final against arch-rivals Paris St Germain at the Stade de France.

The Parisians, inspired by captain Pedro Pauleta, who scored a goal and set up another, beat Nantes 2-1 away.

The final on 29 April will be Marseille's first for 15 years since losing to Monaco in 1991, while it will be the sixth for PSG since 1993.

"We wanted to go to the Stade de France because we have been waiting for this for a long time," Marseille coach Jean Fernandez said.

The last meeting between the two clubs — in March — resulted in a French Football Federation (FFF) ethics commission hearing because Marseille fielded a B team and asked their supporters not to travel to the match in Paris citing security fears.

"It's going to be a dream final against Marseille," said Paris midfielder Edouard Cisse. "It's going to be the match everybody wants to see."

Marseille produced their best performance of the season to settle the tie at their Stade Velodrome in the first 45 minutes.

Midfielder Franck Ribery, tipped by many to earn a place in France's World Cup squad, grabbed the first goal after just 17 seconds, scoring with a composed lob after a blunder from central defender Gregory Bourillon.

Nigerian defender Taye Taiwo blasted home a free-kick for the second goal on 18 minutes and Mamadou Niang added a third on the stroke of halftime.

"I'm really happy with my performance today," said Ribery, given a standing ovation after his substitution 10 minutes from time.

"Now we hope we can win this Cup again and I hope there are still more games to come for me this season. I would be very disappointed not to go to Germany with the national squad."

MNA/Reuters

## Real Madrid eyes AC Milan coach Ancelotti as new manager

**MADRID, 21 April** — Spanish soccer giants Real Madrid will next week unveil AC Milan coach Carlo Ancelotti as their new manager, Cadena Ser radio said Thursday.

According to the radio station, Ancelotti "has agreed to come on board for the coming season".

It added that Arsenal star Henry, who according to reports elsewhere is also a target for Barcelona, would likely follow, particularly if he can first complete his dream of leading the Gunners to the Champions League title.

Both Ancelotti and the French striker have unfinished business in Europe's premier club competition.

MNA/Reuters



Leading women marathon runners (L to R) Margaret Okayo of Kenya, Berhane Adere of Ethiopia, Mara Yamauchi of Britain, Deena Kastor of the US and Constantina Tomescu-Dita of Romania run at a photocall ahead of this year's London Marathon by Tower Bridge in London on 20 April, 2006. The London Marathon is due to be held on Sunday.—INTERNET

## Schalke held to UEFA Cup draw by Sevilla

**GELSENKIRCHEN (Germany), 21 April** — Resilient defending secured first-time UEFA Cup semifinalists Sevilla a 0-0 draw against Schalke 04 in a poor first leg match on Thursday.

Schalke, the 1997 winners, put pressure on the Spanish visitors throughout even though they finished with 10 men after Serbian defender Mladen Krstajic was sent off for elbowing 10 minutes from time.

But the home team, struggling after a poor run in the Bundesliga with just three points in the last five matches, could not take advantage of their many chances. Sevilla goalkeeper Andres Palop also made several fine saves.

Cheered on by a sell-out crowd of 53,551, Schalke took control from the start. Palop turned Gerald Asamoah's eighth minute close range shot around the post and then an unmarked Gustavo Varela shot harmlessly over the bar.

Playmaker Lincoln and

Germany striker Kevin Kuranyi, who were banished to the bench in the first half by coach Mirko Slomka, entered in the second half and came close repeatedly but could not force a breakthrough.

"We can't really be satisfied with the 0-0 result but we've been strong most of the season in away matches," said Slomka. "Everything is still wide open for the second leg. It's going to be exciting. We've still got every chance to reach the final."

Sevilla, in sixth place in the Primera Liga, had several chances to score on breakaway attacks late in the match but never seriously threatened Schalke keeper Frank Rost.

"The 0-0 draw was about the best we could come away with here," said Sevilla coach Juande Ramos. "We've got good chances at home, although I would say at this point Schalke has a slight advantage (because of the

away goal rule)."

Slomka was full of praise for the fight his team showed—especially Lincoln and Kuranyi when they came on in the second half.

"Lincoln played very well and showed what a quality player he is from the minute he got in," said Slomka. He bristled at suggestions he might have wasted Schalke's chances for a goal by leaving his best playmaker on the bench in the first half.

"That's speculation," Slomka said. "He might not have played as well over the full 90 minutes as he did in the second 45. Lincoln is always an excellent player."

Slomka said he decided midway through first half to bring Lincoln on after the break despite their recent falling out.

"I thought he could come in and make something happen," said Slomka. "He did a very good job."

MNA/Reuters

## Steaua edge past Boro in semifinal first leg

**BUCHAREST, 21 April** — Two fine saves from Middlesbrough goalkeeper Mark Schwarzer kept his side in contention as Steaua Bucharest edged the first leg of their UEFA Cup semifinal tie 1-0 on Thursday. Schwarzer stopped a fierce volley from Dorin Goian and a close-range Nicolae Dica effort early in the second half after Dica had given the home side a 30th-minute lead to the joy of the 47,000 crowd.

Dica turned smartly on the edge of the area and blasted home past Schwarzer for Steaua's

first goal in four home matches. "The 1-0 defeat is not a bad result," Middlesbrough coach Steve McClaren said. "We are even delighted with it, because it could have been worse."

The visitors, missing injured striker Mark Viduka and captain Gareth Southgate, created few chances, but will be happy to have kept the scoreline down ahead of the second leg at the Riverside Stadium next Thursday.

MNA/Reuters



Rafael Nadal of Spain reacts after winning a point against Kristof Vliegen of Belgium during their third round match of the Monte Carlo Open Tennis tournament in Monaco, on 20 April, 2006. Nadal won 6-3, 6-3.—INTERNET

## Federer cruises into

### Monte Carlo quarterfinals

**ROME, 21 April** — World number one Roger Federer eased into the Monte Carlo Open quarterfinals on Thursday, beating qualifier Benjamin Balleret 6-3, 6-2. "I did what I could and never felt ridiculous but it was a bit difficult at the end," Balleret said.

The Swiss top seed's next opponent will be eighth seed David Ferrer of Spain who battled past 11th seed Juan Carlos Ferrero 6-1, 6-7, 6-3 in an all-Spanish baseline duel. Ferrer and Federer met in the semifinals of the Nasdaq-100 Open in Miami three weeks ago. The Swiss swept the Spaniard aside 6-1, 6-4.

In the surprise result of the day, 15th seed Tony Robredo of Spain defeated third seed David Nalbandian of Argentina 5-7, 6-1, 7-5 after more than three hours on the clay court.

Croatian fourth seed Ivan Ljubicic dispatched Gilles Simon, the last French hope, 6-3 6-2. The result means that France will not have a player in the Monte Carlo quarterfinals for the second time in 10 years.

MNA/Reuters

## Ajax sink Feyenoord 3-0 in first leg playoff

**AMSTERDAM, 21 April** — Ajax Amsterdam beat Feyenoord 3-0 in their Dutch league playoff semifinal first leg clash on Thursday.

The winner of the post-season playoffs, involving the teams who finished second down to fifth, secure a Champions League third qualifying round ticket.

In the other first leg semifinal, Groningen scored a 3-1 home win over AZ Alkmaar, who were second in the regular season. Mauro Rosales opened the scoring for Ajax after 26 minutes and Feyenoord's Bahia was sent off on the hour after a second booking.

Ten minutes later Ajax midfielder Steven Pienaar was dismissed for kicking Dirk Kuijt but Ajax struck twice in 60 seconds through John Heitinga and Klaas-Jan Huntelaar. Three minutes from time Feyenoord winger Romeo Castelen was also sent off, reducing his side to nine men. The second legs are on Sunday. PSV Eindhoven retained the Dutch title earlier this month.

MNA/Reuters



Members of Macedonian Army special forces "Wolf" smash bricks on the back of their Chinese instructor at the army base in Skopje on 20 April, 2006. The Chinese instructor and a captain of the China Liberation Army, both of whom spent 15 years in a Shaolin Temple, have been training members of the Macedonian special forces for the last six months. —INTERNET

## Cholera claims 30th victim in Dar-es-Salaam

**DAR-ES-SALAAM, 21 April** — Still another person has died of cholera, bringing to 30 the total number of people who had died of the disease in Dar-es-Salaam since last December, a local newspaper reported on Thursday.

*Daily Times* on Thursday quoted the Dar-es-Salaam City Council as claiming that 114 people who had been infected with the seasonal disease were still being treated in hospitals and clinics as of Wednesday.

Among the hospital admissions, 85 were new cases.

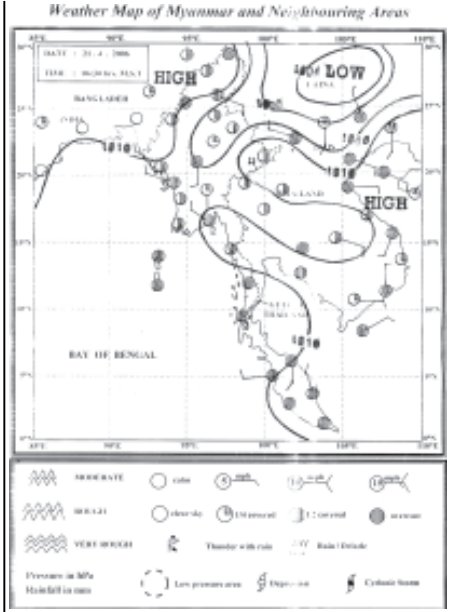
Hygiene of drinking water and food is deemed key to fending off the spread of the disease that

broke out last December.

Health officials are warning people against buying and drinking water or fruit juice packed in small plastic bags that are stored in buckets with ice cubes.

Cholera is a water-born disease that erupts during the rainy season in tropical regions with symptoms like vomiting and diarrhoea that combine to cause dehydration.

MNA/Xinhua



## WEATHER

Friday, 21 April, 2006

**Summary of observations recorded at 09:30 hours MST:** During the past 24 hours, rain or thundershowers have been fairly widespread in Shan State, Bago and Yangon Divisions, isolated in Kayin State, Mandalay and Ayeyawady and Taninthayi Divisions and weather has been partly cloudy in the remaining States and Divisions. Day temperatures were (3°C) to (4°C) above normal in Kachin, Chin and Rakhine States, (5°C) to (6°C) above normal in Yangon and Ayeyawady Divisions and about normal in the remaining areas. The significant day temperatures were Chauk, Minbu and Magway (40°C) each. The noteworthy amounts of rainfall recorded were Heho (1.65) inches, Tharrawady (1.57) inches, Taungdwingyi (1.30) inches, Gyobinkauk (1.06) inches and Shwegyin (1.02) inches.

Maximum temperature on 20-4-2006 was 101°F. Minimum temperature on 21-4-2006 was 68°F. Relative humidity at 09:30 hrs MST on 21-4-2006 was (71%). Total sunshine hours on 20-4-2006 was (7.5) hours approx.

Rainfalls on 21-4-2006 were (0.04) inch at Mingaladon, (0.08) inch at Kaba-Aye and (0.05) inch at central Yangon. Total rainfalls since 1-1-2006 were (0.04) inch at Mingaladon, (0.08) inch at Kaba-Aye and (0.39) inch at central Yangon. Maximum wind speed at Yangon (Kaba-Aye) was (16) mph from Southeast at (19:40) hours MST on 20-4-2006.

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

**Forecast valid until evening of 22-4-2006:** Isolated rain or thundershowers are likely in Kachin, northern Shan, Kayin and Mon States, upper Sagaing, Mandalay, Magway, Bago, Yangon, Ayeyawady and Taninthayi Divisions and weather will be partly cloudy in the remaining areas. Degree of certainty is (60%).

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

**Outlook for subsequent two days:** Likelihood of continuation of isolated rain or thundershowers in the lower Myanmar areas.

**Forecast for Nay Pyi Taw City and neighbouring areas for 22-4-2006:** Possibility of isolated rain or thundershowers in the afternoon or evening. Degree of certainty is (40%).

**Forecast for Yangon and neighbouring areas for 22-4-2006:** Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers in the afternoon or evening. Degree of certainty is (60%).

**Forecast for Mandalay and neighbouring areas for 22-4-2006:** Possibility of isolated rain or thundershowers in the afternoon or evening. Degree of certainty is (40%).

**Weather outlook for fourth weekend of April 2006:** During the coming weekend, isolated rain or thundershowers are likely in Nay Pyi Taw City, Yangon and Mandalay Divisions.

### EARTHQUAKE REPORT

**(Issued at 08:30 hours M.S.T, Today)**  
A severe earthquake of intensity (7.7) Richter Scale with its epicenter outside Myanmar (Koryakia, Russia) about (4570) miles Northeast of Kaba-Aye seismological observatory, was recorded at (06) hrs (05) min (36) sec MST on 21<sup>st</sup> April 2006.

## Flood kills 23 in Indonesia


**JAKARTA, 21 April** — A rain-triggered flood swept through the Indonesian town of Trenggalek in East Java Province, on Thursday, leaving at least 23 people dead.

The flood affected six subdistricts in the town, located some 198 kilometres west of the provincial capital of Surabaya.

"The death toll has reached 23 this afternoon. The majority of the victim came from Bendungan subdistrict," Trenggalek regent Soehato was quoted by the national *Antara* news agency as saying.

He said 13 of the victims were killed by a landslide which accompanied the flood.

MNA/Xinhua



**TV Myanmar**

**Saturday, 22 April**  
View on today

**7:00 am**

1. ကျေးဇူးရှင် မင်းကွန်းဆရာတော် ဘုရားကြီး၊ နိုင်ငံတော်သံသယ မဟာနာယကအဖွဲ့အကျိုးတော်ဆောင်ရွက်၊ အဘိဓမ္မမဟာရဋ္ဌ ဝေဇာတီတံ၊ တိပိဋကဓရ၊ ဓမ္မာဏ္ဍာဂါရိတာ၊ ဆရာတော်ဘဒ္ဒန္တဝိမိတ္တသာရာတိဝံသ၏ ပရိတ်တရားတော်

**7:25 am**

2. To be healthy exercise

**7:30 am**

3. Morning news

**7:40 am**

4. Nice and sweet song

**7:55 am**

5. အထီးမြိုင်ပွဲ

**8:05 am**

6. ဆရာရွာင်းရေလှောင်တံခံ

**8:20 am**

7. အဆိုမြိုင်ပွဲ

**8:30 am**

8. International news

**8:45 am**

9. Grammar made easy

**11:00 am**

1. Martial song

**11:10 am**

2. Musical programme

**11:30 am**

3. News

**11:40 am**

4. Games for children

**12:05 pm**

15. Round up of the week's TV local news

**12:55 pm**

6. နိုင်ငံခြားကာတွန်းဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "Doraemon"

**1:10 pm**

7. ကြားမြင်သူတို့ ပြည့်ဝစေရာ စာပဒေသာ

**1:20 pm**

8. "နန္ဒမြို့နယ်မိမယ်" (မင်းသူ၊ မိုးမြိုင်ပြည့်စောင်) (ဒါရိုက်တာ-အောင်ကျော်ကျော်)

**1:45 pm**

9. Dance of national races

**2:00 pm**

10. ဆက်သွယ်ဆင့်ပွား အိပ်မက် တံတား

**2:10 pm**

11. အထီးမြိုင်ပွဲ

**2:20 pm**

12. "သတိနဲ့ယှဉ် အသိနဲ့ပြင်" (အပိုင်-၁) (ဝါးခယ်မရဲအောင်၊ ဘုန်းလျနိုး၊ ပြတ်ကော်သီအောင်၊ ရတနာစင်၊ ယုန်နီထွန်း၊ ပြည့်စူးခိုင်၊ နီနီရွှေရည်၊ အောင်နင်းဆေ၊ ဝိုင်စွရိုင်သိန်း၊ အိုင်းရစ်လေပြည့်စိုး၊ ဒါရိုက်တာ-မင်းအုပ်စိုး)

**2:30 pm**

13. အဆိုမြိုင်ပွဲ

**2:35 pm**

14. ရန်ကုန်တိုင်း ပေါင်းစည်း (ငမိုးရီရဲကျော်) ရေလှောင်တံခံ

**2:45 pm**

15. International news

**4:00 pm**

1. Martial song

**4:15 pm**

2. Song to uphold National Spirit

**4:30 pm**

3. English for everyday use

**4:45 pm**

4. အဆေသင်တက္ကသိုလ်ဝဠာဇွေရုပ်မြင်သံကြား သင်ခန်းစာ - ပထမနှစ် (ဂျော့အာ၊ သတ္တဇော အထူးပြုများ) (ရတနာစင်)

**5:00 pm**

5. အကပြိုင်ပွဲ

**5:05 pm**

6. Musical programme

**5:20 pm**

7. အထီးမြိုင်ပွဲ

**5:35 pm**

8. Games for children

**6:00 pm**

9. Evening news

**6:30 pm**

10. Weather report

**6:35 pm**

11. Discovery

**6:45 pm**

12. Musical programme

**7:00 pm**

13. မြန်မာ့ပန်းဆယ်မျိုး (ပန်းရန်)

**7:05 pm**

14. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ကံကောင်းခြင်းအိပ်မက်" (အပိုင်-၇)

**8:00 pm**

15. News

**8:15 pm**

16. International news

**8:30 pm**


17. Weather report

**8:45 pm**

18. နိုင်ငံခြားဇာတ်လမ်းတွဲ "ရစ်မီပြီဆိုရင်" (အပိုင်-၃၇)

**9:00 pm**

19. The next day's programme



**Radio Myanmar**

**Saturday, 22 April**  
Tune in today

**8.30 am** Brief news

**8.35 am** Music:

**8.40 am** Perspectives

**8.45 am** Music:

**8.50 am** National news / Slogan

**9:00 am** Music:

**9:05 am** International news

**9.10 am** Music

**1:30 pm** News / Slogan

**1:40pm** Lunch time music

**9.00pm** ASEAN Review

**9.10 pm** Article

**9.20 pm** Myanma Culture

**9.30 pm** Souvenirs

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**10.00 pm** PEL

## Lt-Gen Maung Bo inspects regional development tasks in Mon State

NAY PYI TAW, 21 April — The State Peace and Development Council Member Lt-Gen Maung Bo of the Ministry of Defence, accompanied by Mon State Peace and Development Council Chairman South-East Command Commander Maj-Gen Soe Naing and officials, inspected the vegetable plantations of local farmers in Gawt village, Thaton Township on 18 April and heard reports on cultivation and production of rice and vegetables. After hearing reports, Lt-Gen Maung Bo attended to the needs and cordially greeted the farmers.

Afterwards, Lt-Gen Maung Bo and party visited private rice mills in the village and inspected the worksite of Kadaik Dam Project. On arrival at Yadana Tun Brokerage in Zaygyo Ward in Mawlamyine, Lt-Gen Maung Bo cordially greeted the entrepreneurs and proceeded to the physic nut plantations in Mudon Township. They viewed the growing of physic nut plants by social organizations and heard reports on cultivation of physic nut plants and crops. Next, Commander Maj-Gen Soe Naing gave supplementary report and Lt-Gen Maung Bo fulfilled the requirements. In the evening, they paid homage to Buddha Thariya Relics and Hni Buddha Image in Taung Pauk Monastery in Malawmyine and made cash donations.

Later, Lt-Gen Maung Bo and party inspected the vegetable market in Phattan Ward, Mawlamyine, Thanlwin Bridge (Mawlamyine), motor roads and railroads. — MNA



*Lt-Gen Maung Bo visits Yadana Tun Brokerage's Wholesale House in Zaygyo Ward, Mawlamyine.*

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### Commander, ministers, Chinese entrepreneurs view agricultural tasks in Lashio, Hsenwi

NAY PYI TAW, 21 April — Chairman of Shan State (North) Peace and Development Council Commander of North-East Command Maj-Gen Myint Hlaing welcomed Minister for Commerce Brig-Gen Tin Naing Thein, Minister for Transport Maj-Gen Thein Swe, Minister for Livestock and Fisheries Brig-Gen Maung Maung Thein and Chinese entrepreneurs of Guangxi Province of the People's Republic of China at Lashio Airport on 10 April afternoon.

They viewed the physic nut nursery of Muse District PDC near Shweli Yadana Yeiktha in Muse.

At the physic nut crude oil mill in Muse, they heard reports on cultivation of physic nut plants in the district and milling of the seeds presented by Chairman of Muse District PDC Lt-Col Soe Win. They viewed the demonstration on running of machines and generators with the use of physic nut oil.

In Hsenwi, the commander, the ministers and guests heard reports on cultivation of summer paddy by Hsenwi Township PDC Chairman U Ye Kyaw Khaing.

On 11 April, they paid homage to the Buddha Image at Yantaingaug Pagoda. Next, they viewed thriving physic nut, pineapple and lychee plantations of North-East Command. They participated in the ceremony to grow 36,000 physic nut saplings at the farm of the command headquarters.

Later, the commander saw off the ministers and the entrepreneurs of Guangxi Province at Lashio Airport. — MNA

## Twantay Bridge nearing completion

*Article and photos by Thaung Win Bo*

On the other bank of Yangon River lie Dalla and Twantay townships. The distance between Yangon City and the two townships is very short but negotiable by boat only. In order to attend to the requirement, the Meeting No 2/99 for Implementation of Special Projects held on 11 November 1999 laid down Yangon-Twantay Bridge Project.

The purpose of the project is to enable people to travel directly between Twantay Township and Yangon City through Bayintnaung Bridge in Hlaingthaya Township at any time. That will make the commodity flow swifter between the regions. Moreover, the project will bring rapid progress to the surrounding villages of Twantay and Dalla townships in many sectors for rural development

such as in health, social, economic, religious and education spheres.

The stake-driving ceremony for the construction of Twantay Bridge was held near Phaya Ngokto Village on Dalla-Twantay Road in Twantay Township, Yangon Division on 24 December 2003. The project was launched on the same day.

The approach bridge of the steel suspension facility is of reinforced concrete; and the lower structure of the main bridge, of reinforced concrete. The total length of the facility is 3,570 feet. The main bridge is 840 feet long and the approach bridge, 2,730 feet long. The facility has a 28-foot-wide motorway and two four-foot-wide pedestrian

*(See page 10)*



*The photo shows the Twantay Bridge, which is nearing completion.*

### Weather Forecast for 22-4-2006

#### Nay Pyi Taw City & neighbouring areas

Possibility of isolated rain or thundershowers in the afternoon or evening. Degree of certainty is (40%).

#### Yangon & neighbouring areas

Likelihood of isolated rain or thundershowers in the afternoon or evening. Degree of certainty is (60%).

#### Mandalay & neighbouring areas

Possibility of isolated rain or thundershowers in the afternoon or evening. Degree of certainty is (40%).